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A PUFF.—Some of the Democratic papers of this State are representing that Henry Clay Dean, of Iowa, is expected in Oregon soon, to stamp the State in the interest of that party. The Eugene City Guard, of April 9th, says of him:

Henry Clay Dean is making repudiation speeches in Iowa. Henry has not yet repudiated the soiled linen which has for many years constituted his great claim to notoriety.

MERCIFUL.—A jury having brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree against John Burke, and recommended him to the mercy of the Court, the Judge, under the circumstances, sent him to the penitentiary for forty years.

STEEL RAIL.—The Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad Company will soon commence laying solid steel rail the entire length of the road. When finished, it will be the only road in the United States using steel rail exclusively.

Even as Portland increases in population, wealth and trade, in full ratio, perhaps, does the business increase of Mr. Wm. Davidson, the incomparable collector, real and personal estate, and general business agent. Indeed, he has so largely extended his commissions that it required the employment of an assistant, and a very diligent and competent one he has in the person of Mr. Wm. F. Brown. Mr. Davidson's extensive agency has been built up from the foundation by his own tireless energy, strict integrity, and prompt fulfillment of the business which has been entrusted to him. It is substantial praise to merit well applied.

NUMEROUSLY MARRIED.—We clip from the Utah Reporter, of March 31st, the following unique marriage notice.

MARRIED.—Young Martin and others. In Salt Lake City, on the 16th ult., in the presence of the Saints, Brigham Young to Mrs. R. Martin, Miss L. M. Pendegrest, Mrs. R. M. Jenkins, Miss Susie P. Cleveland, Miss Emily P. Martin, all of the county of Berks, England.

NEGRO AND CHINA WARRIORS.—In a recent engagement in Cuba, the Spaniards lost 400, killed by Jordan's forces. Gen. Jordan had but 598 men, including Chinamen and Negroes, of whom only two were killed and twelve wounded. Jordan says none fought better than the Negroes and Chinamen.

The individual that got up the Cardiff giant promise to get up a "thumb" soon to which the giant will be only a "wooden nutmeg." He says he did intend to get up the "mother" of the giant, "made of plaster of paris, iron and bone, and to have it appear that she had killed herself while defending herself against a large serpent."

The Winona Republican of the 20th says: Captain McKenny, the genial editor of the *Winona Democrat*, in a business note to this paper, writes thus prophetically: "You fellows in Winona had better get your boats ready, for I look for a greater flood in the Mississippi this spring than was ever before known by even that venerable individual, the oldest inhabitant. If there should be anything left on Root river bottoms, I will report."

The husband of the ex-Queen of Spain is not such a nonentity as he has been set down for. On the ground that his wife is no longer Queen he has laid claim in a Paris court to the entire control of their joint property. Isabella insists that she is still Queen, and objects to resign the control of her immense wealth.

A lady writer in the *Galaxy* *Nebula* defends American ladies against an English charge that they are "scraggy," and that a handsome leg is a rare thing. This the *Galaxy* writer says is as baseless as it is unbearable. And she goes on to say that though she is ignorant of the ballot or professional dancers, she has a passionate sense of beauty of form, and has taken advantage of abundant opportunities afforded by gymnastic classes and singing schools to study the development of the lower limbs of her sex. She has seen at least a thousand ladies in the pretty dress worn for the lower leg more than half undraped. Now of these thousands pairs of natural legs she solemnly declares that no more than fifty are so meagre that it would have been kinder to hide them, and not more than twenty were so destitute of good points that (aesthetically) they ought to have been annihilated. On this the *Tribune* says: "These statistics are highly interesting, and the public, we are sure, will read them with a sense of national pride."

DUTCH COURTSHIP.—A Michigan paper has the following account of a young Dutchman and his sweetheart:

Not far from here a young and industrious mechanic of the Teutonic persuasion, took a notion, a few evenings ago, to call on *lieber madchen*. He quietly crawled in the back way, spent an exquisite hour or so and started to decamp. Now it happened that in the back shed through which the young man passed, was a cistern with the cover removed, and half full of water. The girl stood in the door listening to the retreating footsteps, when suddenly a loud splash was heard, accompanied with "Oh, mein Gott und Himmel, I ish trowed!" Down went *madchen*, and, seizing him by the collar, said, "Pest, Hans, you make so much fuss you sekkare all the folks to det!" A pull and a struggle, and out came Hans all right. Their lips met, an explosion was heard, something like pulling an elephant's hoof out of the mud, and Hans fell, muttering to himself: "Ven I goomes to see the girl I valls in te tam sisters again. Oh, it was so vet unt cold, put den ven I got unt mit de girl it was so nice—mein Gott und Himmel! I does em efry dime ven she makes her lips up to me so sweet! M—m—m, put it was nice!"

The Wife Market in Russia.

A French writer, whose name I have forgot, has truly said that "the Russians are a nation of politicians," a remark that is not very apt, but helps toward a proper understanding of the social condition of the people. The rich are very rich, the poor very poor. The nobles are courtly, polite, and as refined in manner as those of the same class in Germany; but the serfs of those who belonged to the nobles with the soil, before the emancipation, are rude, and not half civilized.

Alas! as soon as a girl is born, in the better rank of society, her parents begin to prepare the dowry she must have when she goes to her husband. For this is indispensable in the eyes of a Russian young man who proposes to be married. She must furnish everything for an outfit in life, even to a dozen shirts for her coming husband.

I have heard of a lady of rank and wealth who had prepared a costly dowry of silks, linen, jewels, plate, etc., who died as soon as she came to be twenty years old. The mother resolved to endow six girls with these riches, and actually advertised for them. A host of applicants came, and she selected six. None of them had lovers; but now that they had respectable dowries secured, each girl was speedily engaged, and paid the rich lady by promising to pray for the repose of her daughter's soul.

In no country is this arrangement of terms carried on with more caution and completeness than in Russia. The young man goes to the house of the proposed bride, and converses over the dress and examines the furniture, and sees the whole with his own eyes before he commits himself to the irrevocable bargain. In high life such things are conducted with more apparent delicacy, the business being in the hands of a broker or notary. The tressau is exposed in public before the wedding day.

At Whiteside there is a curious custom, which is gradually giving way before the advance of civilization. The young people of a neighborhood come together and the girls all stand in a row, like so many statues, draped, indeed, and not only draped, but dressed in their best, and painted, too, for the young ladies, and the older ones also, in this country use cosmetics freely, and a box of ladies paint is a very common present for a young man to make to a lady he likes. Behind the row of girls are their mothers; the young men having made known their choice, the terms of settlement between the parents of the parties.

The ladies of Russia are very anxious to marry because they have no liberty until after marriage. They are kept constantly under the maternal eye until they are given up to their husbands, and then they take their own course, which is a round of gaily and dissipation, only regulated by their means of indulgence. The Greek Church, like the Roman, permits of no divorce, but the Emperor, like the Pope, can grant a special dispensation. The Greek priest must marry once, and if the wife dies he cannot marry again. No one in Russia can be married more than three times.

LAOCONIC LETTERS.—Some very amusing instances of "laconic letters" are given by Mr. George Stetson in a book he has just published, entitled "Gossip about Letters and Letter-writers." Says Lord Berkeley to the Duke of Dorset:

My dear Dorset, I have just been married, and am the happiest dog alive.

—Berkeley.

And gets for his answer:—

My dear Berkeley, Every dog has his day.—Dorset.

A young fellow at college wrote to his uncle, on whom he entirely depended:

My dear Uncle, Ready for the needful—Your Affectionate Nephew.

The uncle replied:—

My dear Nephew,—The needful is not ready.—Your Affectionate Uncle.

It is pleasant that affection should survive pecuniary embarrassments, as also in the case of Samuel Foote's mother and himself:—

Dear Sam,—I am in prison for debt; come and assist your loving mother—E. Foote.

Dear Mother,—So am I; which prevents his duty being paid to his loving mother by her affectionate son—Sam Foote.

An English nobleman was deeply in love with a "layde fair." He met her one evening at a crowded ball, and as he could not get an opportunity of talking to her, he contrived to slip into her hand a piece of paper with the two words, "Will you?" written upon it. The reply was equally as brief—"Won't I?" One would think correspondence could scarcely be more laconic than this; but the impossible has been achieved. Brother Smith, of Leeds, anxious to learn any news of his friend and fellow quaker, Brother Brown, of Sheffield, might have to communicate, sent him a quarto sheet with a point of interrogation inscribed on the center. Brother Brown replied by sending a similar sheet on which nothing whatever appeared!

A correspondent writes that Theophilus La Yehineskopsky, a Polish chemist, and a pupil of Liebig, has succeeded in producing silicic and aluminum ether, and by their assistance has solved the alchemists' problem of making precious stones. With pure oxide of iron, with silicic ether forms the ruby; with silicic ether of copper, it forms the sapphire; with salts of nickel, the emerald; while from the union of the silicic ether and salts of chromium the topaz is born. These gems have not the extreme hardness of the native substances, but their luster is exquisite. Silicic and aluminum are the elementary bases of all flints and clays, and are found everywhere. This process of ethering them is said to be simple but delicate, requiring great dexterity.

The Temah (Nevada) Journal says: "An Indian woman passed by our office, the other day, with quarter of venison and two papposes on her back, a jug of whisky in one hand, and a wigwam in the other. How is that for Lo?"

And Irishman was once asked to define an Irish bull; to which he replied, "Whenever you see two cows lying down in a field, the one that is standing up is a bull."

OAKLAND.—Dates to the 11th from

Last Friday night the peace of our quiet village was disturbed by two notorious villains, who attempted to shoot one of our citizens, but were prevented. The same night these two attempted to rob our stage agent, but their plans were discovered and frustrated. They were at the appointed place and ready to commit a crime, but were captured by the person they intended to rob. He made them get down on their knees and beg for life, and then let them go. The day following they were seen in the vicinity of Yoncalia, in Zelinsky & Selig's store, twelve miles from here, and that night the store burned. The clerk barely escaped with his life. Loss about \$6,000; insured for \$4,000.

We have had a continuous rain storm since last Saturday morning, the heaviest storm since 1861-62. The waters are now within a few inches of being as high as at that time, and still raining in torrents. Indications are that it will continue for some time. Rivers and creeks are totally impassable. The stage from the south came as far as the North Umpqua, and put back to Roseburg; water too high and swift to allow the ferry boat to cross. The Superintendent of this line, O. P. S. Plummer, and other passengers, are water-bound at Grave Creek.

IDaho, April 2.—From the *Avalanche*: One of the most remarkable reformations perhaps ever known to have taken place, has been in progress during the past few months in the Idaho Territorial Prison. The prisoners have formed themselves into a bible class and spend much of each day in reading and commenting on the scriptures. Religious services, including prayer, singing, etc., are held every day. The prisoners are assured by Maize and Reed, who were pardoned last week, that they are sincere in their devotion, and left the place with great reluctance, feeling that they were going away from good and exposing themselves to more evil influences abroad in the world than they were subject to in prison. Stone, who attempted to rob Wells, Fargo & Co., near Malad, they represent as having thoroughly repented, found pardon from his Creator, and is preparing himself, while in prison, to preach the gospel in case he shall ever again be set at liberty. This is the first instance, we believe, where a penitentiary has resolved itself into a theological seminary.—Captain James W. Porter, private Secretary to Governor Ballard, died on the morning of Tuesday, March 29th, 1870, at the executive office in Boise City. He was a native of Kentucky, and crossed the plains to California in 1850.—Judge Keeney sentenced John Burke, convicted of murder in the second degree, to forty years' imprisonment in the State Prison.

An English clergyman in Lancashire was lately trying to prove that doers of good were always in the minority, and by parity of reasoning, that the conservative party, being in the minority, were right. To illustrate he said: "Paul was in the minority, but who was right? Christ was in the minority, but who was right? But the reverend orator was literally 'sat upon' when some one in the gallery shouted, 'Judas Iscariot was in the minority, but who was right?' The effect was laughable. The lecturer was struck dumb and for some minutes could not utter a word while the audience roared."

A WATERBURY (Conn.) youth, repenting, but incoherent, over his dissipation, signed the following pledge: "I solemnly promise to abstain from the use of all intoxicating beverages, otherwise than as a drink, and profanity unless prescribed by a physician, at least four times a day, excepting cider."

General Sheridan meets the Indian issue as boldly and as bravely as he always met the foe in the field. He has no word of palliation for the "hard hits" that were given the savages by his orders. He shirks no responsibility, presents a list of atrocities committed by the savages, and sums up the case by the assertion, "that the problem to be solved is—who shall be killed, the whites or the Indians." The latter question really embodies the pith of the aboriginal trouble. We trust that the Indian peace agents will answer it in a manner satisfactory to the Western settlers.

A Louisiana planter delighted his hands last week by paying them in silver quarters. One old negro exclaimed: "Federit money come an' done gone, and greenbacks is played out, but dis is the stuff that rats can't chew. De old time is come agin, hoo-ray." And then he went away and buried his money.

A package of pamphlets containing the proceedings of the Austrian Gewerh Verein, posted by the Secretary of that association on the 9th of August, 1869, was received at Washington on Saturday last, by the Commissioner of the Patent Office, to whom it was addressed. The papers were yellow with age, but in a good state of preservation.

At the recent municipal election in the small town of Pertuis, France, only twenty-nine voters out of eighteen hundred registered their votes. Without loss of time the whole twenty-nine voted themselves unanimously into office.

The law courts have decided that the Duke of Newcastle could be adjudicated as a bankrupt, notice of the same has appeared in the *Official Gazette*. It is the first time within the memory of man that a peer has been thus gazetted.

There is some talk in London of starting a great international financial paper. The capital is fixed at £250,000, half of which is said to have been already subscribed. The object of this scheme is to kill the Times.

In Dayton, Ohio, Miss Shirk, one of the females who rode in a Valladolid cart in his day, under an inscription "White Husbands or None," has married an unadulterated African, named Lee Kelly.

"Do you really think he did?" was a false accusation. He didn't.—*Baltimore* *Orpheus*.

NEWS ITEMS.

Die house—A hospital.
Country seat—A milking stool.
A two-foot rule—Don't stumble.
Rolling stock—Cattle on railways.
Boothblack—All Polish gentlemen.
Nature's weapon—Blades of grass.
Original repeaters—The echo of parrots.

A mistake—MSS. of female composers.

All time belongs to us, for all time is hours.

Unlawful pharmacy—Compounding felony.

After the principal thing is the interest.

A questioning ghost—The shade of a doubt.

Serpents on the hearth—Eels on a gridiron.

High-toned man—The tenor singer at the opera.

A flat in music is much better than one in society.

Is a woman of fifty, offering to vote, a legal tender?

The most impetuous people in the world—The Rushons.

The bachelor's toast—Large fortunes and small waists.

The "Last of the Bourbons"—Miss Hamlin's new baby.

"Mysterious disappearances" are now in fashion.

Can the current of a man's being be considered the fruit of life?

Unprofitable industry—Spinning yarns at the street corners.

It is better for people to be thought old than to always be in arrears.

An eccentric egotist is likely to be troubled with humors of the eye.

What is joy? To count your money and find it overrun a hundred dollars.

An inexperienced farmer tried to make corned beef by giving his oxen whisky.

Why are umbrellas like good Catholics? They keep *thot* so well. We are a present sufferer.

"Farwell, all ties are broken," caused a railroad accident.

"Beautiful Isle of the Sea," is a mound on the pile of mud in Jones Falls.

"Bury me in the Sunshine," is the sentiment of a chap that went to the Springs to recuperate his health.

"We may be happy yet," was originally sung by two persecuted lovers aged respectively eleven and nine years.

"Where art thou Dearest?" an ode to a drunken keyhole.

"Kiss me good bye, Darling," was disappointed and got a "stern parent's" boot instead of a kiss.

"I'm lonely to-night, love, without you," was uttered by a dutiful husband who was enjoying himself at the "lodge."

"Linger not Darling," was addressed to a young man—who formed an attachment to a lamp post.

"Tis to-morrow," is a lie. It was the day before.

"Why don't the men propose?" is declared obsolete by the Woman's Rights Convention.

In reply to G. Brignoly, Prepper Roser, Wax Smackosh and others, we give the origination of the titles of some of the popular songs.

"Paddle your own Canoe," was composed by a virtuous young man who was sent into the world at the tender age of 35.

"Take me back home," was suggested by an eccentric chap who unvoluntarily received a discharge from the Alms House.

"Dreaming of thee," was written by a young lady while she was awake.

"Only a little flower" was dedicated to an actress who received a bouquet when she expected a diamond ring.

"I'd be a Star," was written by a stock actor, who has since died from the effects of soapbuds, which he swallowed in order to make an effect and gain his desire.

"Yes, let me like a soldier fall," was composed by a patriotic individual, who left the country to avoid going into the army.

The editor of the *Newbern Times* has been compelled to advertise that business engagements compel him to decline all challenges.

An Irishman was challenged to fight a duel, but declined on the plea that he did not wish to leave his old mother an orphan.

Twelve men were frozen to death in Northwestern Iowa during the severe storm of the 15th inst. Six others are missing in Sac county, and it is feared they have met with a similar fate.

One Dr. Coan, in a recent magazine article argues that "the insouciance of the American physique is largely due to the fact that the American uses so little liquid food;" a proposition which the suckle of infants, who do use liquid food, goes to prove. Eh, Doctor?

Said Artemus ward: "You may differ as much as you please about the style of a young lady's figger, but I tell you confidentially, if she has forty thousand pounds, the figger is about as near rite as you will get it."

A Frenchman who visited the United States and left it in disgust, when asked his opinion, exclaimed, "Two hundred religions and only one gray."

KATE FIELD's lecture is so satisfying that its reputation is never asked.

The Pittsburg Gazette having occasion to differ with a cotemporary on a matter of public interest, remarks that being "never personal" it therefore forbears "to say that the quotation as above reveals the manners of a blackguard, the veracity of a champion liar, and the morals of a reckless thief."

The Northern Pacific Railroad bill, pending in the Senate, has for its object three things: A land grant for a branch line from Portland, Oregon, to Puget Sound, which now has only the right of way; to authorize the company to mortgage the whole line and all lands, and to give it more lands than it can get under existing laws. The chief debate is on the last named provision.

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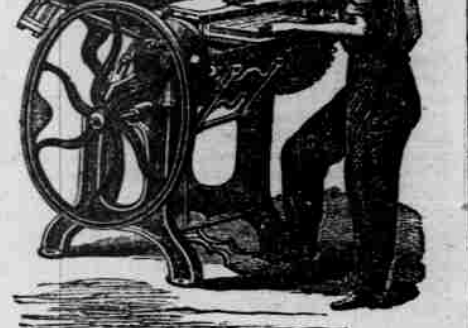
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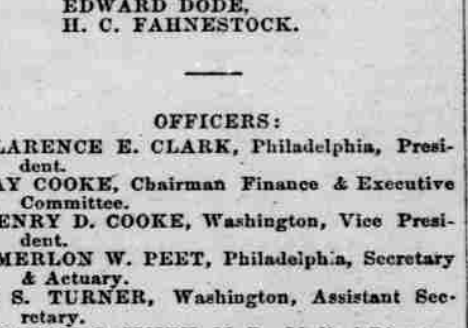
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