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SUPREME COURT ON THE REBELLION.

An Interesting Decision in Regard to the Legal Consequence of Secession—Infringement of the State Government—Validity of the Coerced Constitution.

The following decision was made in the Supreme Court at Washington on April 22:
White v. Hart et al., error to the Supreme Court of Georgia. This was an action on a note given for the price of a slave. The defense pleaded that by the new Constitution of the State the Court was prohibited from taking any jurisdiction of a case involving the validity of such a contract. The judgment of the Court was for the defendant, and it announced the following proposition:

1. That when the Constitution of 1868 was adopted Georgia was not a State in the Union; that she had severed her connection as such, and was a conquered territory wholly at the mercy of the conqueror, and that hence the inhibition of the States by the Constitution of the United States, as to any law impairing the obligation of contracts had no application to her.

2. That her constitution does not affect the contract, but only denies jurisdiction to her Courts to enforce it.

3. That her Constitution was adopted under the dictation and coercion of Congress, and is the act of Congress rather than that of the State, and that, though a State cannot pass a law impairing the validity of contracts, Congress can, and that, for this reason, also the inhibition of the Federal Constitution has no effect in the case. This Court reverses this judgment, and in substance says:

The subject presented by the first proposition has been considered incidentally several times by this Court, and its former decisions, in respect to it, need only be reaffirmed. The national Constitution created not a confederacy of States but a government of individuals. It assumed that the government and the States which were incorporated into the Union, would be inseparable; and, as far as human means could accomplish such a work, it intended to make them so. The Federal Constitution and the States which were incorporated into the Union, would be inseparable, and, as far as human means could accomplish such a work, it intended to make them so. The Federal Constitution and the States which were incorporated into the Union, would be inseparable, and, as far as human means could accomplish such a work, it intended to make them so.

Highwaymen have literally ridden rough shod over the mountains, through the gulches and across the plains of California, ever since and before it was a State. Here was their harvest home, affording them at different periods, an undisturbed field of operations. First, the Territories, and then the State, and, as a result, enabled them to waylay and rob the luckless traveler with impunity. Again, the thousands of traders and miners and prospectors who came down from the mountains to the low lands and cities, were far gone to be plucked. For years they were a prey to the highwaymen, and the gold dust, which fact was invariably known to the sharpers who followed and fleeced them most mercilessly. These fellows whom Mark Twain first described as "Road Agents," are the veriest rascals and rascals in existence. Many of them first drew breath in the parlors of St. Gilles, or the Five Points, some are "tickets of leave men," hailing from New South Wales, while not a few graduated from the classic precincts of San Quentin. During the last three years or more, these fellows have received several severe lessons. Emboldened by success, and escaping detection after taking desperate chances, they commenced their depredations with moneyed passengers, and plenty of the ore stored away in the boxes of the express messengers. Stimulated by liberal rewards, the highwaymen, who were generally armed and equipped, killed on the spot while making resistance, and quite a number are at present serving out their time in the Penitentiary. Still their numbers are increasing, and a reckless band of ruffians as ever went unwhung.—*Oakland Transcript.*

exercise of the sovereign power of the State, and that the Thirteenth amendment of the Constitution does not affect the question; the contract, being valid when made, was enforceable in all the courts, and that subsequent legislation, either by State or constitutional provisions, could not render it invalid. The Chief Justice dissented, and stated that he would give his grounds in an opinion to be filed hereafter.—*Sacramento Reporter.*

Kris Gaid Goes—Two Thousand People Leaving Ireland in a Week.

Judging from its present appearance, the tide of emigration to America this year promises to be greater, or at least equal to any that has taken place for many years back. That is indicated not only by the numbers that embark at Queenstown but also by the thousands that come over from Liverpool in the outward-bound steamers, which, in consequence, have but limited accommodation for passengers in Cork harbor. To make up for the deficiency, additional steamers are brought into requisition, notwithstanding which, large numbers are still left behind in Queenstown. The Cunard steamer *Albatross*, which was chartered yesterday, after embarking 300 passengers, leaving Queenstown on Saturday. The new steamer *Adriatic*, of the White Star Line, is to start to-morrow, besides which, an ordinary boat from the Limerick and an extra one of the Cunard line will start on Saturday. The ordinary steamer of the National line sails to-day. Hundreds of intending emigrants, of all ages, from children in arms up to men and women of sixty arrive by the Great Southern and Western railway, and thence betake themselves to the Cork and Queenstown railway station, without much delay, each one appearing anxious to outstrip his neighbor, so as to be first at his destination if possible. At the railway stations an almost continual scene of confusion prevails throughout the day, between booking and the removal of luggage at the arrivals and departures of the trains. In Queenstown the emigration office is regularly besieged. Some of the managers are obliged to keep their doors closed at intervals to admit of their transacting business, without being continually molested for application for tickets and berths. The people generally appear to be of the family class and in good circumstances. They are from the counties of Tipperary, Limerick, and the north of this county. They are, almost without exception, comfortable in their habits, and are well acquainted with the English language. Some cases, really surprising. It is a matter of astonishment to a good many that such people should be at all leaving their homes, and that they should be so regularly shipped during the week. It is a matter of surprise that they should be so regularly shipped during the week. It is a matter of surprise that they should be so regularly shipped during the week.

BREVITIES.

Fifteen years ago President Buchanan said, in a message to Congress: "Do not ever since the origin of our government we have been employed in negotiating treaties with Great Britain, and in discussing their true intent and meaning."

A choral association, forming in Danbury, wants somebody to lead them. The New says: "The people who live next door to where they refuse are equally anxious for somebody to lead them, and they are leading them the better will these outraged people feel."

The origin of the custom of distributing gloves at funerals is uncertain. Dr. Don suggests that they were given originally as a challenge from the doctor defying all who should dare say he committed murder contrary to the rules of the profession. The term "ultramontane" is much used in books and newspapers, and but little understood. It is one of those words which, from representing a locality, has come to represent a religious belief and a political party. Ultramontane literally means beyond the mountains, and in the union of the Church with the State, it represents the doctrine of the Pope and whatever nations of Europe they are called ultramontane. In Spain, in France, in Germany and Austria, the ultramontane party has been a strong element in the direction of public affairs.

Chief Justice Chase is said to be the best scholar that has ever presided over the Supreme Court. As he is not surpassed by any man in the profession. While he was Governor of Ohio he read through the Greek Testament during his first term. He reads French as readily as English. He can translate "Faust" into his own strong and vigorous English. He reads Italian and Spanish like the natives of those sunny lands. While he is not a poet he is fond of "revelings with the Poets," and has a high appreciation of Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Dante, Goethe and others. He has made some good translations of the poets, and is a worthy pupil of Euclid. He is, in the broad sense, an elegant and accomplished scholar.

The Sacramento Union says that the owners of flower gardens there have had numerous young girls who begged "a few flowers to put on my little sister's coffin." The sympathetic gardeners of course complied with so touching a request, but so frequently did the application become that they began to think a frightful superstition was prevailing among the little sisters, or else some deception was being practiced. One fearful maiden, on being interviewed sharply, confessed that her little sister had died more than a dozen times, and that she wanted the flowers to take to school.

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