

Decisions of the Supreme Court.

On the 14th of March, in the Supreme Court of the United States, Judge Wayne announced the decision in the case of Mrs. Gaines. He said the case had been of long standing, and heretofore of doubtful result.—The record covered three thousand pages, and eight of the ten points had been previously ruled by the court. The decision was, that Mrs. Gaines was the only legitimate child of Daniel Clark, and his universal legatee, under his last will and testament, and as such was entitled to all the property, real and personal, of which her father died possessed; that she was entitled to recover immediate possession of it, with the rents and profits, and that measures would at once be taken, to enforce the decree. In conclusion, Judge Wayne said the writer of jurisprudence hereafter, would be obliged to register the case as the most remarkable one, that had ever been decided by the Supreme Court.

The enforcement of the decree, however just, may be attended with some little difficulty in the seceded State of Louisiana, in the event that those in possession of the property, which has so long been in dispute, are not disposed to comply with the decision of the court. The authority of the United States not being acknowledged in that State, it is more than probable that the termination of the suit in favor of Mrs. Gaines will not add materially to her wealth, nor that of her heirs for some time to come, although it is alleged that the Louisiana act of secession will not affect the decision which had been pending for about thirty years, as all pending suits in the United States courts in which residents of that State were concerned, were exempt from interference. The query is what measures will the court take to enforce its decision.

On the same day, Chief Justice Taney, delivered the opinion of the court in the matter of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, against Governor Denniston, of Ohio, which was a case to compel the Governor of Ohio by *Mandamus* to surrender a fugitive from justice from Kentucky. The decision was that Congress cannot impose any federal duty on the officers of a State, and therefore, although the demanding State has a right to have a fugitive from justice delivered up, and it is the duty of the State, upon whom the demand is made, to deliver over the fugitive, the Supreme Court cannot compel the performance of the duty by *mandamus*. On those grounds the *mandamus* was refused. The *Evening Post* says that the decision is like Buchanan's message in relation to secession, that a State has no right to secede, but no one has a right to prevent it; and that the laws of the United States must be enforced, but there is no authority to enforce them. Justice Taney says, in effect, that the Governor of Ohio ought to give up the fugitive, but, if he will not, there is no authority to make him do so.

It cannot but be apparent to all that according to this decision, no department of the government is very potent just now. If the United States ever had any power to enforce its laws and administer justice, it has not been made to appear, for these many years. To oppress, to rob, to murder, and to expel its unoffending, law-abiding citizens from their homes and possessions, and to deprive them of every right and privilege guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the country, the rulers of the nation, and of the several States, have lent their aid and exerted their influence and power to the utmost; but when justice has been demanded, the government has been powerless and could do nothing in the premises, and now the Supreme Court comes out and acknowledges that the government has no power to enforce the laws of the nation in the State of Ohio, but on the same day expresses its determination to enforce its decree in the State of Louisiana.

Can any legal gentleman explain this apparent Judicial inconsistency? and wherein is the fiat of the court more potent than the law?

MULE TRAIN FOR THE STATES.—On Monday last the first mule train of the season, left this city for the Missouri river. The company consisted of less than twenty wagons, but was well fitted up, as all should be that cross the plains, and prepared for any emergency. Mule thieves had better keep at a respectful distance, if they do not wish to be dealt with according to the statutes in their case made and provided.

The Oil Mill.

On Monday afternoon we visited the oil mill of President Kimball, in North Temple street, and was exceedingly pleased to witness the successful operation of the machinery, after the discouraging experience of former trials.

The mill is a very substantial building, 40 feet by 26, two stories and an attic. On the upper floor, the flax-seed passes over a screen to which is attached a fan which separates the dust and refuse: the clean seed is then sent below on to the second floor; where it is bruised by two very heavy stones of six feet diameter, turning on their own axis and moving over a granite stone of about the same dimensions.

The oil is made on the first floor by a very simple process. On the left of the building there is a steam boiler which connects by the means of an elastic tube with a large metal heater into which the bruised seed is placed to prepare for the action of the press. When the bruised seed or pomace is sufficiently warmed by the heater, it is placed in an iron tubular frame and covered with coarse sacking. The presses on which those frames are placed, are, by the action of two hydraulic pumps, capable of a pressure of 112 tons each made to move upwards and force the seed in the tubular frame against an iron pillar of the same diameter which forces the oil from the seed through the perforated stand. After a few minutes draining, the action of the pump is reversed and the pomace in the shape of a well baked cake is taken out and the process renewed.

From the two presses and one man's attention, ten gallons of pure oil is made per day, at the present time, and we believe that President Kimball calculates that his mill has capacity to produce enough for the wants of the whole Territory.

We are much satisfied with the success of the oil mill, as it has occupied a great deal of President Kimball's time for many months, and drawn from him a large amount of means. He first tried the wedge press, but that was a complete failure, and at first the success of the hydraulic pumps was considered very doubtful. After they were first placed in position, they could do nothing like what was required, but through the perseverance of Mr. James Lawson aided by Mr. Wm. J. Silver, they have accomplished all that was expected of them.

President Kimball is well satisfied with the labors of the machinists who have succeeded in mastering the difficulties under which he labored, and which had nigh disheartened him, and he invites everybody who has good flax-seed to bring it on and he will give them oil or money for the seed.

As an article continually called for in the Territory, we are glad to see it now made here. It is pure and really better than that which is imported, and is offered at a lower market price. From the facilities with which the flax can be raised, and the general call for oil, it is reasonable to expect that there will be an abundance of seed constantly on hand. For terms etc., see advertisement.

A MOTHER'S WISH.—Mrs. Spiking wishes to hear from her son, BENJAMIN SPIKING, who has been absent many years, and is supposed to be in California, if living. Any information that will enable her to discover his whereabouts, will be thankfully received by his mother at Cedar City, Iron county, Utah Territory. California papers please copy.

RETURN.—Mr. Humphrey, the Indian Agent, returned from Washington by last mail stage, on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning he left for the Spanish Fork farm, which is considered his field of labor. We understand that Mr. H. has brought out the gold to pay all his official debts and the others if he has any. Better late than never.

FORT PICKENS.—Lieutenant Slemmer's command is engaged in the erection of a sand battery to the eastward of Fort Pickens. For the information of readers who are not familiar with the locality of these operations, we will give a few words of explanation, the writer being competent to do so, as he fought mosquitoes for two years on the very ground which the battery occupies. This sand battery defends the only land approach to Fort Pickens, which stands on the extreme western point of Santa Rosa Island. The Island is some forty miles long, but very narrow, in many places being scarcely more than a third of a mile in width. The battery stands on a narrow part of the Island, and is an effectual out-post to prevent surprise from a storming force.—[Mobile Daily Advertiser.]

BATTALION PARTY.—A short time since we received a communication from Sanpete county, containing a report of a festival, that was held at Moroni some time in February, by those living in that county who served in the Mormon Battalion. If it had been received in time we should have published it for the gratification of those concerned, but of late, so rapid is the progress of events, that to publish proceedings of any assemblage, however interesting they may have been, after a lapse of any considerable length of time, would be considered out of order. These remarks are not intended to be personal, but general in their application.

On the 16th day of July next, the members of the Mormon Battalion, in Sanpete, are to have a fandango, at Fort Ephraim, to commemorate the day of their enlistment in 1846.

United States Senate.

In the Senate of the United States as now constituted, the Republicans have a decided majority as of the fifty-four members, which will compose that body in the Thirty-Seventh Congress, should no more states secede, twenty-nine are known to be Republicans. The two Senators from Kansas will unquestionably be of that political caste which will increase the number to thirty-one. Of opposition members, including Democrats and Americans, there are twenty-two, which number will probably be increased to twenty-three, by the election of a Democrat by the Legislature of California, as successor to Dr. Gwin.

The members of the Senate are as follows:

R.—Republican.	O.—Opposition.
Term Expires.	Term Expires.
ARKANSAS.	MISSOURI.
W. K. Sebastian O—1865	Truettin Polk O—1863
Chas. K. Mitchell O—1867	Waldo P. Johnson O—1867
CONNECTICUT.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.
James Dixon R—1863	John P. Hale R—1865
L. S. Foster R—1867	Daniel R. Clark R—1867
CALIFORNIA.	NEW YORK.
Milton S. Latham O—1863	Preston King R—1863
Vacancy	1867 Ira Harris R—1867
DELAWARE.	NEW JERSEY.
James A. Bayard O—1863	John R. Thompson O—1863
William Saulsbury O—1865	J. C. Ten Eyck R—1865
INDIANA.	NORTH CAROLINA.
Jesse D. Bright O—1863	Thomas Bragg O—1865
Henry S. Lane R—1867	Thos. L. Clingman O—1867
ILLINOIS.	OHIO.
S. A. Douglas O—1865	Benjamin F. Wade R—1865
Lyman Trumbull R—1867	John Sherman R—1867
IOWA.	OREGON.
James W. Grimes R—1865	Edward D. Baker R—1865
James Harlan R—1867	G. W. Nensmith O—1867
KENTUCKY.	PENNSYLVANIA.
L. W. Powell O—1865	David Wilmot R—1863
J. C. Breckinridge O—1867	Edgar Cowan R—1867
KANSAS.	RHODE ISLAND.
Vacancy	J. F. Simmons R—1863
Vacancy	H. B. Anthony R—1865
MAINE.	TENNESSEE.
Lott M. Morrill R—1863	Andrew Johnson O—1863
W. Pitt Fessenden R—1865	A. O. P. Nicholson O—1865
MASSACHUSETTS.	VERMONT.
Charles Sumner R—1863	Solomon Foot R—1863
Henry Wilson R—1865	Jacob Collamer R—1867
MARYLAND.	VIRGINIA.
Anthony Kennedy O—1865	James M. Mason O—1863
James A. Pearce O—1867	R. M. T. Hunter O—1865
MICHIGAN.	WISCONSIN.
Zach. Chandler R—1863	James R. Doolittle R—1863
K. S. Bingham R—1865	Timothy O. Howe R—1867
MINNESOTA.	
Henry M. Rice O—1863	
M. S. Wilkinson R—1867	

An Incident of the Mexican War.

As General Scott's army was marching triumphantly into the city of Mexico, says an exchange, a procession of monks emerged from the gate of a convent situated on an eminence at the right, and advanced with slow and measured tread until they met the army at right angles. The guide or leader of the procession was a venerable priest, whose hair was whitened with the frost of many winters. He held in both hands a contribution box, upon which there was a lighted candle, and when within a few feet of the army the procession halted. As the army proceeded, many a true believer in St. Patrick dropped some small coin or other into the old priest's box. And, when it was observed that a soldier was searching his pockets for something to bestow, the old priest would step forward and hold his box to receive the donation.

Ultimately there came along a tall, gaunt, limber-sided, gander looking Yankee, who on seeing the poor priest, thrust his hands into the very depths of his pockets, as if in search for a dime, or something of the kind. The priest, observing this movement, advanced as usual, while Jonathan, holding forth a greasy looking roll of paper, commenced very deliberately unfolding it. The old priest anticipated a liberal donation, and put on an air of the most exquisite satisfaction. Jonathan continued to unroll piece after piece of tri-twisted smoking tobacco. He next thrust his hands into another pocket, and drew forth a clay pipe, which, with the utmost deliberation, he proceeded to fill by pinching off small particles of the tobacco. When this was done, having replaced his tobacco in his breeches pocket, he stooped forward and lighted his pipe by the old priest's candle, and making an awkward inclination of the head, (intended, perhaps, for a bow,) he said, "Much obliged to ye squire," and proceeded on.—[Nashville Patriot.]

INFORMATION WANTED.—The heirs of HARRIET COLTRIN, wife of Graham Coltrin, deceased, whose name before marriage was Harriet Heckman, if in this Territory, are requested to report themselves to Mr. Henry Grow, on North Temple street, Sixteenth Ward, G. S. L. City. By so doing they will receive information that may be of material benefit to them.

—A new kind of steam engine called "Pendulous," working with great economy, has been invented in England.

Married:

In this city, on April 13th, 1861, by Bishop J. M. Woolley, Mr. HENRY SABLE and Miss CAROLINE ELIZA VINCENT, all of this city.

[Mil. Star please copy.]

Also, at the same time and place, Mr. JOSEPH BODELL and Miss MARY JOHNSON, all of this city.

[Mil. Star please copy.]

Died:

In this city, 14th inst., of general debility, MARGARY DUNCAN MATHER, aged 64 years, formerly of Forfarshire, Scotland.

[Mil. Star please copy.]

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession a three-year old red HEIFER, star in the forehead; no brands visible. The owner may have the property upon proving his claim and paying charges. Apply to SHADRACH ROUNDY, 16th Ward.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

A SALESMAN.

ONE accustomed to the retail Provision Trade in England preferred. Apply to J. M. BROWNE, East Temple street, G. S. L. City.—7-2

STRAY MARE.

I HAVE in my possession a small brown MARE, with a white strip in face, 4 years old, branded on left shoulder, left thigh, and also right thigh, all illegible. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away. ORLANDO GEE, Bates' Ranch, Tooele co.—7-2

UTAH COUNTY TAKE NOTICE!!

ON the First Saturday and Sunday, in May, 1861, the Utah County Educational Association will hold their Second Semi-Annual Session, in the Seminary at Provo. Trustees, School Teachers and all others interested, are particularly requested to attend.

CHARLES D. EVANS,

71 County Superintendent of Schools for Utah co.

SIO REWARD.

HAS STRAYED or been STOLEN, from the West Jordan range, a bay MARE, four years old, of medium size, with both hind ankles partly white, and with no other distinguishing marks. The above reward shall be paid to any person who will deliver her at my residence, in the 16th Ward, G. S. L. City.

7-3* DAVID TAYLOR.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons are hereby cautioned against receiving or negotiating a certain PROMISSORY NOTE, drawn by Andrew J. Stewart and Benjamin F. Stewart, in favor of Russell, Majors & Waddie, or order, for six thousand, four hundred and seventy-four dollars and ninety-five cents (\$6474 95-100ths), bearing date April 26th, A.D., 1860, payable eighteen months after date, with a credit thereon of one hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty-five cents (\$121 65-100ths) as said NOTE HAS BEEN PAID.

ANDREW J. STEWART,

BENJ. F. STEWART.

Provo City, April 10th, 1861.—7-3

NOTICE.

THIS is to notify those persons who were not prepared with their means when I left the city, that my son, Wm. B. Wright, at Staines, Needham & Co's. store, will act as my AGENT to receive money and orders, and forward to me until the first of May, arrangements having been made to that effect. A few yoke of Oxen will be taken at cash prices, and stoves brought through for them.

7-2 A. R. WRIGHT.

Penmanship!

C. R. CLARK

RESPECTFULLY informs the Gentlemen and Ladies of Great Salt Lake City, that he will give instruction in PENMANSHIP to all such as desire to learn or improve in this useful accomplishment.

Instruction will be given at the 14th Ward School Room, and at G. W. Mousley's Academy, 16th Ward. Ladies' Class at 5 o'clock p.m., and Gentlemen's, at 6 1/2 p.m.

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TO CATTLE HUNTERS.

A Few months ago, I had running over Jordan, down about the Willows, a four-year old COW, which I expect has a calf. Said cow is mostly red, with a white spot in the face above the eyes, some white on bush of the tail, and some white in the left flank and inside the thighs; marked slit in each ear; branded (perhaps) EAST on one horn and E on the hip. I was absent when she was branded and am not certain whether both brands were used.

Also, a three-year old red STEER, marked as above, and a red and white bull of same age and marks, had on the neck when last seen, a black branded EAST. Any person who will deliver me either of the above cattle, at my residence in the 14th Ward, shall be liberally rewarded.

7-1 E. W. EAST.

WM. S. GODEE,
APOTHECARY AND DRUGGIST,

EAST TEMPLE STREET,

HAS just received from California a fresh supply of DRUGS AND MEDICINES comprising a full assortment of the invaluable GRAEFENBURG'S FAMILY MEDICINES, viz.: consumptive's balm, Marshall's uterine cathartic, sarsaparilla compound, dysentery syrup, pill remedy, children's panacea, vegetable pills, fever and ague remedy, eye lotion, green mountain ointment, and health blisters. A great variety of patent medicines, fancy soaps, essential oils, perfumeries, combs, brushes, etc., etc. Nipple glasses, breast pipes, nursing bottles, glass and metal syringes, trusses and female abdominal supporters of the most improved styles. Boiled linseed oil, turpentine, glass and putty. A superior quality of barley malt, for home purposes. Baled cultivated HOPS for Sale.

WM. S. GODEE.

N.B.—Graefenburg Medical Almanac gratis to customers. (7-4) W. S. G.