

THE DEMOCRAT.



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Utah.

This territory is beginning to attract the attention of the public, generally. The precise line of policy that the present administration designs to pursue with Brigham Young and his fanatical followers, has not yet been made known. One thing, to our mind, is certain, that unless the Government sends a sufficient amount of troops to sustain the United States laws, it would be worse than useless to appoint a Governor and Judges to administer the laws in that Territory, for they would not be obeyed unless Brigham happened to take a fancy to them, which he would not be likely to do. The Mormons are getting to be very numerous, and are rapidly increasing by emigration, and it will require quite an army to enforce the laws of the United States in that secluded region. The time has arrived when something will have to be done. Various plans have been suggested by different individuals, in reference to the proper course for the administration to pursue, but it still seems doubtful whether the proper plan has been hit on.

We have the utmost confidence in the 'honesty and capability' of the administration, consequently we have an abiding confidence that this vexed question will finally be disposed of, without making any particular jar in the universe. It is fortunate indeed for the United States, that they have James Buchanan for President at this particular juncture of time; several knotty questions have got to be settled during the next four years; taking into consideration his age, experience, promptness, honesty and capability, we regard him, above all others, as the man for the times.

Dred Scott.

The principal elections which have been held recently generally resulted in favor of Democracy.

Philadelphia:

The Democrats made nearly a clean sweep. Terre Haute:

Elected the entire Democratic ticket.

Covington:

Also elects the whole Democratic ticket.

Crawfordsville:

No show for Republicanism there.

Lafayette:

Democratic, as usual.

Vincennes:

Elects the whole Democratic ticket.

South Carolina:

Mr. Brougham, Democrat, has been elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Preston S. Brooks.

Iowa:

The official returns give the State to the Democrats by 505 majority.

Ordinances.

We call the attention of those interested to the town ordinances, which are now being published in this paper.

The "City Fathers" have taken hold in earnest, and every well-wisher of good order and sobriety will sustain them in their efforts to leaven the evils of intemperance. We should think, from present indications, that our pleasant and thriving town will soon be materially improved in appearance, except the streets, which, of necessity, will be very much obstructed this season with building materials.

The ordinance in reference to leaving teams in the streets, without hitching, we think is all proper; but at the same time, the town authorities should see that a sufficient number of posts or racks are provided, so that people can have an opportunity to fasten their teams when they have business in town.

Larceny.

Our readers will recollect that some three months since we alluded to a nest of thieves which were arrested in Ohio, for stealing goods from the P. & W. & C. R. R. Co. We learn from the Allen County (Ohio) Democrat, of the 16th inst., that at Bucyrus eighteen indictments were found, and all were nolled, except one, for grand larceny. The jury in that case returned a verdict of not guilty.

The Democrat says: "There is no use of disguising the fact, that our citizens generally sympathize with the prisoners."

Another account says that the prisoners stole from the company by its advice and consent, which induced the court to 'let 'em slide'."

Mrs. Cunningham, who has been on trial in New York for the murder of Dr. Burdell, has been acquitted. Eckel, who was also implicated, was discharged on his own recognizance.

May. Prairie hay is worth \$10 per ton in this market—scarce.

The School funds will be ready for distribution on Monday next.

Bricks.

Two or three brick yards are started in the vicinity of town. It will undoubtedly be a paying business.

The Hon. R. J. Walker, the new Governor of Kansas, has taken the oath of office, and, by this time, has reached his place of destination.

W. J. Cullen, of Logansport, has been appointed to the northern superintendency of Indian affairs.

Judge Petit, of Lafayette, has been offered a Judgeship in Minnesota, but declines accepting.

Wild Cat.

The "Indiana State Bank," at Bloomfield, has gone by the board. It was the wildest of wild cats.

We call the attention of those who are not posted in reference to comets, to an article on our first page, from the N. Y. Herald.

For the Democrat.

Anecdotes from the French.

CRIME.

Three residents of the Balkan province once traveled a journey in company, and on their way found a treasure, which they agreed to amicably divide. They continued on their journey, discoursing on the uses to which they should apply their money, till their provisions began to fail; when it was decided, that the youngest of the party should go to the nearest village and purchase a supply, who accordingly departed. On his way thither he thus soliloquized: "although I am now rich, yet I should be immensely wealthy, were I but possessed of all the money we have found; these two men may combine to deprive me of all; but I can easily prevent this, and become sole owner of the wealth. I will poison all the food I purchase, and at my return will say, 'I have dined at the village; my companions will eat without suspicion, and die. I shall then take all the treasure to myself.' Meanwhile the others were contriving for themselves. 'We should do well to rid ourselves of this youth, who is associated with us; we shall be obliged to admit him to a share of the treasure; his part would materially augment ours, and we should be really rich—when he returns, let us poignard him.'

The young man at length returned with the poisoned viands; his companions assassinated him, and then eat the poisoned food and perished, leaving the treasure to the possession of no one.

Such were the results of crime; and in this way were murderers made to suffer mutually the reward due their wickedness.

S. A. C.

Monsieur Kaniferstaan.

A young persian, going to Amsterdam, was struck with the magnificence of one of the mansions of the country which borders on the canal. He addressed a Hollander, by his side on the boat, saying: perdi me to inquire of you, who is the owner of this elegant house? The Hollander replied in his own tongue: "I can not verstaan" which signifies "I do not understand you." The young Frenchman, not suspecting but that he had been fully comprehended, took the response for the name of the proprietor. "Ah! ah!" said he it belongs to M. Kaniferstaan; Ah, well, I assure you that the gentleman has a most desirable home; a charming residence indeed, and a paradise of a garden; and I know not how much besides: a friend of mine in France, has a situation very similar on the Chois, but really, I am inclined to give this the preference; and proceeded to add some remarks of a like nature, all alike incomprehensible to the Hollander who answered nothing in return. Being at length landed in Amsterdam, a lady of resplendent beauty met his gaze, leaning on the arm of a gentleman cavalier. He asked of a citizen the name of the charming female, and received in reply: I can not verstaan. "So then" says the Parisian, this is the lady of M. Kaniferstaan: whose house we have seen by the side of the canal. Truly he is to be envied possessed at once of such a mansion, and so beautiful a wife."

Herb Kimball, the Mormon preacher, boasting of "what the Lord had done for him," said he had twenty-three boys living, ten dead, and lots of girls.

Polygamy is allowed in New Zealand, but the head wife is the only one who is allowed to commit suicide when the husband dies. The other wives are denied this privilege.

It is said that Mr. Forsyth, the American Minister to Mexico, has entered into a treaty for the purchase of Sonora by the United States.

Silence is an antidote against a slanderous tongue.

Gov. Jackson, of Missouri, has issued a proclamation ordering a special election to be held on Wednesday, the third day of August, for a Governor of that State.

A Yankee has just invented a suspender that contracts on your approach to water, so that the moment you come to a puddle it lifts you over and drops you on the other side.

The best throw upon dice is to throw them away.

Speak little and to the purpose, and you will be taken for somebody.

Purposing without performing, is mere fooling.

A fellow who had undertaken to serve some subpoenas, finding the roads in a shocking condition, wrote a note to each of the parties, stating that a sum of money was deposited in his hands, which they could have by calling on him. They called and got a subpoena and twelve and a half cents each.

Near Baton Rouge, La., a fissure has opened in the earth to the extent of several hundred yards in length, and about twenty feet in depth. Smoke, impregnated with sulphurous smell, issues from the fissure in clouds.

S. A. C.

The election in Virginia takes place on Thursday, the 29th inst.

Nibbles of News.

"Lively and gossipping, Storied with the treasures of a talking world, And with a spice of Mirth, too."

We learn from the Mobile paper that an effort will soon be made to raise a sufficient amount by subscription, to defray the expenses of procuring a suitable monument to place over the grave of Major General Gaines.

The Australian packet Oneida, supposed to have been lost, saved, having put back to King George's Sound.

The steamer Ariel hence for Havre arrived at Southampton April 30th.

The City of Manchester hence arrived at Liverpool May first.

The Asia brings 70 passengers and upwards of \$20,000 in specie.

The duchess of Gloucester, last surviving daughter of George III, died April 30th.

John Evelyn Denison was elected Speaker of the House of Commons on the same day. There was no opposing candidate.

According to the Board of Trade returns, the exports for March show an increase of over one million sterling, compared with last year.

Lady Franklin has purchased an Aberdeen clipper for the search of her husband, and given the command to Captain McClintock.

It is not improbable that Palmerston may attempt a little reform bill, in order to dislodge the rivalry embracing an extension of the suffrage to all learned professions, commissioned officers of the army and navy, railway servants of a certain rank, school masters and others of a certain amount of educational training.

A communication from Mr. Dallas to Lord Clarendon announced the presentation by the American Government of a silver medal and an amount of money ranging from £10 to £30 to the Margate boatmen who rescued the crew of the ship Northern Belle.

The Grand Duke Constantine had been received with royal honors in every part of France which he has visited. He was last at Paris.

The Federal Council of Switzerland by a unanimous vote, has agreed to accept the proposition of the four powers for the settlement of the Neuchatel question. The King of Prussia is to get his million of francs but the Swiss will not recognize his title to Prince of Neuchatel.

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