

peerless prophet in the clear light of this telegram:

TREASURY BREAKS RECORDS.

SUM OF \$1,190,225,224 OF AVAILABLE CASH UNEQUALED IN HISTORY.

[Special Telegram.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Nearly \$1,250,000,000 is the enormous sum of money which the United States treasury has now in its possession. This is an aggregate of wealth never before equaled in the history of this or any other country. The exact total of the amount held by the treasury is \$1,190,225,224. Of this sum \$796,547,089 is held as a trust fund for the redemption of outstanding notes and certificates; the gold coin and bullion amounting to \$150,000,000, constitutes the regular reserve fund; there is gold coin and bullion in the general fund to the amount of \$73,399,276, or a total of \$145,549,038, representing all sorts of available notes and coin and \$110,143,772 in national bank depositories.

Included in this great governmental wealth are \$534,000,000 in gold and \$493,000,000 in silver, a part of each being bullion and the remainder coin. The subsidiary silver coin held by the treasury amounts to \$8,785,875. Fractional currency and minor coin aggregates more than \$482,000.

It is computed by treasury officials that at the end of this fiscal year, June 30 next, the government will have \$70,000,000 left clear, after paying all running debts.

How the gold is hoarded! How money is rising—five per cent. per annum on farm mortgages! How industry is paralyzed! Witness Starch, Cereal, Cold Storage and Packing House industries in Nebraska City!

SHADOWS.

On the 26th of September, 1900, an aggregation of fervid orators invaded Nebraska City to show its people the perils they were threatened with by the Argo Starch Manufactory. One of those automatic gabsters declared his courage equal "to speaking in the shadow of the Starch Works." And it affords The Conservative immeasurable satisfaction, that during this year the "shadow" has been enlarged, expanded, by the expenditure of fifty thousand dollars in new buildings. Any peerless gabster desiring to speak in a large shadow, will find it here, and is invited to again somberly prophesy in the shadow aforesaid.

WHICH THINGS ARE AN ALLEGORY.

Allegory is derived from two Greek words, 'allos, other, and agorenein to address an assembly. It is a figurative discourse in which the principal subject is described by another subject resembling

it. Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory.

The title of this is taken from Galatians. From it we learn that the story of Abraham is an allegory, representing two covenants or contracts. These were two promises. One referred to worldly business and the other to spiritual prosperity.

Paul informs us that Agar (Hagar) is Mount Sinai, in Arabia, (Covenant of Mount Sinai.) Possibly, there was no such woman as Hagar. Possibly, it was the outgrowth of the mind of Moses, intended as an illustration of his theory, like the characters in Pilgrim's Progress. The principal subject is the covenant of Mount Sinai. The other subject resembling it is a slave woman. The one may be a reality, the other fictitious. Both may be fictitious, introduced to illustrate hypotheses. In either case, the theory is the important thing to be understood. The organic development is this: There are three ideas to be considered with reference to man. First, life. Secondly, the material form which life developed. Thirdly, the cultivation of the good qualities of mind and body, and the observance of the golden rule, will eventually do away with all sorrow, pain and death, and make all perfectly happy.

It is plain, from the reference to the slave woman and free woman, that liberty is the principal medium through which the happy result is to be obtained. Then, let us leave our first works and go on to perfection. Having the golden rule to guide, and freedom to act, what more is needed? Let us cultivate the mind; learn all we can of what we find. As knowledge is power, this will give ability to minister unto others. We are not to be helped, but to minister unto others. With each one adding to the comfort of others, need we take wings and fly away to find heaven? The kingdom of heaven is within you. Give it full dominion, and it will manifest itself.

JOSEPH MAKINSON.

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MRS. PLATT AND FREMONT.

The Conservative has received the following obliging letter from Mrs. Elvira Gaston Platt, the former missionary to the Pawnees, now living at Oberlin, Ohio. It has reference to a statement in her published recollections to the effect that she entertained J. C. Fremont in 1843.

"It was with much perturbation of spirit that I began search for proof of my assertion that General Fremont visited Pawnee Mission Station in the autumn of 1843.

"I find nothing in my private journal nor in the reports of our missionary, Rev. John Dunbar, which he made to the American Board of Missions for

that year, which verify my statement; and on referring to the report of General Fremont's expedition in that year and 1844 to Oregon and Northern California, I see it could not have been true, and my only way out of the dilemma seems to be to ask you to eliminate from my paper all mention of the case.

"We received no dailies, weeklies nor monthlies in those days, as our nearest postoffice was three hundred miles away, and from three to six months intervened in the receipt of our mails, which were then mostly letters; so we could not know that General Fremont was on the Pacific slope and any daring adventurer might have obtained a night's hospitality in his name without fear of detection.

"Were I a skilled limner, I could send you my mind picture of the man, all unshaven and unshorn, who sat in our cabin that autumnal evening conversing freely, though of what he said I have no remembrance, as both body and mind were enfeebled by an attack of nerve prostration, incident to the exciting scenes through which I had passed on my journey to the station.

"Thanking you for your kindly correction and asking that you make further suggestions with regard to anything in my papers which will secure their truthfulness to history, I am respectfully yours, etc."

This explanation removes one puzzling feature from General Fremont's career, but leaves a mystery in its place. The picture of a shaggy impostor traveling about the west in the early 40's, trading on the Pathfinder's reputation, is a striking one to the mind of a student of frontier history.

FROM A SERMON OF MINOT J. SAVAGE.

"Why, in the nature of things, should there be anything but love and friendship between man and beast? It is a constant source of amazement to me as to what it is in us that makes us feel we are not having the best of good times unless we are killing something. It is only a short time since live pigeons were shot from the traps. Why must we coin our enjoyment out of blood?"

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"Take the anglomania for the fox hunt. Bravely attired men and women, a pack of hounds, and one or two little frightened animals shunted over the land 'till at last the brush becomes the property of some dainty lady.

"What is a preserve? Merely a place where animals and birds are grown to be shot by this and that person. The keepers are sent to drive the birds within range, while the men stand in their tracks and a half dozen guns loaded for them, with which to destroy them."