

How INDIAN WARS BEGIN.— Says the Sacramento Union—

A dispatch from Yreka, June 3d, states that two armed desperadoes, named Clawsons, on the evening of the 2d came to Fort Jones Indian reservation and carried off a squaw against her will. There was a civil State officer there, but he could not arrest them, and they got away with the woman. She belongs to the Shasta or Salmon River tribe, and if these men are not punished for taking her away, who can blame the tribe to which she belongs if they resent the outrage in the usual way? She was taken from a reservation where the United States authority ought to be supreme, and it is the duty of the United States military there or nearest there to pursue these desperadoes, relieve the Indian woman, and punish them for their great crime. If white men are to be allowed to do such things without fear of punishment, it has an ugly look to chastise savages like Captain Jack for like offenses against our own people. This is the common way in which nearly all our Indian wars have begun, the white border desperadoes being the aggressors, and the State and federal authorities lacking in energy to pursue and punish.

There is as much truth as poetry in the comments of the Union. When Indians and white men come before the bar of justice and their mutual relations are impartially considered, the Indians will by no means receive all the punishment, for the whites will not go scot free, as they generally do now.

POOR VAN BUREN.—Van Buren, U. S. Commissioner at the Vienna Exposition, is not in luck. Many hard and corrupt things were reported of him. It is now stated that the board of inquiry at Vienna find that he is honest but incapable. That is a terrible finding, fatal to political aspirations. "Honesty is the best policy," does not apply in politics, as things go. But capacity goes a long way. It is the very thing itself. The worship of ability is so common and so fervent that, if a politician is capable, his honesty will not be seriously inquired into, or if it is by some irrepressible Paul Pry, the matter will be explained away or smoothed over by some plausible casuistry. This finding of the court that the commissioner possesses honesty but lacks ability is one of the cruellest things that could have been brought down upon a political official's devoted head. V. B. can just consider himself henceforth a good man, but of no earthly account.

HIGH FIGURES.—It won't do to take wagons and harness to be repaired, and horses to be shod, to Washington, D. C. According to statements by the N. Y. Sun, asserted to be from official figures, the cost of repairs on two wagons and three sets of harness for 1872 amounted to nearly four thousand dollars, and the horseshoeing bill for the three horses which drew the two wagons, was three hundred and thirty-three dollars. These two rather expensive teams belonged to the Treasury department. Few of our Utah farmers could endure to be charged after that fashion, and not many of our merchants would like it. But Uncle Sam has capacious pockets and they are pretty well lined too, and some people seem to imagine they were born for little else than to dip into them.

A WELCOME.—The Arizona Miner extends welcome to the emigrants from Utah, remarking that their long tussle with the Apaches has knocked all the nonsense out of the Arizona people. Then the Apaches have proved themselves good for something. There are a few people, official and non-official, hereabout to whom the Apaches might be a benefit also. Meantime it is a good thing and pleasant to go where you are welcome, if you want to go. It would be difficult to find better citizens for any country than can be found in Utah.

WILL PAY.—It is gratifying to hear that the Bowles Bros. & Co., bankers, whose failure created such a sensation, are ready to pay fifty cents on the dollar under judicial adjudication in bankruptcy, and will obligate themselves to pay the other fifty. That is about right. Bankrupt laws are provided to relieve cases of misfortune and so help along unfortunate business men and business generally. But the moral obligation still remains with the bankrupt persons to repay their whole indebtedness at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JUNE 17.

FROM THE GARDEN.—Home raised strawberries and green peas are increasing in the market. Within two weeks both will be plentiful and cheap.

SHADE TREES.—The weight of the full foliage on the shade trees bears the limbs down so that some of them endanger the heads, or at least the hats, of the passers by. Now is a good time to regulate these lower branches by judicious pruning, and the public will appreciate the labor as expended for their benefit.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.—The Fire Brigade will celebrate by forming a grand procession and marching through the principal streets. Would it not be well for them to find out whether or not the proclamation against carrying arms includes hooks, axes and hatchets? If it does, will they petition to have it modified so that the hook and ladder company may not be excluded from participation?

THE PETITION.—The petition asking the City Council to withhold licenses from drinking saloons, &c., is being numerously signed by all classes of citizens, a large portion of those endorsing the movement being non-Mormons. This is a question in which the general weal is involved to a great extent, and it is gratifying to note that all the most respectable portion of the citizens, independent of religious or other differences, are lending their names and influence to help along the movement.

DISTRICT COURT.—The so-called Haskins perjury case was resumed this afternoon, before his honor Chief Justice McKean, several additional witnesses being examined for the prosecution; but so far no evidence has been adduced indicating that the charges alleged to have been made in the records, and on the proof of which hangs the guilt of the accused, were either made by him or at his instance. The examination was adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, when it will be resumed in chambers, the court having adjourned until July.

WORMY.—To-day a gentleman showed us a small bunch from a locust tree, which was literally covered with myriads of worms in embryo. The eggs are protected by a cottony substance and appear as if they are about ready for hatching out. The smaller branches of the shade trees along South Temple Street are covered with the embryonic worms and it would be well for owners of orchards to look at their trees, and see that they are clear, as worms are great fruit destroyers. We have been informed they can be killed by holding a burning rag previously dipped in kerosene oil under the branches where they are.

CHINESE FEUD.—There are two clans or factions of Chinamen in this city between whom there appears to be a kind of feud. A Chinaman belonging to one of those factions, that of which Sam Lee is the head, was arrested, on complaint of a Chinawoman of the other faction, for an assault and battery on the latter. As a retaliatory measure Sam Lee's crowd preferred a charge against this woman and another of keeping a house of ill-fame. The cases were before Justice Clinton today, several lawyers of ability taking part in the proceedings.

TO RECEIVE THE FULL BENEFIT OF THE LAW.—The Chief of Police has caused the members of the *demi monde* in this city to be notified to the effect that if they do not cease plying their disreputable and unlawful business within a given time they will be proceeded against and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Till the end of this month is the time allowed them.

The local officers of the law have for a considerable time been hampered in their efforts to magnify the laws by the *habeas corpus* proclivities of federal judges and others, some of whom appear to take special delight in clogging the wheels of justice and in thwarting the expressed wishes of the majority of the people. It is matter for congratulation, however, that the local officers are determined to see that the laws are not broken with impunity so far as they have the power to prevent it.

OBSEQUES.—Yesterday morning funeral services were held in the tabernacle over the body of Mr. Thomas G. Odell, late City Recorder and foreman of the Junction office. A very large congregation was present as well as the family and immediate friends of the deceased. After singing by the choir under the direction of Professor Pugh, Elder C. W. Penrose delivered a discourse on life, death and the resurrection, followed by Bishop Walter Thomson, President F. D. Richards and Father Phineas Richards. All bore testimony to the good works and good name of the departed, and made consoling remarks to the bereaved.

A long procession, including the City Council and the attaches of the Junction office, followed the hearse to the cemetery, where flowers were strewn upon the casket enclosing the remains of our friend; and after they were properly interred, the procession returned to the tabernacle and dispersed. Elder Joseph Parry and Marshal W. N. Fife conducted the arrangements with commendable ability and discretion. The whole community sympathized with the bereaved, and regret the sudden departure of a tried, valued and efficient public servant. Peace to his ashes.—Ogden Junction, June 16.

FINED.—A party was fined \$50 yesterday for keeping a kind of semi-gambling concern on the east side of East Temple Street. The complaint was made by a party who had been mulcted of some of his spare greenbacks. The way the thing is operated is that the party investing, after paying a stipulated amount, selects an envelope, containing a photograph or card on which a number is marked. This number is supposed to take any article in the establishment that has a corresponding number upon it. In addition to this, the individual conducting the concern will sometimes propose that the envelope be returned to its position among the others, and he will stake \$200 against \$100 or any other sums, that the drawer will not select the same envelope again. When the proposal is agreed to, as a matter of course, the greenhorn who allows himself to be imposed upon loses.

It is indeed strange that so many people can be found who are destitute of common sense, who cannot see that if parties make a living by conducting those gambling concerns they must have enormous odds on their side or they would not and

probably could not continue in such business. It does appear that the one party is almost equally guilty with the other in such transactions, for each engages for the purpose of accumulating illegitimate gains.

In the first stages of such proceedings it not infrequently happens that a confederate of the proprietor of establishments of this kind will drop in at an opportune moment and expatiate on the chances of Mr. Greenhorn, and will offer to lay down half the stakes and share the chances, and when the stake is lost Greenhorn consoles himself with the mistaken idea that there is at least one individual who is as big a fool as himself.

SMALLPOX.—We understand that smallpox has been in the house of Brother George H. Taylor, 14th Ward, immediately opposite the residence of Mr. James Bourne, for two weeks. There may be nothing particularly strange in the smallpox being there, but it appears rather peculiar that its existence should not till now have been made known to the city quarantine physician, he not having received any notification concerning it until this morning. One of the cases has terminated fatally, Mr. Taylor having informed the quarantine physician this morning that his mother-in-law died last night. On receiving this information Dr. Clinton immediately repaired to the house and found that Mr. Taylor's father-in-law, who had had the disease, was convalescent, and his sister-in-law was down with the malady in a very virulent form. Dr. Clinton states that three physicians have rendered medical aid to those patients—Dr. Benedict, Dr. Higgins Davis and Dr. Melk. Dr. Clinton asserts positively that the disease is smallpox, and purposed taking Dr. Anderson with him on his next visit, whom he expected to confirm his own convictions concerning the character of the disease.

The house is now placed under quarantine regulations.

BY TELEGRAPH. AMERICAN.

CHICAGO, 16.—A Decatur, Ills., dispatch tells a remarkable story of wholesale murder by a female poisoner. Last September, A. W. Drake, a farmer, living near Moamequa, Ills., died under suspicious circumstances, and Mrs. York, his mother-in-law and housekeeper, was suspected of having had something to do with his sudden death, but no steps were taken to investigate the matter, and Mrs. York went to live with a son in Kansas, where a few days since she was taken ill, and the physician summoned to her aid told her she was poisoned, and had but a few hours to live. Facing inevitable death she made a confession which exposed to the world a fiend incarnate. She confessed to having poisoned her husband in 1865, Mrs. A. W. Drake, her own daughter, the two children of A. W. Drake, the wife of E. R. Drake, formerly of this city, and last September A. W. Drake. She then went to her son's and, a short time ago, made a mixture of poison to administer to him on the first opportunity. Feeling unwell a day or two afterwards, she went to the cupboard, and, by mistake, took the fatal dose prepared for her own son, which resulted in her own death.

WASHINGTON, 16.—Attorney General Williams has received an official telegram from New Orleans, from Governor Kellogg, in which the latter contradicts the report of an interview with him, and says my requisition calling on the President was fully justified, and the President's proclamation has had the most salutary effect in all respects. He says the taxes are being paid more rapidly than ever before in Louisiana. After providing for the January and February interest, we have over \$45,000 in State funds to-night in the hands of the fiscal agents. We will pay the March, April and June coupons early in July, that injunctions only restrain the payment of the interest on five series of bonds out of twenty-five; there is money enough to pay the interest on all the bonds in the hands of the fiscal agents.

WASHINGTON, 16.—Commander Green has been ordered to the command of the vessel, to be despatched for the discovery and relief of the *Polaris*, with Lt. Commander White as executive officer. The Secretary is making selection of a vessel suitable for arctic navigation. Efforts are being made to start the expedition early in July. The *Summit* is taking out her guns, and they are provisioning her for a voyage of inquiry, and she may leave for the north the latter part of this week.

MEMPHIS.—The weather is unfavorable for the prevailing epidemic. There were nineteen interments today, sixteen of whom died of cholera and cholera infantum. The city council have established a board of health.

NASHVILLE.—Thirty-two deaths from cholera have been reported since Saturday; most of the victims are colored.

NEW YORK.—The trotting race at Prospect Park track to-day, for horses which were never beaten, was won by Jack Draper, time 2:30, 27 1/2, 30, 32 1/2. Lida P. Yetton won the second heat.

The Boston letter of the Springfield *Republican* says there has been much anxiety the past week among the few who have known the facts concerning the alarming illness of vice-President Wilson. His attack was followed by partial deafness, and partial blindness, and the general character of his symptoms was such as to threaten the loss of his power and activity, if not his life; he is now improving, but is by no means out of danger. He has been sojourning in Boston for some weeks under the care of Dr. E. H. Clark, and has seen very few of his friends. His incessant labors in the last election, followed by the strain and anxiety of last winter, and accompanied by a good deal of work on his Anti-Slavery history, are regarded as the immediate occasion of his present illness.

Ubassy, the celebrated French billiardist, arrived to-day, from Chicago, to join in the grand international billiard tournament, which begins at Irving Hall on the 23rd. The game to be played is the three ball carom game. Several rich prizes are offered, and all the billiard experts in the country are expected to take part.

WASHINGTON.—The commission to inquire into the outrages on the Texas border arrived here this morning, and had an interview with Secretary Fish during the day. They deny the reports that the Texans make raids into Mexico, and say there is nothing there to induce them to plunder their poverty-stricken neighbors. All the citizens care for is protection of their person and property against incursions from the Mexicans and Indians. After the commissioners went up the Rio Grande to take the testimony of the Mexicans on the lower part of the river, the Indians crossed and began their thieving operations, for which they were pursued and chastized by Col. McKenzie. The Texas legislature instituted an inquiry into Mexican and Indian wrongs upon the citizens of that State, when some of the most respectable residents of Nueces valley went to Austin, and gave stronger testimony than they had previously given before the commission. The commissioners represent the amount of damages, direct and consequential, to those who have suffered by these raids, at between fifty and sixty millions of dollars. Five hundred petitions, in the way of complaints, with specifications, were presented to the commissioners, and these were supported by 1600 affidavits. Many of the petitioners and makers of the affidavits are represented to have been men of fine education and most respectable character. It is supposed that there are not more than 200 warriors of them altogether. One of the old chiefs, referring to the proposition of the United States to the Kickapoos, to go on a reservation, said to a commissioner as follows: "We would have but a small patch of ground, and could not make raids on other reservations; here we are supported by the Mexican government, which not only supplies us with provisions, but gives us money, and we want to go to Texas. The Mexican merchants and planters supply us with horses, guns, ammunition and provisions, that we may make our bread, and we pay them from what we capture. Besides, we have a good country and a fine climate, and many privileges, and the whole Texas border to raid on." The commissioners think if the captives taken by Col. McKenzie should be restored to the Kickapoos, they would be no more inclined to return to the United States than they are now, and hence they doubt the propriety of complying with their request. The secretary of the interior will take no present action on the telegraphic request of the Kickapoos. The commission will refer the matter to the secretary of war, with the suggestion that he confer with the secretary of state on the subject.

CINCINNATI.—The past forty-eight hours have developed cases here resembling cholera, proving fatal. There is no excitement, the citizens generally not apprehending the prevalence of the disease as an epidemic.

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