

CURRENT NEWS.

A Hindoo gentleman, just deceased, has left 16,000 rupees to his family.

An Italian has written a novel on the loves of Queen Isabella.

Half a million of Arabs have died during the Algerian famine.

A young lady of 21 is said to be the champion wrestler of the Nineteenth Ward, New York.

The problem for modistes is a garment that will permit females to bestride the velocipede.

A female child in Vienna, three months old, has its left arm covered with dense, brilliant black hair like fur.

A Montreal paper complains that the supply of water in that city is so short, that the people are obliged to give babies beer.

A Providence merchant a few days since, purchased what he supposed to be a five pound ball of butter. On cutting it, it was found to be mashed potato with a covering of butter.

The "Philippine Jerk" and the Abyssinian Stretch are expected to appear about Christmas, to Chicago the "Grecian Bend."

Last year, Chicago burned 520,000 tons of coal, 130,000 tons of which came from Illinois, and 400,000 tons from Ohio and Pennsylvania. Of this 170,000 tons were anthracite from Eastern Pennsylvania.

The Erie Railway Co., has bought Pike's Opera House in New York for \$860,000.

An unsophisticated girl in Gloucester, Mass., recently inquired at a dry goods store there for "three yards of Grecian bend."

Only 400 miles of the Union Pacific R. R. remain to be constructed, and that distance is being lessened six miles a day. It is expected that by the time spring opens there will be only 200 hundred miles to finish.

A couple of white men were beaten the other day in Washington because they refused to drink with negroes.

There is a band of robbers in northeast Texas who admit no recruit until he shall have killed a man in the presence of witnesses.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s contract price of \$1,750,000 for carrying the California mails will be reduced as the distance between the ends of the Pacific railroads diminishes. If they meet next summer, the government will have paid not more than \$750,000.

Motto for a Sheriff—Reader unto seizer the things that are seizer's!

The Philadelphia bridge across the Delaware is to an arch 4,000 feet long.

Italian papers that American fancy drinks are demoralizing young Italy.

The people of South America are building more railroads than ever, notwithstanding the earthquakes.

The local editor of the Rochester Democrat was run over and severely injured, while attending a fire, not long since.

In the bedroom of a Baltimore hotel, in which the gas was let loose, the corpse of a gentleman named Henderson was found in the morning.

In Lynn Mass., the other day, a man named William Rowe was found dead in a barn, having rolled face downwards upon some hay when too drunk to help himself, and smothered.

In Pittsburg the other night, a sky rocket, instead of ascending, glanced to one side, and striking a young man who stood on the pavement, entered his abdomen and inflicted a wound from which he subsequently died.

The Welsh title of the Queen's Highland book is "Dulened o Dwyddlyreir Bwyd yn yr Uchelgyrceidd."

Some descendant of Solomon has wisely remarked that those who go to law for damages are sure to get them.

A Philadelphia engine company puts a clean paper collar and a purple necktie on the neck of its pet poodle every morning.

A Massachusetts barber can shave a man dress his hair, and get him into the cars, one hundred rods distant, in five minutes.

Gen. Sheridan, it is said, reports that he has seen a herd of buffaloes ninety miles in length and twenty miles in width, and estimates the number it contained at 3000,000.

A man jumped from the roof of a hotel in Baltimore, and a woman hung herself in Cambri, with a bed-cord.

Two ladies were locked up in Charleston South Carolina, cemetery, by the unscrupulous sexton, on All Saint's Day, and were terribly frightened when released.

A negro woman was arrested near Meridian, Mississippi, a few days ago, for attempting to poison the family of Mr. White by placing a scorpion in the coffee.

A fire broke out at the Central Lunatic Asylum, Columbus, Ohio, on the 18th, and was burning at last accounts with little prospect of subsiding. Some of the patients were burned.

A railroad man near Newburg, New York, had his family increased by two sons and two girls the other day.

Blinkins says that a married man should insure his life, for many reasons.—But the most important of all is, that it would prove a great help to his wife's second husband, and might be the means of starting him in business.

Some slanderer has said the old folks go to church to close their eyes, and the young to eye their clothes. We don't believe this is true, of the young ladies, at least. They go for religious worship and to see the Sams and Hims.

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The Democratic candidate for Congress, in the Northern district of California, Hon. James A. Johnson, has been elected by a handsome majority.

The reconstructed carpet-bag Governor of Florida has been impeached by the Legislature. The charges against him are: 1. Falshood and lying. 2. Incompetency. 3. Proclaiming members out of office. 4. Embezzlement of State funds. 5. Corruption and bribery.

Sensible Talk.—The Detroit Free Press—one of the best Democratic journals in the great west—thus discourses upon the present and future course of the Democratic party:

"The Democratic party will not, because it has met with defeat, abate for one moment its devotion to the great principles of civilization and progress of justice and right which underlie its organization and constitute the basis of its existence. It is struggling not for the ascendancy of individuals, but for the success of principles. Holding these principles as sacred and essential to the unity of the nation and the prosperity of the people, it cannot and will not abandon them. They are the well spring from which flows the fountain of national existence, and they cannot be abandoned merely because those who support them have met with temporary defeat."

Our Gains.—Besides electing Democratic Governors this year in New York and New Jersey, the Democracy of the Union have gained thirty five members of Congress, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State and Number of Gains. Includes Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, and New Jersey.

The probabilities are that the Radicals will have from fifteen to eighteen less than a two-third majority in the House.

Raising the President's Salary.

Quite a number of the Mongrel papers are exercised about the smallness of the President's salary. It must be increased from twenty-five to one hundred thousand dollars.

Well is not the Treasury full? Are not the coin vaults running over? Is there any difficulty about raising the means?—Is not the 'sheep before the shearer dumb? Do not the tax-payers glory in the 'blessing' of a great National debt? Why not let the President put his hands in the Treasury and take just what he wants?—Did not widow Lincoln take what duds she pleased? Ninety deal boxes full we believe.

Go on, economists, go on. Don't stop at trifles. Seventy-five thousand dollars a year, more, out of the Treasury will help to make the country rich.—E.

Negro Outrages in the South.

Almost every week, fresh and startling outrages upon defenceless families, are perpetrated by negroes, in the Southern States. Many of them never appear in print, from motives of peculiar delicacy.—Those that do are becoming too numerous to let pass.

We have in our paper this week a sample that must make the blood tingle in the veins.

Who are responsible for this state of things? It is folly to charge it upon the negro. Brutality is his primary condition, let him be found where he may.—It is only by subservency and dependence that he can be induced to imitate civilized life.

To the powerful influence, then, of the misguided fanatics of the North, is this depravity and mischief due. They are the responsible teachers and abettors of the monstrous crimes of rape, murder and theft so prevalent in the South at the present day.

Abolitionists and political preachers, who seem to think that heaven consists in undoing the work of the Almighty, and making white men of negroes, or of con. dening their own race to death and ignominy, and elevating the negro into superiority, have a terrible share in this responsibility. When the day of final reckoning comes, they will need the rocks and the hills to hide them.

When we hear such men discarding about heathen idols, and the disgusting worship of ill-shaped and obscene images, we cannot help thinking that "negro-on-the-brain" is a step only from the image to the brute.—Jeffersonian.

The Coos (N. H.) Republican has been keeping a record of big beats, but announces at last that: "the best that beat the best that beat the other best, is now beaten by a best that beats all the other beats, whether the original best, the best that beat the best, or the best that beat the best that beat the best."

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General Grants View of the Republican Platform.

A statement made late evening by a gentleman in whom may be placed implicit reliance and who enjoys excellent opportunity to enable him to speak intelligently on the subject, may give some indication of Gen. Grant's position in relation to the Republican party. He states that after the General was nominated he sat quiet a long time carefully reading and pondering upon the platform adopted by the Convention; that he finally expressed to his confidential friends that he did not like it, and was in great doubt whether he would accept the nomination on that platform.

This coming to the ears of certain leaders of the party they hastened to call upon the Gen. who stated to them his objections to the platform. This intelligence was received with no little consternation by his visitors, who feared that Grant entertained the intention of declining the nomination. They at once opened upon him with every conceivable argument which could bring forward to induce him to accept, one of which arguments was that the platform need not be regarded by him in so serious a light—it was simply an enunciation of the general principles of the party, necessary only to make up the papers of the campaign. They urged him to accept at all events, and to say nothing more about the platform. Many other arguments of a similar character were used, it is said, which gave Grant to understand that he wanted him to accept the nomination, if even it had to be on a platform of his adoption.—Washington Cor., N. Y. Herald, Nov. 9.

Mr. H. T. Hembold, of this city, so well known throughout the United States for his extensive advertisement of patent medicines, extracts etc., was on Friday morning seized with symptoms which leave no doubt of his insanity. He had been for some days past complaining, but until Friday morning nothing of a nature to alarm his friends and family had occurred. By the advice of his physician he was sent at once to the Insane Asylum.—SUNDAY MERCURY.

A chap from the country, stopping at one of our hotels, sat down to dinner. Upon the bill being handed him by the waiter, he remarked that he didn't care about redin' now—he'd wait till after dinner.

There was a quadruple marriage in Indiana the other day. A man married his third step-mother, who had three children by his father, and three of his consins, brothers, married three of his wife's sisters. At last accounts the parties were trying to find out what relation they are to each other.

It may not be generally known that New York horses chew tobacco, but they sometimes do. On the ferry boats it is not unusual to see men giving their horses a "quid," which the animals not only chew, but swallow, and there is a popular idea that the stimulant is good for the wind.

An Irish man in New York was required to produce his certificate of citizenship. He retired in anger, and after a time reappeared, bearing upon his back a house door, on which was pasted, all too securely, the required paper. This he set down before the astonished judges with the remark, "An' will that plaze you?"

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Keep Warm and Save your Life.

Within thirty days from to-day there will be many deaths which might be prevented by warmer clothing. Many a fatal case of dysentery is caused by the want of a woolen undershirt, or of an extra blanket at night.—The sudden changes of temperature which occur at this season of the year are very trying to the constitution. People with weak lungs quickly feel the effect of them. Frequently the thermometer falls many degrees within a few hours.

Not only the feeble, but robust and strong persons suffer from such great variations of temperature. When the weather grows cold rapidly, the pores of the skin are suddenly closed, and the result frequently is a bad cold, which may lead on to winter and terminate in consumption, or a fatal attack of dysentery, or that dreadful disease the typhoid fever.

If the day seems very so warm and bright, it is more safer to wear plenty of a de-wreathing at this season. In the evenings the dew falls, and it grows chilly very suddenly.—At all times, even when it feels the warmest, one experiences the difference which is so marked, between the autumn atmosphere and that of the summer. There is something more than the mere difference in temperature, it may be in the electricity. An occasional fire in a room dries the walls and purifies the atmosphere. A little timely attention to all these things would prevent a great deal of the disease and suffering which are among the ills to which humanity is liable.

There are many ready made collars at the cabinet shops and undertakers—little, short, tussie collars—which are going to be filled up soon by little children—some of them as sweet, beautiful little children as anybody's but your own; and just to think of it, these collars might be left empty, and the little children might be left in their homes to play and frolic, and make those homes bright, if only warm shoes and stockings, which would keep little feet dry, and warm clothes and soft woolen blankets were more plenty.

Do not bother yourself to hunt up a missionary. Be sure that whenever you send a pair of warm shoes to a needy little child, a good enough missionary, though you do not see him, always travels inside of them. In warming feet and bodies you warm hearts also; and beside, it warms your own heart to do this.

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