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THE BUSINESS CRISIS IN GERMANY.

Germany has not recovered from her business depression which followed her period of inflation and speculation, says the Sacramento Record-Union, and her people are still compelled to ruminate over the disagreeable fact that a successful war may have the country that wages it to even a worse financial and commercial condition than that of the vanquished enemy.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

The most serious drawback, says the Sacramento Union, to the utility of iron in the arts and industries has always been its liability to deterioration or destruction by rust.

If ever household affections and loves are graceful things, they are graceful in the poor. The ties that bind the wealthy and the proud to home may be forged on earth, but those that link the poor man to his humble hearth are of the pure metal and bear the stamp of heaven.

FORCE.

There is a magnificent, wondrous power lodged in man, says "Consuello" in the Golden Era. We will call it Force.

The results of this Force are worthy of contemplation; they are grand, magnificent, superb, and inspiring.

Behold the magnificent works of man—decay and desolation broods over them. Yet he builds and constructs. He rears edifices for coming generations.

How many of us will live to see the Golden Gate Park a complete work, so far as human hands can make it? How many of us will live to see the new City Hall completed?

The individual man, like the masses, accomplishes wonders through the agency of Force. He builds structures of thought that seem to defy the ravages of time.

In what we will term humble life Force plays a conspicuous part. The man who rises every morning and works ten honest hours a day, who keeps this up from week to week, from month to month, from year to year is a hero in the full sense of the word.

If we contemplate the noble, the exalted the heroic side of man's character we should really come to idolize, to worship him. Would we not in time build altars to him?

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THE SITUATION.

The Grover-Cronin fraud in Oregon was a fair index to what was attempted in all the Southern States and accomplished in all but three of them, and tamely submitted to by Republicans.

THE REBEL STILL CONTINUES.

While the European Powers desist from the maintenance of peace are doing or claiming to do, what they can toward a peaceable solution of the dispute between the Porte and Montenegro, which seems to be the sine qua non for an understanding and settlement.

HOW A RUSH FOR DIAMONDS BEGAN.

A traveler in South Africa stopped one night at a Boer's house, says one of our exchanges. He found the children playing with a pebble that looked like a diamond.

The Chamberlain government in South Carolina will sustain itself as soon as the people of that State are permitted to express their sentiments at the polls, without being intimidated.

Boss Tweed will probably open up some good things on Tilden, Belmont and others. The great frauds of which the "Boss" was supposed to be principal actor are about to fall where they really belong.

A. Oakley Hall has filled the public eye so long that the question arises—why is he wanted, now that the minor matter of his locality is settled beyond question?

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The school meeting at the Opera House, on Monday night, was well attended. The question of "how much tax shall be levied," was ably discussed by a number of first-class orators and political economists.

Several speakers were present and entertained the audience with good speeches on that prolific subject "education." Rev. Mr. Dickson presided and administered parliamentary law with rather a loose hand.

THEOLOGICAL.

On Sunday night last Rev. P. S. Knight, pastor of the Congregational Church, delivered a very interesting discourse, from which I caught the following paragraphs.

"In business, in politics, in social life, in student life, in the work of religion, the great thing is simple, straightforward, old-fashioned honesty."

KNOTTY THEOLOGY.

Dr. Jones, pastor of the first Baptist Church, delivered a most excellent sermon on Sunday morning, from the last sentence of the tenth verse of the seventeenth chapter of the gospel according to St. Luke, which reads: "We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do."

TO THE PEOPLE OF SALEM.

For some time persons visiting the cemetery have been gathering flowers, even from the graves of the dead. These flowers were planted by those whose children lie quiet in death.

LIGHTNING SPARKS.

A large number of mail contracts will be let in June next, the service to commence July first.

The people of the United States are deeply interested in having a war in Europe. The demand for our agricultural products will be greater even though the Turk's shotten the number of Christians now in that country.

There can be little doubt that the corruption which gave Judge Grover a seat in the U. S. Senate, will yet unsettle him. He attempts to intimidate honest people, but will hardly make it win.

The gold and silver mines of Oregon are being slowly developed, but are proving a source of great wealth to the State. We need more capital and energy.

Some very important figures on the subject of the "Penitentiary problem," will appear shortly. Our special artist is at work.

BECK AND BLAINE.

Of the nine new members of the Senate, seven are old line Whigs. Beck of Kentucky, and Blaine, when young men went, the former from New York, and the latter from Pennsylvania, to the same town in Kentucky.

During the hard times several Boston girls have decided to accept honest housework. Said one of them to a Newark lady the other evening: "Madam, I shall be obliged to you if you will be so good as to bring down the atlas, so that I may trace this war in the east; and, if you please, where is the telephone?"

Chicago Journal: "Said a fond mother, at the table of a fashionable Chicago hotel the other day: 'Do you know, my little son, that the word means French for bill of fare?'"

Are you not surprised to find how independent of money peace of conscience is, and how much happiness can be condensed in the humblest home?

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