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FRESH TRIBULATION FOR MEXICO.

From our sister republic, as we are so given to calling her, come advices of the same old and chronic tenor. Mr. Seward is still persecuting the country, and being made the recipient of the highest honors, both by the authorities and the masses of the people.

Towards the close of December, he visited the ruins of the sacred city of the Aztecs, Cholula, and, being received with great state and much formality by the Indian authorities at the foot of the Pyramid which still recalls the sanguinary religious practices of the aborigines, delivered his customary address, in the course of which we stumble on the following passage:—

"From this place, at once so sacred and imposing, I must take leave to say to all States and Nations that Mexico neither needs nor desires foreign protection, that she is capable of independence and self-government, and susceptible of friendship; but that in her case, as in all others, those who would enjoy her friendship must offer her, on their part, a friendship which, though it may not be benevolent, must at least be sincere and disinterested."

Those words certainly embody the hopes, if not the faith of the American people. The course adopted by our Government towards Mexico during the attempt of Louis Napoleon to set up an empire on the ruins of the republic, was one of entire candor and perfect good will, and Mr. Seward, whatever may have been his shortcomings in other respects, is entitled to the gratitude of the people of both countries for the ability and statesmanship which characterized his foreign policy on this point.

Yet it must be insisted upon that the grand oration which the Mexican people have tendered the Minister of State who rendered them such signal service, has tended to exact from him a compliment not altogether deserved, in the light of their past history and present condition. That "Mexico neither needs nor desires foreign protection," all Americans will admit, especially when that foreign protection assumes the character which distinguished Louis Napoleon's kindly offices. That she is gratified for such moral assistance as the United States could consistently and safely bestow, and would not have turned her back upon more material aid, her reception of Mr. Seward amply testifies; and that she will never in the future need our practical protection, the defeat of the Maximilian scheme does not render quite certain.

In the spirit which pervades the people of both countries, such protection is not regarded as foreign, but as entirely consistent with the absolute independence of Mexico and the entire disinterestedness of the United States, as far, at least, as any designs upon the territory of the former country are concerned.

But when it comes to Mr. Seward's next assertion, that Mexico "is capable of independence and self-government," a fear that the ex-Secretary has striven hard to be complimentary must be expressed. Never since the overthrow of Maximilian has the country been in a more deplorable and perilous condition than it now is. The insurrection in the mountains of Puebla is represented by trustworthy and friendly correspondents as being of a very serious character, and the effort to suppress it demands the attention of an entire division of the Federal troops, together with the State forces of Puebla and Tlaxcala.

With this trouble still on his hands, President Juarez was recently disturbed by a serious irregularity of the people of San Luis Potosi, who, in combination with the National Guard, took possession of the capital, Governor, and entire Legislature of the State, and demanded forthwith that the central government should order a new election, on the ground that the recent elections by which the obnoxious officials were placed in power had been conducted unfairly.

While these events were transpiring, the federal troops in San Luis held aloof, their sympathies being evidently enlisted on the side of the insurrectionists; and when they were finally ordered by Juarez to suppress the revolt and reinstate the deposed government, they openly joined hands with the people and the National Guard. The situation is therefore one involving even more than usual peril, and the fear is expressed that the Federal Government, with the limited force at its command, will be unable to carry its point.

ported by European powers, it will evidently be necessary for the United States to step in and with a strong hand bring her people to their senses at last. An American protectorate has long been talked about, and the present unhappy state of affairs would seem to point to it as the only possible salvation of our so-called sister republic.

A SENATORIAL CONTEST.

THE resignation of his seat in the Senate by the Hon. James W. Grimes has given rise to an animated contest in Iowa over the succession, but the struggle is at last at an end, and its results have given another illustration of the inherent evils of our political system.

The one man in Iowa who, above all others, has a claim to state-manship and was deserving of the honor and equal to the responsibilities of the position, the Hon. James F. Wilson, late a member of the House of Representatives, was defeated in the Republican caucus of the members of the Legislature. This was a bad beginning. Mr. Wilson's long residence in Washington eminently qualified him for taking an influential stand in the Senate, where his experience would have been of great benefit to his State, as well as to the country.

A SEVEN PER CENT. RATE OF INTEREST.

A BILL has been introduced in the State Legislature fixing the legal rate of interest in the absence of specific contracts at seven per cent., and we trust it will meet with a better fate than the measures of a similar character which have been introduced in former years.

THE ARKANSAS journals claim that a mulberry tree which is a native of and grows luxuriantly in that State is remarkably well adapted to the nourishment of silkworms, and as a proof of what can be done in a practical way one of the young ladies of Arkansas, with the aid of the simplest machinery, manufactured seven pounds of silk, which was exhibited at the State Fair and attracted much attention.

LANDS IN LIMBO.

THERE is not a decent man or woman in the community that does not rejoice at the conviction of S. M. Landis on the charge of circulating indecent publications. For years the course of this man has been a scandal to Philadelphia, and it almost seemed as if the law had no power to place any check upon his vile practices.

THE EXTRADITION QUESTION.

THE CANADIAN papers take a very sensible view of the Caldwell extradition case, basing their position, however, rather on the ground that the Dominion is in danger of becoming the "sanctuary of frauds and felons," than on that of good will and good faith towards the United States.

LOPEZ.

LATER advices confirm the report that the Paraguayan war is at last at an end, and state that Lopez is wandering through the forests of Brazil, at the head of a few followers only. It was to be hoped that the budget of news by the same arrival at Lisbon, "from Paraguayan sources," would confirm this story, and enable us to believe for once that the power of the Dictator is utterly broken.

THE NATIONAL Woman's Suffrage Convention meets in Washington this week, and a new affliction of baldness and vanity may be anticipated. The "national woman" is an intolerable nuisance, and of all the bores of America she is the most absurd. It is impos-

sible to show too much respect for the true women of the nation, but regard for them, as well as for the general welfare of society, should prompt every good citizen to laugh to scorn the empty-headed gad-flies who are ridiculous when they are not mischievous, mischievous when they are not ridiculous, and useless to themselves and everybody else at all times.

REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE!

Mrs. Stowe's lot has been cast a generation later, and at a time when the feelings of honor, delicacy, and humanity have not been entirely paralyzed, so that she has been compelled to bear the full brunt of just such a storm of popular indignation as she here invokes upon the head of another scandal-monger long since defunct.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE STAR COURSE OF LECTURES. COMMENCING JANUARY 21. MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS. T. H. FUGH has the honor to announce to the intellectual public of Philadelphia that he has arranged for the SECOND SERIES OF TEN LECTURES to be given in the following order:—

WEDDELL PHILLIPS, January 21. Subject—"The Questions of Tomorrow." PHYCHELIE W. NABBE, January 22. Subject—"Social Life in America." RAY, D. D., February 1. Subject—"The Roll of Honor." GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, February 24. Subject—"Our National Policy: The Civil Service."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see the Inside Pages. The cost of No. 1 of regard in Clothing is paid to the cost of our street is stock in JOHN WANAMAKER, in CHESTNUT STREET, just now: CLOTHING, but before, ESTABLISHMENT, at cost, For 813 AND 829 or less than CHESTNUT STREET. our sell till the last article is gone.

YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.

MEMBERSHIP GRAND BAL MASQUE, BAL MASQUE, AMERICAN LADIES' MUSIO, THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14, 1870. ADMISSION A GENTLEMAN AND ONE LADY FIVE DOLLARS EXTRA LADIES' TICKETS, ONE DOLLAR. FOR SALE AT THE MANAGER'S.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Report of the Association will be held at the Hall of the Society, on WEDNESDAY next, the 18th inst., at 12 o'clock. It is requested that a Supplement to an Act to incorporate the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, and to revise the Constitution and By-Laws.

BETHANY MISSION, TWENTY-SECOND AND SHIPPEN STREETS.

Installation of Pastor Rev. J. R. MILLER, at 7 o'clock MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 17, 1870. Sermon by Rev. J. H. HALL, D. D., of New York. Interim exercises by Rev. E. H. BRADLEY, D. D., of New York. Rev. J. H. BRADLEY, J. D. E. RYAN, S. J. LESTER, Rev. J. C. HARRIS, Rev. ALBERT BARNES, and Rev. J. C. WITTE, MODERATOR.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Annual meeting on TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 18, at 8 o'clock. In the evening, at 7 o'clock, by Rev. G. H. KELLER, D. D.

EDUCATIONAL.

H. D. GREGORY, A. M. CLASSICAL AND ENGLISH SCHOOL. No. 108 MARKET STREET. (17th St.) STEAM POWER WITH LARGE ROOMS TO LET, northeast corner Twelfth and Chestnut Streets.

GREAT ART SALE. On THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, January 20 and 21, at HASELTINE'S GALLERIES, No. 1135 Chestnut Street, will be sold the entire collection of Mr. Charles F. Haseltine, owing to his going to Europe on business. Also, a private collection, which will be sold without reserve. The largest and most important sale offered in Philadelphia for years. Sale to commence at 7 1/2 o'clock each evening. B. SCOTT, Jr., Auctioneer. Now on Exhibition Free at No. 1135 Chestnut street.

THE MILD WINTER WEATHER. This winter day, So much like May, And we pause to say That the goods go off from day to day, Is clearing out Beyond a doubt The whole big lot Of the clothes we got, That we got so late For sixty-nine, That we sell so cheap, We can hardly keep Any stock on hand For folks understand How low We go To suit folks all Who try To buy AT GREAT BROWN HALL. GOOD, CHEAP, ELEGANT, WINTER STOCK NEARLY GONE, GONE, GONE!

NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA. At the annual meeting of the National Exchange Bank of Philadelphia, held on the 15th inst., Benjamin Rowland, Jr., William H. Rhawn, Charles Richardson, William M. Seyfert, and Frederic A. Hoy were duly elected Directors of this Bank. BENJAMIN ROWLAND, Jr., was elected President, and WILLIAM H. RHAWN, Vice-President.

THE CONSOLIDATION NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14, 1870. At the annual meeting of the Consolidation National Bank held on the 14th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank to serve until the next meeting: James V. Watson, James H. Buchanan, Henry Crocker, Joseph H. Collins, Edwin A. Lander, Amos K. Little, Ludlow Matthews, Nathaniel H. B. Rowland, Jr., President, W. E. Rhawn, Vice-President.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION'S PERIODICALS. Will be opened for Exhibition, in a few days, the series of Paintings of "THE NINE MUSES," BY JOSEPH FAGNANI, AT EARLE'S GALLERIES AND LOOKING GLASS WAREROOMS, No. 816 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA. NEW PUBLICATIONS. THE AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION'S PERIODICALS, REV. RICHARD NEWTON, D. D., EDITOR. THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORLD, for Sunday-School Teachers, Bible Classes, Parents, and all interested in the religious training of the young.

THE CHILD'S WORLD, a beautifully illustrated paper for children and youth, published twice a month, at the low rate of 15 cents a copy, per annum, when ten copies or more are sent to one address; and it can be had monthly, complete as thus issued, at one half the above rates. Postage, in all cases, payable at the office where received. This paper also will contain letters to the children from the Editor while abroad. Catalogues of the Society's publications, and sample copies of its periodical, furnished gratuitously, on application at the Depository of the AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION, 1123 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.