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beloved one. It is my.intention in a short time to spoil your beauty either by sword or pistol. The choice shall be left to you, as both weapons are to me quite indifferent. Hoping soon to have the pleasure of the

pasia, if able to read, which in all probability she was no's, would have had hair cause to complain of his coldness. So I except the love-letters.

MR. C. H. SPURGEON has said and done many things in his time in furtherance of what might be described as "Jocular religion and come saivate the London Missionary Society, at External properties of the London Missionary Society, and the London Missionary Society Society

Shooling a Camel.

A traveler from Pekin to Siberia, across the great desert of Gobi, tells us that whenever a camel's feet have been come very tender and sore from long marches, the poor centure lies down in the camel, the poor centure lies down the thickest per some that his feet have been come to be the come of the siber side of the come of the side of the side of the come of the side of the side

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vain is man's attempt to contravene the divine purpose is a revealed fact.

An Uncomfortable Story.

An uncomfortable story is told by the Warswe Israedi, and one calculated to coast a gloom over many a dinner-table it seems that a cook in the employ of a Jew lately rushed to her master's room in a state of extreme nervous agitation, and not without reason. She had, she said, suddenly heard heart-rending and present the said, suddenly heard heart-rending and present the said, suddenly heard heart-rending and present the said of the said of the said, suddenly heard heart-rending and the said, suddenly heard heart-rending and present the said of a Jewish sinner was in the meat, and that its shricks were caused by a desire for honovable burial according to the rites of the Jewish religion. He therefore, without loss of time, proceedesing the said of the said of the proceeding to the rites of the Jewish religion. He therefore, without loss of time, proceedings to the rites of the Jewish religion. He herefore, without loss of time, proceedings requested in a shrond, in the Jewish cemetery, with all the Jewish persuasion. The rabbi however, having doubts as to whether the beefsteak really contained the soul of a sinear declined to accede to the request, and the mysterious beef, according to that hat a rabbi was correct in his view, for if the spirits of sinners get into provisions, tradsemen who throw their hearts and souls into their bushness will be able to carry on adult-ration after their decease, and it will be even impossible to distinguish between a leg of mutton and the spiritual part of an extortionate butcher.

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PANIC OF 1873



Though the content of this 1873 front page is typical of its time — ads, letters, quirky anecdotes — in the background, the foundation was being laid for one of the most cataclysmic economic events in

American history. With the dust finally settling from the end of the Civil War, expansion was afoot in the United States in 1873. Reconstruction efforts led to thousands of miles of railroad track being built across the country, creating hundreds of jobs and faster travel time for goods. Prior to 1871, there had been 45,000 miles of track laid. Between 1871 and 1900, 170,000 more miles were prepared for rail. None of this would have been possible if not for Congress doling out millions of acres of public lands to railroad companies.

Most of these regions were undeveloped territories, allowing for the rise of speculative investments to fund construction of the

railways. One such transcontinental railroad was the Northern Pacific Railway connecting Minnesota to the Pacific Northwest. After being given millions of acres of land grants, Jay Cooke & Company Bank took over as head financier and bond agent of the project. From 1870 to 1873, Cooke attempted to market bonds to investors to fund the steadily increasing budget of creating a rail line in unchartered territory. Due to both increasing costs and construction times, many banks were left waiting for returns on capital that would potentially never come. In September 1873, just two months after the printing of this front page, Jay Cooke would declare bankruptcy and set off a chain reaction of bank closings that would come to be known as the Panic of 1873.

Almost immediately afterward, the New York Stock Exchange closed for 10 straight days. Before the end of the year, dozens of railroad companies would go belly up, with more to follow. In total, 18,000 businesses failed in the two years that followed. This "Long Depression" would continue until 1879, eclipsing the later and more wellknown Great Depression as the single longest economic contraction in U.S. history. At its worst, the unemployment rate was 8.25% in 1878. This economic upheaval led to dark times for average workers. One of the country's first organized strikes took place in 1877 among railroad workers whose wages were continually cut. Railroad workers across the country, including in Reading -Pennsylvania's third-largest industrial city at the time — went up in arms against robber barons. State and federal governments would respond in kind, sending militias to combat and sometimes kill striking workers. All told, an estimated 100 workers were killed, over half of them in the Pittsburgh railroad strike that ran from July 19 to July 30, 1877.









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