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WEDNESDAY MORNING, Feb. 2, 1876.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We take pleasure in announcing that we have employed Mr. GEORGE W. HARDWICKE as general assistant in the editorial and business management of THE MORNING STAR. Mr. Hardwicke is a journalist of many years' experience in the various departments of the business. For seventeen years he was one of the editors and proprietors of the Lynchburg *Republican*, in which position he became widely and favorably known to the profession. His long and varied experience will make him a most valuable assistant to us; and we heartily congratulate our readers on his connection with THE MORNING STAR.

THE CURRENCY.

As is meet and right the subject of the currency is not permitted to disturb the harmony of the Democratic party in Congress. Some plan to reconcile differences between East and West will doubtless be devised, or the whole matter referred to the people in the Congress districts.—Among the schemes that have been recently promulgated that of Hon. R. M. T. Hunter is entitled to consideration, both on account of its intrinsic worth and the high reputation for financial ability of the author. He says we have not too much currency, and suggests the following solution of the financial question: The legal-tender notes he would make interconvertible with a Government stock, bearing a rate of interest which would make it equal to par in specie; the greenback he would gradually call in and cancel, and supply its place with legal-tenders, so that the same amount of currency, $750,000,000 should continue to be afloat. To call in the greenbacks, he would provide that one-half the custom dues should be payable either in legal-tenders or greenbacks; the greenbacks to be converted into United States stocks, now deposited, to redeem it at their market value. To the extent that these greenbacks were called in and cancelled, he would allow the Government to issue legal-tenders, interconvertible, as described, with a United States stock, bearing sufficient interest to raise it to par in specie, receivable as heretofore on public dues and for one-half the customs duties. That this entire amount is not too great for currency in the United States has been proved, he thinks, by actual experience, and if occasion for more should ever come we may safely leave it to that future day to decide for itself.

Speaker Kerr writes a letter to a Philadelphian courteously forbidding the use of his name in the Presidential contest. He very warmly presents the name of Governor Hendricks as his and his State's only candidate for the Presidency, and intimates that he regards Hendricks as the wisest nomination the Democrats could make this year. In this opinion a very large number of Democrats and Liberals both East and West concur.

Mr. Daniel Dechert, who is a well known Virginia newspaper man, has just launched the *Daily Border Express* at Danville. The *Express* is a taut and trim barque, and we hope will make her voyages successfully. If it shall become necessary brother Dechert must ask Congress for an appropriation to dredge the little Dan to make it deep enough for his purposes.

A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* intimates that the Republican Congressional Executive Committee is now an able one. At a late session John Hyman was put in to fill the North Carolina vacancy.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Prof. Harrington, of the University of Michigan, believes that adulterations are too common, but qualifies by saying: "I do not believe, though, that adulteration is so extensively practiced as it was in England in '50, when Hassell and the *Lancet* made the raid on the adulterators; nor do I believe that adulteration is so common as it is popularly supposed to be."

"Old Ebony"—*Blackwood*—is running two serial stories, though one of them, "Left Handed Elsa," is concluded in the number before us. The reader must not infer from this, however, that our venerable friend and visitor is light and giddy-headed. It has always been staid and sober as the Scotch character, allied with British toryism, could make it.

A Russian correspondent writes to the St. Louis *Globe Democrat* that there is to be a great European war, with, on one side, France, Austria and Russia, and on the other Germany, England and Turkey. If so, it will probably be a long time before it begins.

One of T. B. Peterson's 25 cent-novels just issued is Mrs. Henry Wood's "My Husband's First Love." It is sold by Heinsberger.

NEWSPAPER OPINION.

The Springfield *Republican* observes that the Chicago *Tribune* and the Cincinnati *Commercial* are making agreeable remarks about Blaine, but suspects they are all the time thinking about a man named Washburne.

Our candidate—James G. Blaine. Our motto—"As goes Maine, so goes the Union."—*Bangor Whig and Courier.*

Then, if Blaine should happen to go to Jericho, we suppose the Union would follow him.—*Richmond Whig.*

Now, can't some Democratic Committee somewhere cause requisition to be made for a dozen of the Radicals, who came to South Carolina when their first tarrying place grew too hot for comfort? They are not all members of the Legislature.—*Charleston News and Courier.*

STAR-DUST.

— Religion is a little like ether in one respect—it evaporates unless you look after it carefully.

— Nearly 5,000,000 cans of lobsters were put up on the shores of Nova Scotia in 1875.

— Helen Eliza Benson, wife of William Lloyd Garrison, died at Boston Highlands on the 25th instant.

— All the boot shops at Spencer, Mass., are running on eight-hour time, but at fifteen per cent. reduced wages.

— The recently reported misfortune to Anton Rubinstein, the pianist, in contradicted by Theodore Steinway.

— Count Von Moltke, the great German military hero and teacher of the art of war, figures in a synod of Christians.

— The Baltimore *Gazette* is obliged to threaten loafers in its office with dynamite in order to get rid of them.

— The female shoe operatives in Lynn, Mass., have organized a protective association called "The Daughters of St. Crispin."

— Fifteen newspapers devoted exclusively to music and the drama are published in Milan, and either of them will undertake to give a student "a continental reputation" for about $2.

—"The water we drink," says the Boston *Transcript*, "costs us $5,000,000." Then, why don't you take your whiskey straight? You would soon come to like it that way as well as any other.—*Courier-Journal.*

— Nearly three hundred years ago Shakspeare wrote: "Joan, la Pucelle, shall be France's saint." The contemplated canonization of the Maid of Orleans would seem to stamp the Swan of Avon as a seer.

— The pay-rolls of the municipal departments of New York for January are being prepared at the reduced salaries, and there is much dissatisfaction among the subordinates, who will receive from five to twenty per cent. less than has heretofore been paid them.

Life Lengthened.

Dr. Hall, in his excellent *Journal of Health*, gives the following sensible and suggestive rules under the above heading:

1. Cultivate an equal temper; many have fallen dead in a fit of passion.

2. Eat regularly, not over thrice a day, and nothing between meals.

3. Go to bed at regular hours. Get up as soon as you wake of yourself, and do not sleep in the day-time—at least not longer than ten minutes before noon.

4. Work always by the day, and not by the job.

5. Stop working before you are very much tired—before you are "fagged out."

6. Cultivate a generous and accommodating temper.

7. Never cross a bridge before you come to it; this will save you half the troubles of life.

8. Never eat when you are not hungry, nor drink when you are not thirsty.

9. Let your appetite always come uninvited.

10. Cool off in a place greatly warmer than the one in which you have been exercising. This simple rule would prevent incalculable sickness and save millions of lives every year.

11. Never resist a call of nature for a single moment.

12. Never allow yourself to be chilled through and through; it is this which destroys so many every year, in a few days' sickness, from pneumonia—called by some lung fever—or inflammation of the lungs.

13. Whoever drinks no liquids at meals will add years of pleasurable existence to his life. Of cold or warm drinks the former is the most pernicious. Drinking at meals induces persons to eat more than they otherwise would, as any one can verify by experiment; and it is in excess in eating which decimates the land with sickness, suffering and death.

14. After fifty years of age, if not a day laborer, and sedentary persons at forty, should eat but twice a day—in the morning and about four in the afternoon; for every organ without adequate rest will "give out" prematurely.

15. Begin early to be under the benign influence of the Christian religion, for it "has the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

A Colored Man Ejected from the Cincinnati Opera House.

T. McCants Stewart, colored, a member of the firm of Elliott, Stewart & Straker, attorneys at law in Columbia, for having been forcibly removed from a seat which he had taken on the floor of the gallery in the Opera House during Booth's performance of Hamlet, now brings an action for assault and battery against Policeman Cooper, who ejected him by Mr. Ford's direction. The matter will be heard before a colored Trial Justice during the coming week, and bids fair to be of some interest, as Col. Youmans and Speaker Elliott appear on opposite sides of the question.

A Warning to Brides.

[N. Y. Times.]

It is impossible not to feel a lively sympathy for the bereaved bride whose husband is snatched from her at the foot of the altar or in front of the private desk of the officiating justice of the peace, as the case may be. Especially is such a bride to be pitied when she loses through her own carelessness a husband whom she has caught after protracted and skillful effort. Such is the misfortune which has just befallen a Massachusetts bride, and her story is one which conveys a wholesome lesson to expert but over-confident widows.

The bride in question, while yet a blooming and energetic widow, met with an elderly gentleman of eighty years of age, and an indefinite quantity of bonds and stock certificates. In spite of the opposition of his family she convinced him that it was his duty to marry the trusting and ingenious woman who had lavished upon him her priceless and experienced affections. It is not a matter of very great difficulty for a skillful widow, or other astute woman, to hook an elderly gentleman. The real difficulty is in landing him. When once he is fastened by his promise he must be played with great care, or he will escape before he is finally gaffed by an efficient marriage ceremony. Until then he is always prone to seek refuge in accessible places, from which neither coaxing nor petting can dislodge him, or to suddenly break his promise and dart away into some secret and secure hiding place. In the present instance the Massachusetts widow played her prize so firmly and tenderly that he was finally successfully landed. Unfortunately, she then relaxed her vigilance, not dreaming that he would so far revive as to leap back into his original celibacy and accomplish his escape. Let other widows note her carelessness and its consequences, and save themselves from disappointment and humiliation.

No sooner was the marriage ceremony ended than the happy bride directed her husband to run back to his house and bring his bonds and mortgages, so that they might begin to enjoy a happy honeymoon. The husband went, but as soon as he had entered his house he was seized by his relatives and safely locked up. He had made a will in their favor, and they had no intention of allowing it to be made by a new and unwelcome wife. His prolonged absence disturbed the bride who sent a carriage to hasten his return, but the carriage came back empty, and the driver's mind was too much confused by strong language, broken crockery and pails of water to explain the reason why his presentation of a written order to "deliver to bearer one (1) elderly bridegroom" had given rise to so much vigorous discussion. The bride at once comprehended the true state of affairs. She armed herself with a pistol and a stout Irishman and stormed her husband's prison. The battle was short but fierce. From his remote dungeon, the imprisoned husband could be heard cheering on the assailants, but there were too many bolts on the front door, too many determined maiden sisters, and too much available crockery in the house to render its capture possible by the assaulting column. The bride was beaten back, after performing prodigies of valor with a long pole against the parlor windows, and has since appealed to the law for assistance. A suit for the forcible theft of a valuable husband, whose photograph is annexed to the complaint, and marked "Schedule A," is now pending, and it remains to be seen whether a Massachusetts court recognizes the right of property in husbands, or whether it looks upon them as *ferae naturae*, and hence incapable of being made the subject of an action for trover and conversion.

The lesson conveyed by this affecting narrative hardly needs to be emphasized. It is a warning to widows never to let a freshly-caught husband pass out of their hands, but to carry him off the moment the marriage ceremony is completed, and to keep him locked up until his spirit is broken and the rage of his relatives has subdued.

First a Girl, Afterward a Boy, and at Last a Man.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

Carl Hohman, a German hermaphrodite, was the subject of a lecture before the Louisville Medical University on Wednesday last. The individual appeared in person and afforded some wonderful curiosities in anatomical technicalities. As the male element in the creature predominates, he is called a man and is married, but without children. His wife accompanies him in his travels and explains freely to the professors the mysteries of the conjugal relations between herself and her companion. The man was christened as a female at Mellrichstadt, Germany, and for several years was entitled to the name of Catharine Hohman. His face on the right side is masculine, and on the left of feminine cast. He wears upon his chin a small patch of whiskers, and in strange contradiction has large, well-developed breasts, resembling those of a female. He is a rare specimen of the many very singular freaks which nature takes.

New Styles in Novels.

Webster City, says a Burlington paper, rejoices in a local novelist who is publishing her earliest efforts in the local papers. "Behold, behold the mune." "The mune, me lord?" "Ay, mune; wherefore doestest thou echoest me?" "Good me lord, I echoest nobody." "Then, thank heaven, we are saved."

Great Poets the Form and Product of the Age.

[Baltimore Gazette.]

We hazard the belief that neither Goethe nor Shakspeare was more the natural product of his age than Dante. He seems, in miniature, the Italian world of his day; his material was ready made to his hand; because his was the master mind *he saw things*; because he saw them clearly he pictured them well. Shakspeare was the heir of the liberated intellect, the heroic force, splendid energy, and the plastic language of the spacious times of great Elizabeth; he is so great because he cast these into imperishable forms. Dante is no less the heritor of an intense devotional realism, and he is so great because he moulded into immortal music the dark shudder of mediævalism.

Filippine Moralizing.

Henry Watterson, throwing the lemon and sodden sugar out of the window, Frenchly moralizes on the Mackensie elopement by saying: "She is gone, this Candian beauty, and Brydges with her; and where's the good of recalling her, and what use is she now to anybody? The world is no wiser and no better than before. The ignorant are led astray. The vicious follow their desires. Those that have the pretext of domestic infelicity affect to do the best they can, and some go up and some go down, while the productive cause, such as it is, goes on forever. Wives and daughters never fall for nothing. The fault is always with the man, not the woman."

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