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THE LAST RELIC OF BARBARISM.

Polygamy, with all of its hideous attendant crimes is fast growing to alarm proportions and is not confined to Utah, where it was for many years partially secluded, but has for some years been gradually spreading to the surrounding territories.

And yet our government officials, whose duty it has ever been to see that the laws were duly executed, have continually stood by and with their knowledge of the crimes committed by this influence, and their failure to put a stop to them, we cannot refrain from, in one sense, regarding them as participants criminally.

It seems like the delay in these things probably occur because our senators and representatives in Congress no doubt await action until the sentiment of the people generally demand of them to act, when frequently it would be better for the country if they should agitate the question before the people become fully aroused to a realization of the evil.

The following we take from the New York Graphic of July 28, 1881: "There have lately been purchased in England and Germany for this and next month's shipment, by steamers to the Pacific coast, six thousand tons of Krupp's, Barrow's and Middleborough best steel rails for the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company, that could not be procured from American mills for the same delivery, even if steamers could have been procured at any admissible rates to transport the steel rails to Oregon.

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ECONOMY IN POSTAL AFFAIRS.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Elmer reports the reduction in Star route and steamboat mail service during July to be \$314,664, and that the full amount of savings in that line by reductions and discontinuances since March 4th is \$1,381,442. This is surely encouraging to the American people to know that the country is in the hands of a great party whose leaders are continually proceeding with investigations for the purpose of putting a stop to the frauds and leakages practiced upon the Nation's purse. Since the President was shot all attention has been turned to his condition and the probability of his recovery. So much so that but little news has come from the East for the last month to inform us of what is going on in regard to investigations of the Star route frauds, but it is to be hoped that investigations have proceeded regularly and effectually.

Caesar has one smart girl who will in the hereafter be heard of in woman's rights societies. She described "straw" as being a hollow thing with a twenty cent man on one end of it and a twenty cent drink on the other end.

THE NEXT DECADE ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The next ten years will witness an extraordinary development on the Pacific Coast. Nearly all the great railroad enterprises which are now prosecuted are west of the Missouri River, and they include consolidations or direct lines which reach to the Pacific Coast. It is said that Jay Gould's programme embraces about 7000 miles of railroad west of the Missouri River. The Northern Pacific embraces with branches about 4000 miles. The Southern Pacific with branches nearly as much more. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, with its western extension under the name of the Atlantic and Pacific, not less than 3000 miles. These roads, with the numerous short ones, including the narrow-gauges, will grid-iron the whole country. How does it happen that all the great railroad enterprises of the day are looking to this coast for termini? The fact is there is an undeveloped country. There is vast natural wealth here which railroads will make accessible. The new West is between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Coast. This is the Empire which is just beginning to feel the thrill of a new life. Capitalists are traversing this whole vast region, from Mexico to Alaska. There is no lack of money. The inquiry is for business that will pay. Of course, railroad building just now is an attractive business.

The San Francisco "Bulletin" thinks that when sedate citizens rub their hands and say, "There will be stirring times here during the next ten years," it is time to look for the evidence. The vast railroad development is one evidence. The revival of shipping interests is another. The favor which new manufacturing enterprises meet, is an additional one. No other part of the country to-day presents such grand opportunities for enterprise as the territory known as the Pacific Coast—the long belt which is between the Sierra Range and the ocean, stretching from Mexico to Puget Sound. That is the country of the future—of railroads, of fleets of merchant ships, of vast wheat production, of a mining development immensely greater than has ever been known. This is the country, too, which has lost nothing by a decade of quiet years, during which time the prevalent expression has been that business was dull. There is no "boom" to day, only the healthy signs of the new life. A country large enough to support thirty million people is comparatively empty with less than two million in it. The mere fact that there is so much room is an attraction. It is only a little while since a semi-monthly sterner brought the news from the Atlantic States. Then came the Pony Express, afterwards the telegraph, and then the great continental railroad. And now a railroad scheme embracing three or four thousand miles is hardly more than the wonder of a single day.

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The king of Siam has recently promoted his youngest full brother, Prince Choujah, to one of the highest political offices in the realm, and conferred upon him the eminent title of Krom Hluang Bhanuphantiwongse Woradesh. We extend our sympathies to the Prince, and hope that he will survive this terrible affliction.

If a man cannot be cured by smoking he is less susceptible than a ham.

"A DAY AFTER THE FAIR."

We clip from the "Daily Standard" the following very appropriate editorial on the improvements at Yaquina Bay, which very evidently exhibits the fact that the present editors of that paper have the independence to say what they mean, regardless of surrounding influences. This article will appropriately apply to a few other papers in the State as well as to the "Port Orford Post":

There is a vein of jealousy running through an editorial in the last issue of the Port Orford Post that ridicules the idea of Yaquina Bay with its shoals ever becoming a port of any pretensions, that if it had been treated fairly and the desire to show the advantages of Port Orford not been quite so prominently pushed forward, a case not altogether bad might have been made out. However, at a time like this, when surveyors and contractors are at work on the road to Yaquina Bay and the statement positively made that track is now about for that enterprise, the attack of our envious contemporary on the coast is ill-timed and as small as its own journalistic dimensions. If it be true, as stated, that Yaquina Bay "must always be a shallow harbor at the very best—such a one as deep water vessels will never—can never enter," the "Port Orford Post" should have made it apparent long ago, and before intelligent men, who have doubtless looked before leaping, had invested their money in a railroad, to that point on the coast and had forced the preliminary work into practical shape. It will become a coast paper, or any other paper in Oregon, to find fault with and try to place obstacles in the way of an enterprise that is now well under way and its set terms definitely settled upon. If the selection of Yaquina Bay was a mistake on the part of the parties interested in running the railroad from the heart of the Willamette Valley by a direct and short route to tide water, it is too late to flout it in their faces now. The incorporators must make the most of it, and it is the true course of every honest paper in Oregon to help the venture by encouraging words rather than aim to retard it by derision and post mortem arguments.

Mr. Alexander Sinclair, editor of the Glasgow Herald, who has been making an extensive tour of the United States, going so far West as the Rocky mountains, says the desire to emigrate from Scotland to the United States is more so than formerly, especially among the better class of farmers-men who have a little money. There is a feeling of independence growing up, a desire to own land for themselves, that pervades all the members of the Scottish farming community, so that as soon as they can get what they consider undoubted information about the farming lands of this country, and make sure where is the best place to go, they will come over in large numbers.

One of the first acts of the department of agriculture and commerce just established in Japan was to issue instructions to the various prefects and local authorities requiring them to render all possible assistance in the way of supplying models, books, etc., to the artist artisans. The class of workmen, it is said, has for the most part been without these appliances for a considerable time, but the government is at length aroused to the necessity of reviving, if possible, the spirit and technical excellence of the ancient art.

Professor Riley, of the United States entomologist commission, says locusts cannot do any damage except to young fruit trees, in the limbs of which they deposit their eggs. He says the report that the locusts sting human beings is a fallacy; that a species of digger-wasp feed, on these young locusts and people have been stung by these wasps, from which the belief has sprung that locusts sting. He says the locusts will suddenly disappear before long.

A man who is supposed to have robbed the overland stage near Soul's Rest on the Boise road of Wells Fargo Co's express box has been captured, and lodged in jail to await investigation.

Mrs. Martha Williams, mother of Mr. A. Nolter, died at her residence in Polk county on Sunday, the 7th inst., at the age of 74 years and five months. She came to this State in 1845 with her husband, who died in 1865, and located on the place where she died.

The passenger war on the Columbia has not come to an end, despite our item of yesterday, which was given us by one of the officers of the opposition company. The Fleetwood has just sent out circulars to country merchants soliciting freight, and Capt. Scott announces his intention to keep the contest up as long as there are people to transport and freight to carry.—Standard.

At the present time there are 16 ships in port, all but four of them being British and foreign. The majority have been secured to load in wheat for the U. K. at good charter rates.—Standard.

Three ships are now lying in mid stream off the O. R. & N. Co.'s lower dock discharging iron for the railway. As soon as the discharge is completed the ships will be brought to the city wharves and loaded with wheat.—Standard.

TELEGRAMS.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—The convention of Irishmen continued their session throughout the day and evening, and at midnight they are still sitting with sealed doors. Rev. Geo. C. Betts, of St. Louis, is chairman of the meeting. Delegates are present under assumed names from Glasgow, Cork, Dublin and Boston. The delegates are united in denying that they represent the dynamite idea, but agree that they are willing to use even that dire agent against the actual array of occupation.

It is rumored that the postmaster general James intends resigning to accept the presidency of the Anatomical Loan and Trust company to be organized by Vanderbilt.

It is confirmed that Gen. Chalmers will be the green-back candidate in Mississippi for senator against Lamar.

Orville, Cal. Aug. 7.—J. T. Noakes, who murdered A. J. Crum, about three weeks ago at Chico, was taken from jail this morning by a posse of armed and masked men and conveyed to Crum's old place, about ten miles from here, on the road to Chico, and there hung by the neck to a limb of a large oak tree.

The Post's Washington special says it is reported that instructions have been received from Chinese governments, modifying the original order for the return of the Chinese students in this country. There is a suspicion that the refusal of our government, to permit Chinese youth to attend our military schools in large numbers, had something to do with the recent action of the home government.

Francis Murphy, the well known temperance lecturer and founder of gospel temperance societies, died at Morris Plains yesterday.

Morristown, N. J., Aug. 6.—Orville Grant, brother of General Grant, died at Morris Plains yesterday.

Jackson Miss.—Lowry was nominated for governor on the 31st ballot by a vote, of 126 to 112, and G. D. Saults for Lieu. Governor.

The Times London Special says: The delegates have held their own in the medical congress. Delegates generally acknowledge their indebtedness to American representatives for information of the most valuable kind, and especially with reference to nervous disorders.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—The people of Fenimore, Wis., are terribly excited over a genuine case of Asiatic cholera, which resulted fatally in that village Saturday.

THE LATEST.

1:30 p. m.—It having become necessary to make a further opening to facilitate the escape of pus, we took advantage of the improved condition of the president this morning shortly after the morning bulletin was issued. He was etherized. The incision extended downward and forward, and a counter opening was made into track of the ball below the margin of the twelfth rib, which it is believed will effect the desired object. He bore the operation well, and has now recovered from the effects of etherization and is in excellent condition.

As soon as the patient had been put under the influence of ether, a long and slightly curved instrument was introduced into the wound, pushed between the ribs and carried downward along the track of the bullet until its end could be felt below the last rib from the outside. Holding this instrument in the wound as a guide, Dr. Agnew then made a counter incision below the twelfth rib, cutting directly through the integument until his knife met the end of the first mentioned instrument at the point where he wished to intersect the track of the ball. The operation was not a difficult or dangerous one and the patient bore both with and without etherization extremely well. There is now an opening to the deeper parts of the wound which does not pass between the ribs and which can always be kept free and unobstructed, and no further trouble from accumulation of pus is anticipated.

New York, Aug. 9.—The Tribune's Washington correspondent had interviews with Drs. Hamilton and Agnew and Gen. Swayne as to the president's condition since the surgical operation yesterday, and all are satisfied with the condition of affairs and express themselves that the patient will recover; Dr. Hamilton said if he had any doubt about it he would not leave for home.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The real work of the Irish convention will begin to-morrow. Several prominent men are expected to join in the convention. The president to-day positively stated that it was not held in the interest of the dynamite system, nor did it countenance that crowd.

STATE NEWS.

Notwithstanding all the modern improvements of husbandry, the matrimonial harvest is still gathered with the cradle and thrashed by hand.—Bedrock Democrat.

The Bedrock Democrat says R. Brownlee, of Weiser City, was recently kicked in the pit of the stomach by a vicious horse and died of his injuries within thirty hours.

Coos Bay news.—A number of horses have been stolen in Coos lake valley recently, and the residents of that section believe there is a well organized band of horse thieves operating about the Oregon and Nevada line.

J. P. True of Jackson county, has ten acres of grain that will compare favorably with the best anywhere. He estimates that it will yield at least 60 bushels per acre. From one head of wheat alone he got 98 kernals.

A disease, supposed to be the scarlet rash, is becoming epidemic among the children of Jacksonville.

Crickets and grasshoppers continue abundant in Lake county and are doing some damage to growing crops.

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