

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT LAW.

Section one to eight inclusive, provide for opening the polls, and are similar to the old election laws.

Sec. 9. All general or special elections hereafter held in this state shall be conducted under the provisions of this act, and the polls shall be opened at 8 a. m., and continue open until 6 p. m.

Sec. 10. Provides that in all special elections certificates of nomination may be filed at any time between the date of the writ authorizing the election, and the time of holding the election.

Sec. 11. Provides for challenge of any person suspected as not being a qualified elector.

Sec. 12. Provides the oath and manner of proceeding with a person challenged. Sections 13, 14, 15, relate to the same subject.

Sec. 16. Provides rules for determining residence and qualifications of electors: 1. The place in which his habitation is fixed, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the judges of election, or the chairman thereof, immediately before proclamation is made of the opening of the polls, to open the ballot boxes in the presence of the people there assembled, and turn the same upside down, so as to empty the said boxes of anything that may be in them, and then lock said boxes securely, and they shall not be re-opened until for the purpose of counting the ballots therein at the close of the election.

Sec. 18. In all incorporated cities and towns in this state, no person shall approach or stand within fifty feet of the polls when open for the purpose of receiving votes, except such peace officers as are particularly selected or appointed by the judges to preserve order or enforce the law within such limits, and electors actually desiring and proceeding to vote, and but ten electors shall be permitted to approach the polls within fifty feet at the same time; provided, however, that the said judges of election shall, if requested, permit one person from each political party, selected by the party, to stand outside of the guard-rail at the polls, while open for receiving votes, for the purpose of challenging voters; and the said judges of election shall, if requested, permit the respective candidates, or some person selected by a candidate, or by several candidates, or a political party, to be present (but outside the guard-rail) where the said judges are during the time of receiving and counting the votes.

Sec. 19. For the purpose of holding elections and preserving order at the polls, the judges of election are hereby appointed, and invested with the jurisdiction of justices of the peace during the time of holding elections; and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to impose and enforce a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, to be applied to the benefit of the school fund, on any person or persons who shall conduct themselves in a disorderly or riotous manner at the polls, and shall persist in such conduct after having been warned of the consequence, or who shall refuse to move from the polls fifty feet when directed, or on any person who shall be detected in the commission, in the immediate presence of the judges, of any offenses defined by this act, and on the refusal or neglect to forthwith pay the same to the chairman, to commit him or them to the common jail of the county for any time not exceeding 25 days, or until the fine is paid, and the sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable and jailor, and policeman of any incorporated city or town are hereby required to forthwith execute said order, as though it had been issued by a magistrate in due form of law. Judges may appoint a special officer if needed.

(To be Continued.)

ODD SORT OF SLAVERY.

SECURING GOVERNMENT LABORERS IN MADAGASCAR.

A Terrible Form of Employment That Hangs Over the Head of Every Madagascaron—What "Fanampoana" Means to a Barbarous People.

Not only is slavery universal throughout Madagascar, but also is there a still more gigantic evil, and one which is even more surely crushing the manhood and stifling the life of that curious and beautiful country.

"Fanampoana," or forced labor, has a protean shape. It may best be understood by describing it as partaking of the nature of the corvée; it is also applied to conscription, to all kinds of government service; it is part of the feudal system, and it even sometimes takes the shape of a "logging bee." It would be unjust to the astute old man who presides over the destinies of the people of that country if it were not stated that he has more than once considered a plan by which it might be modified and reformed.

POWER OF THE QUEEN. If he runs away he brings punishment on his family, and becomes a fugitive and a bushranger; the numerous robber bands are mainly recruited from such runaways. Hundreds of instances could be cited, especially within the past twelve months, to show that this tyranny is becoming more and more unportable.

In the first place all the land in Madagascar, with comparatively few exceptions, belongs nominally to the queen, but actually to the government. At the present moment and for many years past the government is and has been completely centered in and despotically ruled by the prime minister, Rainilaiarivony, who besides his original wife has married two successive queens of Madagascar. Fortunately for himself and his family his rule has, on the whole, been wise as well as vigorous.

TALENT UNDER A BUSHEL. Thus it comes about that this most important branch of the national wealth is not developed. Here, as elsewhere, serfdom spells poverty.

Again, in the case of craftsmen and artificers, Madagascar possesses and could produce plenty of men whose talent would compare favorably with that of almost any people in the world. But the moment they show proficiency in their art they are "Fanampoaned," that is, they are honored by being employed by the government or by some powerful official, without wage and without food. A clever craftsman, from whom you buy a work of art, in whatever metal, begs you not to say from whom you purchased it, solely for fear of the "fanamor" which would be in store for him.

Effective Way of Cutting Iron. It is well known that a smooth disk of steel driven at a high speed will cut in two a file held to the edge of the disk. This principle does not seem to have been practically used save in an instance recorded in a government armory. The ends of tempered steel ramrods, such as were in use twenty-five years ago, were being treated and the material was found to be too hard to cut. Some small wheels of iron, about six inches in diameter and one inch thick, were brought into requisition. They were driven at the rate of 6,000 revolutions per minute, and melted or abraded the metal away instantly, at the same time drawing the temper so that a screw thread could afterward be cut on the end of the tempered rod.

A Problem in Mathematics. A vessel divided into "forty-two thirty-seconds" was discovered at the custom house when the official papers of the schooner H. C. Mousley were being changed from a registered to a coasting craft. Forty-two owners were marked on the papers, each owning a thirty-second part of the craft. What to do about the matter puzzled the captain very much, but he left feeling that he had not only the largest vessel under the American flag, but the biggest in the world.

A Play That Failed. Fledgely—I see that bow knots in jewelry are very fashionable. Gwendolin—Bow knots have always been fashionable. And she thought she heard the dull thud of the setting sun, as the young man showed no signs of intelligence.

Fighting His Fleek.

General Furlong is a gentleman of independent means, who lives at the Fifth Avenue hotel. He is a large, heavy set man, whose tendency is to get larger and heavier set. All he has in the world to do is to look pleasant—in which he succeeds admirably—and to fight his fleek. Most people thus unhappily situated have some hobby to ride and always go cantering off on the slightest provocation. Not so General Furlong. His hobby is walking. He never rides anything—not even his hobby.

Most people in easy financial circumstances would now and then try a Broadway car if they didn't keep a brougham and pair, but he entertains a prejudice against everything on wheels. He walks. Technically speaking, there are eight furlongs to the mile; in his case one Furlong will cover eight miles without stretching. Sixteen to twenty miles a day are as nothing to him.

Attends Executions, but Dislikes Funerals. The great weakness of a well known reporter in a large city is a partiality for attending executions! For many years past he has been present at all the executions which have taken place in his own neighborhood as the representative of an important daily journal.

Pure Coffee. There is one consolation for the prevalent adulteration of coffee, which is that the people who use the adulterated article are apt to be better off in health than those who partake largely of the pure article. It is known that coffee increases the pulse, makes the mind active and produces wakefulness.

One cup of black coffee at night will give a night of misery to any one inclined to heart trouble and keep awake for the entire night a person not accustomed to its use. The optimist must therefore hail with delight the prevalence of adulterated coffee.

Fashion in Pill Boxes. You saw the customer ahead of you. You heard him ask what sort of pill boxes we are using this season. There is a fashion in pill boxes the same as in hats and bonnets and parasols. Some years the round pill box of the olden times is the rage. Then we have the oblong box and the box which has a drawer in it. There is a variety of shades in these boxes. Some seasons they run to one color altogether, and there are customers who insist upon their pills being put into the box which is all the go.

Some Well Insured Men. The Earl of Dudley holds the largest life insurance ever effected, the amount being \$5,000,000. Second in the list comes Mr. Wansmaker, whose policies of \$5,250,000 exceed that of the czar of all the Russias by \$250,000. Fourth comes the Prince of Wales, whose life is insured for \$2,625,000.

A VICIOUS HAWK.

An Auburn business man and a friend were out hunting the other day. A big hawk flew over their heads and they blazed away at him. The shot broke the bird's wing and he came to the ground, alighting on his back. He was unable to turn over and get upon his feet, but was lively just the same, as the Auburn hunters found before they succeeded in killing him.

The business man placed the ramrod of his gun in the hawk's big, grasping claws, all of which straightaway closed, like the jaws of an enraged mud turtle snapping at a stick in the hands of mischievous boy. With the claws thus taken care of the business man's friend proceeded to wring the bird's neck.

As fate would have it, the business man's friend, being nearest, was the first to catch it. The hawk lighted on his wrist, and the way he stuck there was a caution. One claw sunk deep into the hunter's wrist, and he called loud and long for mercy.

The business man, seeing that something must be done at the risk of his life, finally went to his friend's rescue. He got a good hold on the sunken claw, braced his feet against a rock, and was successful in pulling it out. As the claw came out, the hawk fell back and in a moment was still in death. They found that the bird's wings measured three feet and ten inches from tip to tip.

Pimples.

The old idea of 40 years ago was that facial eruptions were due to a "blood humor," for which they gave potash. Thus all the old Sarsaparillas contain potash, a most objectionable and drastic mineral, that instead of decreasing, actually creates more eruptions. You have noticed this when taking other Sarsaparillas than Joy's. It is however now known that the stomach, the blood creating power, is the seat of all vitiating or cleansing operations.

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A Severe Law.

The English people look more closely to the genuineness of these staples than we do. In fact, they have a law under which they make seizures and destroy adulterated products that are not what they are represented to be.

Tea, by the way, is one of the most notoriously adulterated articles of commerce. Not alone are the bright, shiny green teas artificially colored, but thousands of pounds of substitutes for tea leaves are used to swell the bulk of cheap teas; ash, sloe, and willow leaves being those most commonly used. Again, sweepings from tea warehouses are colored and sold as tea. Even exhausted tea leaves gathered from the tea-houses are kept, dried, and made over and find their way into the cheap teas.

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