

Authority for Capital Punishment.

The recent inflictions of the death penalty in both ends of our Commonwealth have renewed inquiry as to the wisdom of exacting life for life in any case, as well as to the authority of the State for imposing so severe a punishment.

First, as to the authority conferred by reason. Reason attests to every man this title to his life: God gave him life. The whole structure of his physical and mental being bears witness that he was created in order to live.

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such, and does not assume to give laws to States or to regulate the various governments among mankind. Nor does it contain even one single expression anywhere in its writings touching upon the question in dispute.

But it distinctly recognizes two other religions or dispensations as also divine, and which were its predecessors or precursors. The first of these is the Patriarchal, and the second the Jewish.

The first contained this command: "Who sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made He man."

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consultation to discuss the Divine authorities of government and society. but the re-promulgation of that private dry imposed on Noah shows conclusively the recognition of the validity of the old Mosaic laws.

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All moral reforms are wrought into success by the power of moral suasion, of reason—not by abuse. The Vindicator man is a hot-headed enthusiast, a fool, and a blackguard.

On Monday, the last rail on the Union Pacific Railroad was laid. The rail was solid silver, the last spike gold, and the tie upon which the rail rested was typical laurel.

The gates of the world are thus opened to us—the Occident strikes hands with the Orient. Our country will take great strides forward to-day, but the true measure of prosperity which will accrue to her is so great, so overwhelmingly great that no one now would care to undertake the task of estimating it.

The project of tunneling under the lake to obtain a supply of pure water is being agitated in Cleveland. Investigations have been made and it is found that there is a stratum of clay underlying the lake of sufficient thickness to admit of a tunnel of the requisite size.

The subscriber has removed his Tailor Shop into READ'S NEW BUILDING, on Center street, near Colonne Row, and respectfully informs his old customers and all the rest of mankind that he is now prepared to manufacture all kinds of GENTS' AND YOUTHS' WEARING APPAREL.

OUR WEEKLY DIGEST.

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Cool—the ice cream served up at R. H. Thomas'. Ditto—subscribing for a newspaper and over paying for it.

The sugar crop of Louisiana is estimated at 80,000 hogheads. The cattle trade of Chicago aggregates \$50,000,000 a year.

Judy quotes: "The market—ladies' hair has an upward tendency." The name Temperance Vindicator is a misnomer. It ought to be Temperance Windicator.

The President has recently bought a young Hambletonian colt valued at \$1,000. The Vindicator bluster. Of course it meant to say Vindicator "bluster."

Peanuts are being extensively cultivated in lower Virginia, and are a more valuable crop than tobacco. The criticisms of the Vindicator are beyond endurance.—Vindicator.

The Vindicator says we hellow lustily for "quarter." We'll bet that at some former period of his life the Vindicator man has hellowed lustily for a quart.

It is three years since they have had any rain in Maracibo, a fact which induces an exchange to think they cannot afford to water their milk in that place.

Whisky-soaked hides are generally pretty tough.—Vindicator. We presume you speak from personal experience.

The Sons of Temperance in Maine have voted to nominate a candidate for Governor, if neither of the political parties should put up satisfactory to them.

The Temperance Vindicator is a "freside weekly." Which means, we presume, that it is used to light fires of mourning.

The Holliday-burg Standard wants the price of gas reduced. Couldn't the Standard reduce its gas easier than the price.

Jas. P. Thomson is editor of the Tem. Vind. His original family name was Thompsonnababiche.

Governor Curtin is the fifth United States Minister to Russia from Pennsylvania. His predecessors were William Wilkins, James Buchanan, George M. Dallas and Simon Cameron.

Cresson is just 2,000 feet above high tide mark at Philadelphia. Gallatin is 100 feet higher, and the top of the hill through which the great tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad is bored is 2,200 feet high.

A Mississippi editor and Justice of the Peace married a couple in 1858, divorced them in 1860, married the man to another woman in 1861, ditto the woman to another man in 1862, and last week married the original couple.

Forty-one recruits, not to be less than five feet seven inches high, have been ordered from Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for assignment in Battery C, third United States Artillery.

The steam tannery of Leighow Anthony & Co., in Northumberland, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night of last week. The loss is estimated at \$4,500, two-thirds of which will be covered by insurance. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

George Slaughter was shot and instantly killed by John Watts at a saloon and house of ill-fame, at Evansville, Ind., Tuesday night. The murder was the result of a drunken quarrel, in which the women were implicated. Watts has not yet been arrested.

The Phillipsburg Journal says: "A sawyer employed in the mill of J. J. Zimmerman & Co., has taken on the mill for rapidly in cutting—having on Friday last April 10th, cut 101 feet of lumber, having a water wheel. The greatest number of feet cut in the same length of time in these parts, previously, was 250 feet."

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So many oldest Masons have been found that some one has hunted up the oldest Odd-Fellow in the world and found him in the person of Mr. Benjamin Downing of the Newport Lodge, R. I., of which he has been a member for sixty-one years. He is the only surviving member who witnessed the organization of the first Grand Lodge in New York in 1823. Mr. Downing is 87 years old.

The last sensation in velocipede riding was produced in the Boston velocipede Rink, Thursday evening, when master John Reardon rode a velocipede with grooved wheels along a rope stretched from one end of the Rink to the other, about twenty feet from the floor. In addition to this a trapeze was hung to the velocipede, and Mr. Harry M. Stevens performed a variety of feats upon it while the velocipede was moving along the rope.

ANECDOTE OF SENATOR SCOTT.—We are glad to notice that president Grant has made a rule to receive no calls on the Sabbath, and has forbidden his secretaries to bring him any letters or telegram except they are on important public business in answer to some thing he has called for.

General Stokes, in his recent speech at Nashville, Tenn., complimented Andy Johnson as follows: "Now, I'll tell you what's a fact: There isn't a man or a party that Andy Johnson hasn't deceived. I should like to see him step forth. He has been a popular man in his day, for he has been with and deceived all parties in turn. He is full of deceit and demagoguery. He is like the old sow. You might take her up, put her in a bath tub and scrub her perfectly clean, turn her out and she would run five miles in a hot summer day to August, through clean water, to reach her wallowing place in an old peach orchard. That's Johnson. He has got back into the old peach orchard again; yes, in the heart of that old defunct Democracy."

Gov. Jewell of Connecticut was inaugurated on the 7th inst. David Gallup was elected President of the Senate and O. H. Platt Speaker of the House. Both branches of the Legislature are largely Republican.

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