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THE CHIEF. M. L. THOMAS, EDITOR. THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1881.

A DEMON'S DEED. Assassination of President Garfield.

"God Help Our Country."

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The president was shot at 9:28 a. m., as he was entering the Baltimore & Ohio depot.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON July 2, 1881.

The exports that come from all sections indicate that the crops soon to be harvested will add to the wealth of the country fully a \$1,000,000,000.

How kindly nature treats the husbandman, and how sure the reward she offers to patient toilers.

Year by year, out of her secret laboratory, through the agency of sunshine and shower, cold and heat, she comes untold millions without the aid of star route expeditors or sneaking detectives.

The future in store for this country seems auspicious beyond measure, unless it is shipwrecked by politicians.

Agricultural statistics of the census bureau show an unprecedented advance in production of all kinds.

During the last decade the average increase in corn, wheat, oats and other staple products, was one hundred per cent, while the increase between 1860 and 1870 was only twelve per cent.

Between 1850 and 1860 was but forty-three per cent. Between 1860 and 1870 the civil war reduced the production of the country, but making allowance for that, the increase between 1870 and 1880 is gratifying.

Agriculture is the basis of a country's wealth and prosperity, and each additional person who turns his attention to the cultivation of the soil contributes to the further development of the country and to the growth of its material wealth.

The agriculturist are being steadily increased in number by immigrants, most of whom come to this country for the purpose of tilling the soil.

Every succeeding year marks an increase of acreage put under cultivation, and it requires no prophet to foretell that the census of 1890 will show in the production of this country vast increase.

The first postage stamp used in this country was designed by the Hon. E. A. Mitchell, postmaster of New Haven, in the year 1847.

It did not differ in size and form from the present Government stamp, was of brown color, printed on ordinary paper, and contained the words: "Paid, New Haven Post-Office, 5 cents. E. A. Mitchell, P. M."

They were printed for the convenience of citizens who complained of the delay occasioned by their being unable to prepay letters except in office hours.

The stamps were sold by the postmaster and accepted in prepayment when affixed. A high price is now put upon specimens of this stamp by collectors, and the postmaster at New Haven has frequent applications for them.

The Washington Monument has reached the height of two hundred feet of which about thirty feet have been added since the commencement of work last spring, and it is expected that thirty feet more will be added before the close of the season.

It will depend upon the rapidity with which the stone is furnished, as with the new and improved means of hoisting, &c., the workmen can handle the stone with much greater ease than formerly.

A letter has just been received by the Monument Association, in which it is stated that the King of Siam has sent a stone from the hills Korat for the monument.

This stone is now in New York, where Colonel Knox is finishing the work of inscription, and when completed will be forwarded to the Legislature of Nebraska, by the act of March 3, appropriated \$1,000 for a stone—which has been prepared, and is now on its way to this city—for the Washington Monument.

The "Oregon war debt," amounting to \$688,007, is also payable on the 1st proximo, which makes a total of about \$30,000,000 to be paid out of the Treasury about the 1st of July, which will go into general circulation.

The records at the Bureau of Statistics show that during the month of May 117,482 immigrants arrived in this country.

Woman's Column.

There seems to be quite an interest in Mr. Lutz's response to the toast, "American Women," here on the 4th, in which we in a large measure concur.

By request it has been published in pamphlet form, and can be had at this office or the author's residence here at the rate of fifty cents per hundred in packages not less than fifty.

Those desiring to avail themselves of intelligent thoughts on the pending impartial suffrage question or to stimulate it among others, we think would act wisely in squandering at least a quarter in this way.

HOME WOMEN'S SPEECH.

There are some in these busy days who excuse themselves from participation in outside Christian labor.

They say: "Home is my sphere, and I have as much as I can do to take care of my home, husband and children, and do not expect me to go to the prayer meeting, the missionary or the temperance meetings, or to take a share in any church work that will call me away from home."

They stay at home, year in and year out, cooking, sewing, cleaning house, entertaining company, and believe they are doing God service in giving themselves exclusively to domestic duties.

They hire no help because they think it is wrong to use their husband's means to pay for labor which they can perform.

So they delve incessantly in the household drudgery, and wonder how this or that neighbor can find time to go out one week to the women's prayer meeting, or once a month to the mission circle, or a few times a year to a parlor meeting or a temperance convention.

Now we believe that such a woman, although conscientious, is mistaken in her views; we believe that if the heart was enlarged and enlightened by the Holy Spirit she would see how, without leaving a home duty undone, she might do much for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world.

She need not make so many nice preserves or cakes, and the family would be all the better for it. She need not put such elaborate work on the children's skirts and frocks, and the little ones would be all the freer and happier.

She might save time in many ways devoted to others. Many an hour could be redeemed for the service of Christ, especially if there are older daughters to share the work of the home.

Nor do we believe it to be necessary that a woman should do her own work if she have means to procure help. All need not be laborers of wood and drawers of water.

The body of humanity is not one member but many. The eye, the ear, the hand, the foot, have all their respective offices to fill, but all working in harmony, make the body complete in comfort and honor.

What the hand is required to execute, some intelligent head must plan and arrange. The eye is required to see, and the foot to tread, as in society, nice, delicate and difficult services to be performed which only the gifted can do homely but useful offices to fill, in which genius is not so essential.

A woman should do her own housework for the sake of employing her time. It health requires it, or a scanty purse, then she may do it, and with a well-respected and dignified leaving any station. But if she can afford it, let her give up this department to those who can rise no higher, thus releasing herself for other occupations, and at the same time bringing under the influence of her home fires, who may be prouder by her example and teaching.

Neither do we think it necessary that a woman should be bound to the needle or sewing machine, as many do, if she has the pecuniary ability to employ others, for by so doing she deprives others of their only hope of support. We believe much of the sewing that is done in families had better not be done at all, we are well aware that there are many many stitches to be taken, and that the making and mending of garments is an important part of life. We do not consider it a wise benevolence that leads a mother to do her own sewing that she may save money to give to the poor. Better give away the work and pay them well for doing it, while she exerts her own powers on a higher and broader platform.

We have known women in affluent circumstances, that they made up their own hands every article of their own apparel. They flattered themselves that they were prudent, but they were too short-sighted to perceive that they were defrauding the widows and fatherless of their just share of living.

Nor would we propose that a mother should become the practical teacher of her children, subjecting herself to that weary strain, when so many well educated and able young persons love and seek such employment. It is an excellent thing to know how to do all these things, to be able to direct and manage the work, and when well educated and able young persons love and seek such employment.

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