

EDITORIAL NOTES

A corrupt power is now near its end as when it seems strongest.

The hardest part of the seal question is to decide whether these animals shall be destroyed in the open sea on the way to and from their breeding grounds at Pribilof islands. After the breeding season is over the seal migrates southward. They travel through the Aleutian archipelago, past the western coasts of British America and the United States, and as far south as San Francisco. Then in due season they return and migrate northward to the Pribilof islands. During these journeys in the open sea they are slaughtered by the thousands, both by Americans and Canadians. Restriction has been put upon the wholesale killing of wild game and food fishes in all civilized countries. The same restrictions must be put on seal slaughtering, outside of Behring sea as well as in, or near will soon be exterminated in the open sea. The Great Britain is quite as much interested as the United States. Both countries should mutually agree to prevent each other from taking their seal to the male except under conditions that will insure their continued existence. Or do we want the seal, which brings us in millions of dollars a year, to follow the fate of the buffalo, the deer and the wild turkey?

The Coming Colored Orator.
The coming colored statesman and orator of this country is apparently Charles S. Morris, of Kentucky, a young man about twenty-five years old. Unhappily of his race, his native talents have been thoroughly developed by cultivation. In Louisville, when a school-boy, Mr. Morris' graduating oration was so brilliant that it was published in full in The Courier-Journal. Later, the oration of Mr. Morris read the rules on the subject of the colored man's position in the world. The roll call was therefore made in the presence of the leading debaters in the university. Leaving school, Mr. Morris took naturally to politics. Scarcely a wonder, then it is recalled that he is a direct descendant of Robert Morris, the statesman of the Revolution. He is a good looking young fellow, and his eloquence is so impressive that once after he had filled an important made for Senator Hancock, a friend introduced him to Mr. Hancock with the remark, "Senator, I think it would pay you to hire him as your substitute on all occasions." The next day Mr. Morris was in the Senate. Mr. Morris takes hold of and unravels the tariff and other profound political questions shows a capacity of understanding remarkable in so young a man. From a tongueless man in a year a warmly commendable letter in which he said, "I bless the good Lord that a young man of your promise has come and taken hold of the reins of our people at the bar of public opinion."

Many Millions.
It has been supposed that W. W. Astor was the richest man in this country. A writer in the New York Herald, however, puts John D. Rockefeller ahead, with a fortune of \$100,000,000. It may be a little high, but the Rockefeller fortune is not only the richest, but judging from his portrait in The Herald, the best looking of the great millionaires of the American republic. The second richest man in Astor, with \$100,000,000. John D. Rockefeller, the dynamic crank, has succeeded in his design on Mr. Russell Sage, he would have scattered abroad the fragments of the third richest man in the Union and the possessor of \$60,000,000.

The last figuring puts the capital invested in business in this great and growing country at \$200,000,000. There are seventeen persons living in New York city whose possessions amount to \$1,000,000,000, and it may be mentioned that three-fourths of the richest men in the country live in New York. Many made their fortunes in the west, however, and went to New York to invest and spend them at the same time, so that the great wealth of New York represents millions and even billions gathered up in the west.

The richest woman in her own right in the country is probably Betty Green, the owner of certainly not less than \$400,000,000, made chiefly by her own exertions. At the rate Betty is still saving her money, perhaps if she lives long enough she will yet rank among the hundred millionaires.

It is asserted that there are 70 men in our plain and simple republic that are worth on an average \$75,000,000 apiece. There are 120 worth over \$50,000,000 each. Among owners of the stock mills of New England are 50 worth over \$25,000,000 each. As to the men worth one to three millions, there are so many scattered over the land that the number cannot be calculated. Yet even twenty-five years ago a fortune of a million was considered larger than one of \$500,000 is today. Our ideas enlarge as do our needs. A notable point is the immense fortunes that are being made in California. The many million men in Chicago come next to those of New York in number. One is surprised to find how many men are worth two millions and over there are in Detroit and in Michigan generally.

A FREE SILVER SETBACK.

Fillbusting Kils' Bill for the Time Being.

A DIRECT VOTE WAS STAVED OFF.

On Motion of David Hinson of the House.

Adopted Without Taking Action—An Exciting Tie Vote and Confusion in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Fortune smiled on the anti-silver men in congress with such surprising success that they were practically a victory from the very jaws of defeat. They expected to see the silver bill passed by the house, or at least put in some preliminary shape for passage at an early day, by an overwhelming majority. The friends of the bill were so joyful at the prospect, were so confident, that at the end of a day of running debate and exciting and exciting, parliamentary juggling and general excitement, the battle ended with the passage of the bill by a vote of 150 to 140.

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ELIOT STARTS A STORM.

Harvard Staggered by Its President's Mormon Epitaph.

THE COLLEGE IN A STATE OF MIND.

The Editor, Dr. Eliot, Was Presently Composed at the Pilgrim Festival in a Speech by President Eliot, and Faculty and Students Cry Out in Protest.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 25.—Harvard and nearly all Cambridge are amused over the report of a speech by President Eliot before the Mormons in Salt Lake City a week ago. His words are said to have been as follows:

As I come over the plains I thought of that early journey when the first colonies marched across the desert under the guidance of a Christian church, and thus remained as a warning light to the Pilgrim Fathers. They too, went a long way to escape persecution. They too, suffered from religious intolerance, and sought refuge in the wilderness. They too, were persecuted by the people who have the hardest hearts. They too, died for the sake of their faith.

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