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THE ONSLAUGHT ON PIE.

"Pie," says the lexicographer, "is a crust or paste baked with something in it;" but the lexicographer does not embody in this definition either the common or special understanding. To the pie-eater, especially of New England residence or origin, pie is the staff of life, the toothsome ornament of the festive board on all occasions. Whether at home or abroad, in the palatial hotel or the humble tavern, he finds all meals distasteful if no pie be there, while the coarsest fare is rendered palatable if pie be the final course. In the spring time of the year no scarcity of materials can deter him from attempting to secure the accustomed viand. As the apple of the orchard diminishes in quantity and increases in price, the apple of the can or of the drying furnace takes its place; and when the lowest ebb is reached, there is still the "vinegar" pie, from which a well-bred hippopotamus would turn with loathing, but which the pie-eater rolls as a sweet morsel under his tongue, declaring sentimentally and axiomatically that "a pie is a pie whatever it is made of." Then when the tide turns comes the rhubarb, to be followed in quick succession by the custard, when the hens begin to lay freely, then by the fruit pies, and lastly, as the golden autumn heaps up her garnered treasures, by the luscious squash, the tempting pumpkin, the long-abiding apple, and the deadly mince. Such is pie to the eater, whose name is legion.

But to the sanitarian and dietitian pie is an abomination. Of all things indigestible and harmful it is the most indigestible and harmful. Its victims are to be seen by thousands slowly dragging their weary limbs about their daily tasks, and bearing on their sallow cheeks the imprint of their unwholesome diet. If these could have their way they would sweep through the railway eating houses and pastry-shops and family kitchens of the land with the besom of destruction until every vestige of pie were effaced from the land and the lexicographers compelled to substitute for their present definition "an obsolete article of food long since condemned."

Unfortunately—or fortunately—the dietitians have not their way; but they are not, therefore, idle. They are pursuing their fell purpose by a more peaceful pathway; but they are in as deadly earnest as if they were a moving army with banners. Very cunningly and insidiously they are giving out that the pie is not only injurious, but actually poisonous. By a wonderful stroke of luck they have found in the wilds of Ohio a family stricken with sudden and fearful illness soon after indulging in an orgie of pie; and this occurrence they are blazoning abroad through the country as a terrible warning to the pie-eaters.

That this will have its effect, cannot be doubted. There are cautious and timid souls among the pie devourers who hold their lives above the gratification of appetite, and who will be frightened henceforth from further indulgence in the entomological luxury. But if the dietitians' foes of pie expect to drive off the "stalwarts" by any of their "poison" stories they are leaning on a broken reed. The courageous man or woman, inured from early infancy to the dangers that lurk in "crust or paste, baked with something in it," can no more be driven from his or her idol by tales of pie-poisoned families than can the hardy mariner who has breathed the gale for half a century be driven from the sea by tales of shipwreck. The pie may be "scotched," but it will not be killed by any such device.

The police at Warsaw have seized 500,000 roubles, and numerous proclamations printed in the Russian and Polish languages, intended for circulation through the empire, in the event of the designs against the czar, on his recent visit to Warsaw, having been successful. Five tourists have been arrested at Moscow in whose possession were found large sums of money, dynamite bombs and documents. The latter showed that since the coronation of the czar Moscow has been the seat of the executive committee of the Nihilists. A state of siege has been proclaimed at Warsaw, and the governor general and chief of police will be removed.

The wet June and July have happily kept down the usual fires in the northwest. Word comes, however, from the Cour d'Alene that the little town of Belknap was almost completely wiped out last Friday by a fire, which left but five buildings remaining.

It is understood that Logan's letter of acceptance will be about 4,000 words, and will, as far as possible, avoid the ground covered by Blaine's letter. It will appeal to the soldier element, at the same time avoiding any special display of the bloody shirt.

THE MALIGNANT IN POLITICS.

The following is clipped from the New York Evening Post: "A correspondent writes to inquire whether Mr. Blaine was in favor of specie resumption at the time when the resumption act was before congress, and, if not, what kind of currency he was in favor of. We have accordingly made an examination of the record as compiled in McPherson's Textbook, and we do not find Mr. Blaine's name mentioned in any part of it."

The New York Evening Post is edited by two men who are supposed to know the recent political history of the country. It is, therefore, fair to assume that both of them know Mr. Blaine's attitude toward the resumption of specie payments without referring to "McPherson's Handbook of Politics." When, therefore, they refer to that book and say that they do not find Mr. Blaine's name mentioned in any part of the record relative to the passage of the Resumption Act, they do it to deceive the reader and the public who may be ignorant concerning the circumstances. Why does not Mr. Blaine's name appear on the roll calls on the Resumption Act? Simply because, as Speaker of the House, he followed the usual precedent and did not have his name called. The Evening Post knew this as well as any paper in the country; why, then, did it not state what it knew to be the truth? Why did it take the course it did to deceive its readers? Because its malignity toward Mr. Blaine makes it utterly unscrupulous as to the methods it employs to present him in a false light before the country. The New York Evening Post knows that Mr. Blaine was in favor of the Resumption Act, and that when its repeal was urged and the fiat money craze swept over the country, he was one of the most strenuous opponents of both schemes. Further comment is unnecessary, except to add that such treatment of public men is infamous, and such an answer to a person seeking information is an insult.

A PATHETIC little incident connected with a case pending before the late congress regarding the reduction of \$50 per month from the pension allowed by the government to the late Gen. Ward B. Burnett for gallant services rendered his country, occurred on the day of his death. The congressional committee were seated in their room discussing the case, hotly arguing for and against the brave old soldier, whether or not to restore the special pension, which to them personally could mean so little, but to him was fraught with such weighty interest, when suddenly all were startled by the unexpected entrance of Mrs. Burnett. Gazing around for an instant with a dazed, sorrowful air, she advanced a step nearer, saying gravely, with wonderful pathos in her voice, "Gentlemen, you can fight him no longer, he is gone," and then the brave hearted wife, who through all the years of trial and sorrow, never once faltered in that helpful allegiance to her husband, which was the bright spot in the closing years of a once brilliant career, burst into tears.

PORTLAND papers are of the opinion that the N. P. lease of the O. R. & N. lines is a good thing for their city, as it postpones the building of the line across the Cascade mountains.

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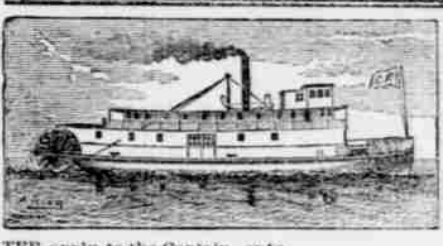
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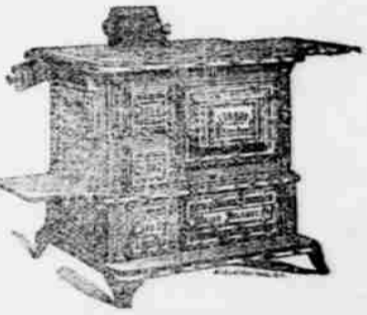
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