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Custom is a law for fools.

A frugal meal is the best conjugal mate.

Indianapolis, Indiana, has 2000 licensed dogs.

A St. Louis butcher felt cut up, and hung himself for love.

The average life of an Englishman is forty-one years.

Fenimore Cooper's bee hunter still lives in Michigan, aged 103.

An old lady wishes to husband her daughter's resources.

About ten per cent interest is enough to take in the affairs of your neighbors.

A New York man who found a new boy on his door-step, says it is his step-son.

Two Wisconsin Germans have applied for a patent on a "perpetual motion."

"There will be no more sorrow there." Sulphur is an infallible cure for the cholera.

Iceland wishes to separate from Denmark, and is willing to be left out in the cold.

The man who is always trying to find exchange papers for a week back should get a porous plaster.

Railroad trains are seldom struck by lightning, for the reason that they carry good conductors.

Miss Hayden, of Sharon, Vermont, has a pony which she has watched blossom for seventy consecutive years.

A body of men presided over by a popular foramen say he is like a Turkish river, because "he is the boss for us."

There is nothing the matter with lager beer as a drink, although our German friends are always running it down.

Fashionable persons who pawned their jewelry to visit Saratoga characterize the wearing of diamonds as shoddy.

The heirs of Thomas H. Benton, including Mrs. Jessie Fremont, have been made defendants to a suit about some real estate in San Francisco.

Newburyport, Massachusetts, has been meddling with the family affairs of a young man of that city. They accuse him of selling his father's skeleton.

Celonek Garrick Mallory, of the United States signal service, manages the weather in the absence of General A. J. Myer, who is now in Europe.

Minister Schenck has been making a tour of the English summer resorts with his three daughters, who are very much admired and courted in fashionable society abroad.

In San Domingo, last month, Colonel Rivas attempted the life of General Luperon with a sword. Luperon evaded the blows, drew a revolver, and shot Rivas through the head.

False happiness renders men stern and proud, and that happiness is never communicated. True happiness renders them kind and sensible, and that happiness is always shared.

Philadelphia detectives take out their spite against the press for raking over their misdeeds by arresting reporters, whose duties take them about the city at late hours, and shutting them up till morning.

A Rocky Mountain paper announces that "Sam Livingston, who was so well known in these diggings in 1862, has been heard from in the Saskatchewan country, where he has settled down, married a squaw and become a respectable member of society."

The amount paid to the heirs of William H. Seward for the copyright of the first six months of his "Travels Round the World," was \$41,464. The second six months began on the first of August, and the sale of the work continues as constant and as large as before.

The recent preliminary report of the Registrar General of Ireland shows that the total area of land under flax for the year 1872 is 129,534 acres, against 121,992 acres in 1871, that in the province of Ulster alone are 114,773 acres under flax, and 1375 planting miles.

Nothing teaches patience like a garden. You may go round and watch the opening of a flower from day to day, but it takes its own time, and you can not urge it faster than it will. If forced, it is only torn to pieces. All the best results of a garden, like those of a life, are slow, but regularly progressive.

It is reported that the expedition at present engaged in exploring the west coast of Africa, has captured a specimen of the lion, an animal almost lost sight of by naturalists. Melina, in his "Natural History of the Andes, 1872," describes it as a species of horse, or rather an ass, with its body divided like a reindeer. He says it inhabits the most inaccessible parts of the Andes, and is difficult to be taken. Mr. E. Reed, on the other hand, pronounces it to be a stag.

A steamship of 2200 tons burden is now constructing at Bordeaux, France, on the "express ships." The bulk of the ship consists of three vast rollers, which float on the water to their axis. It is said that the reduction of friction secured by the adoption of this shape, instead of the usual keel, will result in a gain of speed by which the transatlantic voyage can be accomplished in four and a half days. The steamer now building has engines of 450 horse power, and will carry 450 tons of freight, and 250 first-class passengers.

Fish jewelry contributed to the Vienna exhibition by Denmark is made exclusively of bones and scales of fish. It is just as if it was made of gold, and it is esteemed by the ladies of Copenhagen. It is in many respects the most beautiful class of fine work ever seen. Among ear-rings, bracelets and crosses are drawn by M. Barin, inventor of the "express ships." The bulk of the jewelry consists of three vast rollers, which float on the water to their axis. It is said that the reduction of friction secured by the adoption of this shape, instead of the usual keel, will result in a gain of speed by which the transatlantic voyage can be accomplished in four and a half days. The steamer now building has engines of 450 horse power, and will carry 450 tons of freight, and 250 first-class passengers.

SPAIN AND FRANCE AS REPUBLICS.

Commenting on the difference between the constitutions of the two monarchies founded by the Germans in England and France respectively, a most profound English statesman says:

I shall not indulge myself in guessing at the reasons, or accidents, that determined the Franks to the division they made of their people, and to the form of government they established. Whatever reasons or accidents determined them, this is certain, that the distinction of lord and vassal became the general destruction of the whole nation; that the commons among them were little better than slaves, whatever they had been in Germany, and that they were so inured to servitude under their kings, prelates and lords that they looked on themselves at last, not justly, but unjustly, as men that had naught, no, not even a right by nature, to any share in the government of that community whereof they made so rarely the principal part.

This dissertation, written two centuries since, has been confirmed by two French revolutions. In both cases the people, like enfranchised and infuriated "rascals," rushed upon the upper class and slew them outright. There was no such relation between the lord and the laborer as united their interests in any perceptible sense. Ages of oppression had ground the one class into the dust and elevated the other to the loftiest height of arrogance. The amalgamated interests of capital and toil are not perfected in England, nor indeed anywhere else except in the United States. Yet the early extinction of vassalage in England has made the revolutions of England and of her colonies a simple contest for the partition of political power, and not an insurrection for robbery and massacre.

Taking the history of Roman civilization in the latter empire, we should rather suppose that the social despotism and popular instability of Spain and France arose rather from adopting the institutions of the Latin race than from having perverted those of Germany. Italy herself, until her subjugation by Austria, was crushed under a combination of social and secular oppression which made her lower orders slaves and robbers. Never before did superstition and force entwine their sceptres for a mutual and common despotism. At war always with England and English ideas, Spain and France built up an antagonistic system of government and religion. England, by grand acts of emancipation, removed the class distinctions. The serf became the farmer and the merchant, and was so deeply interested in the property as no longer to fear or hate the mere titled pretender to social superiority.

France and Spain successfully suppressed the development of intellect and the aspirations of right among their peoples. The most Catholic Bourbons, with the aid of the popes and the priest-hood, kept the people in serfdom. The first paroxysm of revolutionary liberty was fearful. It overflowed all limits of law and religion in anarchy and infidelity. Gradually in France it has become more moderate, though the ignorance and hatred of serfdom is plain in the communal violence and cruel punishment of the last years.

We have read with interest the speech of Mr. Allen, of Ohio. Though made with a party object, it yet contains a truth most important to Republicans. It is that the value and permanency of a free government must depend on the virtue of its representatives. But this, again, must rest upon the intelligence and integrity of the constituent body.

Spain and France carry into the forms of an elective government the spirit of an autocracy. A body of representatives elect a president, the chief of an army or a prime minister. The acts of this representative body are as arbitrary as those of a monarch. There is exile, imprisonment, death by shooting, just as under Philip or Louis. These people do not comprehend the self-restraints of a constitution. They do not recognize that all power is derived from the people; nor do the people of Spain and France comprehend what it has required some centuries of strife in England and America to establish—the partition of the power to order, execute and adjudge confided to three separate and independent political agencies. It is as if the owner of a treasure should give three keys of his strong box to three servants so that nothing could be withdrawn without the consciousness of all the custodians. Of course, we agree with Mr. Allen, of Ohio, that unless these three keepers are trustworthy they will combine to defraud their master, from which comes the necessity of popular education, and the cultivation of morality and religion as the first terms of republican capacity.

France and Spain have some distance to travel before they attain the object of all who love freedom. Spain, with her invading monarch, her subdivision of republics, her despotic and dishonest rule in Cuba, has scarcely begun her journey. France is further advanced, but has yet much to learn. Germany has more elements of republican freedom than any nation of modern Europe. Proud and grateful towards the author of her great military reunion, Germany has crushed out the State rights of the principalities and "Gorsteinen." They have been all nationalized under an Emperor. We should not at any time be surprised—when the pride and gratitude of foreign conquest and recovery of territory shall have been appeased—to see another phase of German history. We should not be astonished to see the mother of so many republican States elsewhere, whose citizens make such excellent freemen here, proclaim an elective nationality. An executive for a fixed term, a representative House and Senate, and a judiciary national and local. All this to be based on the abolition of social distinction, and the universal equality of the whole people. It would not be wonderful if the German people should enact a national union without States, organizing larger and smaller political districts under municipal law. We earnestly desire success to the republican movement in Spain and France, but we can not anticipate instantaneous perfection. They have much to discard, and a great deal to abandon. This will give France and

Spain great trials. The wisdom of the Saviour was especially manifest in his reply to the rich young man who asked what he should do to fit himself for salvation.

"Sell thou that thou hast and give to the poor, and follow me!" was the startling answer. In like manner we would say to the republican seekers in France and Spain: "Renounce all your cherished traditions; give to the poor the rights so long withheld from them, and then you may follow freedom into her citadel and sanctuary."

COTTON FREIGHTS TO NEW ORLEANS.

When we read in the papers the other day the announcement of the rates of freight established between New Orleans and certain points in Arkansas by rail, we were certain the heavy charges had been imposed by railroad companies owned and controlled by rival cities. Further inquiries have fully sustained this view of the case. D. B. Morey, Esq., general freight agent of the Great Jackson route, informs us that there is a gap between Fort Smith and Clarksville, in Arkansas, of seventy-five miles, over which cotton has to be hauled by wagons. From Clarksville to Little Rock, a distance of one hundred miles, the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad Company exacts ninety-five cents a bale, and to Hopefield, which is the Algiers of Memphis, a distance of two hundred and thirty-four miles, the freight charges are \$2 75 per bale, including seventy-five cents for ferrying across the river and carting to the eastern depot. Here the New Orleans and Jackson railroad cars receive it, and bring it four hundred miles for \$1 50 per bale, which is the regular packet rates. Leaving out the high rates from Fort Smith of \$6 75 per bale, as the service has to be performed for seventy-five miles of the way by wagons, we find that the Little Rock and Memphis and Little Rock and Fort Smith railroads charge \$2 75 per bale for carrying the same cotton two hundred and thirty-four miles that our road charges \$1 50 for carrying four hundred miles. It is the same with the arrangements with the Selma, Rome and Dalton road. In pro rating with the Jackson road that company charges from Dalton \$1 14 per hundred pounds to New Orleans, while the Jackson road receives but twenty cents of that amount. Mr. Morey assures us that these are the best terms that he can make with these country roads at present. As both the Georgia and Arkansas roads are controlled by capitalists whose Eastern interests and connections lead them to discriminate against New Orleans, our merchants are of course powerless to change the terms. A proposition has, however, been considered to employ light draft steamers on the White, Arkansas and St. Francis rivers to haul cotton to Memphis for delivery at the Jackson railroad depot. But the success of such an enterprise would depend upon a fair stage of water in the three rivers in Arkansas, and would be somewhat endangered by unavoidable detentions by grounding, fog, etc. Perhaps the introduction of a steamer or two would have the effect of inducing the Arkansas railroads to lower their rates somewhat. Mr. Morey expresses a willingness to allow the prorating roads as much for their 224 miles as the Jackson road receives for its 400 miles, and at that rate per mile for shorter distances. As the cotton freight is about all the Arkansas railroads have to depend upon to maintain them, they can not be expected to carry at as low rates per mile as the Jackson, which does a large business in miscellaneous freights, and does, besides, a fair passenger business.

There appears to be no remedy at present for the high rates of the Georgia railroads, as the Savannah interest appears there as a powerful competitor to New Orleans. Unlike Arkansas, Georgia has no navigable streams flowing into the Mississippi, so that competing water lines are out of the question. One gratifying feature of our inquiries is, that the management of the Great Jackson freight route have lowered their rates down to steambank prices, from all the stations which they have under their control, and the business of the road is rapidly increasing every year. Last season we were informed that great difficulty was experienced in obtaining freight cars, but from the exertions to build more which have since been put forth, we hope this deficiency has been to some extent supplied. The time from Memphis here is just forty-eight hours, which is just half of the usual packet time, giving shippers by rail two days' advantage over those who send their cotton by the river, which is equal to a material reduction of freight. Here, then, is an important consideration for all shippers east of the Mississippi, and one which can not fail to turn an immense volume of transit into the first freight line. This is an immense improvement within a very short time, to be followed, we hope, at no distant day by such arrangements with the connecting roads that will secure the bulk of Tennessee, Mississippi, North Alabama and Western Georgia cotton for New Orleans.

PRaiseworthy.

It is an old and true saying that a friend in need is a friend indeed. The people of Shreveport—the home of Lieutenant Governor Antoine—are now sadly afflicted with sickness and death, and in this their hour of trouble and deep affliction his sympathies are not withheld from them. Upon learning of the distress prevailing there he caused to be promptly forwarded to the Shreveport Howard Association the sum of fifty dollars, and he sent the same amount to the Morning Star Benevolent Association—an organization for the relief of the colored people of Shreveport. Such conduct—done quietly and unostentatiously—illustrates the true character of the man who fills, for the time being, "the place once filled"—in the language of a contemporary—by the Baron Carondelet, by Don O'Reilly, by W. C. C. Claiborne, by Robertson, Roman, Mouton, Johnson and other distinguished representatives of the Anglo-Saxon or Caucasian race. Neither high sounding titles nor pretensions prove the worth of men. They are

TO HOLDERS OF STATE WARRANTS.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Auditor's Office, New Orleans, September 10, 1873. Notice is hereby given that on TUESDAY, October 14, 1873, at twelve o'clock M., at the St. Charles Hotel Auction Mart, offer for sale to the highest bidder, payment to be made in State warrants, the sum of \$100,000, in full for the collection of delinquent taxes, payable prior to December 21, 1873, payment to be made in warrants issued prior to January 1, 1874.

Also, at the same time and place, the cash on hand or in course of being turned into the State treasury to the credit of the general fund, from collections of delinquent taxes, payable prior to December 21, 1873, payment to be made in warrants issued prior to January 1, 1874.

Bids will be made in lots of \$500, with the privilege of going to the successful bidder, immediately after a sale is awarded to him, to furnish a list of his warrants, showing in tabulated form—1. Number and date of his warrants.

2. To whom and on what account issued.

3. The date of their maturity, and the amount thereof.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. All bids tendering warrants which the Treasurer is enjoined from paying will be rejected unconditionally; also, all bids tendering warrants illegally issued or issued without specific appropriation therefor.

CHARLES CLINTON, Auditor.

CALL FOR A CONVENTION OF COLORED MEN.

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1873, at a meeting of the committee of colored men appointed for the purpose of collecting and preparing testimony in regard to the frauds perpetrated against the Republic by the State during the recent election, for presentation to the Legislature, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit: That the committee do call a State convention of colored men for the purpose of electing delegates to be associated with members of the committee in this presentation, for presentation to the Legislature, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit: That the committee do call a State convention of colored men for the purpose of electing delegates to be associated with members of the committee in this presentation, for presentation to the Legislature, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit: That the committee do call a State convention of colored men for the purpose of electing delegates to be associated with members of the committee in this presentation, for 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