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Prayer-Meeting in a Storm. [See Buchanan's Proclamation for a day of Fasting and Prayer.] A gale came up from the sea-west; 'Twas fierce November weather;

Force of Volcanoes. Cotopaxi, in 1738, threw its fiery rocks 3,000 feet above its crater, while in 1744 the blazing mass, struggling for an outlet, roared so that its awful voice was heard a distance of more than 600 miles.

At the age of thirty, most men's characters experience a revolution. The common pleasures of the world have been tasted to the full, and begin to pall.

The constitutional vivacity and temper of a person has much to do with his endurance of cold. For this vivacity is a sort of nervous fire that lessens the sensibility to outward impression.

The Nigger Humbug. SALEM, Feb. 2, 1861. ED. ARGUS-Sir: A friendly Breckinridger said in my presence, not long since, that the policy of the Republican party as a whole was far better for the masses of society than that of his own party, and especially for us in Oregon.

Where now is the 'invasion'? Should not such overwhelming majorities rule?—a majority by millions! Is not the statesman's motto, 'the greatest good to the greatest number,' essential to wholesome legislation?

But the 'restriction' is the grief. It is already restricted, by the very nature and terms of its existence. It is a legal right, a local right, a State right only, and consequently a 'sectional' right.

The South are educated, by the 'peculiar institution,' to aristocracy and monarchy, with a contempt for our republican form of government, and they therefore seek an occasion for its destruction that they may as soon as the public mind will bear it, establish a constitutional monarchy or an imperialism.

Sketch of Major Anderson. Maj. Robert Anderson, whose name has now become familiar as a household word in connection with the defenses of Charleston, was born in Kentucky, in September, 1805, and is now, therefore, in his 56th year.

Deserters, Feb. 7. ED. ARGUS: Mr. Henderson, who is connected with the stage line from Dalles to Walla Walla, came down to-day, and reports that French and Barnes, who live on Butter Creek, are missing, and 14 head of horses and two mules have been driven off by the Indians lately—and that Mr. Grover's house on Willow Creek was robbed of about \$500 in money, and a lot of blankets, during his absence.

STILL LATER.—Mr. Samuel Johnson has just come from Walla Walla, and confirms all the reports, excepting that the two missing men have turned up.—They had left to follow their horses, and while gone, other Indians robbed the house. Mr. Johnson thinks the horses and money can be had if a small company would follow immediately.

Ed. ARGUS: The time has come I think when silence ceases to be a virtue. Our otherwise peaceable neighborhood has been repeatedly disturbed by some unprincipled wretches that prowl about this region.—That there is a clan of thieves living not far from here, is very evident, and that they are connected with some clan that prowls about over the State, is believed by the most of this community.

The feelings of this community are wrought upon very highly, and it is the expressed determination that if the civil law cannot be made to reach their cases, and they continue their nefarious business about here, Judge Lynch shall be called upon to try them.

A Portrait of "Old Abe." The editor of the Lafayette (Ind.) Journal, has been over to Springfield, and gives his readers the following graphic sketch of the President elect:

When that long, gangling form swings itself into the White House door, I doubt but it will create consternation among many of the elegant and exquisite habitués of Washington, parvenus and prim devotees of fashion and frivolity, but before there has been many goings-in and comings-out of that same miracle of anatomy, respect, fear, flight and terror will have seized the whole tribe, and the precincts of the President's mansion will be, for the first time in eight years, rid of the horde of sappers and miners which has so long infested it.

INTERESTING SPECULATION.—In the year 1815 the late Elkanah Watson, as appears in "Men and Times of the Revolution," page 522—2d Ed.—made and published the following estimate of the probable population of the United States for a long series of years.

The London Times says that the South, "united, could not stand three months before the power of the North;" and also, that "a few hundred thousand slave-owners, trembling nightly with visions of murder and pillage, backed by a disolute population of 'poor whites,' are no match for the hardy and resolute population of the Free States.

HUNGARIAN GRASS.—The Indiana Farmer says: With the seed on it, it is equal to sheep oats. Without the seed the fodder is equal to good timothy hay. The average yield per acre of seed is about 20 bushels, though 40 bushels has been reported.

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Southern Gallantry.—The N. Y. Tribune says, a poor widow by the name of Catherine Bottsford has been thrown into prison in Charleston, S. C., for expressing anti-slavery sentiments.

The War Feeling in Pennsylvania.—Accounts from the interior of Pennsylvania are to the effect that enrollments of volunteers are quietly going on among all classes, under the name of "Union men."

Worthy of Note.—It will strike the reader as a singular coincidence, that while South Carolina, one of the States of the North American Republic, declares herself out of the Union, Buenos Ayres having tried the experiment of a separate government, after seceding from the Argentine Confederacy, found isolated independence to be a costly failure.

Commerce of Liberia.—The custom house returns from Monrovia for the year 1859, give the result: Exports, \$190,369; imports, \$143,858; excess of exports over imports, \$46,511.

The Rising Man.—The New York World takes occasion to say to any political party on the lookout for a candidate for the Presidency of the United States in 1864, we suggest Maj. Anderson, of Kentucky.

The Colored Population of Georgia.—A bill has passed the Georgia Legislature, which provides that every free person of color who has reached the age of fourteen years, may choose an owner and go into voluntary servitude for life; that parents may choose owners for their children when the latter are under fourteen years of age; and that all free persons of color found in that State after first of May, 1862, who have taken no steps to select owners, shall be liable to seizure and sale as slaves for life.

Union of Canada.—The Court Journal announces that Duke of Newcastle is actively engaged in the preparation of a scheme for the union of the North American colonies under one federal government.—This project will require the exercise of great ability and prudence in the arrangement of its details.

A Cancer the Result of Using Pins as Toothpicks.—The Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph says: "A lady has been in the habit of picking her teeth with pins. A trifling humor was the consequence, which terminated in a cancer. The brass and quicksilver used in making these pins will account for this circumstance. Pins are always pernicious to the teeth, and should never be used for toothpicks."

A Sure Cure.—The habit of drinking can be cured by giving the drinkers all the liquor they want to drink all the time.—We know of two in our own experience who were cured in three weeks. One jumped out of four story window and ran a curbstone into his head. The other didn't get up one morning, and has now a curbstone growing over his head in the graveyard.

When we think of good, angels are silent; when we do it, they rejoice.