



If any man attempts to haul down the American Flag, shoot him on the spot! —Gen. Dix

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OREGON CITY:

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Death of Capt. Staples.—On Thursday night of last week, just previous to the sailing of the Pacific, a difficulty took place in Portland, at the Bank Exchange, which was continued to the Pioneer Hotel, and there ended in the shooting of Capt. G. W. Staples, of the steamer Pacific, by a gambler named F. Patterson. The ball entered the abdomen, and came out over the left ear, inflicting a wound from which the Captain died twenty-four hours after. The difficulty originated (as well as we can learn) in some words about the Union, the slayer being known as a miserable scoundrel, while Capt. Staples was a true and devoted Union man, and had lately been appointed Commander in the U. S. Navy. After the shooting, Patterson was arrested by the sheriff, and taken to jail, though a strong disposition was manifested by the excited crowd to hang him on the spot.

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From the Mines.—Mr. C. A. Cantonwine of this county, returned last week from the Nez Perce mines. He informs us that the mines are yielding well, paying from \$5 to \$150 per day to the hand, to those who have claims—and thinks the average yield is about \$20 a day to the hand. There are about 4000 men in the mines, most of whom will winter there—Mr. Cantonwine says good diggings have lately been struck on French Creek, about twenty miles east of Rhodes' Creek. Mr. C. contemplates going back to the mines in the spring.

In our brief notice of articles exhibited at the Fair, we had intended, but afterwards forgot, to mention a roll of neatly woven rag carpet, from the hands of Mrs. Fanny Weston, a clever motherly old lady above Canemah. Other things which might have been apparently slighted, have occurred to us since, as well deserving of notice and attention, but as the time is now past we cannot generally repeat the deficiency. If we are blessed in attending another Fair, we will try and do much better as possible.

From the interior California papers we learn that hundreds of miners are preparing to leave for the Nez Perce region. In the spring coming, we would not be surprised if the rush of miners from that State to the new mines here amounted to thousands and tens of thousands.

The Julia on Monday last brought down \$100,000 of gold dust from the Nez Perce mines.

Dr. White, formerly of Oregon, now of San Francisco, has been appointed Special Indian Agent for this Coast.

Treason.

The Constitution of the United States says that "treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them or adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort."

Treason is a high crime—it mediates the death of the State. To levy war against the State, is always treason, but to give the enemy aid and comfort is equally treasonable with the levying of war.

But there may be no real enemy "to aid and comfort." In such a case there is liberty of speech and of the press; for what is said and written, though it may be against the State, is not regarded and treated as treasonable; because no one was influenced by it. Free will intervenes between the spoken words and the written article, and any overt act. Nobody is obliged to be influenced by what is written or spoken. Hence any one may say and write what he pleases when the State has no overt enemies to "be aided and comforted." You cannot "aid and comfort" the enemies of the State when it has no enemies.

But when war actually exists—when there are armed rebels against the State—when the press and speech may give them "aid and comfort," is it not aiding the enemy to tell all about the plans of the State? Is it not aiding and comforting the enemy to espouse his cause and traduce the State authorities? Is it not aiding and comforting the enemy to say to him, by word and deed, "go ahead, I am with you; I will aid you in an underhand way to overthrow the State?"

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No people, whose Government is threatened with an overthrow by armed rebels, is under any obligation to tolerate traitors in its midst. Nay, every government is in duty bound to get rid of them. Such is our interpretation of the law of treason; and they who advocate a milder course, but nurse and warm the serpent that is to sting them to death.

Improvements.—Messrs. Charman, Warner & Co. have constructed a new and commodious building for their bakery and confectionery store, on the site of the old establishment, which was removed for that purpose. The same firm have also in process of erection a warehouse in the rear of their brick store.

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The War and Slavery.

The N. Y. World says: The war has not only disorganized business but politics. A revolution has taken place, not in the administration or Constitution of the country, but in the sentiments of the people on public affairs, and in the relative strength of parties. The masses are united in uniting hostility to the introduction of violence as a means of obtaining power and position, and they have reconsidered their opinions as to the merits of that interest which was the first to resort to violence. Anti-slavery counts its converts by thousands, and not the least zealous of these are the many Democrats who have for years under-estimated the evils of slavery and over-estimated their constitutional obligations to it. It begins to be seen that in its effect on individuals, it is pernicious; that if in a state of bondage, slaves are civilized, it is at the expense of their masters, who are barbarized by the process; that as a system of labor it is, in many of the States where it prevails, wasteful, destructive, unprofitable; and that as an element of political power, it is divisive, overbearing and unjust. Its history is full of horrors. It kept South Carolina and other States in a state of craven submission to the British during the Revolution; it interposed, after the Revolution, the most serious of the difficulties that arose in perfecting our Union; it has claimed for itself recognition and privileges which no other interest in the country has dared to aspire to, and it has finally assaulted, with deadly intent, the Government and the Constitution itself.

The chief weapon of slavery for many years has been terror. It has threatened war, bloodshed, violence, devastation, and dissolution of the Union, if its claims were not conceded. But the sting has been, or will be taken from its menses when their weakness is proved. If the Union cannot be dissolved, it will not extort from us what we refuse to persuasion, and the chains of slavery, on its own merits, cannot call our sympathies nor command our votes, what is its condition? Our troops, which no other interest in the country has dared to aspire to, and it has finally assaulted, with deadly intent, the Government and the Constitution itself.

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Details of Eastern News.

Cairo, Sept. 26.—Capt. Stewart with 75 cavalry to-day encountered 40 rebel cavalry at Laurens Bend, whom they pursued into Jeff Thompson's camp at Belmont, killing 4, taking 5, and wounding many. No Federal hurt.

The information at Jefferson City now is that McCulloch has formed a junction with Price between Warrenton and Georgetown, and they have now 10,000 men.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The advance movement yesterday is regarded by the highest military authority as one of considerable importance. The 29th N. Y. Regiment went into Centerville and occupied a position within 250 feet of the rebel batteries. The Highlanders behaved with great gallantry. Griffin's battery was worked with effect, and it is believed caused great disaster in the enemy's camp.

A dispatch from Washington says the Rebels appeared in full force before Great Falls to-day and opened with a battery of six pieces on McCook's division. Both sides have been reinforced. Our batteries opened—rebels dispersed. Federals took possession of Lewiston this afternoon.

Yesterday a lieutenant of one of our regiments deserted and went over to the rebels, giving them, it is supposed, full information.

The number of volunteers now entering the service from loyal States is 5000 per week.

The President has given assurance that no drafting shall be resorted to in the West until the Eastern States furnish their full quota of the 500,000 men.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—It is ascertained upon inquiry at the Department that Fremont has not been removed. Mansfield has been appointed to command at Fortress Monroe. Wool has been assigned to other duty.

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