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THE PACIFIC COAST.

California's Governor Exercising His Pardoning Prerogative.

An Attorney's Big Fee—Postal Telegraph Stretching Out—California's Population Is 1,208,130.

The postoffice at Edgewater, King county, Wash., has been discontinued.

The Merced county (Cal.) contested election cases have been decided in favor of the fusionists.

The Land and Raisin Company of Visalia has incorporated. It will plant 140 acres to vines. Capital, $56,800.

Samples of apples sent East from Walla Walla secured an order from a Minneapolis firm for several carloads.

Attorney-General Miller has appointed Thomas F. Wilson Assistant United States Attorney for the district of Oregon.

A complete counterfeiter's outfit and a large number of bogus dollars and half-dollars have just been discovered at Livingston, Montana.

The managers of cable roads in Seattle met and decided to issue no more passes. Even the Directors and officers of the road must pay hereafter or walk.

During the past six months not less than two hundred and fifty timber claims in the State of Washington have been taken up by young women.

At Tacoma Inspector Coblentz seized forty-five pounds of opium which were hidden in an express package consigned from Portland to points in Idaho and Montana.

Judge Levy has rendered a decision awarding Attorney John A. Wright a fee of $95,000 for services rendered the late P. A. Roach, as administrator of the Bly the estate.

Every business man in Seattle is to be required to take out a license, the cost of which will range from $40 to $400. The financial needs of the city make the tax a necessity.

The Bellingham Bay & British Columbia Railroad bridge across the Nooksack is at last finished, and the work of construction is being rapidly pushed to the boundary.

Governor Waterman of California granted a pardon to D. J. Creighton, convicted of jury bribing, on the petition of forty-seven Assemblymen and over twenty senators.

Alice H. Vinzent, the artist, who has gained more reputation as a flower painter than any other artist on the Pacific Coast, died in Oakland. She had been in poor health a long time.

Five hundred people attended an indignation meeting at Riverside, Cal., called to protest against the action of W. A. Hayt, who is building Chinese quarters on the best street in the city.

The census of California has been completed and shows the white population of the State to be 1,111,558; Chinese, 71,861; Indians, 12,355; colored, 11,437; Japanese, 1,099. Total population, 1,208,130.

The bullion shipments from the Tacoma smelter for December aggregated 4,250 bars of bullion, valued at $74,184. The total value of the shipments for October, November and December was $206,944.

At a meeting of fruit-buyers in San Jose arrangements were made for an organization of the buyers, driers and canners of Santa Clara county, the object being to fix the standard grades for fruit, by which they shall be bought and sold.

The Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco will again urge California's representatives in Congress to use the utmost endeavors in behalf of the shipping bills and an appropriation for a preliminary survey of a San Francisco-Australian cable.

The steamer Danube, from Northern British Columbia ports, has arrived at Victoria, B. C., with 24,018 cases of salmon. She reports the missionary steamer Glad Tidings as having been driven ashore and badly damaged during a gale at Bartley Bay.

The steamer Struan went ashore a few days ago at Sand lake, just below Cape Lookout. The settlers on the beach will have all the lumber they wish to use for some time, as it will be impossible to remove it to market. The vessel is badly broken up. A pocketbook containing a draft for £1,000 was found on the shore near the wreck.

George Holden and Charles Reed, two young men of Ballard, Wash., say they saw three whales in the Sound about a mile from the mouth of Salmon bay. They heard them blowing and saw them raise above the water and spout when they were about two miles away. The boys were in a boat but did not venture near them. They were going toward Seattle.

E. H. Sutherland, a wealthy stockowner of Whitman county, Wash., reports an organized band of horse thieves in that section, and that horses have been stolen by carload lots, driven to Spokane Falls and shipped East. This wholesale thievery was successfully carried out from the fact that in most instances the thefts had been committed from eight to ten days before the fact was discovered, the horses being on the range a long distance from the owners' houses.

The biennial report of the Oregon State prison will show 324 convicts at the close of 1890. During two years there were in all 693. The average age is twenty-seven, there having been two under 13 and ten under 15, eighty under 20 and over 15, 282 over 20 and under 30 two over 70 and one over 80. Every State in the Union is represented except eleven. New York leads with 67, Oregon 62. In nationality 418 are American born, 48 Chinese, 21 English, 31 German, 18 Irish and 23 Canadian. There are 28 life prisoners. In the classification of crime 314 are for larceny, and 20 for rape, assault 20, burglary 58, second degree 30, manslaughter 30.

EASTERN ITEMS.

A Lofty Loan Asked for by a Colored Colony.

Masked Men Rob a Chicago Saloon—A Preacher Charged With Heresy—Deathly Coal Oil Explosion.

The Cracker Trust is to erect an enormous factory in New York.

The Prohibitionists polled 684 votes of the 300,000 votes cast in Texas.

Extensive purchases of coal and timber lands in West Virginia are reported.

Successful experiments have been made with petroleum for fuel at mills in Lowell, Mass.

The report that Mississippi negroes are preparing to emigrate to Africa are without foundation.

Valuable deposits of tin ore have been found on the Colorado river, 100 miles northwest of San Antonio, Texas.

It is officially announced that the local government of Quebec will ask authority from the Legislature to borrow $10,000,000.

A submarine boat, in which it is claimed that men will be able to remain twenty-four hours under water, is being built at Detroit.

Stonewall Jackson's grave in Lexington, Va., cemetery is found every day covered with flowers, placed there by unknown hands.

Iowa business men are preparing to organize a State Mutual Insurance Association for the purpose of reducing the cost of insurance.

There are five thousand Indians living on reservations in New York State. The Senecas are the largest tribe, having two thousand members.

Many white women are the wives of New York Mongolians, says the Sun. Most of them are married at the Five Points Mission, where more queer matches are made than anywhere else in town.

Canadians are excited over the expulsion of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association from doing business in the Dominion. They have paid many dollars into the organization, all of which are lost by this action.

Texas wants to make itself known to the world, and recognizes the World's Fair as its opportunity. A convention just held in that State wants an appropriation of $1,000,000 made by the Legislature to provide for a proper Texas exhibit.

Abner Bell Myer and E. T. Henderson, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad employes, were engaged in pumping coal oil from one tank to another, and when they thought it was about empty one of them carelessly thrust a lighted torch down into the tank to see how much oil remained. The gas ignited instantly and exploded with a report that was heard ten miles away. Both men were blown fifty feet away and died within a short time.

An unique measure was introduced in the senate in the shape of a bill by Senator Teller at the request of some colored people's association in Washington City. It directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to certain agents to be named hereafter $50,000,000 to secure land in Lower California for permanent settlement by colored people of the United States who wish to establish a colony there, the money to be returned to the government with interest in forty years.

Mrs. Edward Cooper and Commodore Gerry headed the line at the opening of the annual charity ball at New York in aid of the nursery children's hospital. An unusually large quota of the fashionable world were in attendance, and many exquisite toilets were seen. The absence of decorations in the hall were noticeable, except the gas get "Charity," which shone brightly on the scene. The receipts amounted to $17,000. The spectators' boxes were filled with the most representative people in social and financial circles of the city.

Juan Roalte, the Dutch Consul at Glascow, has brought suit against James G. Blaine, as Secretary of State of the United States. Prior to July 28, 1868, plaintiff bought $125,000 of negotiable coupon bonds, issued by the Southern States, as State and Confederate States bonds jointly. On the date named above, Secretary of State Seward issued a proclamation proclaiming that all such obligations were void. Plaintiff contends that this was an implied admission that without such prohibition the debt or obligation would be good and valid. He alleges that Seward's proclamation was an illegal interference with the rights of plaintiff as a citizen of Great Britain and Holland. The case presents many curious points. The principal contention will be that as the United States always held that none of the Southern States were out of the Union, the Secretary of State had no authority to issue the proclamation.

The Herald says for more than twelve years Sergius Shevitch, a Russian of gentle birth and aristocratic education, has been one of the most interesting figures in the Socialistic camp in New York. He was editor of the Volks Zeitung, the organ of the social democracy. He was the only Socialist in the city who could stem the rage of Herr Most, and on several occasions talked him to a "stand still." Shevitch was wedded to the "Red Countess," the celebrated Countess Rakowitza, with whom Ferdinand LaSalle was in love, and over whom he fought his fatal duel, being killed by Yanj Rakowitza, who afterwards became her husband. Some six months ago Shevitch resigned his editorial emoluments and returned to Russia. It was generally understood that he had gone into a fortune of 100,000 rubles, and as soon as he could convert this into cash he would return to New York and turn it all over to the treasury of the "cause." Many days came and went, but Shevitch never came. The Berliner Volks-Blatt, the organ of the social democracy, in its last issue, announces that Shevitch is living in Riga, on the Baltic, clothed like Solomon, and in the service of the Russian police secret service.

FOREIGN NEWS.

An Epidemic of Typhus Fever Raging in Florence.

Dispute Between the Turkish Government and Greek Patriarchs Has Been Settled by the Sultan.

The Java coffee crop is an almost total failure.

Rider Haggard and wife are on their way to Mexico.

Siam is to have an electric railway thirty miles long.

Russia is to establish diplomatic relations with Mexico.

Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop" of London is to be torn down.

A strike of postal clerks in London has already been determined on.

Charles Gottfried William Taubert, the German composer, is dead.

The length of the Presidential term in France is nominally seven years.

Stevenson's "South Sea Ballads" have not been kindly criticised in London.

Russia is flooding Servia with arms and Germany is preparing to protest.

The Sultan has made Professor Koch a first-class member of the Osmanieh Order.

Germany says her policy is to thoroughly explore and carefully colonize Africa.

Brazil is to hold a World's Fair and afterward send the exhibit to the Chicago Fair.

Ducret has challenged Ferry to a duel, the result of a letter which Ferry wrote to Le Matin.

An unknown English vessel foundered on the Sicilian Coast and twenty-four people were drowned.

The French Grand Orient has declined the overtures of the German Free Masons for closer co-operation.

Medical circles are becoming much irritated from the privileges granted in the traffic of Koch's lymph.

A dispatch from Montevideo says the government of Uruguay will begin redeeming paper currency in gold.

An insurrection at Lima, Peru, of Pierola's followers ended with the death of seventy-five of the revolutionists.

A settlement of the dispute between the Turkish government and Greek patriarchs was effected by the Sultan.

A steam pipe exploded on the steam torpedo ram Vesevius at Ganeo, Italy. Two engineers and five stokers were badly injured.

The Sultan thinks the Armenians are in collusion with the Russians, and that is said to be why he is so severely persecuting them.

The war upon General Booth at London continues. He is now called an egotist and a purloiner of Rev. Herbert Mills' thunder.

Caledonian railway officials at Glasgow attempted to evict strikers from their homes, but the strikers showed fight and eviction was abandoned.

The Shah of Persia has paid a visit to the American missionary at Teheran, and saw many things which elicited from him commendatory remarks.

A St. Petersbug letter to a railway official at New York states that work on the Russian railway through Siberia to the Pacific will be begun in the spring.

The Indian government has decided to amend the marriage code by raising the age of consent from 10 to 12, but refuses to interfere further with existing laws.

A basilica in the church of St. Sylvester at Rome has been discovered, containing the tomb of six Popes, including that of Sylvester, who occupied the Papal chair from 314 to 326 A. D.

It is stated at Melbourne that the Home Government has virtually conceded the rights of all British colonies to be included in any future treaties between England and foreign powers.

The new Verrugas bridge, on the Oroyo Railway, in Peru, has been rebuilt and successfully subjected to a severe trial. Traffic has now been resumed after two years' suspension.

At Amsterdam, Donoghue, the American skater, won two more contests, the mile race in three minutes and two-fifths seconds, and five-mile race in sixteen minutes, two and one-fifth seconds.

Prussian Railway Director Herr Mackenson has accepted an appointment to plan the new system of railways which the Argentine Republic is about to construct.

The German opposition papers show increasing hostility to the government. They complain that nothing has been done in the direction of promised reforms.

Count Dey and Count de Lutzon fought a duel at Vienna. The quarrel originated over the social procedure of their wives while they were in the London Embassy.

An epidemic of typhus fever is raging Florence. Sixty deaths have occurred within a week from this cause. The prevalence of the fever is attributed to bad drainage and sanitary defects.

William Hart Darke, Conservative member of the English Parliament for Dartford, advises the legal Conservative members of Dartford to be in readiness for the dissolution of Parliament in the spring.

German recognition of the republican government in Brazil is said to have been delayed by the influence of the Coburg family, to whom the German Kaiser and ex-Emperor Dom Pedro are both related.

A mutually satisfactory treaty of the African dispute has been nearly concluded between England and Portugal. It will be submitted to the Cortes before being signed by representatives of the two governments.

PORTLAND MARKET

WHEAT—The improved condition of foreign markets continues. Cargoes on pas age are strong and in fair request. The Liverpool spot market has an upward tendency, and futures remain steady. Locally the feeling is rather more buoyant, but no advance has been established. Shippers at present are so well supplied that there is practically no demand except for milling purposes, and that is of quite a slow character. Open quotations continue at $1.22½ for Valley and $1.12½ for Walla Walla.

FLOUR—The market is quiet; demand fair. Quote: Standard, $3.80; Walla Walla, $3.60@3.80 per barrel.

OATS—The market is firm and demand steady for choice. Quote: White, 56@58c per bushel.

MILLSTUFFS—The market is steady, and stocks and receipts are up to the demand. Quote: Bran, $21; Shorts, $22.50; Ground Barley, $32.50; Chop Feed, $25 per ton; Barley, $1.25@1.30 per cental.

HAY—The market is steady. Quote: $16@18 per ton.

VEGETABLES—The market is firm, and is well stocked with Cabbage, Cauiflower, Onions and Potatoes, but Tomatoes and Sweet Potatoes are nearly out of the market. Quote: Cabbage, $1.25@1 50 per cental; Cauliflower, $1 per dozen; Celery, 50c per dozen; Onions, 2¾@3c per pound; Carrots, $1 per sack; Beets, $1.50 per sack; Turnips, $1 per sack; Potatoes, $1.00 per cental; Squash, $2 per cental.

FRUITS—The market is steady, and is well stocked with Oranges, Lemons, Apples and Pears. Grapes are done. Quote: Riverside Oranges, $3 50; Laretos, $4; Navels, $5.00@5.55 per box; Sicily Lemons, $6.00@6.50 per case; Pears, 1½c per pound; Apples, 60@85c per box; Pineapples, $3.50@4.00 per dozen; Bananas, $3@4 per bunch; Quinces, $1.25 per box.

NUTS—Quote: California Walnuts, 17½c, other varieties, 13c; Peanuts, 12c; Almonds, 17c; Filberts, 14@15c; new Brazils, 20c per pound; Cocoanuts, $1 per dozen.

BUTTER—The market is steady. Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 40@42½c; fancy dairy, 37½c; fair to good, 27½@30c; common, 20@25c; choice California, 37½c per pound.

CHEESE—The market is firm. Quote: Oregon, 13@14c; California, 9½@10c; Young America, 14@15c per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 30c per dozen.

POULTRY—Quote: Old Chickens, $4.50 5.00; young, $3.50@4.00; old Ducks, $5@7; Geese, $10@12 per dozen; Turkeys, 15c per pound.

HOPS—The market is steady, with nominal prices. Quote: 25@35c per pound.

WOOL—The market is steady, and trade is dull. Quote: Valley, 16@20c; Walla Walla, 10@16c per pound.

HIDES—The market is very weak. Quote: Dry Hides, selected prime, 8@8½c, ½c less for culls; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 30@50c; medium, 60@80c; long, 90c@$1.25, shearlings, 10@20c; Tallow, good to choice, 3@3½c per pound.

NAILS—Base quotations: Iron, $3.20; Steel, $3.30; Wire, $3.90 per keg.

SHOT—Quote: $1.75 per sack.

The Merchandise Market.

The markets are firm, and business is good. Sugars have fallen.

COAL OIL—Quote: $2.25 per case.

RICE—Quote: $6.50 per cental.

PICKLES—Quote: $1.25 5s; $1.15c 3s.

CRANBERRIES—Quote: Cape Cod, $11 per barrel

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, $17, $18, $19; stock, $11@12 per ton in carload lots.

COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 23c; Rio, 25½c; Arbuckle's, roasted, 26¾c per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, 3½@4c; Pink, 3¾c; Bayos, 4¼c; Butter, 3½c; Limas, 5½c per pound.

SUGARS—The market is firm. Quote: Golden C, 5⅛c; extra C, 5⅜c; dry granulated, 6⅜c; cube crushed and powdered, 6⅝c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Prunes, 12½@14c; Petite and German Prunes, 10c per pound; Raisins, $2.50 per box; Plummer-dried Pears, 11@12½c; sun-dried and factory Plums, 11@12c; evaporated Peaches, 24c; Smyrna Figs, 20c; California Figs, 9c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Market steady. Quote: Table fruits, $2.25, 2½s; Peaches, $2.75; Bartlett Pears, $2.25; Plums, $1.65; Strawberries, $2.50; Cherries, $2@2.50; Blackberries, $2; Raspberries, $2.55; Pineapples, $2.75; Apricots, $2 25. Pie fruit: Assorted, $4.50 per dozen; Peaches, $1.50; Plums, $1.25; Blackberries, $1.65 per doz. Vegetables: Corn, $1.25@1.50, according to quality; Tomatoes, $1.15@3.50; Sugar Peas, $1.40@1.60; String Beans, $1.10 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, $1.25@1.50; sardines, 80c@$1.60; lobsters, $2@3; oysters, $1.50@3.25 per dozen Condensed milk: Eagle brand, $8.25; Crown, $7; Highland, $6.75; Champion, $6 per case.

The Meat Market.

The market is firm. Quote:
Beef—Live, 3¼@3½c; dressed, 6c.
Mutton — Live, 3½@4c; dressed, 7@8c.
Hogs—Live, 4½@5½c; dressed, 5½c.
Veal—5@8c per pound.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.

The market is firm. Quotations: Eastern Hams, 12½@13c; Breakfast Bacon, 10½@11c; Sides, 9@10c; Lard, 8½@11c per pound.

A Doubly Observant Youngster.

A Calumet avenue boy, age 3, is unusually bright and observing. The other day his father said to him, after the little fellow had furnished an instance of his acuteness:

"Nothing escapes your eagle eye, Harold."

"No, nor my eagle ear, either," replied the lad.—Chicago Tribune.

No Translation Was Needed.

As William bent over her fair face he whispered: "Darling, if I should ask you in French if I might kiss you, what would you answer?"

She, summing up her scanty knowledge of the French, "Billet doux."—Lynchburg Virginian.

A Big Wash a Christian Duty.

"John," said a Mott street Sunday school teacher, "do you know what 'cleanliness is next to godliness' means?"

"Yep," responded John, "it means Melican man patee on clean shilt evly day."—New York Sun.

Viewed Anatomically.

A little 3-year-old girl was given a peach. She disposed of everything but the stone, and then made known her predicament thus: "Mamma, I've eaten the cloth and I've eaten the meat, but what shall I do with the bone?"—New York Tribune.

Kerosene Jake's Great Risk.

A reporter wandered into a Bowery museum the other day. Having made his peace with the stout man who presided over the tickets, he inspected the aggregation of wonders assembled within. Among them was a colored man in tomato tinted tights, who was perched on a platform without any apparent occupation. He was a man about 25 years of age, and seemed to have no sufficient deformity to warrant his presence. The scribe having run over in mind the wild man of Borneo, the seven cannibal brothers and other great names in history without satisfactorily placing the man in tomato tights, repaired to the gate keeper for information. That functionary was a man wearing a dirty collar three sizes too large, so that his head looked like a house with a fence around it.

"Surprisin' wonder," he said in answer to the reporter's query about the colored curiosity within. "That, sir, is Kerosene Jake, though just now he is only just doing the head act."

"What is that?"

"Standing on his head when the aujience requests."

"Why do you call him Kerosene Jake?" asked the reporter.

"Well, you see it's this way," said the gateman confidentially, expelling sufficient tobacco juice to keep his mouth in conversational trim: "he's the champion kerosene drinker of America—thinks nothing of drinking four pints a day—and takes to it," added the gateman reflectively, "just like it was beer. Well, sir, he kep' to work drinkin' way into Jooly till we hit that hot spell. The thermometer upstairs clim up to 109, and all the time Jake was a drinkin' cheap grade oil 150 fire test. You see that's only allowin' him 41 degs. margin before explodin'. So me and the manager consulted and put Jake on the head act until winter. You can see for yourself, young feller, we couldn't afford to run no risks, and have Kerosene Jake bust in the dull season."—New York Tribune.

A Beard Raiser from Wayback.

A Boston man has a twin brother living in the west who looks very much like him. The other morning the Boston twin, after being shaved, went home and found there his brother, who had just come east. The western twin needed shaving badly, and was directed to the barber shop. He entered and seated himself, but the barber paid no attention to him. "What's the matter with you?" said the western twin after waiting long enough. "Why don't you shave me?" "Why, I've just shaved you," said the barber. "Much you did," said the twin. "Look at my face." The barber looked at a big, black beard of a week's growth, felt of it to assure himself that his eye was not deceiving him, and burst out: "If you can raise a beard like that in twenty minutes you'd better go into the mattress business."—Chicago News.

A Low Tragedy, in Three Acts.

Oho!

Aha!

Hee-hee!—Harper's Bazar.

Two Points of View.

First Wood Sawyer—This 'ere is a hard, hard world; no chance for enjoyment at all. How I'd like to knock off and go duck hunting like I did when I was a boy.

Second Wood Sawyer—You must be crazy.

"Crazy because I want to go duck hunting?"

"Clean daft. In Maryland, where I just came from, duck hunting is a regular trade, and men are paid so much a head for all they kill. I've been a duck hunter for six years."

"What on earth are ye doin' out here?"

"I came here to saw wood for a rest."—Omaha World.

Great Magnetic Power.

A Duluth newspaper, telling of the power of the magnetic iron ore of that vicinity, says that the miners have to wear moccasins, because the ore draws all the tacks from their boots; that houses near the mines have to be built with wooden pins or bolts, because the iron draws the nails; that a wild duck that had inadvertently swallowed a few hairpins was stopped in its flight over the mines, drawn earthward, and made a prisoner, and that persons with too much iron in their blood are so magnetized that they sleep in a trance.

Effect of the Climate.

"Who is this gentleman who registers 'M'sieur Danniele de Wyllsonne?'" "That?" said the clerk, looking over the register; "oh, that is Dan Wilson, of Ohio. He has been in Paris three months and just got home last night." "And who is this, then, just below him, who writes himself Daniel Wilson?" "That is the son-in-law of the president of the republic of France."—Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle.

A Question of Discretion.

"I see they have set Schwab to making hash in the penitentiary."

"So I understand."

"Don't you think it is a mistake to let the Anarchists into the secret of making any more of these dangerous compounds?"—Chicago News.

A Cold, Hard Fact.

His face is his fortune—an insurance agent's.—Texas Siftings.

Let English actors take away
From us what cash they can;
'Twill all come back some future day
With John L. Sullivan.
—Boston Courier.

PLAGUES OF EGYPT.

THE PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF A DRY, DUSTY ATMOSPHERE.

Pertinacity of the Egyptian Fly—Bad Luck to Drive Them Away—The Incessant Demand for Backshish—A Bed Among the Fleas.

I am writing this at "Cook's Luxor hotel," as good a house as one could wish. A large, rambling building in a fine garden running down to the river. It is embowered in noble palms and flowering trees and shrubs, and would be a charming retreat anywhere, but here surrounded by the hot mud hovels which make up an Egyptian village, with the burning sands and sterile mountains close by, it is simply delightful. We are the only occupants, have the whole house, do what we please, and shall leave it with regret. Invalids in search of health could spend a month or two here not only delightfully, but in this wondrously dry atmosphere most advantageously in many classes of complaints. I need state only three facts to show the rapidity of evaporation in Upper Egypt. Water too warm to drink is put into a porous jar and placed in the wind, though in the sun, in a half hour it is as cool as good spring water. At night, exposed to a breeze, even when the breeze is rather warm, before morning it becomes almost ice cold. The night of my arrival here I took a pouring bath on a balcony. The wind was balmy, but fresh. The rapid evaporation so chilled me that I could not stay out long enough for my bath. At the foot of the cataract we took a swim in the Nile. We wore our underclothes for bathing suits. We hung them up before our staterooms to dry. In ten minutes they were dry enough to be worn. We have all heard of the universal habit of all Africans to anoint themselves with oil, and travelers speak of it as a nasty habit. It is, however, necessary in very hot and very dry climates to prevent the cracking of the skin. An English officer told me that during the hot winds on the Upper Nile his hands and face chapped worse than they ever did in a cold climate—chapped even to bleeding badly.

THE WIND AND THE FLIES.

I have found fresh white butter quite as pleasant on my hands as on my toast. The boys have felt no inconvenience from the winds. My hands are very sensitive to the effect of a dry, dusty atmosphere. At Assouan we were in the sun during two days. We did not use our umbrellas, our pith hats being quite comfortable, and yet we were just on the edge of the tropics. It has been rather too chilly to lie down on the top of our little steamer for any considerable time at night. We have had no musquito curtains on our boat, and have needed none, the breeze on the water making them unnecessary. It takes a hard blow, however, to keep flies away. The pertinacity of an Egyptian fly is beyond that of any other living creature. The natives never brush them away. They deem it bad luck to do so. Flies are never driven from a baby's face, and it does not seem annoyed by them. Its face is rarely washed, and is so dirty that it affords admirable forage ground for hundreds of the little brutes.

I watched a child of about 2 1-2 years enjoying a crust of bread. There was about it a swarm of flies, and I do not exaggerate when I say two or three dozens were on its face at one time in patches as big as a half dollar about the eyes and mouth. It would screw up its eyes when they threatened to go in. I thought some must have gone into its mouth with the bread. It did not seem at all annoyed. I saw a sleeping child on the street whose face was almost black with the insects. It smiled as if angels were whispering in its ears. I have seen men talking pleasantly together while a dozen flies would be promenading about their faces, apparently unnoticed by the owners of the faces. I asked a man how he could stand it. "Mashallah! They don't bother me," was his reply. This has made the fly bold and he seems utterly unable to understand what a foreigner means when he tries to drive him off. He has too remarkably prehensile jaws, and keeps them keen and sharp when taking constitutional walks over European countenances. It was probably the knowledge of this quality which made these people pronounce it bad luck to drive them away. They found it best to educate the masses to bear the infliction and so get used to it.

THE DEMAND FOR BACKSHISH

By the way travelers are shocked by the incessant demand for backshish (gifts) throughout the mighty east. The thing is not to be wondered at, for all the beggars the world over knew there are none equal to the gods of the east. Their hands are everywhere represented extended for backshish. Their favor was won by offerings—their anger averted by sacrifices. Like the proboscis of a celebrated elephant, their hands could pick up a pin or carry off a cart load of potatoes. They could make a lunch from a few grains of rice, the widow's mite, or they could devour a hecatomb of bullocks, the gifts of a prince. The gods took gifts and demanded them. The great and powerful, profiting by their example, took gifts and enforced the giving. The poor took gifts and begged for them. The well to do in the whole region of the early sun reach out the hand for commission. The poor clamor like hungry curs for crumbs and bones, and are not ashamed of their clamor.

I fear what I have said about Upper Egypt looks too much as if I was seeing it through rose glasses. Thirty-six years ago, when Bayard Taylor and I traveled in the east together, I suffered terribly from fleas. The only pun I remember him to have made was anent the little tormentor. He said Homer wrote the "Iliad," Virgil the "Æneid," that if I ever wrote an epic it would be the "Flead." I had hoped we were about to escape this Egyptian plague, but yesterday after lunching in one of the old tombs of the kings, we lay down for a nap on the sands, but my donkey boy, desiring to please the old man, whom he flatters by calling his "father," spread the blanket and saddle for me to have a nice siesta. Ah! moment of mad forgetfulness. I slept an hour, but the Nemesis came. This particular tomb is now called the "lunch tomb." Hundreds have lunched in it this season, though it is where no living thing is seen, and apparently nothing can live, yet the sanded floor was full of my mortal enemies, brought to it by the many donkey boys, who in its shade rest while their employers are wandering among the mighty caves of the dead. I have passed a good part of my time since then as a hen with one chick does in an empty chicken yard—scratching. I am like certain officials not far from the old court house in Chicago—only more so. They have itching palms. I am all palm. I itch all over and am raw in patches.—Ex Mayor Carter H. Harrison's Thebes Letter in Chicago Times.