

Shelby and His Men.

Not even the Guiteau trial was more closely watched by the people of the whole country than the Frank James trial at Gallatin, and, mortifying as they may be, we cannot well carry the cutting reflections on our State that are mingled with the avalanche of press comments on the sensational scenes in which Gen. Shelby figured during the trial. But some of the newspapers, instead of confining themselves to just censures before which we must be dumb, make their comments utterly contemptible by such wanton slanders as the following, which we find in the Chicago News:

"This Shelby was, during the war, the leader of an organized band of horse thieves, a gang of night-prowling bandits, who never knew what legitimate warfare was, and whose most gallant charges were made upon unguarded stables and chicken coops. When such men possess the respect and confidence of a large number of the people" of a State it is decidedly bad for the State."

This is the old stereotyped statement of the Chicago papers all the rebel cavalry commands, Ashby's, Forrest's, Wheeler's, Morgan's and Shelby's, and is inexcusably false when applied to either of them. There was no cavalry command on either side during the war that won among the soldiers of both armies a higher reputation for courage and dash in battle, or for genuine hard service throughout the war, than Shelby's. His men generally are to day leading as honorable and useful lives as any survivors of the war. There was no command that did not include some robbers and thieves, and while a few of that description were at times attached to Shelby, it is to be said even of them that they became the most daring, successful and famous outlaws this continent ever produced.

As for the romantic sentiment which impels Gen. Shelby to defy public opinion in his efforts to befriend one of his old troopers, it is as much out of place in our civilization as the tie which bound the Scottish Chief and his clansman to stand for each other against all the world, through good and evil report. But when two distinguished Union soldiers—one an ex-Congressman, now holding a high judicial position, and the other a former Lieutenant-Governor—undertake the defense of Frank Jones, either with or without a tie, it is natural that Gen. Shelby should make himself somewhat conspicuous on the same side.—Post Dispatch.

A California Idiot.

The Saratoga correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle says: A very handsome young lady, whose name is A. W. Rich, from California, and on her wedding tour, has created quite a sensation in Saratoga. She is stopping at the Grand Union, and is to be seen walking up and down the piazza of the hotel for hours at a time in company with a beautiful little black and tan dog. She seems to be wonderfully fond of this pet. The little creature was made a wedding present, and cost \$400. The lady ordered for the dog earrings and a gold collar of special pattern. The earrings are worth \$2,000, and the collar, which is studded with emeralds and pearls, is worth \$3,000. This lady and her pet are not only the talk of the town, but have created the greatest sensation known here for years. A servant is provided to feed the dog and attend him when his mistress does not have him in charge. The dog answers to the name of "Darling." He must be seen to be fully appreciated."

Canada has for years taken the lead in temperance legislation. No attempt has been made in the direction of prohibition except as to local option. An act was passed which came into effect in May last of great stringency. The signatures of one-third of the rate-payers of a municipality are required before a man can get a license. His saloon must close at 7 o'clock on Saturday night, and not open again until 6 o'clock the following Monday morning. Under the operation of the liquor laws, the

Canadian finance minister stated that the consumption of liquor in the dominion had fallen off from 5,000,000 yearly to 1,250,000 gallons.

Texas Capitol Notes.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 4.—Trouble has grown up between the cattle and sheep men of Hamilton county, and rangers have been ordered there to preserve the peace.

Dr. Wolf, who was appointed health officer at Brazos station on the Lower Rio Grande by the Texas authorities and who acted on Mexican territory by the courtesy and with the consent of the Mexican government, has just been forbidden by the latter to further act on Mexican soil. He is an efficient officer and no reason is assigned for his removal. It is believed here that his refusal to allow Count Telfener to enter Texas has something to do with the action of the Mexican authorities. Gov. Ireland regards the action of the Mexican official as a gross insult and upon the slightest intimation of fever along the Mexican border will declare a rigid quarantine along the entire line.

That's a pretty trio mouthing around Washington, isn't it—Chalmers, Longstreet, and Mahone? Postmaster-General Gresham is the only member of the government at his post, and of course he has had to bear the full brunt of these spoils-men's onset—these renegades on the hunt for provender. Gresham, no doubt, has read the Bible. He knows how, once upon a time, the devil took Christ up upon a high mountain and tried to come the Mulberry Sellers over him. These three branded Southern Judasses have about as much political influence and power to offer the federal administration in return for federal patronage as the devil had to offer in the shape of kingdoms and crowns. Beggars utterly, one is only curious to know what they did with their lice while fooling about the postmaster-general.—St. Joe Gazett.

France appears to be rapidly drifting into a war with China. The question, therefore, is not will a Chinaman fight, but can a Chinaman fight? Lord Palmerston said not. His epigram was to the effect that no nation which worshipped a wooden god could ever produce soldiers. Sometimes, however, nations wake up. One of these fine days these much despised Mongolians may pin back their pig-tails, and take off their Mother Hubbards, and fight like the very devil. It is not always safe to tread on every worm you see in the pathway.

A lady living at Clinton, Mass., recently mixed a batch of bread which failed to rise, even after a delay of twenty hours. She did not wish her father to see the waste of flour, so she buried the dough in the garden. The next morning her father called her out to see an enormous white mushroom of an unheard-of variety that he had discovered. He was calling in his neighbors to see the curiosity when his daughter enlightened him as to the nature of the plant.

"I want to get a pair of driving gloves," said a consequential-looking duck, entering a gent's furnishing store and addressing a lady attendant. "Buckskin?" asked the polite saleswoman. "Oh, no," replied the impetuous customer; "I want something that will match the color of my skin." "Oh, you do?" returned the lady quickly, taking down a box from the shelf; "try a pair of the caltskins!" The dough-head has never since patronized a store where there are lady attendants.

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