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Quarterly Statement of Bank of Beaver County

Table with columns for various financial items (Capital stock, deposits, etc.) and their corresponding amounts.

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POPPING THE QUESTION.

We have heard of many cases of "popping" under many singular circumstances, the eccentric, the abrupt, the business-like, the silly, and a hundred other styles.

"Do you like toast, Miss B?" "Yes," responded the lady, slightly surprised at the question.

"That is strange, so do I. Let us get married." There cannot be much doubt that the lady was taken slightly aback, a fact that did not prevent the marriage from coming off in a month afterwards.

"As a specimen of the abrupt, we shall cite the case of a gentleman who had retired from business at the age of forty, and built himself a beautiful house, determined to enjoy life to the utmost.

"You have everything here that the heart can desire, but a wife?" "That's true. I must think of it," and then relapsed into silence for a few minutes.

"Sarah, I have known you for many years, and I have just been told that I want a wife. You are the only woman I know that I should be willing to entrust my happiness with, and if you agree, you will be instantly married."

"I shall return to you at that time." Which of the gentleman who suggested the idea accompanying him to the dinner-table.

The next day, at the time appointed, the young man dismounted at the door of the house of his new-made friend, and was heartily welcomed.

who move in the very first circles, were walking upon the street, the lady showing the limits of the city to the gentleman who was a stranger in the locality.

"I must have her or none," was the response, spoken decidedly. "How much money did you say you wanted?"

"Five thousand dollars will put my farm in excellent order, and make it worth twenty thousand to-morrow. I must have five thousand dollars."

"I will give you the sum with either of the other girls," said the old man, positively; "but I will give but three thousand with Kate."

"Then I may as well go to my home. Five thousand I must have—I have set my mind upon it."

"And I have just as strongly determined to do only what I have said," was the old gentleman's reply; "so I suppose the matter is at an end."

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At the battle of the Hapsbach Station, after the 6th Maine had gained possession of the works in their front and were busy in taking a whole brigade of Johnson's to the rear, Col. Edwards, who was one of the first to reach the rifle pits, took a few men from company G, and pressed on in quest of more prisoners.

"Where is the officer in command of these troops?" demanded the gallant Colonel.

"Here," answered the Colonel who was commanding the rebel brigade, "and who are you, sir?"

"My name is Col. Edwards of the 6th Maine, and I demand you to surrender your company."

"I will confer with my officers first," replied the rebel officer.

"Not a moment will I allow, sir," said Col. Edwards. "Don't you see my colonel advancing?"

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A Rebel View of the Coming U. S. Presidential Election.

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The Rebellion Declining.

Strange as the above heading may seem, now that the Confederate Government is contemplating the entire population of the South, and its armies are threatening invasion of Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, yet it is truth.

Knowing that the time of enlistment of most of what is left of the three years' men is about to expire, and that many of the whole army corps are withdrawing North to recruit their ranks, and that some of them will never again take the field, they seize the opportunity with all their available force to make a bold dash across the Potomac and the Shenandoah, and through Middle Tennessee and Kentucky to Western Virginia and Ohio.

They flatter themselves in the belief that by attacking us before the new levies are organized, they can force us to the ignominious terms of acquiescing in disavowance of the Union by acknowledging their independence.

But the days of rebellion are numbered. Step by step we have driven them back from line to line, from strong hold to strong hold, and surrounded them until they feel the constriction at every joint and in every limb.

But this dissection has various modes of expression. In some, it is indicated by curses, both loud and deep. In the soldiers, it takes the form of wholesale desertion; those who have thus far kept out of the ranks now flee in crowds to avoid the terrible conscription.

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A Bishop Basted.

Somebody has written a brief and capital satire upon Bishop Hopkins' letter defending slavery upon Bible grounds. By substituting the word Polygamy for Slavery, the exact value of the Bishop's argument is exposed.

For if slavery be a good thing because Jewish patriarchs had slaves, polygamy is equally lovely because they had harems. And if slavery be tolerable because Christ did not verbally condemn it, polygamy must be desirable because he did not even allude to it at all.

In fact, what is called the Bible argument is deservedly such treatment as the religion of the contempt, and the sarcasm which are so delicately dealt it by this little "quib." If we are to excuse our sins by those of the Jewish patriarchs, and if the whole spirit and tendency of Christ's teaching are to go for naught because he did not chafe to specify some offence, there is no absurdity that may not be defended, and no crime that may not be justified.

The slave party treats the Bible exactly as it does the Constitution. The whole meaning and spirit are ignored, in order to make a fight upon a doubtful word or phrase.

Does Bishop Hopkins seriously wish to see in the United States the policy and civilization of the ancient tribes in Judah? Does he propose, since he gives his right hand to Calhoun, to insist upon Brigham Young's taking his left? Solomon was called the wisest of men. Does the Bishop think it logically follows that a man grows in wisdom as he increases his harem, and that perfect wisdom requires a man to have, like Solomon, seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines?

It is just as logical to say that as a man may rightfully buy and sell human beings, and rear children from parents, and wives from husbands, and scourge them to work without wages and deny them all mental light, and doom them to abject submission to a despotic will, because the old Jews did so.

Now let us see what singular elements are at work, indicative of ruin to rebellion; and for this we draw on the Philadelphia Register, which says in some quarters, as in North Carolina and Arkansas, there is general disaffection. The Governor of the one State is calling a convention to secede from Secession, and to come back to the Union. The other has sent its delegation to Washington to form a new State Government, while General Grant, one of the most prominent men in that region, is about to issue an address to the whole Southern people, in which he declares that he is fighting for slavery, and for that alone; he has not a particle of sympathy for the Union, and he is not fighting for any longer. To fight simply from patriotic pride, which will not brook the control of any kind, is the sure presage of destruction.

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