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New Moon, 14th day, 7h. 29 m. Morning.
First Quarter, 21st day, 2 h. 29 m. Morning.
Full Moon, 29th day, 5h. 49 m. Morning.

D	M	W	Moons place at Noon.	Signification of Signs.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.
13	S	11	11	Neck & Throat	4 47 7	7 7
14	M	26	24		4 45 7	8
15	T	11	II 35	Arms, Shouldr's	4 44 7	9
16	W	26	34		4 43 7	10
17	T	11	III 10	Breast & Stom.	4 42 7	11
18	F	25	21		4 41 7	12
19	S	9	13	Heart & Back	4 40 7	13
20	S	22	16		4 39 7	14
21	M	5	IV 04	Bowels & Belly	4 38 7	15
22	T	17	32		4 37 7	16
23	W	29	43		4 36 7	17
24	T	11	II 42	Reins & Loins	4 35 7	18
25	F	23	35		4 35 7	19
26	S	5	III 23	Secret Members	4 34 7	20
27	S	17	11		4 33 7	21
28	M	29	03		4 33 7	22
29	T	10	VI 51	Hips & Thighs	4 32 7	23
30	W	23	01		4 31 7	24
31	T	5	II 11	Knees & Hams	4 31 7	25

[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

Washington, 13.

It is currently stated that Jeff. Davis will be tried upon the indictment for treason, when the U. S. Circuit Court reassembles at Richmond, to which place it is now adjourned to meet early in June, and that Chief Justice Chase will preside, and Mr. Speed be assisted in the prosecution by ex-Gov. Clifford, of Massachusetts, and Evarts of New York.

Judge Underwood's charge to the grand jury, on the 8th, clearly set forth their duties to act fearlessly, even though their fidelity might bring them enemies and murderous assaults, as had been the case with the previous grand jury.

Recently President Johnson expressed a desire that no such subordinates as Wirtz should be brought to punishment for treason, but that the head traitors should be.

Judge Underwood charged that it was against these leading offenders that he would have them act, and punish the principals and not the tools. He urged that the mass of the people of a State who sided with the rebellion and took up arms could not be held accountable for treason, but those who had imposed upon the credulity and ignorance of the masses, inciting them to rebellion against the Government, he would have punished.

Judge Underwood announced that he thought Justice Chase would be in attendance to preside in June. The grand jury then retired, and, on Thursday, brought in an indictment against Jefferson Davis, when Judge Underwood adjourned the court to Richmond.

The receipts for internal revenue during the week amounted to upwards of \$4,250,000, and from customs \$2,700,000, making a total of \$7,000,000.

The Government will lose between \$200,000 and \$300,000 by the failure of

banks in Western Pennsylvania holding public deposits. These banks were ruined by the failure of Culver, Penn & Co., oil operators.

Liverpool, 2.

Gladstone announced, in the House of Commons, that the franchise bill would be pressed, but the bill for the re-distribution of seats would be introduced on the 7th, so that both might be considered together. In reply to the enquiry as to whether the Government would stand by the bill, he said, "so long as the bill stands we stand; if it falls we fall." The liberal papers rejoice that the issue is now plain, and that the liberal members must now face the simple question without the protection of an evasive amendment.

A police constable had been shot dead in Dublin, by a Fenian.

The German question continues warlike, but Austria and Italy are the most decidedly menacing. Both governments deny aggressive designs, but both are represented as vigorously preparing for war. The Italian Parliament promptly voted authority to government to raise means for the defense of the country. A popular meeting at Naples was in favor of the government armaments, and universal enthusiasm is represented throughout Italy in view of a probable war. It is asserted that the Italian government had called out 150,000 men. The Austrian force in Vienna is estimated at 160,000.

Napoleon presided at a special council of Ministers on the 30th, report says to consider the Austrian proposition that Austria and Italy should simultaneously disarm. One rumor says it was determined at the meeting to prevent Italy from taking the aggressive, and insist on the proposition.

Liverpool, 3.

The intelligence from Germany and Italy continues exciting, and armaments are vigorously pressed forward. The Italian fleet had left Genoa, destination unknown.

The Austrian iron clads are stated to have received orders to put to sea; their destination is believed to be the German Ocean and the Baltic.

A Berlin telegram says the reply of the Austrian Government to the last Prussian dispatch states that Austria will withdraw into the interior the troops now on the Prussian frontier, but will at the same time continue its armaments against Italy.

The Russian troops upon the frontier are said to have advanced nearer to the Austrian territory.

A Berlin telegram, May 1st, says it is believed that the Prussian armament will be shortly increased. A reply, dated 29th, to the Austrian note has been sent to the Prussian Ambassador at Vienna, stating that Prussia does not agree to the Vienna Cabinet's proposals in reference to the Duchies. It lays special stress upon the community of interests of Prussia and Italy, and gives an evasive answer to the Austrian proposal for disarmament. Affairs continue critical.

A Florence telegram says a proclamation has been issued by the Minister of War, calling under arms the soldiers on unlimited furloughs.

London, 3.

Consols closed at 86½ @ 86½ for money. Five-twenties are 68 @ 68½. The bank of England to-day advanced the rate of interest to 7 per cent. The depression in London and Paris exchanges is unabated.

The cotton market is easier, with a declining tendency, owing to the advance in the bank rate of interest.

Chicago, 14.

The Senators elect from Colorado emphatically deny the imputation that there was a bargain and agreement to secure votes for the passage of the bill admitting Colorado, by promising their aid to the congressional majority against the President; and they further say that their call upon the President, which has excited the comment that they were pledging their support to him, was simply to present such facts and documents as show the population, substantial wealth and permanent prosperity of Colorado, and had no reference whatever to politics.

The Senate, on the 10th, passed the House bill for the coinage of five cent pieces composed of copper and nickel,

in such proportion, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of nickel, as shall be determined by the Director of the mint; the standard weight to be 77 and 16-100 grains, with no greater deviation than two grains in each piece. This act requires the withdrawal from circulation of all fractional paper currency of less denominations than ten cents.

NEWS ITEMS.

A LEFT-HANDED knife and fork combined has been invented by a soldier who lost his right arm at Sailor's Creek, the last fight of the war. It is so constructed that a person who has lost his right arm can cut his food and feed himself without difficulty, and shows remarkable mechanical genius.

In one mile of the cable now being manufactured for the Atlantic Telegraph there are seven miles of copper wire, seven miles of gutta percha, six miles of galvanized wire, and fifty miles of Manila spun yarn—seventy miles of material to one mile of cable.

THE following story is told of a Father of the Church. At an association dinner a debate arose as to the use of the rod in bringing up children. The doctor took the affirmative, and the chief opponent was a young minister, whose reputation for veracity was not high. He maintained that parents often do harm to their children by unjust punishment, from not knowing the facts of the case. "Why," said he "the only time my father whipped me was for telling the truth." "Well," retorted the doctor, "it cured you of it, didn't it?"

It is said that Moore, one of the Concord Bank robbers, was married a few days ago to a girl in Cochituate, a few miles out of the city, and is living in gay style, sporting a handsome span of horses and other luxuries. If robbers can always do as well as Moore did, getting the plunder and then making advantageous terms with the losers, the profession will get to be attractive.

THE *Folsom Telegraph* says: The power of nitro-glycerine can hardly be estimated. We are informed that at the granite quarry on the line of the Pacific Railroad, near Roseville, during last week, a hole was drilled twenty-five feet in depth, and when it exploded it rent and threw loose an immense mass of granite running down twenty-five feet below the bottom of the hole, being far the heaviest blast ever made in the quarry. This was tried as an experiment, before the accident occurred at San Francisco.

A PRODIGY.—The Bohemian papers give an astonishing account of the facility for learning languages possessed by a Herr Szerezel, a young Bohemian only twenty-three years old. He is said to speak thirty languages, and to be not only thoroughly conversant with all the languages of Europe, but also with those of China, Japan and Malacca. At a meeting lately held of the most celebrated linguists of Prague, Herr Szerezel proved to the satisfaction of his hearers that he possessed a most intimate knowledge of the above languages, especially the Asiatic ones.

ROOFING MATERIAL.—The new discovery is called Plastic Slate Roofing and purposes to be protected by a patent. The process varies so little from methods now in use, that it is difficult to see on what ground a patent could issue for it. The materials are slate stone ground to the fineness of flour, and coal tar. The two are combined in a cold state; about three parts of slate flour to one of tar; the whole well mixed and left to stand for a few hours, when the preparation is applied to the roots previously covered with paper or felting, as in the old tar and gravel process. It is claimed that by this plan, a cheap and completely non-combustible roof is formed, the tar combining with the slate in such a manner that the whole becomes substantially a stone roof, which will not crack, or change from temperature, nor dissolve by the action of fire or water. In time, there is a complete petrefaction, when all the qualities of slate are obtained.—[*Bulletin*]

STORIES OF A HORSE.

A friend recently purchased a fine horse which had been owned by a stove-dealer, and often amused his friends, when out driving, by drawing up the reins at the top of a very steep hill, and then calling out to Fan to be careful of her head. She would obey the command instantly, choosing the surest ground for every footstep, and guarding against the slightest jar that could affect her load. Her success was remarkable—glass itself would have escaped uninjured in her care.

In her new home Fan was used only for a carriage horse. One day she was by mistake harnessed to the plow, and driven out to work. Her spirits seemed greatly depressed by this treatment, and she tried her best to rid herself of the burden. Just then Mr. W—appeared at the opposite side of the field. Fan saw him, and her animation returned instantly. Leaving the furrow, she trotted towards him, complaining in the most mournful tone of the wrong she fancied she had received. Her whole appearance was ludicrous in the extreme, and when she reached him, she actually laid her head against his shoulder in a cooing way, and went on with her complaint, very much like a whining child. Mr. W—was to much amused by her performance to neglect her plea; he released her from the plow, and she trotted off to the stable like a colt.

What she evidently considered her own business, was always well done. One morning while Mr. W—was taking a drive, with his sister and child, she stopped abruptly at the top of the first hill, regardless of the whip, which she usually feared. Mr. W—descended from the carriage and examined the harness.

"All right," said he; "and now, Fan, go ahead; we've no time for your whims."

Fan was resolute; no amount of coaxing or whipping would stir her.

"What does she mean?" inquired Mr. W—, who was to well accustomed to her knowing ways, to suspect her of being in the wrong. He set himself to work once more to ascertain what she was trying to have him understand. He discovered, after much painstaking, that a very important buckle in the harness had been broken, and did not hold. He supplied its place by tying with a stout string, which he was fortunate enough to have about him.

"I cannot tell how the creature found it out," said he musingly, "but if she should have started down hill, we should have been dashed to pieces."

At another time, two friends visiting him were driving out, and became so much absorbed in conversation as to forget, for a time, where the horse was carrying them; but Fan allowed no reveries to divert her attention from her business. The road made a certain turn at a point where the remainder of it, for some distance, was concealed from sight by trees and shrubs. Here she drew up with a jerk that aroused her driver. He called out to her, but she remained firm; he applied the whip—he might as well have essayed to move stone.

"What are you about?" he demanded.

All the echoes of the New Hampshire hills answered for her, as a train thundered by, so near him, that a step or two onward would have been sure destruction.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—

Perhaps it would not be altogether useless to inform the citizens and others that snow fell here last winter to the depth of 7 feet 3 inches, as near as could be measured, and if it has fallen to that depth on the mountains, we may expect high water; therefore it may be well to prepare for it in time, and thus prevent damage therefrom as far as possible.

Yours respectfully,

J. PARRY.

Sixteenth Ward, May 15th.

ADJOURNED.—P. Lynch, Esq., Clerk of court courteously handed us the following telegram:—

Virginia Dale, May 10.

P. Lynch:—Adjourn courts till 28th and 29th inst.

JOHN TITUS, Judge.