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Another Borgia.—A letter from Hamilton, Ontario, says that last week a woman named Perkins, wife of a respectable well-to-do farmer, near Brantford, U. C., finding herself upon her death-bed, sent for a clergyman and confessed that she had at different periods of her life committed six murders, and all by poison.

The German Punch, edited in Berlin, publishes a coat-of-arms, drawn for President Johnson. It consists of a pair of open scissors; between the lower part is a tailor's goose, and between the upper part is a thimble, surrounded by balls of thread instead of cannon balls.

Spottswood Augustine Washington died at his residence, at Middleport, Illinois, on the 24th ult., aged 54 years. His father was Bushrod Washington, Jr., son of Col. William Augustine Washington, who was brother of Bushrod Washington, Sen., Judge of the United States Supreme Court.

Ex-Governor Magoffin, of Kentucky, perpetrated some queer logic, and indulged in some queer phraseology in a recent letter, advising the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment. He admits that, before the war, he thought slavery a divine institution.

The late Governor Brough, who had a very powerful voice, once addressed two audiences in two different States at the same time. He spoke of the public landing at Cincinnati, and a crowd nearly as large as that before him gathered on the Kentucky shore to listen.

Open an oyster, retain the liquor in the lower, or deep shell, and if viewed through a microscope, it will be found to contain multitudes of small oysters, covered with shells, and swimming nimbly about; 120 of which extend but one inch.

An extraordinary case has just been brought to light at Colyton, in the west of England. A man, who is generally looked on as an eccentric character, has in his possession an unburied corpse of his mother, who died five years ago.

General Custis Lee, of the late rebel army, and a son of R. E. Lee, has been appointed professor in the Virginia Military Institute, to fill the chair occupied by Stonewall Jackson before the rebellion.

A STORY ABOUT DR. KANE.—We find the following in the Rochester (N. Y.) Union: A book will probably appear within a short time, giving the facts in the history of Dr. Kane, the Arctic navigator, which have hitherto been shrouded in mystery. It is true that he was for years engaged to Margaretta Fox, one of the young ladies who first presented the phenomena of "spirit rapping." Dr. Kane fell in love with the young girl while she was sitting as a public medium in Philadelphia, in 1852, when she was fifteen years of age.

This legacy was not paid, and some injurious reports having been raised, Mrs. Kane's legal advisers urged a suit for dower as the widow, and the publication of a memoir. One was prepared, embodying 134 of Dr. Kane's letters, and Mr. Carleton had it in press, when the publication and suit were both stopped by a compromise with the brothers and executor of Dr. Kane; they agreeing to pay the lady the interest of the money left her, and a sum down to repay her expenses, provided she would discontinue the suit in the Orphan's Court, Philadelphia, and would seal up the letters, with the MS. memoir, and place them in the hands of a trustee, who would surrender them to the Kane family at her death.

A bond was signed by the Kanes in 1862, for the observance of the terms they agreed to, Mrs. Kane being permitted to reclaim her letters, &c., in the event of their failure to pay the quarterly installment of interest. This agreement was violated by their refusal to pay—first, the sum promised for expenses, then the quarterly instalments, and in June last Mrs. Kane reclaimed her letters of the trustee. She is now at liberty to publish the volume which is to establish her fame, and to show the world a singular example of faithful love, enduring through unkindness and calumny. The death of Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Kane's mother, has just retarded the publication, but it will doubtless appear in good time.

The Cleveland Leader states that a part of the Democratic programme in that State is yet kept scrupulously secret, but nevertheless fully resolved on by those "in the ring." It is nothing less than the carrying of the next Legislature and the election of Olmsted L. Vallandigham as the next United States Senator from Ohio. The Democracy do not, of course, expect to carry the State on the general ticket, nor will they attempt it; but they will lend every effort, by colonizing votes, by trading votes, by spending special labor on every district that can be possibly carried by a Democrat, to obtain control of the next State Legislature, and thus elect Vallandigham.

The funniest story of the age is told by a Detroit paper. A lady suspected her husband of improper intimacy with the hired girl. Without informing her husband of her intention, she sent the girl off that night and went to sleep in the girl's bed; she had not been there long when somebody came and took the other half of the bed. About two hours after, the wife arose intending to reveal the intended infidelity of her spouse, struck a light, when lo! it was the hired man. All parties are said to be mad about it except the hired man.

The Fen, in the hand that knows how to use it, is one of the most powerful weapons known. As the tongue of the absent, how charming! When self respect gives it a new vigor, how beautiful! When virtue guides it, how respectable! When wit sharpens it, how fatal! When scurrility wields it, how contemptible! 'Tis the weapon of the mind.

Capt. Jas. M. Moore, who interred the dead at Andersonville, intends with the permission of the Government, publishing as a public document the records of the Andersonville Prison, giving the names, regiments, and residence of every prisoner who died there, as far as known. The number of names on the manuscript list is upward of 14,000.

The Court of Hymen has become a popular institution in diverting confiscation of rebel estates. Numerous instances are reported, where Southern planters have given all their landed properties in marriage with their daughters to faithful Union soldiers.

The World in a Nut-Shell.—Fernando Wood returned from Europe in the City of Liverpool, after an absence of five months. He did not visit the Holy Land, as was given out when he started.

The son of the late General Winder of Andersonville has been arrested. It is said he claims to have acted under orders from his government in his cruel treatment of our men in their hands. It is said that Gen. Butler is to be associated with the Attorney General as a public prosecutor of Jeff Davis.

Thirty Laplanders, dressed in furs and skins, accompanied by twelve Swedes, have arrived in St. Paul to settle in Minnesota. A permanent organization, known as the "Andersonville Prison Survivors' Association," held a meeting in Washington on Monday night. The object of the society is to assist the widows and orphans of Andersonville prisoners, and also prisoners themselves when their circumstances demand it.

Major Gen. Hooker was to be married on Sept. 12, to Miss Groesbeck, of Cincinnati, sister of Judge W. L. Groesbeck, ex-member of Congress. Miss Groesbeck enjoys an income of \$40,000 per annum.

A Mrs. Slater, a farmer's wife, near Cuba, Tennessee, falling in love with a hired man named Holliday, employed by her husband, and finding the latter in the way, the wife and the lover decided to kill him, which deed was accomplished by shooting him through the head and hacking him to pieces with a bowie knife.

H. S. Foote passed through Cincinnati a few days since, en route for Nashville, to join his family. Foote is direct from Canada, whence he received permission from the President to return, upon condition that he would keep quiet, and let public matters alone.

The standing army of the United States now consists of 18,000 regulars, 90,000 colored and 100,000 white volunteers. Of these, about 150,000 are now in the field; the others are absent on leave.

The trial of the monster Witz progresses at Washington. The evidence which is daily taken, from both loyal and rebel witnesses, proves the cruelty practiced towards the many thousand Union prisoners at Andersonville, to have equalled in savage bloodthirstiness anything in the history of the world.

Government carpenters were set at work a few days since, to prepare Carroll Hall building, which is inside Fortress Monroe. From this it is presumed the trial of Jeff Davis will take place there.

Washington is crowded with Southerners seeking pardon—among them are many ladies who are appealing to the President in behalf of their husbands, fathers or brothers.

Gen. Lee now advises all not merely to submit to the Government, but to do everything in their power to promote the peace and prosperity of the country. Had he done this four years ago there would have been nothing to disturb the steady existence and progress of these.

Returned soldiers should see to have themselves assessed, if they desire to vote at the coming election. The 30th inst., is the last day on which it can be done.

A movement is on foot at San Antonio, Texas, to present a homestead to the rebel Gen. Hood.

The Washington Republican says the rebel Gen. Ewell lately declined a dinner invitation in that city on the ground that he "could not feast with gentlemen who sympathized with the South in the late struggle and yet would not fight for her independence."

The rebel Gen. Joseph E. Johnson has been appointed President of the Richmond and Danville Railroad.

H. S. Foote, of Tennessee, has written a letter to the Cincinnati Enquirer, in favor of the immediate grant of the right of suffrage to the negroes.

Mrs. Geer, of Clinton, Wayne county, Mich., went into her pasture lot on Sunday, wearing a red shawl, when a ferocious bull attacked her, driving his horns into her breast and killing her instantly.

John Robbins, who had been a merchant in New York for sixty-six years, died in that city, a few days ago. He was very rich, and in many ways very eccentric. It is said he never was in a railroad car or steamboat, and would not drink Oroton water until the last puff was taken from the street in which he lived. He was eighty-five years of age.

Robert Orrick, colored, has received the contract for carrying the mails from Winchester, Va., to Leesburg. He is the first colored man to whom such a contract has ever been given.

The President has generally commuted to imprisonment for a term of years all pending sentences of death in the cases of soldiers convicted of desertion. Three Massachusetts soldiers, under sentence of death, have been sent to Fort Duff for five years each.

WELL-PAID LABOR.—On a certain wedding occasion that we have read of, a pecky and inquisitive old lady, who came without invitation, basted up to the bride and queried: "So, my air going to be married? Keep house, eh? Goin to have a girl, I s'pose?" The expectant bride, quite dumbfounded at such a question, stammered through her blushes that she really could not say whether it would be a girl or a boy. But we vote for boys; for see here, "Mrs. Senator Kate Chase Sprague, following the example of more common people, has a baby, a boy about five weeks old. Mrs. Sprague's mother-in-law presented her with \$500,000 for having a boy, and settled \$100,000 on the fortunate little stranger." The Scripture says, "The laborer is worthy of his hire," but isn't half a million rather extravagant pay for such labor—however long it may have been protracted.

A wild man has been discovered in a forest in Clearfield county. He was covered all over with a copper-colored down, and when captured was able to speak only one word—"draft." He had forgotten all the rest of the English language. Ex-Governor Bigler kindly took the wild man in hands, and will prepare him to vote for the Democratic candidates in October. This story may be true, since large numbers of the residents fled to the woods during the late draft. Many are yet missing, so that more wild men may yet be caught.

Captain J. B. Jones, of the 14th United States Infantry, arrived in Washington a few days since from Augusta, Ga. The captain brought with him eleven hundred pounds of gold and silver bullion, and also a small amount of coin, of the aggregate value of \$200,000. This money was received by the treasury agent, and is supposed to be a portion of the spoil captured from Jeff. Davis.

Pennsylvania furnished to the army, from April 17th, 1861, to April 30th, 1865, three hundred and sixty-one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine men, and this without reference to priority of service, which varied from three months to three years. Pennsylvania has furnished more men and suffered more during the late war than any other Northern State of the Union.

Jesse D. Bright has been heard from. On board an Ohio river steamboat he remarked to a Southern lady of secession proclivities, who was complaining about the loss of her slaves, "To you, madam, and all other ladies who have upheld the cause of the suffering South a reward will come. Your cause is over for the present."

The Chevalier Ira Aldridge, the noted negro tragedian, is in London, and lately played an engagement of three nights at the Haymarket Theatre. He played Othello, the Hon. Lewis Wingfield appearing as Cassio.

Mrs. Mallory, wife of the rebel Secretary of War, has taken the oath in order to possess herself of certain property which she holds in her own right.

The Pope of Rome was seventy-three years old on the 13th of May, and on the 16th of August, he reached the nineteenth year of his Pontifical reign.

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