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ANOTHER EGYPTIAN WHR.

A Cairo despatch of the 24th says: The ministry are industriously representing that the report of the renewal of disturbances in Soudan are unfounded, while they have been in possession of messages in regard to the disturbances for the last three days. The Soudan movement has no connection with Arabi's rising. The false prophet announces his intention of invading the country, but has not yet advanced beyond Khartoum. He has several regiments of Nubians. Prof. Schweinfurth has communicated the following from Soudan: "Last June 6,000 Egyptian soldiers were surrounded by the troops of the false prophet and massacred." Schweinfurth declares the situation in Soudan dwarfs the revolt into insignificance.

Most alarming news has been received from Khartoum. The false prophet at the head of the whole able-bodied population of the Soudan, reinforced by some cannibal tribes of central Africa, has publicly defied Abdel Kaber and defeated the Egyptian governors in several sanguinary pitched battles. The Egyptian loss in killed and wounded was 8,000, with their stands of arms including 5,000 Remingtons. The remnant of the Egyptian army took refuge in Khartoum and is now besieged there. All the provinces south of that city are lost to Egypt.

It is stated that the capital of Khartoum has been besieged for thirty days; its capture is expected. An attack on Khartoum will follow.

The false prophet permits the pouring of boiling tallow into the eyes and ears of his captives, and otherwise fiendishly tortures them. These man-eaters, in some cases, actually devour their prisoners for refusing to recognize him as the true prophet and Khalif. Dr. Schweinfurth assures me that there is a movement for the real revival of Islam, comprising Afghanistan and Morocco, and the doctor is sure that the movement will embrace Vahtar. The false prophets adherents increase like wildfire, and the prophet himself is said to be marching toward Cairo. Great weight is due the opinion of Schweinfurth, but I believe the Chinese Jordan or Valentine Baker would be able to finish the whole business with 5,000 men. Abdel Kaber was known to fame as the commander of the Forty Thieves under Sir Samuel Baker. Giegler is a German engineer.

The Egyptian government officially denies that the false prophet has any share in the defeat of the Egyptian troops during the late war. The authorities attribute the result to other causes.

The Chinese Bill.

The N. Y. Herald's Toronto special says: The Chinese question is beginning to loom up in Canada as one of political and social consequence. The importation of several thousand Chinese to British Columbia to work as navies on the Canadian Pacific railroad has aroused much feeling among the trade unions, which, at a meeting here Saturday night, passed resolutions strongly condemnatory of "John Chinaman" being allowed the countenance of the government or its contractors, and urging prohibition or restriction whenever practicable of Chinese immigration. In this city until lately the number of Chinese was very small, and as the laundry business was the only one which suffered from their competition, there was no complaint. Lately the restriction placed upon their

immigration into the United States have drawn considerable numbers to Toronto.

The other day some of them in attempting to pass through the United States, ostensibly on their way to the Celestial empire, were met by obstacles at the suspension bridge from American officials, which induced them to return to the bosom of the small Chinese community in Toronto.

'Til Not Trust Ye.

Two centuries ago, in the Highlands of Scotland, to ask for a receipt or promissory note was thought an insult. If parties had business matters to transact they stepped into the air, fixed their eyes upon the heavens, and each repeated his obligation without mortal witness. A mark was then carved on some rock or tree near by as a remembrance of the contract. Such a thing as breach of contract was rarely met with, so highly did the people regard their honor.

When the march of improvement brought the new mode of doing business they were often pained by these innovations. An anecdote is handed down of a farmer who had been to the lowlands and learned worldly wisdom. On returning to his native parish he was in need of a sum of money, and made bold to ask a loan from a gentleman of means named Stuart. This was kindly granted, and Mr. Stuart counted out the gold. This done, the farmer wrote a receipt and handed it to Mr. Stuart.

"What is this, man?" cried Mr. Stuart, eyeing the slip of paper.

"It is a receipt, sir, binding me to give ye back the gold at the right time," replied Sandy.

"Binding ye? Weel, my man, if ye canna trust yerself, I'm sure I'll no trust ye. Ye canna have my gold." And gathering it up he put it back in his desk and turned the key on it.

"But sir, I might die," replied the canny Scotchman, bringing up an argument in favor of his new wisdom, "and perhaps my sons might refuse it to ye; but the bit or paper would compel them."

"Compel them to sustain their dead father's honor!" cried the Celt. "They'll need compelling to do right if this is the road ye're leading them. I'll neither trust ye nor them. Ye can gang elsewhere for money; but ye'll find name in the parish that'll put more faith in a bit of paper than in a neighbor's word o' honor and his fear o' God."—Exchange.

Of Mehmet Ali, the ancestor of the present Khedive, the following story is told: "A milk-woman came to the Pasha one day, complaining that one of his soldiers had robbed her of the milk she was bringing to camp. The soldier was identified and denied having taken the milk. 'What did he do with it?' asked the Pasha. 'Drank it,' was the reply. At a sign the man's head was off his body, and his stomach, being opened, was found to be full of milk. 'Go,' said the Pasha to the horrified milkwoman, paying her the value of her milk; 'but if he had not taken it, your head would have paid for it.'"

Ducks infest Coos bay by millions, and are being continually harassed, killed and captured in every conceivable manner by men, women and children. The ducks are now fat, and fine eating. One man has a home-made gatling gun on the bow of a skiff. He mows them down in swaths, and supplies the market at a bit apiece.—Silvertown Appeal.

Tremors of the Earth.

The London Times publishes a synopsis of some papers on the "tremors of the earth," by the committee appointed to measure the lunar disturbance of gravity, and by G. Darwin, which contains some statements new to the public. It is considered proved by the men of science engaged that the crust of the earth bends under weights imposed on it, till "when the barometer rises an inch over a land area like that of Australia, the increased load of air sinks the entire continent two" or three inches below the normal level." The land actually sinks and rises under the pressure of the mass of water thrown upon it by the tides, the maximum of rise and fall on the Asiatic seaboard reaching five inches. This effect is felt at the bottom of the deepest mine, and may reach for an unknown distance. It follows that the crust of the earth must be of exceeding tenacity, exceeding as a minimum that of granite; and its swayings may be the cause of phenomena hitherto quite unexplained, as, for example, the relation between storm and earthquake. So universal, frequent, and unavoidable are these disturbances that the inquiry into the lunar disturbance of gravity has been given up. No depth can be found at which a recording instrument can be placed so as to escape their effect. The round earth pants, in fact, like a breathing being, under the changes always going on above her.

Missin bay is again what it was five or six years ago, a "bone yard" for ships with nothing to do. There are now anchored there nearly a dozen fine American ships whose owners are not satisfied with small profits, as our foreign neighbors are, and the result is our English neighbors keep their ships moving while our good and wholesome American ships are kept rotting at their moorings, and their owners, as a matter of course, growl at the decline of American commerce.—S. F. Alta.

No bald-headed man is taken into the U. S. army as a recruit. This rule has been adopted to conciliate the friendly Indians. Nothing exasperates an Indian so much as to kill a U. S. soldier, and then be deprived of the satisfaction of scalping him. Such an outrage on the friendly Indians is calculated to goad them on to war. It is at the request of the Indians that the secretary of war issued the orders that none but scalpable recruits should be received into the army.

Severe damage has been inflicted to the lumbering business of Humboldt, Cal., by the last storm. The Times estimates that the supply of logs will run 10,000,000 feet short of the amount that would have been placed in the streams and at the landing had the weather remained fair.

"I believe you're a fool, John," testily exclaimed Mrs. Miggs, as her husband unwittingly handed her the hot end of the potato dish which she promptly dropped and broke. "Yes," he answered resignedly, "that's what the clerk told me when I went to take out my marriage license."—Brooklyn Eagle.

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The smallest woman in Washington territory is said to live at Garfield; she is nearly 22 years old, is 32 inches high, and weighs 34 pounds. Her name is Amanda Welch, born in Oregon, and the strangest of all is, she has yet the first, or baby teeth.

SYMPTOMS OF WORMS.

The countenance is pale and leaden-colored, with occasional flushes of a circumscribed spot on one or both cheeks; the eyes become dull; the pupils dilate; an azure serous fluid runs along the lower eyelids; the nose is irritated, swollen, and sometimes bleeds; a swelling of the upper lip; occasional headache, with humming or throbbing of the ears; an unusual secretion of saliva; slony or fetid tongue; breath very foul, particularly in the morning; appetite variable, sometimes voracious, with a gnawing sensation of the stomach; at others, especially during the evening, appetite variable, sometimes voracious, and vomiting; violent pains throughout the abdomen; bowels irregular, at times constipated, at times watery, and frequently tinged with blood; belly swollen and hard; urine turbid; respiration irregular; cough sometimes dry and convulsive; uneasy and disturbed sleep, with grinding of the teeth; temper variable, but generally irritable. Whenever the above symptoms are found to exist,

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