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VEWS AND REVIEW

Henry M Stanley is now ascending the Congo, bound once more for the heart of Africa, by a different route.

The reduction in rent made by Mr Parnell to his Irish tenants is 30 per cent less than that made last year by the Duke of Bedford.

During the four months ending Friday week the total amount of gold brought to the port of New York from Europe was \$71,672,950, or an average of \$513,820 for every day of the one hundred and twenty-one.

Massachusetts has issued an appeal for subscription to his promised memoirs. The veteran orator, now in his 78th year, has been forced to undertake this task in order to earn money, since he lives entirely by the product of his pen.

At last the Philadelphia Ledger goes into humor. It editorially says: "We have no king in this country, but we are getting under the domination of a most formidable 'count'—the count that decides elections without regard to the votes."

The Vicksburg Commercial describes the state of affairs in that city as being nearly as bad as in Brooklyn. There are property owners there who have paid no taxes on real estate since 1872, and the city has no power to compel them to pay.

The debt ordinance has been adopted in Louisiana by 14 000 majority. The ordinance scales the interest to 2 per cent. for five years, 3 per cent. for 15 years, and 4 per cent. thereafter, and its adoption will fix the State tax at 6 instead of 5 mills.

The personality of Satan was discussed in a conference of Baptist clergymen at New London, Conn. There was no vote, but a majority of the speakers were on the affirmative side of the question, "Is there a personal being answering to the name of Satan?"

On Feb. 19, the anniversary of the abolition of serfdom in Russia, the city of St. Petersburg is to present to the Czar a silver casket containing twenty-five water-color drawings, representing the great public buildings and monuments erected in the capital during the twenty-five years of his reign. This gift is to cost over eight thousand roubles.

A Bayard club was organized in St. Louis last week, and already numbers several hundred Democrats, including prominent merchants, attorneys and politicians. The preamble of the constitution of the club says: "The objects of this club shall be to urge upon the Democrats of the nation the policy of nominating Senator Bayard for the Presidency, and, when nominated, of electing him."

At the 3-antant Chess Club the other evening Capt. George H. Mackenzie engaged nineteen players at once, each playing a separate game against him. The tables were set in a hollow square, and he moved from one to the other, making his play in almost every instance after a single glance at the board. The nineteen games lasted three hours and three-quarters, Capt. Mackenzie winning fifteen of the number.

In his new book on "Whist," Cavenish gives an admirable method of shutting up a nuisance who is to be met with at three tables out of four. This is the "If you had partner, who, after every hand informs you that 'if you had done so and so, we should have made so and so.' This is the remedy: 'My favorite resort to him is to ask if he has ever heard the story of your uncle and your aunt?' If he has he does not want to hear it again and is silent. If he has not and innocently falls into the trap by expressing a desire to hear it, I say in a solemn voice, 'If your aunt had been a man she would have been your uncle.'"

Members of Congress are very loth to take the 10 per cent. of their salaries in silver, and many of them have begged off on various pretences, so that the sergeant-at-arms of the House finds himself in possession of more of the dollars of the fathers which he knows not how to dispose of. The Treasurer refuses to exchange them, insisting that they must be paid out to relieve the Treasury of the plethora of silver, which is continually increasing under the law regulating the coinage.

The British are in terrible trouble in Afghanistan and it is feared that the force now in front of Cabul will be annihilated. It will be impossible to succor them in season and their deliverance from their precarious position must rest either with themselves or with the cowardice of their enemies.

The New York Sun loves Grant about as well as a mad dog loves water. It likens him unto Louis Napoleon and declares that Grant never shuddered at the flow of human blood, however large the stream. A patriot once, ambition instead of love of country now seems to be his animating spirit. He is the only American ever born since the Revolution who shows no reverence for the name and example of Washington.

AMERICAN CARRYING TRADE. The New York Tribune says a careful review of the shipping interests during the past fiscal year discloses facts of deep interest to the whole country. The steady decline of the American carrying trade continues. The quantity of goods exported and imported has greatly increased, but the ratio of the exports carried in American bottoms fell to 17 per cent., as compared with 22 per cent. the year before, and thus reached the lowest figure ever known, if we except the period of the late war.

A SIGNIFICANT FACT. We fully believe, says the New York Times, there are eminent Republicans of whom the Hon. E. B. Washburne may be taken as a type, with whom Republican success would be quite as secure as with Grant, but, at the same time, there can be no mistaking the fact that the unanimity with which men of all sections and all parties accept General Grant as the foremost American citizen of his time, will give to his candidacy, should he accept such a responsibility, a significance altogether new to our politics.

ADJOURNMENT FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Congress adjourned yesterday, at noon, for the holidays, to meet again on the 6th of January, 1880. In the Senate, previous to adjournment, the most important business transacted was the appointment of the committee by Mr. Wheeler to act on the resolution introduced by Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, to investigate the causes of the negro emigration from Southern to Northern States. The following Senators constitute the committee: Messrs. Voorhees, Vance, Pendleton, Windom and Blaine.

In the House the most important business was the appointment by the Speaker of the following committee on the 'Yorktown' Centennial Celebration: Messrs. Goode, of Virginia; Hall, of Vermont; Loring, of Mississippi; Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Hawley, of Connecticut; Muller, of New York; Brigham, of New Jersey; Dick, of Pennsylvania; Martin, of Delaware; Talbot, of Maryland; Davis, of North Carolina; Richardson, of South Carolina; and Persons, of Georgia.

Capt. Andrew Geddes and Lieut. R. D. Read, Jr., of the Tenth Cavalry, are in luck. The latter was lately convicted by court martial at Fort Davis of drunkenness; and, as the offence occurred while he was on duty as officer of the day, his comrades sentenced him to be dismissed from the service. Gen. Sherman and Ord recommended a commutation of this sentence, and R. B. Hayes made it consist only of the loss of the surplus of pay above \$600 during one year. Capt. Geddes was still more fortunate. He was found guilty at San Antonio of perjury and other conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and sentenced to be cashiered, dismissed from the service, and put in jail for three years; but R. B. Hayes found that technical errors had occurred in the trial, and the revising authority was of the opinion that the findings "are not fully sustained" by the evidence; so Capt. Geddes is released from arrest and returned to duty as an officer in good standing.—New York Sun.

The Sun might have gone a little further and narrated some of the luck which has attended Postmaster Tyler, of Baltimore. Some time ago he called a lady clerk into his office and there committed a gross and indecent assault on her person. She reported the fact and an investigation was ordered—an investigation, the result of which was concluded upon before the investigation began. The evidence was submitted to Hayes, and the announcement is now made known that Tyler has been exonerated and retained in his office while the lady has been dismissed in disgrace, all resting upon His Fraudulency's own sweet will.

GEN. GRANT'S POLITENESS.

If the story told in the New York Sun is true, then Gen. Grant does not seem to have profited much by his intercourse with crowned heads and high dignitaries during his dead-head tour of the world. We give the report as we find it: With a party of friends, including several ladies, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant dined the other evening in the public dining hall of the Palmer House in Chicago. Of course, when his presence became known, the guests of the hotel made a point to dine at the same hour. The room was full of fashionably dressed men and women. Grant's demeanor at the table was watched with natural curiosity, in order

to ascertain how far his manners had been improved by travel and intercourse with the upper circles of European society.

The table at which Gen. Grant and his friends were seated was remote from the entrance to the room. When the ex-president of the United States had finished his dinner he tipped his chair back, and without remark, drew from his pocket a cigar case. He deliberately selected a large Havana, bit off the end, called to the astonished waiter for a match, lighted the cigar, and sent clouds of smoke right and left and up toward the frescoed ceiling.

The guests at the other tables looked upon this proceeding with undisguised amazement. One lady arose and left the room. The ladies of Grant's party were somewhat embarrassed, and hastily made preparations to depart. Grant, however, exhibited perfect unconcern. He got up when his friends arose, and slowly walked the length of the room, his cigar firmly held at a sharp angle between his teeth, puffing vigorously away.

As soon as the ex-president's party had disappeared, and the murmur of disgust had subsided, a commercial traveler, who had been sitting not far from Grant, drew a cigar from his pocket, lighted it, and sauntered down the room. "This is a free country," he remarked, "and one citizen is as good as another, here or anywhere else."

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