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EARTHQUAKE AT SAN SALVADOR.

News from Aspinwall, via Havana, April 10th, states that the city of San Salvador, Central America, was almost entirely destroyed on the 4th inst., by an earthquake. Eight hundred persons perished and twelve millions of dollars worth of property are reported destroyed. The ground heaved like a ship in a gale. A terrific thundering burst from under foot, walls tottered and were rent, roofs sank to the ground. Three violent shocks followed in succession. The wildest consternation prevailed. Servants began to scream, horses grew frantic, dogs howled. Men, women and children fled to the fields with their valuables hastily collected. This was followed by the ringing of bells and the beating of drums, for the purpose of calling all soldiers under arms, to protect the city against murder and pillage, which always accompany such events there. Indians from the forest frequently prowling for prey, and can only be checked by bayonets of troops.

San Salvador was founded in 1559. In 1854 it was a well built, splendid city containing a population of 30,000; but on the night of April 16th, it was completely destroyed by an earthquake, and about one hundred lives lost. It was then the seat of government. In 1855, it again became the seat of government, and its trade had resumed its former flourishing condition up to the late calamity. Its population was some 18,000.

The St. Louis Democrat says it will back the Legislature of Missouri "against any similar body that has assembled in this country since the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus for stupidity, for uselessness, for depravity, and for all those qualities which convert honest men into rogues and sensible men into asses." For our part we don't want the next Legislature of Oregon to compete. Any increased expertness over some past Legislatures in rogne-assicalness, might render it the champion. Let Missouri have all the disgraceful glory.

Travel across the continent is reported as increasing. During six days, recently, 876 passengers left Omaha on the express trains, and 1,000 by the colony and emigrant trains, ticketed through beyond Ogden. Nearly as many more had been carried to points in Nebraska, Colorado and Utah, and they were still coming.

The population of Canada in 1861 was 6,187,122; the present population is 6,951,467; the increase 764,345. It is thought annexation would add a million of inhabitants to that province within five years.

Sacramento wants a branch prison there. She has no doubt of her ability to fill it. Such candor is refreshing, as well as truthful.

Tin mines have been discovered in the Blue Mountains in Washington Territory, not far from the Oregon line.

During the winter Tim Darling killed 130 deer in the Blue Mountains, Walla Walla county.

A MASSACRE IN GRANT PARISH.

A dispatch from New Orleans, April 16th, gives the particulars of the massacre of one hundred negroes by whites. The troubles arose out of the filling of the parish officers. The officers elected by the people were ignored by the Lynch Returning Board. Then Gov. Kellogg filled the places with his appointees. These failing to qualify, the Governor ordered the parties originally elected to assume the offices. A force of negroes then took possession of the Court House at Colfax. It is said they were instigated by members of the Kellogg Legislature. The negroes erected barricades, from which they issued, plundering plantations, stopping steamboats for provisions, etc. Meantime the whites gathered at Colfax. Their numbers were increased by accessions from other parishes, until one hundred and fifty whites were encamped around the Court House. The first fight occurred on Saturday the 12th. The white leaders of the negroes had gone aboard a passing steamer and left for New Orleans before this. The result of the first fight was the defeat of the whites, who were commanded by Hadnet, a member of the Fusionist Legislature. No loss of life resulted from this fight. The final battle took place Saturday noon. The barricades were stormed and the Court House assailed, but the whites being unable to oust the negroes set fire to the Court House, and as the terrified negroes ran out, shot them down one by one to the number of one hundred. Many were also wounded and the rest escaped. The whites lost two killed, including Hadnet. Several were wounded. Such is the news in brief as it comes by telegraph. It must strike every one as a cold blooded, heartless butchery. A butchery that should cause humanity to be ashamed of its species. The brutality is heightened by a later dispatch: "Not a single colored man was killed until after they had surrendered." These colored men were doubtless guilty of aggravating things; but the strife and contention which have raged among parties there, for so long, render it quite as probable that the mob of whites who massacred them on this occasion, were just as guilty of bad things. These wanton acts of cruelty and blood are a disgrace to civilization, and should be discountenanced in every possible way.

FUNERAL OF DR. THOMAS.

About six thousand people viewed the remains of Rev. Dr. Thomas at Powell street M. E. Church in San Francisco on the 18th inst. The church was draped in mourning, the coffin covered with wreaths and bouquets of flowers, and the pulpit covered with the national colors draped in festoons. The body of the church was thronged by people during the services. Many of the military, headed by Gen. Schofield, were present. Fifty-five ministers of the gospel were present. Rev. Mr. Snelling read the memorial, which was listened to with profound attention. An immense cortege followed the remains to their last resting place.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that a man in that State is not responsible for a slander uttered by his wife. That is a "right" which husbands have not heretofore possessed in that State.

FUNERAL OF GEN. CANBY.

The funeral obsequies of Gen. Canby took place at Portland on last Friday. In accordance with the request of Mrs. Canby, the ceremonies were conducted without display. They were participated in by a large number of citizens, and many of the military. The burial services were held in the presence of the widow and a few immediate friends of the family. These were conducted by Rev. G. W. Izer, of the Methodist Church, Dr. A. L. Lindsley, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. T. L. Eliot, of the Unitarian Church. After these ceremonies were finished the funeral cortege was formed and proceeded to the Armory, where the body was exposed to public view from 12 o'clock M. to 4 P. M. Thousands of persons availed themselves of the privilege thus furnished of looking upon the countenance of the martyred soldier, for the last time on earth. About five o'clock P. M. the body was taken to the Lone Fir Cemetery and deposited in a vault, where they will remain until the arrival of the brother-in-law of the deceased.

SAD TRAGEDY.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Drain station, Oregon, on the 21st inst. It is thought to be one of those cases of calamity resulting from the careless use of firearms. A young man named Tracy, went to the station, where two men named Poland and Stewart were at work. As he approached, he raised his gun in a jocular manner asking Stewart to hand over his money. The latter responded he had but little, when Tracy said Poland always had plenty, and he would give him a rattle, and raising his gun, fired, and the ball entered Poland's breast. Poland cried, "you have killed me!" and started for the house, but fell before reaching it. Stewart started for the doctor, but coming up to Tracy the latter proposed to go, when Stewart went to Poland's assistance. Being unable to move him, he went to a neighbor's house for help. On his return Tracy was found lying dead, shot through the head. The parties were of good reputation, and were friends. Poland is mortally wounded. Will people never quit fooling with firearms.

AWFUL SMART.

A little brief authority is too much for some men. They magnify it into monstrous proportions, and frequently come to grief, as did the toad that tried to swell to the size of an ox. One of these overly smart fellows, occupying the exalted position of Deputy Assessor in San Bernardino county Cal., went to assess a widow lady's property, not long since. He must count all her articles of furniture. Wouldn't take her word for the number of chickens she had, but got some corn, called the chickens up and counted them. The widow began to "bile" then, and when the awful smart Assessor went out to count the beehives, she just flipped her apron over her head and gave one of the hives a kick that "cop-sot" it. About three quarts of bees struck the self-important Assessor. They counted him out. He fled, and there was no order about his leaving. He went energetically. So did the bees after him, and each carried a red-hot "fat" along. That Assessor went home with a face looking like an underdone plum-pudding. His "smart" now is genuine.

EASTERN NEWS.

Gov. Kellogg on the 21st desired that troops be sent to Louisiana.

The following postoffices have been established in this State: Shell Rock, Wasco county, Daniel Graham, postmaster; Sodaville, Linn county, Wm. A. Pellison, postmaster. The offices at Deschutes, Wasco county; Grant, Grant county; Springfield, Multnomah county, have been discontinued. W. J. Pickett has been appointed postmaster at Princeville, Wasco county.

Gen. Sherman has written a long letter, dated the 17th inst., to his friends in Washington, in which he forcibly presents his well known views regarding treatment of Indians. He believes negotiations should be entrusted to army officers having no policy, but having power to compel the observance of engagements which the Indians know and fear. All Modocs are involved in the recent murders. "I do not think that the murder of General Canby was the individual act of Captain Jack, and if they (the Modocs) all be swept from the earth, they themselves have invited it. The whole matter must be left to the officers on the spot. They must be sheltered against a howl such as followed Major Baker after his Piegan attack and General Custar after his attack on Black Kettle's camp. There is not much danger of too much harm being done. To be effective and exemplary, the blow must involve punishment terrible enough to impress the kindred tribes of the Klamaths and Pintes with the fact that all Indians must be made to know when the Government commands they must obey. And until that state of mind is reached through persuasion or fear we cannot hope for peace."

Eight freight cars loaded with flour, tobacco and miscellaneous goods, on their way from the West to New York, were broken open and robbed on the night of the 20th, at Philadelphia.

Henry Ward Beecher, in a sermon last Sunday night, invoked the father of all mankind to remember in mercy the children of the forest, whose pent up wrongs had driven them to bloodshed and diabolical murder.

The Secretary of War, upon the recommendation of Senators Mitchell and Kelly, has ordered 500 stand of breech-loading rifles from the arsenal at Vancouver, to the authorities of Oregon.

The Post Office Department will commence issuing postal cards May 11th.

The Methodist Preachers' Association, of New York, will commemorate the lives and deaths of Gen. Canby and Rev. Dr. Thomas, they both being members of that denomination.

A riot between strikers from the coal mines at Knightsville, Ind., and negro miners who had been lately imported from Virginia, occurred at that place on the 15th. Gov. Hendricks sent troops and arrested several of the ring leaders.

Senator Bayard paid his extra compensation into the Treasury. Up to the 17th, all but 30 members of Congress had drawn their back pay.

The President has received many telegrams and letters lately, exhorting him to cleave to the philanthropic peace policy towards the Indians. The President answered calmly, the Modocs must be exterminated—not as a passionate revenge, but as an act of justice to peaceful settlers in that part of the country.

Charles Francis Adams delivered an oration on Wm. H. Seward at Albany, N. Y., on the 18th, in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, State officers, judiciary and many citizens.

Public sentiment in New York city is generally in favor of the extermination policy towards the Modocs, since the treachery.

The recovery of nearly a quarter of a million of dollars in United States bonds, which had been obtained by McDonald, alias Bidwell, and his associates in the late Bank of England forgeries, was effected April 21st. The facts are as follows. On the 5th of March last a trunk said to contain wearing apparel was delivered at the office of the North Atlantic Express, No. 4 Margaret street, London, by a person calling himself C. Lessing, of Tunbridge Wells, and addressed to Major G. Matthews, New York, to be kept in bond at the express office, No. 71 Broadway, New York, until called for. The trunk was duly forwarded by the express company, and reached New York by the steamship Cuba, which arrived March 20th, and was kept in bond by the company as per instructions until Saturday last when a woman calling herself Mrs. Matthews presented an order, duly signed G. Matthews. Meantime counsel for the Bank of England had received some information with regard to the trunk which led to its detention until to-day, when it was taken possession of under an order by the Supreme Court by Nathaniel Jarvis, Esq., receiver in the Bank of England forgery case, and on being opened and examined was found to contain a quantity of wearing apparel, two gold watches, several miscellaneous articles, and three packages of United States 5.20 and 10-40 bonds rolled up in soiled linen, amounting in all to \$220,909. The bonds were found to be identical in class, amounts, and numbers, with those advertised by the Bank of England to have been obtained by the Bidwell forgeries. In the trunk were found cards and card plate, memorandum bill, etc., showing conclusively that it had been shipped by and telegraphed to him out of \$300,000 obtained from the Bank of England by these forgers. But about \$30,000 remains to be recovered.

A special announces that one of our Commissioners who is now on his way to Vienna, is suspended for improper practices, and another is suspected and his case is being inquired into. Reports are in circulation that some of the complimentary commissioners secured their appointments in order to represent certain manufacturing interests, and that a Sewing Machine Company and a Gun Company, each, have a Government Commissioner in its employ.

The suit of G. B. Davis against the New York Times for libel, was summarily ended on the 21st. Davis was just on the stand when counsel for defendant objected to his testimony, on the ground that he was a convicted felon. The judge sustained the objection, and so it ended.

A special says a session of the Peace Commissioners will soon be commenced in New York for the purpose of a general consultation on Indian affairs.

A freshet caused a train from Stonington, R. I., to Boston, to fall through a bridge at Richmond switch, April 19th. Some twelve persons were supposed killed, and about 25 wounded. Three passenger cars were burned.

Geo. T. Burton, a negro, was convicted at Georgetown, D. C., on the 19th, of ravishing a little daughter of a white man, and sentenced to be hanged on the 20th of June.

The Court of Claims at Washington have rendered judgement against the United States in favor of ex-Senator Caldwell for \$300,889 on a contract for army transportation in Nebraska in 1866. Chief Justice Drake dissented.

A. T. Stewart, the New York millionaire, is suffering intensely from Bright's disease of the kidneys.

A complete file of the Charleston Courier for ninety years, has been purchased for the library of Congress. Not a number is missing.