

Daily Democrat.

MONTE IN MEXICO.

Characteristic of the Mexican people is an insatiable passion for gambling, says the Detroit Free Press. From the richest merchant or banker to the poorest "trabajador" it is, with surprisingly few exceptions, a nation of gamblers. I have seen beggars, wrinkled, decrepit old men—crouch all day with appealing hand on the street corner, and at night seek the nearest monte bank, and, losing the miserable pittance for which they had waited so patiently, hobble off in the darkness, supperless to bed—God knows where.

Monte is the national game. In gilded palaces and grimy hovels in every Mexican city you may find the swartly monte-dealer behind a table with a pile of Mexican dollars in front of him. From a pack of cards in his left hand he draws the two topmost, placing them side by side, face upward, on the table. Let them be a trey and a five, you bet a dollar on the trey, and if a trey comes before a five you have won a dollar. Vice versa, you lose. He may place other pairs on the board, and you may bet on either of each pair with the same results. The percentage in the dealer's favor is so great that it is only a matter of time when he will have all your money unless you be exceptionally lucky. Even then you had better not depend on your luck at any other time.

The pack of cards and their denominations are the same as the ordinary euchre deck, but the figures are different. The "spade" is represented by a two-edged sword, the "club" by a rough bludgeon, the "heart" by an earthen vase of Aztec pattern, and the "diamond" by a figure consisting of a series of concentric rings, which is supposed to be a conventional representation of the sun. The "jack" is a seditious courtier of the middle ages, the "queen" is a fantastic princess mounted on a prancing horse, and his majesty's full-length figure is strayed in a costume that must have been borrowed from a Roman emperor of the eastern empire.

One night in the city of Mexico I wandered down to the principal plaza and walked into the greatest gambling hall in Mexico—the great monte-bank sustained by the municipal government. Monte was no novelty to me, but this particular bank was. In the hall a semi-circular bar described a curve of some eighty feet. Inside the center on a raised platform sat a man who dealt and called out his cards, and about fifty dealers placed the cards he called on the bar. Several hundred men could then bet on the same "layouts."

As I stood idly watching this monster game an old man came in whom I had noticed whitewashing a stone wall in the rear of my hotel that morning. He watched the game intently for a few minutes and placed 50 cents his day's earning, doubtless—on a card and won; he then placed the dollar on another card and won that. He placed his present capital \$2, on two cards and won both. And there he stood for more than half an hour winning every bet. The dealer's pile of silver diminished as the player's increased, until the latter had every "tialco." The dealer went back to the treasurer for more money, but by the time he had returned the lime-covered whitewasher had sent another dealer to the vaults for the same purpose. By this time the interest of all in the house was centered on the lucky player. Those who were betting made their bets on the same cards with him. In another hour at this rate the bank would have been ruined, and the superintendent angrily closed the remaining games. The old whitewasher counted out more than \$3,000 in Mexican coin and changed it into gold and notes. As I sauntered down the street I saw him turn aside into another monte-bank. Curious to see whether he would tempt fortune further, I followed him in. He began playing again, and lost as regularly as he had won before. Losses made him frantic, and he made larger and larger bets. Within an hour I saw him turn sadly away, without even the pittance for which he had toiled all day under the burning tropical sun.

The passion for the game is not confined to the Mexican alone. It is equally strong with the cowboys, herders, teamsters, and soldiers of western Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. I once saw nearly \$6,000 paid to a camp of soldiers in Texas. Within three hours a dozen monte-dealers had nearly every dollar of it. Most of these in turn to neighboring town and lost it at other men's games. Laws prohibiting the game, providing severe penalties for their violation, are enacted without avail. The monte dealer flourishes, the frontsmen loses his hard-earned pay and turns cheerily to another month of hardships.

Although the winter has been severe over the greater portion of the world, Iceland has enjoyed the mildest winter known within "living memory." There has not, it is stated been a flake of snow or an hour of frost on that island.

The tin-plate industry is not mentioned in republican papers now without the word "when" as a running mate. The tin-plate industry is intensely future as to tense and subjunctive as to mood.

At FORTY-EIGHT & INTERIOR—150 dozen window shades, just received. A large and elegant stock of 18th century bedroom sets. A large stock of fine carpets, many designs.

Too large a part of the great advance in popular intelligence has been diverted to studying the wickedness and evil rather than the good in the world. Most newspapers devote to a large part of their space to criminal records, giving to the superficial observer the idea that wrong doing is enormously increasing, when the fact is that it is only more fully reported than formerly. A pleasant change would be to have the better class of newspapers devote more space to the record of what is being done to help human kind. This is no less news than the record of evil, and it is vastly more edifying.

State Senator J. E. Broome of Florida has just canvassed the legislature of that state for presidential preferences with the following results:

For Grover Cleveland	43
For D. B. Hill	35
For L. L. Polk	13
No Preference	5
For Senator Palmer	2
For Gov. Campbell	1
For Benjamin Harrison (O. B. Smith, Rep)	1

The Florida legislature consists of 99 democrats and 1 republican.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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STRAY NOTICE—Strayed or stolen from my place near Muddy station, a dapple gray mare, six years old, 14½ hands high, branded on left shoulder with the letters D. H. combined. Will reward any one giving information as to her whereabouts. Let my place May 3, 1891. Address, Halsay. J. P. ALLISON

WANTED—To buy notes and mortgages. H. E. Noble, Portland, Or. room 18, Concord block, 2d street.

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PROFESSIONAL NURSE—Inquire at the corner of Fifth and Baker streets of Mrs. R. Campbell.

STATE OF OREGON. LAND DEPARTMENT.

SALEM, Oregon, June 1, 1891. The board of commissioners for the sale of school and university lands and for the investment of the funds arising therefrom of the state of Oregon, hereby invite sealed applications to purchase the following described lands, to wit: All of the donation land claim situated in sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, in Township 12 South Range 1 West, known and described on the government surveys as the donation land claim of John W. Moore and wife, being Notification No. 2505, saying therefrom 18 acres sold to Jacob Newman containing 350 acres. Also beginning 10 chains west of the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of section 21, in Tp 12 South Range 1 West, running thence east 30 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 30 chains; thence north 40 chains to the place of beginning containing 120 acres, all situated in Linn county, state of Oregon, and containing in all 478 acres more or less.

Applications will be opened at a regular meeting of said board to be held Tuesday the 14th day of July, 1891, at 2 o'clock, p. m. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the board.

NAPOLÉON DAVIS, Clerk of the Board.

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ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed assignee of the estate of L. T. Henness, an insolvent debtor, and that he has qualified as such assignee in the manner prescribed by law. All persons having claims against said L. T. Henness, are hereby notified to present the same under oath as required by law, to the undersigned at Rock creek, in Linn Co., Oregon, or to his attorneys, Geo. W. Wright and D. R. N. Blackburn, at the law offices of either of them, in Albany, Oregon, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated June 9th, 1891. T. J. McCLARY, Assignee. Geo. W. Wright, D. R. N. Blackburn, Attys for Assignee. (612)

NOTICE TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Linn county, Oregon, up to 12 o'clock, noon, Wednesday, the 8th of July, 1891, for the construction of a county bridge across what is known as the creek near the farm of Williams Vance, in said county. Said bridge to be of the following dimensions, to wit: Forty foot spans, of the Queen truss pattern; seventy foot approach. Bids for the approaches to be anchored or constructed of oak piling and 10 feet apart. All bids to be approved or rejected by the county court. N. P. FAYNE, Clerk.



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