

### Beecher and His Congregation.

The New York correspondent of the Albany Argus writes as follows:

"It is noteworthy, that any subject announced which is not religious draws a full house. Politics will pack Beecher's edifice closer, by far, than piety. Social topics, if they touch the popular hearts, send the pulses throbbing to the finger-tips, and as on last Sunday, set the hands to expressing their sympathy and approbation in a very emphatic, if not a reverential manner."

There is a whole volume of texts in the above. Radicalism has not only demoralized politics in the country, but it has deified and dishonored religion. It has done its best to stamp all vital piety out, and causes it to drag and dangle in the mud and filth of partisan corruption. Years and years will elapse before the injury which has been inflicted by this party upon the cause of religion can be repaired. It is not to be wondered at that people prefer to hear BEECHER on avowedly political topics, for in them there is less hypocrisy displayed than when he blazes out the same sentiments under the mask of religion. The truth is, however, that these political preachers have so blended religion and politics together, that there is great difficulty in determining where the one begins and the other leaves off, for it is political religion and religious politics.—Enquirer.

One of the largest and most fashionable weddings that has taken place in New York for a long time, was solemnized on Wednesday last. Over seven hundred guests were present, the bridesmaids numbered twelve. The festivities were celebrated in two splendid mansions—114 and 146 West Fourteenth street being thrown into one for the occasion. The bride was beautiful and the daughter of one of New York's wealthiest merchants. One saloon was entirely occupied by elegant and costly presents, and the guests did not separate until daylight. The parties to this wedding were Mr. Eli W. Arnold and Miss Fanny S. Bernheimer. The bride wore a dress of white uncut velvet, a white real lace veil, a wreath of natural flowers, pearl necklaces, and a diamond bracelet. The money represented on the occasion in the persons of the guests amounted to some millions.—New York Home Journal.

**THE WORD "WHITE," STRICKEN OUT.**—The Logan Gazette relates a peculiar circumstance which happened some months since in Champaign county. A quaker widower, tired of single-blessedness, hunted up a second wife, whom he found in a strong "manhood suffrage" neighborhood. He took her to his home, and time flew on with azure wings, they indulged in bright dreams. And, says the Gazette, sometimes in these dreams they would imagine that the word "white" was stricken from the Constitution and start from their number in ecstasies of joy. And thus the pensive autumn receded before the stern breath of winter, and anon the spring-time came, "gentle Annie," and with it, hyacinths, and bird carols, and into the household of our Quaker—a nigger baby. A baby with the word white at its feet. That's so! That's what the matter.

### Terrible Fight in a Ball-room.

At a recent ball at Roseburg, Oregon, all went on in peace and quietness until Sol. Colver, Jacob Fitzhugh, Bob Forbes, John Hannon, and Abe Crowe came there, it is said, to break up the ball. When they entered the ball-room they had a few words, when George Bennett struck Sol. Colver in the face with a revolver. Beranger then stepped up to them for the purpose, it is said, of stopping the fuss, when John Fitzhugh drew a dagger and shot him through the heart, after which he never spoke. Ash Clayton, who was sitting at the time, then drew a knife and stabbed Sol. Colver in the small of the back, and under the right shoulder. Abe Crowe then rushed in and shot Clayton through the thigh, and another ball struck him on the forehead, the ball not entering the skull, but glancing over it under the skin and passing out at the back of the head. Crowe then drew his knife, and struck Clayton across the head, inflicting a terrible wound. Fitzhugh after shooting Beranger, rushed on to Tom Thompson, when the latter shot him twice. Hannon then struck Thompson, when the latter shot him in the stomach, the ball passing through him. Bob Forbes then rushed into the fight, when Thompson shot him down also, the ball entering the right side, striking back, striking the backbone and breaking his back, then glancing to the right, going down the hip. After the shooting was all over, Bob Woodruff went into the melee, when some man struck him on the head with a revolver and laid him out for dead. Sy Smith also came in flourishing a revolver, when Fitzhugh, who was thought to be dead, or at least dying, raised himself and with his bowie-knife stabbed Sy Smith, inflicting a dangerous wound. Out of the eleven men who were engaged in the fight, nine lay dead or mortally wounded on the ball-room floor.

Under the caption of "Hotter Still," the Petersburg (Va.) Express makes the following remarks:

"Those who are beginning to receive their sympathies for Jeff. Davis, because he is doomed to another summer at that dreadfully hot place, Fortress Monroe, ought to think of poor Abe Lincoln and the climate of the locality he is supposed to be in, according to the Georgia Spiritualists."

A footman, proud of his grammar, ushered into the drawing room a Mr. Foot and his two daughters with this introduction, Mr. Foot and the two Misses Feet.

Ladies are like watches—pretty enough to look at—sweet faces and delicate hands, but somewhat difficult to "regulate" when once set "aging."

The man who has got into the habit of being to nearly every-body he meets may be safely set down as a not fellow.

Excited Frenchman at Niagara Falls: "Ah! l'is de grand spectacle! Macque-sque! By gar! he is come down first rate!"

Why are our fingers particularly reliable in case of a breakage? Ans.—Because they are always on hand with nails.

Why is every teacher of music necessarily a good teacher? Ans.—Because she is a sound instructor.

What is the difference between a pound of meat and a drummer boy? Ans.—One weighs a pound and the other pounds away.

### The Murder of Lieutenant Griffin.

We find the particulars of the murder of Lieutenant S. B. Griffin in the San Antonio (Texas) Express of April 10:

"One of those tragedies occurred yesterday, unaccountable, except when instigated by the erratic disposition of a stupid idiot. A private of Company E, had robbed the house of a colored woman the night before, and the woman had sent to camp for the purpose of identifying the thief. For this purpose Lieutenant E. M. Heyl directed the First Sergeant, of the company, Harrison Bradford, to have the company form in line. The Sergeant formed the company and marched up to the officers' quarters. Just before reaching the head quarters guard line he commanded, 'Rally boys, rally,' and started forward with drawn saber, followed by fourteen others—the remainder of the company standing in line perfectly dumbfounded. Sergeant Bradford rushed forward, and with drawn saber commenced a murderous attack on Lieutenant Heyl, inflicting no less than five severe saber wounds upon him. The affair was so sudden and so entirely unexpected that the officers were unarmed. Lieutenant Seth E. Griffin, Company A, in the next tent, rushed to the assistance of Lieutenant Heyl, with no weapon except a small pocket pistol.—Bradford turned on Lieutenant G., and with a front saber cut literally cleft the Lieutenant's skull open from the forehead to the base of the brain, the brain protruding through the opening several inches. The sergeant received two shots from Lieutenant Griffin's pistol, but he apparently did not suffer from the shots. At this time Lieutenant Fred W. Smith made his way through the other mutineers, and reaching the sergeant, fired three shots at him, killing him instantly.

Harrison Bradford was a light mulatto, five feet nine inches high, fine black hair, black eyes, and we saw him an hour after the mutiny, lying on his back dead, his ghastly face turned upward, he could easily be mistaken for a white man, possessing the outward marks of the white blood; he inherited all the lowest instincts of the African, stupid, contrary and treacherous. For these faults Lieutenant Heyl had determined to reduce him to the ranks.—Bradford knowing this, and seeing an opportunity for revenge, availed himself of it. The others were his dupes, and as soon as Bradford fell they dispersed, carrying a man whom Lieutenant Smith had wounded with them. All the actors have fled and no arrests yet made.

When we left the camp, at two o'clock P. M., Lieutenant Griffin was lying in his tent breathing, but insensible; his head a fearful sight; he will probably die before morning. Lieutenant Heyl was under the influence of chloroform, his wounds being dressed. Lieutenant Smith had received a saber cut across the wrist in parrying a blow; otherwise he was uninjured.

General Merritt is now investigating the affair, and the participants in the mutiny will receive summary justice if caught.—The casualties among the troops were one (Bradford) killed, and another wounded. The wounded man fell and his comrades carried him away. So far, all the parties have avoided arrest. Lieutenant Griffin's gallantry in forgetting his own safety and trying to assist Lieutenant Heyl, is worthy of all praise.

### General Sheridan.

The strange Radical performances of this officer, at New Orleans, have created no little surprise, as well as indignation. Sheridan is a young regular army officer, with no political antecedents whatever.—Such men have usually been found to be pretty fair custodians of power, and indisposed to use it for purposes of political or personal tyranny. It might naturally be supposed that such would have been the case with Sheridan when he was thrust into the important position of Dictator of New Orleans and the surrounding country. These anticipations have not been realized. On the contrary, he has distinguished himself most unenviably by the pervading use he has made of his power, and by his extreme and utter subservience to every project and every idea that Radical villainy could coin. He seems to have endeavored to render himself and the United States Government as obnoxious and hateful as possible to all those under his iron sway. He is the most willing and servile military tool, which the Radicals have found since the days of Butler, Burnside, Schenck, Hunter and Lew. Wallace.

As it is not possible that Sheridan has any very strong political attachments, the reasons of his conduct must be found elsewhere. He is undoubtedly catering and bidding for what he supposes to be permanent power in the United States, in order to make a favor for his own advancement.—He has, therefore, in his anxiety to conciliate his congressional masters, dived deeper and come out muddier in partisan filth than almost any other officer. His disreputable proceedings and high-handed usurpation in Louisiana have greatly tarnished the military reputation he acquired in the war. His failure as a civil commander is even more apparent than were his successes as a cavalry officer.

### Colfax and the Fenians.

We published on Sunday a polished, enthusiastic letter for Mr. Speaker COLFAX, in favor of the Fenians and their cause. Mr. COLFAX is probably the smallest man in intellectual stature who ever filled so high a position, and yet carried away by a most inordinate ambition that has no regard for propriety, he is actually a candidate for President of the United States. It occurred to him that if he could by a cheap way identify himself as friendly to the Fenians, that it might be used as an argument in favor of his nomination by his partisans, that he could, if nominated, secure the Fenian vote. Whether after his nomination he could or not would make little difference, as the main thing would have been accomplished.

If there are any Irishmen in the country who, knowing COLFAX's antecedents, as well as those of his party, can be blinded by this little clap-net performance that took place in this city, resulting in the production of the letter, they are not the country from which they came, are peculiarly verdant and green. But we have no fears. The Irish, as a class, detect blarney instantaneously, and know how to appreciate COLFAX's humbug.

We think also that this palpable bid, for it is nothing else, will disgust me so of the Speaker's own partisans, and that he will take but little, save contempt for his demagogism.—Ch. Eng.

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