

# The Grant County News.

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

### EASTERN.

#### Brutal Wife Murder.

BODIE, Cal., Nov. 8.—Job Draper was arrested Saturday for the brutal murder of his wife at a point on the road between Bodie and Mammoth City and about four miles from Bodie. The couple had moved to this new location Friday, and had not yet provided themselves with a house. After building a fire of sage brush Draper accused his wife of hiding his gun and a jug of whisky. Woodchoppers who were passing heard them disputing about the matter, but thinking it was only a drunken quarrel, moved on in the darkness. The following morning Draper went to a ranch and stated that his wife was dead, and accompanied two men to the scene. They found the body horribly bruised and cut. Her face was frightfully mangled. Draper was arrested, but says his wife came to her death by falling out of the wagon.

#### Garfield's Majority in Maine.

AUGUSTA, Nov. 9.—The clerks' return of votes for the election of president and vice president are received at the office of secretary of state from all but six towns and six plantations. With the exception of adding somewhat to the total vote the figures from the remaining towns will not materially change the result, as follows: Garfield 74,005, Hancock-Weaver electors 64,832, Weaver straight greenback electors 4,079, Dow 66, scattering 12; total 142,991. Majority for Garfield 5019, plurality 9173.

#### Rumor Denied.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—President Hayes today denied to an Inter-Ocean correspondent at Washington that there was the shadow of foundation to the sensational story from Kansas that an attempt was made to assassinate him in Kansas recently.

#### Preparations for Inauguration.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Preparations for the inauguration of Garfield have already assumed an organized form. The executive committee having the arrangements in charge extend a cordial invitation to all military and civic organizations throughout the country to take part in the inauguration ceremonies. All communications and enquiries on the subject should be addressed to Col. H. C. Corbin, corresponding secretary, Washington, D. C.

#### Snow Fall.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—A heavy fall of snow is reported in central Michigan to-day. At Jackson the snow was so heavy that roofs of buildings are caving in under the burden.

#### Self Accused Murderer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Yesterday a rather prepossessing young man with red moustache and neatly dressed, who said his name was John McManus, stepped into Chief O'Donnell's office and said he was wanted in Philadelphia for the murder of Bernard Kelly in a political meeting there about a year ago. After killing Kelly, McManus said he went to San Francisco and rambled about west for several months, coming here last July. The Philadelphia authorities request the Chicago police to detain him, so there seems some ground for his self accusation.

#### Sitting Bull Surrender.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 10.—Scout Allison has returned from Sitting Bull's camp, and reports Sitting Bull ready to surrender or to receive a proposition to that end, by the 20th instant, when he expects to hear from Maj. Walsh who went to mediate for him. The Indians are quite destitute, and have 900 people.

#### The Great Jettist.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 10.—Capt. James B. Eads, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and others, left to-night for Mexico. His mission to Mexico is to make a survey of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and to determine its adaptability for an inter-oceanic ship railroad.

#### Electric Light.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 12.—The Ogden city council this afternoon unanimously adopted a proposition for lighting the city by electric light. The manner of lighting is similar to that of Wabasha, Indiana, the flagstaff to be placed on the dome of the Court House, and an elevation of 200 feet will be had, from which four lights of 3000 candle power each guaranteed to abundantly illuminate a mile in diameter. Ogden is the first city west of the Mississippi to adopt the electric light.

#### The Flooded Mines.

VIRGINIA, Nov. 12.—It is now deemed certain that the accident at Jacket will flood the lower levels of both Belcher and Crown Point, as the Belcher pumps had before all the water they could handle, and the Imperial is not in a condition to help. The probabilities are that no more prospecting will be done in these mines till Jacket's pumps are running again, which will be a month hence.

#### Texas; Ivanis Official.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 12.—The following is the official vote for President in Pennsylvania: Garfield, 444,704; Hancock, 407,428; Weaver, 20,668; Dow, 1930; Phelps, 44.

#### The Father of Quacks.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12.—The notorious Dr. John Buchanan was arraigned in court to-day and plead guilty to two charges of selling academic degrees. Sentence was deferred.

#### Struck Oil.

SIOUX CITY, Nov. 12.—Petroleum of uncertain quality and quantity was struck at Ponca, Nebraska. Great excitement.

#### The Complexion of the Next House.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—A Washington special says the democrats have not given

up the hope of capturing the next house of representatives. Already notices have been served for election contests, and as Clerk Adams has the making up of the roll-call in these contests, gives great significance to Springer's recent remarks in this city, that when the complexion of the next house was discussed that all he cared about was to know how Adams would stand, and the republican congressional committee has been informed that the republicans will contest the following districts: First and second Alabama; first and second Louisiana; third and ninth Missouri; first, second, third and fifth South Carolina; and the second and sixth Mississippi. There is no reason to believe, however, that the republicans will lose the control of the house through these contests.

#### The Sprague Family Troubles.

PROVIDENCE, Nov. 13.—Willie Sprague, son of ex-Senator Sprague, was in court at Wakefield to-day on two complaints—one for assault with a dangerous weapon and the other for assault with intent to kill. Robert Thompson is his mother's trustee.

Testimony conflicting—Thompson testified: Willie Sprague fired at him.

Jerome Green was present; testified that he and Willie were firing for fun and Willie fired some 50 yards distant from Thompson as the latter happened along.

#### Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The following postal changes for the Pacific coast were announced during the week:

Postoffices established—Oregon, Graham, Clatsop county, C. B. Allen postmaster; Washington territory, Mondovi, Spokane county, C. D. Ide postmaster.

Postmasters appointed—F. E. Smith, at Gabel, Columbia county, W. T. E. H. Averill, at Langman's Creek, Whitman county, W. T.

Postoffice discontinued—Yolcott, Clark county, W. T.

### FOREIGN.

#### The Land League Troubles.

DUBLIN, Nov. 9.—Four troops of hussars were dispatched hence for Ballinrobe, by special train at 2 o'clock this morning. Four hundred infantry have just arrived at Ballinrobe and will encamp near Lough Mask. These precautions are taken in view of the intention of northern Orangemen to send laborers to harvest the crops of Mr. Boycott, Lord Erne's agent, for whom the local peasantry at the instigation of the land league, refused to work. The government will protect a moderate force of laborers, but refuse to permit anything approaching an armed demonstration, which would certainly provoke a collision. A report is current this afternoon that the cavalry squadron is to be prepared to land 2800 troops at Queens-town, if ordered to do so.

#### Nihilists Trials.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 8.—At the trial before the military tribunal all the Nihilist prisoners acknowledge belonging to the revolutionary party. One named Scheauff admitted that he participated in the preparation of mines under the railway at Moscow in December, 1879, and two others recounted proceedings in connection with the mine or Simporapol railway.

#### Nihilists Condemned.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 12.—All Nihilists tried for plots against the czar's life were found guilty and five sentenced to death, eleven to hard labor in the mines at terms from five years to life. Three women were sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude, and the Court said it would ask a mitigation of one woman's sentence.

### PACIFIC COAST.

#### Hancock Electors Chosen, Except Judge Terry—Republicans Have Twelve Majority in the Legislature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Official returns are not yet all in, but enough are received to determine that the Hancock electors, except Judge Terry, have carried the state by a majority of 206 to 300, while the Republicans have elected 41 assemblymen, giving a majority of two in the assembly and twelve on joint ballot.

#### Pacheco Elected.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Official returns from all the counties in the Fourth Congressional district, except Tulare, Mariposa and Inyo, which are full but not official, give Pacheco 153 majority. Official returns will make no material changes, and his election is settled.

The following preparation, it is claimed, will render wood incombustible and impermeable: Sulphate of zinc, 55 pounds; alum, 44 pounds; sulphuric acid of 60 degrees, 22 pounds; water, 55 pounds. All the solid ingredients are put into a boiler containing the water at 45 degrees C. (112 degrees F.), and as soon as they are dissolved the sulphuric acid is poured in gradually until the mass is completely saturated. The pieces of wood are kept about five centimeters (1.97 in.) apart, and after three hours' boiling they are dried in the open air. The natural appearance of the wood is not changed. To whatever heat it is subjected it resists combustion, the surface being simply covered with a thin, charred coating, which is easily rubbed off.

A NEW YORK paper that publishes columns of lottery advertisements every day, says of the patrons of lotteries: The boy or man who plays policy is sure, sooner or later, to lose all of his money, and then if he can find within reach the money of any other man or any property that can be turned into money, the chances are about ten thousand to one that he will become a thief. If a young man is uneasy while he has a little money in his pocket, let him spend it foolishly or even throw it into the fire, for it is safer to be a fool than a thief.

### Bili Nye.

To-day I got shaved at a barber shop, where I begged the operator to kill me and put me out of my misery.

I have been accustomed to gentle care and thoughtfulness at home, and my barber at Laramie handles me with the utmost tenderness. I was, therefore, poorly prepared to meet the man who this morning filled my soul with woe.

I know that I have not deserved this, for, while others have berated the poor barber, and sworn about his bad breath and never-ending clatter and his general heartlessness, I have never said anything that was not filled with child-like trust and hearty good will toward him.

I have called the attention of the public to the fact that customers sometimes had bad breath, and were restless and mean while being operated upon, and then, when they are all fixed up nicely, they put their hats on and light a cigar and hold up their finger to the weary barber and tell him that they will see him more subsequently.

Now, however, I feel differently. The barber no doubt had never heard of me. He no doubt thought I was an ordinary plug who didn't know anything about luxury.

I shall mark a copy of this paper and send it to him. Then, while he is reading it, I will steal up behind him with a pick handle and kill him. I want him to be reading this when I kill him, because it will assist the Coroner in arriving at the immediate cause of his death.

The first whiff I took of this man's breath, I knew that he was rnm's maniac.

He had the Jim James in an advanced stage. Now, I don't object to being shaved by a barber who is socially drunk, but when the mad glitter of the maniac is in his eye, and I can see that he is debating the question of whether he will cut my head off and let it drop over the back of the chair or choke me to death with a lather brush, it makes me nervous and fidgety.

This man made up his mind three times that he would kill me, and some one came in just in time to save me.

His chair was near the window, and there was a hole in the blind, so that when he was shaving the off side of my face he would turn my head over in such a position that I could look up into the middle of the sun. My attention had never before been called to the appearance of the sun as it looks to the naked eye, and I was a good deal surprised.

The more I looked into the very center of the great orb of day the more I was filled with wonder at the might and power that could create it. I began to pine for death immediately, so that I could be far away among the heavenly bodies, and in a hand where no barber with the delirium triangles can ever enter.

The barber held my head down so that the sun could shine into my darkened unseeing eyes, until I felt that my brain had melted and was floating around and swishing about in my skull like melted butter.

His hand was very unsteady, too. I lost faith in him on the start when he cut off a mole under my chin and threw it into the spittoon. I did not care particularly, but at the same time I had not decided to take it off at that time. In fact I had worn it so long that I had become attached to it. It had also become attached to me.

That is why I could not restrain my tears when the barber cut it off and then stepped back to the other end of the room to see how I looked without it.

#### Bank of England Notes.

The amount of labor and ingenuity expended upon the production of Bank of England notes is something wonderful. These notes are still made, as for generations past, from pure white linen cuttings only—never from rags that have been worn; and, so carefully is the paper prepared, that even the number of dips into the pulp made by each workman is registered on a dial by machinery, and the sheets are carefully counted, and booked to each person through whose hands they pass. The printing is done by a most curious process—secret, of course—within the bank building; there is also an elaborate arrangement for providing that no note shall be exactly like any other note in existence, consequently there never was a duplicate of the bank's notes, except by forgery. It has been stated that the stock of paid notes for seven years is about 94,000,000 in number, and that, placed in a pile, the mass would be eight miles high, or, if joined end to end, would form a ribbon 15,000 miles long.

It is said that pencil drawings may be rendered ineffaceable by this simple process. Slightly warm a sheet of ordinary drawing paper, then place it carefully on the surface of a solution of white rosin in alcohol, leaving it there long enough to become thoroughly moistened. Afterward dry it in a current of air. Paper prepared in this way has a very smooth surface. In order to fix the drawing the paper is to be warmed for a few minutes. This method may prove useful for the preservation of plans or designs, when the want of time or any other cause will not allow of the draughtsman reproducing them in ink. A simpler plan than the above, however, is to brush over the back of the paper containing the charcoal or pencil sketch a weak solution of white shellac in alcohol.

### Not Generally Known.

Keys were originally made of wood, and the earliest form was a simple crook, similar to the common picklock. The ancient keys are mostly of bronze, and of remarkable shape, the shaft terminating on one side by the wards, on the other by a ring. Keys of this description were presented by husbands to wives, and were returned again upon divorce or separation.

Hats were first made by a Swiss at Paris, 1404 A. D. They are mentioned in history at the period when Charles VII. made his triumphal entry into Rouen in 1449. He wore a hat lined with red velvet, and surmounted with a rich plume of feathers. It is from this reign that hats and caps are dated, which henceforth began to take the place of chaperons and hoods that had been worn in France. Previous to the year 1510 the men and women of England wore close-knit woollen caps.

The custom of crowning the poets originated among the Greeks, and was adopted by the Romans during the empire. It was revived in the twelfth century by the emperor of Germany, who invented the title of poet laureate. The French had royal poets, but no laureates. The title existed in Spain, but little is known of those who bore it. The tradition concerning the laureate in England is that Edward III., in 1367, emulating the crowning of Petrarch at Rome in 1341, granted the office to Chaucer, with a yearly pension. In 1630 the laureate was made a patent office. From that time there has been a regular succession of laureates.

The earliest mention of cotton among the classic nations of antiquity is by Herodotus, who speaks of it by the name of tree-wool, which name it still bears in German and other continental languages. Cotton was not known in Egypt until about 500 years before Christ. Then it appears probable that it was imported, for all the cloths found enveloping the mummies of earlier ages proved to be linen. Cotton cloths are mentioned as having been imported into London in 1596, the knowledge of both the culture and manufacture having probably been conveyed there by the Moors and other Mohammedan nations. The former were the means of first bringing this manufacture into Europe.

KISSING THE BIBLE.—A Philadelphia judge recently observed that it was not an uncommon thing in swearing a witness, to see him kiss his own hand instead of the book. Possibly that might make the oath a little less binding with some people, but here is another view of it in the *Pall Mall Gazette*. A grand jurymen recounts his experience: We shout "here," and the clerk of assize counts us off. One is missing; it does not matter, there are enough of us. Then comes the swearing. Our foreman first takes the oath, and then the oath is administered to the rest of us in batches. We are handed a number of greasy little black testaments; we hold each one in our right hand, and then solemnly kiss the binding. It is not a tempting operation; who knows how many lying and perjured lips have kissed that book before—how many greedy and unctuous mouths have been pressed where mine is now to follow? On the whole, I prefer opening the book at random, and kissing it anywhere inside—"Philemon" will do very well. It is not likely that many had kissed that particular page.

Wendall Phillips in speaking recently of the smallness of his library said: "I have had so many places to put my money that I could not afford a large library. Then a citizen does not need a large library here, where we are so well supplied with public libraries; one needs the encyclopedias, dictionaries and some general works of reference only. Mr. Sumner does not have an extensive library, but when he wanted to prepare an article or speech, on the slavery in Liberia, for example, he would gather from all the evidences within his reach all the works on that subject, sometimes four hundred or more volumes. On entering his room these would be found on the table, on the floor, in the windows scattered all over the room, some open in front, some near the close, others near the middle; and Mr. Sumner would ransack every one of them.

THE NEW ORLEANS *Picayune* says: "Within the past six weeks over 2,000,000 standard silver dollars have been distributed by the New Orleans mint. Under the new regulations this coin has come to play a very important part in our financial system. There has been a steady flow to the country parishes, to Texas and to the South Atlantic States. These coins are coming rapidly into favor among the negroes throughout the cotton States, and the prospects are that several millions will be absorbed during the season, and become a part of the circulating medium of the interior." They are very well suited for circulation in rudely developed commercial communities.

A capital anecdote is told of a little fellow who in turning over the leaves of a scrap book came across the well known picture of some chickens just out of their shell. "My companion examined the picture carefully, and then with a grave, sagacious look at me, slowly remarked, 'They came out 'cos they was afraid of being boiled.'"

Dr. Saftleben claims the following prescription as an antidote for carbolic acid: Dilute sulphuric acid, 10 grammes; muc. of gum arabic, 200 grammes; simple syrup, 30 grammes; mix. Give a tablespoonful every hour.

### SELECTED MISCELLANY.

A square man deserves to have a large circle of acquaintance.

Innocence always tones down to bravado.

Any cook will inform you what skillet requires to get up a fine entree.

Experience is the name men give to their follies or their sorrows.

The scruffy fellow that "raised" a check found it much harder to raise bail.

When a testy old curmudgeon heard a bugle blast he muttered: "Blast the bugle!"

Ourray was worth \$200,000. He could not have been called Lo, the poor Indian.

You can never tell exactly how a ballot box is loaded till the contents are counted.

Actors should be watched closely on election day. They are professional repeaters.

Cupid is not a low servitor. On the contrary, the little god is decidedly high-mienal.

Why is the discovery of the north pole like an illicit whisky manufactory? Because it's a secret still.

"I am satisfied with my lot," said a real estate owner, who held a piece of city ground worth \$5,000 a foot.

The barber's apprentice is usually a strapping fellow.—[Boston Transcript. Why, this is our lone observation! Where did you razor?]

London Truth has heard that M. Ashmead-Bartlette, M. P., will introduce a bill next session to enable a man to marry his grandmother.

A Boston theatrical company recently played a scene laid in a church so naturally that to many of the audience it seemed so real that they went to sleep.

The following notice may occasionally be found posted upon the door of a Parisian newspaper office: "Gone to fight a duel, be back in half an hour."

A Yankee editor wishes to know whether the laws recently enacted against the carrying deadly weapons apply to doctors who carry pills in their pockets?

Even the wisest is sometimes a fool. For example, the philosopher who wore his spectacles when asleep, that he might recognize the friends he might see in his dreams.

The snail season opens well. Not a snail, yet killed has measured less than ten feet long and flourished twenty rattles and carried a small hatchet on the tip of his tail.

"I think, dear, the dew has begun falling," he said in his softest tones. "Yes," she yawned, "I've been hoping to hear adieu for some time." He didn't call the next evening.

"There are only 150 different ways of putting up peaches," said a young lady to our funny contributor; "which way do you prefer?" "I prefer putting them down," was the reply.

At a London bazaar, recently, a lady handed round her baby to be kissed at sixpence each. If it were a girl baby we would have paid the price and taken a bill due in sixteen years.

Men who cannot whistle would die in a year if cast away on an uninhabited island. A whistler would live from twenty to thirty years, and the island would teem with peace and plenty.

Corded beds, husk ticks, common yellow soap, tinneled looking glasses, pitchers without handles and diminutive towels are the bedroom accessories of many summer resorts in New Hampshire.

#### Marked.

The other day the writer and one of the best known medical practitioners of Leadville, were talking over old episodes in business, when the man of pills and plasters said:

"I think, to tell the truth, I had the most singular experience of my whole professional career the other day."

"What was it, doctor?"

Well, I'll tell you, leaving out all names, for I expect the party will be recognized anyhow. It was just this:

"The middle part of last week one of the best young ladies of Leadville—she's sweet as a peach, too—came to my office in the evening, told me in a great deal of embarrassment that she wanted me to help her out of some trouble. Well, from her manner, my very worst suspicions were aroused, and I began to question her closely. And what the duce do you think? Well, the confounded little fool had the name of the young fellow whom she used to be engaged to tattooed on the calf of her leg. Now, she's just about to get married to quite a different party, and had sense enough to see that the marking would be likely to kick up a big row in the family. She was awfully distressed and ready to submit to anything, even a surgical operation, 'to wipe out the damned spot.'"

"I was puzzled at first, but after studying it over for a little while I happened to remember that I had read somewhere in some old scientific magazine that tattooing may be removed by going over the design with a needle dipped in ink. It was a forlorn hope, but I thought I would try it, and taking her little foot—delicate position, wasn't it, for a married man—I carefully went over the letters. It must have hurt, but she never whimpered, and when it was all over I told her to go home and come again in a couple of days."

"Well, sir, when she came I had the satisfaction of knowing that the letters had faded into an indistinguishable blue line. The operation is a perfect success, and she is the happiest girl in Leadville. I got \$50 for the job. Let's go and have a smoke."