

## ABOUT A DEAD ISSUE.

There has been so much misrepresentation about the matter referred to below, that we commend our readers to the following reply of the *Hartford Times* to a correspondent inquiring whether "Chief Justice Taney, in his famous Dred Scott decision, declared that a 'negro has no rights which a white man is bound to respect.'"

The *Times* says: "He never did. But he stated that public opinion in the civilized portions of the world, at the time of our Declaration of Independence, regarded the race as inferior, and had no right to be treated as a free man." Dred Scott, in his opinion, was a slave, had been carried into a territory, and being on free soil, it was claimed that he was free. A case was prepared for him, to test the disputed question whether a slave owner could take a slave into a territory and there hold him to involuntary servitude. The case was made up to a scope a legal decision, and the result was that the contested issue as to the right of the slave-owner to his property, when he removed his slave to a free territory. The District Court ruled out Dred Scott on the ground that he was still a slave, in the territory, and that a slave was not a 'citizen,' but property, and did not possess the legal rights of citizens. The case was appealed, and the Supreme Court, in its final judgment, sustained the decision of the lower court. The following is that part of Chief Justice Taney's decision to which our correspondent alludes. It will be seen that Judge Taney, in using the words in question, was reciting history.

"It is difficult at this day to realize the state of public opinion in relation to that unfortunate race, which prevailed in the educated and enlightened portions of the world at the time of the Declaration of Independence, and when the Constitution of the United States was framed and adopted. But the public history of every European nation displays it in a manner too plain to be mistaken. They had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect, and that the negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit. He was bought and sold, and treated as an ordinary article of merchandise and traffic, whenever a profit could be made by it. This opinion was at that time fixed and well established among the civilized portion of the white race."

We have in our answer covered more ground than the question of our correspondent required. But as there has been a great deal of misrepresentation in regard to Judge Taney, and as there is no longer any slavery in this country, all persons being "citizens" and entitled to an equality in the courts, the truth may now be accepted by all parties, without prejudice.

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FROSTED FEET.—Some one wishes to know what will cure the itching of frost-bitten feet of many years standing. Mine troubled me very much every winter for several years, and were so sore I could wear nothing but a loose stocking and a mitt. I was obliged to eat a hole in the other side over the large joint, which enlarged the joint.

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RUTH NORMAN.

The best thing for these is to make a poultice of grated raw potato and fish oil, and apply to the parts.

L. O. L.—A small piece of chipped fine and applied as a poultice will give immediate relief, and if persisted in will effect a cure.—(C. R. M., in County Gentleman.)

MARSHAGE.—The following marriage maxims are worth remembering:

The very nearest approach to domestic happiness on earth is the cultivation of both sides of absolute meanness.

Never talk at one another, either in company or alone.

Never both get angry at once.

Never speak low to one another unless the house is full.

Never find fault, unless it is perfectly certain that a fault has been committed, and always speak loudly.

Never tam with a past mistake.

Neglect the whole world besides, rather than one another.

Never part for a day without loving words to think of during absence.

Never without a loving welcome.

Never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.

Never forget the happiness of early love.

Never sigh over what might have been, but make the best of what is.

Never forget that marriage is ordained of God, and that his blessing alone can make it what it should be.

—HEAD UP!—A clerk in a rural town had a pet calf which he was training up in the ways of the ox. The calf walked around very peacefully under the end of the yoke while Mr. Clerk held up the other end, but in an unfortunate moment the man conceived the idea of putting his own neck in the yoke, to let the calf see how it would seem to work with a partner. This frightened master calf, and elevating his tail and hind legs struck "dead run" for the village, and Mr. Clerk went along with his head down, straining every nerve to keep up, and crying out at the top of his voice: "Here we come, dang our foul souls! head us, somebody!"

A HINT TO THE LADIES.—Save the tea for a few days, then steep them in a tin pail or pan for half an hour, strain through a sieve, and use the tea for all varnished paints. It requires very little elbow polish, as the tea acts as a detergent, cleansing the paint from all its impurities, and makes the varnish equal to new. It cleans oil-caked window panes and mirrors much better than water, and is excellent for renovating black-walnut pictures and looking-glass frames. It will not do to wash unvarnished paint with it.

SORE THROAT REMEDY.—To cure sore throat take the whites of two eggs, beat them in with two spoonfuls of white sugar, grate in a little nutmeg and then add a pint of lukewarm water; stir well and drink often. Repeat the prescription, if necessary, and it will cure the most obstinate cases of hoarseness in a short time.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES  
OF CAMBRIA COUNTY from the 21st day of January, 1874, to the 22d day of January, A. D. 1874;

JOHN COX, Esq., Treasurer,

1873.

To whom paid, AM'TS.

To amount in Treasurer's hands at last settlement.....\$ 7,384 41

To amount in Duplicate for 1873. 80,493 93

" received from Collectors

for 1872 and previous years.....24,829 67

amount received on Seated and Unseated Lands.....235 53

For Land on Redemption of Lands.....536 57

amount received from L. Lilly, Poor House Steward.....271 32

amount received from Jno. S. Rhay in Cambria Co. vs. W. J. Head, et al. 1,533 26

do. do. do. do. do. do. 54 56

do. do. John Flanagan, 1,686 07

do. do. G. W. Oatman, 205 77

do. do. John V. Shaffer, 200 00

do. do. F. W. Shaffer, 810 04

do. do. B. McDermott, 437 73

amount received from Wm. Davis, Taxes Exonerated.....1 40

amount received from Jno. E. Scanlan in Cambria County vs. W. M. Oatman, 87 65

To amount received from J. A. Fagan, rent Court House 21 00

Jno. E. Scanlan, rent Old Jail 100 00

Charles Owens, old iron, 55 68

J. A. Kennedy, rent jail lot, 5 00

W. B. Bonacker, balance as Treasurer of District Court 124 34

By amount paid—

Attorneys Fees.....\$ 1,591 78

Agricultural Society.....300 00

Bands, Stamps.....335 00

Bounty.....235 00

Borough.....17 40

Boarding Jurors.....7 00

Court Attorneys.....240 00

Court Commissioners.....1,241 00

Courts, Clerks, etc. 1,241 00

Counsel.....236 00

Court Room.....12 00

David Hamilton, draw'g Jno. 1, paid by State.....16 00

Court Clerks.....95 63

Criminal Proceedings.....1,134 18

District Clerk.....1,579 49

Elections.....2,432 73

Fuel.....628 84

Inquests and Verdicts.....306 99

Interest on Jail Bonds.....4,181 40

Jail Bonds.....44,700 00

Jurors, Grand.....1,665 24

Jurors, Small.....1,240 00

Justices of the Peace.....1,241 00

Land Commissioner.....1,241 00

Jury Commissioners.....1,241 00

Jail and Jailer.....2,064 26

Janitors.....212 00

Justices of the Peace.....212 00

Land Commissioner.....212 00