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EGYPT.

Egypt is blessed with a Viceroy of great energy and enterprise. He has not only linked the Red Sea to the Mediterranean by the Suez Canal; lined the shores of the Nile with flourishing sugar plantations and refineries; transformed the Delta provinces from desert barrenness to gardens of productiveness; changed Alexandria and Egypt from filth and squalor to first class cities of neatness and splendor; constructed in the Delta provinces over 800 miles of railway, but now he has determined to unite the central African territory of Soudan to his capital by means of a railroad. Mr. John Fowler, an English engineer, was employed by the Viceroy to make the survey, which he has completed. He recommends a railway from Wady Haefa to Shendi; a ship incline at the first cataract; a bridge across the Nile at Kohé; the avoidance of all construction involving tunnels and ferries. He estimates the cost of the enterprise at \$20,000,000 and plans its completion within three years. The benefits that will accrue to Egypt by its completion, are very great. It will reduce a journey which now takes sixty days to one of fifteen; it will largely increase the national wealth of Egypt by increasing the facilities of rapid communication, and opening its undeveloped resources.

The Congregational Association closed its session at the Dalles on Sunday evening of last week. There were ten ministers present and sixteen delegates, representing 13 Churches, with a membership of 539. The Association was the most interesting and hopeful the denomination has ever enjoyed. Rev. W. R. Butcher, of this city, preached the communion sermon, on the Sunday evening which closed the session. The effort was highly spoken of.

A very distressing and fatal accident occurred at Cerbatat, Arizona, on the 17th ult. A lamp in the hands of Mrs. Boner set the house on fire. In attempting to put it out, she set her dress on fire, and rushed out of the house into the open air completely wrapped in flames. Her shrieks were awful. Before anything could be done, she was burned from head to foot, and was beyond help. The baby in her arms was badly burned, as was an older child. She lingered a few hours and died. She left seven children.

The New York Sun announces that after the 1st of July it will not be sent in exchange, and will not receive exchanges. It intends to subscribe and pay for such journals as it wishes to receive. That would indicate that the Sun no longer intends to shine for all.

The Governor of the State of New York receives the fat salary of \$20,000 per annum, and the Mayor of New York City is allowed the comfortable compensation of \$12,000 per twelve months.

A DIFFERENCE.

A Southern paper thinks that Jeff Davis should receive a full amnesty for his offences as a reward for his services in subduing the Modocs. It mistakes General Jeff C. Davis for the ex-confederate General Davis. While the former has always been a loyal and faithful servant of the Government, needing no amnesty, the latter has expressed no regrets, or expressed any sorrow, or done anything to in the least atone for the great crime he committed; but since the former has been doing his best to subdue the treacherous Modocs, the latter has been venting his puffed spleen in writing a justification of the late effort to overthrow this goodly government.

State Dental Association.

The Oregon State Dental Society met at Salem on Wednesday of last week, Dr. L. S. Skiff, President pro tem. Present, Drs. Cardwell, Hatch, Glenn, and Welch, of Portland; Dr. Gray, of Albany; Drs. Nicklin and Skiff, of Salem; Dr. E. Biddle, of Corvallis. Dr. Fiske, of Salem, read a paper on "The effect of disease in the body upon the health and development of the teeth." Dr. Gray, of Albany, presented a paper on "Dental Therapeutics." In the afternoon the President, Dr. Hatch, occupied the chair. Dr. Cardwell, of Portland, read a thesis on "The Degeneracy of the Teeth." Dr. Glenn, of Portland, read a thesis on "Dental Irregularities and their correction." Dr. Thompson, of Portland, read a paper on "Dentistry—its history, present status, claims and relations." Dr. Welch, of Portland, read a paper on "The cause and Treatment of loose teeth." The Society then proceeded to discuss in a general way various topics appertaining to the profession. They closed a successful meeting to meet in Portland on the last Wednesday in March, 1874.

Keeping Down Prices.

A California exchange says the indications are very strong that certain speculators there are resorting to every artifice to bear the wheat market. They are representing that the wheat product of California is much larger than anticipated; that tonnage has increased, and that the prospects for a good crop in Europe are very fine. In this way they are endeavoring to keep the price of wheat down, until harvest time, knowing the pressing circumstances of many farmers will compel them to dispose of their wheat so soon as harvested; and thus these speculators hope to make a good thing out of the farmers' necessity. Farmers' clubs, Unions, Granges, etc., are organized for the purpose of thwarting all such schemes, and in Oregon we think they will do it.

An eccentric old fellow who lives alongside of a graveyard was asked if it was not an unpleasant location. "No," said he, "I never jined places in all my life with a set of neighbors that minded their business as stiddy as they do."

BAD SHOT BY A MARKSMAN

The Indianapolis Journal says "The admirers of the foolish and hazardous have long applauded the reckless daring of Capt. T. Phelan and Captain Tom Murphey, who have been playing 'Tell' game so successfully, while others have looked upon the exhibition with forebodings and fear, realizing the hazard. The following explains how Captain Murphey has lost a couple of digits in the sport. Captains Murphey and Phelan, the gentlemen over whose wonderful feats of shooting so much has been said during the past few months arrived in this city a few days since, and entered into an engagement with the lessee of the Metropolitan Theater. They were to appear in a few nights and display such proficiency in the use of firearms by shooting wine-glasses, apples and other small articles from each other's heads, shoot coins held between the teeth and fingers at a considerable distance with rifles, and perform many other wonderful feats. In practicing on the commons, west of the city, yesterday, Captain Phelan accidentally shot off the end of the thumb and forefinger of his friend, who was holding a silver half dollar to be shot at. The result was not highly satisfactory, and Phelan mourns the loss of his reputation as a shootist fully as much as Murphy does the loss of his finger and thumb."

There is but one man in the United States who could write the subjoined. That is Parson Brownlow, and he is addressing Editor Hill, of North Carolina:

You rejoice over my paralysis as a punishment of God, because as you say, I cast my lot with the abolitionists. I recognize the hand of God in my case, but I regard Him as interfering in my behalf. Probably not one man in a thousand would survive the exposure and hardships to which I was subjected while driven by rebel cavalry into the mountains, and in incarcerated in a rebel prison at midnight. While I am now improving in health, with a clear conscience, nearly all the men who were instrumental in my imprisonment, and who insulted me while in prison are dead. Most of them died with delirium tremens, or some other unnatural way. I would not parade their names before the world, as you would; for when God lays His hand on a man I take mine off, and I mention the fact in defending myself from your attack.

Conductor Bradley of this city, who was killed with others by a railroad accident on a "caboose" car at the time the train reached the broken rail. The instant he felt the shock he knew the car was off the track and sprang for a brake. It was his last act. In the next instant he was killed by the crash, and his skull was broken. When picked up a part of the brain was visible oozing out but the true and faithful conductor was able to speak. And these were the words he uttered—the last he ever spoke:

"Put out the signals for the other train!"

The lightning-like suddenness of the crash, though it deprived him of consciousness of everything happening subsequent to the instant when he jumped to seize the brake, did not blot out his vivid memory of the sensation he had at that moment of fate. There was the sense of impending danger and the necessity of immediate action to avert it. That consciousness remained during the ensuing few minutes in which the crash had come, and the faithful conductor had met his fate.—Hartford (Conn.) Times.

21st.

A case of Asiatic cholera was reported in Washington on the 21st.

Senator Howe's friends, of Wis., are urging his nomination to the chief Justiceship.

The President is reported to have said that he will not select the Chief Justice from among the present Judges of the Supreme Court.

In Yankton County, N. C., on Saturday before last, John Halcomb shot his wife dead, and then killed himself, all for jealousy.

Extensive fires occurred in Rochester, N. Y., Detroit, Mich., South Bethlehem, Pa., Cincinnati, Morris, N. Y., on the 22d, aggregating a loss of \$323,000.

Lewis D. Tappan, an old anti-slavery worker of New York, died there on the 21st, aged 85.

The Alumni of West Point have agreed to erect a monument on the Point to the memory of Gen. Thayer. Several officers subscribed \$500 each.

The President distributed diplomas to the graduates of West Point on the 13th, and Gen. Sherman addressed them in a speech full of good advice.

At Wheeling, W. Va., the other day, masked men broke into the house of John Jennings, alleged leader of a band of robbers in Wetzel county. They killed him and fatally wounded his wife, who attempted to defend him.

At Nashville, Tenn., there were fifty deaths on the 17th, thirty-five being from cholera. At Memphis there were fifteen interments on the same day from cholera.

The case of Susan B. Anthony, indicted for voting in violation of law, last November, was tried in the Circuit Court of the United States which met at Canandaigua, N. Y., on the 17th, and under instructions of the court, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. The court refused to poll the jury.

The graves of Confederate soldiers in Loudin Park, Baltimore, were profusely decorated with flowers on the 17th. Addresses were made by James Franklin and ex-Senator Wigfall.

Joe Burton, a negro, convicted of rape on a white girl aged 14, was hanged at Georgetown, Del., on the 20th. He declared himself not guilty.

Extensive forest fires were reported in various parts of Northern Michigan on the 22d, and a repetition of the disaster of October, 1871, was feared. Extensive fires were also reported as raging in parts of New York and Pennsylvania.

Family difficulties caused the wife of Isaac Freese, of Wheeling, W. V., to first strike him with a poker, then a fire shovel, both of which he took away. She then drew a revolver and fired four shots, one of the balls inflicting a dangerous wound in the breast of Mr. Freese. The prison will now take a Freese.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that the erection of a house by two, three or four pre-emption or homestead claimants, in such a manner as to occupy a portion of each of their quarter sections under one roof, complies with the law requiring a house to be built on every quarter section in order to secure a title to it.

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The recent persistent raids on the Chinese houses of prostitution, has resulted in the closing of nearly all of them.

The Masons in Salt Lake, Utah, observed St. John's day by a large and imposing procession, and oration by Judge Linford. It was their first public demonstration.

Utah is to have seven more newspapers started within the next six months.

The Port Townsend Argus is thought to be published nearer the North Pole than any other paper in this country.

The rush of men from the Dalles to the Ochoco mines has left the town without the requisite supply of mechanics and laborers to carry on the improvements under way.

Michigan City, in Marquette county, is reported to have been destroyed by fire, caught by burning woods, on the 19th. It contained 800 inhabitants.

In the Hawkins-Picayune libel suit, at New Orleans, the jury returned a verdict of \$15,000 for Hawkins. Afterward two of the jury went to the office of the Picayune and acknowledged that they had been bribed—one receiving \$125, the other \$500. A new trial will be applied for.

The Port Townsend Argus has the following bear story: "A young man, George Pitman, in the employ of Mr. James Nichols, on his farm at Scow Bay, observed three large bears in a clover field near the house. He had a double barreled shot gun loaded with shot, and on the top of the charges he hastily dropped extra bullets and started for the field. His first shot killed one of the bears. The other two scrambled into some brush, and after waiting half an hour one of them returned, and Pitman shot him also. One of the bears, after his hide was removed, weighed 200 pounds. This is doing pretty well for a young man recently come to the country, and being all alone in the woods."

A brilliant Californian at Stockton, the other day, wrote a message on a postal card, enclosed it in an envelope, clapped on a three cent stamp and dropped it in the Post office, remarking that it was a very handy arrangement and should have been introduced years ago.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Willamette Baptist Association, met in Salem on the 18th, inst. Rev. G. C. Chaudler, was elected Moderator, W. C. Johnson, Clerk, and Hon. Henry Warren, Treasurer. Letters from churches were read giving their statistics and one church received into the Association. The next annual meeting of the association will be at Forest Grove.

Three old boots, a gaiter and a hoop-skirt in front of a house indicates that the family has moved.

A clergyman at Ames, Iowa, shook down the chandelier while pounding his desk, and four persons were badly hurt.

A loafer tumbled into the dry-dock, the other day, and got a terrible soaking. He says he couldn't see what made the people lie so. "Dry-dock be—! I'm wetter than a week's East wind squeezed out, cum it!"