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of its claims against the United States for damages by the Cuban filibustering expeditions.

Paris, Sept. 30.—The Republicans of Alsace have nominated Victor Hugo for the Assembly.

London, Sept. 30.—The Times condemns the report of the resignation of Lord Chancellor Atherly.

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Fair, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—The National Flowering Mills suspended to-day. Flour and wheat have not changed. The same of all staple products.

Martenstein & Co., of the National Flouring Mills, have failed for \$120,000. Assets about \$90,000.

New York, Sept. 30.—It is stated that Alderman Parker and ex-Auditor O'Brien, of the Fifth Ward, Brooklyn, fled last night on account of the publication of affidavits proving that they had stuffed the ballot boxes of that Ward at the last election, and then perjured themselves by swearing to a statement which convicted Mr. J. Welden of the crime.

St. Joseph, Sept. 30.—At a meeting of the Straightout Democracy to-night, delegates were elected to attend the State Convention at Jefferson City, October 11th. Resolutions were passed endorsing the ticket nominated and the platform adopted at Louisville and the delegates were instructed to vote for the nomination of a full Straightout ticket.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Stamp duty upon all documents except bank checks, drafts or orders expires to-day in accordance with the recent act of Congress. Hereafter no stamps are required on any legal documents whatever, no paper being subject to stamp duty except bank checks, drafts or orders as above mentioned. No stamp is required on foreign bills of exchange.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Collector of Customs has been directed by the Treasury Department to suspend the importation of neat cattle hides coming from the infected districts of Europe, unless accompanied by a circular certificate showing them to be free from disease.

Angora or Cashmere Wool.

There is considerable excitement just now in California on the subject of sheep and goat growing, more for the value of their wool than for mutton. Owing to the great necessity for woollens in all their variety throughout the world, there must always be a certain annual demand for a large quantity of the wool of sheep; but it does not necessarily follow that prices for the same will always rule high.

Farmers and others have seen the fallacy of holding on to wool for higher prices during the last four months, and many are now changing their minds in regard to greatly enlarging their present flocks of sheep. Others are making arrangements to engage largely in the growing of Angora or Cashmere goats, with the view of having a commodity in their fleece more surely marketable and at a higher figure and larger profits than from sheep.

We would not discourage any one in the laudable desire of increasing the variety of sources from whence to derive a profit upon time and labor or capital employed, nor would we wish to do ought to check the present disposition to extend the growing of the Angora goat; but we feel it our duty to lay before farmers the following letter a few days since received:

Eds. Rural Press: Your communication of the 26th inst. to Messrs. Davis & Foulke was handed to us as their successors in the wool trade. We have never purchased the Cashmere wool, neither have our predecessors. Occasional lots have found their way to them on consignment, and they, as well as ourselves, have made more than ordinary efforts to find a market for the stock, but without any success worth recording. The fact is, no market exists in this country for this class of wool, and any investments made with a view to profit from the fleece are likely to be below par for some time to come.

Yours, very truly,
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Philadelphia, Aug. 13, 1872.

The following we clip from the *American Agriculturist*, New York: **CASHMERE GOATS.**—A. F. L., Lebanon, Mo., sends a sample of Cashmere goat's hair, with a request to learn its value. We find there is no market in New York for this wool; the skins, with the fleece on, are bought in a small way, and used for trimming ladies' dresses.

It is not likely, with the present inconsiderable production, that any

regular market will be established for the wool, and we would not advise any investing in these animals. Our correspondent thinks his goats a nuisance; some others probably agree with him."

Now, though the prospect of an immediate demand for Cashmere wool at high prices may not be as flattering as we could wish, still, as the product is one of great beauty and excellence, and manufacturers from it are costly and far from common, we have no doubt that the very fact of an accumulation of the wool to a large extent will have a direct tendency to create a market, inasmuch as its very abundance must cause it to start on the market at a low rate.

Will some grower of Cashmere wool in California tell us to whom he has sold his wool, and to what extent and at what prices sales can be made? It is to be feared that under the present excitement for the possession of Cashmere, or more properly Angora, goats in California, that large numbers of low-grade goats will be palmed off upon us as full-bloods, from the unprofitable flocks of the Atlantic States.—*San Francisco Rural Press.*

In answer to the above inquiries, Messrs. Landrum & Rogers, of Watsonville, Cal., sent the following communication to the *Rural Press*, under date of Sept. 16th:

We think there is no one in California who is buying mohair—Angora goats' fleece—and at present I believe there is no one in America using it; for the simple reason that there is not now fleece enough in America to start up a mill to make a run.

The Riverside mill, at Providence, Rhode Island, has all the machinery necessary to work mohair, and they would run the factory if they could get fleece enough to pay for the expense of employing competent laborers and other necessary expenses attending the starting and stopping of such a factory. They run it as long as they could get fleece; they can't start up on a few bales of mohair; we must first get the material and then work it. I could refer to other manufacturers who have offered to fit up machinery on this coast as soon as the breeders would guarantee fleece to run their mills; but at present the best we can do is, either to ship our mohair to England or put it in store for next year.

If all the breeders will save their fleece, everything that can be sheared, next spring we will be able to supply one mill or factory and have a good market.

Parties shipping to England will do well to ship to G. H. Cosens & Co., London or Liverpool; either place they sell more than a million pounds every year.

It was quoted not long since in English papers at three shillings nine pence for fair average, and shippers were holding for three shillings ten pence, from 90 to 93 cents per pound, and the duty to get it into our markets would bring it up to \$1.20 at least. Fair average includes five inches and everything over five inches in length—shorter fleece runs from 10 to 60 cents per pound.

Mohair in England is engaged one year in advance all the time, and sold in Asia before it is sheared.—Mohair is as current as gold at the quotations in England. There has been some fleece worked this season in Philadelphia and some in New York, for which they paid from 40 cents to \$1.20, the average of all grades figuring about 82 cents per pound.

We propose to make an arrangement with some house in San Francisco, between this and March, to receive and ship all the fleece that can be brought forward, and make a reasonable advance on it according to quality. There is no fear in regard to a good market, if every man shears, and brings forward his fleece in due time.

In regard to the value of full-blood goats, we can only speak for ourselves. We are selling bucks that are free from kump and shear from four to seven pounds fleece, for \$50, single animals, and a reasonable deduction for lots according to the number included in one order; shipped free of charge.

The *Dallas Republican* says: Mr. D. M. Guthrie showed us Timothy grown on his farm, the stalks of which were over seven feet long, and the heads eight inches. Dave is a skookum farmer.

Rev. Peter Cartwright, the celebrated Methodist preacher of Illinois, died at his home Sept. 26, aged 87 years.

The towns of Waitsburg and Dayton, in Eastern Washington Territory, are both said to be very lively business places.

AWARD OF A GOLD MEDAL.—During the fair held some months ago in Oregon, by the Oregon State Agricultural Society, there was an exhibition various samples of Howe's improved standard scales, of which V. S. W. Parkhurst, of this city, is the agent. The Committee on Awards, having thoroughly examined and tested the scales, which have a wide reputation in this and other countries, recommended that a gold medal be awarded to the agent for his enterprise and as a recognition of the merits of the scales. The Society decided to carry out the recommendations, and E. M. Waite, Esq., Secretary, ordered from Titeomb & Williams, of this city, a rich gold medal of handsome design, which was sent to the agent only a few days since. On the one side of the handsome medal is the inscription "Oregon State Agricultural Society," beneath which, in relief, are illustrations of commerce, agriculture and industry, in the shape of the locomotive and ship, and bundle of sheaves and the scythe, the farmer and beaver. The reverse side contains a wreath and inscription "Awarded to V. S. W. Parkhurst for Howe's U. S. Standard Scales."—*S. F. Alta.*

Washington, Sept. 24.—It appears from a correspondence just published that the American Minister, Washburn, on August 6th communicated to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs the expression of a desire on our part of the Government that France would take such action as would put an end to persecution of Israelites in Roumania. The Minister replied on August 30th that the French Consul General in several instances had acted with the American Consul General in making necessary representations to Roumania. We have never neglected to make the Consulate at Bucharest representations, urging justice and humanity, and we have obtained assurance for the future which respond to our wishes. When the occasion presents itself, we shall insist that equal protection be accorded in Roumania to residents of all creeds.

Titusville, Pa., Sept. 24.—The movement towards shutting down wells and suspension of drilling so as to decrease the production of petroleum, which was agitated some weeks ago and proved unsuccessful, has been renewed. Meetings are being held and resolutions passed, and organizations formed to this end, and it is thought will be successful. The production has reached 18,000 barrels per day and is increasing. This excessive supply has caused prices to decline so low that its production is unprofitable. A large number of wells have already closed.

New York, Sept. 24.—Forrester is reported to have said yesterday that if he is pardoned from the Illinois prison he will divulge who is the real murderer of Nathan.

It is stated that the editor of the *Cronica*, a Spanish paper here, and a Cuban, have gone to Niagara Falls, accompanied by seconds and surgeons, to fight a duel to-day, growing out of charges made by the former against revolutionary Cubans.

Reno, Sept. 25.—The Republican State Convention of Nevada, met at 12:30 to-day; called to order by C. C. Battersman, Chairman. The following named gentlemen were nominated: Supreme Judge, Thos. Hawley; for Congress, C. C. Goodwin, unanimously; for State Electors, J. H. Wills, J. W. Haynes, and A. J. Hatch; for State Printer, C. A. O. Putnam. Harmony prevailed throughout the entire proceedings. The result is generally satisfactory to all concerned.

Salt Lake, Sept. 25.—Affidavits were taken to-day, in regard to the Mountain Meadow Massacre, fully corroborating the testimony of Bishop Smith, giving further details showing still more positively the guilt of the Mormon leaders. Testimony was also obtained proving the identity of the assassins of Dr. Robinson.

Geneva, Sept. 24.—The removal of the Catholic Priest Mermelrod here, by the Swiss Government, causes some excitement. He is a bishop and resists the rights of secular power to remove the clergy, and maintains his allegiance to the Pope as superior to all human law.

Paris, Sept. 25.—Eighteen thousand Communists are yet confined. It is the intention to immediately release half the number. Only those accused of assassination, thieving and arson are to be tried.

City of Mexico, Sept. 18.—The authorities have released Thiele, who was confined at Chiapas. Thiele is not an American but a naturalized Mexican, and was engaged in the Porofina Diaz revolution.

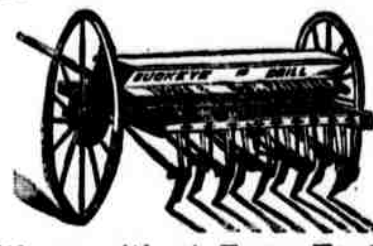
THE SNAKE.—Numerous experiments have proven that the snake can be tamed and that it is capable of attachment to its protector. In Sardinia, the young women tame the ringed snake; feed it themselves, putting into its mouth the food they have prepared.

In sentencing John Gaffney, Buffalo, to be hanged for murder, the presiding judge said: "You are a victim of the cowardly practice of carrying arms."

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