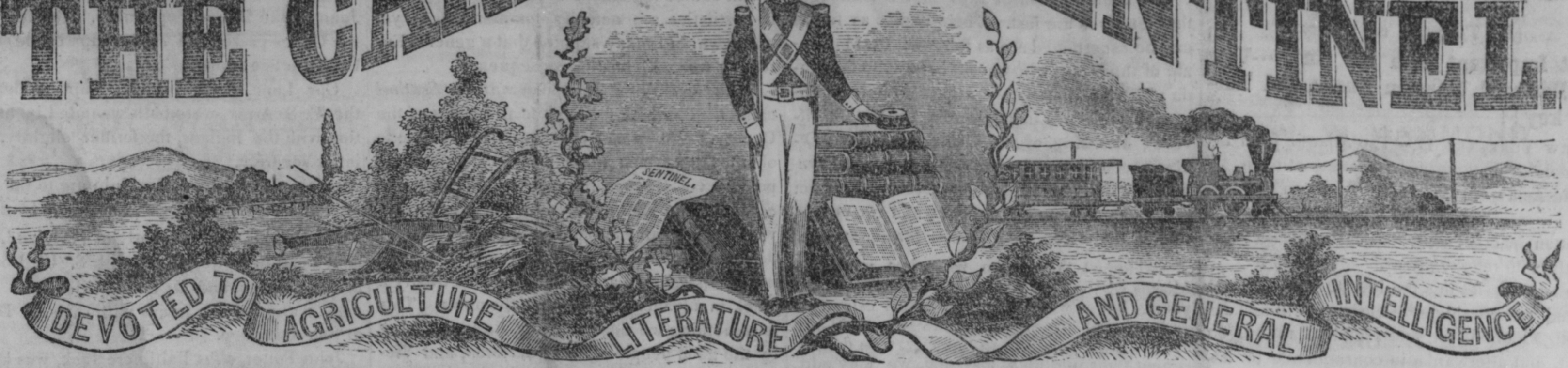


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THE COMING STRUGGLE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH;

OR, THE POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS, AS DESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPHECIES OF EZEKIEL, DANIEL, AND THE APOCALYPSE.

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Another great error, and one which has led to a host of misconceptions, is the belief that Britain is one of the ten horns, and that consequently she will be involved in the destruction that overtakes the toes of the great metallic image. This is a complete mistake. Though once a part of the Roman dominion, she is not within the boundary of the image territory; and none of the countries beyond that territory will be overthrown with Papacy, except those who have continued to worship the beast, such as Austria and others. And this is just an evidence of the evil effects of a premature interpretation of the prophecy. At the period when many of our commentators wrote, it was actually necessary to include Britain in the kingdoms, in order to make up the number required. Up to the year 1820, there were only eight independent powers within the Roman empire; but in that year the Greeks rebelled against the Sultan, and after several years' war, succeeded in establishing a new kingdom, which became the ninth horn. Still another was wanted to complete the prophetic symbol, and it did not come up till 1830, when the revolution of Paris divided the kingdom of the Netherlands into two, and Belgium became a separate power, to defeat the calculations of divines, and pluck Britain from the anomalous position in which they had placed her. We say anomalous; for how is it possible to reconcile the past history of Anglo-Saxon progression—of which she has been the mover and sustainer—with sudden and complete destruction? The very thought is a libel on the eternal law of development and the wisdom of the moral government; but it is false; and we will by and by show how different is the destiny of this country, and what a noble part has been assigned her in the last act of the mighty drama. The powers which really answer to the toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image are Bavaria, Lombardy, Hungary, Greece, Sardinia, Naples, Portugal, Spain, France, and Belgium; and if we understand the prophecy aright, these kingdoms will be wholly destroyed, or at least completely shattered, within the next fifteen years.

The next great error of our interpreters, and the last to which we will particularly advert, is in regard to the "time, and times, and half a time," or the duration of the beast. They clearly understand that it means a period 1260 lunar years, but they have failed to find the true commencement of this epoch. The general theory dates it from the year 606, when Phocas proclaimed the universal supremacy of the Bishop of Rome. This fixes the termination of the 1260 years in 1866, from which eighteen years must be subtracted, being the difference between the solar and lunar time, thus making the true ending in 1848. But the "time and times, and half a time" began earlier than this. The year 606 is the period of the ecclesiastical constitution of the beast, or the time when the dragon gave him his authority. His civil constitution dates 75 years earlier, or from 531, when the Justinian code was published; and this was the real beginning of the 1260 years. The reign of the beast ought, then, to have terminated about the year 1791, or two years earlier or later—and so it did! The resurrection of the two witnesses, or civil and religious democracy, which were slain by Louis the Fourteenth, took place in 1789, or at the

period of the first French revolution; and this was the first time any successful opposition was made to the Papal power. Then the judgment began to sit, and the civil dominion of the pope was taken away, to be "consumed and destroyed unto the end." And as 75 years elapsed between the establishment of the imperial and Papal power of the beast, so 75 years must elapse between his civil and ecclesiastical destruction. This period is represented by the seven vials, the mission of which is to pour chastisement on the beast and his followers, till at the end the whole will meet with sudden destruction. It is a mistake to suppose that the 1260 years limits the existence of the beast—it merely limits his power. The full term of his political and ecclesiastical existence is 1335 years; and this terminates in 1866, or about fifteen years from this period. But what a number of awful events must take place in that short time! what revolutions, and strife, and bloodshed must be witnessed on the continent, and in many parts of Asia! No wonder that the political sky is black and lowering, charged as it is with the elements of a storm, which, for tremendous force and severity, has never been equaled. The people of the present age have come to the very border of a thrilling epoch, and they know it not. The newspaper press laughs at the cry of war which has risen on every hand. It points to the progress of railways and electric telegraphs, and asks if these are signs of war. Railways and telegraphs, steam engines and copper wire, can these overturn the purpose of God, or falsify his word? A few hours of strife will suffice to tear up every vestige of these so called pledges of peace, and their component parts may yet form efficient instruments to carry on the conflict. In these days of scepticism and intellectual supremacy, it may be a hard matter to get such BIBLE TRUTHS borne home to the hearts of men; but in a very short time they will be compelled to acknowledge the reality and genuineness of that revelation they now despise or neglect. Amid the terror and confusion of the approaching hurricane, when men's hearts are failing them for fear, they will be glad to turn to its long-forsaken pages, to learn the nature and extent of the fearful calamity. If the people of Britain and America are wise, they will make themselves acquainted with this beforehand, and thus enjoy that tranquility which the knowledge will impart. It is, even on other grounds than personal comfort and mental peace, extremely necessary that they should do so.—Though for the present they will, by caution and prudence keep from the struggle, they have a high and holy mission to fulfil, and are as yet ignorant of it. To them has been committed the task of conducting the moral progression of the world, and preparing it for the coming millennium.—While other nations are murdering and devouring each other, and gnawing their tongues, and blaspheming under the iron rod of Jehovah, the Anglo-Saxon race will be opening up the pathway for the entrance into this sin-cursed and strife-torn world of the reign of peace and love. Blessed, indeed, are they that wait and come to the thousand three hundred and five-and-thirty days.

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Rumour says that Lord Elgin's visit to England is connected with the Federal Union of the North American Provinces, and that considerable progress has already been made in completing so desirable an arrangement. It is added, that the Federal Union is to be presided over by a Viceroy, but that each Province will have the privilege of electing its own Governor. We also hear that an offer has been made by a party unconnected with any of the Railway schemes now in progress or contemplation, to build the Great Trunk Railway for Government purposes from Halifax to Quebec!—*Courier*.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.—Many of our readers have doubtless read with incredulity the statement now circulating in the newspapers that an underground railway is to be built under London. Yet such is really the fact. The company has been formed; the contract made, the operations commenced. The first line is to be 2 1-2 miles long, and will cost \$1,100,000, a large sum, but cheap in comparison with the cost of a railroad above ground in the same locality. The tunnel, or rather the arcade, is to be water tight, and well lighted, and all trouble from smoke will be avoided by not using locomotives, though what is to be substituted is not known. The projectors propose next year to extend the line further, and soon it will be possible to go from one end of London to the other in ten or twelve minutes instead of two hours, as at present, and at a less cost than the charge of sixpence made by the omnibusses.

HEADING CABBAGE IN THE WINTER.—A friend and correspondent complains to us that his cabbages do not manifest any disposition to form close and compact heads, and enquires what he shall do with them. We would advise him to let them stand the usual time, and if they are not sufficiently formed then, to give them a chance to head during the winter, by adopting the following plan: Dig a trench on the side of a hill say a foot wide, and two deep. Let it slope down hill sufficiently to drain off any water that may chance to find the way in

Put a layer of straw on the bottom. Pull the cabbage up by the roots, close the leaves together, and place them in the trench, head down, and roots up. Place some straw between them and the sides of the trench. Then take a couple of boards and set them over the trench so as to form a roof, and cover the whole over with earth. In this way we have caused cabbages to form good heads during the winter, and take them out for use in the spring. By putting them down roots up, you prevent any dirt from getting in among the leaves. If the water gets in and stands among them, they will be in danger of rotting.

The Catholic demonstration before the Democratic Executive Committee, on Monday morning, an account of which we publish in the afternoon, was a palpable attempt to introduce the Catholic element as a vital principle, into the politics of this country. It originated in the Thirteenth ward, where the Roman strength lies, and was a most unfortunate movement for the ecclesiastical party, as the result will prove.

There never was a people so clear of political nativeism, and of politico religious bigotry as the Americans, and it is a patent fact, that all the feeling that exists inimical to immigrants and to certain religious bodies, arises from their own unwise introduction of Old World notions and feelings. The prompt rebuke that the Democracy gave to the demonstration of the priest party, on Monday last, is honorable to them.—Let all attempts to raise a foreign faction, and all truckling to its behests, if there be any, meet with a signal rebuke from the people at the polls.—*Cincinnati Times*

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

The best "sewing machine" in the world is one about seventeen years old, that wears gaiter boots and a pocket to put her wages in.

The man who beats the drum for the "March of Time," has gone to play on the "horn of plenty."

The man who beat out his wife's brains with a bar of soft soap, was at the latest advices "bound over"—to keep the peices.

The editor of the *German Town Telegraph* wishes the ladies to shorten their skirts, but protests warmly against their wearing Turkish trousers. What a man!

The latest case of absence of mind in these parts, is that of the carpenter who drove a plug of tobacco into a ship, and chewed a spike.—He didn't discover his mistake till the ship "spit" in his face!

Saxe gives the following good advice to the rising generation:

"In going to parties, mind what you are at; Beware of your head, and take care of your hat. Lest you find that a favorite son of your mother Has an ache in the one and a brick in the other."

EPICRAM IN THE MARTIAL STYLE.

When Russia's bear the Turkish hive attacks, He'll little honey get, but lots of whacks (wax).

DODGING THE QUESTION.—"Bobby, my love," said a silly mother to her darling, whom she had crammed with tarts and other things, "can you eat any more?"

"Why, y-e-s, mamma," was the young hopeful's hesitating reply, "I think I could, if I stood up."

WHAT IS WEDLOCK.—Miss Lucy Stone, of Boston a "woman's rights woman," having put the question—"Marriage—what is it?" an Irish echo in the *Boston Post* enquires, "Wouldn't you like to know?"

At the Fourth of July celebration in Marion Co., (Ill) a young lady offered the following toast:—

"The young men of America—Their arms our support; our arms their reward." Fall in, men.

"Will you have a catsup?" Asked a gentleman of Aunt Priscilla, at a dinner table. "Dear me, no?" she replied with a shudder. "I'm fond of cats in their place; but I should as soon think of eating dog soup."

HAUNTED HOUSES.—Houses having a half dozen good looking servant girls. The spirits manifest their presence after midnight, by certain muffled raps on the kitchen door. To exorcise them, chain a dog near the area gate.

Sam Jones lived up in Oxford county. Now Sam was an enormous eater, and it happened that he was one day hauling a load of "shook" to the nearest village, when his team stuck in a sand-hill. Well, did Sam fret or scold his oxen, or unload his team? Not he. He very coolly took down his dinner from the load, sat down and ate it, when his oxen started off with the rest of the load without further trouble!