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For the Argus. Defending Self.

"That any one has the right to exercise this principle of self-defense, we will not pretend to deny." This admission D. B. G. makes in objecting to my notions of self-defense as given in The Argus of Aug. 15.

I agree with you that "we should always endeavor to restrain all our evil passions," &c., and I think I gave no ground for a suggestion to the contrary.

It is true, as you remark, that men generally resist from anger; this should not be. Men often turn things "upside down."

"All nature looked smiling and" (smoky) as I took my leave of friends and started for the seat of government of our Territory.

"Need"—that was the fellow's name—afterward stated in "experience meeting" that his brother literally pounded the grace of God into him.

Again, "Whence arises this disposition to give blow for blow—to return re-buff for insult—which is nothing more than self-defense?" This is what you may call self-defense, but my view is different.

The old law, "an eye for an eye," &c., is an exhibition of false justice, having its real foundation in revenge.

Unconsciously I asked myself, To what am I like? the pure, clear mountain stream, or the slimy, miasmatic slough which rises in a swamp and spreads malaria and contamination wherever it goes?

natural to be blindly selfish. While we eat for self, we may and should feel desirous that others may eat for themselves.

Several years since, a party coming down with a large raft narrowly escaped with their lives. A large body of drift had accumulated over one channel, and at the stage of water when they came down, the water ran with great violence under this drift, and they could perceive that they were hurrying surely on to their destruction.

Friday morning I listened with some interest to a speech from one of the Democratic chiefs, reviewing and approving the action of the Convention.

Mr. Editor—The glorious cause of out-spoken freedom is not yet extinct in old Marion, if it is silent.

Notes on a Pleasure Trip. "All nature looked smiling and" (smoky) as I took my leave of friends and started for the seat of government of our Territory.

Our honest freedom friends are alive to their interests, and will do their duty. No such scurrilous sheets as the Occidental Messenger or Sentinel, or any other pro-slavery paper, can pull the wool over our eyes.

The miserable curs who are employing their time in whining and barking at your paper because of its fearless advocacy of truth, are only following the dictates of their own nature.

Go on, Mr. Editor—you are fighting while the true banner floats over you, and while a host of friends are around you.

The "PACIFICATOR" OF KANSAS and THE CONQUEROR OF UTAH.—In personal appearance, General Harney is impressive. He is considerably over six feet tall, and is large-boned and muscular.

of the principal streets, in which an auctioneer was soliciting bids for an engraving of General Jackson.

The following is taken from a work lately published by Richard Rush and entitled "The Domestic Life of Washington."

Toward the close of a winter's day in 1791, an officer in uniform was seen to dismount in front of the President's at Philadelphia, and giving the bridle to his servant, knocked at the door of his mansion.

The Ashland District.—James B. Clay has a majority of 120 for Congress in the Ashland district.

The heart of every true patriot in the State will be saddened by the intelligence of this result, and the admirers of the Great Commander, the immortal Sage of Ashland, everywhere will mourn over this triumph of his life-long enemies in the district which first gave his splendid talents and towering eloquence to the councils of the nation.

A Little More English Filibustering.—Recent arrivals tell us that "accounts from India state that the government general on the advice of his counsel had declared the annexation to the Anglo-Indian empire of the States of Bijay-Singh, Rajah of Hindoo Khouch, who died on the 11th of April without heirs.

Party lines were not strictly observed in voting upon the new Constitution of Iowa. The Constitution has been approved, though the independent clause in regard to negro suffrage has been voted down by a very large majority.

Mrs. Sigourney is still in excellent health and cheerful spirits. Although far advanced on the journey of life, this distinguished American poetess is yet enabled to receive her friends, who are numerous, with much of the wit and sprightly conversation which characterized her earlier years.

Removing and Preventing Rust.—Some persons employ an acid to remove rust from knives; this, the best authority declares, should never be done under any circumstances.

The roused chief sat down on the sofa once more. He seemed conscious of his passion, and uncomfortable. He was silent. His warmth beginning to subside, he at length said in an altered voice: "This must not go beyond this room."

The whole case was investigated by Congress. St. Clair was exculpated and regained the confidence Washington had in him when appointing him to that command.

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