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The Rise and Fall of Vast and mighty States and Empires.

There have been some half dozen great civilizations within the memory of man. There have been the Roman, the Persian, the Greek, the Assyrian and the Egyptian, and each and all of them have ceased to exist under the same circumstances. The Roman Empire attained a stability and organization which well might promise to be eternal. Even in the time of Caracalla it seemed sound in every part of its immense frame, and likely to compete within a century or two afterwards hordes of Goths and Huns, whom a few years before no one knew even by name, were trampling on the tombs of Caesar and the Antonines. The Persian Empire, for Oriental vastness and awe which such splendor creates, seemed once so permanent that folly alone could predict its ruin. Yet down swept an unexpected cataclysm of semi-barbarous Macedonians and Persia was no more. The Assyrians, in the decline of their power, were yet the undisputed princes of Asia. Who would have thought that Babylon could become a desert that night when the barbarian Cyrus knocked at its gates? Egypt with all its wealth, all its learning and all its commerce, was in a moment overrun by wild marauders, with Cambyses at their head, and not a vestige of its power was left. The great Greek Empire of Byzantium, after lasting a thousand years, and regarding it as a continuation of elder civilization, enduring for nearly double that time, seemed, indeed, to have its dissolution indefinitely delayed, in order that the event might come about in the strictly orthodox form of the human drama. It had outlived the furies which beset the Empire of the West. Even the Saracens hurled themselves at it in vain. It was like to be an imperial prodigy, as a man who lives on, empowered with an immunity from death, a monster, a portent, an unnatural being whom death has forgotten and all men point at with horror. But the end came—the death of a civilization; its only way to leave the world—in the broad and overwhelming by the barbarian Turks.—*Gentleman's Magazine.*

THE COMSTOCK RAVENS.

Two Birds That Hovered Over Virginia City Many Years Ago.

In the early days the Comstock boasted a pair of ravens, but for over twenty years they have not been seen. They could not endure the advent of the arts of civilization. The raven is a cliff-dweller. One pair of Comstock ravens inhabited a cliff of basaltic rock that stands to the west of the peak of Mount Davidson. Almost daily when the town was building the birds would come over to the east side of the mountain. Circling above it, at a height of a thousand feet, they would inspect the progress that was being made, and after croaking out their disapprobation for half an hour would return to their eyrie in the cliffs.

The raven is as much a bird of mountain solitude as is the eagle. Although he closely resembles the crow in outward appearance, there is nothing of the crow nature in him. He is not mischievous, and never approaches the home of the farmer to pull up his corn and play other pranks of a similar annoying nature. He is not gregarious, neither is he gregarious. His voice is wholly unlike that of the crow, and he is rather chary in using it. The crow is an unmeaning, frivolous chatterer; but the voice of the raven compels attention and seems ominous of evil. In all ages the raven has been looked upon as an uncanny bird.

Whether Poe ever saw a raven may be doubted. He certainly never saw one near any city, or near the haunts of civilization. Whether our Comstock ravens fed, no one knows. There are said to be a few pairs about the cliffs that buttress the eastern slopes of the Sierras, also about some of the higher mountain peaks in the interior of the State, but the croak of the bird of evil omen is no longer heard on the Comstock.—*Nevada Enterprise.*

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Suggestions Which Should Find a Place in the Domestic Scrap-Book.

Dark carpets do not need to be swept oftener than light ones if you give them a good dusting say twice a week with a flannel cloth tied around an ordinary broom.

When one has been so unfortunate as to get machine oil stains on white sewing, saturate the piece of work in cold water immediately, soak for two hours, dry in the sun, then wash in the usual way.

If you are building put the hooks in children's bedroom closets low enough to be easily reached by them. It is also a good idea to have a closet so arranged that sleds, rocking-horse and all large playthings can have a place.

Dust has such a sad way of insinuating itself wherever there is a place for it to lodge or work through, that housekeepers are almost distracted to find brooms and dusters that will fit in every nook and crevice. A long-handled feather duster, a short-handled feather duster, a toy broom, a whisk broom, a flat bristle brush, a paint brush and the ordinary cheese-cloth dusters seem to do all the dusting that is required, if vigorously wielded.—*Kathryn Maher, in Good Housekeeping.*

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE PRESENT OUTLOOK REGARDING GERMAN INTERFERENCE.

A Novel Scheme for Coast Defence—The Report of Mexican Outrages Unfounded—More Bills for Territorial Admission.

International money orders have been increased from \$50 to \$100.

Charges of bribery were made in the Senatorial contest in Minnesota.

The Senate has adopted the sugar bounty amendment to the tariff bill.

The Lord Mayor of London gave a banquet last week in honor of Mr. Phelps, the American ambassador.

The Secretary of State has received a cable from the consul at Colon, saying that affairs on the Isthmus are quiet.

The English cabinet disclaims co-operation with the United States regarding the present misunderstanding with Germany.

Vice President-elect Morton has leased the residence of Alex. Graham Bell, at Washington, and will occupy it for the next four years.

The supreme court has decided that a broker who fails to obey the instructions of his principal in a stock transaction, is liable for damages.

The United States District Court, at Baltimore, in a recent decision, says that the law of civil rights must be interpreted by public opinion.

Senator Dolph has presented in the Senate a petition of sixty-eight citizens of Bellevue, Idaho, praying for the enactment of prohibition laws.

The War department has been informed that rapid progress is being made by the contractors in supplying heavy guns and armor-plate forgings, and rapid firing guns.

The Department of State is informed that the Japanese government has abolished the export duty on drugs, woven goods, timber, cereals, spirits, beasts, fuel, etc.

Dispatches have been received at the State department from the American minister at Berlin in regard to the Samoan question. Their contents are withheld from the public.

A late dispatch to a French journal from Zanzibar says an American sailing vessel, bound from Zanzibar to Madagascar, was fired on by a German vessel. One of her masts was broken.

United States Consul Willard, at Guaymas, Mexico, has sent a dispatch to the State department denying the report that a number of American citizens had been killed by the Indians in Sonora.

Many leading Senators and Representatives of all parties scout the idea of a war between the United States and Germany. Nevertheless the armament and equipment of war ships is being pushed at the various navy-yards.

Representative Springer will introduce in the House another omnibus bill, providing an enabling act for the admission of Arizona, Idaho and Wyoming. The bill embodies all the features of the omnibus bill recently passed by the House.

Petitions, said to contain the signatures of 14,174,734 persons, were filed in the Senate at Washington last week, praying for the passage of Senator Blair's Sunday rest bill, and all were prepared, bill and all, by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The conferrers on the bill to amend the interstate commerce law upon three amendments of importance agree, with the exception that the House members recede from the one requiring the commissioners to adopt uniform classifications for all railroads.

A letter from the Secretary of the Interior in response to a Senate resolution, says there is not on the files of his department anything to show what part the citizens of Washington Territory and Idaho took in volunteer service to suppress the Nez Percés war.

The report of the commissioner of schools of Utah, for the year 1888, says the taxation in the territory for school purposes is insufficient. And that the leaders of the Mormon church are actively pushing the scheme to establish Mormon denominational schools in each county in the territory.

Congressman Morrow says his views of the Samoan affair are positive, and that the statu quo at the time the representatives of the United States, Germany and England met, must be restored, and this would necessitate the replacement of King Malietoa in the position he was so unjustly removed by the German agents sent to the Marshall Islands.

Arminia Gardner, of Union county, has been placed in the insane asylum at Salem. She is but sixteen years old, and has been a mother for the past fifteen months. The author of her ruin, and also of her insanity, is named Wiggins, and is serving a ten years' sentence for the outrage.

The Canadian lumbermen are rejoicing over a measure which has been introduced in Congress, and claim that it will protect the Canadian forests from American invaders. It is provided that no raft of logs or timber shall be brought into or taken out of any harbor or port of the United States, or brought into or upon any of the great lakes, from any part of Canada.

Potatoes are a drug in the market at Colfax, Wis., owing to the enormous crop raised in that section. The best price that can be realized is ten cents a bushel.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OLD LIBBY PRISON TO BE REMOVED INTACT TO CHICAGO.

An Ohio Murderess too Depraved for the Gallows—A Remarkable Well Near Pittsburgh—Fruit of the Dime Novel to Boston.

General Payne has sold the yacht Volunteer.

The wife of the Czar of Russia has become insane.

A threshing machine in England is run by electricity.

Teams crossed over the Mississippi on the ice last week.

All the American war ships will soon be ready for sea.

A portion of the imperial palace at Peking has been burned.

The Mormon settlers in Minnesota are selling out and going to Utah.

Oranges are now being moved in Florida in bulk, the same as potatoes.

The Mahli's followers are said to have made a saint of General Gordon.

At the Paris exposition this year there will be a band of 1300 musicians.

A new naturalization bill has been reported to the House judiciary committee.

The bodies of Mme. di Murska and her daughter will be sent to Gotha to be cremated.

Shoals of black cod in enormous numbers are reported off the coast near San Diego.

A Wichita, Kan., clergyman has been asked to resign because his sermons are too long.

Three murders similar to those of the Whitechapel fiend have been perpetrated in Jamaica.

Three hundred houses were destroyed by an earthquake in the Sabarot valley, Asia Minor.

The house in which Lord Byron was born in London will be demolished, to enlarge a draper's shop.

The cotton crop this year will be the largest ever made, and will approximate 7,500,000 bales.

A Paris letter states that the whole of DeLessepe's fortune disappeared in the Panama canal scheme.

The Kansas house has passed the senate resolution favoring the opening of Oklahoma for settlement.

It cost a Nebraska county nearly \$3000 to run the poor farm last year. There were but two paupers.

The St. Lawrence river rose thirteen feet in four hours, last week, and submerged the wharves of Montreal.

There is apprehension of trouble during the centennial celebration of the French revolution next summer.

During the past two months Mrs. James G. Blaine, jr., has been studying hard for her debut on the professional stage.

A young physician of Fall River, Mass., is laid up with a disease of the tongue, attributed to excessive cigarette smoking.

On December 1, three strong earthquakes were felt in Iquique, Peru, with an intermission of only from five to nine seconds.

Dr. J. Mille Jenkin, who correctly located the bullet in Garfield's body, dropped dead at Wilkesbarre, Penn., of apoplexy, last week.

A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says the German gunboat Olga has taken Malietoa, ex-king of Samoa, to the Marshall Islands.

William Pierce, probably the oldest convict in New York in point of continued penal servitude, has been discharged from the asylum for insane criminals.

A rocking stone in New Marlborough, Mass., is so nicely balanced that, notwithstanding it weighs many tons, the pressure of a single finger is sufficient to move it about an inch.

The Canadian Knights of Labor are seeking to secure the exclusion of foreign labor from the Dominion, and demand that the government pay no more money to secure immigration.

Joaquin Miller has finished the novel he was to write, as his contribution to the literary syndicate. It is entitled "The Buried River." He was engaged but six days in its composition.

A remarkable well has just been struck at Pittsburg, Penn. It produces at one and the same time pure, cold water, salt water and a flow of gas that when ignited illumines the entire surroundings.

The Empress of Germany cannot use the imperial crown on her coat of arms, but must be content with the insignia of the Queen of Prussia. This is the latest token of the filial affection of her eldest boy.

The prize fight between Frank Shepley, of Helena, and John Cronin, of New York, which took place at Missoula Friday, was a remarkably brutal affair. Cronin was knocked insensible and seriously injured.

At Boston Sunday George Gretsen, aged twenty, held up his father with a pistol and secured \$10. Afterward he attempted to hold up his mother but she called the police. He shot two policemen before he surrendered.

Libby prison is to go to Chicago. The work of taking apart the old structure is now going on in Richmond, Va., and as the bricks and beams are displaced they are numbered so that the building can be put together again just as it stood in Virginia. The interior of the old prison is to be used as a sort of war museum.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

INHUMAN TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN A PENITENTIARY.

Mrs. Langtry's Importation of Blooded Stock—The Lake Washington Canal—Survey of Reservations—A Brute's Deserts.

Fresno, California, has the railroad fever.

Numerous burglaries are reported from interior town in California.

The smoking of opium by the white people of Spokane Falls is increasing. The rediscovery of the lost Penhachapi mine in Arizona is announced.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Drain & West Coast Telegraph company.

The Southern Pacific is believed to be building into San Diego behind the Ocean Beach and Delmar railroad.

Reports from the Harqua Hala mines in Arizona are now discouraging, and many prospectors are returning.

Charles Lumsteller was arrested at Port Townsend last week, charged with the murder of his wife in Minnesota.

An examination of the great register of San Diego gives promise of evidence of fraud of a sensational character.

The leading men in New Mexico say that the Territory is more in need of public schools than State government.

Arlee, chief of the Flathead Indians, proposes to inaugurate important reforms on the reservation among the tribes.

The bill to remove the capital of Arizona from Prescott to Phoenix passed the Territorial council Thursday.

W. B. Reynolds, of Healdsburg, has been appointed inspector of Chinese for the Coast, as provided by the Scott law.

Mrs. Langtry has purchased an imported thoroughbred stallion and four imported brood mares, for her California ranch.

The police of Spokane Falls made a raid last Thursday on the opium dens of that city, and captured twenty-five Chinamen.

There is great difficulty in landing provisions on Destruction island to supply the men building the lighthouse there.

The mail service on route from Hillsboro to Portland, commencing February 1, has been increased to six times a week.

John T. Black, under indictment for the murder of his brother last May, died in the county jail at Virginia City last week.

Reports from Helena, Montana, say that indications point to the fact that there will be no little activity in railroad enterprises in that vicinity the coming season.

The estimated cost of cutting a canal from Lake Washington to the Sound, so as to admit deep sea vessels to the lake, is \$1,500,000.

Miss Nellie Beach, who was so frightfully stabbed by an unknown man at her home near Colton, California, recently, will recover.

William Johnson while trying to discharge a gun at Hillsboro, Friday, received the whole charge in the side of the head, killing him instantly.

The grand jury of Elko county, Nevada, calls upon the Elko delegation to the legislature to vote against the lottery bill contemplated by that body.

Resolutions were adopted at a mass-meeting held at North Yakima, last week, urging the Governor to call a constitutional convention to adopt a State constitution.

The Pullman palace car company has acquired control of all parcel car companies doing business in this country, with the exception of the Wagner, which is used on the Vanderbilt lines.

The badly decomposed body of a supposed German, about sixty years of age, was found near San Rafael, California, last week, in a tree, about fifteen feet from the ground. A raised umbrella was above the body.

About \$40,000 of the \$50,000 required for the establishment of a watch factory at Otay, San Diego county, which a company of Illinois capitalists have been talking of starting at that place, has been subscribed.

Surveyor General Green, pursuant to instructions from the land department at Washington, has posted notices calling for bids for the survey of the Blackfoot, Fort Belknap and Fort Peck Indian reservations in northern Montana.

The Union of Walla Walla is publishing communications from convicts in the penitentiary concerning the inhuman treatment of prisoners in that institution. If the charges are true the prison authorities should be removed forthwith.

Jacob Wilkerson, the colored man who was sent to San Quentin in 1872 for forty-five years, for the murder of a woman in San Francisco, was pardoned in 1876 on the condition that he would leave the State and never return. He went to Honolulu, but returned a few days ago, and was recognized by the police and warned to leave. He was arrested Thursday night on the charge of drunkenness, and is now in the city prison. The police will ask Governor Waterman to revoke Wilkerson's pardon.

AGRICULTURAL.

A PLAN FOR THE RECLAMATION OF PEAR AND PEACH TREES.

The Effect of Too Much Pepper in the Fowl's Food—Bisulphide of Carbon as an Antiseptic—A Model Barn-yard.

Very cold weather does not injure stock as much as dampness. A moderately cold day, with a driving rain-storm, causes more illness to stock than severe cold on a dry, clear day.

The flower-bed for the next year may be made very rich by scattering the sweepings of the poultry-house over it. Soap-suds may also be well utilized by throwing them on the flower beds.

If the bulbs of certain flowers start to sprout while in the cellar it indicates that they are kept too warm. They should keep cool enough to remain in a dormant condition until spring. Sprouting injures them.

The object of the farmer in feeding animals through the winter should be for profit. Feeding stock to gain a profit from is a nice point, and requires study and attention. It is not enough to feed a sufficient quantity, but the feed must be of such a nature as is best for accomplishing the object of feeding.

Bisulphide of carbon is one of the best and cheapest antiseptics and insecticides. Already more than 8,000,000 pounds of it are used annually to check the ravages of phylloxera, the scourge of European vineyards. Bisulphide of carbon has an extremely offensive odor, and is highly inflammable and explosive.

Feeding pepper often to fowls as a regular appetizer is a bad practice. Although a very little will do no harm, yet the continued use of the condiment is liable to cause liver complaint. Warm feed tends to have the same stimulating effect without possessing the injurious qualities of the cayenne.

The only way to make roosts is to make them on a movable frame, that may be taken out of doors, there to be scalded with boiling water in which is a little crude carbolic acid. Make the roosts all on a level and not more than two feet high, thereby preventing much quarreling and the bumble foot.

The kind of feeding that keeps a lot of pigs or stockers from three to six months without grain is a total loss of grain; also, a loss of time in the maturing of the animals. That is, saffless feeding that carries a lot of hogs through winter on one class of feed. The need of variety brings them to the boneyard when grass is almost in sight.

A farmer with considerable experience who has siloed clover for two years, says if it should be left to wilt on the ground for two hours after cutting, and each day's filling of the silo be allowed to heat before the fresh cover is added, and the sides, not the center, kept thoroughly tramped, the clover will come out moist and green, and the cattle will relish it as thoroughly as summer pasture.

To make pullets trot along toward maturity with a wonderful accelerated pace, give them every morning a warm feed of bran and shorts and ground oats mixed up with milk, or meat stock in which is a little salt. At noon give a feed of meat, and at night all the wheat they will eat and a little left to scratch for the next day. In addition to this provide green food, crushed bones and pure water, and give each day one heavy feed of broken dishes; they will be eaten with avidity.

Freezing of the food and water will be one of the difficulties this winter as usual. The troughs become ice-bound and the soft food freezes rapidly when the weather is severe. In such cases it is best to water the stock at intervals rather than to keep water in the troughs. If you have no arrangement for warming water, try the plan of a Western farmer, who heats stones and drops one in the trough when the water is pumped in. It is better, however, to warm the water, using a boiler or steam-pipe, and if there is a large number of animals it will pay to do so.

A person who has some old pear trees that have about run out, asks advice of Popular Gardening and receives the following: Try the plan of digging a shallow trench, say one foot deep, six to eight feet away from the body of the tree, and throwing into this a liberal supply of soda, leaf mold, ashes, lime and manure and covering with earth, and then cut away all dead limbs and give the body and limbs a good coat of whitewash. We have seen old peach trees renewed beyond belief by this process.

In some cases a large barnyard might well be divided into two or more smaller ones for different classes of live stock. A fruitful source of loss is the keeping of weak animals with vigorous ones; young with old; horses with cattle, sheep and hogs. By letting one set of animals out of stables or pens at one time and another, it may be possible to get along with a single yard, yet the best plan, when much stock is kept, is to have several yards.

Why more men do not make the dairy pay is because they refuse to believe that there is any study or investigation needed in regard to the care, treatment and management of the dairy. If they chance on a success they call it luck, and if they fail they never investigate the matter to see wherein they fail, so as to steer clear of a repetition.

PORTLAND MARKET.

GROCERIES—Sugars have advanced since our last report. We quote extra C 8c, dry granulated 7 1/2c, crushed and powdered 7 1/2c, C 12 1/2c, Rio 20 @ 21 1/2c, Salvador 19 1/2c, roasted 23c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams packed at 12 1/2c, breakfast bacon 12 1/2c, Eastern meat 12 1/2c, Eastern lard 12 1/2c, Sinclair's 14 1/2c, Eastern lard 14 1/2c, Eastern butter 14 1/2c.

FRUITS—Green fruit receipts are scarce, and the market is not equal to the demand. Apples \$1 per box, Mexican oranges 20 @ 25, quinces 40 @ 60c.

VEGETABLES—Market well. Cabbage 2 @ 1c per lb, carrots 75c per sack, red pepper 3c per sack, 3 1/2 @ 4c per sack, sweet 1 1/2 @ 2c per sack.

DRIED FRUITS—Receipts. Sun-dried apples 4 1/2 @ 5c per sack, 8c, factory plums 7 @ 8c, prunes 7 @ 9c, pears 9 @ 10c, raisins 2 1/2 @ 2 1/2c per box, California Smyma 18c per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Oregon and choice dairy 35c, medium 30c, California fancy 30c, choice 25 @ 30c, eastern 25 @ 30c.

EGGS—Receipts 23c cases. POULTRY—Chickens 50 @ 60c, large young and 4 @ 4 1/2 for 14 @ 15c per lb, ducks 25 @ 30c, 10 @ 15c.

Wool—Valley 18 @ 20c Eastern 10 @ 15c. HOPS—Choice 8 @ 10c. GRAIN—Valley \$1.35, Eastern \$1.30. Oats 33 @ 35c.

Flour—Standard \$1.50, extra 4 1/2, Dayton and Cascade \$4.10, \$3.25, rye flour \$6, do Graham \$7. FRESH MEATS—Beef, live, dressed 7c, mutton, live, 3 1/2 @ 4c, lamb 2 1/2 @ 3c, hogs, live, dressed 7 @ 7 1/2c, veal 6 @ 6 1/2c.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Peronnet is the name of a man who is gaining fame as a crocodile.

—Mrs. Levi P. Morton, wife of Vice-President-elect, is a niece of Fred B. Street, the poet.

—A brother of Millet, the French artist, lives in Boston, and earns a modest living as a sculptor.

—Ezekiel Sankey, father of the evangelist, died recently aged one. He was the first man to canal boat on the Newcast canal.

—Among the students at the sister's school, Farmington, Conn., daughter of James G. Blaine, of the late ex-President Arthur, daughter of ex-Governor Blaine, Michigan.

—Pascal Porter, "the boy poet" is really what his title claims, only twelve years old, and has been preaching for two years. He only expounds the Bible and quotes poetry and argues with force of a logician. His father began preaching before he was born.

—An absent-minded Georgian put his only coat in his travel bag before retiring for the night. Next morning he couldn't find what he had done with the coat, and consequently, on the train at Atlanta, he walked out the hotel. Some time after while searching for another article, he found the coat.

—Count von Moltke's household is a large one, with no less than thirty windows looking on the but the famous old General is most exclusively in two rooms. One is his bedroom, the other is the chief ornaments of the house a large photograph of his wife and picture of her tomb. These are wreathed with palm leaves.

—Coralie Cohen is claimed by European Jews as a second Nightingale. She is a Jewess who was an angel of mercy during the Franco-German war, and unharmed among the wounded two hostile camps. She is a Knight of the Legion of Honor, and elected president of that patriotic Association des Dames Françaises.

—Mrs. Russell Harrison, wife of only son of the President-elect, the White House beauty for four years. She is a young and brilliant blonde, with magnificent brilliant eyes. Her figure is brilliant and she carries herself with amount of grace and dignity. Saunders was her maiden name, well-dressed man, exceedingly handsome of his handsome wife.

—Verestschagin, the Russian, when presented to the girls of the Normal College in New York the other day, said: "Young men are indeed very charming, obedience to one of our Russian toms, I would like to salute you individually. But since I can't kiss Professor Dunden instead, will give you the kiss in my hand, and, suiting the action to the professor and, with a hand on his shoulder, imprinted a smack on his cheek.

—"A LITTLE NONSENSE"

—An elephant may lose his trunk but he always has his trunk with him.—*Washington Post.*

—Stealing jam is not always the small boy, but he is quite likely to be gathered to his father for the Kingston Free Press.

—Smith (deaf)—"What's the matter, Jones?" Jones—"I've got a headache." Smith (who mistakes toothache)—"Why don't you get filled?"

—He—"How different opera make the actors appear." She—"Especially those glasses you wear out to get between the acts."—*Weekly.*