

The Approaching Election.

BURLINGAME, K. T., May 3, 1857. We see that opinion at the East, as well as in this Territory, is greatly divided as to the course that the Free-State men here ought to take at the coming June election.

Our suspicions on this head are now being confirmed, and the working of the law in the hands of the officers is furnishing us proof positive of what was asserted by the Free-State men on this head.

Thus we are, by the terms of the law, entirely disfranchised and cut off from the privileges of the ballot-box. Perhaps our opponents will say at the East that this is our fault, for we ought to have seen that our names were put on the Registry.

May has gone a Maying. To-day is the 19th, and the Mother of the Flowers, as somebody has called her, still permits Father March to drive her car. We doubt the propriety of the name "May."

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The Iowa Election.—After all the weeks of shouting by our adversaries over their boasted victory in Iowa, it dwindles to a very small affair under the test of the official canvass.

The official result has been announced and turns out to be a drawn game. Bugbee, Dem., for Superintendent of Public Instruction, has 505 majority; Parvin, Dem., for Register of Land Office, 502 majority; Manning, Rep., for Commissioner Des Moines River Navigation, has 315 majority.

It is notorious that a large portion of the Fillmore vote of last Fall went to the Buchaners this Spring. Add to this that hardly two-thirds of the Republicans went to the polls, and the result is not astonishing.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune. LOUISVILLE, Thursday, May 14, 1857. RIOT AT LOUISVILLE.—The four negroes accused of murdering the Joyce family some months since have been acquitted.

THIRD DISPATCH. The remaining negro implicated in the Joyce murder was hung by the mob last night—making three hanged and one suicide.

THE AGITATOR.

WELLSBOROUGH, PA. Thursday Morning, May 21, 1857. M. H. Cobb, Editor.

Republican Nominations.

For Governor, DAVID WILMOT, Of Bradford County. For Canal Commissioner, WILLIAM MEEWARD, Of Philadelphia.

Messrs. NILES & ELLIOTT have just opened a new and elegant stock of Goods at the old stand of Baché & Ross, in this village.

KILLED.—We learn that a man was killed at Blossburg on Monday morning, by the accidental descent of a car on the plane at that place.

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The out-door aspect is cheerless and autumnal. We look to the wooded hills for relief; the trees are leafless and bare, and voiceless. They speak not to the ear, but to the eye they speak of blight, desolation and death.

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We know that many will recognize their secret wrestlings in this brief record of a soul's experience. The gloom that shrouds the outer and visible world, imparts a somber hue to thought, and thus it is that the moods of men are variable.

The Daily News, Philadelphia, has periodical attacks of moral and religious anxiety, under which it cries fiercely for the rack and the wheel, the axe, the stake and the thumbscrew.

Our legislators at Harrisburg, influenced by the chief-looted gentleman, as the News evidently presumes, have endeavored to repeal that liberal and savagely intolerant law on our statute-book which incapacitates heterodox persons from giving evidence in courts of justice.

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witnesses? No, proving that witnesses believe this, or disbelieve that; but they set themselves to prove that the reputation of the individual for truth, is, among his neighbors, bad.

We have the amplest evidence that a belief in future rewards and punishments does not make men either truthful, or honest. It may be safely computed that not one-half of civilized mankind actually and intelligently believe in any future life at all.

Without doubt a living, intelligent faith in immortality tends to make men honest and upright. It would seem that every truly virtuous life must proceed from such a faith.

It is admitted that an honest man will tell the truth as soon without as with the formality of an oath. An oath may, and probably does, restrain some men from lying; but we never yet happened to meet the man who would say that it operated thus with him; and should we chance to sit in judgment as a juror upon the evidence of such an one, we should believe him just so far as circumstances would warrant credence.

We repeat, it is the Penitentiary and not Gehenna that prevents liars from blackening their souls with perjury, as most Judges are tolerably well convinced, and lawyers as well—if they choose to say anything about it. It is no risk then to justice, to admit the atheist to testify in courts.

And when it is further objected that the proposed law would legalize atheism, we reply that atheism is already legalized under the organic law, which permits men to choose their own religion, or choose none—as they please.

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Letter from the West.

Hudson, Wisconsin, May 7th, 1857. FAIRBANKS: It is not my purpose hereby to acknowledge the receipt of the "Agitator," and return thanks therefor, for during a six-months residence in this Great North West, I have not been permitted to gaze upon its "old familiar face" but once, and in that instance the prima facie evidence exhibited in the chirography of the address and the postage stamp exculpated you from all blame in the premises.

No! I'll neither return thanks or scold, but am determined on revenge, and hence I doom you to the perusal of this manuscript; and if, after undergoing this punishment, you wish to do farther penance, why, just publish it and my revenge will be complete.

The particular locality of which I now propose to speak, is that lying between the Mississippi river at its confluence with the St. Croix, and the west end of Lake Superior—taking as a base line the St. Croix river as far as it constitutes the State line between Wisconsin and Minnesota Territory, and from thence along said State line to Black River, and thence down that stream to the Nemajoi river, and down that to the bay of Superior.

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of this delusion in the course of a few days and after that did our share of homage to the "dreamy god." The next day we cut our way still farther into the wilderness, and at night camped as before, and so we continued on until we arrived on the 1st of March at the crossing of the St. Croix river and to the open prairie. We had passed over this distance of 65 miles, packing our provisions on the backs of men, and camping where night overtook us, as we commenced the first night, with the exception that after the first few nights we ceased to gather boughs for a bed, but chose to lie in the soft snow instead, it being more pliable and fully as warm as the boughs.

The winters here are long; there being usually about four months good sleighing.—Navigation in the streams, by steamboats, is usually interrupted about five months, owing to the fact that the ice never goes out of the streams here by flood, but by the slow process of the sun. The consequence is that farmers frequently have in their spring crops by the time navigation is open.

Western correspondents usually speak in general terms of the "whole west," of the broad prairies and mighty rivers, &c., but I propose now to speak of it in detail, and give less of the romantic and more of the real than is usually obtained in "letters from the west."

Having said thus much about the climate, I will next endeavor to give some idea of the soil, products and such other things as may present themselves as worthy of note and of interest to your readers.

NEW RATE OF FARE ON RAILROADS.—The law making changes in the rates of fare on railroads, went into effect on the 1st inst. The rates are so arranged as to make the fare in all cases, consist of dimes and half dimes. Wherever the fare has heretofore been over five cents and less than ten, it is now ten; and so on, increasing the rate wherever it has heretofore consisted of odd cents. In no case is the fare reduced.

ELOPEMENT OF A CLERGYMAN.—The (Mich.) Republican records another case of clerical delinquency. Rev. D. W. Pierce, of the north part of the town of Bellevue, in Eaton county, recently deserted his wife and two children, and left for parts unknown, in company with a hired girl who had been living for some time in his family.

An attempt was recently made on the life of Louis Napoleon, but the fact is disclosed as little as possible in France. It seems he was on one of his amatory visits to Madame Castiglione, when he was shot at. A coat of mail, which he habitually wears, caused the ball to glance harmlessly off. A hundred suspected persons were arrested and imprisoned. It is stated that there is a secret organization, embracing many thousands of desperate men, who are pledged to the assassination of the Emperor.

The Madison (Wis.) Journal, April 21, says that the recent election of Chief Justice Whiton shows that there is no diminution in the depth and extent of the Republican sentiment of Wisconsin. His majority, as far as heard from, is 10,347. The counties not heard from gave three to four thousand majority for Fremont.