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INJURED INNOCENCE &c.

The celebrated Arnold who is represented as having so easily duped, bamboozled and swindled the astute and shrewd capitalists of San Francisco, and also had some great New Yorkers within his grasp, is on the legal war-path, as witness this dispatch clipped from that live and newsy paper, the San Diego Daily Union:

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 16.—Arnold, whose property has recently been attached at the suit of William M. Lent, one of the prominent victims of the recently exposed California diamond swindle, publishes a long defence in yesterday's Courier-Journal. He denies the charges of his "salting" the so-called diamond fields. Arnold announces that he has already engaged lawyers, who are now on their way to California, to prosecute all parties connected with the charges of swindling made against him.

Then in addition, we find this paragraph in The Alta:

Arnold, the diamond sharp, writes to the Diamond Company that he has "employed counsel—a good Henry rifle—and I am likely to open my case any day on California street. There are several scalps I would like to string on a pole."

Now we stand in with Arnold—in all his efforts to set himself right before the public, for we know of no one in much more need of something like purgation. In this good work, we think the common public will cheer him on; but how those pure but deluded San Francisco operators will look upon such steps by Arnold, is quite another matter. If any of them were in with Arnold from the start, Arnold may be so indiscreet as to make some such revelations. Janin was heavy on prophecy, and it will be quite apt for Arnold to be as "expert" in revelation.

But really, we anticipate a dangerous amount of irresistible laughter, as the remaining scenes in the last act of the grand diamond farce is being played for the benefit of the whole public, as well as, we trust, to the moral benefit of those who put it on the California Street boards regardless of expense in coin and character. Arnold only expresses a liking for "several scalps." This is quite modest, and should he get them, probably would have none too many; but we are comforted to know that the "scalping" business is a game not always played by one party. Now, what a calamity to the world to lose a man who can so easily control, and dupe, too, the great money kings of Catifornia! Why, The Sacramento Union should employ him, before the ruthless hand of time or some other hand sends him to the happy hunting grounds in the scalping bout he foreshadows, to mislead the great and grasping Stanford, Huntington, Hopkins & Co. to spend their coin in the purchase of a diamond field of him, for he doubtless has some choice ones left, instead of riuning the State by building railways, steamboats, workshops, wharves, cars and locomotives. At the rate Arnold has diddled Roberts, Harpending, Lent, Janin and other great, shrewd, scientific and wealthy men, it wouldn't take him over a couple of years to get all the railway men's coin and other goods and chattels, place them in Kentucky, and thus relieve the virtuous State of California from the power of those terrible oppressors and their oppressive works. This is a mere hint offered by a humble member of the "independent press" for the sole interest of ye simple and innocent public.

THE ALTA of December 10 says the Pacific Foundry, of that city, is engaged in casting machinery for a quartz mill to be erected near Hermosillo, Mexico, by some San Francisco capitalists.

ACCORDING to a Salt Lake dispatch of December 12, Major Powell, the Colorado Canyon Explorer had arrived there and reported that "the expedition made many discoveries of great interest and scientific value."

Your Only Simple Relative.

Depend upon it boys, your only simple relative is your mother. What says the bard?—

Who was it slapped me when I fell,
And kicked the place to make it swell
And whopped, and swore, and cursed me well?
My father!

Who was it wiped my tearful eye,
And backed me up in every lie,
And tipped me well upon the sly?
My mother!

Example of Eloquence.

Now that our Legislature is about to assemble, it becomes the duty of the journalist in Arizona to present for perusal some remarkable examples of legislative eloquence. The journals of Oregon point to the following as the choicest of all made at a recent session of their legislature, which, at the time, had under consideration a bill for the appointment and pay of a State geologist. At that auspicious moment, a member immortalized himself by edifying his fellows and the world at large in this speech:

"Mr. Speaker: Fortunately or unfortunately it has been my province to live in a mining country during the biggest part of my brief but eventful existence. Fifteen years ago I considered myself a geologist. From my earliest infancy I have been possessed of an overmastering impulse to explore the bowels of the earth. But, sir, Mr. Speaker, the bowels of the earth are hard to get at, and the man who would study the subterranean anatomy of the universe must pull off his boots and socks, like the prophet of old, saying reverently, 'This is holy ground; there's bullion in these diggings!' [Prolonged applause.] Sir, for fifteen years I have consecrated myself to the investigation of the minerals that underlie the Pacific coast. I have traversed the coast with the most learned geologists of both this and the Old World, and we have come to the conclusion—reluctantly but unanimously—that this 'ere kentry has rocks in it you can't find in the text books."

Military Items.

Recent orders from Department headquarters of Arizona, assign Dr. G. A. Benjamin to detachment of Fifth Cavalry near Camp Verde; Dr. W. C. Harper, to Hualpai; Dr. W. E. Rust to Apache; and upon the arrival of Dr. W. H. Carbusier at Date Creek, Dr. John LaBarre will be relieved and report to Division headquarters at San Francisco for annulment of his contract.

December 16, a general court-martial was ordered to convene at Camp Verde, composed of the following officers: Captain J. J. Coppinger, 23d Infantry; Captains Emil Adam and R. H. Montgomery, Fifth Cavalry; Captain C. C. C. Carr, First Cavalry; First Lieutenant A. E. Woodson 5th Cavalry; First Lieutenant A. Grant, First Cavalry; Second Lieutenant W. S. Schuyler, Fifth Cavalry; Second Lieutenant O. L. Hein, First Cavalry, and First Lieutenant, L. Hammond, Twenty-third Infantry, Judge Advocate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Work on the Southern Pacific Railroad of California has been suspended for the winter. The track now extends twelve miles beyond Salinas City, Monterey county, but no trains are running thereon.