

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The report that a volcano has been discovered in the State of Kentucky is probably based on discovery of one of Watterson's lurid editorials on the nomination of Hearst for President.

Scientists connected with the Lick observatory, of California, while in Chili, were shown one of the most important geological discoveries ever made in South America. The find is remarkably perfect specimens of the ichthyosaurus, and the significance of the discovery lies in the fact that South America has never been known previously to furnish any specimens of these prehistoric silurians so valuable to science. This interesting fossil was discovered near Coquimbo, Chili, and the specimen has been unearthed in almost perfect condition. Other valuable specimens have been found in the same place. Professor Merriam, occupying the chair of historical geology at the university, says that so far as he is aware no specimen has been discovered which rivals this one in completeness or in scientific value. We always had a spite against Adam for giving such a pretty animal as that such an ugly name. We wonder how the first pair got away from Noah's collection, fled to South America and got themselves mixed up in the lower Silurian strata.

The old saying that "a lie well stuck to is better than the truth," has no better exemplification in all history than the famous 8 to 7 controversy, when Hayes was declared elected by the Electoral Commission. This is called by the Democrats "the crime of '76." "When Tilden was swindled out of the Presidency" etc. What are the frozen facts in the case? The Electoral Commission was a democratic body, elected by democratic votes, composed of 8 democrats and 7 republicans, with the acknowledged purpose of voting Tilden into the presidency, by force and fraud. The republicans had no power to prevent this fraud being consummated. It was only defeated by the overwhelming ambition of one of the democratic members of the commission itself. The commission consisted of five from each body. The Supreme Court, the Senate and House. The commission was elected by the votes of 187 democrats to 33 republicans in the House, 26 democrats to 21 in the Senate. The democrat who will charge that this vote elected a republican majority on this commission, displays his ignorance at once. Nobody but a fool will claim that a democratic majority of 159, about three to one, would elect a republican majority on a commission that was to have the electing of president. The absurdity of the proposition is its own answer. But the democrats had overreached themselves in the make-up of the commission. The five from the Supreme Court embraced three democrats and two republicans. That included every democrat in that body. One of these members was David Davis of Illinois. But David got the presidential bee in his bonnet, and as a preliminary step wanted the vice presidency. This he thought could be reached better through the Senate than through the Supreme Court. He resigned from the Court and was elected a member of the Senate. When he was elected a member of the commission he was a member of the Supreme Court; when the commission was ready to act, he was a senator. It therefore became necessary to add another member to the commission from the Supreme Court. There was nothing left there to add but republicans, and consequently the political complexion of the Electoral commission, elected by a democratic majority of three to one, had to be republican. Now, Mr. Democratic editor, the next time you have the impudence to allude to the "crime of '76," and the alleged injustice to Samuel Tilden, go into the back room and kick yourself for a fool.

People who have been anxious to be cremated and were only waiting the decision of the post-office department as to whether the remains would be considered as first-class matter or merchandise, can now set their hearts to rest and go ahead with the job. Even "the dust that set the world in awe" will have to pay one cent per ounce, as merchandise, in order to be transported in the U. S. mails.

William Jennings Bryan is still making himself obnoxious to the gold bug democrats, and treating them to an uneasy seat on the crown of thorns. He declares that no man who voted for Palmer and Buckner can be nominated at the next convention. Willie is now living only for revenge on those of his party who knifed him in former elections, and his combination with Hearst gives him the opportunity of his life. He seems to be getting more fun out of it than any other man in the democratic party.

"As an index to the good business done in Corvallis during the last year one only has to look at the bustle around the Wells-Fargo Co's express and telegraph offices." So says the CORVALLIS GAZETTE, but neglects to mention what the ladies gather there for.—Salem Journal.

Brother Hofer does not know what a wealth of attraction there is in having a good looking young bachelor for an agent.

We give below a large part of our space to an answer to the statements made by Soami Ram, while in this city regarding the missionary situation in India. The GAZETTE proposes to be liberal on all such questions, and give both sides, without favor. We shall ask our friends of the clergy to accord us the same charity we give them. There is no subject in the world that does not have two sides, and we reserve the right to take whichever side we feel it necessary to support, regardless of any other man's opinion. Our columns are always open to any one who chooses to disagree with us. Be as fair to us as we are to you.

THE MISSIONARY QUESTION.

Answer to Statements Made by Soami Ram.

EDITOR GAZETTE.—In the GAZETTE of December 25th there appeared the account of a speech given in Corvallis by one Soami Ram, a native of India. In the course of his address Mr. Ram spoke very disparagingly of the work of Christian missionaries in India. In reply will you please give room to the following from Mr. W. M. Forrest, a friend of mine who for a number of years was Bible Lecturer at Calcutta, India, under the auspices of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Christian church.

Yours Truly,
T. S. HANDSAKER

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 7, 1904.

REV. T. S. HANDSAKER.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—Your letter enclosing a press notice concerning one Soami Ram, and his lecture on India has just reached me. As a rule I think it useless to notice such wandering stars, but in response to your request, I notice a few of the gentleman's statements. If you think it worth while, you are at liberty to have this letter published.

There are always a few of these adventurers in this country securing money from over credulous people under pretense that it is to be used to benefit India. Usually they represent that they are native princes, or great high priests of some kind. It is to the credit of Soami Ram that he is content to be simply a graduate and ex-professor from a Hindu college. I know nothing of this man, but if he is not an impostor he is a misguided dreamer. If he could be followed up for a time, it would doubtless be found that the money he raises is just about enough to pay his expenses. When he gets back home there will be nothing left to educate young men in America, or anywhere else.

His statements that the missionaries are a lazy, luxurious, useless company are utterly devoid of truth. They do not live as the natives for the simple reason that they have to take extra precautions in order to withstand the trying climate. But their homes are plain, and invariably devoid of comforts that could be enjoyed at home. Their salaries are small compared with what men of the same ability get in this country. They endure separation from native land, they brave tropical heat and pestilence, they suffer separation from their children who have to be sent home at an early age, they not infrequently ruin health and even part with life by their toil for India. The great difficulty that is experienced in inducing even godly men to become missionaries is proof that the life is not one of ease and profit. Those who credit and repeat the unfounded charges made by strangers against their heroic countrymen in India would be the last to endure the hardships of missionary life themselves, or permit their children to do so.

It is not true that the missionaries cannot reach the people. In spite of the inhuman caste system that has been built up by Soami Ram's religion, thousands of the people become Christians, and many who do not, learn to regard the missionaries as their best friends. The government census of 1901 shows that there are over 2,000,000 native Christians in India, and that the native Protestant community made an increase of over 50 per cent. in the last decade.

The claim that the high caste people are untouched by Christianity is untrue and misleading. I am personally acquainted with many Christians whose caste was so high that under the influence of their old religion they would have considered themselves polluted by the very shadow of Soami Ram. It is estimated that one convert in every six have been from the high castes. That is far larger in proportion to the whole number of Christians than is the proportion of high caste people in the entire population.

In Calcutta, where I labored for several years, there are many hundreds of high caste Hindus under the influence of missionaries in Christian colleges. My work was entirely among the educated class who are, with few exceptions, high caste people. The aggregate attendance upon my Bible classes and addresses was nearly a thousand a month. Other missionaries could make a like report. That does not support Mr. Ram's statement that "the better classes of India will not give a missionary an audience."

Even if it were true that no high caste men become Christians it would be no argument against missions. It was the common people who heard Christ gladly. They were the class that made the bulk of the converts when Peter and Paul preached. It is the glory of Christianity, that it can take the common people and lift them up. Already in the Madras colleges and universities it is found that the children of low caste Christians are becoming as numerous and intelligent as the sons of high caste Hindus there. India could ultimately become a great Christian country even if no high caste man ever become a Christian. The masses of the people are the strength and hope of India, just as they are of Oregon.

Even though every dollar given to Mr. Ram by gullible people might be used to bring young men to America to educate them, the money would be wasted. In the first place it has been proved by experiments, that to educate any heathen people in America means to change them so radically that they are no longer acceptable to their people. In the second place, we have no good thing in America that could live divorced from Christianity. As this Hindu has no use for our religion it is certainly not his idea that the young men brought here should be sent back as Christians. Hence they could take nothing to benefit their country. And in the third place, there are government and missionary schools in India ranging all the way from kindergarten to universities, that are as good as the best in England or America.

Mr. Ram learned his English in such a school. All the men who attended my classes heard me in English. The Soami's young men can be much better and cheaper educated in India than here. He must know that. He is doubtless aware that the missionaries are teaching hundreds of young men and women to lead their fellow countrymen to Christ. But the Soami is a cautious gentleman and wanted to raise money enough to enable him to complete his tour of America and get back home. Some facts must be kept in the background and some things that are not facts must be brought to the front. Mr. Ram has probably heard that "you can fool some of the people all the time." He can have a good time and pay all expenses without fooling very many in any one place.

Probably Mr. Ram would scoff at the idea that his religion practiced the burning of widows with their dead husbands, human sacrifice, and the dedication of girls to the gods in a way that makes them public prostitutes, just as he scoffed at the idea of "Hindu mothers sacrificing their babies to the sharks and crocodiles of the Ganges river." Nevertheless it is a matter of history and public record that all these practices were kept up until missionaries induced the British government in India to stamp out the evil. Indeed the dedication of daughters to the gods to become religious prostitutes is yet practiced. Hindu mothers continued to offer their children to the goddess Ganga by throwing them into the Ganges river until William Carey induced the government to stop it in 1802.

India today is in need of every dollar and every man and woman we can send them for missionary work. Hinduism has cursed the people for thousands of years. What promise of good is now in the land is there through Christian effort. The light of our own hearts, homes and land is the gospel of Christ. "Can we to men benighted the lamp of life deny?"

Yours Faithfully,

W. M. FORREST.

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Notice for Publication.

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January 9, 1904.

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James E. Embree, R. E. No. 12,000, for W. 1/2 of S. 1/2 of Sec. 10, T. 10 S., R. 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Willard Price, Larkin G. Price, A. J. Price and Theodore Bevens, all of Kings Valley, Or.
ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County.

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Gustav Hoden, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, who has been appointed by the court, clerk of Benton County, Oregon, the executor of the last will and testament of Gustav Hoden, deceased, and all creditors of the said Gustav Hoden must present their claims, with the proper vouchers, to her at her home in Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from this date.

Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, January 7, 1904.
W. E. WHITE, Executor of the Estate of Gustav Hoden, deceased.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Or., January 25, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1897, Philip H. Johnson, of Monmouth, county of Polk, State of Oregon, has filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6123, for the purchase of the E. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Section No. 18 in Township No. 12 S., Range No. 6 West, will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Friday, the 15th day of April, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Charles Newman of Inavale, Oregon, Hiram Newman, Fred Hubler and Frank Fisher of Monmouth, Oregon.
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No. 4301.
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Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 3,451 49
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 50,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand..... 400 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds..... 32 25
Stocks, securities, etc..... 20,084 70
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures..... 21,613 38
Other real estate owned..... 3,137 44
Due from National Banks—not reserve agents..... 77,870 93
Due from State Banks and Bankers..... 25,021 17
Due from approved reserve agents..... 87,872 41
Internal Revenue stamps..... 112 50
Checks and other cash items..... 2,296 19
Notes of other National Banks..... 1,180 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents..... 68 99

LAWFUL MONEY RES. IN BANK, VIZ:
Specie.....\$67,804 15
Legal-tender notes..... 270 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer..... 5,754 15
—per cent. of Circulation..... 2,500 00
Total.....\$455,951 65

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$50,000 00
Surplus fund..... 9,100 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..... 1,715 87
National Bank notes outstanding..... 48,225 00
Due to State Banks and Bankers..... 112 50
Individual deposits subject to check..... 236,694 12
Demand certificates of deposit..... 45,047 07
Certified checks..... 22 00
Liabilities other than those stated above..... 2000 00
Total.....\$455,951 65

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