

The Chatham Record

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The Power of the Press has been most forcibly illustrated recently by the wonderful success that is crowning the laudable and patriotic efforts of the New York World to raise by private contributions the sum of \$100,000, for the purpose of erecting Bartholli's Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. This immense sum is a gift from France to the American people, and will soon arrive in this country, and is to be erected on Bedloe's island in the harbor of New York. The statue has been several years in process of construction, and is larger even than the famed Colossus of Rhodes. The total height will be 317 feet above the level of the surrounding water, and from its summit will be cast a brilliant light that can be seen many miles, and hence the statue is called "Liberty Enlightening the World". As it would require a large sum of money to properly prepare a foundation and pedestal for such a statue, a committee of the most influential citizens of New York was appointed sometime ago to solicit subscriptions for that purpose. They issued an address and collected several thousand dollars, and then came to a grand rally. They seemed unable to raise any more money, and yet \$100,000 were required to complete the work. Many schemes were suggested for raising this sum but all in vain, and it really began to seem as if this magnificent gift of the French would be brought to America and thrown aside. This would have been a national disgrace, and caused every American citizen to hang his head in shame. But at this critical juncture the New York World rushed to the rescue and determined to raise the necessary funds by soliciting contributions from the people and right money in the people's hands. In every day's issue of the "World" is published a list of the names of the contributors and the sums contributed, and already they have collected the required amount. It is a fact that the whole will soon be contributed, and thus one newspaper will have accomplished that which had cost a committee of the richest, most learned, and most influential citizens of America's metropolis. We point with journalistic pride to this instance of the power and usefulness of the press, and yet some people sneer at editors and newspapers!

Was between England and Russia has not yet been officially declared, and it is impossible to say whether or not there will be a war between those nations. Both are making every preparation for sea and land service. The armaments and supplies are crowded with soldiers and night. Troops are being drilled and prepared for immediate service, and everybody talks of war as being certain. The latest dispatches state that there are rumors of another battle between the Russians and Afghans. It is true that it makes war almost certain. It is also stated that the Czar has sent to Moscow for the purpose of organizing a despatching war, it being the custom of the Czar to make their denunciations of war at that city, the ancient capital of their Empire. In case war is declared it may involve not only England and Russia but nearly all the other empires of Europe. France sympathizes with Russia, and Italy and Turkey with England, while Germany stands ready to pounce down and carry off the spoils of the victory achieved by either side. In the meantime, while the nations of Europe are about to let loose the dogs of war, the people of the United States are peacefully planting corn and cotton, and industry transacting their everyday affairs. We have had enough of war, and never wish for another.

Small-Pox is raging among the negroes in Kansas and many are dying. The poor creatures are having a hard time of it, for guards with loaded guns are stationed in front of the infected dwellings, and the unhappy victims of the loathsome disease are left to their own resources. They are not receiving the sympathy or assistance that they might naturally have supposed would be extended to them by the citizens of such a radical and abolition State as Kansas. Committees have been appointed to search all railroad trains coming from the infected districts, and any negroes found on them are put off and ordered to return directly or be hanged. Perhaps this may put a stop to the further exodus of the colored people from this State to Kansas. Sometime ago a large number emigrated from some sections of this State to Kansas, and now they doubtless wish they were back in North Carolina.

Our Washington Letter.
(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., April 25, '85.

A step in the direction of squelching polygamy in this country has been taken by the Supreme Court of the United States in the Claws case, wherein the court decides that the exclusion of polygamists from the jury box is not only lawful but is absolutely demanded by the administration of justice in Utah, which has a legal issue. To admit to the panel for the trial of a plaintiff charged with polygamy, a set of men who believe that the crime committed is justified by Divine decree, and that it is no offence at all, is the highest absurdity and a travesty upon the system of trial by jury. This man Claws was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of four years, and the case came up before the U. S. Supreme Court on appeal based upon the asserted error of excluding polygamists from the jury. The decision gives the way for more convictions of the same sort, but the Mormons declare that the enforcement of the law against polygamy shall be resisted even to a resort to arms by force, and such proceedings are in a general way not an affair of moment, and are to be resisted until the Constitution guarantees to the citizens of the United States a fair trial.

President's Hand-Shaking.
(From the New York World.)

Public receptions may have been all very well in the days of the early Presidents, when the population was from 4,000,000 up to 17,000,000 and the White House gatherings were little parties. But in these days, when we have 55,000,000 of people, many of whom want to see and shake hands with our Chief and his family, it is quite a different matter.

The President is placed to superintend the public business of the United States. He is the people's head servant in fact, and to keep the people's good interests in view he must be seen to believe that their needs and desires, daily, and to give every one a fair and equitable hearing. He is to be seen to be popular and honest and true.

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The Colored Voter.
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During the past week several delegations of colored citizens called on President Cleveland and were received by him with every assurance that the sympathies of the Administration were warmly extended for the advancement and happiness of the colored race, and that in all matters their rights would be properly guarded and their wishes and claims received due consideration.

One of the visiting bodies represented the Conference of the Methodist African Church, a very important and numerous body. The colored delegates who talked with the President told him that in some regions their doctors had really begun to believe that the success of the Democracy meant the re-establishment of slavery and the stripping of the colored people of all their civil and political rights secured by the constitutional amendments. They declared that this error was now corrected, and that in the resolution of feeling the colored people are prepared to recognize the Democrats as their true friends, and to expect better treatment from the present Administration than they had experienced from many of its predecessors.

It is indeed a good thing that the foolish fears of the colored people have been dispelled and that their eyes are open to the truth at last. It is to be hoped that their eyes are open to the truth at last. It is to be hoped that their eyes are open to the truth at last.

Unseasonable Snow Storm.
(A despatch from Denver, Colorado, dated 23rd of April, says:)

The heaviest snow storm ever known in this section of the country ever in at 6 o'clock last night and lasted until 11 o'clock this evening. Fifty-two inches of snow fell, as much as the heaviest of the previous years of the winter. The snow was very heavy and a number of roads have fallen in, but without fatal results so far as reported. The storm was general throughout the State, but railroad trains are moving nearly on time. The storm was of inestimable benefit to the cattle interests.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet at Augusta, Georgia, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1885. The convention session will be presided over by Rev. E. M. Curry, D. D., of Virginia.

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Charlotte Observer. Capt. R. P. Waringless is the best of the world as a hotelier. He set this hotel on fifteen days, and yesterday he came from the east with sixteen chickens. This remarkable occurrence is plausibly explained on the supposition that only one of the eggs contained a double yolk.

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