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TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN STATES.

Navigation Opened. New York, March 13.—Navigation of the Hudson opens two weeks later than last year.

His Last Walk. Coroner Wiltman and Police Captain Began found O'Leary at 9 o'clock this morning in an upper room at Gilmore's garden.

Bayard Taylor's Remains. Ceremonies over the remains of the late Bayard Taylor took place this afternoon in the presence of a large number of spectators.

Fatal Explosions. DANVILLE, Pa., March 14.—A terrible explosion occurred this afternoon at the Mahoning powder works of P. M. Gallagher & Co.

Retrading Certificates. WASHINGTON, March 13.—The treasury department issued today an order circular inviting collectors and receivers of public moneys, postmasters and all other public officers to become agents for the sale of ten dollar one per cent. re-trading certificates.

National Finances. Secretary Sherman says: I have read a number of letters from bankers and dealers in government securities expressing apprehension that this department will call upon national bank depositors for large sums to meet calls of six per cent. bonds maturing in April and May.

The Flood. PORTER, March 13.—The danger in Szegedin is increasing. Rescuing boats continually strike runs so that in many cases to rescue the sufferers is impossible.

Revolution in Afghanistan. The New York Herald has a cable telegram that gives news of a revolution in Afghanistan. The sickness and death of the Amir caused three pretenders to strive for the throne.

Successful Exile. LONDON, March 14.—The grand prize of the French academy for poetry has been adjudged to a communist refugee, E. Renard, now a professor in Louisiana.

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perhaps escape, as the storm has ceased. Szentes, a town of 26,000 inhabitants, is engaged in a similar struggle with the waters.

Foreign Notes. All Russian troops in Roumania have been ordered home. Cotton mills in France have stopped because of depression in trade.

The German Government proposes to lay a duty of 70 marks on foreign tobacco and 50 on native tobacco.

The members of the censured cabinets, of the late French government intend to publicly protest against the censure passed by the chamber of deputies.

Bismarck proposes to give Alsace and Lorraine a special cabinet and make the vote of the provincial assembly decisive, and a majority of the reichstag have resolved to support his bill.

England has instructed the British minister to St. Petersburg to lay stress on the necessity of strictly upholding all the provisions of the treaty of Berlin and that the San Stefano provisions must not be revived.

PACIFIC COAST.

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Supreme Court.

Ira Orton, respondent, vs W. W. Orton et al.—Decree of court below reversed. Opinion by Boise J.

N. A. Brown, respondent, vs Mary Lord appellant—Decree of court reversed and bill dismissed. Opinion by Kelly C. J.

Unice Rees respondent, vs Geo. Rees appellant—appeal from Umatilla cause on trial.

A mandate was ordered to issue in the case of Ladd & Bush vs C. M. Cartwright.

Court adjourned till nine to-morrow forenoon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

E. A. Rees, respondent, vs G. Rees, appellant—Appeal from Umatilla county.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

J. C. Trullinger, respondent, vs N. Koford et al, appellants—Notice given of a motion to dismiss the appeal for want of certificate as to undertaking on appeal.

Peter Runey, respondent, vs Geo. W. Rea, appellant—Appeal from Clatsop county. Notice given of a motion to dismiss appeal.

Hiram Brown et al, respondents, vs Mary O. Brown et al, appellants—Appeal from Clatsop county. Motion to dismiss the appeal for want of sufficient service of notice of appeal on respondent, W. S. Ladd, argued and submitted.

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Adjournd till 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

Hiram Brown et al, respondents, vs Mary O. Brown et al, appellants; appeal from Clatsop county—Motion to dismiss appeal overruled. Opinion by Boise, J.

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James W. Welch et al, respondents, vs James Taylor, appellant; appeal from Clatsop county—Cause on trial.

J. K. Morrison, respondent, vs John A. Crawford, appellant.

Where a paper or judgment null or other document offered in evidence and rejected by the court is described in the bill of exceptions, and referred to therein as an exhibit B, hereto attached, such description and reference are sufficient to make it a part of the bill of exceptions.

Where a creditor attaches the property of his debtor in an action to secure his debt, and such attachment is dissolved, such attaching creditor becomes a trespasser and may be sued by the debtor for the conversion of the property attached. But if the creditor afterwards seizes the property on a valid attachment or execution, and the property is in due course of law sold and the proceeds applied on a judgment obtained by the attaching creditor against his said debtor, the attaching creditor may in an action by the debtor for a conversion of the goods plead in mitigation of damages that the proceeds of said property has been applied toward the payment of such judgment.

Judgment reversed and a new trial ordered; opinion by Boise, J.

Court adjourned till Monday next at 9 A. M.

Principal More Than Profit.

More than thirty years ago John G. Whittier, the Quaker poet of New England, was pleading with all the eloquence of his gifted pen for the abolition of African slavery in the American Union.

Those were the dark days just before Charles Sumner rose in the majesty of his young manhood to mould and crystallize the sentiment of Massachusetts in hostility to the traffic in human flesh and blood.

It devolved upon Whittier to hold up to the light of day, to the scorn of every lover of freedom, the mercenary, cold blooded spirit of the New England cotton manufacturing interest, which like the traders of Bristol when England sought to abolish the slave trade, cried out that it would bring ruin upon them and the country.

It was then that he blazoned in letters of living light this scathing denunciation of the men to whom humanity was nothing, the almighty dollar everything: Would ye harbor man for cotton, that your guano may win up higher?

Must we like the feet of Moloch, pass our children through the fire?

Is the dollar only real? God and truth and right a dream?

Weighted against your lying ledgers, 'tust our manhood kick the beam?

And in this year of grace 1879, when the united voice of the people of the Pacific Coast goes up for the abolition of another form of serfdom even more barbarous, even more destructive to the community in which it exists, are not these true and noble lines which Whittier wrote sternly applicable to the attitude of New England upon this question? The barter which it would now perpetuate is not the barter of the black man for Southern cotton, but it is the barter of the white man for Chinese tea and rice and silk.

The cause which we plead to-day is no less holy, no less righteous, than that for which Whittier wrote and to which the statesmanship of Sumner heroically devoted itself.—N. Y. Witness.

FRENCH POLITICS.

The Chamber of Deputies of France have been much agitated of late, and the greatest interest has been felt by the French people over the report made to the Chamber by the Electoral Commission in favor of impeaching the De Broglie and Rochebrouet cabinets.

These cabinets, it was asserted, in MacMahon's time conducted affairs against the people and had prepared for a coup d'etat, and therefore impeachment was urged against the members of those ministries.

There was a general sentiment among Republicans in the Chamber, against these ministers, but a strong sentiment also existed in favor of peace and quiet.

Leading Republicans, including Waddington, President of the Chamber, took the position that the country was tired of purely political questions; their offense was great but their prosecution would produce agitation difficult to allay.

The Government asked the Chamber to place on its order important bills upon public works, instructions to the army, and tariffs. In other words the Government opposed impeachment in the interest of peace and harmony, and gave notice that defeat of that view of the matter would cause the present cabinet to resign.

Impeachment was defeated by a vote two to one. A resolution passed fixing a stigma on members of the old ministries and the same was ordered to be placarded in every commune in France. This increases the confidence the world must feel in the stability of the French Republic.

We see that it is conducted by prudent men, in the interests of the nation and not that of individuals.—Portland Bee.

Remarkable Accident.

One of the most remarkable accidents we have ever heard of, says the Plaindealer, happened to Mr. G. W. Smith, of Douglas county, on Wednesday last.

During a temporary fall in the rain storm, when the sun shone clear and warmly, Mr. Smith took his Henry rifle and strolled off over the hill. After hunting for some game, and seeing none, he turned along a shady hill side where a little snow yet lay, he discovered the fresh imprints of a bear's feet.

They led him over hill and valley for about two miles, and disappeared in a dense jungle. When half way across he heard a slight noise behind him. He turned quickly and saw the object he was in search of, walking leisurely toward him, and not more than thirty feet distant.

To say that Mr. Smith was slightly agitated would perhaps be superfluous; but he raised his gun and fired. In his excitement his aim was not unerring—the ball but grazed the cinnamon's flank.

This wound, though slight, aroused the animal's ire, and in a moment, before the rifle could be aimed, he sprang at the hunter. With one sweep of his powerful paw he sent the weapon flying through space. Just as bruin was about to commence the sausage-grinding operation the clear report of a rifle was heard.

The bear gave a convulsive shudder, staggered toward the hunter and dropped dead. Smith was of course overjoyed that assistance had reached him, and went to the spot where he supposed his rescuer was concealed; but no person met his sight. There lay his rifle, but no human was visible.

He picked it up, and walked to where the bear lay. The animal was stone dead, shot through the heart. He then unloads the rifle and found but eight bullets. He was confident that he had placed ten bullets in the magazine before starting from home, and that he had shot but once.

It was plain then that a bullet from his own gun, which had exploded when it struck the ground, had saved his life. Mr. Smith has the bear's hide, which he intends keeping as a memento of the fight. The rifle he will never part with.

He Contemplated Suicide.

Jailor Barry made a watchful guard, and was on duty night and day for two weeks preceding the execution, keeping a strict surveillance over all who approached, so that no person could give the doomed men arms or poison.

One day last week Mr. Barry discovered a small stone in Brown's cell that appeared as if used to whet a knife on. Jim searched the prisoner thoroughly, but no knife or implement of any kind did he find.

Yesterday when dressing the body of Brown, a small two-bladed knife dropped from the stocking on the right foot. He may have intended to end his own life and prevent a disgraceful death on the scaffold, but lack of nerve or hopes of commutation stayed the execution of his purpose until it was too late.

Courting in High Latitudes.

Ab, yes, fond youth. It may be very nice to court a girl in the far northern countries where the nights are six months long, but just think of the vast amount of peanuts and gum drops the young man, when going to see his girl, must lug along with him in order to kill time, and induce her to believe that his affection for her is as warm as ever.

And then the sad leaving taking a few weeks before sunrise! He whispers "Good night, love," and she softly murmurs "Good night, dear. When shall I see you again?" "To-morrow night," he replies, as he kisses her upturned face.

"To-morrow night," she replies, with a voice full of emotion; six long, weary months! Can't you call around a few days before breakfast, Charles?" Finally Charles tears himself away, with a promise to write her 100 letters before the next day draws to a close.

FROM WALLA WALLA.

Mr. Robert McCully, of Walla Walla, informs us that the Winter has been very severe in the upper country, and of late waters have been very high.

The loss of sheep is estimated at one-fifth of cattle and sheep. The loss was still greater in the Palouse country, and at Camp Cour d'Alene, Spokane country, the snow lay on the ground, at one time, 30 inches deep on the level.

At Walla Walla there were two Winter episodes. Eight inches of snow fell the last of December and lay on for five weeks; the last fell in February and lay on for twelve days.—Portland Bee.

A beautiful Alsacienne was at the confessional. "Father," she said, "I have committed a great sin." "Let me hear." "I married a Prussian, and—"

"Well?" "I deceived him." "For your repentance you will return to your husband."

"With all thy false I love still," murmured a young man as he calmly handed his girl the artificial teeth that she had sneezed into his lap.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

That there is a feeling against capital punishment in the land is shown by the fact that during the past year there was only one execution to twelve murders committed, and it is very possible that the ratio was even less than that.

Juries are seldom bloodthirsty. The law, is not revengeful, it is only intended to punish as a means of restraint to the criminal element that exists everywhere and that would run riot and break up all semblance of law if not held to strict accountability.

There is a sentiment that holds life as priceless, while the law says in cases of premeditated murder the penalty shall be, a life for a life. But for all that the law is merciful and demands convincing evidence to secure conviction. It is safe to believe the criminal law deals mercifully, for it defends the rights of the prisoner so well, that under its safeguards half the criminals that are arrested and tried go free.

As to the necessity of capital punishment let us look at the closing scene in life of the man known as Archie Brown, whatever his true name may have been.

Thousands of people labored with a zeal that must have been sincere, to have his sentence commuted. What do they think now, after reading his closing speech on the gallows, where he boasted of his exploits as a highwayman, declared that he planned the O'Shea robbery, and recounted his achievements as a scoundrel? His conduct was a blasphemy upon humanity.

His dying words were not only unrepentant, but they were exultant over his criminal career. In all the records of criminal executions there have been no cases recited that exceed the brazen assurance of this desperado who sang ribald songs upon the scaffold and kept a disgusted audience listening and waiting while he dilated upon his many and frequent villainies.

Johnson was more decent in his conduct and went to his death without disgusting bravado. He, too, was young, but knowing Brown to be the outlaw he was, he became his accomplice, and was probably the deeper scoundrel of the two. Young as he was, he had more than once served out a sentence in the California State prison.

We believed that these men deserved their fate from the first, and now we have no reason to doubt it. When life is so depraved that murder is found red-handed, it is forbidden to the law, and not only to modern law, but from all time and from all nations, including that furnished us in the Sacred Scriptures, we have handed down the stern decree: "He that sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed." The world is well rid of miscreants so base that no right of life or property is respected by them and no reasonable hope remains for their reformation.

We naturally shudder when we realize that a human life is to end on the scaffold. We err, however, when we estimate such life as valuable and look upon such depravity as human. We cannot justly rate such a criminal as within the pale of humanity. He has forfeited all that, has thrown away our sympathy and scorned our efforts to keep the social atmosphere pure. We are never safe from him. He is constantly an outlaw, never hesitating to rob, and determined to kill if we oppose his robbery or his efforts to escape. Capital punishment is a terror to evil doers and a protection for ourselves. Criminal prosecutions double taxes and grievously add to the public burdens. Something is due to ourselves, and to our safety as citizens, and when such a life as that of Archie Brown is at stake it has no more value and is more dangerous than a venomous serpent or a wild beast.

If man can become so base that his life is a blot and his presence a scourge if he is to be as much dreaded as a wild beast and his existence stands as a constant threat to society, it naturally follows that we have a right to rid the world of him as we would of a pestilence.

The millennial era has not progressed so far that we can judge human depravity less sternly than when the law was given at Sinai. Capital punishment is a necessity now if it ever was necessary, and its visitation upon criminals is a solemn judgment of the law in the interest of those who obey the law and preserve the State. The sentiment that opposes it is wanting in that stern sense of justice that is born of principle and can be deaf to sentiment. Sentiment is unsafe and offers no protection against outlaws.

The strong hand of law must hold the robbers and murderers in check, and the best security against the latter is the demand, a life for a life.—Portland Bee.