

Sheep will degenerate more from poverty in one generation than they could be improved in two or three.

About 3000 Mormons have arrived at the port of New York from foreign countries during the year 1883.

Senator Edmunds has been preparing a postal telegraph bill which he intends to submit to the present congress. It opposes the purchasing of existing lines.

The Louisville Courier Journal positively announces that Mr. Tilden is not and will not be a candidate for the next presidential nomination.

The New York Sun a democratic paper says of Carlisle's nomination: "As this selection is one against which we have earnestly advised, we cannot regard it with any great satisfaction."

It is said that Gen. Rosecrans soon after the meeting of the present congress will introduce a proposition offering an amendment to the constitution to forever prohibit polygamy in the United States.

The Jacksonville Sentinel says: "Mormons are coming from Idaho into Southeastern Oregon and settling there in considerable numbers. Thus the mormon evil will soon become a home question, and one which will give us trouble in the future."

Last Saturday at the city of Washington the Democratic caucus to nominate a speaker to the present National house of Representatives. Carlisle of Kentucky was nominated receiving 106 votes to Randall's 52 and 28 for Cox.

Free trade England through some of her members of parliament have been endeavoring to prevent the importation of American beef into England under the contemptible and hypocritical pretense that "it is dangerous" instead of alleging the truth and the real reason is because it is too cheap to enable English raised beef to compete with it. The fact is she desires to dictate through her free trade bureaux organized in New York and other cities for the United States to adopt free trade but she don't want free trade beef to go from the United States to England.

The north district school opened last Monday morning but owing to several cases of scarlet fever being in town there was but 13 scholars in one room and 12 in the other. Most parents are anxious enough to educate their children, but most of them however, refuse to drive them to slaughter. When school teachers think more of their pockets or the loss of a few days than they do of the lives of their pupils it is certainly time that school teaching should be remodeled to a basis which consults the life, health and best interests of the child first, last and all the time before anything else. School teachers or directors which would run the risk of taking a town full of children into an epidemic like scarlet fever in order to save a few days of time or any other consideration, certainly lack that element of care which qualifies them to have charge of the young.

The Standard of Portland, reprinted a Washington special one day last week which describes Congressman Woolford of Kentucky as an "unreconstructed rebel" and a famous confederate officer. Woolford is a democrat, and being a democrat and a rebel in the South go so together as a matter of course that the error is natural, but Woolford must find his defenders in this matter among Republicans, who remember him as the famous leader of Woolford's federal cavalry. He is not only not an unreconstructed rebel, but he is one who has reconstructed many a rebel in his day. He has fallen into bad ways of late, and was elected to congress as a Democrat in palliation of an insult tendered him when he was defeated for nomination as clerk of the court of appeals on the ground that he had been a union officer. In the South this is still counted a political disability when it comes to Democratic nominations.

Senators and Representatives to the Congress of the United States, as well as the chief executive of the Nation, when addressing their constituents speak of and regard their positions as servants of the people and they make all promises to so perform their duties of office in accordance with the wishes of the people. Their distinguished officers also recognize one of the rights guaranteed by the constitution of the United States declaring the "right of the people (or any portion of them) peaceably to assemble and to petition those in authority for redress of grievances." Even the legislators of the several State legislatures recognize their duty to serve the people and that the right of petition is an inherent right which rests with the people. But some times one finds a "own council" which recognizes the rights of no one except their own supreme power, and even when sometimes a board of fire delegates petitions them in a respectful manner to house an engine and keep it in repair they throw it off by a simple motion to lay the petition on the table, without argument, and thus treat the right of petition with utter contempt. A petition by the principal tax payers of a town is often regarded by a town council as an interference with their business and little or no attention paid to it. When persons get to the exalted position of town councilmen they know no higher authority and rule supreme, fearing neither God nor man. Even if the Lord on high should presume to interfere with their high destinies and should presume to say to those most high dignitaries of this earth, "Messrs. Councilmen, sirs, I pray you may I ask you to do me this small favor as one of your humble subjects I believe it is your duty to do it and I think it will benefit me and others interested in your fair city." That town council would certainly regard his request as absurd, and would probably treat it with supreme contempt by laying the overseer of their destinies in the next world on the table.

Mr. Wm. Edwards, of Salem was in Corvallis last Monday night. He says before leaving Salem about one week ago he was walking around town and counted 17 flags out at different houses where parties were sick with scarlet fever. In Salem it seems their town council have exercised the privileges delegated to them in order to protect the lives and health of their citizens and in pursuance thereof they have passed the proper ordinances in proper time to compel parities effected with contagious diseases to hang out the proper signal in form of a flag and also prevent parities from running too and from the sick person out on the streets exposing everybody else. The town council of Corvallis when their attention was called to the fact some six or eight weeks before scarlet fever came in the town that it was their duty to carry out the provisions of the city charter on the subject of contagious diseases in order that it might be controlled and kept from spreading, sat like warts on a toad and as unconcerned as if they were the lord of all creation. They will bring the subject around all right finally because at their last meeting they requested Messrs. Brink & Wright to fumigate their hearse after conveying a corpse which had died of scarlet fever. This request if carried out by Messrs. Brink & Wright will prevent the next corpse which they convey from taking the disease, and it is a good thing, because possibly it might prevent some of the living from taking it. At their last meeting we learn that they also directed that an ordinance be drawn on the subject of contagious diseases to come before their next meeting; this move is certainly in the right direction if there is any foundation in the old saying that it is "better to be late than not at all," for by the time the scarlet fever has entirely run its course and disappeared and half of the children of the town shall have become a law and it will then be ready to apply to some case where some old or young lady has had a sleepless spell with the nightmare.

According to Col. A. Farnell, R. A. official records show that 2270 persons were killed by lightning in Russia (exclusive of Portland and Finland) during the five years from 1870 to 1884. Of these persons no less than 2161 dwelt in the country. During the same period, in the same territory, 4192 fires were caused by lightning, 4099 of them being in the country.

The Tribune's Washington special says: The purpose of Mahone and the readjuster leaders is understood to be to call a convention of all the opponents of bourbonism in Virginia, whether they belong to the readjusters or to the straightouts, to elect delegates to the republican national convention who shall represent the regular republicans and readjusters, to work for the candidate of the republican party. This, Mahone thinks, with such federal protection at the polls through the United States marshals and supervisors of elections as the law authorizes at a national election, may possibly secure Virginia's electoral vote for the republicans. The Danville massacre and the bourbon's triumph in Virginia so far from driving Mahone and the leading readjusters back into the bourbon ranks, has resulted in their permanent divorce from the bourbon party and their alliance with the republicans or whatever party may be in opposition to bourbonism. The address of Mahone shows that the democratic talk that he will not co-operate with the republicans in the senate is idle and that the reorganization of the senate on a republican basis is almost certain.

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