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Integrity vs. Intrigue. HENRY CLAY once said he "would rather be right than be president." It was one of the Roman customs when a young man was about entering a warlike campaign, for the mother to present him with a shield, with the terse remark, "This, or upon it." The interpretation of the maternal advice was an admonition to the departing son to bring the shield back or be borne triumphantly to his childhood home upon it. In gathering up the slain after a battle those who were found with wounds in the back were buried without remark; but those who were slain by wounds in front were placed upon their shields as biers, and covered with garlands, and carried with military honors back to the paternal roof with songs, and received with joy by those stern old Roman fathers and mothers. Could these ancient customs again be revived with those entering our political campaigns it would be better for the American people. After the smoke of the contest has disappeared, and the victors and the vanquished are rewarded what honestly belongs to them, how pleasant the memory of an honorable contest, where no word of personal bitterness, no unfair statement, no low and vulgar insinuations, no private slander and abuse had escaped the lips, or had been used to defame the opposing party. Whether the place had been won or lost; whether victory or defeat had been written on the brow of the contestant, the honor had not been tarnished; and the patriotic fathers and mothers could take the hand of the conqueror or conquered and proudly claim him as their own.

SPEAKING of Vanderbilt's probable connection with Pacific coast railroad building, a New York special says that for two years past the Union Pacific has contemplated a new route to the Pacific coast and some months since began the construction of the Oregon Short Line, with the ultimate intention of extending the road to the coast. More recently arrangements have been perfected for a second line from Utah through Nevada to San Francisco. The Vanderbilt system proper consists of the most directly connected roads from New York to Chicago, with an offshoot to the Mississippi river and St. Louis. He has personal management of these roads and owns an interest in the Chicago and Northwestern, and has recently purchased a controlling interest in the Chicago, Minneapolis & Omaha roads. These under the controlling interest of Vanderbilt may very properly be considered a portion of the New York Central system to be worked in unison from that city to Omaha and points in the northwest. The recent acquisition of the Hannibal and St. Joseph road, with its web system, will fairly make connections with it. The combination of these roads with the Union Pacific is highly probable as soon as the latter road shall complete its extension to the Pacific coast, if they do not precede that event.

"WHAT becomes of all the pins?" remains one of the great unsolved questions of the day; but the question recently asked by a London paper, "what becomes of all the old pianos?" has been recently answered by a New York journal which goes on to show that nearly every vessel coming across the Atlantic from Europe brings a consignment of cracked and crazy old pianos, which are doctored and varnished, and otherwise tinkered up, and finally worked off on unsuspecting American purchasers.

ALEX. H. STEPHENS has been elected governor of Georgia by 50,000 Democratic majority.

FEARFUL charges of cruelty come from New Tacoma, where the American ship Challenger arrived last Sunday. It is alleged that the officers used the crew in the most shameful manner. A correspondent of the Oregonian says: They were the scariest looking crowd I have seen for many a day. They were thirteen or fourteen in number; of these six or eight had blackened eyes, seven of them had scalp wounds, some quite serious and apparently of recent infliction. One stated that his jaw had been fractured by a blow from the second mate. Three affirmed that they had their noses broken; one had a bad swelling in his neck, produced, he said, by a blow inflicted by a belaying pin; five or six had bruises on their arms and hands, and two or three had black and blue and green blotches over the black and shoulders, and every man but one declared that he had been frequently beaten for the most trivial reasons. My friend and I then sought for the so-called insane sailor. We found him chained and locked in the little room under the topgallant forecastle, pointed out to us. His conversation seemed to us to be quite rational, and his complaints were made in a quiet and sorrowful tone. He told of cruelties practiced upon him by the two officers arrested, which were almost incredibly inhuman.

If these charges can be substantiated, the inhuman wretches in charge should be made examples of. THE white men at work on the Northern Pacific in Montana, have struck because their boarding house men have advanced the price of beef. The latter claim that owing to the high price of beef, etc., they are constantly losing money. The matter has been compromised by these in charge of the work declaring that no more than \$4.50 a week shall be charged.

THE Railway Age reports construction of 1,000 miles during September, and the total for nine months of the present year at 8,075 miles. It estimates the total for the year at 10,500. The amount is far greater than was ever before built in one season. NEVADA postmasters have been instructed that they must take preferred pennies for postage stamps, and now that much abused class of pub. funds, feel that the Silver State is, indeed, going to the demerit bow wows.

CAPT. KINGSBURY, engineer of the N. P. R. R. Co., is locating a tunnel at the summit of the Cascade mountains. That, says the W. W. Union, indicates the completion of the survey at that point.

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