

Albany Register.

The Carrying of Weapons.

Murders in our country have become painfully frequent. Scarcely a day elapses that does not give birth to one or more harrowing instance. The telegrams of a recent Monday contained no less than four cases of the most aggravating description. We seem to be passing through an era of thirst for blood. Many citizens, even the boys, carry concealed weapons, and a very slight provocation brings them into use, sometimes. It is not at all infrequent to read of boy murderers. In a recent dispatch was an instance of a boy in New York, thirteen years of age, shooting another of the same age through the temple, resulting in instant death. It is well-known that some boys on this coast carry pistols and knives. We have been told that some of our Albany boys do this—some who attend our schools. This results, of course, from the example of older persons. They are men in miniature and ape the example of men, especially in the direction of evil. If father carries a revolver or dirk, why may not the son? Now father ought not so to do. In the first place, it is a violation of law, and a good citizen prefers to obey the law. In the second place, its possession is associated with the idea of murder, which but awaits opportunity to commit. A deadly weapon carried as a protection against a deadly enemy, in sudden anger may be used against an offending friend. The carrying of deadly weapons has induced many hasty murders, which would never have occurred had not they been in possession. In the third place, its influence is bad upon children and youth. They learn to look upon the shedding of human blood with complacency, rather than estimating it as the most terrible of crimes. A boy that swings to his young back a loaded pistol, or thrusts in his small belt a gleaming dirk, will very likely fall a prey to weapons as deadly, or spend his youthful manhood in prison, or yield his ripening youth at the end of a rope. Then we believe it to be a correct aphorism, that none who are truly brave will feel the need of such defenses. Certainly the truly good will not. There is nothing in our civilization here in Oregon, especially in our city, to justify the carrying of deadly weapons. No grown person, much less a boy, has need of them. If parents desire the good of their boys they will forbid them from so venal a practice. If they do not, the law should hold them directly accountable for the crimes that may result.

It is well known that many instances of maiming and death are annually chronicled, resulting from the foolish practice of pointing firearms at people for fun. The Legislature of New York proposes to make the practice a penal one, making the penalty for discharging a weapon, where the intention is not to injure, a fine of \$100, or one year's imprisonment. A similar law should be enacted in every State.

It is said that there are scarcely one thousand acres of Government land in Iowa unclaimed. No chance to build railroads by means of land subsidies there.

Divorces.

Matrimony has been rendered a fixed state in Japan, divorces having been abolished. She don't believe in foolishness. While she is rapidly adopting our railroad, telegraph, financial, commercial, manufacturing, educational, etc., systems, she very sensibly puts her foot down emphatically upon our depraved social and free-loveisms, which result annually in the separation of so many of our husbands and wives. Just think of it, reader. The Courts of Ohio alone last year granted *one thousand and twenty-six* divorces. If the same number of divorces in proportion to population were granted in other States and Territories last year, the number for the whole nation would reach far in excess of *fifteen thousand*. Japan has shut down on all such nonsense. Once married, always married, is now her motto. We might copy from her example in this direction with profit.

The Grand Jury of Jackson county has indicted Scarfaced Charley, Hooker Jim, Long Jim, One-eyed Moz, Old Doctor Humphrey, Little Jim, Boston Charley and Dave, belonging to Captain Jack's band of Modoc Indians, for murder in the first degree. Mrs. Brotherton and son, survivors of the Brotherton family, swore positively to those Indians as the band who massacred the settlers on Lost River in December last. It was supposed the Sheriff would defer action in the matter until after the meeting of the Peace Commission.

The *Oregonian* says that "a bill introduced by Senator Corbett on the 27th ult. to create a new Customs district in Southern Oregon, with a port of entry Custom House at Coos Bay, passed the Senate unanimously under a suspension of the rules. The Collector of Customs at the new port is to receive a salary of \$1,000, with the fees of his office, not exceeding \$1,000 more."

The last Legislature of Maine passed a law punishing the offense of throwing trains from railway tracks with imprisonment for life, or when death ensues, with hanging. A good and righteous regulation.

The proposition of electing United States Senators by a direct vote of the people, instead of the Legislatures, is apparently gaining advocates. The Jones and Pomeroy cases would seem to justify some sort of a change.

The materialistic German Turners of New York have employed a noted writer of infidel books, named Dr. Lewis Luckner, to lecture on Materialism among his countrymen, at a salary of \$15,000 per year.

Equal parts of pulverized alum and common salt put into an aching tooth on a piece of wet cotton, is said to be a sure cure. Try it, distracted tooth-ache sufferer.

It is reported that Senator Cole, of California, wants to be sent as Minister to one of the South American Republics. Will he make a first-class "live" Cole in that capacity?

The recent attempt of a thief to rob a Boston editor is hard to account for except that he was hungry for "puffs."

Gen. Rosencrans is still busy in railroad matters in Mexico.

EASTERN NEWS.

Charles Francis Adams has been chosen by the New York Legislature to pronounce the eulogy on the late Wm. H. Seward.

In counting the Presidential vote the votes of Arkansas and Louisiana were excluded. On the 12th, the other votes having been counted, the Vice-President declared the election of Grant and Wilson.

Sumner's physician thinks that it he can be induced to keep from excitement, and remain away from Congress for the remainder of the session, he will be able to enter upon his Senatorial duties next session with the renewal of his old vigor.

Parties in Lexington, Kentucky, charged with refusing to allow colored votes to be received at the election in that city, are to be prosecuted; Hon. James Harlan has been designated by the Attorney General to assist District Attorney Wharton in the work.

At West Farm, near Harlem, N. Y., Feb. 13th, a Coroner's inquest found James Dennis guilty of kicking his wife to death.

The funeral of Ex-Gov. Geary took place at Harrisburg on the 13th, with imposing ceremonies.

The U. S. Senate engaged in counting the Presidents' electoral vote on the 12th. Objections were made to the votes of Mississippi and Georgia.

On the afternoon of the 12th inst., the Senate at Washington passed sixty-six bills, many of considerable importance.

On the 12th inst., the negroes of Cincinnati celebrated the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Antoine Holm was refused a new trial and sentenced to be hanged at St. Louis on the 3d of April.

A New York car horse had 14 pounds of icicle on his tail in the last storm.

A Wisconsin bride's trousseau consisted of 10,000 hoop poles.

By the giving way of a new bridge building being erected over James river, between Richmond and Manchester, Feb. 13th, fifteen men at work on it were precipitated into the water. Nine were rescued. The rest were either drowned or killed.

At a meeting of members of both Legislatures of New Orleans on the 13th, it was agreed to organize an Assembly from members returned by both boards, provided they prove acceptable to the national administration.

On the 12th inst., \$200,000 in bonds of the Toledo, Canada and Detroit Railway were stolen from the office of the company in New York city.

Stoke's application for a new trial has been denied by Judge Boardman.

John Gaffney, murderer of Patrick Fahy, was hung in New York on the 14th. He said he was crazy drunk when he committed the crime.

It is stated that while moving some rock at Newburg, N. Y., a party of workmen came upon a nest of young weasels, which they put to one side. The old weasel returning, became very angry at not finding her offspring, and, going to the drinking pail, spit something at it. Taking another look she found her pets, and then went back and overturned the pail she had evidently fixed for the destruction of her tormentors.

Amadeus reached Lisbon on the 14th.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The army of Spain was represented as divided in their choice of form of government on the 13th. The cavalry were for Monarchy, while the infantry were for a Republic.

The Spanish National Assembly has chosen Martas for President.

Dispatches from Madrid on the 12th announced that ex-King Amadeus, with his wife and children, had gone to Lisbon.

At London, on the 12th inst., Miss Rothschild was married to Elliot Yorke, son of the Earl of Hardwick, in spite of the opposition of Ritualists.

Thiers will recognize the Spanish Republic so soon as he is officially notified of its establishment.

The French Government has prohibited Fardonet, the Kansas emigration agent, from lecturing in Belfast.

The Pope recently gave audience to several officers of the U. S. Navy. The Pope desired to know how he would be received in this country. The officers replied that the country would regard his taking up his residence here as a great honor. Catholics would, no doubt.

There was much excitement and uneasiness in Lisbon on the 13th over events in Spain.

Personal.

Garibaldi is going to Scotland in the Summer.

The tragedian Forest left real estate in six different States.

A. Townsend, aged 75, has been cashier of the New Haven Bank for 47 years.

The Emperor of China assumes the personal government of his Empire on the 24th inst.

Newton Bateman, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Illinois, will recommend compulsory education in his forthcoming report.

Chief Justice Chase has five grand children—three little Spragues and two little Hoyts.

Mr. Kutski, of the Japanese Embassy, has joined the Metropolitan church at Washington City. He was converted at Yokohama.

Miscellaneous.

An Indiana editor hires a band to serenade him twice a week, and he responds by a column of thanks next day.

The annual product of the manufactories of New Jersey is valued at over \$20,000,000.

They have ice at St. Paul fourteen feet thick. This excites the local jealousy of Duluth, which boasts that a feather bed there has been frozen stiff as a poker.

The Committee on Public Lands of the House have decided to report against the bill to aid the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad. Four members of the Committee are for the bill, and five are against it.

Mules are said to excel in kicking exploits, but at Tipton, Indiana, the other day, a horse kicked the head off from a goose and never ruffled a feather below the neck.

Professor Albani of Naples resuscitated a dying woman by the blood of a lamb, the revivifying blood being forced through a tube into the arteries by the pulsations of the animal's heart.

The heaviest brain on record was recently found in the skull of a London bricklayer, who could neither read or write. Its weight was sixty-seven ounces. This will be gall and bitterness to the phrenologists.

From all sides come demands, not for classical and philosophical education, but for such practical and industrial schools as will prepare students for particular professions. The latest entreaty is from Vermont.

The recent report of the Newark, N. J., School Superintendent says that the entrance of colored children into the higher grammar school produced only a momentary sensation, and even that has subsided.

English medical officers who serve on the west coast of Africa, suffer greatly from the climate, although they are allowed a year's leave at home for every year spent in Africa. They contract fevers from which they rarely recover. Out of an European population of ninety-eight at Sierra Leone, over twenty died last year.

Minnesota papers give many terrible incidents connected with the late storms. One party, engaged in clearing the railroad track, eight miles below St. Peter, discovered, nearly buried in the snow, a double team of horses and a sleigh in which were seated two men wrapped in robes and enclosed in buffalo coats, and frozen stiff. The men sat perfectly upright, and were within two hundred years of the station building.

Somebody has been summing up the fate of Kings and Emperors as follows: Out of two thousand five hundred and forty Emperors or Kings over sixty-four nations, two hundred and ninety-one were dethroned, sixty-four abdicated, twenty committed suicide, eleven went mad, one hundred died on the battle field, one hundred and twenty-three were made prisoners, twenty-five were pronounced martyrs and saints, one hundred and fifty-one were assassinated, sixty-two poisoned, and one hundred and eight were sentenced to death. Total, nine hundred and sixty-three.

Vast numbers of animals are already arriving for Mr. Barnum from every direction and from every clime. Among these is a fairy elephant, so dainty and small that it can be carried about upon the shoulder of any man who has an inclination to try. It comes from the East Indies and weighs about 140 pounds.

For the last fiscal year there passed through the Postoffice 4,641 letters without any address whatever upon them; 62,307 were misdirected, some necessary part of the address being omitted; and 312,846 were detained for postage, not being prepaid as required by law.

There are now 11 bridges across the Mississippi, viz: a Brainard, St. Paul, Hastings, Winona, Dubuque, Clinton, Rock Island, Burlington, Keokuk, Quincy and Hannibal, and in a year or so there will be a finished bridge at St. Louis, while another is projected at Carondelet.

Indianapolis does not encourage tradesmen who try to recover debts. A grocer in that city who published a list of non-paying customers has been sued for libel.

Jane Bell, a deaf mute of Madison county, Ill., has just married a blind man. They can be of great assistance to each other, to be sure, but how did they do their courting?

An Omaha bride was married barefoot because her lover's kinsfolk dressed that way, and she did not wish to seem proud.

The Emperor of Austria is said to be making a collection of the skulls of remarkable criminals who have been executed.

It is estimated that China will be a market for American butter and cheese to the amount of 5,000 tons annually.

Louis Bois, a Canadian farmer, has just baptized his thirtieth child. Twenty-six are living, and all "Bois."

The English navy is about to discard the open-neck shirts, which from time immemorial have given British sailors the bronchitis.

Professor Pepper, the lecturer on scientific subjects, is aided in his lectures by Robert Spice, his assistant.

"Cast Iron Sinks" is written upon the sign of a Hartford plumber. "Well, who the (hie) said it didn't?" chuckled an inebriated man after reading it over three times.

Dubuque claims to have improved \$800,000 worth this season.