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Washington's Supreme Court Construes the Law Regarding Community Property of Husband and Wife.

The schooner Dave is ashore near Boinlla Point, and is a total wreck.

About 200 men engaged to work upon a new sewerage system at Albuquerque, N. M., have struck for higher wages.

The new opera house was opened at Ogden one day last week by Emma Abbott. There was a brilliant assemblage.

The San Diego Chief of Police does not believe that Cummings, the Missouri bandit, is in that section of the country.

The steamer Emma has been towed off the rocks in the Victoria (B. C.) harbor, and will be at once hauled out for repairs.

The Northern Pacific Express Company at Spokane Falls has been robbed in a mysterious manner of a package containing $1,800.

The Nevada Herald says: Sleighing between Truckee and Lake Tahoe and Truckee and Sierra Valley was never known to be better.

In the New Mexico Legislature the Republicans have a majority of two in the Council, and the Democrats a similar majority in the House.

The benevolent ladies of Spokane Falls gave a New Year's dinner to the newsboys and bootblacks of that city. It was given in the old Congregational church, over 100 boys participating.

A mining excitement has broken out in the mountains between Glen Ellen and Napa Valley, Cal. Specimen rock from the ledges in these mountains have averaged from $35 to $75 gold and silver to the ton.

The orange packers of Southern California held a meeting at Riverside recently, according to appointment, for the purpose of formulating a uniform contract for the buying and selling of oranges this season.

The Mayor of Portland has appealed to the Union Pacific to take steps to relieve the distress and destitution caused by withholding from discharged railroad hands now in Portland the money that is due them for wages.

The damage done by the recent storms in the work on the Seattle and Montana railroad will amount to about $25,000. It was chiefly on the crib work along the shore in the neighborhood of the Edmunds and Richmond beach.

The first through passenger train of the Sevier branch of the Rio Grande Western reached Manti, Utah, one day last week, and was met by 1,000 citizens. Speeches were made, and a banquet was held at the Mormon Tabernacle. A ball ended the rejoicing for the day.

Some time ago a party found the bleaching bones of a woman's skeleton on a rocky bluff in the western part of Powder River Valley. The remains had evidently been there many years, as no trace of clothing was visible. The bones are now in the possession of a prom nent physician of Eastern Oregon.

A San Diego dispatch says: Officer Weller brought into custody an unknown wild man captured in a canyon about fifteen miles east of the city. He lived in a sort of den, which he had dug out in the side of the canyon. He was placed in the cell for maniacs. He could not speak, and grunted like a wild animal.

The steamer Badger, supposed to have been hopelessly wrecked on Jones Island, steamed into Victoria harbor the other day. At the underwriters' sale her owner bought the vessel for $150. He proceeded to the wreck, filled the hole in the hull with cement, floated the vessel, got up steam and went to Victoria.

Labelle, the "king of opium smugglers," who escaped from the United States secret-service officers while being conveyed from his home at Port Huron, Mich., to Detroit about two years ago by jumping through a car window, has been caught at Olympia, Wash., where he was driving a laundry wagon under the alias of Boulanger.

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of Washington construed the law regarding community property of husband and wife to mean that all community real estate is exempt from execution on a judgment rendered against an individual member of the community, when the debt for which the judgment was obtained is not incurred for the benefit of the community.

During the progress of a ball game between the San Diego and the San Francisco teams recently at San Diego the receipts were attached by the contractor who had constructed the grand stand. It has come to light that Manager Hellman has failed to pay any portion of the numerous claims standing against him. The players will suffer to the extent of their salaries and expenses.

The Steilacoom hospital for the insane has at present 420 inmates. There is every class of inmates confined in the institution. Some are not violently insane, and are allowed to wander about the grounds. Sometimes they are given easy tasks to perform. It is necessary that the keepers watch them carefully, as insanity seems to sharpen some of the faculties as well as to destroy others. The desire to escape from the institution is the one which causes the officers more trouble than anything else.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Democrats Will Have to Carry New York in 1892 to be Successful.

A Baltimorean Victimizes Twenty-One Senators and the Vice-President of the United States.

Several Wisconsin insurance companies are said to be in a shaky condition.

The Knights of Reciprocity is a new secret order just established in Kansas.

The Missouri river is getting so low that it is now called the "Little Muddy."

The Kansas City fire service has been improved by the threat of higher insurance rates.

More than 300 of the abandoned farms of New Hampshire have been taken up within a year.

The new apportionment bill makes New York absolutely necessary to the Democrats in 1892.

Senator Farwell of Illinois denies that he has any intention of withdrawing from the contest for re-election.

There are those who look for a reaction in the club craze, and with it possible disasters of a financial kind.

The cultivation of oysters along New Hampshire's short coast line is about to be attempted by the State Fish Commission.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad will not issue passes to members of the present Connecticut Legislature.

The Missouri Pacific railroad is consolidating its branch lines under one general system, all to be swallowed up by the big corporation.

A company has been formed with millions of capital behind it to ship cattle in steel cars from the West to Philadelphia for slaughter.

The Rock Island is projecting a road in the Northwest as far as Milwaukee, and hopes to get a part of the lumber trade to the Southwest.

Patients at New York afflicted with lupus have twenty-four hours after the injection of Dr. Koch's lymph shown remarkable improvement.

At a meeting of Kansas Mayors the metropolitan police system was recommended to be abolished in cities with less than 35,000 population.

The private insane asylum at Atchison is the most prosperous institution in the city. It is so crowded that new applicants are refused admission almost every day.

New York city's Board of Surgeons want to try Koch' lymph on the policemen, who, more than any other class of men perhaps, are exposed to changes of weather.

Advices from Cuba say that the cane acreage has been largely increased this year, and that the season now is too far advanced to be materially damaged by cyclones.

There were 1,684 Prohibition votes cast in Texas last month. The figures show that there is an average of about one Prohibition voter for every 163 square miles of Texas land.

E. J. Pennington of Mt. Carmel, Ill., says that his new air ship, which will reach a speed of 200 miles an hour and be navigable, will make a trial trip some time during January.

A citizen of Rooks county, Kan., says: The people of the western part of the State no longer try to conceal the fact that many people have left the country on account of the drouth.

The project of holding a Pan-American Congress during the progress of the Columbia Exposition is growing in popular favor, and there is every prospect that such a meeting will be held.

Farmers in Kansas have started a movement to force a reduction in railroad grain rates from points in that State. It is said that the Interstate Commerce Commission is to be appealed to.

The steamship British Queen recently cleared from New Orleans for Bremen with a cargo of 12,250 bales of cotton valued at $612,500. This is the largest cargo of cotton that ever crossed the ocean.

The Treasury Department has decided that importers of merchandise imported and entered in bond prior to October 1, 1890, and now in bonded warehouses, may withdraw either at the old or new rate of duty.

Governor Campbell of Ohio has decided to investigate the relations of the Canal Commission and the State Board of Public Works to the attempts of certain parties to get possession of the State gas and oil lands.

Albany and Troy are ambitious of becoming ports of entry, and are organizing their forces to secure the improvement of the Hudson to such extent as to make it navigable to their wharves by sea-going vessels.

Actual canal excavation has now begun on the Nicaragua canal. In spite of the swampy condition of the land near Greytown the soil is of clay and sand, and is of sufficient consistency to stay where it is dumped.

An Eastern weather prophet predicts that there will be an increase in rainfall in 1891 in the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys along the fortieth degree of north latitude. May, 1892, he says, will bring the most disastrous storms since 1832-3.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hungarian Nobles Offended at the Prince of Wales.

Baron Hirsch Makes a Generous Offer to the Russian Government, But It is Declined.

Holland has signed a general act of conference.

Sixty thousand working people are reported to be idle in Berlin.

Emin Pasha's forces have twice defeated native tribes in Africa.

Transportation companies were taxed to carry Christmas presents from England to Ireland.

Eight hundred Russian estates are announced for sale to meet obligations of the bankrupt owners.

Colonel Cadman, it is reported, will succeed Commissioner Smith in the Salvation Army of England.

The Great Western railroad, one of England's greatest, has decided to run an American vestibule train.

Labouchere finds fault with General Booth because his family has the best positions in the Salvation Army.

Emperor William has given orders that women shall not be employed at night in any government factory.

News from the Vatican is that the reports of the illness of the Pope are true and it is a question if he live out the winter.

It is noted that since the Parnell row began there has been a sad increase of intoxication in Ireland, "due to the excitement."

The Governor of the Bank of England is to be given the freedom of the city of London for his services in the Baring Bros.' difficulties.

The Socialists are again active at Amsterdam, the police having torn down several placards with the words: "Long Live the Republic."

Commander Stuhlmann recently captured a slaver's camp near Victoria Nyanza, killing many Arabs and releasing a large number of slaves.

It is officially announced that the Bishop of Lincoln "has complied and will comply with the judgment of the Archbishop of Canterbury and his Assessors."

The weather now prevailing throughout England is the severest experienced since 1813. The river Humber is completely frozen over, and the Thames is partially so.

The young Duke of Orleans proposes to serve for a year in the Russian army, and will probably be sent to the Caucasus, where there is a possibility of a fight with the Turks.

Nicola Maximilianovitch, Prince of Romanovski, Duke of Leuchtenberg, is in Paris suffering from cancer of he throat. It is believed he will not live a fortnight longer.

The verdict of the medical men in Berlin is said to be in regard to the Koch lymph that the results would be more favorable were other medicaments used with the inoculation.

The Pope has information that the German Bundesrath has decided to refuse permission for Jesuits to return to Germany, but favors permitting Redemptionist Fathers to return.

The Czar has decided to forbid any of his subjects from entering the principality of Monaco on account of the large number of wealthy Russians who have been ruined at the gaming tables.

One man was decapitated, four strangled and four exiled in a little village near Shanghai, China, for having inhumanly burned up a number of wounded government salt inspectors with their boat.

The Spanish government has instructed the Minister of Finance to issue decrees raising the duties on foreign articles of food. The Minister has also been instructed to prepare a new protective customs tariff.

Professor Koch has been made an honorary citizen of Berlin. He is the fourth man to enjoy that distinction. His colleagues are Prince Bismarck and Count Moltke. Dr. Henry Schliemann, recently deceased, was so honored.

A bill is to be submitted to the German Imperial Parliament next year for the restitution to the Catholic Church of the entire accumulated capital formed by the priests' salaries which were confiscated during the anti-Catholic agitation.

The National Indian Congress at Calcutta has decided to send 100 native delgates to hold a conference in London, with the object of proving before the English public the fitness of the natives of India to be treated as fellow-citizens by the British.

The new gun for the German artillery is of steel, and weighs without the carriage 840 pounds, against the old gun's 900 pounds. With carriage it has a weight of 2,700 pounds against 3,900. The new ammunition wagon weighs 3,980 pounds, the old 4,440.

The Russian government has issued an order forbidding the employment of Austrian workmen either in agriculture or manufactures. Laborers of this nationality are conducted to the Austrian frontier every day by hundreds.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—There is apparently little or no change in the local situation. Receipts from the Valley are very light but still larger from east of the mountains. Exporters quote $1.22½ for Valley and $1.12½ for Walla Walla as extremes.

FLOUR—Quote: Standard, $3.90@4.00; Walla Walla, $3.60@3.80 per barrel.

OATS — Quote: White, 56@58c per bushel.

MILLSTUFFS — Quote: Bran, $21.00@21.50; Shorts, $24@24.50 per ton.

HAY—Quote: $16@18 per ton.

VEGETABLES — The market is firm. Quote: Cabbage, $1.25@1.50 per cental; Cauliflower, $1 per dozen; Celery, 50c per dozen; Onions, 2¾@3c per pound; Carrots, $1 per sack; Beets, $1.50 per sack; Turnips, $1 per sack; Tomatoes, 50c per box; Potatoes, $1.00 per cental; Sweet Potatoes, 2½c per pound; squash, $2 per cental.

FRUITS—The market is steady. Quote: Tahiti Oranges, $3 per box; Sicily Lemons, $7.50@8 per case; Pears, 1½c per pound; Apples, 60@85c per box; Grapes, $1.25 per box; Pineapples, $3.50@4.00 per dozen; Bananas, $3@4 per bunch; Quinces, $1.25 per box.

NUTS — Quote: California Walnuts, 17½c; other varieties, 13c; Peanuts, 12c; Almonds, 17c; Filberts, 14@15c; new Brazils, 20c per pound; Cocoanuts, $1 per dozen.

CHEESE—The market is steady. Quote: Oregon, 13@14c; California, 9½@10c; Young America, 14@15c per pound.

BUTTER—Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 40@42½c; fancy dairy, 37½c; fair to good, 27½@30c; common, 20@25c; choice California, 37½c per pound.

POULTRY — Quote: Old Chickens, $4.00; young, $3.00@3.50; old Ducks, $5@7; Geese, $10@11 per dozen; Turkeys, 16c per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 25c per dozen.

The Merchandise Market.

RICE—Quote: $6.50 per cental.

PICKLES—Quote: $1.25 5s; $1.15c 3s.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, $17, $18, $19; stock, $11@12 per ton in carload lots.

COAL OIL—Quote: $2.35 per case.

CRANBERRIES—Quote: Cape Cod, $11 per barrel.

COFFEE — Quote: Costa Rica, 23c; Rio, 25½c; Arbuckle's, roasted, 26¾c per pound.

SUGARS—The market is firm. Quote: Golden C, 5⅞c; extra C, 6⅛c; dry granulated, 7⅛c; cube crushed and powdered, 7⅜c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Prunes, 12½@14c; Petite and German Prunes, 10c per pound; Raisins, $2.50 per box; Plummer-dried Pears, 11@12c½; sun-dried and factory Plums, 11@12c; evaporated Peaches, 24c; Smyrna Figs, 20c; California Figs, 8c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Market is firm. Quote: Table fruits, $2.25, 2½s; Peaches, $2.75; Bartlett Pears, $2.25; Plums, $1.65; Strawberries, $2.50; Cherries, $2@2.50; Blackberries, $2; Raspberries, $2.55; Pineapples, $2.75; Apricots, $2.25. Pie fruit: Assorted, $4.50 per dozen; Peaches, $1.50; Plums, $1.25; Blackberries, $1.65 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, $1.25@1.50, according to quality; Tomatoes, $1.15@3.50; Sugar Peas, $1.40@1.60; String Beans, $1.10 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, $1.25@1.50; sardines, 80c@$1.60; lobsters, $2@3; oysters, $1.50@3.25 per dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, $8.25; Crown, $7; Highland, $6.75; Champion, $6 per case.

NAILS—Base quotations: Iron, $3.20; Steel, $3.30; Wire, $3.90 per keg.

SHOT—Quote: $1.85 per sack.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, 3½@4c; Pink, 3¾c; Bayos, 4¾c; Butter, 3½c; Limas, 5½c per pound.

HOPS—The market is steady, with nominal prices. Quote: 20@30c per pound.

WOOL—The market is steady. Quote: Valley, 16@20c; Eastern Oregon and Walla Walla, 10@16c per pound.

HIDES—Quote: Dry Hides, selected prime, 8@8½c, ½c less for culls; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 30@50c; medium, 60@80c; long, 90c@$1.25, shearlings, 10@20c; Tallow, good to choice, 3@3½c.

The Meat Market.

The market is firm. Quote:
Beef—Live, 2¼@3c; dressed, 6c.
Mutton—Live, 3¼c; dressed, 6½@7c.
Hogs—Live, 4½@5½c; dressed, 5½c.
Veal—5@8c per pound.
Lambs—$2.50 each.

SMOKED MEATS AND LARD.

The market is firm. Quotations: Eastern Hams, 12½@13c; Breakfast Bacon, 10½@11c; Sides, 9@10c; Lard, 8½@10¾c per pound.

Fond Hopes Shattered.

American Heiress — Dear Max, I would be yours, but I lack faith. Are you really and truly a count?

Max Von Spiegeleisen—I swear it, peautiful laty.

A. H.—Have you ever borrowed a dollar from my brother?

M. Von S.—I haf not.

A. H.—And—pardon me—do you pay your board and laundry bills promptly?

M. Von S.—I do.

A. H.—Are your debts all paid?

M. Von S.—Effery one, sweetheart.

A. H. (sadly)—Then—farewell forever! You are no count. Out of my sight instantly! Begone! (Faints.)—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Military Item.

German Drill Sergeant (to awkward recruit)—You wretched donkey, you haven't got any more idea of the manual of arms than a salt cucumber has of billiard playing—and yet you wear spectacles.—Texas Siftings.

Various Japanese towns are building water works, the Tokio works having proved so successful.