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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Indians in the section of Oregon and Washington Territory east of the Cascade Mountains, number 10,562, and there is reserved to them over one million acres of arable land, some of the most fertile in the Territory.

After an interval of five months, during which no case of foot and mouth disease has happened in the county of Norfolk, England, the contagion has again broken out in a dangerous form, and farmers are very much alarmed.

Mr. C. F. Moore, a correspondent of the Journal of Agriculture, says the grades from Merino rams will bear more wool than those from the Cotswolds, and that they eat less food. They are hardy, and for general purposes the best.

The late of Man census shows that on April 4 the population numbered 83,492—a decrease, as compared with 1871, of 559. The number of summer and autumn visitors during 1871 was about 75,000; last year the number was about 150,000.

The British possessions in Australia cover 5,076,000 square miles. The population, white and colored, number 5,832,000, by far the greater part being concentrated in a few miles. The debt of the colonies is already nearly \$100,000,000.

In the high school of Dedham, Massachusetts, the experiment is being made of using daily newspapers instead of text books in the reading class. The principal thinks that the plan is successful. The pupils read better, and are more interested in their reading.

News from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is to the effect that rich gold and silver-bearing quartz has been struck in Kicking Horse Pass, Belknap Range. Specimens have been secured as high as \$90 to the ton, and the mining people in that section are more or less excited.

Springer's bill to make the election of President and Vice-President the direct act of the people instead of by the electoral college, has much to recommend it to the country. We see no good reason why the old, round about system should be continued. But the citizens of the United States in the Territories ought to cast their votes for the chief officers of the nation, as well as the people in the States.

One of the glories of British jurisprudence is its impartial administration. The rich criminal makes with the same fate as the poor would. Thomas Alexander Hayes, Robinson, of Orem, Missouri, an English gentleman of wealth, enjoying an annual income of \$30,000, was recently sentenced to the Liverpool prison for five years' personal servitude for shooting at a police constable with intent to murder him. The officer was attempting to arrest the prisoner under a warrant. If it had been in this country Robinson would have managed to fix matters with money.

One of the largest sales of land ever known, was effected by Capt. W. G. Veal, of Dallas, Texas. He sold 4,500,000 acres of land in Western and Northwestern Texas, to an English company. This company will sell alternate tracts of from 200 to 500 acres to European immigrants wishing to settle upon it. The settlers will improve their land, and by so doing will increase the value of the reserved tracts. In many parts of Texas the value of land has doubled in the last two years. Within six years, land that was bought for \$1 an acre has been known to bring from \$20 to \$30.

The agricultural returns of Ireland for 1882 show that the average under crops, including meadow and clover, has decreased since 1851 by 114,537 acres. The total acreage of the country is 20,238,755, of which one-half is under crops, and almost a fourth left to marsh, fence, road, and water. There has been a gradual diminution of the area under cultivation for the last twenty years. The country has 104,000 fewer sheep and 9,000 fewer horses than it had a year ago but it has 334,100 more pigs, 30,000 more head of cattle, and 25,225 more poultry.

## UTAH PRODUCTS.

The Albany Press and Knickerbocker has the annexed paragraph:

Mr. John Neftz, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Chicago, while on a recent visit to Utah, obtained a quantity of potatoes raised there, a portion of which he sent to friends here. They are simply stupendous, weighing from one to two pounds. If the potato family of Utah are polygamous, and these are specimens of their product on that account, there should be no objection to the "peculiar institution"—provided it is confined to potatoes and other agricultural crops.

The truth is, Utah beats the world in potatoes. They are not only large and numerous, but of most excellent quality. We assure the Albany paper, which makes the agricultural restrictions, that the "peculiar institution" bears equally good fruits in its own domain as intelligent agriculture in its special field. And we say with confidence that they are no small potatoes either. They will bear comparison with the monogamous products in any part of the country, and like the "apple of the earth" that gain the admiration of all beholders. "Utah's best crop" will yet astonish the natives of the East and compel their admiration.

## HELPED BY THE "MORMONS."

There is one Congressman who is willing to acknowledge that he is much indebted to the "Mormon" part of his constituency for his position in the House of Representatives. We refer to Hon. M. E. Post, Delegate-elect from Wyoming Territory. That gentleman received the Democratic "Mormon" vote at the recent election, and does not hesitate to announce the fact. He knows that the "Mormon" portion of his supporters are entitled to much consideration on his part as any other, and in a letter to a friend of ours he frankly admits the good service which they rendered to him, and expresses his desire to assist them to all their rights. He says further that he is not afraid to meet the issue that may be raised by his acknowledgment, nor to admit that he was greatly aided in his success here by the vote of the "Mormon" of Wyoming.

We do not see why any man who gains office by the votes of the "Mormon" people should hesitate to acknowledge the fact, and return compliments by assisting in seeing them righted, unless he is a coward and a time server. Backbone, real grit, moral courage, or whatever other name may be given it, is a quality sadly lacking in public men. There is not a Republican or a Democrat running for office in this mountain region who would not be mighty glad of "Mormon" support at the polls. But the nerve to acknowledge it and to stand up for what is right in relation to this much abused people, is wanting when the popular voice is heard in ignorant condemnation of them.

We hope the Delegate from Wyoming will be true to his post, and manifest in public the same manly spirit which he has exhibited in private in relation to his "Mormon" constituents.

## OIL ON THE TROUBLED WATERS.

This practical application of the adage about "casting oil upon the troubled waters," which has already been noted once or twice in this paper, has been tested recently by Mr. Vincenzo Fondacora, on a trip from Montevideo to Naples. He sailed on a three ton boat of his own building with a crew of only two men. The passage was an extraordinarily rough one and the violence of the waves was abated by the use of the oil which was inclosed in small bottle-shaped bags, each bag containing about half a gallon. In case of a gale of wind, when it became necessary to lay to, a large bag attached to the bow of the boat was thrown overboard. The sailors call a floating anchor a drag. This kept his boat's head to the wind. Two of the small bags of oil were then thrown overboard, one from each side. Each bag had a small orifice through which the oil escaped slowly. It circled around the boat and prevented the sea from breaking over her and overwhelming her.

Mr. Fondacora says a gallon of oil was sufficient to enable his boat to lay "to" for four hours. The oil of the sea does not diminish the violence of the waves, but it prevents them from breaking and thus renders them comparatively harmless. Experiments have been made with this process by the English and Italian governments and the virtue of the oil system ought to be known to all those who "go down to the sea in ships."

## BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

## AMERICAN.

LATEST NEWS.

Geo. H. Baker.

PHILADELPHIA, 12.—George H. Baker was re-elected president of the union league.

RECENT STATEMENTS.

New York, 12.—More or less delay may be expected on cable business all day owing to land line interruption on both sides of the Atlantic.

Failure for \$30,000.

J. A. & W. S. Sweeney, bankers, have assigned; liabilities \$30,000.

The Warring Roads.

There are many conflicting state-ments made in the lobby of the Wisconsin state house. Mitchell and Mitchell assert that peace will reign from to-day, and more than half the war will terminate at our meeting. Over is not to imagine. Other railroad men are very reluctant. A crisis is near at hand.

Provisions.

Clippers freight remains very much as heretofore reported, and it is not likely there will be any change during the remainder of the year, and the agreement after the turn of the year depends upon the action of the meeting of representatives of the United and Central Pacific, Atlantic, Oregon and Santa Fe and Iowa, and the eastern trunk lines, which convenes in this city to-day for the purpose of adjusting the difference of the country along the line of the California contracts. It is noted last week. Shippers are much dissatisfied, and it is possible that many of them may withdraw from their contracts and resume shipment via the Cape Horn. Rates are unchanged.

An Agricultural Fair on Wheels.

SAN FRANCISCO, 12.—The Northern Pacific Exhibition Car arrived here yesterday morning on its homeward trip, having made a tour since September 15th, through Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland. The car is a miniature agricultural fair on wheels, containing very fine specimens of the agricultural and mineral products of the country along the line of the Northern Pacific Railway.

There is an exhibition in the car, wheat five feet in height, averaging from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre; oats, six feet in height, averaging 55 bushels to the acre, and weighing 54 pounds to the bushel; rye averaging 60 bushels to the acre; potatoes, 25 different varieties, averaging from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre; 35 varieties of wood from the Minnesota forests; 40 varieties of grasses, from one to nine feet high, and exceedingly fine specimens of vegetables of all kinds. Corn from Dakota and Montana, iron, copper, lead, and silver ore of the finest grades. The car is now in the city, and is visited by about 200,000 people. The specimens are attractively arranged and give a fine impression of the

riches and productiveness of the Northern Pacific country.

False Claims.

CHICAGO, 12.—D. S. Hull is on trial at Omaha for presenting false claims or vouchers to the government, while construction of government bridges during their construction. The amount involved is \$3,000 to \$5,000, and the indictment has 23 counts.

Pushing their Heads Together.

Commissioner Midgley and the general freight agents of the Western road left night for New York, accompanied by representatives of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads. To-morrow the Western freight agents will meet the joint executive committee for the purpose of considering the present contract system of California business, and also of fixing through rates and division of the same for the ensuing year.

Logic on the Fitzjohn Case.

CHICAGO, 12.—A Washington special says: If anybody supposed that Logan would surrender his conviction on account of the Fitzjohn case, he would have been undeceived if he had heard the Senate proceedings yesterday. For will demonstrate before the country, if I cannot convince the Senate that I am right in the matter of Fitzjohn Porter, the bill cannot pass. I stand here now to demonstrate my position, or without discussion. Persistence in wrong does not make it right. One Senator says a great deal of sense has been shown. I do not think so. I say no man was more justly convicted than Fitzjohn Porter, and I stand here now to demonstrate my position. I believe I have facts upon my side, and I am ready to sustain my position. I am ready to take up this case whenever the civil service bill is disposed of.

Senator McPherson, then referring to Gen. Grant, without naming him, said: "There are gentlemen not less distinguished in military and civil life than the Senator from Illinois, who have charged their views upon this subject. Logan at the first public mention in the Senate of Gen. Grant's recent advocacy of Fitzjohn Porter became intensely excited and said: 'How much of the senator from New Jersey intimates that persons have changed their minds. I have to say that I have known people to change their views upon any subject. And a man who once changes his mind ought to be capable of giving the country a satisfactory reason for that change. I have yet seen no reason given. The warmth of Logan's reply aroused the Senate, and an animated debate is expected when the bill shall be called up. Gen. Hawley, who has been called on as among the friends of Porter, says he has thoroughly examined the case and believes Logan is right and shall vote with him."

## FOREIGN.

LATEST TRANS-ATLANTIC DISPATCHES.

South of a Storm.

ROME, 12.—The Duke of Sarmiento, who was president of the provisional government after the entry of the Italian troops into Rome in 1870 is dead.

The Fire King.

MADRID, 12.—Part of the war office was burned down by fire. 20 persons injured, one seriously.

The library and part of the archives were destroyed. The king, who was during the fire and assisted in subduing the flames.

Appointments.

LONDON, 12.—It is understood that Dr. J. H. Spalding, Secretary of State for India, and Earl of Salisbury, Secretary of War.

Remembrance.

LONDON, 12.—P. M. General Fawcett had another hemorrhage last evening.

A Member in Limbo.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Whalley, Member of Parliament for Peterborough, who failed to answer to a summons charging him with obtaining £25 from a hotel proprietor by false pretenses.

In Dispute.

LONDON, 12.—The *Standard* of London, which has been the subject of a long and bitter dispute, has been decided in favor of the *Standard* of London.

London Fogs and Frost.

LONDON, 12.—Exceptionally dense fog prevailed yesterday and to-day. The traffic in the streets, on the roads, and railways, was impeded. Five persons were killed by falling through the ice while skating. The thermometer indicated seven degrees below the freezing point.

A Band of Robbers.

Perth, 12.—A heated debate occurred in the Diet yesterday, concerning alleged abuses in connection with contracts for engineering work on the Great Eastern Railway. The president of the Hungarian House declared the opportunity should be taken to protest against the officers of the government being described as a "band of robbers."

SPECIAL STATE MEETINGS.

The first of the special meetings of the Senate of this State, called for December 12th and 13th, convened in the Assembly Hall this morning at 10 o'clock. President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

There were present on the stand-off of the First Presidency of the Church, President John Taylor, President of the First Presidency, Apostle E. J. Cannon, and Counselors David O. Quaker and Jos. E. Taylor, of the Presidency of the State.

H. S. Eldredge and W. W. Taylor of the First Presidency of the Seventies.

Counselors Edward Smelgrove and Elias Morris, of the High Priests Quorum.

Also, a number of Patriarchs and members of the High Council, and others.

The roll was called; there were present four Patriarchs and 37 Presidents of Seventies' Quorums. The Elders' Quorums were represented by presiding officers excepting the 6th and 8th Quorums, and all of the Wards of the State were represented.

The First Presidency of Salt Lake City, Mill, and Desperville; the Teachers' of Herds and Desperville; the Deacons of the 7th, 11th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 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