

Division of the Territory of Dakota.

A bill has been introduced into the Senate by Senator Ramsey, and in the House by Mr. Armstrong, Delegate from Dakota, for the division of Dakota Territory, and the erection of a separate Territorial government in the northern part thereof. The following is a copy of the petition which is being generally signed in Dakota with a view of helping along the project—

"To members of the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled:

"Your petitioners would respectfully invite your attention to the several memorials, which have been adopted by the Dakota Legislature, praying for a division of Dakota Territory, and the erection of a separate Territorial government in the northern part thereof, and respectfully urge the adoption of such a measure at your present session.

"Since this proposition was before your Honorable body at the last session, the Northern Pacific railroad has been completed to the Missouri river, two hundred miles within the limits of this proposed new territory; and settlement is rapidly being made, not only along this line of road, but in the valleys of the Red, Cheyenne, James and Missouri rivers, and within the borders of this proposed new territory, there is already a population of, at least, seven thousand, which will be largely increased during the coming year.

"The people have no direct communication with Southern Dakota, and but little interest in common with the people thereof.

"The proposed new territory is left almost wholly without representation by the Dakota Legislature, and without provision or courts.

"The distance to the seat of government by the nearest traveled route, from any portion of this proposed new territory, is about seven hundred miles, and from Bismarck, a city of importance nearly equal to the present capital of Dakota, nine hundred miles.

"The soil of the proposed new territory is well adapted to farming, less than twelve per cent. of it being waste land, and it is rich in mineral wealth.

"It not only already has two hundred miles of completed railroad, but has, within its borders, two thousand miles of navigable rivers, embracing the Yellowstone, Missouri and Red rivers, with an abundance of timber along their borders.

"It possesses, in short, all the elements necessary to build up a prosperous State, and in justice to the people already there Congress should at once give them territorial government, for which your petitioners will ever pray."

Notice to Short-Horn Breeders.

For the information of those who may desire to become members of the American Association of Breeders of Short-Horns, the following article of the Constitution is published.—

"Article 3. Any person engaged in breeding short-horn cattle in the States, Territories, and Provinces before-mentioned, (the United States and Canada,) may become a member of the association by signing the constitution and paying the sum of two dollars, and shall be liable to pay such annual sums thereafter, not exceeding two dollars, as the Board of Directors shall prescribe—but all agricultural colleges or associations breeding short-horn cattle, shall be entitled to one membership.

"And for the information of those who became members at the organization of the association, in November, 1872, but have not renewed their membership by the payment of the annual fees, the following by-law, adopted at the late meeting in Cincinnati, is published:

"By-Law 5. An assessment of two dollars, as provided in the constitution, shall be levied upon each member annually to defray the expenses of the association, and any member neglecting to pay such annual fee, within six months after it becomes due, shall cease to be a member of the association.

"Breeders desiring to become members, or members wishing to renew their subscription, can do so by sending name and fee to the secretary.

"The proceedings of the convention, held in Cincinnati, on the 3d and 4th of December, 1873 will be published in full in pamphlet form, and a list of names of all those who are, or shall become, members before the publication of the proceedings, (about the middle of January) will be appended to the published report, and copies will be sent by mail to each member of the association.

"B. H. CAMPBELL, Sec'y,
"Batavia, Ill."

NASTY STORY-TELLERS.—A friend of Bret Harte thinks our criticism on his "Luck of Roaring Camp," the other day, was rather harsh, not to say savage. We guess not. That was substantially the argument of that famous story, which is nothing more than a compound of incredibilities, spoonishness, pathos, indecency and blasphemy. If Harte had first related that story *viva voce*, in refined society, he would have been in imminent danger of elimination, and the young lady critic who confiscated it in the Overland office, performed an act most creditable to her delicacy. If Harte's stories were believed at the East, half of the pioneers of California would be set down as clowns and howlers, and nearly all the women as prostitutes, for it would seem that in all his travels, he never met with any other variety of the female population, and in nearly all his stories, he lugs in a seductive "social evil" as inevitably as the she-orator does at a spiritualistic or woman suffrage convention. Such disgusting and pernicious stuff ought to be discountenanced by society. It is poison to the eyes, inflammation to the blood, and corruption to the hearts of the young.

To tell a dirty story in men's society alone, is sometimes tolerated by gentlemen of refinement, especially if it be very funny, and we have heard that occasionally ladies of the same social grade listen to the like with more or less complacency, when by themselves. But to sit down deliberately and write one out in detail, study on it, elaborate it, revise the proof, print it in a magazine, and smuggle the abominable filthiness into pure and virtuous households, is a crime against society for which the author ought to be put into the stocks, and the publisher scourged under the criminal law. — *Oakland, Cal., Transcript.*

WESTERN NOTES.

The Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco, rejoices in one of Jay Cooke's blessings—a small one—a debt of \$50,000.

Oakland, Cal., boasts of two morning papers, one evening, three weekly papers, and one monthly review.

A boy in Pleasant Valley, Cal., killed a rattlesnake the other day twenty-five years of age, according to the rattles.

Why is the Governor's message like the four Beasts in the Apocalypse? Because it is full of l's "before and behind."

Four boys were arrested the other night in San Francisco, neither of whom were over twelve years of age, and when searched in the station-house three breech-loading deringers, a box of cartridges and a glazier's diamond, for glass cutting, were taken from their pockets. Nice boys.

A number of drunken hoodlums, says the Winnemucca, Nev., Register of January 2, have for a week past been camping with the Indians in their campodies, much against their wishes and remonstrances, and much to their disgust. The Indians would like to have the whites attend to their own vagrants, and not compel them to share their poor hospitalities with them. We think that it is high time that the vagrant act was enforced in our town. The matter will be brought before the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting next week.

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