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TO THE PATRONS OF THE DAILY GAZETTE.

Having transposed the subscription list of the *Daily Gazette* to that of the *Daily Eagle*, we will endeavor to conduct the *Eagle* and the *Gazette*, so that subscribers will lose nothing by the change. We will spare no trouble nor expense to make them complete and reliable news journals, and first-class family papers, and we hope the late patrons of the *Daily Gazette* will aid us in so doing by a continuation of their patronage, which we intend to merit.

All business relating to the *Daily or Weekly Gazette* will be settled at the *Gazette* office, to which the *Daily Eagle* has been removed for the present.

YESTERDAY MORNING.

rich with a "rich and handsome husband" into whose hands she has been delivered by the arts of a swindler and her own credulity and superstition.

Sometimes, of course, no one result follows the practice of consulting soothsayers, but when did any one know any great good to result from such a course? Suppose, for the sake of argument, that fortune-tellers really do possess the power to reveal the secrets of futurity, is it probable, from their surroundings and associations, and their general character, that they obtain their knowledge from God? Is it not more probable that they obtain it from an evil source? Such being the case, is it not a crime for persons calling themselves soothsayers and women to attempt to discover through such agency, things which God will reveal in his own good time, and which he does not see proper to reveal until that time shall come?

Viewing the matter by the light of reason and common sense, also, practice of fortune-telling is a fraud, and persons who encourage it are assisting in the maintenance of a horde of vagrants and extortionists, who do no good, and frequently do much harm.

We may have more to say on this subject of popular humbug hereafter.

We look at the superstitions of our ancestors and regard their credulity, when, if the truth were known, the mass of our population are really almost as superstitious and gullible as their forefathers. For the proof of this, nothing more is required than the well known popularity of fortune-tellers, astrologers, quacks and humbugs of all kinds, not only among the uneducated classes of our people, but even among those possessed of all the advantages of enlightenment and culture.

For instance, the prediction of an old woman who is cunning enough to draw from her victim part of the information she requires, shows enough to guess the rest, and make up mysterious hints and solemn warnings enough to hide her ignorance of what she knows nothing about, is accepted as an oracle by persons who would be ashamed to be seen consulting her; but who are frequently soon, however, when they think themselves observed, quietly entering back alleys or dismal and lonely streets, for the purpose of laying the mysteries of their destiny unravelled at twenty-five or fifty cents' head. Stealing forward, with cautious steps and bated breath, they enter the charmed presence of a solemn-looking old woman, where they find a number of others on the same errand, seated around a room which is frequently dirty and dilapidated, some with shoes covered in mud at their own superstitious fears, till others, whom practice has made familiar with the fraud, taking but little trouble to conceal their mirth at the idea of third, being so many blindfolded in the world.

The syllables drop off, one by one, and they return with despondent or beaming faces, according to the tale they hear. If one of the number is near sinking into the grave with some real or fancied ailment, the sharp eyes of the fortune-teller, who is frequently something of a doctor as well, quickly perceive the malady of a doctor as well, quickly, and she succeeds in terrifying the struggling invalid into an early grave, and thereby obtains a reputation for her uncanny predictions of misfortune, and crowds rush to hear their own fate foretold.

It however, the "subject" be young, healthy and vivacious, a few skillful remarks will bring the card, will quickly, after forth despatch, or smilie of approval, and the skill from long practice finds it easy to talk enough to make the hearer pay her another visit at an early day, and bring another friend, perhaps a dozen friends, with her, to the corresponding pecuniary profit of the adventure.

Should the fortune-teller predict a death which fails to come to pass at the stated time, the matter is laughed at and forgotten by her critics; but as there is seldom a person who does not "die in the family," it is easy for her to party any assertions concerning her skill as a sooth-sayer, and her reputation as a wonderful person who can lift the veil of mystery before more general day, by day, will soon bring her into a general Indian war.

In the U.S. Circuit Court at Richmond, on Saturday morning, the Chief Justice gave the certificate of division on questioning the indictment against Davis. The Davis case was then continued until May, that the motion to quash might be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. The election of Georgia did not cast the Presidential vote of that State last Wednesday, because the commission issued by the Governor instructed them to cast their votes on the Wednesday following the first Monday in December, which will be next Wednesday.

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John Davis, of the 1st Cavalry, was shot dead by a negro, while he was on duty at Goldsboro, N.C., on Saturday evening. He had received word by Judge Sargent, Commissioner of Customs, that, in consequence of his having been a slaveholder, he was to be hanged on Friday, the 11th of December, but he had not been hanged, and was released.

Further intelligence is waited for with the little degree of anxiety usual among human beings.

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TELEGRAPH.

The temporary bridge across the Mississippi, completed on Wednesday, is now in use, floating ice on Thursday.

At the time of the bridge, the river was swollen throughout the Northwest, and marine disasters are apprehended on the Lakes.

Dennis Reese, the murderer, is in a prison factory, at Charlestown, Mass., on Friday morning, by having his head chopped off.

Dennis Reese, his brother-in-law, who is suspected of the crime, has surrendered himself, but asserts that he is innocent.

In the case of Stephen T. Denney, charged

with the murder of Charles Calfee, in Baltimore, the jury on Friday rendered a verdict of manslaughter, with a recommendation to mercy.

General Stoneman will appoint court clerks and Commonwealth attorneys in Virginia, in pursuance of the provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment, and a list of eligible in being.

The majority for negro suffrage in Iowa, is 21,205.

An election was held in New Orleans on Saturday, on the question of issuing bonds to redeem the city currency. Out of 2,000 votes cast, 600 were against the proposed issue.

A meeting of Republicans at Augusta, Ga., on Saturday night, adopted resolutions opposing further Congressional interference in the reconstruction of Georgia, as she is entitled to all the rights of a State in the Union. Among the speakers was W. E. Bryant, formerly of Maine, now a member of the Georgia Legislature.

Hon. Thos. B. Florence has been appointed Pennsylvania Auditor for the Second Internal Revenue Assessor for the Second Pennsylvania district.

Gen. Grant arrived in New York yesterday, and will stay in that city a few days.

A delegation of Sac and Fox Indians called upon the President on Saturday, to complain of the conduct of their agent.

The drugstore of Wm. H. Deal and the Internal Revenue Office at Galveston, Texas, were burned on Saturday. The loss is heavy.

The steamer Richmonda, reported to have been burned near Napoleon, Ark., on Friday night.

An Omaha, despatch says, the temporary railroad bridge at that place, was not swept away, but badly damaged.

Additional bonds, amounting to \$60,000, for the completion of another section, were issued to the Central Pacific Railroad by the Secretary of the Treasury on Saturday.

The July interest on the Virginia debt will be paid on January 1st.

The Peruvian Indians, formerly the Coquitos and Catawbas, in New Orleans for the Pacific on Saturday. They are fully equipped and have American officers. They are now called the Atahualpa and Manco Capac.

The Steamship City of Boston, which sailed from New York, for Liverpool, on Saturday, grounded in the harbor, and lost her anchor, which compelled her to return.

A terrible disaster occurred on the Ohio River, near Warsaw, Ind., last Friday night.

The steamers America and United States came into collision, and taking fire were destroyed.

In ten minutes, the two steamers were soon in flames.

It is said that from twenty-five to eighty passengers have been lost, including thirty-eight women who were on board of the United States.

W. C. Taylor, clerk of the American, after securing the books, register and valuables, went into the cabin, kicking the door of state rooms. Through his impetuosity, the vessel cost \$40,000 to build.

Congress meets to-day, and will

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