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Political Disclosures from Germany.

The Syracuse (N. Y.) *Journal* has the following story, which we give for what it is worth:

"Private letters from from persons in Vienna and Berlin, possessing access to the very highest sources of information, have been placed in our hands. They profess to reveal the existence of one of the most extraordinary political schemes of modern times. It is nothing less than the immediate realization of the great dream of Teutonic statesmen—the practical unity of Germany. The scheme originates with Bismarck, the prime minister of Prussia, of whom Motley, our envoy in Austria, who has known him for many years, declares that he is characterized by splendid talents, unlimited ambition, hearty love of absolutism and a determined obstinacy in executing his projects. This new scheme involves consequences of the utmost importance to Europe. It necessitates the blotting out from the map of Central Europe of four kingdoms and a number of minor powers. The chief features of this astounding arrangement are as follows:

"1. The King of Prussia is to assume the title of Emperor of North Germany, and the Emperor of Austria is to proclaim himself Emperor of South Germany.

"2. North Germany is to comprise all of Protestant Germany, including, in addition to the present territory of Prussia, the kingdom of Saxony and Hanover, the duchies of Schleswig, Holstein, Mecklenburg, Oldenburg, Brunswick, Nassau, Saxe-Coburg, and Saxe Weimar, and the electorate of Hesse-Cassel. South Germany is to embrace all of Catholic Germany, including, besides Austria-proper and Bohemia, the kingdoms of Bavaria and Wurtemberg, and the duchies of Baden and Hesse-Darmstadt.

"3. The two Emperors will reside for a portion of the year at Frankfort, and have a united Cabinet; while a single Parliament, representing all Germany, will assemble in the same city. The Emperors will retain their special capitals, or "residences," as they are styled, which will be, as now, Vienna and Berlin.

"4. Whenever the direct male issues of one of the Emperors shall become extinct, the head of the other imperial house shall be sole Emperor of Germany.

"5. The consent of France to this plan has been obtained by the promise of a cession of the territory of the Gallic states on the Rhine, that of Italy by the promise of cession of Venetia, and that of Russia by the transfer to her of large portions of the Polish provinces of Austria and Prussia.

"The existence of such a scheme explains many recent mysterious of German politics. It explains the bitter feud existing between the lesser powers of Germany and the two monarchists of Austria and Prussia, and the treatment of Austria and Prussia, and the treatment of Austria by the Prussian minister, the Austrian primier, by the Prince of Augustenburg, the legitimate heir to the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein. It explains the indifference manifested of late by the liberals of Prussia, who are also ardent advocates of German unity, to the unconstitutional measures of Bismarck. It explains the attitude assumed at the London Conference by France and Russia. It explains, finally, the meeting of the three emperors sovereigns at a German bathing place, the frequent interviews between Napoleon the Third and the representatives of Austria and Prussia of Paris, and the journey of the Italian Minister of War, Menabrea, to the French Court. It is needless to expatiate on the results likely to accrue from the execution of such a project. The new power created by it would form such an empire as Europe has not seen since the days of Charles the Fifth."

The Peach Excitement.

The market folks have an excitement every morning, enjoyed by themselves exclusively, on the arrival of the great peach trains from New Jersey and Delaware, partly by the Camden and Amboy boats and partly direct from Philadelphia by rail. The regular peach train from Camden now brings daily about 10 000 baskets, and, as may be easily imagined, the scramble among the fruit dealers to get the precedence, and establish themselves early at their stalls for the day's business, almost beggars description. The crash of vehicles and clamor of voices as staggering to persons of weak nerves. The aggregate arrival per day from all sources varies from 35,000 to 50,000 baskets, all the peach-growing States yielding this year abundantly. The crop in New Jersey is certainly somewhat by the drought, which cannot much of the fruit to full proportions. Delaware is specially distinguishing herself, as large numbers of young trees are coming to maturity. New Jersey, though also cannot boast of so many heavy growers as her neighbor, is sending forward some very choice fruit. Morris county is still in the van. A remarkable degree of success has attended the efforts to bring the "pine barrens" under cultivation, and which seemed to be mere wastes of sand, scarcely worth the taxes.

An enterprising citizen, Mr. Benj. Read, conceived the idea of planting these abandoned lands with peach trees. He accordingly bought several large tracts at five cents an acre, or some such trifle, set out the young trees, and his year has thus satisfaction of seeing to market at least 70,000 baskets. As the producer is now receiving, on an average about 25 per basket, it is quite safe to estimate his gross nett profits at $50,000. Compared with Delaware, the Jersey growers generally operate on a small scale, producing from 2,000 to 5,000 baskets per annum. The Bayholds, and one or two others in the Diamond State, figure up year y profits of $100,000 or more.

The great bulk of the fruit now received in New York is from Delaware. New Jersey will be in full bloom next week. The combined tribute from these sources will afford peaches enough for every one for a fortnight to come. Very low prices may be expected on account of the immense quantities to arrive, but compared with the past year the producers will make more money by having a full crop, even if it sells that by bushel. Experience already experienced in this line of inadequate means of transportation, so that considerable quantities of peaches are perishing already. Prices do not average much above one dollar at wholesale.—*N. Y. Jour. Com.*

Lord Palmerston's Last on Neutrality.

Somebody or other keeps Lord Palmerston constantly defining the position of the British Government with reference to our war. Still, each declaration is read with interest, to see whether any possible leaning is discoverable. The following was his Lordship's statement of the matter at Bradford, being his last:

We have lamented, no doubt, that terrible war, that bloody war, which has been raging in the Northern part of the American continent; but we have felt that any endeavor on our part, or in conjunction with any other European Power, to interfere in that quarrel would have only mischief instead of good. The feelings are so high when the quarrel is fierce and the battle raging the combatants will not listen to the calm advice of friends, however good their intentions, and however wise their counsels. All we have to do is to pursue the course by which, in the first instance, we averted the contagion of this calamitous war, to obtain from both their mutual efforts, are at last weaned away from those revengeful feelings which at present influence them, and are more disposed to come to an amicable settlement. We can only hope that the time will shortly arrive when that blessed result will take place.

A Gentleman in Search of a Substitute.

A GENTLEMAN in New Jersey recently enlisted a substitute, for which he paid $300. When they reported the recruit promised to write at the first opportunity. The gentleman was some time afterward a little surprised at receiving a letter from his man dated Quebec, informing him that his money had enabled the substitute and his wife to set up a corner grocery, and they were doing well; and if his person would give him a call, he should have a drink gratis.

Before Vicksburg—May 16, 1864.

The war has called out nothing more vivid in pictorial-poetical form than this little piece which we copy from the *Atlantic Monthly* for September. It is a living poem:

BY GEORGE H. BOKER.

When Sherman stood beneath the horrent fire
That from the lines of Vicksburg gleamed,
And bombshells tumbled in their smoky gyre,
And grape shot hissed, and case shot screamed;
Dark from the front there came,
Weeping and sorely lame,
The merest child, the youngest face
Maniever saw in such a fearful place.

Shifting his tears, he limped his child to meet
But when he paused, and tottering stood,
Around the circle of his little feet
Pierce spread a pool, of bright, young blood.
Shocked at this fearful face,
Sherman cried "What! front face
Who ate you?" repeat, my gallant boy."
"A drummer ate:—Fifty-fifth Illinois

"Are you not hit" "That's nothing. Only send
Some cartridges: our men are out,
And the foe yonder un." "But, my little friend!—
"Don't mind me! Did you hear that shout
What if our men be driven"
Oh, for the love of heaven,
Send to my Colonel, General dear"
"But you!" "Oh, I shall easily find the rear,"

"Will you do that," cried Sherman; and adroop
Angels might envy dimmed his eye,
As the boy, toiling toward the hill's hard top,
Turned round and with his shrill child's cry
Shouted, "Oh, don't forget:
We'll win the battle yet!
But let our soldiers have some more,
More cartridges, Sir—calibre fifty-four."

Crop Prospects.

There seems to have been a systematic effort made to depreciate the crops of 1864. Interested parties were active in their exertions in various quarters to show that the value of the agricultural products of this year, in the face of the returns from the Agricultural Bureau, would fall far short of previous years. Most localities suffered somewhat from the drought, but while such found that it was not generally damaged, it soon developed by the statements that other quarters were most decidedly injured. Hence Maine, while raising its usual amount of grass, but in finer condition than usual, with a slight falling off in early potatoes, but a full supply of late, believed that the wheat crop of Pennsylvania would fall far behind; and Pennsylvania, while satisfied with the returns of mother earth in this own immediate vicinity, was inclined to believe the accounts of the great decrease in the West. We doubt whether the great limestone region, which runs from New Jersey, embracing Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, and half a dozen other valleys, ever raised finer crops of wheat than have been gathered within its fertile bosom this season. And certainly the unbounded accounts that are now daily reaching us from all parts of the West, from Michigan to Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin, all indicate that we shall have ample abundance for home consumption and for a liberal foreign export, despite the drain of the war. There is to day, in Chicago, almost double the usual quantity of grain awaiting eastward movement; but it does not yet suit the machinations of speculators to push it forward, and as this is their gala day, the people must temporarily suffer.—*Washington Chronicle.*

California Ants.

The enemy of the hoarded sweets of the California housekeeper, the ant, is by no means counting in his annoyances this year. In the warmer districts of the State no baking eatable can be stored without attracting myriads of them, and the daily exertions they cause is really an important institution they cause is really an important institution. They have never within memory of the oldest settlers been so numerous in the lower levels of the Sacramento and San Joaquin as in 1864, and in the mines residents inform us they have been in armies every pantry, kitchen and closet. If a single crumb, cheese, sugar bread or what not is laid down, in half an hour it will be completely covered over with those devouring little wretches and hurried, regardless of the newcomers with marvelous expedition. The miners say they are laying up an early stock of comestibles to pass along and heavy winter! In the vineyards and gardens, as the fruit ripens, the ants spoil what the rascally birds and squirrels leave, and figs and soft fruits are their special delight. The ripening grapes around Los Angelos are a great attraction to them, and the vineyard men run in distraction over their rolls, and it is likely they will spoil the making of much good wine and brandy, as each of their wretched little bodies contains a concentrated quantity of a peculiar acid, sour as vinegar. Here indeed is a new and strange plague, and there is not only the common little go-to-the-devil pismire, but the great red and black carpenter-ant thus sluggard's series in California, but several others, some with wings and some without. One of these, twice as big as a flea, bites like a fish hook, while another of his fellows, of blood color, stings as he bites, rounding up the whole with a terrible concert of anguish and misery and tears in the quiet hours of the night.

Great Western Railway—Indian Troubles in the West.

St. Louis, Aug. 27.—The first train over the Great Western new broad gauge railway between New York and St. Louis, consisting of nine cars of the road and invited guests, arrived this morning, 44 hours from New York.

Advices from the west say that seven men of the 7th Iowa cavalry on route from Salina to Fort Ellsworth with dispatches, were attacked by upwards of two hundred Indians, and four of them killed. A large body of Indians is reported between Smokey Hill and Saline river, and all the valleys of Western Kansas are swarming with them. About five settlers' families are encamped 30 miles westward of Fort Kelly. The savages have captured over three thousand horses and mules besides cattle during the past six weeks. Several tribes are banded together for war purposes. There are about 15,000 of them, 4,000 of whom are warriors.

Oil Operations on the Clarion.

The Clarion *Banner* states that the contractors for boring the wells at Bryan's Run, have erected their derricks and built their shanties, and only await the arrival of the engines to commence more active operations. In view of the [illegible] the Clarion *Banner* says:

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