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Miscellaneous.

LIGHT.

The following exquisite poem, by William Pitt Palmer, was some years ago pronounced by one of the most eminent of European critics to be the finest production of the same length in our language:

From the quickened womb of the primal gloom
   The sun rolled black and bare,
Till I wove him a vest for his Ethiop breast,
   Of the threads of my golden hair;
And when the broad tent of the firmament
   Arose on its airy spars,
I penciled the hue of its matchless blue,
   And spangled it round with stars.

I painted the flowers of the Eden bowers,
   And their leaves of living green,
And mine were the dyes in the sinless eyes
   Of Eden's virgin queen;
And when the fiend's art in the trustful heart
   Had fastened its mortal spell,
In the silver sphere of the first-born tear
   To the trembling earth I fell.

When the waves that burst o'er a world accursed,
   Their work of wrath had sped,
And the Ark's lone brow, tried and true,
   Come forth among the dead;
With the wondrous gleams of my bridal beams,
   Their terrors cease,
As I wrote on the roll of the storm's dark scroll,
   God's covenant of peace.

Like a pall at rest on a senseless breast,
   Night's funeral shadow slept;
Where shepherd swains on the Bethlehem plains,
   Their lonely vigils kept;
When I flashed on their sight the heralds bright,
   Of heaven's redeeming plan,
As they chanted the morn of a Savior born—
   Joy, joy, to the outcast man.

Equal favor I show to the lofty and low,
   On the just and unjust I descend;
E'en the blind, whose vain spheres roll in darkness and tears
   Feel my smile, the best smile of a friend.
Nay, the flower of the waste by my love is embraced,
   As the rose in the garden of kings;
At the chrysalis bier of the worm I appear,
   And lo! the gay butterfly's wings.

The desolate morn, like a mourner forlorn,
   Conceals all the pride of her charms,
Till I bid the bright hours chase the night from
   her flowers,
And lead the young day to her arms;
And when the gray rocks wave Eve for his lover,
   And sinks to her balmy repose,
I wrap the soft rest by the zephyr fanned west,
   In curtains of amber and rose.

From my sentinel steep by the night brooded deep
   I gaze with unslumbering eye,
When the cynosure star of the mariner
   Is blotted from out the sky;
And guided by me through the merciless sea,
   Though sped by the hurricane's wings,
His compassionless, dark, lone, weltering bark,
   To the haven home safely he brings.

I waken the flowers in their dew-spangled bowers,
   The birds in their chambers of green,
And mountain and plain glow with beauty again,
   As they bask in their matinal sheen.
O, if such the glad worth of my presence to earth,
   Though fitful and fleeting the while,
What glories must rest on the home of the blest,
   Ever bright with the Diety's smile.

OBSERVATIONS.

"O, Pat!" "What, sor?" "Did yez iver see a winter loike this?" "Yis, sor." "Last summer, sor."—New Orleans Picayune.

A Texas Judge knocked six months off a ninety-nine years' sentence in order to show the prisoner's friends that he was willing to give him a chance.—Augusta Chronicle.

If the Hoosac Tunnel doesn't pay any better than it has been paying, Mr. Hoosac threatens to pull the whole thing up by the roots and sell it for an umbrella scabbard. When asked why it doesn't pay he always replies: "I can't see through it."—Rome Sentinel.

He slipped quietly in at the door catching sight of an inquiring face over the stair call said: "Sor, is it yez, mind; or ain't yez, yer, mind; or what is it yez, mind: Wid ter mind, too," said the lady, and further remarks were unnecessary.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

"Syracuse has a female architect." Norristown hasn't a female architect, but she has more than one designing woman.—Norristown Herald.

"Cigar smoke puffed in a man's face by another man is assault and battery," says a New York Judge. If that is the case, cigarette smoke puffed anywhere in one's neighborhood should be considered murder in the first degree.

We have many times been an unwilling listener to the "said she" and "said I" narrations in public conveyances and elsewhere; but never knew an instance where the "said I" didn't say all the smart things and the "said she's" all the stupid and vicious ones, or where the "said I's" didn't come off victorious in the end.—Boston Transcript.

Senator Hoar wants the Indian educated until he can utter his war-hoop in Greek and scalp his victim in Latin. The best friend of the Indian is the man who lets him remain as God made him.—Detroit Free Press.

Two ladies who had been to hear Minnie Hauk were seated in the horse car. Said one: "How do you like 'Carmen?'" "I think 'Carmen' perfectly lovely," replied the other. And the conductor and driver, the great silly creatures, snatched out like a pair of inflated frogs and they have since taken to hair oil, dyed moustaches, parcelously-scented pocket-handkerchiefs and all sorts of egregious vanities. In the language of Francis Bacon as interpreted by William Shakespeare, "What fools we mortals be!"—Boston Transcript.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Senator Hoar's recent dinner to Justice Gray cost $1,000.

Ex-Gov. Pierpont, of West Virginia, drops the Wheeling Intelligencer a line to say that he feels quite comfortable after reading his obituary in that and other journals.

Pittsburg, Pa., is pushing ahead. Last year 521 new buildings were erected, at a cost of over $1,000,000, mainly for dwellings.

The live stock interests of Kansas are rapidly gaining ground, the increase of value of farm animals from 1880 to 1881 having been $7,000,000, despite the slaughtering of animals worth $16,250,000 more.

It is said that the cost of the Ashtabula disaster to the Lake Shore road, five years ago, is two million dollars, and some of the suits for damages are not ended yet. The Spuyten Duyvil calamity will cost the New York Central a tremendous sum.

There are now 70,000,000 standard silver dollars in the treasury, and $62,000,000 in silver certificates outstanding.

Henrietta Strasse, a German woman of Chicago, ate some raw ham at a wedding in that city a short time ago. Soon she developed symptoms of trichinosis, and Friday last died. Examination of the muscles after death revealed the presence of 40,000 of the parasites in one square inch.

A New York letter says that a company has been formed to drain the vast expanse of malarious and swamp land between Jersey City and Hoboken, reaching back to the Palisades, with a view of erecting thereon cheap dwellings for the industrial class that are at present compelled to live and die in city tenement houses. The drainage will be a very expensive operation, but it is believed that the undertaking will prove a highly profitable one. Any part of the territory can be reached in half an hour from New York, and there is room for the erection of 3,000 dwellings.

United States Consul Baker, of Buenos Ayres, thinks that the ostrich can be domesticated in the United States and made profitable. He describes an ostrich farm situated about 15 miles from Buenos Ayres, and gives many instructions for those who may desire to go into the business. Full grown birds cost from $1,000 to $1,200 delivered in Buenos Ayres, and 5,000 birds can be kept on 6,000 acres of land. The gross income derived from chicks produced by one pair of birds, from $2,000 to $3,000 per annum. At Cape Colony $40,000,000 are invested in the business, and the value of the feathers annually produced is $4,500,000.

News Notes.

A convention of the colored men of Georgia is soon to meet in Macon.

A spoke factory has been established at Hickory Grove, Prince William county, Va.

The widow of the late Hon. Wm. C. Rives died at her residence in Albemarle county, Va., on Monday, aged 80 years.

Dr. Love has been arrested in Calhoun county, W. Va., charged with bigamy.

There was a heated debate in the German Reichstag over the imperial rescript.

Charles Jeremius, a baker, of Newark, N. J., was found early yesterday morning in the street frozen to death.

John C. Knox, formerly a judge of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, is now an insane pauper in an asylum at Norristown.

The board of health of Richmond, Va., reports only two deaths from small-pox in that city last week. There were thirty-five new cases during the same period.

Because of some doubt as to the legality of the former election of United States Senators Wilson and McDill, both houses of the Iowa Legislature yesterday ratified their previous action by another formal ballot.

Fifteen editors of newspapers in Vienna were summoned before the police authorities yesterday and informed that no publication must be made concerning the movement of troops.

Lord-Lieutenant Cowper, replying to a deputation of the Dublin corporation to-day, said he regretted that under existing circumstances it would be impossible to release the members of Parliament now confined as suspects.

All the prisoners in the jail at El Paso, Texas, with one exception escaped, on Monday night, by digging through the fireplace of the building, which was constructed of adobe. One man named O'Brien, held for a stabbing affray, refused to go.

Mrs. Wallace, who resides in Trenton, N. J., went to see her husband, who is employed in a bakery in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday. She remained over night, and in the morning she was found dead in his room, having been overcome by noxious gases from a coal stove. The husband was still alive, but unconscious. There are no hopes of his recovery.

The President will within the next two weeks send in a large majority of all the important nominations now claiming his attention.

Secretary Hunt contemplates giving the officers of the navy who have been cruising in the Mediterranean during the last three years an opportunity of serving their country on the South Atlantic station, while the officers who have been on duty within the tropics will be transferred to the Mediterranean.

The Press on the Situation.

EXTRA SESSION.

Laurenburg Enterprise: The reseems to be a division of sentiment among democrats as to the expediency of calling an extra session of the Legislature of this State. In view of the fact that the next legislature of North Carolina will be anti-Bourbon and Republican, we think it by the action of Congress the redistricting of the State be necessary, it would be advisable for an extra session to be called to do that work. If left to the new legislature, the districts will be so divided as to strengthen the republican party, and give the odd congressman to the republicans. "A stitch in time saves nine." The opposition to an extra session, we notice, comes from the class of democrats who never, under any circumstances, apprehend the triumph of the republican party in the State. We do not feel so secure. In fact we are one of the many who think a change in the character of the Administration is inevitable.

MILDLY, FRIENDS.

Farmer and Mechanic: Mildly, friends of the Conservative press, as mildly as you can, in speaking of the "Independent Movement," so called, in North Carolina. "The blood of Martyrs is the seed of the church." Gen. Mahone could not have carried off tens of thousands of intelligent Virginians, old Confederate soldiers, like Cameron and Brockenborough, and others we might name—if the spirit of pugnacity had not been aroused by the fierce war-cries of the leading democratic newspapers.

It is well to recognize that there is in North Carolina a condition of Unrest, and disorganization, which forbids the effective use of the "machine" whip. When a party is in the flush of success, it is possible to punish the last whimper of complaint. But the democratic party of to-day needs milder measures to keep its men in line. There are thousands of young men in the ranks, who are true as steel to the South, and to Democratic principles, but who are not specially loyal to the caucus methods of four or five years past. These young men have no sympathy with tricksters who desert the party to secure office; but at the same time they are in a frame of mind which will not stand the crack of the whip!

WHAT A SCENE!

Milton Chronicle: What a scene! that must have been in Washington city: "Kernel" Johnston, of Charlotte, N. C., (a standing candidate for years for every office that came along, and never getting anything,) and the "Hon." Maj. Price, of Salisbury, on their all-fours in the White House, renouncing their Democracy and begging President Arthur to take them in out of the cold! Poor fellows! they want fat offices, and they can't get them.

The CHARLOTTE OBSERVER says the trouble with Southern independents is that they are all dependents. Yes, Kernel Johnston, poor, neglected man! has been depending on the Democracy for office until he has grown grey, but finding no oats he is trying to break into the Radical stable.

Well, let him and Price go, with or without a prayer, and if there be any more such customers in the Democratic party 'em out! Away with all such patriots!

Tammany Firm.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—The Democratic assembly caucus met this morning; Mr. Brooks on behalf of the conference committee, reported that the committee met the Tammany representatives again last night and had found them determined in the stand they had taken. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Fire at Lancaster, Pa.

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 26.—The most destructive fire that ever visited city started early this morning in the storing depot of the Enquirer publishing Co.'s building on north Green street. The fire quickly spread through the entire building and it was completely destroyed. The loss on the building and contents estimated $100,000.

Miscellaneous.

Medical.