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A RELIGIOUS CARD PLAYER

A private soldier by the name of Richard Lee was taken before the magistrates for playing cards during divine service. The sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers he took the text. Those who had Bibles took them out, but this soldier had neither Bible nor common prayer book, and, pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them before him. He first looked at one card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said:

"Richard, put up the cards; this is no place for them."

"Never mind that."

When the services were over the constable took Richard a prisoner and brought him before the Mayor.

"Well," said the Mayor, "what have you brought the soldier here for?"

"For playing cards in the church."

"Well, soldier, what have you to say yourself?"

"Much, sir, I hope."

"Very good; if not I will punish you severely."

"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer book. I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy your worship of the purity of my intention." Then spreading the cards before the Mayor he began with the ace: "When I see the ace it reminds me that there is but one God. When I see the deuce it reminds me of the Father and the Son. When I see the trey, it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

"When I see the four it reminds me of the four evangelists that preached—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. When I see the five it reminds me of the five wise virgins who trimmed their lamps. There were ten, but five were wise and five were foolish and were shut out. When I see the six it reminds me that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth. When I see the seven it reminds me that on the seventh day God rested from the great work he had made and hallowed it. When I see the eight it reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz., Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives. When I see the nine it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour. There were nine out of the ten that never returned thanks. When I see the ten it reminds me of the ten commandments, which God handed down to Moses on the tables of stone. When I see the king it reminds me of the great King of heaven, which is God Almighty. When I see the queen it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and fifty girls, all dressed in boys' apparel, for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. The king sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbows, the boys to the wrists; so King Solomon told by that."

"Well," said the Mayor, "you have described every card in the pack except one."

"What is that?"

"The knave," said the mayor.

"I will give your honor a description of that, too, if you will not be angry."

"I will not," said the mayor, "if you do not term me to be a knave."

"The greatest knave I know is

the constable that brought me here."

"I do not know," said the mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I do know he is the greatest fool."

"When I count how many spots there are in a pack of cards, I find there are three hundred and sixty-five, as many days as there are in a year. When I count the number of cards in a pack, I find fifty-two—the number of weeks in a year. I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, representing the number of months in a year, and on counting the tricks I find thirteen—the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see, a pack of cards serves for a Bible, an almanac and a common prayer book."

Then the mayor let him go.

The Restriction Bill

The first case under the new Chinese restriction law came up on the 25th before Judge Deady. On the 9th of March, says the Oregonian, Ah Wah, a Chinaman, who had adopted the English name, George Menean, shipped, as cook, at London, in the American ship Patrician for a voyage to Cardiff for orders, thence on a trading or freighting voyage to any port in the world and back to port of discharge in the United States or Europe, his time not to exceed 24 calendar months. The ship sailed from Cardiff to Yokohama, thence to Astoria, for orders. She was chartered in Portland to carry wheat to Cork, E. O. At Yokohama, Menean was promoted to steward, and Ah Kee, a native of China, shipped on the 11th of September (after the restriction law had gone into effect), as cook, for a voyage to Astoria, thence to any port in the world, his time not to exceed 24 months. The Patrician arrived here on the 14th inst.

Upon complaint of District Attorney Watson, who charged the two persons above mentioned with being Chinese laborers unlawfully in the United States, Judge Deady issued warrants for their arrest and they were brought before him. Mr. M. W. Peckheimer, on behalf of the defense, argued as to Menean that he slipped before the passage of the restriction bill and being on the deck of an American vessel he was, within the contemplation of law, in the territory of the United States. As to both defendants, he maintained that the law applied only to Chinese coming here to live and engage in labor; and not to the crews of vessels touching or stopping at the ports of this country.

Judge Deady will render a decision within two or three days.

The master of the vessel did not render himself amenable to the law as he did not allow the Chinese to land. He had no knowledge that the restriction bill had passed until he reached Astoria, where he was advised to observe this precaution.

The remarkable growth of the Australian colonies since the discovery of gold, which occurred in 1851, is attested by the recent statistics; the population increased in the period, 1851 to 1881, from 214,000 to 2,900,000. The wool clip has more than doubled in the past ten years; there were over \$2,000,000 head of live stock in the pastures, and nearly 7,000,000 acres of land under cultivation last year. Since 1851 gold to the amount of \$1,460,000,000 has been produced in the colonies. In 1881, \$500,000 tons of shipping entered and cleared at the ports.

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The Egyptian Imbroglia

A London despatch of the 25th, says: Swiss Ninet writes the Times that he only served Arali in an ambulance. He gives a graphic account of the filthy condition of his prison at Cairo. He says the thumb-screws were put on him during the journey from Cairo to Alexandria, and at the latter place he was thrust into a prison filthier than the one at Cairo, and swarming with vermin. He was robbed by the jailers and put on a vessel for deportation for Smyrna, but was smuggled out by an American officer of the ship. He went thence to Berne. Ninet says he believes there are 3,000 innocent men in Egyptian prisons, such as he has described.

Cairo, Oct. 25.—Further reports tend to confirm the news of the massacre of the Egyptians at Soudan. According to the latest private advices from Khartoum the Egyptians are preparing for defense, throwing up forts, digging ditches, etc. The prospects are desperate, the garrison being composed of only a few men, while the new prophet is leading assaults at the head of 6,000 men.

The whole of Egypt south of Khartoum is in possession of the false prophet.

Legislative Appropriations

Two hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars were appropriated by the legislature for finishing, furnishing and running the state insane asylum for the ensuing two years. Twenty-four hundred dollars for building a fence around the state capitol, and twenty-five hundred for furnishing the senate chamber.

A Seattle despatch of the 24th, says that the Emma Hayward came into the bay at Tacoma with flags at full mast and smoke-stack lashed. She had been in a storm Sunday night in the Straits of Fuca, and but for sudden appearance of a British gunboat, which came to her rescue, would have gone on the rocks of Vancouver island, and there would not have been a soul left to tell of the loss. Capt. Denny and his gallant crew behaved nobly, and great praise is due them.

On the 23d, in Seattle, James Bennet, first mate of the ship Harvester, was sentenced to two years and a half imprisonment in the United States penitentiary of the territory, and George Lilly, second mate of the same ship, to twelve months in the same, for cruelty practiced upon the seamen during the late voyage from Philadelphia. Each man was further sentenced to pay the cost of his prosecution.

A news item says that the best female circus rider in Russia is Dounedretsky, who "turns a double somersault through a hoop and carries her name, which is painted in the center, along with her." To turn a double somersault through a hoop may not be a very remarkable feat, but to get her name through without knocking off some of its corners is certainly an astonishing performance.

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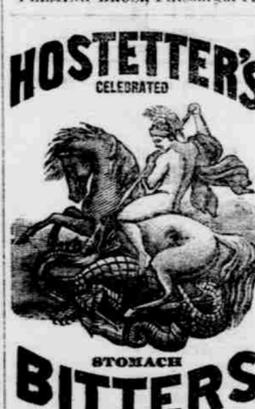
The Iowa farmers living in the cyclone district, are digging cellars into which they may burrow for safety when the gentle winds do blow. Nice country!

Piles are being rapidly driven for the bridge across Clarke's Fork of the Columbia. The gang are now busily engaged framing the trusses for this crossing. It will take three spans and two approaches of 180 feet to cross the river at this point. Walla Walla Union.

SYMPTOMS OF WORMS.

The countenance is pale and leaden-colored, with occasional flashes of a circumscribed spot on one or both cheeks; the eyes become dull; the pupils dilate; an acute semicircular pain along the lower eyelid; the nose is irritated, swollen, and sometimes bleeds; a swelling of the upper lip; occasional headache, with vomiting or retching; the tongue is coated with a white or yellowish fur; the breath very foul, particularly in the morning; the stomach is generally distended, and vomiting; violent pains throughout the abdomen; bowels irregular, at times constipated, at others, watery, and sometimes dry and crampy; uneasy and disturbed sleep, with grinding of the teeth; temper variable, but generally irritable. Whenever the above symptoms are found to exist,

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