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Progress of the Americans.

An English journal, speaking of the unexampled growth of the United States, is all the elements of national prosperity, come up in this wise: "In an interval of little more than half a century, it appears that this extraordinary people have increased above 500 per cent. in numbers; their national revenue has augmented nearly 700 per cent, while their public expenditure has increased little more than 400 per cent. The prodigious extension of their commerce is indicated by an increase of nearly 500 per cent. in their imports and exports, and 600 per cent. in their shipping. The increased activity of their internal communications is expounded by the number of their post offices, which has been increased more than a hundred fold, the extent of their post roads, which has been increased thirty-six fold, and the cost of their post offices, which has been augmented in a twenty-two fold ratio. The augmentation of their machinery of public instruction is indicated by the extent of their public libraries, which have increased in a thirty-two fold ratio, and by the creation of a system of canal navigation, which, placed in a continuous line, would extend from London to Calcutta, and a system of rail-roads which continuously extended would stretch from London to Van Diemen's Land, and have provided locomotive machinery by which that distance would be traversed in three weeks, at the cost of 2 1/2 pence per mile. They have created a system of inland navigation, the aggregate tonnage of which is probably not inferior in amount to the collective inland tonnage of all the other countries in the world, and they possess many hundreds of river steamers, which impart to the roads of water the marvellous celerity of roads of iron. They have, in fine, constructed lines of electric telegraph which, laid continuously, would extend over a space longer by 5000 miles than the distance from the north to the south pole, and have provided apparatus of transmission by which a message of 200 words sent under such circumstances from the north pole might be delivered in writing at the south pole in one minute, and by which, consequently, an answer of equal length might be sent back to the north pole in an equal interval. These are social and commercial phenomena for which it would be vain to seek a parallel in the past history of the human race."

The London Shipping Gazette has this paragraph, in the course of an article upon the future of America: "We have no desire, at present, to enter upon any question of disputed policy; but we wish to record an opinion, that the empire of the seas must, before long, be ceded to America; its persevering enterprise, its great commerce, and its increasing wealth, are certain to secure this prize; nor will England be in a situation to dispute it with her. Without this crowning capital to its power, the onward march of the United States to what we believe will be an overwhelming greatness, might not be so speedily accomplished; but America, as mistress of the ocean, must overtake the civilized world."

Bloomers have begun to advertise—and we never knew anything to fail which did that. We take the following from the St. Albans Messenger:—St. Louis Union.

So! Woman So! To those who sympathize in the noblest aim of emancipating women from her present low, fallen, degraded, despised, down-trodden, soul-depressing, subversive to men, after a 200 experience of six thousand years, these proceeds are sent, GAZETTE.

The undersigned having shaken off the manacles of custom, shuffied off the coil of fashion, and become a free and independent member of reformed humanity, has opened a shop on Hen Peck Lane, Visio burgh, where she keeps on sale, for ready cash, a large assortment of boots, pants, vests, dickies, collars, and other articles suitable for ladies' attire.

She has also on hand Bloomer caps and camilla cigars, of recent importation, with an excellent variety of Swedish snuff, all of which are adapted to the wants of emancipated female independence, and will be afforded at cheap rates for ready cash.

Respectfully submitted by PAULINA OLIVINA BUTTS. P. S. & N. B.—In my absence at the Woman's Rights Convention, at Worcester, or elsewhere, my husband, Bolivar, who is my authorized agent, will be found in the shop or adjoining kitchen. Given under my hand, as aforesaid, in the year of universal pants, '57.

The New Orleans Platone contains a statement from Mexico to the effect that President Arista, a short time since, asked the British Minister what aid the British Government would afford to Mexico in case the United States should declare war against her for annulling the Tehuantepec grant. The Minister is reported to have said that his Government would take no part in any quarrel that might arise between the two Governments.—St. Louis Union.

Divorce in Connecticut.—At the present term of the Superior Court in New Haven, fourteen divorces were granted, most of which were for reasons of the incompetence of one of the parties.

Austrian Ministers in England.—A courier from France says that the Austrian Minister in England will immediately withdraw if Kossuth will be admitted to an audience (with the Queen, we suppose).—Tribune.

From the N. Y. Sun.

Affairs in Mexico again begin to assume a very important aspect. Several of the provinces exhibit a revolutionary disposition, and great dissensions are reported to prevail even at the capital.—President Arista has not fulfilled the anticipations of his former friends and admirers, and many who supported him for the Presidency, seem to be longing for a change. But it would require a man of no ordinary powers of statesmanship, to restore Mexico to order and prosperity, neither could any man accomplish the task in one year, or in a dozen.

There are a great many causes operating in the social condition of Mexico to prolong dissension and prevent general prosperity. The Mexicans do not improve the lesson of the past, nor introduce with vigor the means that would strengthen and sustain their Republic. Indeed, it is doubtful if any considerable number of them understand the first principles of republicanism; and that nondescript kind of Republican Government which they maintain possesses few if any advantages over a despotism.

It would have been a happy thing for Mexico had she been wholly annexed to the United States when our arms effected a complete conquest. It would also have saved us another war with her, as the present indications are that she will not hesitate to again embroil herself with this country. Instead of manifesting hostility towards the United States, her best interests would be promoted by cultivating our alliance and warm friendship. By this means she would have the spirit of a mercantile enterprise infused into her people, while it would be the sure way to preserve and prolong her nationality. But there are few indications from which we hope that wise councils will characterize her rulers.

FIRST STEAMSHIP TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The fine steamship Constitution, having been put in complete order, will be despatched by the "North Pacific Steam Navigation Company" on the 23d inst. for Honolulu. This will be the first steamer on the route between this country and the islands. The Company which has undertaken this enterprise intend gradually to introduce steamers upon other routes upon the Pacific. Mr. F. R. Loomis, on Battery street near Pacific, is the Secretary and Agent of the Company. San Francisco Herald.

RETURN OF THE SEA GULL.—This steamer arrived in our harbor yesterday, having again put back, this time owing to a break down in her machinery. The Sea Gull, whose departure for Oregon we noticed a day or two since, is quite an unfortunate vessel. On the 26th instant she experienced a severe gale in lat. 39 00, long. 238 W. She carried away her air pumps and both piston rods during the gale. By the aid of her canvas she reached this harbor, as reported.—Alta.

It has been decided by the Postmaster General, that a frank by any officer of the government entitled to the privilege will carry letter, &c., free, by any U. States Mail steamer, to Europe or elsewhere. This reverses the former practice which did not recognize franks to any foreign country.—Boston Jour.

Hossa's Luck.—Mr. Hobbs, in a letter to the London Times, says: "That Mr. Garbutt, the mechanic who has been occupied for thirty days in endeavoring to pick one of my locks, having failed in the attempt, I shall be most happy to give Mr. Reilly, or any other party, an opportunity of trying their skill as soon as I can make arrangements for a suitable place for the trial."

A Maine paper says that "rum capitalists of Boston have raised the sum of \$100,000, with which to operate on Maine legislators next winter, to effect the repeal of the Liquor Law, and have pledged \$400,000 more, to be used if necessary."

Ellsworth, the pedestrian, has completed, at St. Louis, his great feat of 1,000 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours, in the presence of a large assembly. He expressed his readiness to do 500 more.

We have received a copy of a new paper published at Salem, during the session of the Legislature, called the Vox Populi; but more properly designated (a friend says) the Vox Familii.

We received by this mail a copy of "Godeys Lady's Book," for November, which we find replete with beautiful engravings and choice contributions of reading matter.

The Legislators assembled at Salem adjourned on Thursday last, to meet again on Thursday, January 1st, 1852.

Barnum being asked one day the secret of his success (says a correspondent of the New York Express), simply laughed and said: "Printers' ink."

From the Chronicle.

A SCAMP.—By the Chronicle we are informed that the Clerk of Calaveras County left town last week under very suspicious circumstances. It is believed that he has forged County Scrip to a large amount, besides swindling the merchants and traders of Jackson out of some two thousand dollars. He took the direction of Sacramento and parties started in hot pursuit of him. At last accounts he had not been captured.—Alta.

The same paper says: This T. J. Hartley is the same Henry Hartley, who, in February or March last, was arrested in San Francisco for stealing daguerrotype views and likenesses from Mr. Vance, and also from Mr. Coombs, who at that time kept on Clay street. He also stole a pistol from Vance's rooms. The daguerrotypes he gave to a woman of ill-fame in a house on Washington street.

How he eventually got clear of the predicament, we never learned. When we met him here, we thought we had seen him before, but for the life of an "ouzo" did not place him, until his last exploit transpired, and his whole previous history in San Francisco flashed upon our memory. He has changed but little since he was in the Station House at the Bay, and the police there, if he goes in that direction, will have but little difficulty in recognizing him, more especially as his daguerrotype, if not burned in the last fire, is now hanging up in the Marshal's office. Hartley was appointed County Clerk by Judge Smith, who preferred this unknown stranger to a respectable citizen of the county to occupy that responsible post.

This same Hartley arrived in Oregon by the Sea Gull, and is at his old tricks already. He left with the purser a quantity of the Calaveras Scrip as security for his passage money—also swindled a man in Portland out of an over coat, under pretence that he belonged to the Indian Agency, and stole a bottle of whisky from a gentleman's room, to treat some friends with. He is supposed to have passed through here on his way up the valley. He is twenty-five or six years of age; has black hair, and a bald head, rather tall and slight figure.

San Francisco Prices Current.

Table with multiple columns listing various goods and their prices, including flour, sugar, coffee, and other commodities.

To Peter Robert Ogden, Esq., Portland, Me.—We, the undersigned officers of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company, stationed at Fort Vancouver, wish, on this day of your departure from among us, to record the esteem and respect we entertain towards you, and also to testify our regret at your departure.

We shall always continue to remember you with respect and regard, and desire to hear of your happiness and welfare. JAMES A. GRAHAM, ALFRED R. BENSON, M. R. C. S. ADOLPHUS LEE LEWIS, L. S. JOSEPH HANCOCK, A. D. FANSHUR, HENRY E. HUTCHINS, JOHN FRASER.

REMEMBER THE FUTURE! The regular services of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be held in the Church House every other Sunday at 10 1/2 A. M., and 4 P. M. Sunday School every Sunday at 9 o'clock, P. M. St. M. FAYLER, Rector.

RECORDED. At Portland, on the 19th inst., by Rev. J. H. White, St. James' Church, proprietor of Lane City, and Mrs. Jane Anderson, of Portland.

FOR SALE BY THE STRAIGHT CO.—Peter De Wit, Francis, Frederick, Taylor, Dodge, Webster, A. Leland, John H. Rogers, W. O'Brien, J. Wolf, Sherman, Gault, McKay, Wm. O'Connell, W. W. McDonald, G. P. Smith, L. H. Merrill, Carlton, Pitt, Ballou, Ledy and Child.

A LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING in the Post Office at Lane City, O. T., on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1857. John W. Smith, John Smith, J. H. Smith, W. E. Thomas, J. T. G. Thomas, William Smith, J. M. Moore, P. M. Dec. 22, '57.

Cooking Stoves! JUST received per Bulk "Gambier, and for sale by the undersigned FIFTY LARGE COOKING STOVES of a very superior description. Terms of sale on application. All orders will be filled to suit the customer. ALLAN, HEINSLAY & CO. Oregon City, Dec. 22, '57.

PROSPECTOR OF A NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE. On the 15th of January, 1858, will be published the first number of the OREGON MONTHLY MAGAZINE, An entertaining Miscellany, devoted to Literature, Science, Art, Poetry, Moral Tales, National Biography, Anecdotes, Sketches, Anecdotes, Romances and useful Knowledge.

IN COMPLIANCE with a usage long established, at the commencement of a new Journal, we lay before the public an outline of the plan upon which this, the pioneer magazine of the Territory, shall be conducted.

IN RELIANCE AND POLICE it will be Neutral—bound to no class, creed, or party; but its pages shall ever be devoted to the instruction and amusement of the people, and the most strenuous exertions shall be used in order to verify our motto, and also to render "The Oregon Monthly Magazine" a FRIEND TO ALL—TO NONE A FOE.

IN NATURAL HISTORY will be given a succinct sketch of the most distinguished Americans who have rendered themselves eminent, and whose names popular by their patriotism and valor in "the camp, the court, or the field."

IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES, it will keep pace with the times, and record everything of interest and importance appertaining thereto.

IN FURTHER TO BE given with Original Pieces, together with culled verses from the bosoms of the sweetest and most popular bards.

TO those who would follow the well-known maxim of Dr. Johnson, in pages will prove a welcome visitor, as each number will contain Choice Anecdotes, Original Stories, Anecdotes, and News Items.

TERMS—\$2 Year, or \$3 for Six Months. No subscription taken for less than Six Months. ADVERTISEMENTS inserted at the usual rates. All Communications, (not paid), Subscriptions, Books for Review, Advertisements, &c. to be addressed to J. J. H. CORRIE, Editor and Publisher, Portland, O. T. Nov. 22—1857.

WILLIAM & CO'S... NATHANIEL BROWN, General Agent for Oregon, at Portland.

Just Arrived in the River DIRECT FROM NEW YORK. A large quantity of... ALLAN HEINSLAY & CO. Oregon City, Nov. 4, '57.

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