

Mr. Dana, of the New York Sun, who lately returned from a trip through Mexico, draws some striking contrasts between the government of that country and this. Although both are republics, and the constitution of that country was borrowed from ours, there is no similarity in them whatever. In theory the country is like ours, divided into states, with a general congress, president, state legislatures, governors, etc., but here the parallel ends. The masses of the people are too ignorant to have any interest or to take any part in the direction of governmental affairs. There is no public opinion, no discussion of public questions, no press that dares or even cares to discuss them. There are no political parties even. The president is a sort of emperor like the first Roman Caesar. His authority is unlimited, as much so as the veriest despot that rules in Asia. A new president is to be chosen in a few days, but the matter excites no interest whatever, and a visitor there would have no idea, from what he could observe, that so important an event was about to occur. No political meetings are being held and no discussion of political affairs. The slate is made up, and the men selected by the government will be elected. It is understood that General Porfirio Diaz will succeed the present incumbent, General Gonzalez, because such is the understanding between the two men. No other candidate is even mentioned. Gonzalez during his four years of administration has acquired a fortune of ten millions of dollars, acquired by shameless jobbery. Corruption is universal throughout all departments of government and despotism in its worst form reigns under the name of democracy.

The official dispatches touching the proposed European conference on the Egyptian question are about as varied and contradictory as commentaries on the scriptures. One says the entire question of Egyptian control as well as that of the financial management of Egypt is to be reopened; that France and Italy have so demanded, and that the Gladstone government has yielded. Another that such an invasion of English prestige cannot for a moment be thought of. Another that Turkey will not take any part in the conference if any protectorate or any idea of European annexation is to be mentioned. And it is to be hoped that the sick man has the Russian bear back of him smoothing his pillow. For as the "great Benevolence" stopped the czar when on his way to Constantinople in 1876, so the czar should drive John Bull out of Egypt to-day.

A PAPER by Sir John Pope Hennessey in the Nineteenth Century on "What do the Irish read?" will in all probability provoke considerable discussion. In his travels through Ireland Sir John has found that the younger generation is being fed on nationalist literature, which is strong in favor of Irish independence. It is really the strongest feature of Irish patriotism that England will have to face in the future. To the Ireland of the next generation fed on such literature England will have to grant equal rights and an untrammelled industry or national independence. It was because New England was on the whole smarter than her grandmother, that she succeeded in winning her independence, and when Ireland has equal claims they will be granted, either with or against the will of England.

In 1869 Kentucky was assessed as the richest southern state. Virginia came second and Texas third; Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and North Carolina were respectively fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh, as they are now. South Carolina ranked eighth, and Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Florida brought up the rear in the order given. That was in 1879. Mark the change in four years. In 1883 Texas came to the front as first, having added to her wealth in that time \$33,500,000 more than all the property in North Carolina is worth, \$103,000,000 more than would buy the state of South Carolina, \$32,000,000 more than the Louisianians value their entire state, including its seaport, New Orleans, and more than four times the entire valuation of Florida. As compared with herself, Texas gained in the four years 76.70 per cent.

UTAH has now 10,000 small farms averaging nearly five acres, and the whole must be irrigated. There is only one large farm in the territory, and it is owned by a company. The great salt lake, according to Elder Cannon, contains enough salt to supply America for centuries. All that is necessary in preparing it for market is to go to the edge of the lake with a wagon, and a man with a pair of rubber boots can load it with a shovel. The salt lies at the bottom of the lake in small, coarse crystals. After loading, it is taken to a grinding machine, and being run through, it is fit for the table.

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L. CHERBY.
Astoria, June 14th, 1884. J15-4t

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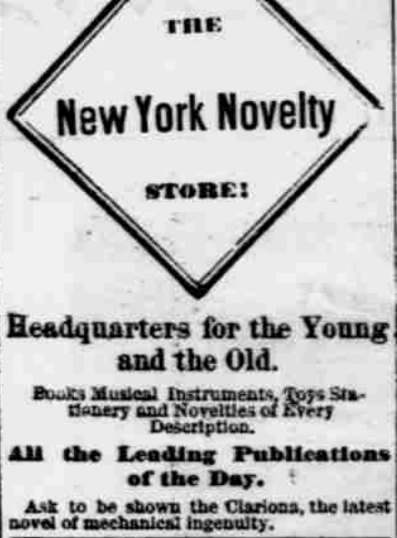
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