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For the Argus.

Slavery. Extract from a Letter written by an Oregon Lady to a friend in Kansas, during the late troubles in that Territory.

You inquire if I would rather make servants of people of my own color than of blacks. In reply, I must say that I am scarcely conscious of a preference.

I believe that, as a general thing, all classes in the free States who discharge the duties of their station with tolerable fidelity, are rewarded accordingly.

The editor of the Honolulu Advertiser recently visited the volcano of Hilo, of which he gives an engraving in his paper and an interesting description.

An exchange says "the official vote of Arkansas has not come to hand yet. The reason of this, that up in Benton county, where they keep 'tally' on a shingle, the official journal was lost.

industrious women, go about their work in a single garment of tow linen, being so scant, too, in its dimensions as to scarcely conceal the form, while their children of seven and eight years of age run about in costume exceedingly primitive in its simplicity.

You are mistaken; the opponents of slavery are not tightening the chains of the bondmen. The light of this nineteenth century is penetrating into the dark place of oppression, and rendering the property which consists in the bodies and souls of men and women uncertain.

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There is something very fascinating in lingering near this mighty display of creative power, and many persons expose themselves to danger in the excitement of procuring good points for a view and specimens as mementoes of the visit; and some of our party, who seemed a little timid in approaching it, were the last who cared to leave.

There is no Christian grace which has in it a particle of self-existence. Faith, love, courage, are all sweet flowers, but their roots are in God.

THE OLD FEUD REVIVED.—During his late visit in Canada, the Prince of Wales was deterred from landing at several points on the St. Lawrence by belligerent demonstrations on the part of 'Orange men.'

EMPIRE OF THE WEST.—In his late speech at St. Paul, Hon. Wm. H. SEWARD said: "The owners of the workshops and of the banks are in the East, and the owners of the gold mines are in the far West; but the owners of the land in the United States are to be found along the shores of the Mississippi river, from New Orleans to the sources of the great river and the great lakes.

EXPLORATION IN THE FAR NORTH.—A party ascended Frazer river in July, 1858, and continued in the upper country until about two months ago. Last summer they penetrated to within ten miles of the source of Frazer river, and were in the very heart of the Rocky Mountains, 350 miles above Fort George.

INTERESTING CEREMONIES.—On Sunday took place at Lone Mountain Cemetery one of those semi-annual festivals which the Chinese hold above the places of temporary interment of their deceased friends and relatives.

LIMESTONE.—Specimens of fine limestone have been discovered in Solano county, Cal., which, it is stated, can be made into strong and durable cement, superior even to Roman cement.

Couldn't Go It.

In the winter of 1857, about midnight, a passenger, with a carpet sack in one hand, and a heavy shawl in the other, entered the Tremont House, Chicago.

'Ah, Mr. Harris, glad to see you; just arrived from Detroit?' 'Yes, just in; very tired; have not had my clothes off for two days, straight from New York. Can you give me a room?'

A waiter was immediately called, who taking the carpet sack in one hand and a light in the other, started, Mr. Harris following, for 142. Arriving there, they entered a large and handsomely furnished apartment, with four beds—one in each corner of the room—two gentlemen in each bed except one, and there only one.

Arriving at the office Harris said: 'See here! I am perfectly willing to occupy the same room Stephen A. Douglas did, but I'll be—d if I want to sleep with the whole Democratic Party.'

THE BOY PREACHER OF LOUISIANA.—Mark Boatner Chapman is now in his fourteenth year,—he was born in Clinton, La., where his parents still reside.

He at length began, says a writer to the Memphis Advocate, to speak in the love feast and class-meetings, then to pray in the public congregation. His appearance is that of the merest boy, and he seems wholly unconscious of any superior gifts or attainments.

The most gifted lawyers, doctors and divines, have heard him with astonishment and delight. I confess that it is most wonderful, and to me incomprehensible.

An Editor need not necessarily write the articles for a newspaper. The Editor's business, properly, is to supervise and publish, but it does not follow that he must write what is published.

[From our Extra of Monday.]

Arrival of the Pony Express.

Late Election News Correct! Indiana, 15,000! Pennsylvania, 35,000! OHIO, 75,000!

NEBRASKA GONE REPUBLICAN.

Vastly in New York knocked into a Coked Hat!!

The N. Y. Herald Gives it up!

New York Good for 80,000 Majority for Lincoln!

By the stage yesterday we received the Red Bluff Independent of Oct. 30 containing the following telegraphic news: Marysville, Oct. 29.—The Pony Express arrived at Fort Churchill at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, with dates from St. Louis to Oct. 16th inclusive.

There is but little news from the election. The majorities are very much as before reported. The result, it is generally admitted, settles the election of Lincoln.

Fusion in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Indiana, is in a measure abandoned.—No further movements in New York are reported. The New York Herald admits that further struggle is useless.

In the elections in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, the Republicans lose six members of Congress, viz: Two in Pennsylvania, three in Ohio, and one in Indiana.

In Nebraska, Daily, Republican, is elected to Congress by 162 majority.

There was an enthusiastic Republican demonstration at Buffalo, New York, Oct. 15th. There was a procession and speaking during the day. The Wide-Awake procession at night had five thousand torches.

An immense, and similar demonstration, was made at Jacksonville, Illinois, on the same day.

The San Francisco Herald says: "The election intelligence from the East is not of a very pleasing character.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Arabia, from Queenstown, with dates to Oct. 7, has arrived.

Garibaldi is victorious along the whole line of his operations.

It is reported that Garibaldi has invited Victor Emmanuel to go to Naples and assume authority, and he would retire home.

Dispatches from Naples, Oct. 2, say the Royal troops have been repulsed, and surrendered.

A letter from Rome states that the Sardinian lancers galloped to the moats of Rome in chase of the Pontifical gens d'armes.

JUDGES, JUSTICES, ATTORNEYS, ATTENTION!—The Lords of the Bench at Westminster, the highest judicial authority in England, in a case recently referred to them, declared "that it was a principle of common law, that a counselor, in questioning a witness, should address him in ordinary tones, and in language of respect, such as is employed by one gentleman in conversation with another; that such lawyer has no right to question the private business or moral character of a witness, any further than it is apparent they absolutely affect his reliability, or touch the case in hand; and that a witness is not bound to answer questions put to him in an insulting or an annoying manner.

The Queen of England does not suckle her children, although there is no positive law forbidding it, other than the law of etiquette. The law of England, however, regards the Queen Regnant as a man, she being the only woman in England who is not covert—that is, involved in the identity of her husband. This fact, probably, would render the suckling of her own children by the Queen very inconsistent.

The daughter of Count Raimondi, who accepted the hand of Garibaldi, but from whom he separated himself immediately after the performance of the nuptial ceremony, on receipt of a letter informing him that she was about giving birth to a child by a previous lover, is now residing at Freiburg, in Switzerland, and persists in calling herself Madame Garibaldi.

Laws of Oregon.

AN ACT to provide for the collection of taxes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, That the county clerks of each county in this State shall, within fifteen days after the apportionment of taxes, make a certificate of the several amounts apportioned to be assessed upon the taxable property of the county for State, county and school purposes, and deliver the same to the county Treasurer, together with a transcript of the assessment roll.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of each county, on receiving such certificate and roll, to give notice by posting up written or printed hand-bills in at least ten public places in his county; which said notice may be in substance as follows: STATE OF OREGON, ss. County of _____, ss.

To the tax-payers of said county, greeting:

All persons having taxes assessed against them in said county, are requested to pay such taxes to the treasurer of said county, at his office at the county seat of said county, before the first day of January next.

(Signed and dated) Co. Treasurer.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer on the first day of January mentioned in said notice, to return to the county clerk a list of the taxes remaining unpaid, together with the names of the persons from whom the same are due; whereupon the clerk shall issue to the sheriff of said county a certified copy of said list and names, to which shall be attached a warrant in the name of the people of the State of Oregon, under his hand and seal of the county, commanding the said sheriff to collect the taxes charged in said list, by demanding payment of the persons charged therein, and making sale of the goods and chattles of the respective persons named in said list if necessary; and that he pay over the moneys collected by him by virtue of said warrant, to the county treasurer and returning said warrant together with the list aforesaid, and an account of his acts thereon, to the county court on or before the first Monday in April next, ensuing the date hereof. The county treasurer shall receive, and he shall be allowed therefor no further compensation than is now allowed him by law for receiving and disbursing the public revenue.

SEC. 4. The sheriff shall be allowed for collecting taxes contained in the list aforesaid four per cent, on the amount due from delinquents, together with mileage at the rate of ten cents a mile, actually travelled by him for the purpose of collecting said taxes; which percentage and mileage shall in all cases be paid by the delinquent taxpayer, and shall not be chargeable to the county.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. In order that this act may be made applicable to the collection of taxes for the present year, it shall take effect from the date of its approval by the Governor.

Approved Oct. 19, 1860.

JOHN WHITEAKER.

AN ACT to provide for the protection of sheep and other domestic animals.

SECTION 1. Be enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, That the owner of any dog shall be liable for all damages that may accrue to any person or persons in this State by reason of such dog killing, wounding, or chasing any sheep or other domestic animal belonging to such other person or persons, the same to be recorded [recovered?] in an action for debt before any court having jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. If any person shall discover any dog in the act of killing, wounding, or chasing sheep, or other domestic animals in any portion of this State, or shall discover any dog under such circumstances as to satisfactorily show that such dog has been recently engaged in killing or chasing sheep or other domestic animals, for the purpose of killing them, such person is authorized to immediately pursue and kill such dog.

Approved Oct. 19, 1860.

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INCREASE OF PRESBYTERIANISM IN HALF A CENTURY.—REV. DR. JOHN McDOWELL

in his semi-centenary sermon, makes the following interesting statement: "The Presbyterian Church was divided in 1830, since which time there have been two General Assemblies. Both Assemblies should be taken into the account in comparing the Presbyterian Church as it now is with what it was fifty years ago. In the General Assembly of 1807, the first I attended, the number of delegates in attendance was 54; the number in the two Assemblies which met last spring was 467. The number of Synods when I entered the ministry was 7; the number now, as reported to the last Assemblies, is 51. The number of Presbyteries when I commenced my ministry was 31; now it is 254. The number of ministers in the Presbyterian Church then was 376; now it is 3,765. The number of churches then was 674; now it is 4,637; and the number of communicants then was 17,881; now it is 266,881. According to this statement, the Synods have been multiplied seven times; the Presbyteries eight times; the ministers ten times; the churches seven times, and the communicants twenty times."

Napoleon III.'s 'Life of Julius Caesar' is now in course of publication.—The Emperor of the French shares the theories of the historian Mommsen in regard to the democratic principle of the Roman conqueror.