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Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4, 1877.

The following items relative to Confederate war prices during the last years of the war are interesting to note: In the spring of 1865 a barrel of flour sold in Richmond for \$1,200; a pound of bacon, \$25, and the price of sugar was \$75 per pound. Turkeys sold at \$25 per pound, butter \$50 per pound, egg \$30 per dozen, and apples \$5 a piece, while other necessities of life were dear in proportion. It seems scarcely possible that such a state of affairs existed only twelve years ago. We think the colored race has almost stood still since its emancipation; but when we come to consider how the war found and left it, we cannot fail of seeing wonderful advancement. I have been interested in ascertaining about the standing of this matter in the District of Columbia, and have been amazed that so large a number of those beings who were indeed but little above the brute only a decade ago, should have made such progress. I am astonished to hear numbers converse intelligently, giving evidence of taste, refinement, education and intellectual culture. Howard University educates and prepares negroes for the ministry, and every year sends into the South preachers and workers among their own people. The colored schools are all taught by colored teachers, who have been prepared for their work at a normal school established shortly after the war in this city for the purpose. A need is greatly felt now for more of these schools here. Those now established are full, and hundreds of children pass their time in the streets, who would be in school were there any accommodation for them. A wide-spread interest now exists throughout the country concerning the destiny of this race of people. Many deep thinkers contend that it is doomed to extinction, taking the ground from the fact of the undue mortality among them and the steady decrease in their percentage. The Siberian Emigration movement still goes on in the South, though discouragements are thrown before it at every step. The last objection presented to the blacks is that they cannot live in the climate of Siberia, after dwelling in America for more than a century. But they are still agitating the movement, and hundreds of thousands have already joined the emigration bands.

Our city has not worn a very merry aspect of late. The "Huron" disaster spread a very dismal pall over many a home here, and the whole town felt the effects, for the officers of the unfortunate vessel were all well known here. One of the singular things now brought to light in connection with this accident, is the following: Last March while the "Huron" was lying in the harbor of Port Royal, S. C., Lieut. Fletcher, her executive officer, left the vessel on a twenty-four hours' leave of absence and, failing to return at the expiration of that time, the ship sailed for another port without him. Upon Fletcher's return, he reported to Com. Celtz, "senior naval officer present," and told him that sometime previous he had had a presentiment that if he finished the cruise (two years) he would perish by shipwreck, and that, failing in his efforts to get detached, he had purposely absented himself till the "Huron" should have sailed. For this offence he was placed under arrest and tried by court martial at the Navy Yard in this city last August, his only defence being that he was so possessed of the idea mentioned, so haunted with it in fact, that it was impossible for him to go. For my own part I am not superstitious enough to believe premonitions of this sort, but the case in question is a matter of record on file at the Navy Department, and, no doubt Mr. Fletcher is fully convinced that his warning has proven to be a true one by the wreck of the Kitty Hawk.

Vatican Statistics.

Pius IX. is the 252nd Pope. Of these, 15 were French, 13 Greeks, 8 Syrians, 6 Germans, 5 Spaniards, 2 Africans, 2 Savoisiens, 2 Dalmatians; England, Portugal, Holland, Switzerland, and Canada furnishing one each; Italy provided the rest. Since 1523 all the Popes have been selected from Italian Cardinals. Seventy Bishops of Rome; belonging, with very few exceptions, to the epoch preceding the establishment of the Temporal Power, have been proclaimed Saints. Of the two hundred and fifty-two Pontiffs, not including St. Peter, eight died within a month of their elevation to the Papedom, 40 within a year, 22 were seated between one and two years, 54 from two to five years, 57 from five to ten years, 51 from ten to fifteen years, 18 from fifteen to twenty years, and 9 more than twenty. Pius IX. in the years of his pontificate, surpassed in 1874 all the Roman Pontiffs, except the Spanish anti-Pope, Benedict XIII., Luna, who, elected at Avignon in 1394, died at Pensacola, near Valencia, in 1424. In respect of age, he has been surpassed as yet by a very great number of his predecessors. There died at the age of over 82 years Alexander VIII. (1689-91), Pius VI. (1775-99); at 83 years Paul IV. (1555-59), Gregory XIII. (1572-85), Innocent X., (1644-55), Benedict XIV. (1740-58), Pius VII. (1800-24), between 84 and 86 years, Paul III. (1534-49), Boniface VIII. (1294-1303), Clement X. (1670-76), Innocent XII. (1691-1700), between 90 and 92 years, John XII, Pope of Avignon, (1316-34), Clement XII. (1730-40), at the age of 100 years, Gregory IX. (1237-41), nephew of Innocent III, the most violent adversary of Frederick II, forced on several occasions to flee from Rome. Up to the present during the distinctly historical epoch, no Pope has died between 86 and 90 years of age; the only one who surpassed 92 died a centenarian.

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"Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just," says Shakespeare. "And four times he who gets his blow in fust," adds the Cincinnati Breakfast Table.  
A Massachusetts girl swallowed a hair pin about six weeks ago and was married three days afterward. Now then, girls, it's risky; but you can't get anything good without some risk.—Hawkeye.  
By order of the Duke of Argyle all the workmen on the Inveraray estate have received £1 additional to their pay, as a recognition of their services in saving the Castle and its contents from the fire.

A Ten Thousand Dollar Breach of Promise Suit.

Some years ago, as it often happens, a young lady and gentleman became acquainted, and in time their attachment ripened into a stronger feeling. Shortly after, the young man went to California, in hopes of making a fortune, where he remained for two or three years, while she, a young lady of good education, taught school in different parts of the county. As a matter of course, correspondence was carried on regularly, and she carefully kept his letters, that she might have them as a memento, should he not return, not dreaming at all that those precious epistles should at some future time be useful in a court of law, for the edification of Judge and jury, and the amusement of those who frequent courts of justice. About a year ago he returned to his native place, but it seems that living under a Republican Government has somewhat changed his ideas on matrimonial matter. He refused to marry her; whereupon she brought an action for breach of promise against our brave hero for ten thousand dollars, as damages for blighted affections, &c.  
Moral.—Don't trifle with the affections of school ma'ams unless you are prepared to pay heavy damages.—Amherst Sentinel.

The Trial of the English Detectives.

The jury was only forty-five minutes out in consultation. The demeanor of Meiklejohn on hearing the verdict, and subsequently the sentence, was wonderfully calm and impassive. In the words of my informant, "he never turned a hair," but maintained throughout the sullen, gloomy expression which has characterized him during the whole of the trial. The few words which he addressed to the Judge were pronounced without a falter. Druscovich, too, was calm. He did not seem disposed to say anything, and it was not till his counsel, Mr. Douglas Straight, turned towards him and said in an urgent tone, "Druscovich, if you have anything to say, say it now," that he opened his lips. His remark that he would not have set up the defence he had if he had not wished to screen some of his brother officers, was very significant, and he made it all the more so by the look which he cast at one or two of his colleagues in the dock. Clarke's acquittal, which was pronounced by the foreman of the jury with marked emphasis, was hailed by the crowd with a loud, genuine cheer of satisfaction; and Clark himself, who had evidently been expecting it, brushed his forehead with a rapid movement of his left hand, and cast a radiant glance round the court. Then he stepped back quickly in the dock out of the row of his colleagues, as if he would say, "Thank God, I am not in that lot." Palmer's appeal for mercy brought tears to many eyes. As the mention of wife and family—he has six children who will be totally unprovided for—his voice broke with emotion, and on sinking down upon his seat he leant upon the front of the dock, with his face in his hands, and sobbed. Froggatt's appeal, though less dramatic, was also touching; he almost gasped for mercy, so to speak. All the prisoners received their sentences with downcast eyes and in silence, except Froggatt, who threw up his hands and exclaimed, "My God! Do make it less, my Lord." He seemed to have been expecting clemency. As the prisoners were being conducted from the dock to the cells below the Court, Clarke seized Palmer's hand and pressed it affectionately. They are old friends, not professionally, but privately. This long trial having thus come to an end, the Court was speedily cleared, though not without a threat from the Judge that he would commit some persons who, having heard all that they deemed to be of interest in the case, greatly disturbed the latter portion of the proceedings by their noisy endeavor to leave the Court. It is said that Kurr and Benson left large sums in cash and property to be taken care of until their penal servitude has expired.

Dr. Shelton Mackenzie says: "I once had in my hand the printed report of a trial for murder, and this little book was bound in part of the tanned skin of the murderer, who had been hanged."

The Countess of Aberdeen, who was married about a fortnight ago, has been robbed of "wedding presents" to the value of about £6,000. The robbery occurred at Halsted Place, Sevenoaks. The thieves, as in similar previous robberies, gained admission to the dressing-room by a ladder while the family were in the lower apartments. £500 reward is offered for the capture of the delinquents.

A smile went round St. George's church, Oshawa, one Sunday recently. A legal gentleman had given orders to a local tradesman to upholster and carpet his pew, and the recipient proceeded to act thereupon. On Sunday a gentleman who occupies the pew adjoining to that of the legal gentleman aforesaid, was very much astonished on going to church to find his pew most luxuriously fitted up, and the legal gentleman was very much astonished to find that his was not. The wrong pew had been upholstered. The two owners stared at their pews and the rest of the congregation stared at the owners, and smiled broadly until the difficulty (contrary to all legal precedent), was settled amicably by the two families changing seats.

THE AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIP.—The championship of the world is an anomaly. It was supposed to have been won at the Centennial regatta by the great Toronto oarsman, who, at that time surprised all but his most intimate friends by his prowess, having vanquished all competitors. Still it was claimed by the English champion until a "soldier of fortune"—a provincial unknown—appeared under the very noses of the Britons, and grasped the bauble of fame which attaches to the world's championship. This he journeyed with to far-off Australia, and now feels secure in its possession. The American championship is held at Pittsburgh, but the great oarsman of the day—unvanquished Courtney—has neither the championship of the world nor of his country, simply because his advent on professional water has been too recent to admit of the perfection of arrangements for a championship match.—Boston Herald.