

THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

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The Samoans are a group of nine islands, with some islets, in the Pacific ocean, lying north of the Friendly islands.

According to a recent dispatch, the Chinese laborers are leaving California at a rapid rate. Since the passage of the Scott bill, 2,943 Chinese have left the country for China and over 75 have landed.

On the Pacific coast to-day there are not over 5,000 Chinese all told, and not over 30,000 in the whole country.

More than two-thirds of those are laborers, while the balance are women, children, merchants and students.

As regards calls for help, the Alaska canners are in the worst fix of all. They have made arrangements to double their output next season, and now cannot get the necessary Chinese labor, although they are offering \$1.40 and even \$1.50 per day.

California needs thirty thousand more laborers who can afford to work five months in the year, say from June 1st to November 1st, and then rest the other seven months, or seek other employment.

There is no reason for any uneasiness regarding laborers for the Pacific coast in the future, even though every laboring Chinaman should leave. The presence of Chinese labor has retarded the immigration of honest white labor to this coast from the overcrowded East, where wages are lower in many places than are even paid Chinese.

Now that they are rapidly leaving this coast, some encouragement will be given to white labor to come in and supply the demand. The young of both sexes will no longer be placed in a position to be led astray by their vice, and the coast generally will be better off. Let them go. The riff-raff, the common herd of Chinamen, of whom the Chinese population on this coast is largely made up, have always been a decided drawback and a festering sore to a naturally progressive community.

Our dispatch says: Nature's comment of a festival! Nature has indulged since Christmas on account of the manner in which the Hebrew population of this city observed Christmas. The Hebrews, notwithstanding the radical difference in the importance of Christmas day in the religion of the Hebrews and Christians, observed the festival almost as much as the Christians. Besides the usual services at the synagogues held on Tuesday at this season of the year, an extra service was held to commemorate the day, but from the Jewish conception of Christ as a prophet, merely. The religious exercises at the synagogues were much simpler than at the Christian churches. A rabbi of the Jewish church says that this adoption of the Christmas festival was due chiefly to a spirit of friendliness on the part of the Hebrews toward the people of the churches. While they do not relinquish any part of their religious belief, they chose to join with the Christians in a day of celebration.

It is stated positively at the department of state that no demand for indemnity has been made in the case of the steamer Hayti. Republic, Moore, the owner of the vessel, recently requested Secretary Bayard to make a demand for \$250,000 indemnity. The secretary informed him that there was no need of haste. The question of damage can best be determined after the vessel has arrived in New York, where she is due in a few days. If the steamer was in use at the time of capture, in the interest of the insurgents of Hayti, the Haytian government had a just reason for confiscating the vessel.

The secretary of the interior recently rendered a decision in the case of the state of Oregon vs. the United States, in which is involved about 90,800 acres of land in the Lakeview land district, comprising what is known as swamp land, list number five. The secretary ordered the certification that was made to the state of Oregon set aside, and directs the commissioner of the general land office to prepare another list, which shall contain lands known to be swamp.

JOHN AND WILEY MATTHEWS, two of the condemned Bald Knobbers, and W. P. Halbesleben, Frank Johnson, William Redford, Thomas Rooney and William Sassen, train robbers, escaped from jail at Ozark, Mo., on the night of the 28th ult. by the assistance of friends on the outside. Dave Walker, leader of the Bald Knobbers, and his son William, also under sentence to hang, and a young man named Huger, refused to leave, and were found in their cells when the discovery was made.

This body of a boy, eight years old, was found in a stable at Bradford, England, on the 29th ult. It was abnormally mutilated, the ears, nose, legs, and arms were cut off, the body dismembered and the dismembered members stuffed into the cavity.

FROM WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

HUNTER P. O. W. T., Dec. 22, '88. Editor Gazette:

Once more I place myself in an awkward position, over a rickety table, with my stubby pencil tightly gripped in my rusty old fist. I have been sitting in my miserable fix for nearly an hour and haven't yet thought of anything worth the paper, or even the waste of the pencil.

What a country for news! There hasn't been a wedding for three months and nobody drunk since the election and only one fight that day, a black eye and a cup full of ows' words. There are no preachers in this part of the land. What a wicked little world! I fear some of the young folks will lose their souls.

Another dance last night at Mr. Hamilton's place, which was largely attended and generally enjoyed by all present. There was a grand ball at the residence of Mr. Fred Englehart on the 14th inst., which was a quite an enjoyable affair.

There will be a social hop at Mr. Troges place on Christmas eve, and it is reported that there will be another at Fred Englehart's on New Year's eve.

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This beats any place for dancing that I ever saw, old Long Tom not excepted. A fiddler leads a miserable life in this part of the world. Just imagine a man sitting on a board that never was planned for fourteen long hours with his mouth open, swallowing all the dust that is kicked up. What a horrible way of committing suicide, and even if the majority of the crowd are willing for him to have five minutes rest during the long night, there are always some so cruel that the very moment the violin stops its racket, they will step before the wretched musician and earnestly plead for a few strains of a favorite waltz or polka. I need to say the good some myself, but I made such slow progress that I got disgusted and quit the business. But since I came to this country and heard some of the leading violinists, I resolved at once to pick up my long-neglected profession and play for all the dances in the country, providing the amount could be collected which a fiddler actually deserves, so I got hold of an old fiddle and soon got my fingers limbered so that I could imitate several quadrilles, waltzes and polkas, and the first thing I thought about after I found that I had not forgotten all about fiddling, was to wonder when they would call me to play. But no trouble about that. I was soon afforded an opportunity to execute my skill. There was to be a grand ball to raise money to furnish the new school house on Hovey creek, and I made a calculation as near as I could, about the number of persons that would be there, and as I knew they had made arrangements for everybody to bring their own supper, and as they only wanted \$10.00 to complete the school house, I felt assured that the balance, which would not be less than \$20 or \$25, would be turned over to me. With this joyful thought ranking in my mind, I went at it back in one corner of the house—did my best—played till 12 o'clock, swallowed most of the dust and some splinters, which were torn loose from the piousness, and the kindly foot-man, seeing that I was growing weary, announced that we would have supper for a few minutes and up! also in conclusion, with those few remarks he thanked the boys very kindly for their liberal contribution, did all that could be expected, and as he counted over the silver I was shocked to hear him say, "Seven dollars and five cents. I seized my hat and rushed out of the room and was soon on my lonely path home, thinking what a fool I had been and of the night's sleep I had lost. I don't suppose I shall play any more until the new school-house is finished.

We are still having beautiful weather. This climate is very different from what we are used to. Instead of the cold and fog we have had here, we have now a lot of fine warm rains, although there is time enough yet for a freeze-up and cold snap. But being so far north, one would hardly expect that that cold weather and snow would commence earlier.

Our expected guests have not yet arrived. Grass is growing very fast, and without it seems more like spring than winter.

SAM SHEPHERD. EIGHT MILE MATTERS. EIGHT MILE, Or., Dec. 26, '88.

The following are the names of the pupils of District No. 11, and number of days absence and tardiness of each from time of enrollment during the three months term ending December 15, 1888.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Absent, Tardy. Includes Mary Beckett, Norma Beckett, Pollio Vaughn, Nellie Vaughn, Cora Allison, Lulu Munkers, Mabel Munkers, Bertie Munkers, Effie Corter, Cora Corter, Eliza Farmer, Maggie Adkins, Bertie Adkins, Clara Jankin, Henry Becker, Ralph Becker, Neely Vaughn, Ora Vaughn, Walter Allison, Bert Gay, Arthur Gay, Lester Gay, Ora Adkins, Monte Robinson, Lydia Robinson, Lorna Robinson, Louis Olden, Herb Olden.

This was the first term of public school taught in the district. The school house is one of the best in the county and is furnished with extra desks for writing, and is large enough to accommodate all the pupils now attending school. The pupils are not far advanced but are thorough. A writing school, which has been well attended, was conducted two evenings in the week (ten lessons) for the benefit of the pupils.

On Thanksgiving evening, after writing school, the pupils popped corn and indulged in a general good time. A few of the parents were there. Popcorn filled the mouths and pockets of all, and the floor got a generous share of corn and cobs.

The house is well decorated with pretty cards and pictures, the children having all brought something to assist in making the house more pleasant. All teachers should encourage children in school house decoration. It makes the bare, rough walls pleasant and attractive.

On the evening of December 5th the school gave an entertainment consisting of class recitations, declamations, readings and songs. Almost all of the performances were of school work. A large number of the parents were present and seemed pleased and interested.

Mrs. S. S. SHIELDS, Teacher. HON. T. E. FELL MARRIED. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 31.—Mr. Theodor E. Fell of Heppner and Miss Mamie Davidson were married at 6 o'clock to-day, at the bride's residence in this city. Rev. James Shannon was the officiating clergyman. About 200 guests were present.

Mr. Fell is widely known throughout Eastern Oregon and Washington, and also has many friends in this city who will be pleased to learn of his marriage. He is a member of the well-known wool commission firm of Ayers & Fell, and was elected by the republicans of Morrow county at the recent election to serve in the lower house of the legislature. To his unflagging energy and popularity is due much of the success that attended the construction of the Heppner branch of the O. R. & N., and many are of the opinion that had it not been for his untiring efforts the road would not yet have been surveyed. Mr. Fell's parents live in Heppner.—Oregonian.

A NOVELTY.—We gratefully acknowledge the receipt, from Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., of a bound set of their Almanacs for 1889, making a handsome and valuable presentation volume. Besides the various editions in English adapted to North and South America, Australia and India, there are editions in French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Swedish, Norwegian-Danish, Dutch, Bohemian, and Welsh; also, specimen pages of the pamphlets issued by the firm in eleven other languages, including Italian, Finnish, Turkish, Armenian, Bulgarian, Polish, Hawaiian, Gujarati (India), Burmese and Chinese. Nothing could better illustrate the amount of business done by the company than the fact that such a polyglot Almanac is called for, the cost of which must have been immense. For ourselves, we confess that we should often be lost without Ayer's Almanac, mentioned, as we long have been, to rely upon the accuracy of its calculations; and we have no doubt that to those in need of it, Ayer's Almanac is equally trustworthy as a medicine. The familiar yellow-covered pamphlet can now be had at all drug stores.

DON'T WANT DRUNKEN PRINTERS.—We desire above all other evils to be relieved from drunken printers. A month ago we hired a fellow to help us on our New Year's edition. He kept faith with us two weeks, and as far as we can learn has been drunk nearly every day since. We have seen him only once in two weeks, and have no desire to see him any more. Yesterday, a printer by the name of Matthews, we believe, having a card from the Battle Typographical Union, called upon us, and we employed him. He craved fifty cents to get dinner for himself and partner. We gave him the money and his shadow has not darkened the door since. May it never do so more. Such rascals would ornament any other place better than a printing office.—Times-Mountain.

PETITION 132 FEET LONG.—The circulars sent out by the Alpine club asking for signatures to the petition to be sent to the state legislature for the enactment of laws for the prevention of deer killing still continue to come in. The petition is already 132 feet in length. This is the longest petition ever sent to the legislature in this state, and certainly will have some claim to recognition when we stop to think of it. The letters sent out at the same time as the circulars, stipulated that the petitions should not be returned any later than December 20th. This limit has already been passed and a few petitions even yet continue to arrive. If there are any more sent at this time it will come in time if sent at once.—Oregonian.

YOU SHOULD TAKE IT.—Harp's Family for October has this to say of the Detroit Free Press: "The Free Press is a weekly literary and family paper, with a funny department that has given it a reputation and circulation in every part of the United States, and made profitable the publication of a special edition in England to be sold in Europe. The writer of the most popular humorous articles and sketches for the Free Press is Charles B. Lewis, whose non de plume is 'M. Quad.' The reputation of the Free Press was not built up exclusively on the reputation of M. Quad's funny articles, nor is it retained solely or exclusively by them. The proprietors have made of it a popular literary and family paper. The expectation of finding something funny in the 'Bijah' or 'Lime-kin Club' papers may cause one who has never seen a Free Press to buy it to read upon the cars or in a leisure hour. The interesting character of its general contents causes that purchaser to subscribe for it for a year." This is high praise from a high quarter, but is deserved. You can have this great family paper and the HEPPNER GAZETTE, each for one year, for \$2.60.

Are we to Have Another War? Some political prophets aver that we shall. He that says it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the armory of medicine furnishes, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to the immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of commonest occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial effects of this specifically wholesome and genial medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and kidney troubles; its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequalled thoroughness.

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THE CHIEF OF THE SECRET SERVICE DIVISION OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, in his annual report, says that the aggregate value of the counterfeit money captured during the year was \$2,117,223, of which over \$2,000,000 were imitations and fee copies of notes. There were captured 58 plates, 49 dies, 45 moulds and a large quantity of counterfeiting paraphernalia.

The Spanish government at Porto Rico, filed an American vessel \$4000 in July, 1887, for having a less cargo on board than was shown by the manifest. No reasonable excuse being given, the fine was never remitted, and the department of state insists that the Spanish officers acted only in accordance with their laws, and drops the matter.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin, in an annual report of the wool markets of the United States, shows that the present supply of wool is 62,000,000 pounds, against 110,000,000 pounds at the same date last year, or a shortage of 48,000,000 pounds as compared with 1887.

A DISPATCH from Poughkeepsie in speaking of the zero weather prevailing in that region said trains on the New York Central and Hudson river road were losing time because of the defective working of their steam heating apparatus, and that local railroad men believed the doom of steam-heated cars was sealed.

COLLECTOR HAGER, of the port of San Francisco, believes that in order to prevent the smuggling of prepared opium the duty of \$10 per pound should be reduced to \$5.

A SMELTER is to be erected at Spokane Falls, provided the people contribute \$75,000. It will give 500 men employment.

The president, it is believed, will veto the river and harbor bill which is now in his hands for consideration.

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