

Wheat Supply.

The Mack Lane Express of March 31st, makes the following survey: With regard to the foreign supplies, the amount we shall require to meet the demand of the second six months of the season, which will end on the 31st of August, is estimated at four and a half million quarters, or 750,000 quarters per month, and we may still look for a considerable supply from San Francisco, which, indeed, is in daily course of arrival. In addition, we have intelligence from Adelaide, Australia, that their wheat harvest had proved the most productive they have ever reaped, and that they will have some thousands of tons to export to Europe. Some large shipments of wheat were then in progress, and are by this time nearing their destination. The growers had a difficulty to encounter in the scantiness of the rolling stock of the railways to meet the emergency. But the old proverb of "where there's a will there's a way," is not obsolete, even at the Antipodes; and during the harvest in December they were receiving at the rate of a thousand tons per day at Adelaide, which was immediately put on board the ships in harbor. Like the California farmers, those of Australia sowed a much greater breadth of wheat than usual last season, and they are now reaping the benefit of it, and thus by two of the most distant countries from England—the one at our Antipodes, the other in the North Pacific Ocean, we are, in our emergency, likely to be kept from starvation prices. The price of wheat at Adelaide for England is 63s per quarter, cost, freight and insurance; the quality as is well known is good and heavy, sometimes weighing 70 lbs per bushel. It will be some weeks yet before the Australian wheat arrives off the coast; and even then there may be a competition for it between the British and the continental merchants of those countries, which have like ourselves, experienced a deficient harvest. This has already intercepted the supplies from the Black Sea, whether first destined to Marseilles or to England, and if the wants of other States are pressing they will bid high for supplies.

SCANDALOUS.—Nothing more shamefully compromises American character abroad than the scandal connected with the Vienna Commission. Here are men representing the country at an international exposition who sell privileges for a profit to themselves in which they had no right but the courtesy of a foreign power. What could be more vulgarly sordid and dishonorable? It makes us look like a nation of cheap Johns, seeking position only for the opportunity of gain at any sacrifice of character. The conduct of Minister Jay in promptly exposing the practice complained of, and that of the Government in suspending the Commission, is commendable, though care should be taken not to do injustice to honest men who happen to be in bad company. The scandal has made a most unfavorable impression at Vienna, and the suspension of the Commission will retard the filling up and arrangement of the American section of the Exposition.—S. F. Bulletin.

A DISGRACEFUL, STUPID VICE.—Of the manifold vices, practiced by human beings, no one is so utterly devoid of any species of compensation, even of a low, merely animal description, as that of profane swearing. Drunkards have their moments of "imaginary bliss, and most men have no more." Gaming is always attended with excitement and with profit to some of the parties who engage in it. Elshood, and du'city, and deception often result in temporary enjoyments and advantages which are necessarily short-lived, but they are yet frequently obtained by such means. Lewdness has its brief periods of unhallowed delight ultimately, most generally, punished by commensurate penalties; but profanity never contributed one moment of real or fancied, pleasure to the life of the profane person or added one iota to the agreeable sensation of those within earshot of the words uttered.

REINFORCEMENTS.—We copy this from the S. F. Chronicle of the 14th instant: General Schofield has been apprised by telegraph that the Fourth Infantry, now stationed at Arkansas, will be forwarded as a reinforcement to the troops operating against the Mojos. This regiment is of a numerical strength that will nearly double the force encamped in the lava beds. Col. Flint is in command. The regiment will probably be sent overland by the Pacific railroad.

At a church in Billerica, Mass., on Sunday morning last, a young daughter of the pastor entered the pulpit, and, stating that her father was too ill to officiate, proceeded to read a sermon appropriate to the occasion, much to the satisfaction of the congregation.

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