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GENERAL NEWS.

Adelaide Phillips, of operatic fame, is dead. Thurlow Weed, the veteran journalist is again ill. During September the public debt was decreased \$14,500,000.

Handford, the historian, October 3, celebrated his 83rd birthday. The annual parade of "Velled Prophets" occurred October 3, at St. Louis.

An eight-year-old boy shot and killed a girl at Chicago, October 2, with a rifle. Frank James, surrendered to Governor Crittenden at Jefferson City, Mo., yesterday. The application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Sergeant Mason has been denied.

The Jeannette Board of Inquiry have organized at Washington, and will hold open sessions. G. W. Wilson was killed by his brother in Bandera county, Texas, in a dispute about some land.

In a recent political riot at Lancaster, S. C., seven persons were killed and twenty-one wounded. Seven cases of small-pox were discovered at Chicago, yesterday, on an immigrant train from New York.

The quadrennial National Convention of the Christian Church assembled October 3, at Syracuse New York. D. C. Ballentine, a member of the Nebraska legislature, was killed by a train at Benksman, in that State.

The Philadelphia Presbyterian Church oppose the use of musical instruments in every service of worship. The Tax Collector at Taubaya, Mexico, and his wife mortally wounded, by bandits. The Mayor and City Council of Williamsport, Pa., have been indicted for failing to keep the streets in proper condition.

Henry Halloway was taken from a Court room at Prospect, Tenn., October 3, by a crowd and dragged to a bridge near by. An employe of the Brush Electric Light Company was killed in New York, 6th inst., by a shock from a wire he was adjusting.

It is now reported that Vice-President David Davis will be married early in November to a young lady of Warrenton, N. C. The seventy-third annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was held at Portland, Me., 3d inst.

Wildflower, one of Stanford's horses, was steepled in her latest attempt at winning the race in which she was entered in two straight heats.

THE COAST.

A new postoffice has been established in San Bernardino county, Cal., at Logansport. The Yuba county Supervisors have levied a State and county tax of \$2.00 on the \$100. H. Landriss was killed by a bull near Rio Vista October 1, inflicting a dangerous injury.

A Putnam accidently shot himself near Grass Valley, October 3, inflicting a dangerous wound. The bodies of Lacombe, father and son, recently drowned in Truckee river, were recovered near Reno lately.

The jury in the Frazier-Rodgers train wrecking case at Auburn were unable to agree and discharged. The Democratic Joint Senatorial Convention of Yuba and Sutter counties have nominated B. Spilman of Sutter county.

The tax for State and county purposes in Napa county this year has been fixed at \$1.75 on the \$100—the lowest rate ever made there.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A fire at Victoria, B. C., caused a loss of \$25,000. George Lane fell from a bridge near Yale, B. C., and was instantly killed. Robert Egan, a resident of Victoria, B. C., since 1859, died in that city 1st inst.

New and rich gold fields have been discovered in Cariboo, B. C., said to pay from \$5 to \$10 a day to the hands.

ARIZONA.

Cleora Grimes, with her brother and another man, participated in the murder of a Wells, Fargo & Co's messenger, near Globe, A. T., two months since, has been sentenced to twenty-one years in the Penitentiary for stage robbery.

OREGON.

William Bowman committed suicide October 3, at Dallas. An Indian who killed a doctor for not curing his child has been hanged at the Klamath Agency.

NEVADA.

George H. Shepherd, Democratic nominee for State Treasurer of Nevada, has withdrawn from the ticket.

POLITICAL.

G. W. Ray has been nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Twenty-first New York District. R. T. Davis has been nominated by the Republicans of the First Congressional District of Massachusetts.

The Democratic of the Sixth Massachusetts District have nominated Daniel W. Lawrence for Congress.

FOREIGN.

Arabi Pasha demands a trial by Englishmen. The Afghan troops have revolted against Ameer. The Italian Chamber of Deputies has dissolved. The Suez Canal is to be enlarged and improved.

Charles Wahab, who recently explored Burma, is dead. A drought and fever causes consternation in Central America. Asiatic cholera has appeared on the French side of Mount Comis tunnel.

The yearly caravan with the Sacred Carpet for Mecca left Cairo yesterday. Six hundred Jewish families have left Pressburg, Hungary, owing to the riots. Telegraphic communication has been established between Peru, the United States and Europe.

Since January 1st, the Cuban Board of Freedmen have had 20,000 slaves, in accordance with the Emancipation law. The appointment of Sir Julian Pauncefote as permanent Under Secretary for the British Foreign Department is gazetted.

J. C. Chambers, a merchant near Alexandria, La., was called to his door and assassinated on Saturday night. Bob Farrar (colored) has been arrested. President Arthur has requested the members of the Cabinet now in Washington to join him in New York on Tuesday next for the purpose of accompanying him to Boston.

The Indiana Greenbackers' State Central Committee named Niblack of the Democratic ticket and Judges Widby and Berkshire of the Republican ticket for Judges of the Circuit Court. When President Arthur left Washington this Summer he was suffering from kidney disease, and was warned by his physicians that if he didn't work less and sleep more the disease would probably terminate fatally.

Congratulations to the Khedive on the suppression of the rebellion, are pouring in from all parts of Egypt. The Ottomans are preaching the doctrine of passive obedience, and prove from the Koran the sin of cramping the feet.

HOW TO MESMERIZE.

Means by Which the Subject is Thrown Into a Trance. A recent writer on the mysteries of mesmerism says: "I lay it down as a matter which can be verified by all who are curious enough to try it that the mesmeric conditions can be produced without the supposition of a subtle fluid, without the use of the cabalistic passes of the mesmerist, without the bouquet, the magnetic rod, or any of the mysterious means employed by professionals to heighten the effect of what would be too simple and to unattractive if performed straightforwardly. The directions are these: Place the person to be operated on normally in a chair. With your left hand suspend by a string, about a foot from the eyes, some small object, a dark marble, or a bright steel ball, or a diamond—it matters not what, though something bright is, perhaps, preferable. Direct the subject to fasten his eyes and concentrate his attention on the object.

Slowly raise your left hand until the object is as far above the eyes of the patient as is compatible with his gazing steadily at it. Watch his eyes. At first you will see the pupils contract, but after a few seconds they will expand rapidly. When they are at the greatest point of expansion, move the first two fingers of your right hand from the object directly toward the eyes, the fingers being separated, forklike, to embrace both eyes. As the fingers approach the eyes will close, and the subject will be unable to open them. After a quarter of a minute the subject will be thoroughly under control, so that the operator may make him believe whatever he tells him. Left quiet, the subject will sink into a profound torpor, during which his ears may be pierced, his cheeks sewed to his nose, and even a finger cut off without pain.

To arouse him—and this is an important step—wind, either from a hand-bellows or a fan, should be directed against his eyes, or else his eyes should be tickled with a feather. The rationale of the method is simple. The fixed stare of the subject fatigues his retinal nerves, when the operator's fingers approach the eyelids close, as eyelids always do when the eyes are threatened. But the fatigue of the nerves has produced a muscular fatigue as well, transient paralysis in the eyelids has resulted, and they cannot be opened. The eyes being thus closed, the delicate frontal nerves being exhausted, and the mind made vacant by monotonous attention to one object, the patient is in a fit condition to fall asleep, and he does fall asleep. He is now ready to dream. The only thing remaining to do is to make him dream. But how is this to be effected? Dreaming, as has long been determined, is the result of external suggestion. Dr. Gregory, to illustrate, having been thinking of Vesuvius, went to bed with a jug of hot water at his feet and dreamed that he was climbing the sides of the burning mountain. Dr. Reid wrote a book on the Indians, put a blister to his head on retiring, and thought in his sleep that he was being scalped. Both the dreams, as all others are, were caused by suggestions offered externally. These suggestions being received while the directing power, the common sense of the mind, was in abeyance owing to sleep, were interpreted very erroneously, yet according to plain laws of association. The hot water in the one case called up the previous subject of thought, Vesuvius; the stinging blister in the other, the equally stinging scalping-knife. It is now easy to see how the sleeping subject may be made to accept as truth whatever he is told.

THE COBRA AFTER A MEAL.

One of the very disagreeable creatures that explore the jungles of Hindostan or Ceylon is apt to be the gigantic reptile known as the Cobra. Cobras are not frequent eaters and are slow digesters, but their capacity for swallowing no sane naturalist will dispute. It is said that a cobra of mature years can accommodate itself to a deer, a large dog, a sheep, or even a tolerably sized calf.

It has been known to attack a human, but whether it made a meal of him we cannot say. The cobra's manner of catching and preparing its food is usually as follows: He ascends a tree, the limbs of which overhang a trail, animals are accustomed to take in going to or from water or while prowling. Its whole body being propped, it is not difficult for it to give three or four turns with its tail around a stout limb and then of so disposing of the rest of itself that when prey comes within its scope it can instantly dart upon it, and before one can count three, enfold it many times and crush it to death, literally breaking every bone in its body during the process. This necessary work is done by the cobra, for the cobra will not swallow its prey fresh, it has not itself destroyed, the reptile proceeds to exude from its mouth an oily saliva, which it pours upon the body of its victim. This saliva helps the creature to take into its jaws and afterward into its body the food. Next it opens its great jaws and slowly but surely it works over the prepared body. It does not swallow, but draws itself over its meal. The meal is very gradually digested and assimilated to the flesh and juices, etc., of the reptile, and when, at the end of many weeks, the food has disappeared, the cobra again feels the pangs of hunger, and again, as above described, repeats the process of cramping its food.

DYING WORDS OF THE GREAT.

Dr. Johnson, passing away amid a tumult of uneasiness and fear, said to one who stood close beside his bed, "God bless you, my dear!" The celebrated Dr. Adams, rector of the High School of Edinburgh, in some moments of delirium preceding his death, whispered, "It is growing dark, boys!" stretching forth his hand, "you may go!" Queen Elizabeth of England, lying on her royal couch, was heard to moan out the heartrending words, as she closed her eyes forever, "All my possessions for one moment of time!" But the noble Wesley simply exclaimed, in calmness of spirit, "The best of all is, God is with us!" Poor Robert Burns, out of his head when he drew his last breath, cried, "Oh, don't let the awkward squad fire over me!" How curious, indeed, that Lord Thurlow should have cried out on his passing away, "I'm shot if I don't believe I'm dying!"

"Ah! mes enfans, you can cry for me as much for me as I have made you laugh in my time!" so said the brilliant wit of France, Scarron, as he lay dying that hour with a host of weeping friends around him.

It was a Christian philosopher like John Locke who exclaimed with his latest breath that solemn day, "Oh, the depth of the riches of the goodness and knowledge of God!" How strange to think that the great Mirabeau, after a life of such wild discord, should have cried out frantically, as he lay waiting for the last gasp, "Music! Let me die to the sound of delicious music!" Washington, with the smile of a saint, looked up into the face of his weeping wife for the last time as she bent over him at Mt. Vernon that dismal day, and calmly said, as he crossed his arms above his noble heart, "it is well." And the last words of Luther's friend, Melancthon, are wonderfully striking, it seems to me. The former asked him that hour if he desired anything. "No, Luther, no, nothing but Heaven," he answered, and died with a smile on his face. The ruling passion may be said to have been still strong with Chesterfield when he passed away, for the last words he uttered were: "Give Daytolles a chair!" Did poor Cooper say anything before he died—he who had all day long drowled over the thought of dying? Why, it is said he sank to rest as peacefully as a little child. Ah! but what did Hobbes, the deist, say just before he gasped his last breath? "I am taken a fearful leap in the dark!" and the sweet Herbert said, "Now, Lord, receive my soul!" Dear Goldsmith's physician asked him a few minutes before he died to breathe if his mind was at ease. His mournful answer was, "No, it is not." And yet, was not Goldsmith really as lovely a character, at heart, as any man who ever lived? This deaf Beethoven, whose soul had been full of glorious harmony throughout his life, cried out at last, "Now I shall be free! May we not cherish the happy thoughts of the angels, the words of God and Heaven when he said at last so wearily, "I must sleep now!" The sun was shining very brightly in the room where the great Humboldt lay dying, and he said, as he watched the beautiful rays, "How grand the sunlight! It seems to beckon earth to heaven!" John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the same day, but one saw the other just before he died. "I resign myself to God—and my daughter to my country." Sir Thomas More said to an attendant, as he ascended the scaffold on the day of his execution, "I pray you see me safe up, and for my coming down let me shift for myself." Beautiful Ann Boleyn, just before she knelt down to lay her head on the block, clasped her neck with her hand and said, "It is small, very small indeed." "What could have possessed Franklin to say to his friends on his death bed, "A dying man does nothing well!" What a strange question for Cardinal Beaufort (or any other man) to ask at the last moment of life, "What! Is there no bribing death?" Scott said, even when death was creeping near, "I feel as if I were to be myself again." And Hood, tired out, whispered only the words, "Dying, Dying!"—(Boston Transcript.)

POPULATION OF THE EARTH.

The population of the earth has long been a fascinating study for statisticians Behm and Wagner, who have just published an amended edition of a former work in Germany. They give the total as 1,438,887,000—which is about 22,000,000 less than their estimate of two years ago. They have concluded that China has 50,000,000 less than they formerly supposed. There has thus been an actual increase of about 38,000,000 in the population of the globe—an increase, however, which must be spread over ten years, as many of the recent censuses are decennial. For Europe the present population is rated at 327,743,400, showing an increase of about 12,000,000 over the previous figures by the operation of the census. In Asia, a margin allowance for the readjustment of the population of China, there has been an increase of 20,000,000, the present population being set down at 795,591,000. Of course, the estimates must sometimes be little more than guesses, for example, for such places as Africa. For this continent Mr. Robins maintains that an estimate of 100,000,000 is quite enough, while Behm and Wagner retain the old figure of 200,000,000 with considerable hesitation.

Hod Boy, a Turk of former official prominence, is greatly venerated in Constantinople on account of his age, which is believed to be 120 years.

FRESH FASHION NOTES.

Jet remains in fashion. All shades of blue are worn. The fashion of belt buckles is revived. Broton vests are coming back into fashion. There will be an attempt to revive large buttons. Mushrooms are the latest fancy in Parisian ornaments. Irish poplins have at last lifted themselves from obscurity. Beaded laces are in high favor for handsome dress trimmings. Gilt buttons and gold braid are kept in favor by the war in Egypt. New silver bracelets are made in exact imitation of the handcuffs worn by criminals. The favorite colors for gentlemen's gloves will be mahogany and tan; the material will be fine chevrotte. Skirts are still subject to the fancy of the wearer, and may be plain, slightly or elaborately garnished. The Prince Albert frock coat, in exact copy of that worn by gentlemen, is the latest shape for ladies' wraps. The first importation of velvet and plush brocades have flowers and figures in long pile plush on velvet grounds. Long pelisses, trimmed all round the bottom and up each side with pink ruffles, are seen among the new fall wraps. Wide velvet ribbons are used for strings on felt bonnets, while Otto man repped ribbons are preferred to velvet bonnets. New house wrappers come in cashmere in all the new colors, and with embroidery of silk brightened with gold and silver beads. Small capotes of white or tinted satin, completely covered with soft fluffy white ostrich tips, are worn. They are very pretty and becoming to youthful ladies. For their elders, the same fashion in black, bronze, brown, garnet and dark green is much followed. There are no changes to report for evening dress, and, although some very dressy young men will wear an embroidered front, the plain bosom with small studs is the proper thing. The open front is worn more than it has been for years, and as it is something of a novelty of late years, it bids fair to be all the go.

ALL SORTS OF ITEMS.

The Bachelors' Mutual Protective Association at Knoxville, Tenn., invite against matrimony. Arabi Bey has not had the tide which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. "Nectar fit for gods"—that is, if the gods did not fight for nectar. Women who enamel are now gratefully said to belong to the great tribe of the Pale Faces. A New York man stole a parrot, and if his fine is not over \$100,000 it will be paid by the parties who lived contiguous to the abducted bird. "Every mother-in-law is somebody's mother," says the sentimental unmarried. After he is married he will be made painfully aware of the fact a dozen times a day. A Louisville man under close cross-examination stated that in his judgment the most incomprehensible thing in the world is not a woman or the photograph, but how those four sees got off his sleeve. The honest tradesman knows how to make a customer happy. All that is necessary is to charge him 20 per cent. more than the market price, and whisper in his ear, "but I'll let you have it for 10 per cent. off!" Until very recently, Mexico has not raised coffee enough for the supply of the people. The Selma, Ala., cotton mills have just shipped five carloads of cotton goods to China. On the 18th inst. 6,000,000 barrels of oil changed hands among the speculators on the Exchange at Oil City, Pa. Chinese axes are said to be sharp and enduring as some of their wise old saws. It was an apple that made Adam tell, and the same fruit made William Tell. Time flies—those which worry you out of bed at five o'clock in the morning. By a wise dispensation of Providence the worst base ball clubs always get the worst umpires. You may like a physician without feeling obliged to take his medicines. It is the same way with a preacher. The English troops took possession of Port Said on Sunday morning last. We haven't heard what the Porte said about it; neither does it matter. The strong speeches are now spoken from British port holes. The Jeanne d'Arc corsage, open on one side and laced with silk cords, and corsets laced under the arm, alluded to early in the summer, will be much worn with full evening dress this and the coming season. These corsages are cut square, heart shape, or in a V point in the neck, and accompanied by a guimpe and sleeves of white lace, or a chemise Russe of white muslin, bordered in the varied colors of the dress. A Catholic clergyman of Breslau has been fined two hundred marks for libelling Bismarck.

ODD WEDDING RINGS.

The Jewels Placed by Young Lovers Upon the Fingers of Their Sweethearts. "There is no jewelry about which women always show so much interest as the betrothal and wedding rings," replied a dealer to a reporter's question. "The first has altered noticeably in shape and setting. A purely white diamond, the only suitable gem is underest in short claws so that the stone hides the setting completely. Polished gold is preferred to Roman gold. The shank is oval and tapers from the gem. There is neither enamel or engraving on its surface, and inscriptions are out in vogue as the purchaser may order. It is but an old fashion revived, and one which will be liked. In the last thirty years wedding rings have changed twice in style, from the narrow, double circle to the polish oval; and lastly, the plain, wide, flat band, which is now also preferable in polished gold. A fourth style, and one eminently in harmony with the present temper of romantic sentiment, might well restore the ornament which decorated a ring discovered long ago in Egyptian ruins. It represented two cats, sitting back to back, and between them the goddess of love, who smiles sweetly on vacancy, while they glared around at each other in genuine Kilkenny fashion. "Would you make it in order?" "Certainly." "I will bear that in mind. But meantime, can you tell me who invented the finger ring?" "It is older than history. The ancients account for its origin by ascribing to Jupiter a sharp practice, which would be no credit to a Four Courts slyster. They say that, prompted by revenge, he had Prometheus chained to the frosty Caucasus, where a vulture banqueted the long-day on the captive's liver. Jupiter eventually relented, and to avoid breaking his oath, commanded his enemy, when freed, to wear perpetually on his finger an iron ring to which was fastened a small piece of Mt. Caucasus, so that in effect he remained bound to the rock. I don't take much stock in that story. The ancients wore, some of them, scaly fellows."—(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

MEANISM OF THE ELEPHANT'S SKULL.

A person looking at the skull of an elephant would naturally, judging from the size, suppose that the animal has a very large brain. Such, however, is not the case; but the magnitude of the skull depends upon another cause, namely, the great extent of the outer table (as it is called), for the cavity of the cranium is not by any means so large as the external appearance of the skull would lead one to imagine. But what end is to be gained by this great extent of surface? The explanation is this: The weight of the tusks, the trunk, and huge grinding teeth, is very great, and there must be a corresponding proportion of muscular substance to support this weight. Now, it is a law in nature that extent of surface is everywhere conjoined with the least possible bulk; nor is there ever an accumulation of useless matter in a living being.

To obtain a sufficient surface for the attachment of the muscles necessary to support the tusks, trunk, etc., and at the same time to afford the least possible weight, the two tables, of the skull are united by a diploe, or vast number of thin plates of bones disposed in an irregular manner, so as to form the cells, than which nothing could be so imagined or contrived which would more beautifully and completely answer the purpose. Could the most accomplished mechanist, or the most learned anatomist, point out a better or more perfect mode of attaining the desired end? Certainly not. On the contrary, many and important are the hints which have been gleaned from the book of nature, and most usefully and profitably applied to art and science.

John Talbot Binns, one of the most noted characters that ever entered the Philadelphia almshouse, died in that institute recently, aged sixty-nine years. Believing himself to be a woman and affecting woman's ways, he was dubbed in the institute with the title of "Sallie" Binns. He was admitted February 10, 1853, and was at that time forty-one years of age. When a young man he joined an amateur theatrical club, and the height of his ambition was to play female characters. He became quite a monomaniac on this subject, and his infatuation at last took upon itself a mild form of insanity, and for the greater part of his life he was thus afflicted. At all times and on all occasions he believed himself to be a dashing beauty, at whose feet scores of ardent suitors knelt, and upon whom society smiled with favor. Clad in feminine attire, whenever a ball or concert was given for the patients he was the center of attraction. At all times he affected an effeminate voice in conversation, and acted in every respect like one of the female sex. The air of the woman never deserted him, and everybody who visited the house called on "Sallie" Binns, and purchased specimens of his handiwork, considering it a rare curiosity as coming from the hand of a man who considered himself a woman. [Baltimore Sun, Sept. 24th.]

An Alpine guide with a pack on his back leaned against a rail that ran along the edge of a precipice and was warning his party of tourists of the necessity of keeping a sure footing when the barrier broke and he was killed by the fall.

BLACK BART—SHASTA COUNTY'S CLEVER AND SUCCESSFUL ROAD AGENT.

Black Bart, Shasta county's notorious highwayman, asks all the people he stops to contribute to an orphan asylum, and there is something so forbidding in his appearance that all the travelers shut out without asking where the asylum is or how much it needs. The rascal is described as being very "gentlemanly," never forgetting to raise his hat to ladies, and seldom asking them for donations. But he is unmerciful on men, and they are never out of range of his deadly gun. Some of these days, though, Black Bart, "the P O 8 of the Sierras," as he styles himself, will be shot all full of holes, just like a pepper box lid, and he won't have any daisies planted over his little mound, either. J. B. Hume, the express company's detective, has gone to Redding to give chase to the highwayman. Black Bart despises Hume, but never fails to send that gentleman his regards after committing a robbery. The up country papers are of the opinion that Black Bart is some man living in the neighborhood of Bass Hill, where nearly all his robberies are committed, and they think that if he is ever captured, he will turn out to be some well-known man. He is a smart fellow and has written some clever verses, forwarding them through the mails to different papers up north. After committing a highwayman's act, he never leaves any traces whereby he can be identified. He very politely asks that the treasure box be thrown from the stage, and then urges the necessity, at the muzzle of his gun, of the stage driver's moving on, "very quietly, sir, if you please." A few weeks ago a ranch hand became hard-up and undertook to perorate the notorious Bart. He stopped a stage, had the boys tossed out and then went through it. He went into Redding, got drunk, and while talking gave himself completely away. A constable overheard his remarks, followed him to his hiding place, and found his mask and other traps, and arrested him. He is now serving his State at San Quentin. Black Bart is still at large, with little possibility of ever being brought to justice.—(Chicago Record.)

OLD PIANOS.

The New York Herald is too bad. It is cruel. It speaks more in sorrow than in anger, it is true, but its severity is none the less pungent. In answer to a London journal's recent question—"What becomes of the old pianos?" It sarcastically replies that to all appearances, the superannuated and old dilapidated "grands" and "cabanets" and "cottages" which were once the ornament of the Old World, are now the torture of the New. It says, that if any European tourist will stroll through the streets of an American village on a summer's evening, when all the windows are open, he will hear a satisfactory reply to his impudent question, although "whether it will be satisfactory depends on the enduring power of the ear." Now, this is saucy to say the least of it. It reflects upon some fair performer as well as upon some much abused instrument. Furthermore, the cynical journey says that no past service is as difficult to find as "a dead mule, or a Civil Service Reformer." This is coarse, but an adjacent sentence is no improvement on it: "It is impossible to find an old piano so bad that some dealer will not buy it, and then get a purchaser who will put the old thing in his parlor, instead of his woodshed." It is the cynical journey's statements that thousands of the young women in America practice until they scarcely know harmony from discord, and until their neighbors thank heaven for the celestial future." The Herald thinks that a State like New York, which pays a bounty of thirty dollars to every person who destroys a full grown pig, should be willing to pay at least as much as anyone who will demolish an old piano.

It appears from what the London journal says, that all the old pianos of Europe are bought up by speculators and shipped to this country. "Almost every ship that makes her number at an American port," it says, "brings with her a fresh contingent of old pianos." What becomes of them? They certainly are not sold in important commercial cities, where new Steinways, Chickering and Antisells compete for sales. The London paper answers the question correctly, perhaps, when it says that "there are pianos in all the hotels and most of the boarding-houses and river steamers." There are "piano thumpers" as well as piano-players, and for their cheap old importations of discordant castaways serve a purpose to which an instrument in delicate tune should not be subjected. Let the pianos come to make night hideous. It is entertainment to some, and night made hideous can survive the infliction.

The French have never been much beloved by the venerable conservatives, the London Times, but it confesses, nevertheless, that the average French novelist knows his trade better than the average English novelist, and turns out a better piece of work. On the one hand he has a keener sense of the artistic necessities of a book; on the other he takes more trouble.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe read selections from her own works Wednesday evening at her entertainment at Ferry Bend, Me., where she is spending the summer.

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LOCAL COMMENTS.

THE MAIL AND CHRONICLE.

THE MAIL has entered into arrangements with the San Francisco Chronicle whereby subscribers may obtain both papers for one year for \$1.50.

POLITICAL.—It is conceded by all that the Republican Candidates for Congress and Prosecuting Attorney, Messrs. Brents and Bradshaw, have little or no opposition, and their election is assured; so that the only matter of political significance in the present campaign is that of the Legislative ticket.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.—A few days ago we made a tour of the northern part of the County. We are happy to note that that section of country throughout shows unmistakable evidence of progress, thrift and prosperity.

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DROWNING OF J. S. KELLY.—One of the saddest and at the same time remarkable cases of drowning occurred here this week, removing from our midst forever Joseph S. Kelly, one of our most respected and esteemed citizens.

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the line and made little or no effort to swim though he was known to be a swimmer. He floated rapidly into the current, and after some apparent effort sunk out of sight ere a boat could reach him either from the steamer or from the wharf, much to the astonishment and consternation of all present who numbered probably one hundred and fifty persons. Grappling appliances were immediately brought into requisition and dredging kept up till about 8 o'clock in the evening, when the body was recovered close to where he had disappeared. He was buried at Pleasant Ridge Wednesday with Masonic honors, of which order he was an honored member, as also of the A. O. U. W., the members of both societies numerously attending the funeral. Mr. Kelly was a native of England, about forty years of age, and leaves a wife and grown up stepson and daughter. He came to the Sound in 1858 and settled on Whidbey Island, from which point he moved here about six years ago, and at the time of his sad and unexpected taking off was renter of one of the Puget Mill Co.'s ranches, with which he had been reasonably successful, and from the proceeds of which together with an A. O. U. W.'s policy of \$2,000 he leaves his family in fair circumstances. He was a man of the most friendly and generous impulses, public spirited and industrious, and the void occasioned by his sad demise will long be felt by his numerous friends and associates in this and neighboring districts.

Mrs. J. S. Kelly, her son and daughter, extend their sincere thanks for the many kindnesses and sympathies shown them by friends during their recent bereavement.

Conventicle Correspondence.

COUPEVILLE, Oct. 20, 1882. Editor Mail: The clerk of the weather is favoring us with a little rain much needed to put the ground in condition for plowing and also to give life to the grazing lands. I wish to call the attention of your farmer patrons to the unbusinesslike practice—quite prevalent—of promising their produce. For instance: A wishes to buy B and offers five dollars. B wants five and a half and prefers to hold. "Very well," A says, "I presume it will be worth more, but I want your grain and will give as much as any one."

As you have embarked upon the sea of politics you are hearing the anxious wail where you will either be victorious or find consolation with poor tray.

OATS, OATS!

I am here to buy all good merchantable oats at the highest market price delivered at any convenient shipping point.

W. F. CROSBY. LA CONNER, Oct. 18, 1882.

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REV. E. O. TADE, A. M., Principal. Fall term opens Sept. 27th, 1882, winter term January 3d, 1883. For further particulars address Principal at Anacortes, W. T.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUMMONS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, HOLDING TERMS AT LA CONNER IN AND FOR WHATCOM COUNTY. No. 231. FRANCIS POWELL, Plaintiff, vs. ELLEN POWELL, Defendant.

Administrators Notice. In the Probate Court of Whatcom County, in the matter of the Estate of David Sterling, deceased—Notice to Creditors, &c.

MARYLAND HOUSE,

LA CONNER, W. T. No pains will be spared in keeping up the well established reputation of the house as one of the quietest and best kept hotels in the Territory.

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Everything neat and clean about the premises. Special efforts will be made to keep the table supplied with the best market can afford, and to see that the food is cooked and served second to no other house in the Territory. A large reading room for the accommodation of guests. JOHN MCGILIN. LA CONNER, W. T.

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Agency of the celebrated Home and Signal Sewing Machine; agents for California Surf Co., 327 Sansome Street. The advantage of a true price system, and why the Golden Rule Bazaar succeeds, are as follows: We don't keep trash; we don't do clap-net advertising in order to catch customers and then skin them; but we advertise to let people know we are a live house, and where we are to be found. We keep the best goods to be found in the city, and when you trade with us you get a full dollar's worth for 100 cents. If we can sell an article for 10 cents, we don't ask 25 cents for it; but we mark all our goods with an average profit, so that the poorest judge is placed on the same footing with the shrewdest buyer.

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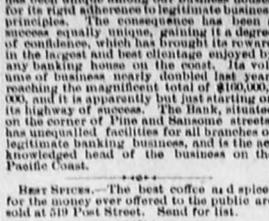
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