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MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 16, 1868.

Thanksgiving.

A DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE WHOLE COUNTRY APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

By the President of the United State of America:

PROCLAMATION.

In the year which is now drawing to its end, the art, the skill and the labor of the people of the United States have been employed with great diligence and vigor, and on broader fields than ever before, and the fruits of the earth have been gathered into the granery and the storehouse in marvellous abundance. Our highways have been lengthened, and new and prolific regions have been occupied. We are permitted to hope that long protrected political and sectional disentions are, at no distant day to give place to returning harmony and fraternal affection throughout the Republic. Many foreign States have entered into liberal agreements with us, while nations which are far off, and which, heretofore, have been unsocial and exclusive, have become our friends. The annual period of rest which we have reached in health and tranquility and which is crowned with so many blessings, is, by universal consent, a convenient and suitable one for cultivating personal piety, and practising public devotion.

I, therefore, recommend that Thursday, the 26th day of November next, be set apart and observed by all of the people of the United States, as a day of public praise, thanksgiving and prayer to the Almighty Creator and Divine Ruler of the Universe, by whose ever watchful, merciful and gracious Providence alone, States and nations, no less than families and individual men, do live, and move, and have their being

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-third.

By the President: ANDREW JOHNSON.
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

THE NEWS.

COMPILED FROM DISPATCHES TO THE PORTLAND DAILIES.

The Governor of Kansas has resigned.

Negro suffrage carried in Minnesota by 6,000 majority. Wilson, Democrat, is elected to Congress from that State

John H. Surratt is at liberty after a tedious and unjustifiable confinement of over two years.

McCulloch proposes to issue more greenbacks.

Georgia gave 40,000 majority for Seymour.

The republicans and Democrats of Hartford, Conn., have resolved to be friends in the future

The New York Legislature is Democratic, after all. This insures the election of Gov. Seymour to the U. S. Senate.

Louisiana gives Seymour and Blair 40,000 majority.

The Legislature of New Jersey is Democratic which gives us another U. S. Senator.

The republicans allege frauds in New York.

The negroes are growing more turbulent in Georgia than usual. They are giving the authorities and people a great deal of trouble.

A telegram dated Nov. 5, boasts that Hoffman's election will be contested before the court of appeals, of New York, and that there is a majority of republ on the bench!

The Democrats gained heavily in North Carolina, but that State has gone for Grant.

Alabama, according to latest advices, was for Seymour.

A Democrat is elected to Congress from the first Dist., South Carolina.

The negro suffrage amendment was carried in Iowa by 25,000 majority.

Three Democratic and two republican Congressmen are returned from New Jersey. Missouri goes for Grant by about 12,000.

Two Democratic Congressmen are elected in Tenn.

In Savannah, Georgia, policemen were shot down and murdered by negroes.

Portions of Spain are in a state of ferment.

The Government has opened negociations for the right of way across the Isthmus of Darien.

Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, has been impeached for "high crimes and misdemeanors in office."

A large number of arms belonging to the State of Floriday were destroyed, estimated to have been worth $20,000.

Governor elect Hoffman of New York made a speech on the 7th in which he asserted that if Grant squared his conduct in office by the Constitution he would receive the support of the Democratic party

The N. Y. *Sun* figures Hoffman's majority in New York at 27,623, and Seymour's at about 12,000.

The republican vote in South Carolina is largely reduced.

It had not been definitely determined at last accounts whether Seymour or Grant had carried California.

PERSISTENTLY DEMOCRATIC.—Berks county, Pa., was organized in 1752. The Reading *Times* of Oct. 20 gives the vote of the county polled at every Presidential and Gubernatorial election in this county since 1796. In this year Thomas Jefferson carried the county by nine hundred and three majority over John Adams. In 1800 Jefferson got 3662 votes and John Adams got only 44. The county has gone Democratic persistently all the way through, McClellen even beating Lincoln 6556. This is an example of a county going Democratic at every election for near a hundred years.

Berks county is one of the most wealthy, prosperous and peaceable counties in the "Old Keystone." Its inhabitants are intelligent, industrious, enterprising contented and happy.

Where's the county to match "old Berks."

We told the republicans last week that they had yelled before they were out of the woods, and they thought we were joking. What do they think now? Their powder is gone—their candles are burnt out and their wallets ase collapsed while Oregon has gone back on them. They yelled themselves hoarse last week because the State had gone republican and have now sworn themselves hoarse because it did not. Every one blames somebody for the blunder. Lafollett blames everybody. He says the republicans are a set of d—d fools, and yet he bled freely to promote the orgies of Friday night a week ago—and all for what? Echo answers what? Oregon is democratic by a handsome majority. That dispatch from Judge Denny of the Dalles which fell into Judge Boise's hands proved a thorn in the sides of Dallas loilists

The Olympia *Transcript* gives a local ghost story in disgusting delail. This is a paper that lately urged that, in order to be fit to go into a family a news paper should scrupulously exclude mere "stuff" from its columns. It also claimed that the *Transcript* was the only paper of the six or seven published in Olympia which filled the bill. Another ghost tragedy and sensible people will see the point.

Judge Deady has lately decided the celebrated "lottery" case against Cyrus Olney. The point involved was, that said Olney had engaged in the lottery business with an assumed misapprehension as to what constituted a lottery and had not paid the U. S. R. tax of a hundred dollars required of lottery dealers.

The Council Bluffs (Iowa) Weekly *Democrat* presents the most perfect specimen of typography of any paper published East of the Rocky Mountains. It is a large 36 column sheet and is very ably conducted. We are pleased to receive this splendid paper regularly in exchange. Any person desiring a complete summary of Iowa news cannot do better than send for the *Democrat*.

Iowa has stricken the word "white" out her constitution by 25,000 majority. The *Oregonian* thinks it will not be long ere Oregon will go and do likewise.

More new goods at Nichols' drug store.

The following is a genuine letter which fell into our hands no matter how. It is a curiosity in its way, so we print it verbatim, only omitting names and the place it was dated:

—— Oregon
"Novomber the 9 1868

To thay County Clurk of polk County I want to knowe ef thay has bin any lisens for thay marige of bill —— and —— —— er —— —— as she may Chang her kname I would like for her to have a devorse before she marries but let thdm rip please let me knowe if thay got lisens yores truley —— ——"

To fully appreciate the situation it will only be necessary to opine that the above tender epistle was despatched by a husband in search of his wife.

ANOTHER SUIT AGANST BUTLER.—A negro barber doing business in Lowell Massachusetts, has commenced suit against Butler for $397, principal and interest, money borrowed of said negro by Butler to defray his expenses to Charleston to attend the convention wherein he voted fifty-nine times for Jeff. Davis.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, editor of the *Revolution*, a Woman's Rights paper published in New York, has been to Philadelphia lately, and in her report of the sights she saw, etc., Jay Cooke's establishment is mentioned. She says a Church and parsonage have been built by his munificence, and that his church is locally dubbed "the Church of the Holy Five twenties." Rather good.

Since the only recommendation Grant had for President was the fact that he had rode a donkey while a monkey rode Grant, it is difficult to determine which may be said to be President, the donkey, the monkey or Grant.

Hons. Axtell and Johnson, Democrats, are elected to Congress from California, while Mr. Coffroth, Democrat, in 2nd District, is defeated.

Rev. D. R. McAnally, who has had the editorial charge of the St. Louis *Christian Advocate* since 1851, has resigned the position and issues his valedictory through the columns of that paper of Oct. 7. The *Advocate* is a large sized 8 page paper, is splendidly printed and has ever been ably edited.

The Reading (Pa.) *Times* has a lengthy leading editorial urging the abolishment of the Grand Jury system by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. The world moves.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Nov. 8, by Isaac Staats, J. P., Mr. M. Scrafford and Miss Elizabeth Hitterbrand, daughter of Paul Hitterbrand, Esq., all of Polk county.

Strange, But True.

In attendance at the Good Templar's festival on Tuesday evening were but a very few of our good church people of the city, or in other words, members of the different church organizations. This was not as it should have been. The Good Templar organization is one well worth the influence and material assistance of all good people of whatever name or denomination they may be, but more especially should the churches and Christians of our community lend it a helping hand. Temperance and Christianity are hand maidens, the former being the foundation for the successful establishment of the latter, therefore we think our church people should have made it their especial duty to have been present, aiding and assisting in the good work.

Besides this, there is probably no church organization but what at sometime has held its festival for the purpose of replenishing its treasury, and improving its social companionship. At these festtvals they have expected to, and have been patronized ty the members of other organizations whose object was to elevate and better the condition of mankind. There were some of the members of one or two churches present, but we understand objections were made by others because it was proposed to enliven the festivities by dadcing after the other exercises of the festival had closed. This was done because thos who attended the festival desired this kind of amusement. If those who were opposed to it had attended the festival as they should have done, their feelings and desires would have been duly respected, and no dancing would have been indulged in. If dancing was wrong they could have prevented, besides their presence and material assistance would have encouraged the members of the order, in the vigorous prosecution of rheir just and righteous cause.—Council Bluffs (Iowa) *Democrat.*

Chinese Barbarity.

We commend the following from the *Overland Trade Report*, to the consideration of Gov. Woods, who vetoed the late law looking to the removal of Chinese barbarians from among us. The *Report* says:

It is now some time since we have had to record one of those dreadful outbreaks which take place at sea on board ships engaged in the coolie trade, and it is doubtful if at any time a more daring and successful attack by Chinese emigrants ever took place. For atrocity and utter recklessness the case seems without parallel, and it is only to be wondered that a survivor ever reached land to give the details of the tragedy which has taken place. It appears that the 2d of February, this year, the Italian ship *Therese*, Capt. Bollo, left Macao for Callao with 293 coolies on board, being well found in everything requisite for such a voyage. All went well until the 5th of April, when the ship being off New Zeland, the coolies, without the least warning, rose *en masse* and attacked the officers and crew. In the struggle for the mastery twelve of the crew were murdered. The savages having obtained possession of the ship, commenced ransacking her, in which operation frequent quarrels arose for the possession of different portions of the valuable cargo The captain was tied up and threatened with death if he did not at once turn the ship's head back toward China, and this he was compelled to do to save his life and that of his wife, who, sad to say, was on board with him, a witness to the frightful scenes of daily occurrence on board. Daring the voyage back the Captain and his wife were treated with the utmost cruelty by these inhuman wretches, being deprived of water among other things, a drop being occasionally given, after begged and prayed for. On the 5th day of this month the ill fated vessel arrived off Cha-fo, a small coast port not far from Macon. Of the two hundred and ninety three who left Macon only one hundred and fifty came back to that place; above one hundred and forty deaths thus taking place on board since the 6th of April. They fought among themselves, and even had clan fights on board, for one occasion no less than fifty Hakkas were murdered by Puntis, in a quarrel lasting two hours On arrival at Cha-fo on July 6th, the Captain had the horror of seeing his brother, the first-mate, murdered before his eyes; without the power of raising his hand in the poor fellow's defense. Here the coolies discharged all the cargo, consisting of silk piece goods, oil, tea, pepper etc., and sold everything on shore. They even took the clothes of the remainder of the crew and disposed of them. The mandarins at Cha-fo never interfered on the Captain's behalf, but allowed the coolies to do what they liked, and as far as looting is concerned, they did the work most thoroughly, for they cleared the ship of everything of value. The Captain was at last, on the 12th of this month, allowed to leave these fiends, and go where he wished, a privilege very quickly taken advantage of, he arrived at Macon on the 14th instant. Mrs. Bollo is suffering most acutely from the effects of the bloody scenes through which she has passed, and the Captain himself has not escaped without considerable suffering from the terrible situation in which he was placed, being three months on board a ship with men, who are only one remove from savages, and during that period uncertian as to whether his life would be spared from day to day, or even worse, that his wife might not become a prey to the cruelties of the wretches with which his ship was crowded.

A RESPECTABLE DENTIST ELOPES.—The elopement of a respectable dentist of Pittsburgh, Penn, with a young lady employed in his dental establishment as an attendant on lady visitors, has been the subject of a great deal of gossip during the past month in social circles there, although the escapade has thus far been kept out of print. The case is a distressing one in all respects. The dentist was in the employment of a large and lucrative practice, and was rapidly acquiring wealth. He left the city without any intimation to his family as to his plans and purposes, and suspicion was first aroused by the fact that the young lady employed in the establishment disappeared at the same time. As netiher of them has since been heard of, the conclusion seems to be irresistable that they left together.

The saddest part of the story is that the dentist deserted, in his infatuation and folly, an estimable and devoted wife and three children. It is said that he converted all of his available property into money. The partner of his flight shame, and disgrace has hitherto borne a respectable character; she is a young woman of more than ordinary intelligence and personal attractions. This seems to be one of the most inexcusable and depraved instances of crime that has occurred in that city for many years. The offender stood high in the community; he was a prominent member of one of the principal churches, and was remarkably punctilious in the discharge of his church duties.—*Reading Times.*

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Read, think, and decide! The simple therapeutics of the Patriarchical era, when herbs "for healing the nations" were the only medicine in use, find little favor with the medical profession of the day. Yet at the early period of the world's history the ordinary term of human life was at least eight times longer than it is now. It is therefore manifest that the stamina of man has seriously declined in the lapse of ages.

It is a scientific fact that, during this process of human degeneration and decay an immense number of powerful poisons have been introduced into the medical repertoire, while the mild vegetable system of treatment exclusively practiced when the world was young, has been in a great measure abandoned by the medical profession. This is a singular coincidence, and it suggests the possibility of a direct connection between the physical deterioration of the species, and the wholesale administration of deadly mineral and other drugs. It may well be doubted whether the mineral salts and oxyds, and the no less dangerous alkaloids, which chemistry has added to the pharmacopœia, have not destroyed more lives than all the diseases they have been prescribed to cure. One thing, at least, is certain—viz: that the average term of human existence has been shortened since the days when the vegetable kingdom was the only medical dispensary known to mankind.

The truth is—and sensible people are becoming more alive to it every day—that the world is overdoctored. The principles of medication are simple; but they have been so befogged by technicalities, so mystified by professional verbiage, that one half the community fancy they can neither be interpreted nor applied except by persons who have been taught to clothe the living truths of science in dead languages. It is not to the interest of "the Faculty" that the theory and practice of medicine should be simplified and popularized, and therefore the public conceive but little light from that quarter.

To prevent crime is one of the great ends of civil law, and to prevent disease should be one of the grand objects of medical science. It is better to protect than to cure, and much easier. Vital power is the natural antagonist of all the influences that militate against health—whether they exist in the air we breathe, in the water we drink, or the objects with which we come in contact, or in ourselves. Without a sufficiency of this resistant principle, there can be no reasonable hope of escaping prevailing epidemics, or of enjoying even under the most favorable external circumstances, an immunity from sickness and pain. This fact being established, the next question is, how shall a deficiency in physical and constitutional vigor be supplied? Instructed by the experience of twenty years, and sustained by the testimony of thousands of individuals of both sexes; hailing from all parts of the world, we reply that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the only medicine that can be fully relied on as a protective and preventative tonic and alternative in all climates and under all contingencies. With a system strengthened and fortified by the use of this invigorant, no one who possesses common prudence need fear the effects of malaria. It is the best safeguard against infection at present known. It produces appetite; it promotes digestion; it prevents constipation; it regulates the flow of bile; it strengthens the nerves, it purifies the animal fluids; it clears the brain; and, the vehicle of its medical properties being a pure diffusible stimulant, their influence is extended to every portion of the system. Mere alcoholic stimulants, though administered largely in medical practice, are not in themselves medicines; but they pervade the whole organization more certainly and swiftly than anything else that can be given. They are quickly taken up by the absorbents, and there is not a fiber of the body between the crown of the head and the sole of the foot which is exempted from their influence. Hence a spiritous stimulant is the best medium for conveying to all the organs and members of a feeble or disordered system the means whereby that system is to be recruited and regulated. It is for this purpose that the alcoholic elements is used in the preparation of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is simply the instrument by which the medical virtues of the preparation are carried to their objective points and rendered active.

It is almost necessary to call the attention of dyspeptics to a medicine which is everywhere recognized as the standard specific for Indigestion. In every town in the United States which contains a drug store, or a store in which drugs are sold, it is known as a remedy for stomach complaints of every class, from simple flatulency up to the most obstinate chronic torpidity of that most important organ. Its anti-bilious properties are also universally understood and appreciated: and in the West and South-west the old "Ague cures" have been generally abandoned, and this real chologog—which actually breaks up intermittent fever within a week after the first dose is taken—adopted in their stead. In the intermittent fevers so common in malarious districts during the fall of the year it is proved equally efficacious, and it may be truly said that it combines in an equal degree the qualities of a restorative and a preventative.

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