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The Care of The Vanderbilt Millions.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Times writes: The care of the Vanderbilt Millions is a far greater burden than most people imagine. There are not many citizens in our country who require a great bank and safe deposit company of their own in which to transact their own business and deposit their securities. Probably the largest banking business in the city of New York, devoted exclusively to money changing is the Lincoln National Bank, up at the Fifth Avenue and Forty second street. This belongs to the Vanderbilts, and is near the depot of their railroad, so as to be close at hand. This institution holds millions of money and many more millions of securities which represent their wealth. After the old man died his property was divided among his children it was no small task to go over the safe deposit vaults and vast number of stocks and bonds, and divide them up according to the provisions of the will. Nor was a small matter to distribute the ready money that was in the bank. The operation of cutting coupons and distributing the millions is still going on and it requires so much form that an addition has been made to the bank to accommodate the dozen or more people handling the wealth than when it was controlled by one man. This bank and its operations seem almost a romance of our rapid civilization. Certainly nothing in Europe can compare with it in the sentimental features which close about it. In no country on earth except this could such an institution exist under similar conditions. Probably in no other land could a family have as a financial servant a man who has been a cabinet minister, yet that is what the Lincoln bank has. When Thomas L. James ceased to be postmaster-general he anchored himself in this institution to count the money and sit as a grim figure head upon the stool of the successful speculations of one man.

Euchred by a Cow.

One of our hardest experiences in the army, writes a correspondent, was the constant longing after home rations. We wanted milk, butter, vegetables, light bread eggs etc. At one time our commissary issued to us five days rations in hard tack along with the information that we must make the supply last us into Nashville.

Pretty soon after while on the march, I thought I would do a little foraging. I found a Tennessee cow, a nice looking brute and I decided to try for some milk I approached and—well she wouldn't quite so I coaxed and approached again to draw milk—no—not yet. So thinking to bribe her, I gave her a hard tack—tamer yet but again she eluded me; but I had her so near coaxed that I knew I should succeed, and I gave her another hard tack. I so-so-bossie and so-so-bossied in my gentlest and most seductive notes and thought each moment that the next I'd get her. And thus that brute of a Tennessee cow fooled with me until she had my very last morsel of hard tack and I had not the first drop of her milk. She had been flirting with me and I was euchred.—Chicago Ledger.

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Light is Breaking Through.

The action of the Commercial Press in making so considerable a reduction in press charges followed by the notice of Messrs Lehmann, Stern & Co., that they will make a reduction of 15 cents per bale in factorage charges, are events of vast importance to the cotton commerce of New Orleans.

The forward movement has begun. The city breathes anew with hope and expectation. Other branches of the cotton industry must hasten to share in the honor as they will in the profit of retaining the trade which was so rapidly slipping away. It is not wise to depend on the various cotton interests moving independently and separately in making the necessary reductions. There are some human beings who will always hang back. It would be best as has been proposed, to have committees from the various orders appointed at once to discuss and advise on the situation and to make recommendation to what figures the charges should be lowered. The committee would of course have no power to enforce its decision, but public opinion and competition would enforce it.

Some men who share in the profits freely admit that such charges as 25 cents drayage when 15 cents is paid and 50 cents penalty not compressing are robbery—that was the word used. They excuse their participation by saying it would cause trouble were they not to follow the custom; and besides they own to what is called a natural desire to make money. The profit on drayage is the extortion most bitterly complained by foreign buyers in New Orleans. Paying a high price for a thing may be borne, but it is against human nature to be beaten out of ten cents and to take it quietly.

That a very considerable reduction can be made is shown by the figures given by the owners of the Commercial Press. While this reduction of 40 cents a bale will amount to \$30,000 on the 200,000 bales that press expects to handle they state that there is fair profit left, with labor at union rates. If such a large sum can be saved to shippers on the receipts of one press alone the amount would be enormous if all the presses and all the cotton interests were to make a similar reduction of charges. It is said that a difference of one-sixteenth of a cent in its favor will influence cotton to any port. Let the charges be reduced sufficiently and let the world know it and our wharves and warehouses will once more be crowded with the fleecy staple.—N. O. City Item.

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