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OUR NATIONAL HUMILIATION.

But a few months ago we were exulting over our great victories, which were truly something to be thankful for and to be joyous over. The world looked admiringly at us, but this admiration is now largely turned to disgust at the results of our investigation muddle. Most of the testimony for a time seemed to be favorable to the management of the army and it excited the comment that too much was expected, and that it was not realized that a war campaign means hardship and some suffering, hence so much complaint. In the meantime it began to leak out that Gen. Miles was not taken into the confidence of the administration and really had some grievances. When it came to his turn to give evidence to the committee of inquiry he created quite a sensation about the bad quality of beef furnished the soldiers. He read numerous letters from lower officers which convinced the public mind that there was need of investigation. Many of the soldiers said the beef was repulsive and absolutely nasty. Some of it could not be eaten, and some when eaten made the soldiers sick. It is believed that beef treated by experimental process similar to embalming dead bodies was palmed off on the government. Gen. Miles complained too that fresh beef of good quality could have been obtained from the natives, especially in Porto Rico, but that the commissary general would not furnish this, but kept sending the refrigerated and the canned beef.

This testimony stung Commissary Gen. Eagan, who testified before the committee of inquiry and assailed Gen. Miles in language so discourteous, rough, and absolutely offensive as to shock the finer senses and convince the public of his unfitness to hold any office of honor. His language is so disrespectful to a superior officer as to render him a subject for court martial and dismissal from the army.

Now it is said right freely in the public press that Gen. Alger is wholly unfit to be Secretary of war, though he is an unworthy pet of the President's, and that his crookedness and deficiency quickly wrought alienation from Gen. Miles.

Whether Gen. Eagan had much or little provocation he certainly went too far in his discourtesy.

Witnesses had been promised immunity for giving testimony involving higher officials, and Gen.

Eagan has this to fall back upon, yet testimony is one thing and meditated insult is another. To us it looks like Gen. Eagan should be dismissed from the army, but it is freely charged that he was only a little beyond what the secretary and even the President wanted him to be, and that he will not be reprimanded even.

Thus the affair has assumed the proportions of a first class scandal and probably the nations look on with amazement that a nation so valiant in war can not organize with officials above the weaknesses established or made to appear.

The affair is humiliating enough and deserves rigid scrutiny so as to place blame as nearly where it belongs as possible and to establish innocence and faithfulness where they exist.

Since writing the above we see that Gen. Eagan has withdrawn and retracted the objectionable parts, agreeing that he should not have said them, but claims that he had great provocation. Some means of punishment is spoken of, but proceedings are not yet instituted. It does not wipe the ugly stains from the nation's escutcheon, however.

Precious Metals.

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—John J. Valentine, president of the Wells Fargo & Co. express, has issued the annual statement of the production of precious metals in the states and territories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and the Northwest territory for the year 1898. The aggregate valuations are shown as: Gold, \$78,461,202; silver, \$39,016,565; copper, \$46,200,848; lead, \$13,344,251. Total gross results \$177,022,666. The year's combined product of the metals named is the greatest in the history of the United States of America and British Columbia and the Northwest territory—that of gold, \$78,461,202, being above any previous record officially reported and the world's output of gold for 1898, approximately \$280,000,000 is amazing. The most notable increases have been in South Africa, \$25,000,000; the British possessions of the Northwest \$6,000,000; Australia \$6,000,000 and the United States of America \$5,000,000.

North Carolina's Negro Judge.

It is a piece of news to North Carolinians that the State ever had a negro judge. A Chattanooga dispatch of the 14th says one S L Hutchins and others have applied for a charter for colonizing the negroes somewhere in the West with a view to Statehood. The dispatch further says that this S L Hutchins was circuit judge in North Carolina in the reconstruction days and came nearer giving satisfaction to the whites in his circuit than any negro who ever held a like office.

We suppose the news brings a smile to our lawyers. This coming from a point in the South, in an adjoining State and a city not far from our borders, makes it somewhat surprising.

The Governor's Reasons.

This is the day on which Gov. Russell promised to produce to the General Assembly his reasons for deposing the two Wilsons from the board of railroad commissioners. The document will be seized upon with eagerness to see what defense he will make for what is generally understood to have been a spiteful act.

While There is Life There is Hope.

I was afflicted with catarrh; could neither taste or smell and could hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured it.—Marcus G Shantz, Rahway, N. J.

The Balm reached me safely and the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. Respectfully, Mrs. Franklin Freeman, Dover, N. H.

A 10c. trial size or the 50c. size of Ely's Cream Balm will be mailed. Kept by druggists. Ely Brothers 56 Warren St., N. Y.

Two years ago when the Legislature was in session nearly every member of that body wanted an office either for himself, for some son or daughter, or relative. It was the greatest gang of pie-seekers that ever assembled. Note the contrast: The present Legislature passed a resolution that no member nor any son of a member of the body was to be appointed to any office within the gift of the same. No one can ever say that the Legislature of 1899 was a "set of miserable pie-hunters" as has been said of some of our past General Assemblies.—Lexington Dispatch.

Voting time has arrived in the Pennsylvania legislature that is to determine whether Quay is to be his own successor. There are those who would otherwise vote for him who will not as he is under indictment. The probabilities are that he will wear out the opposition and triumph despite the many stigmas attached to his name. It will be a pity if he can't be succeeded by a purer man.

Sunday at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Daniel Safrin, Miss Nina Elizabeth Safrin was married to Mr. Henry Bernhardt. Mr. Bernhardt lives near Concord. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L E Busby in the presence of a small number of friends.—Salisbury Sun.

It seems not an unwise suggestion by the Statesville Landmark that the pardoning power be removed from the Governor and placed with a pardoning board. The pardoning power is so much abused as to lessen the dread of punishment.

The Baptist Meeting.

Remember the meeting at the Baptist church. Services every evening at 3 and 7.30 at night. Come out to the help of the Lord. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the meetings were not largely attended yesterday and last night, but services were conducted all the same. Come rain or shine. C.

The Pittsboro Record says there is a form of swindling as follows: Small packages of needles are sent to ladies whose names are obtained. After a while a bill is sent.

Frederick Rheinstein, the head of the leading dry goods house in Wilmington, died suddenly Monday of grip.

It requires over \$300,000 a year to run the Crystal Palace in London, and it barely pays itself.—Ex.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Sarah Jane Poteat, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the said deceased to present same, duly proven, on or before January 17th, 1900, to the undersigned administrator or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This, the 17th day of January, 1899.
S W POTEAT,
Administrator.
feb 23.

THE RACKET STORE

TWO - SPECIALS.

Over 100 hundred pieces of Embroidery (no two alike) containing 8,896 y'ds. These goods were made up for a Special customer, but he kicked at the long lengths and threw them back on the Manufacturers hands. We bought them in at a special discount for spot cash and will give you the benefit of our purchase. These goods vary from 3-4 to 27 inches wide.

870 yards at 8c. yard.	118 1-2 "	10c. yard.
782 " " 4c. "	141 " "	12 1-2c. "
808 1-2 " " 5c. "	19 " "	20c. "
655 " " 6 1/2c. "	9 " "	25c. "
048 1-2 " " 7 1-2c. yard.	9 " "	27 1-1c. "

The bulk of these goods would be cheap at 25 to 33 1-8 per cent. more but the quantity is larger than we care to handle at regular prices, for our stock on hands January 1st amounted to 745 y'ds, making our present stock over 4,000 yards. In looking through the 12 1-2c. lot we found the same goods we're selling at 18c. while the same discount does not run through the entire line. We can assure you you can save money on every yard, whether it is 8c. or 27 1-2c. goods.

Special No. 2.

Almost an unlimited quantity of Ladies' and Children's White Lawn and Swiss Handkerchiefs with one-half inch hems at 2 1-2c. each. These goods would readily sell for 5 to 10c each were they hemstitched. They are good enough for children to loose. Come buy all you want, the more the better we'll be pleased.

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