

to labor for the progress and culture of the rising generation. No trustee can reasonably think himself justified before the law or his own conscience, who never visits the school under his supervision nor makes himself acquainted with the teacher and the scholars, nor with the manner in which the school is conducted. Grave responsibilities are placed upon school trustees, and while they should be diligent and discreet, the people should sustain them in all laudable endeavors for the good of our district schools.

NOSTRUMS.

We frequently receive communications, requesting us to publish nostrums for the cure of various diseases, such as diphtheria, smallpox, etc. Often the recipes sent to us are such as have been repeatedly inserted in the *News*; for instance, the sulphur remedy for diphtheria, and the fox-glove remedy for smallpox. If our friends would pay attention to what they read, they would know that these so-called nostrums have already been made known through this paper.

We will say further, that while we desire to impart all the information attainable in regard to the nature of the suffering and the arrest of disease, we have little confidence in the cure-all which are so frequently paraded in the public prints. They often fail when put to the test, and those who rely on them blame the source from whence they obtained the recipe. In ordinary cases perhaps benefit results from the use of these remedies, while in cases of a more malignant type they are utterly worthless. Put not your trust in nostrums, nor expect the same results to flow in different cases and varying organizations.

THE MOON AND THE WEATHER.

The effects of the moon on the weather are strongly disputed by many scientific men, and as strenuously maintained by a large number of practical observers. The apparent results of the moon's influence are treated by the former as mere coincidences, and by the latter as palpable effects of lunar causes. We do not pretend to be able to decide between the professional philosophers, and the devotees of moonology, but will direct attention to the following guide to observers of the moon's changes in relation to the weather, furnished by a correspondent of the *Cincinnati Times*. Perhaps some of our readers will watch and report:

"The late Marshal Bugeaud, when only a captain during the Spanish campaign under Napoleon the First, once read in a manuscript which he obtained from his late wife, that observations made in England and Florence during a period of fifty years, the following law respecting the weather, had been proved to hold true: 'Election times out of twelve the weather remains the same during the whole moon as it is the fifth day, if it continues unchanged over the sixth day, and nine times out of twelve the fourth, if the sixth day resembles the fourth.' From 1815 to 1830, M. Bugeaud devoted his attention to agriculture, and, guided by the law just mentioned, avoided the losses in hay-time and vintage which many of his neighbors experienced. When Governor of Algiers, he never entered a campaign till after the sixth day of the moon. His neighbors at Exceullu and his lieutenants in Algiers would often exclaim: 'How lucky he is, the weather!' 'What more chance he has than the result of observation.' In counting the fourth and sixth days, he was particular in beginning from the exact time of the new moon, and again three hours after the fourth day for the greater length of the lunar as compared with the solar day."

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE "WORLD" THINKS KEARNEY WILL HAVE TIME TO BELIEVE.

New York, 12.—The *World* says: The magistrate who sentenced Kearney took the proper course in imposing so serious a penalty, for Kearney has been a serious nuisance for a long time. He has been in the county jail for months, at least, California will be free of him, and at the end of his seclusion he may begin darkly to apprehend his future. He has been in the county jail for months, at least, California will be free of him, and at the end of his seclusion he may begin darkly to apprehend his future. He has been in the county jail for months, at least, California will be free of him, and at the end of his seclusion he may begin darkly to apprehend his future.

THE CHINESE PREPARING FOR WAR.

The *Herald's* special dated Shanghai, 16, says: I hear on the best authority that the Pekin authorities have sentenced Chung How, late ambassador to Russia, to death. His decision, that reaches me to-day, carries with it grave complications between China and Russia, for the czar will certainly resent the punishment of an ambassador. A similar warlike spirit seems to have gained possession of the Chinese people, on all sides there are symptoms of the coming struggle between which all war of the empire will fade into insignificance. The army is being carefully trained in the principles of European tactics. Their spears and match locks are being replaced by rifles, the bamboo lances of the cavalry are giving place to the sabres of the British troops. The governor-general of 18 provinces of the empire have been charged with a special military commission and new powers are conferred on members of their staff. A general inspection has been ordered by the war minister, accounts of the war departments overhauled and coast defenses strengthened. A number of foreign drill-masters have been brought to Peking. A great deal is already being made for training the regular volunteers, who are only mustered on the gravest occasions.

THE TRIBUNE ON CALIFORNIA'S CONSTITUTION.

The *Tribune* says: It seems to us that the most serious danger to the State is to be looked for in Sacramento rather than at San Francisco. "Harmonious and useful cooperation between the people" is possible except upon the basis of justice, of which the law-makers of California show no very lively appreciation. The unfortunate and dangerous people will not find complete relief until they have got rid of their new Constitution, but in the meanwhile the legislature if it chooses, might mitigate the mischiefs caused by this monstrous instrument. Having suppressed Kearney, the *Union's* Projective Union will perhaps find a good field for its activity in maintaining the rights and liberties of the people. School trustees should be active, able, wise and liberal-minded, and anxious to subserve the cause of education and

STEAMER ON FIRE.

The ship *N. B. Palmer*, reports that February 15th, latitude 23, longitude 20, spoke the *Descent*, from Glasgow, for the island of Trinidad, with her cargo in the after hold on fire for four days. The steamer hoped to be able to reach Trinidad.

NEW YORK PRESS ON KEARNEY'S SENTENCE.

The *Times* says: It is said that Denis Kearney was surprised when he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to be imprisoned six months in the county jail. The *Times* has disturbed the peace of California for more than two years. He has openly advocated murder, and has been charged with the murder of a man who should be hanged by the mob, and has made ostentatious preparations for the erection of a gallows. No such incendiary has ever been permitted to remain at large so long as he, for some mysterious and wholly unaccountable reason he has been almost unopposed up to this time. The *California* newspapers usually so ready under the comment of outside critics, have endured Kearney without a murmur or remonstrance. But there appears to be a limit to California's forbearance, and this splendid demagogue will be kept under lock and key for six months.

The *Herald* says of Kearney: He has been taught a lesson which he will not be likely to forget. When released from prison and exempted from his fine he will understand full well that the laws remain as they were at the time of his conviction, and that a repetition of his offense would subject him to the same penalties without any ground for application to the governor to relieve him from any part of his sentence. We hope, therefore, that Kearney may receive an unconditional pardon soon after the restoration of perfect quiet in San Francisco. It was necessary to convince him, and his followers of the power and majesty of the law. But this once accomplished there will be no further reason for severity.

THE CHICAGO PRESS ON KEARNEY'S SENTENCE.

CHICAGO, 17.—The *Times*, after expressing satisfaction that it was mistaken in supposing the courts would not punish Kearney, says, in conclusion of a long article: "No sentence was ever more richly earned than the one which the San Francisco police court has pronounced upon Kearney. It is to be hoped not only that it will be fully executed upon him, but also that other ring-leaders of the mob may receive an equal measure of justice and that the communistic mayor, Kallhoff, after first being impeached and removed from his office for abusing his official language, may be sent to join Kearney at the penitentiary."

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The *Inter-Ocean* alone considers the sentence severe and likely to result in his leadership of his dupes.

Mrs. Lockwood and Senator Hill. The *Inter-Ocean's* Washington special says: Mrs. Lockwood's statements, so far, have been borne out and she complains that Senator Hill will not let her for defamation of character as to give her a chance to defend herself.

NOT FOR TRIAL.

John W. Wright, claim agent, who was indicted at the instance of Secretary Delano for fraudulent practices, and escaped conviction on a technicality, and after fleeing from Delano on sight, nearly carried off his throat soon after Hayes was inaugurated, came in court to-day, to answer an indictment for assault with intent to kill, and behaved in a most unseemly manner, denouncing Delano roundly despite the warning of the court, and refused to plead, and abused the court. Wright is wealthy and eccentric. The court ordered a plea of not guilty, and said he would appoint counsel and hear the trial on Wednesday.

A STANDING COMMISSION.

The *Inter-Ocean's* Washington special says: The House committee on Indian affairs will probably report in favor of the passage of Haskell's bill providing for the establishment of a standing commission of three army officers to investigate and report to Congress on the claims of Indians for damages on account of Indian depredations. These claims cannot go to the courts because of the peculiar circumstances in many of them, and so they come to Congress and Congress is compelled either to deny them altogether or pay them on testimony that is rarely reliable. The committee is now considering a bill which is a kind of that of Ben Holladay, the famous "Overland route" man, who lost horses, bonds, forages and other property, amounting to half a million dollars, in the hands of the army, and whose claim has been before Congress for ten years, and expression has been reported favorably from the committee on claims.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

WASHINGTON, 17.—The Secretary of War, to-day, House of Representatives a letter from General McDowell, asking an appropriation for improvement of the "reservoir reservation" by planting trees, constructing roads, enclosing grounds, etc. If it is agreed to by Congress it will add the Presidio to the number of San Francisco parks.

Senator Jones, Nevada, reappeared in the Senate, to-day, for the first time since recess. He was warmly greeted by his hosts of friends on both sides of the Chamber, and announced to them his intention of remaining in Washington until the close of the present session. It is not thought probable that Senator Sharon, who started homewards last Saturday will reappear this session.

Postmaster-General Key said that he intends to postpone action on the report of his department on the proposed collection of postage on the carrying business until he obtains the views of the Pacific coast congressional delegation on the subject, and that he will not hear arguments of any persons who may wish to come here within a reasonable time to present them.

Californians in Washington are of the impression that the Postmaster-General will not cut off this service as recommended by the commission, but that he will content himself with making regulations to insure a proper collection of postage.

W. T. Green was, to-day, appointed postmaster at Street Iron, Colorado, vice Reed resigned.

The President is very indignant at the conduct of Major Reno in failing to save himself from degradation by resigning, and to-day appointed him to the post of major.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, 17.—The Senate passed a bill embodying the postal money order convention with the United States.

ST. PETERSBURG.

Gen. Skobloff is of opinion that there will be no necessary march to Mur, the Turcomans will advance to meet the Russians.

It is semi-officially stated that Prince Griffl has not been called from the legation at Paris but has only been summoned to give information in relation to the Hartmann affair.

The first of the four political trials before the chief military tribunal has ended by the conviction of the prisoner who was sentenced to death.

Rome.—It is alleged that the Pope, having learned that seven Catholic dignitaries in England had used violent language against the British government and supported the Irish movement, has expressed his disapproval at their conduct and dispatched letters of remonstrance to them.

Cape Town.—The general post office has been robbed of all the diamonds awaiting shipment by mail, valued at £75,000.

AN ORDINANCE.

AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ASSESSING AND COLLECTING CITY TAXES," PASSED MARCH 12, 1878.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City: That an ordinance to provide for assessing and collecting city taxes, passed March 12, 1878, is hereby amended as follows: Section two of said ordinance is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "Twelfth—Wearing apparel, beds, bedding, stoves, chairs, etc., not exceeding one hundred dollars in value for each family."

Sec. 3. Section three of said ordinance is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "Property other than money shall be assessed at a fair cash value, or on hand or on deposit, shall be assessed at its legal value; real estate shall be listed as real estate, and personal property shall be listed as personal property."

Sec. 4. Section four of said ordinance is hereby amended by striking out the words "on or before the first Monday in April," and substituting in lieu thereof "on or before the first day of January and on or before the second Tuesday in July." Also by adding to said section the following: "If at any time after the assessment is made, and during the year, it should be ascertained that any taxable property has not been assessed, the Assessor may assess the same and make report thereon to the City Council, and the City Council shall cause the same to be entered in the Collector's roll for collection."

Sec. 5. Section fourteen of said ordinance is hereby amended by inserting after the word "taxpayer" the words "by mail, postage prepaid."

Sec. 6. Section eighteen of said ordinance is hereby amended by adding to said section the following: "And the City Auditor shall credit the Collector with the amount of the taxes due and costs to date of sale."

Sec. 7. Section twenty-five of said ordinance is hereby amended by striking out the word "December," and substituting the word "May" in lieu thereof.

Sec. 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed March 16, 1880.

FERMORZ LITTLE, Mayor.

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