

The Weekly Polk County Signal.

**DANIEL WEBSTER PREDICTS
SAN FRANCISCO.**

A bust of Daniel Webster, a gift of Wm. H. Aspinwall, was presented to the New England Society of New York. In presenting the bust Mr. Aspinwall said:

After the northeastern boundary question had been settled, Webster suggested to Lord Ashburton that they had better settle the northwestern boundary also, on terms acceptable to Great Britain, provided she would favor the desire of the United States to obtain the bay of San Francisco by purchase of it from Mexico. But the project fell through. At a dinner table afterward, where about twenty gentlemen were present, Mr. Webster said: "Now whoever has studied geography with care must have observed that San Francisco is the only safe and conspicuous harbor on the Pacific coast, between the Columbia river and the equator; and to my mind, no event in the future is more certain than the existence of the western slope of this continent of a great Anglo-Saxon empire, of which the bay of San Francisco will be the outlet to the Pacific; and I consider a degree of territory, more or less, on the north, was not to be weighed against the advantage of securing that harbor, and through it that future empire, to our country. Whether in connection with the United States, or as an independent nation, that empire is sure to exist. I shall not live to see it; some of you may." And turning to Mr. Aspinwall, he added: you are the youngest man at this table; educate your sons for San Francisco, for it will one day become one of the great centres of the commerce of the world." It must be remembered that this prediction was made when California seemed as distant from us as Siberia does now, and before the late earthquakes.

MELANCHOLY CASE.—The New York World says: "A few days since a young girl, accomplished and beautiful, who two years ago was moving in the highest society, died in the cell of one of our station houses, having been brought there drunk and disorderly from the streets. Her father, once quite wealthy, had failed in business and died, and she had married a young man from one of our 'first families,' who had deserted her, leaving her with a child, unable to support herself. She saw no choice but starvation or shame, and she chose the latter. She drank to drown her despair, and in eighteen months met her death in the manner stated. God only knows how some of the infelicities and miseries that connect themselves with the relations of the sexes are to be righted; but this was a case—and there are thousands like it—where the ruin of a woman was the simple result of the system of training girls to catch rich husbands instead of educating them in an employment by which they may earn a living."

HOW TO KILL A TOWN.—The following recipe for killing a town, which we clipped from an exchange, we offer to our readers for their careful consideration: If you wish to kill off a town, put up no more buildings than you are obliged to occupy yourself. If you should accidentally have an empty building, and some one should want to rent it, ask about three times its actual value. Look at every new comer with a scowl. Turn a cold shoulder to every business man or mechanic seeking a home among you. Go abroad for wares, rather than purchase of your own merchants or manufacturers at the same price. Refuse to advertise, so that persons at a distance will not suppose any business is being transacted in your city. A prompt and close observance of these rules will ruin any town in two years.

The Polk County Signal contains the following important item: A man in Rochester sold his vote for a barrel of flour and upon opening the barrel found it to contain only saw dust and sand. The fellow voted the Democratic ticket; so the vote and its consideration were about a "stand off."—*Sen. final.* Of course he did. Who ever heard of a Democrat whose vote could be purchased so cheaply.

APPROPRIATE.

The women who want to be men have had a convention at Vineland. That seems to be a hotbed of this unnatural growth, as well as a source of supply of many of nature's most delicious vegetable productions. But in the human line it seems to be wofully afflicted with a crazy set, who would be fit inmates of a madhouse, if their insanity took any other form than that of harmless but very ridiculous gabble.

Lucy Stone, who presided at this meeting, opened with the declaration: "We come here to day on our second anniversary, and on the anniversary of the death of John Brown, whose soul is marching on." That's it. This movement to destroy women in all her bright beautiful, benevolent, and true character, is appropriately linked with the name and fame of that old horse-thief and murderer, whose soul is anywhere but roaming the earth, as these people imagine, unless their infidel notions are correct, and his crimes receive no other punishment than upon the gallows, where his neck was as deservedly stretched.

These people are the pests of society. Restless and discontented, not willing to be what God made them, not satisfied with the quiet and charms of domestic life, and the large sufficient field of duty and usefulness to be found in woman's appropriate sphere, they want to throw every thing into confusion, and destroy the privacy, sanctity, and happiness of the domestic circle. All the old abolition fanatics are in it; Andrew Jackson Davis is in it; every body, male or female, whose brain is set bottom upward, or wrong end foremost, is in it; and we have little doubt that the devil, also, is in it. If they don't turn earth into a hell, as Jacobin politics have nearly done already, it will be because the order, providence, and laws of God are stronger than the powers of darkness marshaled against them in the effort to destroy constitutional government, overthrow white supremacy, and unsex women in this country.—*N. Y. Democrat.*

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