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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16, 1866.

The Hunt After Preachers.

A CATHOLIC PRIEST AND A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER ARRESTED—BOTH OF THEM DISCHARGED—HOW THE OATH IS ENFORCED AT LOUISVILLE.

We learn from Louisville that there were those indictments and arrests under the test oath, in that city, on last Wednesday. Father Hilliner, a Catholic priest, was indicted, arrested, and taken to prison for preaching without having taken the oath. J. W. Dudley, an attorney, was indicted for practicing his profession without having taken it; and J. W. Wright, an attorney, was indicted for taking it. The juxtaposition of the three several and seperate cases, strikingly illustrates the working of the oath as a double-edged engine, cutting every way, and finding victims no less among those who do take the oath than among those who will not take it.

The case of Father Hillner excited the greatest interest among the citizens. He is represented to be an amiable, meek and good man, devoted to the interests of his flock, and greatly beloved, not only by his own people, but by all who know him. The clerical leaders of the town, however, had marked him for persecution, and flung him under the juggernaut of their new Constitution. When first arrested, he was urged to give bond that he might be released; but this he declined, declaring that they might keep him in jail until they were prepared to let him out. The radical jailor, with a view to forcing the oath upon him, incarcerated him in what is called the upper cell, a close room, secured with heavy barred doors and grated windows, denying him the poor comfort accorded to malefactors, of confinement in the lower cell where he would have more light, air and room. This cruel discipline proved effectual; and next day the persecuted priest, overcome with heat, and nearly suffocated in the close cell, was compelled to consent to give bond for his release.

The mean and cruel proceedings are having that effect which such things must have in a generous community—a reaction in favor of the victims themselves, of Boonville, are beginning to adduce a party that illustrates and supports itself by such cowardly and cruel devices.

Another and similar case to the above took place but a week or two since in Henry county. A Chamberland Presbyterian minister, by the name of Winn, was arrested for preaching without taking the oath. He was taken to Baltera and put in jail, having refused to give bond for his appearances. After lying in a felon's cell a day and night, the radical officials quietly released him.

—St. Louis Dispatch.

THE NEXT SPRINGBOK IN EUROPE.—General Von Moltke has retired to his quarters, and is closeted with his papers, making new plans for the further progress of the campaign, and for the occupation of Vienna. This skillful strategist, who has been the chief inventor of the movements by which the three Prussian armies, starting from different points, have been collected at the necessary hour on the field of Koniggratz, has never, except at that battle, appeared in front of the armies. Some distance in the rear, sitting calmly at his desk, he has traced on the map the course of his troops, and, by means of the field telegraph, has flashed from there the different orders which in more immediate command with such skill and foresight that not a movement has failed, and the combination has been made exactly at the right moment.

A quick, but close eye, a high forehead, and a well-set figure, mark him an intellectual and energetic man; but, though quick in action, he is so prudent in discourse and so guarded in his speech, that, from this quality and his wide knowledge of European languages, he is known in the army as the man who is silent with seven tongues. Careful and laborious, he has worked out with his own hand and himself calculated almost every detail in the operations in which he has taken Europe by surprise, from the lightning rapidity of his strokes and the tremendous consequences of his dispositions, before which the Austrian army has withered away almost before it was gathered together, and which have won for him from his countrymen the title of the first strategist in Europe.—[Correspondence London Times.

There is a consistency and uniformity in the infamy of the radical party which is very extraordinary. If their Congressmen are disgracing and demoralizing the nations at home, their foreign ministers are equally industrious in dishonoring their country by their disreputable conduct abroad. Kilpatrick has outraged the not particularly sensitive morality of the Chilians by attempting to force a notoriously abandoned woman into good society.

We now have, piping hot from Venezuela, several charges against the radical minister resident in that country. The American merchants resident in the capital of Venezuela have preferred charges against S. D. Culver, the American minister. They allege that their government has been most shamefully misrepresented by the resident minister, S. D. Culver, Esqr., and how that we mourn the possibility of his return to his former post, we beg leave most respectfully, but firmly, to protest against such a disgrace, and for the reasons following:

That he is a person so penurious and avaricious as to degrade the character of a citizen of the United States of America, and his appointment can only serve to bring the nation and its citizens into official contempt.

That he rents a small house in Caracas, using the front room as his bed room, reception room and the kitchen of the legation, and subletting all the rest of the house to negroes and persons of bad repute.

That he imported, under the immunities granted by carriage to the legation of the United States, provisions and wines in large quantities for sale and profit, and was detected in the act by the custom house authorities in La Guayra.

That he was unable to speak the Spanish or French languages, all not understand the government or people to which he was accredited, and was worse than useless to the interests of the citizens of the United States, which he was placed here to guard.

The rascal, it seems, whether at home or abroad, cannot live without the negro. Culver is a noble specimen of the party. He gets nine thousand dollars per annum in one of the cheapest places in the world; but, nevertheless, rents a dirty cabin, and surrounds himself with "negroes and persons of bad repute." He cannot live unless the atmosphere is poisoned by the odor of uncivilized blacks.—[Richmond Times.

REPORTED DISCOVERIES IN SOUTHEASTERN AFRICA.—*Vestiges of An Ancient City.*—We find the following in the Natal Mercury:

A worthy missionary in Zululand is said to have found a clue to the vestiges of the ancient Ophir, or of some city of equally old and mystical renown. These vestiges are said to have been described to the missionary in question, by natives residing to the north of Zululand. They are reputed to be the remains of a large city, covering a wide area, and situated about three days' trek (which probably means much more) from where the missionary then was.

Approach to them is strictly forbidden and prevented by the chief of the tribe living in the locality. Attention was drawn to the fact by noticing being taken of sundry golden ornaments worn by natives at the kraal where these disclosures were made. The precious metal was said to have been obtained from the ruined city or its neighborhood. There is something too romantic about this story, which reads, it will be seen, on the slender foundation of a native tale. Were it not that a similar statement came to light a short time ago, through, we think, the agency of the Rev. Mr. Bolwe, we should not give prominence to what might be the idle invention of a savage, anxious to prevent the white man's advance through his territory.

A few months ago a reference was publicly made to certain ruined cities, said to have been discovered in the interior, their exact whereabouts being rather vaguely defined. That there is room for much legitimate speculation on this subject cannot be denied. That large corner blocks of the continent lying between the Transvaal and the Indian Ocean, between Delagoa Bay and Quilimaine, is almost, if not wholly, an unknown land is and yet, according to popular belief, this region was the site of the ancient Ophir, the biblical El Dorado, while the theory has been bazarded that the Queen of Sheba came from this locality.

There is, moreover, the understood fact that the sand found at the mouths of rivers on the coast long contain particles of gold—indubitable evidence of more abundant ruges elsewhere. In any case, the archæological interest attaching to such discoveries warrants some further investigations concerning the reality of the allegations made about them.

Yankee conceit was never better illustrated than by the following item which we clip from an article in the Chicago Republican of July 7, headed "The Annexation of Canada." This extract is a good specimen of the whole article:

"If each of the North American provinces had a Yankee governor for about five consecutive terms of twenty years, people would rise up and bless the Providence that sent them such rulers."

Yes, as the people of New Orleans bless Ben. Butler, who is a fair specimen of all the governors New England has furnished during the war. The people of Canada are not in favor of having such brutal creatures set over them. Think what a seething there would be among gold watches and lumpkins in case of a Yankee governor being appointed over each British North American province.—[New Dr Luc Press.

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