

patronage of the Lunatic Asylum and Penitentiary, both of which are located at that town.

Seattle has two papers, the *Daily Dispatch* and *Weekly Intelligencer*. The *Dispatch* is edited by that old sinner Beriah Brown, well known in San Francisco, and who is known to have the toughest newspaper hide, and the hardest newspaper head of any of his fellow quill-drivers in Washington Territory. The *Intelligencer* is owned by another Italian named Maxwell. Port Townsend has a seven-by-nine semi-weekly paper edited by a youth named Al Pettygrove; and Bellingham Bay, where Alvinza Hayward has so much coal, has just obtained a small newspaper called the *Bellingham Mail*.

At the trial of Glioni, of New Haven, for owning the services of four Italian boys, the boys swore that they had been in the country 21 months, and had been kept in the Crosby street den in New York until brought to New Haven, seven weeks before; that they were beaten and kicked unless they brought in money every night, and were told by Glioni to steal if they could not earn any money. They were told by Glioni that their parents would be fined, and they would be arrested by the police if they ran away; and that he had a legal right to hold them. They wanted to be free, if possible. The services of these boys had been sold to Glioni for about \$20 per year by the parents of the boys. The court held, that Glioni was guilty of imprisoning free persons, with intent to keep them in a state of servitude, against their will, and required the prisoner to furnish bonds in the sum of \$4,000, for his appearance before the Grand Jury, next October. Failing to furnish the bonds he was committed to jail. The children were placed in the State Reform School until the trial.

Vanek's decapitation feat is thus described: He does the act directly before the eyes of his spectators. No cloth or covering whatever is used. A man is invited on the stage, and his eyes are bandaged with an ordinary handkerchief, and he is then laid upon an open four-legged table. Vanek takes a sharp cimeter in hand, pronounces the mystic incantation, and without more ado with one sharp blow lays open the throat from ear to ear. And while the horror-stricken people gaze with dilating eyes he coolly turns the head to one side, and by a sawing motion of his instrument cuts the head clean off. A napkin is conveniently at hand to staunch the blood, and then the operator in the *art diabolique* puts the dripping head upon a tray, leaves the body in plain sight on the table, and descending to the floor of the theater, politely invites the audience to feel of the head and satisfy themselves that the flesh and the hair are real. In exactly seven minutes the head is replaced and the breath of life is restored to the subject, who arises and calmly walks off. This illusion is interdicted in many places, owing to its being too realistic, ladies and even men often fainting away on witnessing it.

HOME OF THE CAPITOL.—The most ambitious structure in America is the dome of the Capitol at Washington. It is a hollow sphere of iron eight million pounds weight, and is one hundred and eighty feet higher than the Washington Monument in Baltimore, sixty-eight feet higher than Bunker Hill Monument, and twenty-three feet higher than the Trinity Church steeple at New York.

The mails are already lightened by the repeal of the franking privilege, and of the carriage of newspaper exchanges. The New York Postmaster reports that his work has been noticeably lighter since the 1st inst., and that 18,000 free newspaper exchanges have been dropped during the week.

Seattle cast 300 votes at her recent city election.

Latest News.

A fire was raging in Baltimore on the 25th inst.

A fire at Sidney, O., on the night of the 4th, burned property to the amount of \$25,000.

A fire at Pawtucket, R. I., on the 25th, destroyed property to the amount of \$40,000.

Extensive forest fires were raging on the line of the Long Island Railroad near Yabank and Lakeland, N. Y., on the 25th.

Two Frenchmen, living at Wilkesbarre, Pa., fought a duel with rapiers near there on Tuesday morning of last week. They fought over an hour, until one named Aubin was wounded in the side. A French lady was the cause of it. The affair will be renewed so soon as Aubin recovers.

A threshing machine boiler exploded near Ru-hville, Ind., on the 23d, killing three men.

At a meeting of railroad managers and superintendents, ticket and passenger agents, held in St. Louis on the 24th, after much discussion resolutions were passed declaring no more free passes or half fare tickets shall be issued after August 1st. Twenty-one roads were represented.

The Catholic clergy of New York are represented as now making extraordinary efforts to establish sectarian schools. The *Times* notes it as part of a plan to destroy the present public school system as operated in that city.

The prosecutions against the Ku Klux offenders except in very aggravating cases are to be discontinued.

Severe storms visited northern counties of England on the 23d, causing great damage to property and crops.

At Williamsport, Pa., Isabella McBride, aged 70 years, was brutally murdered on the night of the 22d, by being shot through the head. Her husband John McBride was found weltering in his blood from severe cuts in the head, but living. The old people were supposed to have large sums of money in the house, which doubtless prompted the murder. Thirty thousand dollars was found in the house.

The Attorney General refused to recommend a pardon in the case of James Pickett, of Idaho, sentenced to be hung in that Territory last Thursday for the murder of an Indian woman last August, with a miner's pick.

The recovery of John P. Hale was regarded as doubtful on the 23d.

One of the survivors of the wrecked steamer *Atlantic* has brought suit against the owners for \$100,000, as a compensation for disablement from frozen legs.

The Warden of Sing Sing deems that Walworth receives better treatment than any of the rest of the prisoners.

The number of votes registered in San Francisco up to June 30th was 42,042.

A gang of hoodlums at Los Angeles, on the night of July 23d, made a raid on the Chinese English school and pelted the windows with stones, one of which struck the teacher, Miss Belle Swift. Other teachers received slight injuries.

At North Brigham Canyon, July 24th, a ranchero, named Cotton, and his two sons, were killed by another ranchero named Butcher, with a rifle. An old feud was thought to be the cause.

One thousand Mormon emigrants have arrived at Salt Lake from Europe in good health.

Two San Francisco boys fought a duel with knives the other day about a girl. One was severely wounded in the face.

Massachusetts refuses to pension her retired Judges.

Ex-President Thiers will write up the Commune war.

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln is at Saint Catharines, Canada, where she will pass the summer.

Henry Grinnell has spent \$500,000 in Arctic explorations, and firmly believes in the Polar Sea.

July 14th, at Springfield, Ill., the thermometer marked 104° in the shade.

The average annual loss by fire in the United States is estimated to be about \$200,000,000.

The cost of maintaining the public schools of New York for the coming year will be \$3,365,000. Of this sum teachers will receive a little over \$2,000,000.

Doctress Mary Walker was arrested in Baltimore on the 22d for appearing in men's clothing, but was released.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was the rare fortune of Jesse R. Grant, lately deceased, to be the only man who ever lived to see his son elevated to the Presidency of the nation.

Music by a brass band is announced as a Sunday attraction in one of the churches at Newport.

The following sentence of thirty-four letters contains all the letters in the alphabet: "John quickly extemporized five tow bags."

President Grant is a pewholder in the Long Branch Methodist Episcopal Church, in the upper village, and attends regularly every Sunday, accompanied by his family.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad company have offered \$5,000 reward for the parties who robbed their train recently. Gov. Carpenter, of Iowa, has also offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of each person engaged in the robbery.

John P. Hale, of Dover, N. H., fell on the 22d, breaking his hip bone.

An alligator is rather smart about some things. He knows as much about strategy as a Major-General of militia. He will poise himself on a log, open his mouth wide by elevating his upper-jaw, and remain perfectly quiet. In a short time his mouth will fill with mosquitoes and flies, when down will come his jaw, taking every mosquito and fly prisoner. He swallows them, licks his chops and elevates his jaw to catch another floor full. This dish is regarded by the alligator as the most delicious that the country affords.

Fashionable Christianity in London is growing to be very amusing. People are now invited to prayer-meetings precisely as they are invited to a social soiree or an evening party. The *New Cathe Chronicle* prints, with the exception of names, dates and places, the following transcript of a card which it has received: "Mr. and Miss propose (D. V.) to hold a Bible-reading on—evening, at half-past 7 o'clock, when the company of friends is requested. Subject—'Morning Dress.'"

Charles A. Russell was hanged at San Francisco on the afternoon of the 25th. He died without a struggle.

Yamhill raises 57 stalks of wheat from one grain and every stalk over six feet high.

The streets of Victoria, B. C., are to be sprinkled with salt water.

Prof Rutan, a blind man, is lecturing in British Columbia on Education.

Boulders, lying in Victoria harbor, are found to contain streaks and threads of gold.

Gen. Jeff C. Davis reached Portland last Friday.

Major Eggleston, Paymaster, has gone to Boise, Harney and other camps, to pay the troops.

We see by the *Oregonian* that Rev. W. H. Miesse, lately of this city, sailed on the John L. Stephens for San Francisco, last Saturday.

It costs a man \$5 to throw any garbage or slops on the streets in Portland.

Deaths from heart disease are said to have increased 25 per cent in the last twenty years.

The Government of Spain has issued decrees dismissing from the public service Generals Contreras and Pierrad, and removing from office the civil Governors of Cordova, Murcia, Pontevedra, Leone and Greenz.

Fortune may favor fools, but that's a poor reason why you should make a fool of yourself.

A round of pleasure sometimes renders it difficult to make things square.

One of the Kickapoos shot in General McKenzie's raid was seven feet high.

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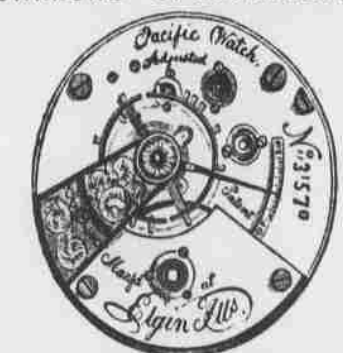
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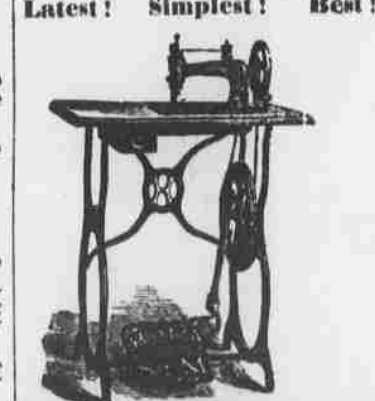
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