

STANLEY AS A FIGHTER.

His Revenge on the Africans For Attacking His Forces.

In the following language Sir Henry M. Stanley describes an attack of natives upon his party during one of his African expeditions: "The leviathan bears down on us with racing speed, its consorts on either flank spurting the water into foam and shooting jets with their sharp prows. A thrilling chant from 2,000 throats rises louder and louder on our hearing. Presently the poised spears are launched, and a second later my rifle responds with a rippling crackling explosion, and the dark bodies of the canoes and paddlers rush past us."

"For a short time the savages are paralyzed, but they soon recover. They find there is death in those flaming tubes in the hands of the strangers, and with possibly greater energy than they advanced they retreat, the pursued becoming the pursuers in hot chase. My blood is up. It is a murderous world, and I have begun to hate the filthy, vulturous shoals who inhabit it."

"I pursue them upstream, up to their villages. I skirmish in their streets, drive them pellmell into the woods beyond and level their ivory temples. With frantic haste I fire their butts and end the scene by towing their canoes into midstream and setting them adrift."

RAVENOUS EATERS.

Gluttony of Soliman and the Appetite of Louis XIV.

Touching the matter of eating, the stories told by the old chroniclers and historians of the abnormal appetites of certain Roman and oriental men of note fairly stagger belief.

Gibbon tells of Soliman, a caliph in the eighth century, who died of acute indigestion in his camp near Chalcis. In Syria, just as he was about to lead an army of Arabs against Constantinople. He had emptied two baskets of eggs and figs, which he swallowed alternately, and the repast was finished with marrow and sugar. In a pilgrimage to Mecca the same caliph had eaten with impunity at a single meal seventy pomgranates, a kid, six fowls and a huge quantity of the grapes of Tayef.

Such a statement would defy belief were not others of a similar character well vouched. Louis XIV. could hardly boast of an appetite as ravenous as Soliman's, but he would eat at a sitting four platefuls of different soups, a whole pheasant, a partridge, a plateful of salad, mutton hashed with garlic, two good sized slices of ham, a dish of pastry and finish this ample repast with fruit and sweetmeats.—London Saturday Review.

Victorian Gods.

If Thackeray, with a brain weighing fifty-eight and one-half ounces, had the biggest head among Victorian writers who had the best features? The choice would seem to lie between Tennyson and Henry Taylor. "That man must be a poet," remarked one of his Cambridge contemporaries when he first saw Tennyson come into the hall at Trinity, and another friend describes him in his undergraduate days as six feet high, broad chested, strong limbed, his face Shakespearean, with deep eye lids; his forehead ample, crowned with dark wavy hair; his head finely poised, his hand the admiration of sculptors. But time dealt none too gently with Tennyson, whereas Henry Taylor, always a distinguished looking man, seems to have grown singularly majestic with years. Grant Duff, meeting him when he was over eighty, notes that "Taylor looks more like Jupiter than ever," and contemporary memoirs are full of references to his Jove-like appearance.—London Standard.

No Chance in History.

Mazzini said that he did not believe that chance existed in history. "A cause must necessarily underlie every event, although for the moment it may appear as the result of apparently accidental circumstances. An Alexander, a Caesar, a Napoleon, are not the results of accident, but the inevitable product of the time and nation from which they spring. It was not Caesar who destroyed the Roman republic. The republic was dead before Caesar came. Sulla, Marius, Catiline, preceded and foreshadowed Caesar, but he, gifted with keener insight and greater genius, snatched the power from them and concentrated it in his own hands. For there was no doubt that he was fitter to rule than all the others put together. At the same time, supposing he had appeared 150 years earlier, he would not have succeeded in destroying the republic. When he came the life had already gone out of it, and even Caesar's death could not restore that."

Nicely Graded.

It is still a tradition that the people of Manchester, England, should gibe at Liverpool with the proverb, "A Manchester man, a Liverpool gentleman;" but, it is said, classification is not so strongly marked in Lancashire as in the old days. When stagecoaches were running a guard was once asked, "Who has tha' gotten inside, Billy?" Billy consulted his list and replied, "A gentleman fra Liverpool, a mon fra Manchester, a chap fra Owdham and a fellow fra Wigan."

Words of Different Size.

"Did they exchange words?"
"Yes, but it wasn't an even exchange. One spoke in English and the other in Russian."—New York Press.

I hardly know so true a work of a little mind as the servile imitation of another.—Greville.

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Of Collections, Disbursements and Balances from July 1, 1909 to January 1, 1910

	Balance July 1st, 1909.	Collection Six Mos.	Disbursements Six Mos.	Balance Jan. 1st 1910.	SCHOOL DISTRICTS			Road Districts	
					School Dist. No.	Balance Jan. 1st	Balance Jan 1, 1910	Balance Jan. 1st.	Road Dist. No.
STATE-General	2471 70	12654 25	4481 61	10644 94	1	5686 59	2119 69		
" School	1 23	2 40	04	3 59	2	134 85	40 49	8 17	
" University	559 42	2836 27	1369 96	2025 73	3	427 45		25 54	
" Redemption	558 26	459 65	962 52	55 39	4	413 45			
" Int. on Collections	47 29	126 60	173 89		5	3751 36		294 19	N. P. 463 31
" School Land Prin.	459 40	4227 97	2059 87	2627 50	6	1983 38		183 22	399 32
" School Land Int.	340 96	2599 02	857 40	2082 58	7	3155 69		572 67	592 04
" School Land Rental	954 49	2781 02	2552 36	1183 15	8	364 03		60 24	1071 47
COUNTY-General	6871 02	20236 18	26492 24	614 96	9	1694 47		311 13	437 79
" Road Comm'r Dist. No. 1	1208 25	1508 13	1265 91	1450 57	10	162 07		60 56	90 54
" Road Comm'r Dist. No. 2	690 83	1508 26	2449 00	240 91	11	897 57		88 09	123 78
" Road Comm'r Dist. No. 3	1738 96	1508 29	2092 99	1154 26	12	107 10		11	104 96
" Bridge	1885 60	6206 75	6558 76	1533 59	13	144 24		14 23	155 83
" Court House Bond	1 58	2 68	10	4 16	14	296 83		64 49	260 53
" Jail Bond and Int.	7 97	2 34	09	10 22	15	199 13			208 88
" So. Platte Br. Bond	43	81	02	1 22	16	320 66			130 06
" Funding Bonds	5229 13	4 47	20	5233 40	17	57 27		8 48	445 10
" North Platte Br. Bond	1351 40	850 23	33 16	2168 47	18	112 16			301 36
" North Platte Br. Int.	132 95		120 40	12 55	19	248 82			186 34
" Soldiers Relief	246 15	283 65	211 06	318 74	20	109 13			309 61
" Outsanding Indebtedness	36	57	01	92	21	129 11		30 30	226 09
" District Road Fund	9967 48	8320 18	5063 18	12324 48	22	699 20			152 79
" Advertising	154 31	132 60	3 18	283 73	23	530 12		56 67	206 24
" O'Fallons Br. Sinking	714 27	2 20	05	716 42	24	126 04			310 26
" O'Fallons Br. Int.	232 35		01	232 34	25	296 22		53 23	343 96
" Brady Br. Sinking	2043 83	34 99	2008 53	70 29	26	141 45			94 40
" Brady Br. Int.	491 90		60 51	431 39	27	131 82		31 56	19 09
" Birdwood Br. Sinking	1450 50	108 83	11 79	1547 54	28	167 94			124 63
" Birdwood Br. Int.	239 64		01	239 63	29	104 17	274 75		666 86
" Nichols Br. Sinking	1 56	27	02	1 81	30	153 44			455 95
" Medicine Road Sinking	1423 09		1002 40	420 69	31	177 53		172 89	459 33
" Medicine Road Int.	181 84		30 22	151 62	32	215 58			405 64
" Eureka Br. Sinking	9497 18	1646 87	2420 30	8723 75	33	1478 24		76 53	130 07
" Suburban Irr. General	325 35	1193 43	1396 42	122 36	34	290 92		9 53	50 52
" Suburban Irr. Bond	3528 51	1118 36	2854 98	1791 89	35	476 76		220 34	20 50
" South Side Irr. Sinking	1605 62	252 41	35 35	1822 68	36	286 22	8 91		134 21
" South Side Irr. Int.	50 34		30 44	19 90	37	1299 16		129 69	157 47
" Hershey Br. Bonds	3937 17	1335 90	342 86	4930 21	38	373 71			109 56
" Keith, Lincoln Co. Irr. Gen.	1178 78	2010 25	1745 39	1443 64	39	94 05		41 02	143 18
" Keith, Lincoln Co. Irr. Int.	177 11	2712 42	2290 98	618 55	40	218 39			414 20
" Birdwood Irr. General	31 06	136 09	97 45	69 70	41	84 58			144 83
" Birdwood Irr. Interest	850 18	206 16	445 43	610 91	42	351 44			26 35
" Boswick Br. Bonds	950 45	254 73	129 21	1075 97	43	214 83			255 31
" District School Fund	28944 26	57271 72	37969 35	48246 63	44	103 62			67 25
" District School Bond	4933 43	2291 94	3419 92	3805 45	45	127 36	77 75		972 03
" High School Fund	2197 93	1555 50	448 61	3204 82	46	600 71			105 11
" North Platte General	212 09	3052 79	2027 67	1237 21	47	105 50			312 06
" No. Platte Electric Lights	133 58	1085 32	841 75	377 15	48	605 14		36 13	80 35
" North Platte Water	189 47	1966 92	1586 08	570 31	49	125 77			210 22
" No. Platte Water Special	21 44	41	02	21 83	50	348 04			83 07
" North Platte Special	1 82		1 82	1 82	51	120 11			103 76
" No Platte Water bond Int.	5 31	13	02	5 42	52	181 56			
" North Platte Sewer Maint.	132 88	196 72	258 64	70 96	53	702 22		56 19	
" No Platte Sew. Bond Int.	1103 72	935 80	629 44	1400 08	54	120 61			12324 48
" North Platte Sewer Lat.	455 14	695 70	1026 13	124 71	55	1380 03	902 59		
" North Platte Judgment	6 36	07	01	6 42	56	987 36			
" No. Platte Wat. Bond Int.		2088 35	49 91	2038 44	57	506 97			
" North Platte City Park		596 68	314 32	282 36	58	762 76		39 87	
" Village of Wallace	89 43	122 77	4 16	208 04	59	121 46		5 04	
" Village of Sutherland	79 07	220 93	7 52	292 48	60	196 78			
" Village of Brady	35 18	328 24	8 21	355 21	61	337 53			
" Village of Hershey		296 97	7 12	289 85	62	525 25			
" Village of Maxwell		362 87	12 71	350 16	63	168 59			
" Condemnation Fund	190 81		67 00	123 81	64	103 05			
" Estray Fund	14 38			14 38	65	427 26			
" Miscellaneous Fees	1159 39	4827 28	4119 96	1866 71	66	308 39		60 17	
" Fines and Licenses	72 60	108 50	163 09	18 01	67	613 61			26 36
" Special County Road	358 51	3 29	350 08	11 72	68	109 85			31 76
" Special Bridge	55 11		61	54 50	69	259 08			
" Tax Sales and Redemp.	662 42	4693 75	4592 09	764 98	70	108 92	61 58		38 08
" Deposit Interest	3901 12	1461 92	64 30	5298 74	71	149 46	30 12		
" Special Sidewalk	91 83		2 20	89 63	72	221 95			
					73	207 71			
					74	191 16		50 16	
					75	316 41			
					76	268 27			
					77	275 26		70 28	
					78	73 84			
					79	34 99			
					80	159 76		32 49	
					81	234 87			
					82	299 40		48 21	
					83	43 93			
					84	43 49			
					85	85 22			
					86	110 41	10 80		
					87	83 84			
					88	63 93			
					89	210 32			
					90	358 47			
					91	116 79		7 98	
					92	71 10	16 12		
					93	86 09			
					94	154 95			
					95	117 42		10 83	
					96	642 44			
					97	300 24			
					98	223 82	185 14		
					99	115 19		6 30	
					100	132 66		4 47	
					101	131 67		35 32	
					102	232 95			
					103	45 63		6 18	
					104	305 89		28 28	
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					106	166 66			
					107	246 29			
					108	249 87			
					109	203 68			
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