

A correspondent of the Watchman and Reflector draws a very melancholy picture of Jeff Davis' present life and the ill-fortune that has dogged him ever since his downfall began.

In May last a young lady residing in Iuka, Miss., was brutally outraged and beaten at the depot, while waiting for an escort, by a negro hack driver named Lewis Thompson.

Sleepless people—and there are many in America—should court the sun. The very worst soporific is landanum, and the very best is sunshine.

A Washington special says a good deal of opposition is made among clerks to political assessments levied by the Republican congressional committee.

The Shah of Persia has expended \$300,000 lately in "marrying off" one of his daughters. To prevent too great an emigration of our young men to that country, it may be well enough to state that she was a pet child, and that the Shah will not give anything to get the rest mated.

The Chicago Tribune was charged with being employed at a price to report the Tilton-Beecher trial. The facts coming to light show that one half the wages of reporters was paid by the defendant's counsel and one half by the newspaper, so that the actual cost to the paper is five dollars per column.

Iceland is to be abandoned. The volcanic eruptions which during the Winter and Spring have been spreading ruin over a large part of the east firths of the island, have made it impossible almost for the inhabitants to live there, and many are going to Alaska.

A fight between two families, consisting of six persons, a father and two sons on each side, occurred in Escambia county, Alabama, recently. Five of the party were killed outright, while the sixth was a load of buckshot in his side, and can not live.

A Maine girl left her clothing in an open boat and hid herself, and when her parents were crying and saying that if they only had her back they would obey her slightest wish, she appeared and said she wanted to marry Jake.

In humble imitation of Casabianca and other examples of devotion to duty, a sitting hen at Danville, Pa., in a recent brood, permitted the swelling waters to engulf her, rather than desert her yet unhatched brood.

Legal tenders in Portland 87@88. Seven hundred and sixty Mormons left Omaha for Salt Lake on the 19th.

Miners on the way to the Black Hills have been caught by U. S. troops and sent back.

The Republican State Convention meets at Salem on Wednesday, August 11th.

Fred Thorpe, a dentist of Cleveland, Ohio, aged 30, suicided on the 20th, by hanging.

Heavy rains in England have flooded the country in the interior, washing away crops, stopping the railroads, etc.

The supreme court of Connecticut has decided the local option feature of the license law constitutional.

Losses by fire at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 19th, foot up between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The Hammond meetings at Salem are held at Marion square in the evening, and at the M. E. Church in the morning.

The Pendleton Tribune claims that the Democratic nominee for Congress must be from Eastern Oregon, and that Hon. Jas. H. Slater should be the man.

The July returns to the department of agriculture show the acreage in corn is about eight per cent. greater than last year.

Late reports from the grain crops in Europe, indicate that the yield will be much less than was supposed one month since. Prices are steadily advancing in consequence.

On the evening of the 20th a thunder storm occurred at Roseburg. The lightning struck a hay stack six miles south of town, and destroyed sixteen tons of hay. What is most wonderful is a man was on the stack when the flash struck it but escaped uninjured.

We have received the first number of the West Shore, published monthly at Portland, by L. Samuel, at \$150 per annum. It is to be an illustrated literary journal. The present number contains an illustration of the new post-office building, Portland, very well executed, by Talbot. It'll do.

The Statesman says that a man named Reed, living on North Yamhill was arrested on Saturday last, charged with attempted rape upon his eldest daughter, and with incest with his second daughter! He was examined and held to bail in \$2,000, which, failing to give, he was placed in jail. If this is true, Reed must be a terrible monster.

The Plowman mill, Owyhee district, cleaned up over \$6,000, after a run of 132 hours, on Sub Rosa rock. They only crushed 1291 tons of quartz. This proves the rock to be very rich, and as there are hundreds of tons in sight, Messrs. Hooten and Elliot have a big thing.

Work upon the railroad between Wallula and Frelchtown is still progressing. The track is being put in the very best condition. All the ties sufficient to finish the road to Walla Walla, are now sawed and are being hauled out upon the line. All now depends upon the arrival of more iron, which is expected soon.

Froud says in his History of Ireland: "There is a Bunker Hill close outside Belfast. Massachusetts' tradition has forgotten how the name came to Charles-town peninsula. It is possible that the connection with Ireland is a coincidence. It is possible that the name of a spot so memorable in American history was brought over by one of those Irish exiles."

Gov. Bennett, of Idaho, has gone East. He will proceed to Washington and examine the testimony in his contested election case with S. S. Feun. He will then be able to determine what course to pursue. Should the testimony be in his favor as he anticipates it is, he will resign and take his seat and fight any contest which Feun may make. Should the testimony be against him he will give it up and return to Idaho, remaining in his position as governor.

The Donaldsonville (La.) Chief says that old Tom Tommison, a colored man, who is claimed to have attained the remarkable age of one hundred and twenty-five years, departed this life recently, and was placed beneath the sod he had so long dwelt upon. When Louisiana was ceded to the United States, Tom was well advanced in years, and had a son who had reached manhood long before.

Old Sambo Shute, long since gone across the dark valley, was a worthy man in his way, and genial withal, but Sambo would occasionally get drunk. One day his employer took him to task, and read him a lecture, at the close of which he asked him if he didn't think he would do better for the future.

In the base ball match on the 221 at Philadelphia, the Athletics scored 9 to the Mutuals 0.

The insurance companies of the United States have lost more during the last six months than during the entire year of 1874. The aggregate fire losses foot up \$26,000,000.

As a train on the Union Pacific was approaching Corinne, Wednesday, a drunken man fired four shots from a car window at a crowd of children in front of a house, one of the balls lodging in the knee of a little boy.

Who can sound the depth of woman's love? A New Hampshire wife says of her husband: "His kick is an inspiration, and when he knocks me down I feel that my measure of human happiness is full to overflowing."

An old fellow over in Tillamook county recently discovered that his daughter had been wronged, and threatened to shoot the fellow who did it. In two hours there wasn't a man left within a circuit of ten miles.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat tells of a stranger who came there and "was quite warm in his praises of the place." We are of the opinion that a stranger there in dog days would be quite warm in any situation.

An important decision was lately rendered by the United States Supreme Court on the question: What constitutes public waters in these United States? It was held that navigability was the true test. All navigable streams are therefore subject to Governmental regulations.

The popular amusement in Chicago is to enjoy the calm delights of a ride on the hub-tail street cars, and then refuse to pay the nickel, on the ground that the law requires the company to furnish a conductor to collect the money. A horribly mean set, we should say.

We hear of a bad little rooster who, upon being promised five cents by his mother if he would take a dose of castor oil, obtained the money, and then told his mother she might castor oil in the street.

French finances seem to be in good condition. Her custom returns for the last six months show an increase of receipts of 23,000,000 francs over the corresponding period of last year. The total revenue of the country for the same time increased 79,000,000 francs over 1864.

A council of delegates from all Protestant churches in christendom met and opened a session in Regent-square, London, on the 20th inst. Many representatives of the American and Canadian churches are present. The council is to demonstrate the unity of belief among Protestants, arrange mission work, and concentrate the influence of the church upon educational and social reforms.

The big Farmers' Warehouse at Salem is so far completed as to be ready to receive and store wheat. Its capacity is 200,000 bushels, has all the usual elevator appliances, and is a structure of immense strength. It was built under the superintendence of W. J. Herren and Jacob Cosner, is owned by a company of wealthy farmers, and cost about \$14,000.

The postmaster-general shows earnestness in proceeding against the mail contractors on their obligations. He has confiscated to the use of Government three certified checks, amounting to \$1,369, deposited according to law by Matthew Draper, a failing contractor, accompanying his bid on route \$30,066. This is the first instance in which the department has confiscated such checks. The postmaster-general has also commenced suit against the bondsmen of over forty failing mail contractors.

On the 20th in the Presbyterian council in session at London, England, the constitution of the future union was discussed. American delegates favored the formation of a confederation, but a large majority of the council preferred the title and form of an alliance, as less restricted in scope, and it was ultimately agreed that an alliance of all the reformed Presbyterian churches of the world should be formed. The delegates dined in the afternoon in the Freeman's hall. Several speeches were made. Rev. Dr. Schaff, of New York, expressed admiration of the recent work of Moody and Sankey. He hoped it would be permanently useful.

It is said to be very difficult for Americans in Rome to obtain access to the Pope, on account of a recent occurrence which was rather funny. A gentleman from New England, after promising to kiss the Pope's hand, took hold of the hand he was to have kissed and shaking it heartily, equaled of His Holiness how he did. This excited the indignation of the Pontiff and has rendered it exceedingly difficult for our Catholic Americans to get into his audience room.

The president has not yet signed the commission of General Badeau to be minister at Brussels. The formal appointment will not be made until the return of J. Russell Jones from Belgium.

The queen of Paris washerwoman is dead. Estelle Fancher was ninety-two years of age, and she had been a laundress upward of eighty years. She began life at twelve years of age as a simple washer, and a few years later she was promoted to the post of ironer of shirt-fronts. She never amassed a great fortune, and she died in a modest little room in the fifth floor of a house in the Rue des Moines.

The Chicago Times of the 21st publishes reports from over nine hundred counties in all portions of the country, showing the progress of the harvest and the condition of growing crops. The reports show prospects unusually good in all parts; that there will be full crops of all the principal grains, in all sections and a very large yield in many. The reports embrace the entire country east of the mountains, only excluding the States of Texas, Florida North and South Carolina.

The other evening when a Vicksburg mother had company, and her six-year-old son made himself disagreeably conspicuous, she gave him a threatening look and silently warned him to leave the room. Instead of obeying, he walked up to one of the ladies and inquired: "Misses, can't you stay here all night?" "Why, what do you mean?" she asked, in a tone of surprise. "If you'll stay, mother won't dare lick me—if you don't she'll make me hop." It was affecting to see his mother lift him to her knee, kiss him repeatedly, and blandly inform the ladies that it was only his cute way.

On the 20th young Pomeroy, the boy murderer, made an attempt to escape from Charles street, Boston, jail. He had been engaged for some time in digging out bricks around a window of his cell by means of an iron wash-dish, and his plan was, after getting outside the cell to lower himself from the iron gallery to the floor of the rotunda, by cords taken from the window frame. He was to leave the cell at midnight as the watch was being changed, and providing he could overcome all opposing him, clear the jail building and scale the exterior wall. Letters to his family ingeniously describing his plan of operations, were found in the cell.

A young man from Texas stood on the levee at Vicksburg, Miss. He was about to take a chew of tobacco, when he noticed a group of men near him. "Gentlemen," he said, "I want a chew." As they turned and looked at him he continued: "My pouch is in my hip pocket, and I mention the fact lest you should think I was about to draw my revolver." Then he helped himself without dodging a shower of balls, as might have been necessary had he not explained.

The Boise City Statesman says: "In the new county of Bear Lake, last year, a part of Oneida county, 123 foreigners have just been naturalized in Judge Hollister's court. By a comparison of the poll list of Paris precinct it has been found that these newly naturalized subjects voted at the last election. An examination of the other Mormon precinct poll lists will doubtless show that most, if not all, of the 123 men voted, and many others voted who have not been naturalized. As Mr. Fenn got all the votes at these Mormon precincts, his vote will be likely to receive a pruning of more than 100."

The Hartford Times says: "All the history and precepts of the Democracy sustain a sound currency, whatever else they do or do not uphold and require. The Ohio Democrats have put into their platform a weak and rotten plank, against all the votes and utterances even of Gov. Allen himself on the currency question. Their course in this respect, whether they win or lose in October, is not going to be followed by the national convention. There never was a time when the Democrats could afford to repudiate their own principles. Last of all has such a time come now."

The cost of the Tennessee public schools was last year about \$150 per scholar.

The Turkish government has ordered the governor of Bosnia to dispatch troops against the insurgents in Herzegovina.

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