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Unusual Candor.

The Missouri *Republican*, published at St. Louis, and the leading Democratic organ of that section, has uttered the following words of honest criticism, relative to the character for incapacity of the Democrats in the late Congress. Its truthfulness all will recognize. It says: "The Democrats in the late Congress demonstrated a singular incapacity to improve their opportunities. They did nothing for the country, nothing for the cause of good government, and nothing even for their party." It is of the opinion that they were entirely worthless, for good, and Congress would have been as well off without them as with them. We heartily concur in the opinion that in themselves they were useless to the country for good. If they possessed ability, they lacked the inclination. There is but one conceivable direction in which they might serve a good purpose. As living examples of unscrupulous demagoguery and grasping depravity, a few might be of service, as a warning to other Congressmen.

Apache News.

The Arizona *Miner*, of March 29th, says we have cheering news from Gen. Crook's troops. The command of Major W. H. Brown came upon the enemy in Tonto basin, and killed thirty-eight warriors and captured seventeen women. Lieut. Wm. Rice and command were in hot pursuit of another band. Lt. Woodson's command had killed fifteen warriors and captured two women. Lt. Michler's command had killed five warriors and captured five women. Capt. Taylor's command killed three warriors and captured two women. The Indians were frightened and scared. Gracious! we should think they would be; but why in the world don't an Arizona Applegate get up a Peace Commission? The Apaches could then kill white folks *ad libitum*.

At the last municipal election at Boston there was some well-founded suspicion of ballot-box stuffing. The "Hub" never allows an evil to go uncorrected, if possible. In this case a patent has been devised. It is an anti-swindling ballot-box, superior in contrivance to any yet attempted. Some sort of mechanical contrivance marks the number of times the box is opened, and the register shows at all times the whole number of votes deposited. As the latter records but one every time the box is opened, it is impossible to stuff without detection.

An exchange says: "If Christianity means any thing, it means sixteen ounces to the pound, three feet to the yard, a just weight and a just measure. It means honesty in all dealings, purity in all conversation, charity as broad as the race, unflinching integrity, humanity to men." Christianity means nothing less than all of that.

It is now understood that the Administration has determined to suspend, for the present, all proceedings against persons indicted in the Southern States for violating the Enforcement act and enrolling themselves as members of the Ku Klux. Over a thousand of these cases are now pending in the U. S. Courts.

A maiden of sixty summers, named Maria Kindler, of San Francisco, has commenced suit against a youth of about the same number of years, named Edward Nelson, of the same city, for breach of promise, fixing the compensation for her lacerated "feelings" at only \$299,999 99.

Figaro says there are fifteen thousand persons in Washington, D. C., with no visible means of support. My gracious! how did so many lose their legs?

Henry Ward Beecher returned home from his Western tour of seventeen lectures with \$21,000 as his net profits.

Frightful Statistics.

The Directors of the Bureau Veritas, of Brussels, Belgium, report the enormous number of five hundred and eighty-six sailing vessels and steamers lost and missing during January and February, being over eight daily in January, and nearly twelve daily in February. Of these there were twenty-six sailers and twenty-one steamers, totally lost, which were American, against two hundred and eighty-four sailers and twenty-three steamers lost, which were English.

EASTERN NEWS.

The public debt was decreased \$1,644,058 last month. The outstanding legal tenders amount to \$438,509,047.

The State Department positively denies the reiterated assertions of the resignation of Minister Low and the removal of De Long.

Stokes is confident that the efforts now being made to save him from the gallows will be successful.

A new phase of the Goodrich mystery is that Jas. Knox, now a prisoner in jail at Brooklyn for forgery, who was four years on the New York police, claims to have information that would lead to the detection of the murderer of Goodrich, but refuses to reveal it unless the charge against him is dismissed.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will expend \$10,000,000 in that State during the present year, the most of it going to the building of two additional tracks to Philadelphia.

A plan is being agitated at St. Louis to connect the new post office with the railroads centering at the new Union depot.

In the late disaster of the steamer Atlantic, one woman passenger was confined only six hours before it occurred.

Nixon, sentenced to be hanged at New York on the 16th of May, became utterly unconscious with fright after sentence.

A disgraceful fight took place in the lobby of the House at Trenton, N. J., on the 4th. It grew out of a debate the day before in which Mr. Carse called James M. Scoville a perjurer and a scoundrel. At the time of the fight, Mr. Cole and John Hood were quarrelling, when Scoville came up and mixed in. Cole called him a liar, and was immediately knocked down by Scoville. The Speaker ordered the doors closed. Before it was done, Carse rushed into the fight. Scoville knocked him down, and gave him a tremendous whaling while down. The Mayor of Trenton then interposed, and prevailed upon Scoville to leave the State House.

A centrifugal machine, in a sugar refinery of Baltimore burst on the 2d, killing one person and wounding two others.

Only \$200,000 has been awarded against the United States by the British and American Claims Commission, and the remaining cases cannot give more than an equal sum.

Representative Brooks is very low with sickness in Washington, and his friends are anxious about his recovery.

At the funeral services of Rev. Eather Madain, in Trenton, Del., on the 31st ult., at St. John's Catholic church, a cracking noise produced a fearful panic among the congregation. In the rush for exit, women and children were trampled beneath the crowd, which became wedged about the doors for about ten minutes. Many presented a shocking sight as they were pulled out by stalwart men. Ladders were elevated to the windows and people taken out. The total number injured was twenty persons, nine of whom had died and others were in a dangerous condition. The cracking noise emanated from kneeling beads.

A widow named Elizabeth Hedge was murdered at Eureka, Ill., last Sunday. She had \$150 in her possession. The body was partially eaten by hogs.

The death of Mrs. James Gordon Bennett is announced by cable. It occurred at Koenigsstein, Saxony.

The Newark Co-operative Colony of New Jersey, propose to settle in San Joaquin Valley. The society is composed principally of men with capital of from two to fifteen thousand dollars each. A meeting was held recently to organize, and elected the following officers: Henry Wilson, Newark, President; Warren, Vice President; Francis Duffy, Treasurer. These officers, with a Board of Trustees, will have charge of the government of the settlement. Rules for the government of the future town were adopted. They contain a clause among others that no license for the sale of liquors shall be granted. Ten persons have paid the full amount required;

and ten others have signified their intentions. None are accepted unless they are known to be steady, industrious persons, who will enter earnestly into the designs of the company. The plan of operation is that 10 or 12 members shall leave in August and proceed to the valley, where they will secure a tract of about 10,000 acres upon the contemplated line of the Southern Pacific railway. In December, when all arrangements for purchasing land, and for acquiring title to adjacent Government lands, have been consummated, the remainder of the colony will go on in time to put in the first crop. A portion of the land will be laid out as a town, the rest being laid out into farms. A common fund will provide all necessary expenses for surveying and irrigation after the land has been bought.

Two murders occurred in Memphis, Tenn., lately. John Newell, a displaced man, wrote a letter to his father-in-law threatening that unless he gave him a thousand dollars he would kill him, was afterwards met by him and his two sons, one of which, Coleman, shot Newell a number of times with a pistol, resulting in his death. The other case resulted from an altercation, in which James Patterson was shot by Morris J. Bowers, causing his death.

Judge John W. Wright, of Washington City, was arrested in St. Louis on the 4th, on indictments found by the grand jury for forging endorsements on drafts. He gave bail in the sum of \$12,000. He says it is a malicious prosecution.

Ex. Senator Cattell, of New Jersey, has been appointed Financial Agent of the Treasury Department, to visit Europe in connection with the new loan.

General Whittesey, formerly an officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, has been put in the Insane Asylum at Washington.

A hurricane swept over Burlington, Iowa, last Saturday and caused the death of Mrs. Steiger and children by the fall of the house.

The strike at New York of the employees of the Metropolitan Gas Company, has worked some inconvenience to parts of the city. It has compelled the use of candles and camphine in some instances.

The East Conference, of New York, has appointed a committee to make arrangements in concurrence with committees in other sections of the country, for a proper celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the first Methodist Conference in America.

Robert Mailler, while drunk on the 6th, broke into his father's house in Brooklyn, and assaulted him with a knife. The latter seized a stick and clubbed his son almost to death.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, proposes to build a palatial residence in Washington to cost \$100,000.

Three years ago Arkansas had 50 miles of railroad. Now she has 500 completed.

The Wisconsin Legislature refuses to pass the compulsory educational law.

In Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, the peach crop is ruined.

Congressman Roosevelt, of New York, has given his back pay to the Board of Education of the city, to be used in furnishing prizes for deserving pupils.

Laura Keene, the actress, has sued C. M. Bradford, of the American Literary Bureau, to recover \$15,000 for alleged libel.

At Galveston, Texas, April 6th, a desperado named James Helm, drew a knife and cut a boy. He then in his attempt to escape, attacked and cut three unoffending persons who happened to be in his way. Officer Ferguson, who was attempting to arrest him, was the next to receive the knife, and he died in a few minutes. Mr. Benison, an old and respected citizen, was one of those cut, and has died. The firemen swear vengeance against Helm, one of their number being included among the victims. It was thought he would never be brought to trial. He was supposed to be a cousin of the notorious Jack Helm, of Texas.

Louis Carzile, born in North Carolina in 1755, died at Stevenson, Alabama, on the 6th, aged 118 years. He lived there 60 years.

Up to April 7th, 226 bodies had been recovered from the Atlantic, at Halifax.

The Hall of the House of Representatives, at Washington, is to be newly decorated.

At Smithton, Pa., April 9th, a Mrs. Crouse was murdered by her husband. He had been drinking hard and went home and beat her to death. Crouse's father interfered, and was himself cut and beaten.

Petroleum is reported to have been discovered at Saylerville, near Des Moines, Iowa.

The youngest of the Leon Brothers, gymnasts, fell from a trapeze at Chicago, April 7th breaking his right thigh, and probably disabling him for life.

Illinois has been visited during the past week with very heavy rains. The prairies are covered with water, and the streams overflowing.

Central Alabama expects a colony from Russia.

A newspaper correspondent who went down to the wreck of the Atlantic on the 7th inst., says the hull of the vessel has broken in several places and the cargo has broken bulk. The bodies of men and women are jammed among boxes and crates. Limbs are strewn around, broken from bodies by the continual action of the water. At the companion-way of the steamer were a hundred or more bodies lying in confused heaps, some dressed but many half nude. Children were clinging to mothers, and husbands clasping wives. At this companion-way male passengers, bodies of men, old and young, were together on the stairs, with distended nostrils, gaping mouths, and staring, glassy eyes, giving some idea of their horrible death in struggling to gain the deck. In the sleeping apartments were numbers of bodies of men with bed clothing strewn among them. Broken stanchions and jagged and splintered wood-work had torn the flesh from the faces of many. Some were more bruised and battered about their heads, which were red and bloody, contrasting horribly with the features of others.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Parliament of New South Wales, voted \$200,000 to aid immigration lately.

The Carlists were reported on the 3d to have shot 60 prisoners at Berga.

The Republicans have carried the municipal elections in Nantes and Marseilles, France.

The Pope, owing to his feeble condition, is forbidden to leave his apartments.

Geo. Bidwell, alleged to have been implicated in the Bank of England frauds, has been arrested in Edinburgh.

The steamship Atlantic was insured by London companies for \$150,000.

Five miners were killed by the explosion of fire damp in a coal mine near Abertillery, Monmouthshire, Eng., on the 4th, and many others wounded.

An American detective has identified Bidwell, the alleged Bank of England forger, as a man well known to the American police.

It is announced in Madrid that Don Carlos has abdicated his claims to the Spanish throne in favor of his son, under the regency of Don Alphonso.

General Cabrera has been appointed to the supreme command of the Carlist forces in Spain.

Most of the churches in Catalonia, Spain, have been closed or turned into barracks.

The annual pilgrimage to Mecca this year has been made without any cases of cholera among the 150,000 pilgrims, consequent upon the intelligent efforts of the French, English, and Ottoman Sanitary Mission.

Latest News.

The California thief who was welcomed with three charges of bird-shot, was converted and now sings: "A charge to keep I have."

The *Bulletin* has this: Mrs. May, of East Portland, living near the school house in Holladay's Addition, is said to be in destitute circumstances. She is in delicate health herself, and six little children are dependent upon her. The case is deserving immediate attention.

Eight woolen mills are now in operation in California, all doing a fine business.

J. C. Fairchild has assumed charge of the Siletz Agency.

At the school election at Portland, Monday, J. C. Ainsworth was elected Director, and R. J. Ladd, Clerk.

The *Oregonian* says: The report is pretty well confirmed that Joe Teal, who is now East, has made arrangements to pht on two large steamers between San Francisco and Portland.

A Pennsylvania paper tells this yarn: "A pumpkin pie ten feet in diameter and four feet deep was the chief feature of a California dinner, recently. The amusement of the company was somewhat marred by a child falling into the pie and a man jumping in to save it."

The stages to Walla Walla are full every trip.

The upper Missouri is free from ice, and all the ferries are running.

May was admitted into Hotel de Watkins last Sunday. He was well furnished with newspapers.

The Salt Lake *Tribune* defends Gov. Woods from the charge of improper affiliation with the Mormons, and asks the President to retain him instead of appointing a new one.

Frank Hughes "April fooled" the officers of Cowlitz county, on the 1st inst., by failing to come to his supper when it was taken to him in the jail at Kalama. They supposed him in his cell, but he had opened the back door and left. He was indicted for grand larceny.

Seven hundred head of cattle were wintered on Bennett Creek, Idaho, 75 miles southeast of Boise City, with no other food than grass. Only three or four died.

We read in the *Statesman* that Rev. O. Dickinson and wife were on last Monday made recipients of a silver table service, by their friends and admirers. The presentation was made by Rev. P. S. Knight. Mr. Dickinson has lived in Salem for twenty years.

The residence of Mr. P. L. Willis, of Salem, we learn from the *Statesman*, was destroyed by fire last Monday evening. A defective flue was thought to be the cause of the fire. The house was insured for \$4,000 and the furniture for \$2,000. The loss over that is estimated from \$2,500 to 3,000.

Empire City has no resident minister.

Miss Julia Lewis, of Multnomah county, was sent to the Insane Asylum, last Saturday.

Eugene City ships about one thousand and dozen eggs to Portland each week.

A small boy of S. Wolf, at the Dalles, was run over by a hotel coach and killed, last Friday evening.

They talk at Corvallis of organizing a joint stock company for the purpose of building a hotel on the site of the one burned.

On the 1st day of April a boy at Olympia "sold" everybody who passed by crying out, "Who pinned that paper onto your tail?" At which the person would look round in the vain attempt to discover the paper streamer. And then "cussin'."

The Los Angeles cattle are having the horse disease.

Every time the "fire fiend" gives Salem a fire-taste, somebody gets hurt. The late fire caused several hurts. R. H. Price got his foot crushed; John Howell cut his with an axe; Sol Durbin was slightly injured by the pole of the engine poking him in the back; Chris Hunsaker had his back hurt by being knocked down by the tongue of the hose cart; a falling timber disfigured the face of Mr. E. Olinger. Evidently an awkward set down there.

The *Statesman* says that at the late fire the two engines pumped eleven wells dry.

From the *Oregonian* we read that one day last week, an attempt was made by some villain to throw the special train which contained Mr. Holladay, from the track, by placing obstructions on the rail near Gaston. The regular train was but a few miles in advance at the time. Fortunately the obstructions were discovered in time. A person who would do such a thing as that could not be too severely dealt with.

Hon. A. J. Datur, Centennial Commissioner from Oregon, will go East on the Ajax, to attend the annual meeting of the Board at Philadelphia which meets May next.

The steamer Oneatta, which for several years has been plying between Elk City and Newport, is to be brought around the Columbia, to be run on the upper Willamette. She is a staunch little steamer of 90 tons burthen.

News from the Modocs to the 8th represents that at headquarters they were momentarily expecting trouble.

A message from Jack on the 6th, invited the three commissioners with Generals Canby and Gillem to meet him and seven others at the second cave, no others to come. This was refused, as it was thought to be treachery. Afterwards it was seen that 25 warriors were at the place of meeting. On the 7th, Boston came in and said Capt. Jack would meet, at one o'clock next day, five men on each side. The Commissioners were to meet them in one more effort for peace. They will give the final proposition and a reasonable time for the Modocs to decide on accepting the terms. It will be insisted by the commissioners that they surrender and leave the Lava Bed, and no other terms will be accepted. If they refuse these terms, Gen. Gillem will then do his duty. So goes the dispatch. We will see.

Base ball is the rage now in Salem.