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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

It always is a pleasure to note prosperity among the members of our own craft. Last week the Belt informed us that Judge Hackney, the proprietor of the Belt, was about to erect a fine two-story building in Globe. This looks like substantial prosperity. And now the Los Angeles Commercial tell us about the holiday boom that has struck them. To all we extend Rip Van Winkle's famous toast.

The trial of Guiteau is becoming the most disgusting affair, with one exception, in the annals of America's criminal cases. The trial of Beecher was, perhaps, a little more loathsome, as was natural from the nature of the case; but it seems queer that the dragging of the Almighty's paid advocates into court always creates such an offensive odor. Guiteau claims that the Deity is particularly anxious to see him safely through his troubles. Perhaps that is true—perhaps Divine Providence has ordained that he shall come through this trial without bodily injury; and perhaps the contrary. Faust invoked supernatural aid once, and if we mistake not the closing scene had a strong odor of sulphur. It is possible that Guiteau may find himself in a similar position.

If there is one thing that will illustrate more forcibly than another the difference in the principles that govern the actions of contemporaneous journals, it is the manner in which they treat extracts from their exchanges which speak of their rivals. It seems to be almost an impossibility for an amateur journalist to refrain from republishing any little uncomplimentary notice his rival may receive, while to allow anything of a kindly nature to appear is not for a moment to be thought of. Of course, nothing but a brilliant intellect would suggest the doctoring of a compliment from one paper to two others, so as to make it applicable to only one, but the motives which govern that intellect must be born in the heart of a craven.

It is said that the first piece of gold found in California weighed 50 cents and the second \$5. Since that time one nugget worth \$43,000, two \$21,000, one \$13,000, two \$8,000, one \$6,500, four \$5,000, 12 worth from \$2,000 to \$4,000, and 18 from \$1,000 to \$2,000 have been found and recorded in the history of the State. In addition to the above, numberless nuggets worth from \$100 to \$500 are mentioned in the annals of California gold mining during the last 30 years.

A match has recently been found for the very modest and prudish Professor Allen of the San Jose Normal School. It is in the person of an ancient spinster in Illinois who refuses to take medicine, because she has heard that drugs are sometimes adulterous.

The New Haven Palladium is cruelly sarcastic over the Mormon question. It says their domestic arrangements are quite a benefit to the women of that sect. The burden of the support of a husband is not thrown upon one woman.

Twin babies born to Mrs. and William H. Chapin of Gilbert's Mills, Oswego county, during the campaign of last year, were named Garfield and Arthur. They are now sturdy; handsome little fellows of precisely the same size and weight, and they resemble each other so perfectly that their mother has to keep a string tied around little Garfield's waist in order to tell them apart.

### A Live Question.

The Mormon question is daily becoming a more and more important one in the public policy of the United States. Almost in the center of this great country there is a great religious and political institution growing up, which is day by day growing stronger and stronger, and which will, in time, become more powerful than the Government to which it now professes allegiance. This Mormonism is a cancer worm which is silently eating its way into the very heart of the nation. Outwardly, except so far as regards the anti-polygamy laws, the Mormon people profess obedience to the United States laws and the republican institutions of the country; really and as a matter of simple fact, they despise and hate ourselves and our institutions, and have laws and courts of their own by which they are governed in civil and criminal as well as ecclesiastical matters. This Mormon institution is more than a system of religious belief, and its bestial marriage institution is not its worst feature. It is a combination between religious and political ideas—a thing most dangerous to individual liberty of opinion and action. Its adherents and believers are perfectly organized, and act together as one man. From the first, the political church has brooked no interference with its plans, and has tolerated no schisms in its ranks. It is the same institution to-day that it was when it ordered the Mountain Meadow and other massacres. It is intolerant, overbearing, and so far as the method which it adopts in order to carry out its purposes, utterly unscrupulous.

There is a general and erroneous impression prevailing, to the effect that Mormonism is simply a religious belief and is confined to Utah. It is an aggressive political as well as a religious institution, and it has slowly but surely spread itself over all the Territory of the Pacific Coast. It has now, and has had for years past, large settlements in Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington Territory, Oregon and all over the Coast. It is now, and has been for years past, engaged in promulgating its ideas silently and surreptitiously, and it will soon be so strongly entrenched that it can bid defiance to all opposition. The United States Government has either got to stamp out Mormonism now or be in the course of time, Mormonized. The issue is a square one. It may, for the present moment, be avoided, but by-and-by it will have to be faced. Mormonism is an aggressive force. It is content to be let alone now, but when it gains sufficient strength—and it is gaining every day—it will force the issue. The Mormon Church intends to rule the North American Continent if it can—and please to bear that fact in mind.—News Letter.

### Old Lovers.

Several years before the war a young man came to Little Rock and fell desperately in love with a young lady. The girl's parents were rich. The young man was poor. A union was impossible. The girl prayed and the young man implored, but the ruthless parents remained firm. The young man went away. The war came on. The parents of the girl died. Her uncle squandered the estate. The other day the lover came back and inquired for the young lady. Age and poverty had visited her, but she had remained true. They met and embraced.

"Your were away so long."

she said, leaning her tired head on his shoulder. "But you won't leave me any more. Those who kept us apart are sleeping now."

"I will never leave my brave darling. I have been trying for years to see you."

But they did not marry. The man got her to wash six shirts for him, and run away without paying the bill.

### Real to Them.

A writer of a story which takes hold of the popular heart must himself be sympathetic; for it is as true in writing as in speaking, that he who would move others to tears must first weep himself.

A friend met Thackeray while he was writing "The Newcomes," one noon, just as he was coming out of his house. Seeing that the novelist's eyes were red as if he had been weeping, he asked—

"What's the matter, my dear fellow? Have you lost any relative?"

"I've just killed Col. Newcome," said Thackeray, again wiping his eyes, "and I feel as though I had been burying my father."

Readers of that most pathetic scene in English literature where the noble colonel, thinking himself back in the old school room answers Adsum [present] to death's call, will sympathize with Thackeray's tears! Charles Dickens used to say that characters became real persons to him while he was creating them. He laughed at their pranks and wept over their misfortunes. It was long before he could bring himself to kill "Little Paul," in "Dombey and Son," though he knew he must. For as a critic said, who saw such a boy could not be carried into manhood. "If Dickens don't kill 'Paul,' 'Paul' will kill Dickens."

An incident associated with the dramatizing of the "Christmas Carol" shows the tender sympathy of the author. Dickens, while attending one of the rehearsals, noticed that the manager had brought on the stage a set of irons and bandages. He intended them to aid in making the part of Tiny Tim, the poor little cripple, more effective.

### Territorial Items.

The Richard III. copper claim on the Gila, owned by Messrs. Forbach and Ruckelshausen, is producing high-grade copper ore. It is rumored that this mine was bonded last week for a large sum. Enterprise.

General O. B. Willecox, commanding the Department of Arizona, was married at the residence of Mr. M. T. Brown in this city, on Thursday, November 24, 1881, by the Right Rev. Bishop Dunlop, to Mrs. Julia E. Wyeth, of Chicago.—Citizen.

Business at the Florence post-office is rapidly increasing, an average of 150 letters being mailed daily, and receipts per month of first-class matter rating \$2,550 pounds and second class matter, 3,487 pounds.

Mr. E. F. Kellner, an enterprising merchant of Glob, has purchased a steam road engine, with a hauling power of thirty tons. Its cost was \$7,000 and it is intended to supplant mule power in bringing freight from Wilcox, and its use will necessitate bridging the Gila. It will have a demoralizing effect on the gentle mule and the prospector's guileless burro.

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