

for an additional force, fully equal, in all, to the forces which has been called out by my previous proclamations.

In such a case I have no alternative than to act according to my own deliberate judgment, for if, waiving my own judgment to yours, injury should result, the responsibility would attach to me no less than yourself.

Otherwise, why is the militia organized and the Executive made its commander-in-chief? It is to meet emergencies like the present. But were it practicable to comply with your requisitions, and were those requisitions for a force in my judgment competent, I should not deem it expedient to place the force thus raised under the command of the officers of the regular service.

The war has now gone on five months. It is a war emphatically for the defense of the settlements—so much so, that I have ordered to the Sound four companies from the Columbia River, and at this critical period it is important that there should be no changes in the command or in the plan. In view of this, and also in view of the changes of opinion and of plan on the part of the officer in chief command on this coast, growing out of a want of a proper understanding of the difficulties to be encountered, I am of opinion that the whole force will be more efficient, and that there will be a better spirit of co-operation, if the regular and volunteer services are kept distinct.

Be this as it may, the campaign is, I trust, approaching its consummation, and changes of plan can only be brought with mischief.

The citizens of this Territory have very great confidence in the officers of the regular service, and especially in this the case with the people of the Sound. These relations have been more than cordial—they are the witnesses of the efficiency of the troops stationed here, and their gratitude has been announced on several occasions since the organization of the Territory.

The force now in the field has not been mustered into the service of the Territory, but into the service of the United States. My authority, as the highest federal officer of the Territory, is derived from the same source as that of the Major General commanding the Pacific division. I am commissioned by the President, and I act under the authority of the laws of Congress and the responsibility of my oath of office.

For these reasons your requisitions cannot be complied with. At the same time, you may rest assured of my doing every thing in my power to co-operate with you, and I hope that through the action of us all the war may soon be closed, and the suffering inhabitants of the Territory may be rescued from their present unhappy condition.

Truly and respectfully,
Your most obedient,

ISAAC L. STEVENS,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

The London Times on the Slavery Question in the United States.

In commenting on that portion of the President's Message which discusses the subject of slavery, the London Times says that the stability of the institution will be impaired year by year by the influx of European into the field of American labor, and that for this reason, prominent among others, the only practical question is this: How is Slavery to be kept within bounds, brought to a quiet old age, and decently interred some hundred years hence? We quote further from that paper, thus:

"We, in the Old World, make but little way in the cure of our own social evils, so it would ill become us to prescribe for Slavery. The manner of our own abolition was no model for any State, least of all one that had its Slavery in its own bosom. Yet we may venture to notice the omission of all attempts to save the future of Slavery in the Message before us. We doubt much whether the next eight years of its history will be like the last. There is one important novelty of nature to effect it, and that is the immense infusion of the depressed classes of Europe into the working population of America. The social difficulties of the Union have already a more European character than a few years ago. In questions of education, religion, and crime, one may every day see comparisons between Manchester and New York; and an English philanthropist would find himself quite at home at any great city in the United States. This state of things must spread, and, as it is difficult to conceive a slave population in London, in Lancashire, or in any other part of these islands, we conclude the day must come when Slavery will be a moral impossibility in the United States. But, if this be only probable, common sense suggests that the policy of the States, and of the Union also, as far as it can be done without offence, is to pave the way for the gradual and peaceful exit of Slavery. On this side the Atlantic it would be presumption to frame the proper policy for this purpose; but there can be no presumption in just quietly asking American statesmen to consider whether Slavery is likely to exist, and if so, to what extent and in what form, in the Union in the year 1850; and how far it will then effect the peace and comfort of a hundred million citizens! The smallest misgivings as to the probable state of things at that date should enter into the present calculations of anybody pretending to be a statesman. Slavery, in our humble opinion, will then either have ceased to exist, or exist as an intolerable evil, and the very bane of American politics. There is, too, another contingency in view, more familiar, perhaps, to European than to American minds—and that is the gradual melting of the States into a closer union. Either peace or war, either mutual forbearance or angry controversy, will tend to the entire amalgamation of communities so similar and so closely united. But every

step towards that amalgamation must tell against the continuance of an institution tolerated in some of the States, and abhorred in the rest."

For the Argus.

My soul! mother, thou art gone
To you fair Heaven above;
Thou hast left to be deprived of thee,
Since as I know thy love:
I would not call thee back again
To this cold world of woe,
But to repay the debt of love
That to myself I owe.
My mother! oft thy sacred name
Had thrilled my heart—thus angel grace
All purity, all gentleness and love,
Reflected in thy smiling face.
When hovering angels called thee home,
Is mirrored on my faithful heart,
And shall till thy spirit comes
To whisper, "Child, no more we part."
For when we laid thy gentle form
Low in the silent grave,
The bow of promise spanned thy tomb,
And Cherubs whispered, "He who gave
 Thy mother takes her home;
And when thy sorrowing days are o'er
As coronary angels will return
To wash thee where you'll part no more."
At St. Helens, March 29, '56. J. C.

Samuel Rogers, the Nestor of Poets.

On the night of the 17th January, Samuel Rogers, the successful poet and banker, died in his home St. James Place, London, at the age of ninety-six years. He was a native of that city, thoroughly educated, and had enjoyed a long career of uninterrupted prosperity, both in literature and finance. During a long period of the later part of his life he dispensed the hospitalities of his home with great liberality, and many Americans have been his guests. From an article in the London Illustrated News we extract the following:

Two very different men appeared as poets in print for the first time in the same year—the Ayrshire Ploughman and the Lombard Street Banker. In the year 1786 appeared at Kilmarnock that volume of "Poems, chiefly in the Scottish dialect," which will live as long as the English language; and in the same year appeared in London, "An Ode to Speranza," since popularly included in the numerous reprints of the poems of its author. Burns published his octavo volume by subscription among the weavers of Kilmarnock whilst Rogers took (as we have heard him relate) his poem to Cadell in the Strand, and left a check to cover the cost of publication.

Very different, indeed, were the lives in the flesh of the two men thus commenced together their lives in poetry. Burns has been dead sixty years, Rogers has consequently outlived the poet he commenced the race of fame with by that number of years.

When Rogers made his appearance as a poet, Lord Byron was unborn—and Byron has been dead nearly thirty-two years! When Percy Bysshe Shelley was born, Rogers was in his thirtieth year—and Shelley has been dead nearly thirty-four years! When Keats was born, "The Pleasures of Memory" was looked upon as a standard poem—and Keats has been dead thirty-five years! When this century commenced, the man who died but yesterday, and in the latter half of the century, had already numbered as many years as Burns and Byron had numbered when they died.

Our oldest living poets are Walter Savage Landor, born 1775; Leigh Hunt, born 1784; and Barry Cornwall, born 1799.

The Great Central Sea in Tropical Africa.

In the Calcutta Missionary we find, (says the New York Tribune) with some letters from Dr. Robman, dated the 13th and 30th of April, a map which is communicated by the learned missionary. On this map, however the Equator and 10° of south latitude, and between the 23d and 30th meridian, lies an immense sea without outlet, twice as large as the Black Sea, including the Sea of Azoff. It is designated Ukerwa, or Inner Sea, and the well known Njassa Sea appears as a small bay on the south-east. Dr. Robman refers to a map in detail which his companion Dr. Ethridge is bringing to Europe. This great discovery, the consequences of which can hardly be estimated, has raised interest on the testimony of the natives of both shores of the Inner Sea with whom the missionaries came in contact. Dr. A. Peterson remarks, in a letter in the Athenaeum, that the African geographer, Mr. Cooly, argued long ago for the existence of a single great sea in the center of Equatorial Africa, and this opinion was prevented from becoming general by the obstinate opposition of the missionaries of Eastern Africa, who now confess their error.

A anecdote of the Rev. Dr. Plummer.

The Pittsburg Herald tells the following anecdote of the Rev. Dr. Plummer, late of Baltimore: During a visit to the Hot Springs, on a certain occasion, he was invited by the company gathered there to preach for them on the Sabbath. He consented. The ball room of the hotel was prepared for religious worship, and the audience assembled. The speaker announced his text and began his discourse; but was mortified to find that by some of the younger and more frivolous of his hearers of both sexes, the whole performance was looked upon as a good joke, and to be treated accordingly. Some were smiling, some were whispering, and an evidently levity prevailed throughout the congregation. For a few minutes he endeavored to withstand it by a simple presentation of the truth; but to no purpose. Stepping short in his discourse, he at once arrested their attention by the question: "My friends, do you know how these Hot Springs are said to have been discovered?" I will tell you. Many years since an old Dutchman and his son were passing along down the valley where the road runs now that you see out there—putting it through the woods—"when, observing the Spring, they stopped their team to water the horses. The old man took the bucket, went to the spring, and dipped it in, when some of the water dashed up on his hand and scalded him. Instantly dropping the bucket, he started for the wagon, running, and calling to his son in the greatest consternation, "There on, Hans, drive on: Hell is not far from dark place!" At this his audience burst out laughing—when, immediately assuming a look of deepest solemnity, and dropping his voice

to the low tones that in him are like muted thunder, he made the application: "I tell you my friends, Hell is not far from this place." There were no more smiles in that congregation that day. Some who heard it said it seemed to them as if the terms of the day of judgment had come.

The finest idea of a thunderstorm extent was when Wiggins came home tight. Now, Wiggins is a teacher, and had drunk too much lemonade, or something. He came into the room among his wife and daughters, and just then he tumbled over the cradle and fell upon the floor. After while he rose and said:

"Wife, are you hurt?"
"No."
"Girls, are you hurt?"
"No."
"Terrible clap, wasn't it?"

Smith and Brown, running opposite ways round a corner, struck each other.

"Oh, dear!" said Smith, "how you made my head ring!"
"That's a sign it's hollow," said Brown.
"Dish't yours ring?" said Smith.

"No."
"That's a sign it's cracked."

"Ma," said a little girl to her mother, "do the men want to get married as much as the women do?"

"Palaw! what are you talking about?"

"Why, ma, the women who come here are always talking about getting married—the men don't do so."

Contentment depends not upon what we have, but upon what we would have; a tub was large enough for Diogenes, but a world was too small for Alexander.

COLD WEATHER IN TEXAS.—The Houston Telegraph learns that the Brazos River was frozen over at Waco, during the late "cold spell," so hard that "wagons and teams could pass over on the ice."

TEMPLE OF HONOR.—Tualatin Temple of Honor, No. 1, meets every Wednesday evening at the American Hall, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Brethren of the Order in good standing are invited to visit this Temple.

M. TUTTLE, W. C. T.

S. A. DIXON, W. R.

Who Wants a Good Saddle?

The subscriber, living five miles south-west of Lafayette, in Yamhill county, is now carrying on the business of Saddler in good estate.

He keeps constantly on hand the best saddles that can be manufactured with the materials at command in Oregon. Those wishing a genuine saddle warranted to fit on both sides, and rigged on in complete style, cheap for cash, or good trade would do well to give me a call. My shop is situated on Baker's Creek near where the road crosses it leading from Portland and Oregon City, "up country" by the way of Smith's bridge on the North Fork of Yamhill.

I keep every thing in the saddletry line, as Bridles, Martingales, Halters, Lines, &c., &c. Sept. 29-30. J. O. HENDERSON.

Sabotopon has Fallen!

AND CHARMAN & WARNER wish to inform the citizens of Oregon City and the public, in general that they have just received a good assortment of GROCERIES suitable for the season of the year. Also, we have received a supply of fancy groceries, such as Parian, Sugar, Tapioca, Arrow Root, and a variety of other such articles innumerable to mention.

We have a good assortment of FANCY GOODS for the holidays, such as raisins, dates, figs, boiled plums, raspberry preserves, and a variety of other articles in this line, such as will suit the greatest expense of the land. We have also on hand a good assortment of candies, and are receiving a supply nearly every steamer. So please give me a call; we'll sell as cheap as any house in Oregon. Our motto is that a quick penny is better than a slow shilling.

We are now commencing to prepare in the Bazaar for Christmas, and shall have a good assortment of cake. We shall also keep on hand a superior quality of huter crackers, Boston crackers, and also the sweet York crackers. Please give orders for the above in good time. Our prices shall be reasonable, and the goods made of the best materials in Oregon.

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