

Miscellaneous.

MME. BLAVATSKY.

The Marvelous Fakirs—Why a Russian Countess Firmly Believes in Magic.

[New York World.]

Among the black magicians are the serpent charmers, who have the same powers as the palls of Egypt. They have as keen a scent as a dog for a snake and will go straight to his hole and dig it out with his fingers. Many of these jugglers will do the same things as the fakirs do, and by a similar process of incantation. I remember I was once in a bungalow of a rich Indian where a fakir and a juggler both performed their feats. In the room were a tame tiger, chained a monkey and a parrot. While the fakir was performing they all showed symptoms of great delight, but when the juggler began the tiger leaped around in evident terror, roaring in a frightful manner, and at last became so violent that he broke his chain, leaped through the window, ran away and was never seen again. The monkey died to his perch, grasped it with his tail and hung in a fainting fit, while the parrot fell to the floor nearly dead.

"Do you think that all this indicates a spiritual nature to these magical powers?"

"It does to me," was the reply. "They work with the aid of pitris, or the souls of their ancestors. All the Orientalists venerate these pitris, and the magicians become powerful enough to create an atmosphere about them in which these spirits become visible. And on the other hand, they often become invisible themselves. I remember the first time this was done in my presence. A fakir was in the room with me, crouched down in prayer, and suddenly the fakir disappeared. I was a great skeptic then, and I pinched myself to be sure I was not in a dream. The door was locked, and I searched the room carefully. At length I stumbled over something which I could not see, and suddenly my fakir appeared. I thought even then that I had been deluded in some way, but I saw the same thing many times afterwards."

"How do they acquire this power?" was the next question.

"By the subjection of the body. You will find that the most of the good spiritual mediums are unhealthy in some way and the Eastern magicians reduce their physical nature until their astral body becomes the more powerful. Then they can work like discorporated spirits, which they really are. But many spirits during and after it are evil. Not devils—I don't believe in devils—but evil disposed. But the seemingly unnatural growth of seeds and voluntary levitation and all such feats are undoubtedly produced by these men. The black sorcerers for some reason always choose a mango seed for their marvels, but a fakir will make any seed grow into a plant and bear blossoms and fruit in an hour or two. And they will sit in the air a yard from the ground for twenty minutes or longer without being in contact with anything. I have seen all such things done hundreds of times, and so have hundreds of other Europeans."

"How were you converted to the Buddhist faith?" asked the reporter, curiously.

"By what was to me absolute proof. I was at a vihar in the northern part of India, and the Chief of the Gurus of the little village showed me things which I demonstrated to be truth. For instance, he made me look at a bright tin plate and fix my thoughts on something I wished to see. I thought of my home, and instantly saw a room in my father's house in Russia. Two of my aunts were sitting there, one of them reading a book the title of which I could read, and a strange looking, hump-backed woman entered the room as I looked. I wrote home about it and learned months afterwards, that at that time my aunts were sitting in that room and one of them was reading the book I mentioned. And the hump-backed woman was a Polish governess they had engaged after I left home and without my knowledge."

"Then the guru threw me into a trance, first asked me to think of some place to which I wished to go. Now, some of the most powerful mesmerizers of Europe have tried to throw me into mesmeric sleep, and have been utterly unsuccessful. Prince Dolgorousski tried it, but even he failed. But after this guru had made a few passes over my face, and had given me something to smell, and had made me swallow a certain portion, the ingredients of which I know now but will not tell, instantly fell into the trance. I had desired to go to the house of my dearest friend in Berlin, from whom I had not heard for a long time. I was there at once and ran the door bell. An old woman came to the door and I asked for my friend. 'Alas,' said the old woman, 'she was buried three months ago.' I asked her where she was buried, and she named the cemetery. Then I had a desire to see the grave, and I was instantly beside it, looking through the earth at the corruption below. Suddenly I felt two arms thrown about my neck, and a kiss pressed on my cheek. I looked up and my friend stood before me, a glorified image of what she had been in this life but transparent. Some months later I heard by letter of her death, and years afterward I visited her grave and recognized it as the place I had seen in my trance."

"After this guru, who was from Punjab, had thus proved his powers to me I was unable to doubt him when he showed me in similar ways the secrets of nature, the mysteries of the future life, and the truths that appertain to metaphysics. I studied them for years, and at last I did not believe, but I knew the truth of these things, for I saw them, felt them, tried them, lived them."

"But you cannot expect others, who have not had your experience, to follow you in your belief?" said the reporter.

"I do not. What is proof to me is no proof to the public, and if they will not believe 11,000,000 of Spiritualists because many of the mediums are humbugs and tricksters, they will not take my word, of course, and I don't expect them to. But what I know I know. And these marvels that seem incredible to those who have not seen them—these miracles, as they are called by the Christian Church, and tricks as they are called by self-styled scientists—are no wonders to me, for I understand them."

Who is the New York editor that Tread has confessed he gave \$250,000 in 1870 to be distributed among five New York State Senators? Why are the Judges of high position, even to the Court of Appeals who the prominent citizens hitherto of spotless record that have been denounced by Tread in his recent confession?—Chicago Tribune.

According to the latest reports he was a Republican editor and the money was to be divided among Republican Senators. But inasmuch as Tread's confession gives the lie to last fall's Republican stories about Mr. Tilden, it will be in order for the Tribune to denounce Tread's confession as wholly untrue.

POLITICAL HELL-CATS.

Democrats Dragged from their Homes by United States Marshals to Gratify Republican Spite.

The Republicans, driven crazy by Hayes's course, have not got through last fall's canvass yet, and are still giving vent to their feelings by arresting free Democrats. Yesterday a Deputy United States Marshal brought to the city three well-known farmers and citizens of Violet Twp., Fairfield County, Ohio, for alleged violation of the election laws. Fairfield is a strong Democratic county, giving majorities ranging from 1,500 to 2,000. In Violet Township Gilbert Shaffer, an Ex-Treasurer of the county, Jno. Smith, a Township Trustee, and Thomas G. Brown the parties arrested, officiated as Judges of the Election. Among those who voted were three young men who had been residents of an adjoining township, but who had moved into Violet Township. At the time they appeared to deposit their ballots the question arose as to their right to vote in that township. The judges took a vote on the question and decided that they were entitled to vote, and they did so. The matter rested for some time, until certain Republicans, to gratify personal malignity, appeared before the Grand Jury and had the men indicted for a violation of the United States Election Laws. The men were summarily arrested on their farms Wednesday evening by Deputy United States Marshal Sears, and were taken to Lancaster, and were brought here yesterday. They were accompanied by Mr. Charles Rainey late clerk of the County Court in Fairfield, who stood sponsor for them in their trouble. They appeared in the United States Court yesterday afternoon, and were held to bail in the sum of \$2,000 each. This was promptly furnished, and the men were permitted to go until their cases are called in Court if they ever are. —Cin. Enquirer April 20.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

April 25.—SENATE—Bills passed—House bill to consolidate, revise and amend the statutes relative to jails and penitentiaries; House bill to amend and revise the statutes in reference to crimes; Senate bill to provide for a State Board of Medical Examiners, consisting of three persons, one from each leading school of medicine, who shall examine all graduates of medical colleges upon the fundamental principles upon which they all agree, before they are permitted to practice; Senate bill requiring hotel and boarding house keepers to provide suitable fire escapes; Senate bill providing that in every will testimony is given, and the person dies, the testimony may be certified to by any person who heard it. Four local bills were passed. House—Bills passed—House bill allowing the people of an incorporated village to vote on the proposition to become a special school district; House bill to provide for an additional term of the District Court in Sciota county. Bills lost—House bill making the term of office of Prosecuting Attorney three years instead of two; House bill to require home and foreign insurance companies to give security for policies; House bill to allow jurors discretionary powers as to punishment in murder cases. A bill was introduced reducing the minimum price of convict labor at the Penitentiary from 70 to 50 cents a day. Some of the Senate amendments to the Appropriation bill were agreed to, and others went back to conference committees.

The Tribune says of the Ohio Republicans that while "their opponents have been predicting that there was a bitter feeling throughout the State concerning the President's Southern policy," it is a curious fact that all of the most talked about opposition to the President disappears when it is brought within the range of the naked eye. We fear that the Tribune's wish was father to its political intelligence. Old Ben Wade is wagging his puissant tail and uttering his Wagnerian roar, and that roar is the Republican music of the future. Besides, who is the probable nominee in Ohio but Mr. Taff, whom the multitudinous shirt ironers and who is as hot as a four-crossed bun on Good Friday, because Mr. Hayes—

1. Enchanted him out of the gubernatorial nomination in 1875;

2. Didn't detain him in the Cabinet;

3. Went back on a ton of his opinions; and

4. Best him with Stanley Matthews for the Senatorship.—N. Y. World.

CONVICTED OF MURDER ON FALSE EVIDENCE.

Brattleboro, Vt., April 25.—William A. Arling, on whose testimony Jesse H. Lewis was convicted of the murder of Albert W. Deming, has made a full confession that his story was a pure fabrication devised by detectives who frightened him into testifying against Lewis, saying if he did not Lewis would turn State's evidence against him.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER IN MINNESOTA.

Chicago, April 26.—The Inter-Ocean's St. Paul special says: There has been a general observance of day throughout the State as one of fasting and prayer for deliverance from the grasshoppers during the coming season. In this city all business is suspended, and meetings were held morning and evening in the churches.

"DE FUST TIME IT BUSTED." Negroes, as a general thing, understand the regulation musket, but know very little about a rifle. One in Greene county concluded the more powder he put in his gun the more rabbits he would get. So one day last week he filled his rifle about half full of powder, and shot at the first rabbit he saw. It killed the rabbit and everything else in fifty yards around except the negro, and he is not feeling well. He hasn't picked all the splinters of the gun stuck out of his arm yet, and says, "Fore God, I never knowed a raffle to bust till den."

WASHINGTON CLIPS.

Mr. Hayes has appointed A. Wilson, a cousin of his own, private Secretary to sign land warrants.

One Snyder, of the Inter-Ocean newspaper company and President of a Chicago National Bank is appointed minister resident of Switzerland.

Ex-Congressman J. Wiley Wells of Mississippi, has been appointed Solicitor of the Treasury in the place of Talbot. Other important changes, including one or two auditorships, are under consideration.

PROMINENT CATHOLICS EN ROUTE FOR ROME.

Philadelphia, April 26.—Archbishop Wood and a number of prominent Catholic clergymen sailed in the steamer Ohio this morning, en route for Rome to participate in the celebration of the anniversary of the accession of Pope Pius IX. to the pontificate.

MESMER'S "UNIVERSAL FLUID."

It was about the year 1772 that Mesmer, who had previously published a dissertation "On the influence of the planets on the human body," announced his discovery of a universal fluid, "the immediate agent of all the phenomena of nature, in which life originates, and by which it is preserved;" and asserted that he had further discovered the power of regulating the operations of this fluid to guide its currents in healthy channels, and to obliterate by its means the tracks of disease. This power he in the first instance professed to guide by the use of magnets; but having quarreled with Father Held, a Professor of Astronomy at Vienna, who had furnished him with the magnets with which he made his experiments, and who then claimed the discovery of their curative agency, Mesmer went on to assert that he could concentrate the power in and liberate it from any substance he pleased, could charge it with it (as with electricity) and discharge them at his pleasure, and could cure by its means the most intractable diseases. Having created a great sensation in Bavaria and Switzerland by his mysterious manipulations and by the novel effects which they often produced, Mesmer returned to Vienna and undertook to cure of complete blindness a celebrated singer, Mile. Paradis, who had been for years unsuccessfully treated by the court physician. His claim to a partial success, however, which was in the first instance supported by his patient, seem to have been afterward so completely disproved by careful trials of her visual organs, that he found himself obliged to quit Vienna abruptly, and thence proceeded to Paris, where he soon produced a great sensation. The state of French society at that time, as I have already remarked, was peculiarly favorable to his pretensions. A feverish excitability prevailed, which caused the public mind to be violently agitated by every question which it took up. And Mesmer found it advantageous to challenge the learned societies of the capital to enter lists against him, the storm of opposition which he had thus provoked having the effect of bringing over to his side a large number of devoted disciples and ardent partisans. He professed to distribute the magnetic fluid in his congregated patients from a baquet or magnetic tub that he had impregnated with it, each person holding a rod which proceeded from the baquet; but when the case was particularly interesting, or likely to be particularly profitable, he took it in hand for personal magnetization.—Popular Science Monthly for May.

IMPORTANT.—Refuse all \$5 notes of the following banks: First National Bank, Northampton, Mass. Merchants' National Bank, New Bedford, Mass. Hampden National Bank, Chicago, Illinois. Traders' National Bank, Chicago, Ill. Merchants' National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

First National Bank, Aurora, Ill. First National Bank, Canton, Ill. First National Bank, Peru, Ill. First National Bank, (no such bank) Galena, Ill.

Nearly the entire amount of the genuine \$5 notes of these banks have been withdrawn from circulation.

HAYES AN UNGRATEFUL WRETCH. Hayes will be an ungrateful wretch if he abandons the true and brave men of the Southern Returning Boards.—Chicago Journal.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE "IRON TRAIL."

A spy sketch descriptive of a trip over the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, the Rocky Mountains, by "Nim Crinkle," the musical dramatic editor of the New York World, sent free on application, together with the San Juan Guide, maps and time tables of this new and popular route from Kansas City to the Pacific Ocean, and all points in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and the San Juan Mines. The finest line of Pullman sleepers on the continent. The best food and service. Rocky Mountain views without charge. Special round trip tickets from the Missouri River to Denver at \$50, good to stop off at all points. Address: J. A. ANDERSON, Gen. Pass. Agt., Topeka, Kansas.

PARKER'S GINGER TONIC.

The most useful medicine ever presented to the public. This active and efficient remedy is the certain cure for Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Cramps, Colic, Dropsy, Sour Stomach, Heartburn and Flatulence, and at the same time invigorates the stomach, imparts to the appetite, and aids digestion. To the nervous invalid and also the inebriate seeking to reform, it is of the greatest value. Its soothing and strengthening power on the nervous system will enable many to reform who would otherwise fall from nervous prostration and weariness of spirit. Travelers, Farmers, and others exposed to inclement weather, should always carry it with them. It protects the body from colds, and from the effects of a hot climate and diet. It is unequalled as a tonic in recovery from fever and exhausting sickness, and is especially valuable to the aged and feeble. We feel confident that after a trial of this remedy no person will ever want to be without it.

FIGURES ARE WHAT IS WANTED.

Not election majorities, but such as interest the great army of American producers. Twenty-five years ago the eight counties of Missouri now traversed by the Old Reliable Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad were nearly a wilderness. To-day, by a late census, it is discovered that these counties produce over one-fourth of the entire wheat crop of the State, over one-half of the corn crop, and over one-third of the oats. The same growth of country is now being repeated in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico, and the immortal Greeley had this identical route and section of country in mind when he breathed those stirring words of wisdom, "Young men go West." Therefore, it is but natural that parties taking this advice should desire to pass over a road that has done so much for a great State, (especially as it offers the best facilities) and see for themselves. The Hannibal & St. Joseph and the Great Western are now running from St. Joseph to Kansas City without change. We are about to issue, in connection with our own, a County map of Colorado and New Mexico, giving valuable information regarding time tables, routes, distances, altitudes, &c., which we will be pleased to furnish free, upon application in person or by letter addressed to T. PENFIELD, G. P. & T. A., Hannibal, Mo.

FOR THE BLACK HILLS.

And the recently discovered gold mines in the Big Horn Mountains—Go by the way of Denver, Cheyenne and the great Kansas Pacific Railway. Remember, Denver and Cheyenne are the principal outfitting points for the mines, and the safest, most direct and most frequently traveled route to Custer City, Deadwood and the Big Horn country is via Cheyenne and Fort Laramie.

For the San Juan Mines take the Kansas Pacific Railway at Kansas City or Leavenworth for Denver, where close connections are made with the Denver and Rio Grande railway for Colorado Springs, Pueblo, El Moro, Del Norte, Lake City, Silverton and all points in the San Juan country. By taking the Rock and Ravine line the "K. P." can stop over in Denver and visit the old established mines and smelting works in its way to Colorado City without change. The way to reach them is by the great Kansas Pacific Railway.

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The Rocky Mountain Resorts and wonderful Mineral Springs of Colorado never lose their interest to the tourist, and the benefits to invalids are manifold and never exhausted. The way to reach them is by the great Kansas Pacific Railway.

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LEGAL.

SHERIFF SALE.

Levi L. Lamborn vs. Cornelia Green et al. By virtue of an order to sell issued from the court of common pleas of Stark County, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at public outcry at the door of the court house, in the city of Canton, on

Saturday, the 12th day of May, 1877, the following described real estate situate in said county, to-wit: Lot number four (4) in Simon Johnson's addition to Alliance, Ohio. Appraised at \$1,000.00. Sale to commence at one o'clock p. m. Terms cash. J. P. RAUCH, Sheriff.

SHERIFF SALE.

Baptist Banker vs. Charles H. Becker et al. By virtue of a second alias order to sell, issued from the court of common pleas of Stark County, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale, at public outcry, at the door of the court house, in the city of Canton, on

Saturday, the 19th day of May, 1877, the following described real estate situate in said county, to-wit: Lot number two hundred and sixteen (216), corner of High and Poplar streets in the village of Canal Fulton. Appraised at \$200.00. Sale to commence at one o'clock p. m. Terms cash. J. P. RAUCH, Sheriff.

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Leave Mt. Vernon, 7:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m. Arr. Cleveland, 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m.

GOING SOUTH.

Leave Cleveland, 7:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m. Arr. Mt. Vernon, 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m.

MASSILLON BRANCH.

NORTHWARD. SOUTHWARD. 6:45 a.m. Leave Massillon, Arrive 7:15 p.m. 8:15 a.m. " " " " 9:25 a.m. " " " " 10:30 a.m. " " " " 11:40 a.m. " " " " 12:50 p.m. " " " " 1:55 p.m. " " " " 3:05 p.m. " " " " 4:15 p.m. " " " " 5:25 p.m. " " " " 6:35 p.m. " " " " 7:45 p.m. " " " " 8:55 p.m. " " " " 10:05 p.m. " " " " 11:15 p.m. " " " " 12:25 a.m. " " " " 1:35 a.m. " " " " 2:45 a.m. " " " " 3:55 a.m. " " " " 5:05 a.m. " " " " 6:15 a.m. " " " " 7:25 a.m. " " " " 8:35 a.m. " " " " 9:45 a.m. " " " " 10:55 a.m. " " " " 12:05 p.m. " " " " 1:15 p.m. " " " " 2:25 p.m. " " " " 3:35 p.m. " " " " 4:45 p.m. " " " " 5:55 p.m. " " " " 7:05 p.m. " " " " 8:15 p.m. " " " " 9:25 p.m. " " " " 10:35 p.m. " " " " 11:45 p.m. " " " " 12:55 a.m. " " " " 1:05 a.m. " " " " 2:15 a.m. " " " " 3:25 a.m. " " " " 4:35 a.m. " " " " 5:45 a.m. " " " " 6:55 a.m. " " " " 8:05 a.m. " " " " 9:15 a.m. " " " " 10:25 a.m. " " " " 11:35 a.m. " " " " 12:45 p.m