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SECRETARY SHEPHERD sells \$1,000,000 in gold to day, in furtherance of his policy of selling bonds for gold and gold for greenbacks. There is much criticism of his course in New York, and the Post pointedly demands a general explanation of what he proposes to do.

PRESIDENT HAYES, says a writer in the Cincinnati Commercial, ever since he began mingling with all with men, he has been getting the knack of getting into good, genial company, forming strong attachments, being a general favorite, and taking the most sunny and philosophic view of whatever happens to turn up. He enjoys most thoroughly congenial society, and will go out of his way to make things and people about him as pleasant as possible.

HEAVY LOSSES FROM "HOG CHOLERA."—Mr. Dodge, Statistician of the Department of Agriculture, reports as the result of an investigation of the losses, from diseases, of swine during the past 12 months, the destruction of four million animals of all ages, and a money loss of more than twenty million dollars. One-fifth of the reported loss occurs in the State of Illinois. Next in prominence are Missouri, Iowa and Indiana, which together lose \$10,000,000. Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana have nearly as large a percentage of loss in numbers, aggregating in value \$1,500,000. Reported losses are very small in New England, the country bordering on the great lakes and Pacific coast. Of the remaining districts West Virginia comes nearest exemption, and Ohio and the Atlantic coast States stand better than the alival districts. The apparent loss is equivalent to one-third of the sum of exports of pork products last year. It is somewhat greater than usual, eliciting demands from correspondents for a competent scientific investigation by the Government.

THE GREAT SPECULATION in breadstuffs, says the Philadelphia Ledger, which recently caused such rapid advances in prices overreached itself. There has lately been a steady decline, and, under the influence of favorable crop reports now coming to hand from the grain-growing districts, the decline promises to continue. There is no reason why Americans should permit the war between Turkey and Russia to inflict on consumers hereabouts two or three dollars more for a barrel of flour, and nearly a dollar more for a bushel of wheat; and the speculators who caused these unwarranted advances are now paying the penalty in losses caused by the decline. Prices advanced as much greater ratio in the Atlantic ports than was warranted by the European market, and there was not the corresponding advances at San Francisco. Hence the Californians, finding they could undersell the Atlantic market for European export, began to avail themselves of the opportunity, and the San Francisco wheat market, which had been almost dormant, sprang into sudden activity a week before last, with large engagements for shipments to Europe. It is quite possible that the discovery in wheat and flour here, but whatever may have been the cause, it is none the less true that there is a steady downward tendency now in breadstuffs prices everywhere. Not very long ago there was almost a frenzy to ship breadstuffs to Europe, all the vessels being engaged that could be got hold of, to carry cargoes that were sent out on ventures, hoping that future necessities would enable them to be sold at large profits. It is probable that some of the shippers of these cargoes wish now that they had not done it. The grain growers will not suffer by the decline, for they got none of the advance. It is gratifying to find that the prospect now is that our own people are not to pay so much for wheat and flour, and that if any future advance shall come about, the farmers will share the benefit of increased prices.

The Mountville Library and Literary Association. MOUNTVILLE, May 31st, 1877. Being invited by a friend to attend the meeting of the Mountville Library and Literary Association, on last Friday evening, I did so, and beg leave to state through the friendly columns of your paper what I saw and heard there. When I arrived at the Hall O. L. Holladay had the floor speaking to the affirmative of the following resolution: "Resolved, That Turkey is justifiable in her attitude to the European Powers," or something to that effect. Judging from the closing part of his speech he delivered a very able argument, though I apprehend from his manner he was performing a duty, rather than speaking from choice. He was followed by Mr. Criswell, who by the way was the mover of the resolution, and who to all appearance is essentially in favor of the affirmative. W. H. Showers followed him, speaking very freely in favor of the negative. He reviewed the past history of Russia and Turkey in a manner that showed that he had been posting himself for the occasion. Capt. W. L. Bridges spoke to the affirmative. He made some good points, but did not speak with that vim that should characterize one speaking for what he honestly felt to be right. F. H. Crago spoke on the negative, and as no one opposed the affirmative just then J. W. Carringer earnestly advocated the negative. He was followed by Dr. G. W. Dodd, after which, so many wishing to speak, and as it was growing late, on motion the question was laid over until next meeting, when it will again be discussed. I found the association in good condition. Geo. Edwards, Esq., is the presiding officer at present, and the members comprise the principal men of the town. I spent a very pleasant evening, indeed. Running across the centre of the hall is a large table, on which is found nearly all the principal dailies of our own and adjoining States. One end of the hall is furnished with shelving capable of holding several thousand volumes, and already it contains several hundred volumes. My impression is that the association will soon be a great power for good in Mountville. It is strange that more of the people of our town do not take an interest in this Association, and it is passing strange that so few of our people even have a knowledge of its existence. I have heard some wonder why our papers do not say more about it than they do. We would kindly suggest to the editors that were they to take the pains to attend the meetings they could find items for a good local each week. For our own part we will go again, and we are sure that would others go once they would feel like repeating the visit.

PERSONS AND THINGS. "I wanted to get my wife some stylish clothes," is the excuse of a West Virginia postmaster for opening registered letters. "I wish I were dead," is a common exclamation with the dyspeptic, and yet no man can get over a fancy or crawl under a barn faster when his danger ahead. Rufus Choate once said that when he had been on the Rhine two days he knew the whole river perfectly—couldn't he know it better if he had been drowned in it. Mr. Hotchkiss, an American, the inventor of the new revolving cannon, has been notified by the French Government that it has been determined to adopt his invention as an arm of the national service. Gen. Sheridan's twins are making some noise in the world. The General says he doesn't lose as much sleep over the crisis abroad as he does over the crises at home. Senator Don Cameron has sent a donkey to the son of W. W. Smith, of Washington, Pa., whose guest the Senator was a few weeks ago, when in the Western part of the State getting acquainted with the business men. A New York State man grates some horseradish for his wife, and then sneezes, breaks a blood-vessel and died. Husbands will by and by learn to sit on the veranda and let domestic drudgery alone. A spinster lady of fifty remarked the other day that she could go alone at six months. "Yes," said her hateful young half-brother, "and you've been going it 'alone' ever since, and never enquired anybody."

The sensational story that General Butler intends to settle in Colorado is said to be founded wholly upon the fact that as a trustee for English capitalists he has purchased 75,000 acres of land from Colonel Craig, in Southern Colorado. A mine piece sent to a Sing Sing convict was found to contain an ingenious riddle. Unless you oversee the preparation of the mine meat yourself, you can't always tell how a mine piece will pan out; and a rope-ladder is not so apt to spoil a man's appetite as the half of a mouse grinning with a tail and cut bias. Birds killed on the Western prairies, packed closely with paper in barrels, and without any freezing or other artificial process of preservation, now go regularly to Leadville, and are sold and eaten in the dining rooms of London and the West side by side with the much more expensive partridges and fowls which are reared in England. Perhaps it is not generally known what a lively place Pensacola, Fla., has become. A large number of vessels now seek its harbor for lumber and timber. Not long ago there were 150 ships in the harbor at one time, of nearly all nationalities. Weekly payments for labor in loading vessels have, in flush times, reached \$60,000, and Pensacola, whose harbor is excellent, is now a thriving little city. A meek-eyed married man offered as a test at a spiritual seance that the medium name the articles in his wife's upper bureau drawer. The medium said the spirit would repeat the contents of Webster's Dictionary, or any other light task, but that life was too short to attempt the task proposed, and the rash proposer was hustled out of the hall. The small three-cent pieces, coined in 1853, which disappeared with the other silver coins when the fractional paper currency was issued, are now coming back into circulation in such quantities as to greatly annoy postmasters, who have been informed by the Postoffice Department that these coins are redeemable when presented in sums of \$20, or any multiple of that sum. Yankee ingenuity has proved too much for the grasshoppers at last. In Minnesota the anxious husbandman covers a square piece of sheet iron with coal tar. This is drawn across the field. The hopper jumps on for the purpose of taking a ride, and, sticking fast in the tar, when the ride is over they find it impossible to descend. In this way about a bushel of them is secured per trip. Five car loads of tar and five tons of sheet iron have been ordered from Chicago. Workmen in silver-plating establishments are not allowed to keep their old clothes when they are worn out. An old tattered vest is valued at \$20. Silver volatilizes when heated immensely, and much passes off in vapor and condenses again in a pure state. In Government assay offices the smelting of the crude metal throws off silver vapors, which rise and solidify in the soot of the chimney. A silver-plating concern in New Haven Conn., in removing to Meriden, took up the floor of the plating room, burned it, and analyzed the ashes, obtaining \$981, in pure silver.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON'S son Preston was the younger of two brothers. He was not twenty years of age when he fell during a severe engagement that occurred in October, 1864, about 25 miles northwest of Petersburg, Va., where his father's command was covering the right wing of General Robert E. Lee's army. At the time both of Governor Hampton's sons were acting as his aids, and when young Preston fell the father galloped recklessly to the spot, followed by his Adjutant General, Major Barker and Wade Hampton, Jr. Both of the last named were severely wounded while Governor Hampton was lifting the dead body of his boy from the ground. Judge Watford, of Kanawha City, says he witnessed the scene, and saw Governor Hampton carrying the dead body of his son on the horse before him.

A HARD blow was dealt at the easy divorce system in the Dearborn county (Ind.) court last week. One Hood patronized a system which had grown very popular out West, by engaging a Chicago firm to procure him a decree of divorce from a Beaver county (Utah) court without his going any nearer to the territory than Chicago, and then married again. His first wife brought suit against him on the charge of fornication in living with the second woman, and the jury found him guilty, the penalty being six months in the county jail. The judge ruled very properly that the Utah court had no proper jurisdiction in such a case, and therefore could not grant a legal divorce, and the Supreme Court will probably sustain his ruling, in which case a small army of people similarly circumstanced with the Hoods will find themselves in a very awkward position.

TUE ALTA California reports deliveries of quicksilver at San Francisco quite free during the present month, reaching a total of 4,321 flasks up to and including the 17th. The exports by sea, during the same time, have been 2,570 flasks. There has also been a good demand for New York by rail, in addition to considerable shipments on account of the Nevada mines.

PAN-PREBYTERIAN COUNCIL. Its Approaching Session at Edinburgh—List of Delegates Appointed by the General Assembly.

It has been ascertained that there are forty-eight independent organizations of the Presbyterian Church, although these churches have hitherto had no bond of union. Yet, as they hold substantially the same creed, a strong feeling has arisen that they should be better acquainted with each other and co-operate for good purposes.

The formal proposal of Presbyterianism as a denomination was made November 20, 1873, at the tri-centenary meeting, commemorative of the Scottish Reformation, held in Philadelphia. It was followed by motions approving of the object were carried in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America and of the Irish Presbyterian Church.

In October following the Evangelical Alliance met in New York, when a provisional committee there appointed, addressed thirty-eight churches, asking their countenance and concurrence, and a paper was drawn up explaining the principles and aims of the movement. In the summer of 1874 meetings of friends were held in London, Belfast and Edinburgh, and it was agreed to organize the whole scheme at a convention to be held in London in July, 1877. At this meeting there were deputies from twenty of the principal Presbyterian Churches through out the world. The meeting lasted only three days, but during this brief period an agreement was come to as to the principles held in common by the churches, and a constitution was drawn out. It was agreed that the first council should be held in Edinburgh in July, 1876, but it had to be adjourned till the first week in July, 1877, in consequence of the Centennial Exhibition.

The council will meet in Edinburgh on Monday, July 2. In the evening there will be a reception. Next day the council will be formally opened by a discourse by the Rev. Dr. Flint, Professor of Theology in the University of Edinburgh. It will continue in session a week or ten days, during which time important papers will be read and addresses delivered bearing on the spread of the Gospel in various countries. At this meeting of the council, in all probability, steps will be taken toward a union of the different branches of the Presbyterian Church.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly of last year to select delegates have given commission to the following duly appointed delegates to the council: Ministers—Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D., L. L. D., Rev. George W. Murgrove, D. D., L. L. D., Philadelphia; Rev. S. Iraceus Prime, D. D., New York; Rev. Elias R. Beadle, D. D., L. L. D., Philadelphia; Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D., Rev. William Blackwood, D. D., L. L. D., Philadelphia; Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D. D., L. L. D., Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D. D., Rev. James McCosh, D. D., L. L. D., Princeton; Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., L. L. D., Rev. David C. Marquie, D. D., Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., L. L. D., Rev. William C. Roberts, D. D., Rev. William M. Patton, D. D., Rev. Robert W. Patterson, D. D., Rev. John Hall, D. D., New York; Rev. Samuel J. Nicolls, D. D., Rev. William E. Moore, D. D., Rev. William M. Thompson, D. D., Rev. Samuel M. Campbell, D. D., Rev. James Esley, D. D., Rev. Charles Hawley, D. D., Rev. A. Alexander Hodge, D. D., and Rev. Francis L. Patton, D. D.

Elders—The Hon. William T. Allen, Hon. Henry W. Williams, Professor Edward North, L. L. D., Corvallis, B. Agnew, M. D., Professor D. Eaton, Hon. John T. Nixon, George Junkin, Esq., Philadelphia; Aaron B. Belknap, Esq., Hon. Jacob S. Farrand, Hon. Chauncey N. Oids, Hon. Emerson E. White, Hon. Thomas T. Alexander, Benjamin B. Converse, Philadelphia, Hon. A. Donnan, William B. Negley, Esq., and Samuel Q. Brown, Esq. Commissioners have also been issued to associate or corresponding members as provided for in the Constitution of the council, as follows: Rev. Joseph G. Monfort, D. D., Rev. George D. Mathews, Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. W. T. Beatty, Rev. Levi Parsons, D. D., Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, D. D., Rev. John P. Knorr, Rev. Lewis S. Evans, D. D., Rev. John Gillespie, Rev. William J. Holland, Rev. Henry E. Niles, D. D., Rev. Mead C. Williams, Rev. Daniel H. Eva, Philadelphia; Rev. James B. Ramsay, Rev. James Allison, D. D., Rev. John M. Allred, Rev. Matthew Newkirk, Philadelphia; Rev. John C. Lewis, D. D., Rev. Samuel H. Hall, D. D., Rev. John M. Stevenson, D. D., Rev. Alexander McClean, D. D., Rev. W. Wallace Atterbury, Rev. Stephen W. Dana, Philadelphia; Rev. Eldridge Mix, Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Daymond Brown, Mr. Henry M. Knox and Mr. William Rankin.

INGRAM—On Wednesday afternoon, May 29 1877, at 10 o'clock, ANNE M., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kate Ingram, aged 2 years, 8 months and 11 days.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE. DEPARTURE OF TRAINS. B. & O. R. R. 4.40 A. M. 10.35 P. M. W. & P. Div. 7.04 A. M. 1.41 P. M. C. & P. Div. 8.20 A. M. 3.27 P. M. ARRIVAL OF TRAINS. B. & O. R. R. 5.30 A. M. 11.20 P. M. W. & P. Div. 5.30 A. M. 11.20 P. M. C. & P. Div. 5.40 A. M. 11.30 P. M. W. & P. Div. 7.30 A. M. 3.45 P. M. C. & P. Div. 10.15 A. M. 5.29 P. M.

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