

POETRY.

THE PRESS ROOM.

Hearts of iron and fingers of steel,
Click and lever, and clog and wheel,
Click and clatter, and rattle and din,
The long night out and the long day in—
Wee and weal to-morrow!

Fathers to fall with the weight of the dew,
Pangs to add to the long life through
Roses and thorns to fly on their way,
The thought of the years and the waifs of to-day,
Hope and love and sorrow.

Fiends that grin with a demon joy,
Delight with humans to tamper and toy;
Every clasp on the molten bed
Is a dream, a hope, or a promise dead—
A child to pulse forever!

The days and months and years go by,
Till the prophet angel leaves the sky
For the murky room with the rattling wheel,
In click and clog and touch of steel,
Its hand, and seam, and lever.

And side by side in the rolling press,
To curse, to cheer, to crush, to bless,
The angel and demon ever wait,
Shaking the very doors of state,
And thrilling through the nation!

Hark, hark the monster throbs and groans,
Creaking his iron nerves and bones!
What to him is to pain or please,
Joy from the land or death from the seas,
High or low in station?

Out of the misty halls below,
Higher and thither the white wings go—
Tears that pressed shall trickle for aye,
Pains that never and never can die,
In all Time's rolling surges!

Pressmen! see that they reins are well—
Every turn of the press will tell—
It may be weal, and it may be weal;
Who can say how far the wheel
Into the future surges?

Hearts of iron and fingers of steel,
Click and lever, and clog and wheel,
Click and clatter, and rattle and din,
The long night out and the long day in—
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Madison County Union Convention.

The Madison County Convention of Madison county assembled in the United States Court Room, in Virginia City, at 11 o'clock a. m., August 7th, 1867.

Col. F. C. Deimling, Chairman of the County Committee, opened the proceedings by announcing the call of the committee.

A temporary organization was effected by the election of W. H. Patton, of Nevada, as Chairman, and Hamilton Cummings, of Virginia, as Secretary.

A motion prevailed for the appointment, by the Chair, of a committee of three on credentials. Judges Isaac H. Alden, D. H. Weston, and D. H. Hopkins were made said committee.

On motion, the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee on permanent organization: Dr. J. C. Smith, Judge W. A. Shroyer and J. T. Henderson.

A motion also prevailed appointing a committee of five on resolutions. The Chair announced the following named gentlemen to compose said committee: Dr. J. C. Smith, Benj. Eggleston, H. Cummings, D. L. Byam and D. H. Weston.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The committee on permanent organization made report as follows:

Mr. President—Your committee on permanent organization beg leave to respectfully report that they have selected Judge Isaac H. Alden, President, and Theo. Mully, Secretary, to act as the permanent officers of this Convention; which is respectfully submitted. I. C. Smith, W. A. Shroyer and J. T. Henderson, committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted, the committee was discharged, and the permanent officers took their seats.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows, to-wit:

The Committee on Credentials report the following named gentlemen as entitled to seat in this Convention as delegates, to-wit: I. H. Alden, Jefferson Bridges.

J. E. Robertson, Dr. Musigbrod, J. T. Henderson, Hamilton Cummings, J. T. Conner, D. H. Weston, D. E. Taylor and E. H. Bartlett, Virginia City.

I. C. Smith and J. H. Davis, Junction. J. S. Menes, W. H. Patton and Benjamin Eggleston, Nevada.

H. H. Hathaway, Highland. Don L. Byam and John Barbour, Mill Creek. Charles Mason (proxy of J. M. Fish) and D. H. Hopkins, Sterling.

W. S. Sweetser, Madison Valley. A. C. Hall, Henry Resiter and W. A. Shroyer, Summit.

The committee also recommend E. S. Pratt as delegate from Meadow Creek, and A. B. Davis, from Bivens Gulch.

I. H. ALDEN, Chairman. On motion, the said report was accepted and adopted and the committee discharged.

On motion, Messrs. Pratt and A. B. Davis were invited to take seats in the Convention as delegates, as recommended by the committee.

On motion of Col. H. Cummings, a committee of three on order of business was appointed by the President, consisting of the following named gentlemen: Col. H. Cummings, of Virginia, Wm. H. Patton, of Nevada, and Judge Byam, of Mill Creek.

The said committee immediately made the following report, to-wit:

The committee appointed on order of business report as follows:

1st—The reports of committees. 2d—The nomination of two members for Council—First Council District—one from Madison county, and one from Beaver Head county.

3d—Three members of the House of Representatives for the First Representative District. 4th—County Clerk and ex-officio Recorder. 5th—Sheriff. 6th—County Treasurer. 7th—Probate Judge. 8th—Coroner. 9th—District Attorney, First Judicial District.

convention, is endorsed by this Convention.

Resolved, That the Union party of Madison county will support the nominees of the Union Convention of Beaverhead county for one member of the Council.

I. C. Smith, Don L. Byam, D. H. Weston, Ben. Eggleston, H. Cummings—Committee. On motion, said report was accepted and adopted and the committee discharged.

Dr. J. C. Smith then moved that the nominations continued be made by ballot, and that the Chair appoint two tellers to take, and count, the ballots.

The President appointed Messrs. Mason and Patton as said tellers.

On motion of Mr. Patton, the Convention then proceeded to an informal ballot for the members of the Territorial Council; after which, the Convention took a formal ballot, which resulted in the nomination of Captain Henry N. Black to be, on motion, declared the unanimous choice of the Convention.

On motion of Col. Cummings, that all future ballots shall be formal, the same was adopted.

The following gentlemen were then put in nomination for members of the House of Representatives—J. M. Fish, of Sterling; Ben. Eggleston, of Nevada, and Samuel W. Irwin, of Junction; and after several ballots they were duly and unanimously nominated as members of the House of Representatives.

The Convention then proceeded to the nomination of the following named gentlemen for the respective offices as indicated, to-wit: For County Clerk and ex-officio Recorder—N. J. Davis, of Virginia.

For Sheriff—David McCranor, of Summit. For County Treasurer—J. T. Henderson, of Virginia.

For Probate Judge—Theo. Mully, Virginia. For Coroner—Dr. I. C. Smith, of Alder gulch.

For District Attorney—Wm. M. Stafford, of Virginia. For County Commissioners—Wm. Mitchell, Madison Valley; H. C. Harrison, Virginia City; Chas. Sackett, Wisconsin gulch.

For County Assessor—Wm. H. Patton, of Nevada city. For Surveyor—John L. Corbett, of Virginia. For Sealer of Weights and Measures—N. T. Butler, of Virginia.

The following named gentlemen were elected to serve until their successors shall be elected as members of the County Central Committee, viz:

Col. H. Cummings, Virginia city, Chairman; D. H. Weston, Virginia city; Judge Wm. A. Shroyer, Summit; S. D. Hayward, Nevada; J. S. Williams, Pasmari Valley; Chas. Mason, Sterling; Judge Don L. Byam, Mill Creek.

There being no further business before the Convention, the resolution of thanks was tendered the officers thereof, for the manner in which they had performed the duties devolving upon them.

On motion, the Convention adjourned sine die, at 12 o'clock, p. m.

ISAAC H. ALDEN, President. THEO. MULLY, Secretary.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

General Items.

It is now the fashion in Paris to stud ladies' dresses with landscapes and other portraits. There are 225 lodges, and 9,018 Master Masons in Mississippi.

The acquisition of Cuba, by purchase if possible and by force if necessary, was the object of the planks urged for the Republican platform at New Orleans.

The total hog crop of the West for the winter of 1866 is stated at 1,406,230. The old Greeks detected reduced milk thus: "A little milk was dropped upon the thumb nail; if the milk was pure it would remain in its place, but if not it would flow away."

There are over 200,000 women in California who pay no taxes. Hepworth Dixon's New America is running through its seventh edition.

The name "spinstar" had its origin in the fact that in olden times no maiden was deemed fit for marriage until she had spun her own wardrobe.

Modern wisdom has changed this good old standard of eligibility. There are said to be 350,000 Good Templars in North America, and the order had an accession of 100,000 members during the last year.

The total loss of the Austrian army, in the late war with Prussia, was 84,041 officers and men, or over one fifth of the number put in the field.

In Kansas, under the school law, women are allowed to vote at public school meetings for trustees, appropriations, etc.

The first six students in the graduating class at West Point, are put down in the list as Southerners—two from Virginia, two from Georgia, one from Alabama, and one from North Carolina.

Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois—the States which form the great Radical belt of our country—have all emerged from the crisis of war with diminished debts.

Gen. Scott conquered Mexico with less than 12,000 active men. Bazaine could not do it with 40,000.

The famous stollion George M. Patchen has been stilled for \$17,000. In Canada there are 73 gold mines, employing 708 miners.

The yield of gold for the last three months is valued at \$660,955. The New York Herald now has its paper manufactured especially for its use, and every sheet is water-marked on the margin.

"New York Herald." The machinery for a shawl factory at Bennington, Vermont, lately arrived from Europe.

There were 364,298 recorded marriages in the United States last year.

A California Yankee has turned up at Yokohama, Japan, proposing to establish gas works in that city.

Quartz Mining.

The experience of quartz miners in California during the past ten years has exploded many antiquated notions concerning the geology and mineralogy of gold.

The Hayward mine at Sutter Creek, Amador county, worked to a depth of upwards of 1,200 feet—the deepest mine in the United States, if not on the American continent, being 200 feet below the level of the ocean, though located among the Sierra Nevada—the vein of which traverses metamorphosed clay slate; and the Allison Ranch mine, at Grass Valley, Nevada county, worked to a depth of 800 feet in granite, totally upsets the theory advanced by Sir Roderick Murchison, and generally accepted till lately, that the value of auriferous quartz would depreciate below a depth of 500 feet from the surface, by the conversion of gold into silver.

The facts in both these cases, and in many others we could cite, on the contrary, demonstrate that the deeper the mine the richer the rock. So with reference to the "matrix of gold." It had become an almost universal belief that quartz was the only matrix of this metal; that no matter where it might be found, it must have come from quartz originally.

This has been found to be false teaching, which has caused serious loss to many parties who placed too little value on their own judgment and too much on scientific authorities. We could mention almost innumerable places where gold is found in situ, in its original matrix, in which there is not a trace of quartz, except as a silicate of some other mineral.

We shall on this occasion only refer to a few prominent cases. At a place between the Spanish Dry Diggings and Spanish Bar, on the Middle Fork of the American River, El Dorado county, there exists a body of talcose materials of enormous proportions, which was accidentally discovered to be rich in gold.

The discoverers took out 135 ounces in two weeks by means of a hand mortar, the gold being generally coarse. A similar body of mineral has been since found in Sierra county, in which the gold is so exceedingly fine as to be difficult to save.

The famous Quail Hill mine, in Salt Spring Valley, Calaveras county—from which was taken the first copper ever mined in the State—is another case. This is absolutely a valuable copper mine, but is at present of infinitely more value for the gold contained in its "Gossan," or oxidized portion of the lode, which is very rich in both gold and silver, though there is no quartz in the lode.

So at the Harpending mine, near Lincoln, Placer county. The material here comprises a broad hill, and consists of a silicate of magnesia, of almost every conceivable color from white to black. This contains an enormous quantity of gold all through it.

This material does not contain any rich "pockets" such as are frequently found in quartz mines; but the uniformity in the distribution of the metal, and the facility with which it can be extracted, render it one of the most valuable mines in the State.

During the past month, with only twenty stamps in operation, the company has crushed an average of 125 tons of the ore per day, which cost seventy cents per ton to mine and run through the mill. The average yield was \$37 per ton, after leaving a net profit of \$3 per ton after all expenses were paid.

This mine forcibly illustrates the losses men sometimes sustain by taking for granted what they read in the books. The men who originally owned this worked it as a placer, and took a large amount of gold from the decomposed materials on the surface.

When they had thoroughly stripped it, they thought there must have been a valuable quartz ledge in it to yield so much coarse gold; they accordingly sunk a number of shafts, some of them to a considerable depth, in anticipation of striking quartz, which they never found, as there is none in the hill; but the dirt they dug up with so much labor was full of the metal they were seeking, but did not find, because they never thought of looking for it except in quartz.

Such a case should be of value to every miner in the State, by causing them to test and examine every strange mineral they meet with while prospecting or mining. The most valuable of the discoveries recently made have been of materials that present no appearance of value.

The attention paid to the working of sulphurets during the past few years has resulted in the discovery of the fact that it is not absolutely necessary for them to be contained in quartz to be valuable.

Rich auriferous sulphurets are found in slate, limestone, and in the cemented gravel of the table mountains. The above facts are sufficient to show how much has been learned about the geology of gold in California during the past few years, in the public school of experience—Commercial Herald and Market Review.

What Seventy Boys Became. Dr. Lowton says: Many people begin the education of their children with an exhibition of toys, marvelous tales, silly romances, and wind up with the circus and theatre.

The degrading influences and sorrowful consequences of this mode of education will be best illustrated by stating a few facts that have passed under my own observation.

So far as my memory goes, about thirty boys educated in this way—i. e. in contempt of all useful knowledge and occupation—spent their days in reading novels, the lives and confessions of pirates, murderers, etc., and their nights in the streets, dram shops, gambling saloons, circuses, and theatre.

At the age of forty-five, one had been hung for murder, one for robbing the mail, and three as pirates; five died in the penitentiary, and seven lived and died as useless vagabonds about the streets; three were useful merchants, and the fate of the remainder is unknown.

Of about forty educated with me by a really scientific teacher, under an old fogey puritanic system of restraint, as it is now called by young America, at the age of fifty-five one was a member of Congress, one Judge of the Supreme Court, two Judges of the Circuit Court, three physicians, five lawyers, fourteen were dead, and the remainder farmers and mechanics, and so far as known, not one of them ever was called before the bar of his country on a criminal charge, and they all had comfortable homes except two or three, and every one was passably respectable.

VIRGINIA CITY

WHOLESALE PRICE CURRENT

FOR MERCHANDISE

IN ORIGINAL PACKAGES.

United States CURRENCY at P.A.R.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY

JOHN S. ROCKFELLOW, NO. 5 JACKSON STREET.

VIRGINIA CITY, M. T., Aug. 10, 1867.

[Non-resident readers will please bear in mind that our quotations are based upon actual transactions, and are greenback prices for goods by the original packages. The retail prices range about ten per cent. above quotations.]

FLOUR.

St. Louis # sack.....\$13 00
States..... 11 50
Other brands, do..... 11 25
Madison county..... 10 50

BACON.

Prime New, Heavy Sides, #100 lbs..... 40c
Medium, do..... 35c
Prime canvassed # 100..... 50c
Country..... 50c

HAMS.

Imperial # 10..... \$2 25 @ 3 00
Young Hyson # 10..... 2 50 @ 3 00
Japan # 10..... \$1 75

LARD.

Small cans..... 40c
Large..... 35c

CANDLES.

Work's Cincinnati # 10..... 40c
Other brands..... 40c
10..... 60c

COFFEE.

Java # choice # 10..... 65c
Rio choice # 10..... 45c
Ordinary do..... 35c

SUGARS.

New Orleans # 10..... 35c
Clarified do..... 40c
Powdered do..... 45c
Crushed do..... 45c
A refined do..... 40c

POWDER.

Blasting # keg..... \$20 00
Rifle # keg..... 22 00
Bomb fuse..... 10c
Cotton fusa..... 5c

SYRUPS.

Belcher's G. S., St. L., # 18 gal. keg..... \$40 00
S. L. # 10 gal. keg..... 36 00
Sorghum # gal..... 3 50

OSTERS.

Field's Steam'd # case..... 20 00
Other brands..... 15 00

TOBACCO.

Lewis & Bro's Ed. Extra # 10..... \$1 75
do do Premium..... 1 75
Glasgow No. 1..... 1 25
Ordinary Grades..... \$1 00 @ 1 25

SALADINER.

case 2 size boxes..... \$50 00
1 boxes..... 60 00

WHITE LEAD.

25 lb keg..... 12 50

FRUITS.

Dried Apples # 10..... 40c
States Peaches # 10..... 30c
Salt Lake Peaches..... 30c
Blackberries # 10..... 1 10
Raspberries do..... 1 10
Currants do..... 50c
Cherries do..... 1 00c
Ground Cherries # 10..... 65c
Tomatoes..... 10 00
Raisins # 24-b box..... \$11 00
1 boxes..... 6 00
1/2 boxes..... 3 50

CANNED FRUITS.

Peaches # case 2 doz..... \$17 00
Pine Apples..... 30 00
Strawberries..... 22 00
Tomatoes..... 18 00
Blackberries..... 20 00
Cherries..... 22 00
Corn..... \$12 @ 22 00

CHAMPAGNE.

basket, Heidsieck (qts)..... \$40 00
Sparkling Catawba..... \$50 00 @ 40 00
case..... \$18 00 @ 24 00

WHISKY.

Boarboon, # gal..... \$6 50 @ 9 00
Rye..... 6 50 @ 9 00
Imported..... \$7 00 @ 10 00
Domestic..... 6 00 @ 8 00

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Domestic..... \$8 00 @ 9 00

CORN MEAL.

Sifted, # 100-lb sack..... \$9 00

CHEAM TARTAR.

lb..... 70c

MUSTARD.

box, 2 doz..... \$8 00
lb, in bulk..... 1 25c

GINGER.

Guineafield, # lb..... 75c

PICKLES.

Jamaica, # 20-b box..... \$15 00
Roe's # lb..... 3 00

MONETARY.

[Corrected weekly by Hussey, Dahler & Co.]
Alder..... 22 @ 22 50
Bannack..... 23 30 @ 24
Highland..... 25 @ 25 50
Last Chance..... 33 @ 25 50
Sib. Gold..... 1 00
Greenbacks in San Francisco..... 71

MARKET REPORT.

CORRECTED BY

Sparks & M'Pherson,

No. 69, Main Street.

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FLOUR.

St. Louis # Sack..... \$10 00 @ 12 00
Western Spring Extra..... 10 00 @ 12 00
Salt Lake, Provo..... 8 50 @ 9 00
Other brands..... 8 50 @ 9 00
Gallatin Mill..... 9 00
States..... 11 00
Hall's Self Raising..... 11 00
Cannon's Self Raising..... 11 00
Madison Mills..... 8 50

CANDY.

Stick, # 25-b boxes..... \$10 00
Fancy (French) # 10..... 70c
Fancy (American) # 10..... 65c
Steam refined stick per 25-b boxes..... 55c
Steam refined mixture..... 55c

CANNON'S HELENA CRACKERS.

Butter # 10..... 25c
Soda..... 25c
Pie Sides..... 30c

BACON.

Heavy Sides # 100 lbs..... 45c
Medium Sides # 100 lbs..... 42c

HAMS.

Prime Canvassed # 10..... 50c
Country..... 47c

CAN FRUITS.

Peaches..... \$16 00
Strawberries..... 17 00
Pines..... 14 00
Pears..... 14 00

DRIED FRUITS.

Peaches # 10..... 35c
Currants # 10..... 45c
Apples..... 35c
Raspberries..... 35c
Pitted Cherries..... 75c

RAISINS.

Per box..... \$9 00

WINE.

100 lb keg..... \$22 00
Horse Shoe Nails, "GRIMM"..... 65c

WHISKY.

CLARET..... \$14
BROOMS..... CHAMPAGNE..... \$30
dozen..... \$7 00 @ 9 00 # basket Heidsieck..... \$30

SALT.

Fine # 10 lbs..... \$1 00
100 lb sack..... 8 00

LARD.

Large cans..... 30c
Small cans..... 35c

CANDLES.

Work's Cincinnati # 10..... 40c
Other brands..... 40c

SUGARS.

Clarified..... 30c
Powdered..... 30c
Crushed..... 30c
Rio choice # 10..... 45c
Ordinary..... 35c

TEAS.

Imperial # 10..... 1 75 @ 2 00
Young Hyson # 10..... 1 50 @ 1 75
Japanese, in papers, # 10..... 1 25

TOBACCO.

Natural Leaf # 10..... 50 @ 2 00
Other brands # 10..... 1 00 @ 1 25

SYRUP.

Belcher's Golden Syrup, 10 gal..... \$30 00
Belcher's S. H. Syrup, 10 gal..... 28 00

BUTTER.

Salt Lake # 10..... 35 @ 45c
Ranch # 10..... 45 @ 60c