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CHOPS AND TOMATO SAUCE.

From the N. Y. Tribune. The anti-administration newspapers, in their anxiety either to injure Gen. Grant personally, or to affect the November elections, are making a use of the developments of the gold conspiracy which long ago passed the limits of propriety and is now becoming ridiculous.

Of course, if Grant was in the ring, the conspirators could have the market all their own way. There would be no need of buying up other officers, corrupting General Butterfield, corrupting General Porter, tapping telegraph wires, or persuading the President to increase the volume of currency, on the pretext that it was needed for the movement of the crops.

The testimony upon which these extraordinary accusations against the President's integrity are based is like nothing in history or fiction, except the celebrated letters put in evidence by the counsel for the plaintiff in the suit of Bardell vs. Pickwick. Mr. Corbin is a member of the ring, and General Grant has the misfortune to be his brother-in-law.

There is one part in the confession of Mr. Jay Gould which deserves, perhaps, another word. He says that Mr. Corbin represented the profits on a certain transaction in gold to be for the benefit of Mrs. Grant.

Rebellion. 'Ties of trade' were as nothing when a patriotic duty was to be performed.

So it will be still. The West is the growing power on this continent, and perhaps these Northern seaboard States have not as yet begun to realize the import of its growth. The South, on the contrary, cultivates it assiduously. The various commercial conventions exhibit West and South in intimate fellowship.

But, politically considered, the West is more likely to control the South than to be controlled by it. On fiscal and financial questions they are probably not far apart. When, however, Georgia Democrats take ground against the Union policy which the West and the North, united, shaped and sustain, they commit an egregious blunder.

Our Minister at the Tuileries. The Hon. Elihu B. Washburne, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States near the Court of the Tuileries, finds himself straitened for pecuniary means to keep up the dignity of his station.

Some of our plain, hard-working citizens may perhaps want to know how Minister Washburne contrives to spend so much money. His \$17,000 a year, gold, is equal to about \$22,000 in currency, and one would think that that ought to suffice even for a foreign minister.

When a man of such stern and incorruptible virtue as Washburne falls in resisting the blandishments of European diplomatic life, what hope is there for weaker aspirants?

PRESIDENT GRANT AND THE GOLD RING.

The thickening mass of embarrassing disclosures, and particularly the circumstantial statements of Mr. Jay Gould, printed in several of the city papers on Thursday, bring the operations of the gold gamblers so nearly home to General Grant, that something more seems necessary, in the way of explanation.

THE WEST AND THE SOUTH.

From the N. Y. Times. From the doings of the Louisville Convention some Southern journalists are deriving strange lessons. From things commercial they pass to things political. Business intercourse they make a foundation for a partisan compact, with resuscitated Democracy as its ultimate result.

The West, too, was claimed by the South as its natural ally. Then, as now, 'ties of trade' and 'a common interest' were phrases with which Southern people cheated themselves into a belief that the West would sooner or later help them. The mistake did not last long. The West never for a moment hesitated. It was a unit for the Union. And it contributed more freely than any other part of the country to the power that crushed the

of bonds to be carried with this margin on account of the President.

4. That Mr. Gould had a personal interview with the President in the summer, at Corbin's house, in which the President told Gould that no gold would be sold before the 1st of November, beyond the regular monthly two millions, and that this information was the basis of the speculation.

5. That Mrs. Grant was in the speculation; half a million of gold having been purchased on her account at 122, which was sold when the price had risen to 137, and the profit, amounting to \$25,000, was remitted to her.

6. That when Secretary Boutwell had decided to sell gold and break down the speculation, the President gave a peremptory order to Boutwell forbidding the sale, and that this order was given at the instigation of Corbin.

7. That the final order for the sale of gold was not given until after Corbin had represented to the President that he was out of the speculation.

Everybody must perceive that this is a most damaging array of facts, if the allegations of Mr. Gould are to be accepted as true. They are fatal to Corbin, ruinous to Butterfield, derogatory to Mrs. Grant, and they compromise the President himself, as it cannot easily be believed that Mrs. Grant would have gone into so heavy an operation as the purchase of half a million of gold without the knowledge and connivance of her husband.

Why does not Mr. Corbin come before the public with a formal and circumstantial denial? He is an old journalist and a recent contributor to the editorial columns of the Times; a man accustomed to address the public through the press, and perfectly competent to his own defense, if he has a defensible case.

General Butlerfield has not cleared himself, and is not removed. The vindication which he attempted a few mornings since in the Times is sufficient to condemn him. His very exculpation is inconsistent with his probity as an officer.

If it had been Andrew Johnson, instead of Clydes Grant, to whom such facts had been brought so nearly home, how all the Republican organs would have howled! What a clamor their world would have raised!

It is doubly painful and mortifying that the accumulation of new evidence renders his simple denial insufficient, and calls for more ample and conclusive rebutting testimony.

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