PERSONAL.

It is stated that Speaker Kerr "positively declines" to run for Congress again.

Horatio Stone's statue of General E. D. Baker has arrived from Italy at Washington.

The King of Holland has given $400 toward the erection of a Dutch church in New York City.

Colonel J. W. Forney is rejoiced to hear that Schenck may be returned to England as Minister.

Prof. Marsh has procured 2,500 volumes of Japanese literature for the library of Yale College.

The President has appointed William Wirt Sykes (Olive Logan's husband) Consul to Florence, Italy.

A plaster cast of the features of the late A. T. Stewart was taken directly after his death by Bierstadt.

It seems that it cost a thousand dollars to get an introduction to Secretary Belknap. He was an expensive man, anyway.

Benjamin F. Bowles, one of the firm of Samuel Bowles & Co., publishers of the Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*, died at Paris.

Prof. James Morgan Hart has been elected Professor of Modern Languages and Literature, in the University of Cincinnati.

The name of General George McClellan has been mentioned in connection with the colonelcy of the Fifth Maryland regiment.

Queen Victoria received Marshal MacMahon during her late visit, she being seated in her carriage, passing through Paris from Germany.

Ex-Queen Isabella has written a letter to the Pope, offering to intervene with her son, King Alfonso, in connection with the religious questions.

A dispatch from Lisbon reports the death of Princess Isabella, aunt of Dom Pedro. She was regent of Portugal during the childhood of her niece.

Governor Rice has vetoed the bill to legalize the marriage of James Parton, on the ground that the Act is not within the constitutional power of the Legislature.

Two daughters, aged thirteen and fifteen, of Rev. L. F. Parker, Greek Professor in the Iowa State University, were drowned while crossing the Iowa river in a boat.

It is reported that William M. Tweed has bought a house in Havana and is living there. A still later report says that he spent last winter in Canada in an old sawmill.

President MacMahon's salary has been declared insufficient to enable him to properly maintain the dignity of his position, and an increase will probably be recommended.

President McCosh, of Princeton College, will begin his second course of lectures in Cincinnati next Monday. His subject will be the "Motive Powers of the Human Mind."

Mr. Robert C. Winthrop has been elected President, with Mr. Charles Francis Adams and Mr. Emory Washburn Vice-Presidents, of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Disraeli, in the House of Commons, gave Fawcett no encouragement on the latter's motion for an address to the Queen, praying her not to accept the title of Empress. Fawcett gave notice of a more stringent motion, amounting to a vote of censure.

Mother Stewart, the temperance advocate, obtained a public reception in Dundee, Scotland, on April 10, and was presented with an address expressive of the appreciation entertained there for her philanthropic labors. There was a very large audience, and Mrs. Stewart was cordially received.

Watts Memorial Hall, erected to the memory of Dr. Isaac Watts in Southampton, England, was dedicated a few days ago. It comprises a block of school buildings covering the site of Dr. Watts's garden, and standing near the chapel in which his first hymn was sung. The building cost about $30,000.

The old tree which stood on Brattle-st., in Cambridge, Mass., and which Mr. Longfellow mentions in "The Village Blacksmith" as the "spreading chestnut tree," was cut down a few days ago. Many souvenirs were secured by relic-hunters, and a chair will be made from the wood and presented to Mr. Longfellow.

Mr. Thomas Carlyle has never been counted among the English admirers of this country, and his admiration has not improved of late. He is said to have made the following remark within the hearing of Mr. Conway: "America is a great country, but no system can last which would give Jesus and Judas precisely the same vote on public affairs."

The debut of Anna Dickinson upon the dramatic stage, in her own play, "A Crown of Thorns," was made recently at the Globe Theatre, Boston, before the largest audience ever in the building. The play is said to have much dramatic scope, and Miss Dickinson's delineation of the character of Anne Boleyn made a favorable impression. She was received with much enthusiasm and a profusion of floral offerings.

Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, the President of the Washington Monument Association, proposes that the design shall no longer comprehend the temple or pantheon which forms a part of the original plan, but shall be a simple shaft or obelisk, and that from time to time subscriptions shall be asked until a fund is accumulated sufficient to carry the monument up to a height of three hundred feet. This proposal has been adopted by the Association.

Dom Pedro is more royalty to the square inch than has visited these shores for some time, being 6 feet 3 inches in height. His full name is not one to be as easily remembered as the multiplication table, although nearly as long. We give it with other interesting facts, herewith:—Dom Pedro II. de'Alcantara, Emperor of Brazil, was born in Rio de Janeiro on Dec. 2, 1825. He is a scion, in the direct male line, of the House of Braganza, the female line of which is ruling over Portugal.

In addition to Kentucky's fine monument in Lexington Cemetery to her illustrious statesman, Henry Clay, completed in 1860 at a cost of $50,000, a fine statue of her great journalist, poet and politician, George D. Prentice, was lately unveiled at Louisville. The old journalist is buried at Cave Hill Cemetery, in the vicinity of Louisville, with a small Grecian canopy resting on four columns above his grave, with an urn in the centre, and on the top a lyre with a broken string. Not every city thus commemorates her gifted men.

Yacob.

Yacob was the name of an Arab boy in the Oriental city of Cairo. He was poor, and, like most of the poor boys of that city, his chief ambition was to own a donkey and hire him out to the travelers to go to the pyramids and other places of interest in the neighborhood of Cairo. As it was, he was only the driver of another man's donkey; that is, when the animal was mounted by the traveler, he ran behind, poking the quadruped with a sharp stick to keep him in a brisk trot.

One day, while Yacob was standing in front of Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo, wishing he had a donkey of his own, an English traveler on the veranda beckoned to him and asked him why he looked so wistful, and Yacob answered that he was unhappy because he had no donkey.

And when the Englishman heard his story, he called his servant and told him to bring up Mafish, which was an old sleepy donkey. Then he said to Yacob:

"Would you be happy if you owned that donkey, my lad?"

"Oh, master, I would be happy with any donkey!" said Yacob.

"Then," said the Englishman, "he is yours—I make him a present to you."

When he said this, the other travelers gathered around, with smiles on their faces, for it appeared that the Englishman was a man much given to making fun. He told Yacob to get on the donkey and ride him up and down in front of the hotel a few times, to show his gait. Yacob got astride of him, and found that he was stiff in the legs and moved slowly, notwithstanding the sharp pokes he gave him with his stick.

"I shall give the donkey a name that will draw custom for you," said the Englishman as the lad rode up to the veranda.

Yacob was much pleased that his benefactor should give the donkey a name, for he had seen some of his companions who hired their donkeys more easily than others, on account of fortunate names given them by travelers.

"I shall be much glad to call him what my master pleases," said Yacob.

"Then his name shall be Lightning," said the Englishman, and the other travelers laughed.

Yacob did not know what Lightning meant, and he continued to call his donkey by that name after the Englishman went away. He did not have much difficulty in hiring his donkey; but when the travelers started on their journey, they told Yacob he was a humbug, and that he had imposed on them with his animal. So that they only kept Lightning for a few minutes, and the same people never hired him twice.

One day, as he led his old donkey toward the hotel veranda, after being called a little humbug by an angry traveler, who refused to pay him for hire for half an hour, he was spoken to by a fat man in a long black coat, who told him he ought to call his donkey Slow-coach.

After that Yacob called him Slow-coach, not knowing any more about the name than he did about Lightning. But this change of name, instead of mending matters, made them worse. In short, no one would hire his donkey any more on any condition, and Yacob and Slow-coach were a rueful pair, as they stood idly before the hotel.

One day, as he stood thus, the Prince of Wales came out from the veranda (the Prince was then on his way to the East Indies), mounted Slow-coach and rode him two or three yards, and then got off and took another donkey. Thereupon Yacob bemoaned his bad luck in hearing of an American sitting in a tilted chair on the veranda.

"Yacob," said the American, "your donkey shall be hired as much as any other, but hereafter his name must be the Prince of Wales."

The American had a certificate drawn up and sworn to before the American Consul in Cairo, to show that the Prince of Wales had, without any doubt, mounted Yacob's donkey; and when the lad wanted to hire the animal to any man, woman or child from England, all he had to do was to show this certificate, and they straightway engaged him, notwithstanding his moping gate and stiff legs. They engaged him for whole days, fondled him, and begged Yacob not to poke him up too sharp from behind. They fed him with whatever he would eat, and the only drawback to the donkey's pleasant life was that his tail was plucked a good deal for mementos.

Yacob said, and says still, that the luckiest day of his life was when he was spoken to by the American gentleman in a tilted chair."—Albert Rhodes *in St. Nicholas for May.*

Aristocratic.—Lettie was our "help" last summer in the country—a good girl, but not very bright. In the busiest part of the season she went "a visiting" her folks at Hope, notwithstanding an epidemic was prevalent there. On her return we asked how she enjoyed herself. She replied, "Never had such a nice time—never. Why, we had a funeral every day, and sometimes two. Hardly had time to eat and wash dishes."

On another occasion some city friends were visiting us. One of the ladies remained in the dining-room when Lettie sat down to her tea. Lettie commenced with sponge cake, followed with pound cake, and had nearly finished the fruit cake when the lady left. No sooner was she gone than Lettie exclaimed:

"Well, I never was so glad to see any one's back."

"Why, Lettie?"

"Because, I'm jist *gouged* with cake."

"Why, then, didn't you eat something else?"

"Do you think," replied that child of nature, "that I would let them stuck-up city folks see me eat biscuit? Not much!"

Father Tom Burke is one of the simplest, kindest-hearted men in the world, and by kith and kin is almost worshipped. To his mother, of whom he is exceedingly fond, he said one day:

"Mother darling, wouldn't you like to go and hear my lecture to-night? You've never heard it."

"Yes, my son, I think I'll go."

After the lecture Father Burke came home, and, after giving her a kiss, said:

"What did you think of it?"

"I didn't hear it, my son."

"And why not, darling?"

"Because the crowd was so great I couldn't get in."

"Ah, mother dear, wasn't that too bad? Just to think of it! Why, if it hadn't been for you, dear, I wouldn't have been there myself."

It is agreed by doctors that American women live longer than those of any other country. They are leaner and wirier, and of late years have worn something like sensible garments, of which the most sensible are thick-soled boots. As for the hat, there is not much to say on that head.—*New York Mail.*

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

Notwithstanding the exceedingly bright prospect of immense crop yields of every description, there is no denying the fact of a marked depression in trade. To what cause this is to be attributed we are unable to determine, except, perhaps, the anticipations of the wants of the country were on so large a scale as to be unwarranted and unreasonable. Money comes in slowly from the interior, but in the city it is abundant and can be had at reasonable rates of interest for all legitimate business transactions. Tonnage in our harbor is light and but little in demand as yet. The amount on the way to this port aggregates nearly 240,000 tons, according to the most reliable reports. Charters have been effected for nearly 70,000 tons, to carry the new crop, the range being from £3 to £3 7s 6d to the United Kingdom.

We note a steady decline in the price of wheat in the English market. This fact, together with the prospect of an estimated surplus of 800,000 tons, for which a market has to be found, has had the effect of materially reducing prices in this market, as will be seen by our quotations given below, and holders are now making a decided effort to dispose entirely of the balance of the old crop before the harvest of the new commences. Flour has also declined in sympathy with wheat, though not in the same proportion; the demand for export is only moderate. Barley is lower. Oats are weaker with a light demand. Rye is in demand at good figures. Buckwheat is scarce and wanted. Corn is in large stock and prices steadily decline with but a moderate demand.

WHEAT.—There is a disposition to work off the old crop at any price to give room for the new, which is now nearly ready for harvest. Consequently, offerings are large and prices rule exceedingly low, as the English market offers no inducement to shippers; small lots of choice milling would bring fair prices in comparison to ordinary shipping qualities. Present quotations are as follows: $1 50@$1 60, choice lots for milling range from $1 70@$1 75. The latest Liverpool quotations are for average, 9s 6d@9s; Club, 9s 10d@10s 3d.

FLOUR.—There is but little doing; good shipping qualities are in light demand, with a large amount of superfine offering. Family extras are in fair demand and prices well sustained by reason of the difficulty in obtaining the necessary choice wheat suitable for the purpose. We quote country brands of superfine as selling within the range of $4 00@$4 50; standard brands, $4 75@$5 00; extra superfine, $5 00@$5 25. Extra family is jobbing at $5 50@$6 00, the latter an extreme price.

BARLEY.—The demand for export is quite light; the home demand is only moderate; prices are declining for all descriptions, with large transactions reported during the week at the lower rates. Coast feed is now quotable within the range of $1 10@$1 15; Bay Brewing is held at $1 15@$1 25; Chevalier, fair to choice, $1 15@$1 50 ₱ cental.

OATS.—Receipts from all quarters are fair with a light demand and a falling market. Feed is offering at $2 00@$2 17½. Choice qualities for milling purposes are quotable at $2 25@$2 40 ₱ cental.

RYE.—Receipts are very light with a good demand. The range of prices for the week have been $1 80@$2 00 ₱ cental.

BUCKWHEAT.—A good article is scarce and in demand at $3 25@$3 50 ₱ 100 lbs.

CORN.—Receipts have continued free, while the demand is light and prices have a downward tendency. White and large yellow are quotable at $1 10@$1 15. Small yellow brings $1 20 ₱ cental—an outside price.

BRAN and MIDDLINGS.—The mill prices are steady at $18 00 for bran, and $22 50 ₱ ton for middlings.

HAY.—Choice wheat is in good demand, now selling at $16 00@$19 00 per ton. The range of prices for all other kinds is from $12 50 per ton upwards.

STRAW.—A good article is salable at 50@60c ₱ bale.

CEMENT.—Eastern Rosendale is quotable, $2 75@$3 00—jobbing at $3 25@$3 50; Portland, $4 75@$5 00—jobbing at $5 25@$5 50 ₱ bbl.

LIME.—Santa Cruz, in large lots, $2 00; retailing at $2 25 ₱ bbl.

PLASTER.—The product of the Golden Gate Mills is furnished to the trade at $3 00@$3 25 ₱ bbl.

BEANS.—Lots from wharf are quotable as follows: Bayos out of market; White, 1¾@2c; Pea, 2@2⅛c; Pink and Red, 2¼@2⅜c; large Butter, 2⅜c; small do, 2c ₱ lb. Castor beans are in request. The mills here are paying 4c for all clean lots.

SEEDS.—There is a good demand for some varieties, chiefly for milling purposes. We quote: Flax, ₱ lb, 3@3½c; Mustard, white, 1¾@2c; Mustard, Brown, 2@3c; Canary, 15@18c; Alfalfa, 10@11c.

HOPS.—We have no improvement to note in the condition of the market. The crop works off but slowly with but little demand either at home or abroad. Prices are exceedingly low and the demand very light, the present range being 10@15c, as extremes.

HONEY.—We have abundant supplies of comb. Strained is in light supply at advanced prices. The home demand is fair. We quote: white comb at 12½@16c; dark, do, 8@12½c; strained is firm within the range of 6@10c for dark, and 12½@15c for light.

BEESWAX.—Receipts are light with a fair demand. We note sales at 27½@30c, the latter a jobbing price for choice.

POTATOES.—In consequence of large receipts of both new and old the market is in a demoralized condition. Prices for old have declined sharply and only choice are saleable at our quotations; new are now selling at about the same prices as choice old. We quote the range as follows for good to choice only: Humboldts, $1 15@$1 30; Petalumas and Tomales, $1 25@$1 50; common and inferior, 75c@$1 00 ₱ 100 lbs. New are quotable at 2@2½c ₱ lb.

ONIONS.—Receipts for the week have been large, and the market at date is well supplied at our quotations. The demand is light; we quote, choice, $2 25@$2 50. Inferior sell at less rates according to condition.

HIDES.—The market rates are still low for dry, both here and in New York, and is reported quiet for all kinds. Following are cash rates paid in this market: Dry, 12½@14c, for usual selections; Wet Salted are quotable at 6@7c. The New York price at date given at 18c, gold, for dry.

TALLOW.—The market is quiet and dull, with small prospect of improvement. The nominal prices are 6@7c for common to choice.

WOOL.—The yield is enormous, the receipts for the past week aggregating 13,000 bales or about four million pounds, chiefly from the southern counties. The sales here have averaged nearly a million of pounds per week for the past three weeks, although buyers are scarce, market dull and prices exceedingly low and discouraging to producers—the bulk of all which has been sold thus far being the selections of the choicest grades—all inferior qualities being discarded and of course accumulating in our warehouses. Sales for the past week have aggregated 1,000,000 lbs, within the range of 13@18c. The following are fair quotations:—Burry and dirty, 10@12½c—free to fair conditional grades, 12½@16c, choice, 16½@18c.

POULTRY.—The market demand at date is good; our daily receipts are moderately light. We give the present range as follows: Hens and Roosters, $7 50@$9 00 ₱ doz; Broilers, $4 00@$6 50 ₱ doz; Geese, tame, $1 75@$2 00 ₱ pair; Ducks, do., $8 00@$8 50 ₱ doz.; Turkeys are scarce—we quote, live, 21@23c.

CATTLE.—Meats of choice quality are coming in more freely and prices droop; poor qualities are plenty and cheap. The following are the wholesale rates: Beef, 4@8c, according to quality; Calves, 4@6c; Mutton, 3½@4c; Lambs, 5½@6c; Hogs very scarce and high—present prices are as follows: on foot, 7½@8½c; Hogs dressed, 10@11c; the latter price for choice small ones.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—We note an increase in the receipts of fresh roll; largely in excess of daily requirements and prices for all except a few extra choice dairies are weak. The range of good to choice is 22@27c. The best Point Reyes sells by the single box at 30c. Eastern is in light stock and no demand at any price. New California Cheese comes in more freely and stocks accumulate; prices have steadily declined, the present range for all grades is 10@14c. Fresh California eggs are in light supply and in fair demand, quotable at an advance—26@30c ₱ doz.

GREEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.—We are now in receipt daily of all the varieties of seasonable fruits and vegetables, and prices generally rule low. Apples are very scarce and high. Strawberries are abundant and cheap. We quote: Oranges, $25 00@$30 00 ₱ M; Limes, $10 00 ₱ M; Sicily Lemons, $8 50@$9 00 ₱ box; Bananas, $2 50@$4 00 ₱ bb; Pineapples, $6 00 ₱ doz; Cocoanuts, $6 00@$7 00 ₱ 100; Pears, $2 00@$3 00 ₱ box; Apples, $2 00@$4 00 ₱ box. Strawberries, $10 00@$12 00 ₱ chest of 80 pounds; Gooseberries, 12½c ₱ lb; Cherries, 15@25c ₱ lb, as to variety.

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