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—The new California law subjecting wife-beating husbands to flogging seems to be slow in getting into operation. Although there have been several notorious wife-beating cases recently in the State, no judge has ventured to pass a sentence of flogging upon the beater. It is suggested that this may arise from an idea that the law conflicts with the State constitutional prohibition of "cruel and unusual punishments," and it is urged that, if not cruel, flogging would be unusual. This objection, however, would only apply to a few of the first cases. The *Sacramento Record-Union* says, "Nevertheless we should like to see the validity of the statute fairly tested, and hope that the first wife-beater who is convicted after this will be sentenced in accordance with its provisions. If it could be made convenient to flog him first and settle the constitutional question afterwards, it would perhaps be still more gratifying to the public."

—The *Toronto (Canada) Leader* says, on the official salary question, "The truth is that the whole of the officials of the United States are underpaid, and the press of the country should endeavor to direct public attention to the fact." No necessity for it, as few American officials can keep their hands from picking and stealing, and most of them thereby abundantly make up for their small salaries. Even the United States, with its splendid resources, could not afford big salaries and big stealings as well, and the officials have got so thoroughly addicted to big stealing that it is highly probable they would not leave it off, no matter how high their salaries.

—A Neosho, Mo., correspondent of the *St. Louis Republican* tells a story of some crazy people in Newton County, killing a child in response to a "divine behest." The neighbors heard a loud and unusual noise, shouting, singing, and praying, at the house of Rev. Mr. Lynch, but the doors were barred. They were broken open, and a nude man and woman, Rev. Mr. Lynch and his wife's sister, were found in the house, and also a beautiful two year old girl child, with its skull mashed in, which they had sacrificed in their religious frenzy.

—North Carolina wants the whipping post re-established, to relieve the penitentiary, which is so full as to make its support a burden to the State.

—The Columbus (Ohio) city authorities failed to provide pay for the police, so the commissioners have issued an order to disband the force.

—Don't laugh too consumedly. A German woman in Meriden, Conn., laughed herself to death recently.

—The complaint comes from the Eastern States, that both fractional currency and silver currency are scarce, and much inconvenience is felt in consequence. The silver coin is "new and novel," and as high as four per cent. premium, and the fractional is getting scarcer. The *New York Express* says, "The silver business is beginning to create a muddle in the matter of small change. Fractional currency is worth 1½ per cent. premium and silver coin about 2 per cent., merchants and others who have to have either one or the other for change are becoming disgusted with this whole business."

—A bill has been passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania punishing the use of unlawful means by trade-unions and other labor monopolies to prevent mechanics and others from taking apprentices.

—The *New York Mail* says, "Hygienic reform is progressing. Mr. Benton, in Raymond Street, Brooklyn, has a Turkish bath for his horses. In Ireland two gentlemen have built Turkish baths for their racers and blooded cattle. Dr. Shepard, of Brooklyn Heights, says that the fashionable race courses will some day be considered incomplete without baths for the trained horses, and he wonders that stock-breeders have not long ago adopted the Turkish bath as a part of the necessary fixtures of their farms."

—A Washington paper says, "Don Pedro is a handsome man, but then, girls, its no use, he's married." The *New York Graphic*

says it is the same there, "all of us handsome men are married." That may make a difference in heathen places like New York and Washington, but it is not so in Utah, where we have more light and Christian civilization. Here all the handsome men may be married, but they are open to engagements all the same. So the girls need not despair. They have the same number of handsome men to pick from as ever. Choice unlininced by prior engagements.

—The Washington Capital says "It would be a subject of rejoicing to have any good reputation confirmed in this hour of almost universal frailty."

—An old lady at Bristol, England, died, and left a number of pictures of the undraped human form divine, by well known artists. A married niece thought these pictures highly improper, so she burned them. She found out afterward that these pictures were her aunt's only legacy to her, and that they were worth about ten thousand pounds.

—Now the question is asked why the miners were driven out of the Black Hills and are protected there this year. These are time's changes, and they are independent of the rules of logic.

—Those revivally converted people who go about singing, "We give up all for heaven," are said to be as keen as ever when it comes to "shent per shent."

—Kin-a-boo-yac, one of Barnum's Fijians, imported four years ago, speaks English, has been Americanized, and is said to be about to marry a young German girl of New York.

—Here is a California conundrum by the *San Francisco Chronicle*:—"Of two hundred thousand heathen in our midst, it is claimed that five hundred have been converted to Christianity. That is one in four hundred. Of the one thousand who arrived yesterday, two may be converted, and one almost so. At this rate, how long will it be before this becomes a heathen country?"

—Mr. Spaulding, an American engineer, agitates the proposal to unite the Black and Caspian seas by a canal. The country around the Caspian is becoming a desert in the heart of the Russian empire, and Mr. Spaulding deems his plan feasible, by adding to the depth and extent of this sea, to make a fertile region around it. He thinks the results desired could be accomplished in 25 to 42 years.

—Mrs. Wilcox and her sister, at Baltimore, saw Mrs. Douglas promenading with a remarkably decorated hat on, and Mrs. Wilcox said, "O, shoot that hat, Douglas!" Mrs. Douglas took umbrage at this, and three cross lawsuits resulted, in the last of the three the jury bringing in a verdict of \$450 against Mrs. Wilcox. All about a hat and a woman under it.

—The Universalist church at Bridgeport, Ct., is violently at war over the preacher. Rev. Mrs. Olympia Brown Willis is the present pastor, and the quarrel is that some of the members cleave to her, and others want a man to preach to them.

—Mrs. Lutz, of Keedysville, Md., went to visit a neighbor, leaving her child in the cradle, with a piece of string tied across it, to keep it from falling out. When the mother returned, she found the baby dead, having been strangled by the string in trying to get out of the cradle. When that mother goes a gossiping with her neighbors again, she will probably take her baby with her, if she has one.

—The Baltimoreans are opposed to political processions at night, and the city council has "ordinanced" against them.

—The District of Columbia committee room, House of Representatives, Washington, May 6, was thronged with an audience of cultivated and well known women over the Women's Centennial Memorial. In the course of the proceedings Mr. Buckner, of Mo., asked if women did military duty. Mrs. Sarah J. Spencer answered that women, as mothers, furnished the whole army, and that at a priceless cost, and when men were slain their hearts were broken. Women would vote for peace, not war; arbitration, not bloodshed.

—N. C. Meeker, of Greeley, Col., talking of Gen. Hazen and "the barren land," says military men don't know anything about

the agricultural land. N. C. M. estimates that with irrigation laws definitely and wisely settled, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah could each easily support 2,000,000 people, and Montana, 3,000,000.

—This is the way the *St. Louis Republican* talks about the accidents of silver change—"When a man walks much the inside of his legs will be chafed raw. When less than a dollar is to go by mail it will have to be converted first into postage stamps. When you run for a street car money will fly out of your pockets at every jump. When you tell your wife that you have no money she will say you lie, for she heard it jingle. It will be difficult to pay a man a quarter by mistake for a half. When you are in a hurry, the storekeeper will have to weigh the coin in his hand and sound it twenty-five times on the counter before he can determine whether it is good. The baby will swallow a dime a day. A boy with a quarter will lose it in a crack in two minutes, from which no amount of coaxing with forks and chips can recover it. Sleepy men will put buttons and lozenges into contribution boxes as of yore."

—Most people think it is not the kind but the quantity of money that troubles them. The *Louisville Courier Journal*, however, evidently prefers hard money to paper, judging by the following—"We have tried the rag baby in the south. We tried it in the Confederacy, under the idea that it would pay our debts. It paid nothing. By and by it had not credit enough to buy a bushel of beans for a bushel of dollars."

—The *Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle* insists that when women will treat ministers exactly as they treat other men there will be fewer scandals than there are now. That depends on how they treat other men.

—One Dr. Smith claims that condensed milk may fatten children, but it is not so nourishing as pure milk, nor does it enable them to so readily resist the attacks of disease.

—The *Tazoo, Miss., Democrat* defines its election policy thus—"Carry the election, peaceably if we can, forcibly if we must." That is about how some people hereabout would conduct elections if they could, but they have not succeeded anywhere yet, only in Foose County, and that by connivance.

—It took fifty witnesses to testify all about a hog case in Perry County, Pa., the other day.

—A St. Louis lady announces a lecture "for men only." Mrs. Caudle was given to giving lectures of that description. "And why not every woman?"

The French are very economical. A Parisian is said to spread straw in front of the butter booths. At night he gathers the straw, boils it, and swims the grease from the top of the water. The pastry cooks are his customers.

—An English bishop saw an old man carrying a heavy load from Euston Square Station toward Regent's Park, too much for his strength. The bishop transferred the load from the old man's shoulders to his own, carried it to a cab stand, put the old man in a cab, with his load, and paid his fare to his destination. English bishops don't often do such things.

—A barber, named Fish, at Blackburn, England, was suspected of murdering an eight year old girl a few months ago, but the evidence was exceedingly slight. It was suggested that dogs be used as detectives. A cross between a pointer and a blood hound was taken to Fish's house. The dog scented around in different rooms until it came to a fireplace, where it evidently detected something suspicious, and the constable, after searching in the chimney, drew from a draught hole the head of a child, the hair saturated with blood. Fish subsequently confessed to the murder.

—The *New York Sun* maintains that the religious question will be made to constitute a prominent feature in the coming presidential campaign, in order "to divert public attention from the almost incredible corruption of the present government."

—Hearne, Humphrey, and Daft, old-time English cricketers, famous in various matches, are retiring from the field.

—Grasshoppers and the tobacco flea are slaughtering the tobacco crop in Kentucky. Their taste is not to be envied.

—Love letters are serious matters in various ways. Samuel Matherson, of Sugar Grove, Warren County, Pa., was lately held in \$5,000 bail to answer to the district court for opening and destroying letters to his daughter from her affianced, whom the old gentleman had no affection for.

—There has been an increase in the number of lunatics received into the asylums of Edinburgh of late, which is attributed to the wave of revivalism and the religious excitement which swept over that part of Scotland not long since.

—The *New York Herald* says of the woman suffrage question, "This momentous question has got to be settled in order to restore peace to our distracted community." We have got the question settled in Utah, and consequently are enjoying the resultant peace.

—The *New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey legislatures* having adjourned, the people of those States are jubilant, considering that adjournment was the most important, healthy, and useful act each accomplished, and sincerely praying that their "likes" may never be seen again. Some people and bodies corporate do seem to demonstrate that nothing they do becomes them so well as their taking off.

—A German visitor says the people of Glasgow, England, are rude, coarse and vulgar, and have no heart tenderness. Wonder what the Glasgow people think of him. Perhaps he didn't pay his board bill, at least without being persistently dunned.

—The coaching fever is said to be getting epidemic in New York and other parts eastward.

—Those who eat much meat should peruse the following remarks of one Dr. Richardson—"The researches of physicians during the past forty years have led to the knowledge that certain marked diseases, presumed in previous times to have been derived from occult sources, have, in fact, their origin from animal foods."

—All round my yacht. Mr. Joseph Francis, of Tom's River, N. J., according to the *New York Herald*, is completing a yacht of a most novel design, thus described—"She is spherical in shape, being twelve feet in length and twelve feet beam, sixteen inches deep, about half decked over, leaving a cockpit of seven feet by nine feet, sloop rigged, with twenty-three feet mast hoist, eighteen feet bowsprit, ten feet outboard, and jib fourteen feet on the foot, boom twenty feet. Her keel is ten inches deep, with perpendicular stem and stern posts. Draught three inches. She is calculated not to careen in sailing and will go over and not through the water. In comfort and carrying capacity she will be equal to a yacht double her length of the ordinary construction."

—The San Franciscans are discussing what they shall drink, whether from Lake Tahoe, Blue Lake, Clear Lake, Pescadero, San Mateo, Lake Mercer, or Mount Gregory. As this is merely a question of water, a number of the "Friscans" do not trouble themselves about it.

—Here is a good word for the people of India, by Professor M. Williams—"I have found no people in Europe more religious, none more patiently persevering in common duties, none more docile and amenable to authority, none more courteous or respectful toward age and learning, none more dutiful to parents, none more intelligent."

THE ART OF LIFE.

THE Rev. Dr. Jastrow, at Philadelphia, the other Saturday, discoursed upon the Centennial, and propounded the question, What in this peaceful contest of nations Jews, as such, had to exhibit? He answered the question in this way—

"Of all the arts that will be exhibited on the grounds of international emulation, we have the most precious—it is the art of life which we have given to the nations, or at least to the vast majority of those that will appear on the fields of

competition. Ours is the art of life, which alone determines the fate and value of culture. Our present civilization, brilliant and unsurpassable as it seems, has been preceded by other forms of civilization, all of which must in their days have appeared as brilliant and perfect as ours is to us. Where are all these cultures? Why have all these suns of light and knowledge and power and splendor set? Because with all their arts they lacked the art of life. The art of life is: 'Holy shall ye be, for holy am I, the Lord your God.' Holiness must be the basis of national life in order to be firm and enduring. No wealth, no glory, no bravery, no culture, no art, can secure a nation's existence, guard a civilization from decay, shield a State from destruction, unless wealth and glory and bravery and culture and art and civilization and State be built on the rock of morality. This is the Jewish art of life which we constantly exhibit. Purity of life, sanctity of family, faith and honesty in transactions, founded on a strictly spiritual God-idea and on pure worship—all this combined is holiness. Where inner life is soiled, the family temple desecrated, faith and honesty disregarded, and religion turned to superstition or hypocrisy, there the foundations of national existence are undermined, and destruction lurks behind all the tumult and joy, glory and power. Through all the glory and vainglory which will surround us in this coming season the earnest admonitions of Israel's art of life will call upon our people, that claims to be an eminently religious people, to examine the foundations whereon it stands, and which need a thorough repair, lest they, too, as others before them, may soon give way, and the short epoch of glory be followed by a period of rapid decay."

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, MAY 16.

The Emigration.—The first company of the season, of emigrating Saints, was to start on the 24th instant.

Pole Down.—This forenoon a telegraph pole on the east side of Main Street, a short distance below the Emperium corner, was blown down by the wind, and came near falling upon a horse, buggy and driver, whom it missed only by a few feet.

Constructing a Dam.—The people of the 11th Ward are constructing a dam on Red Butte Creek, below Camp Douglas. About fifty men and eight teams were at work on it yesterday, and the job at that rate will probably be completed in a few days.

Street Railroad Extension.—The rails have already been laid a distance of four blocks beyond the terminus of the 9th Ward branch of the line, and two more blocks will complete the extension, as far as it is proposed to take it at present.

Indicted for Murder.—"Cub" Johnson, having been indicted for murder, was arrested yesterday afternoon by a deputy U. S. marshal. Besides himself, his wife and son are also under indictment for the murder of James C. Swenson, at South Eden, Bear Lake Valley, a short time since.

New Music.—We have received from Calder & Careless two new songs by the popular author, Estabrook, entitled, "The Sweet Long Ago," and "What the Little Lips are Saying;" both in the popular style, and likely to prove great favorites.

Receded.—The water in the canal south of this city, having lowered considerably, the people in the south-west part of town can once more see land around their homes, but not exactly dry land. If use is really second nature, one would suppose the citizens thereabout would become more or less amphibious.

A judicious amount of irrigation is all well and good, but the dwellers in the 5th Ward are having far too much of a good thing.

A Cheap Refrigerator.—We take the following seasonable item from an exchange—

"To make a cheap refrigerator, procure two dry goods boxes (or make them), one about eight inches smaller than the other. Procure some thoroughly dry and clean