The Avant Courier.

THURSDAY, : : AUGUST 15, 1878.

He Talked Big.

"Just let the Government offer ten dollars for every Indian scalp," he said, "and turn us loose," beating his breast like an enraged bear, "we'd go through these 'siwashes' like sheep through a wheat-field."

A wealthy farmer listened to the brawny, bold mountaineer, and when he had finished, said:

"Stranger, I'll give you ten dollars for every good, healthy looking hostile's scalp you bring in."

Seeing that the farmer meant business, the conversation was cut short, for the mountaineer had to see whether the Post-office was open.—*W. W. Watchman.*

Two Tramps Shot by a Farmer.

A farmer in Minnesota lately administered a lesson to two tramps, which by reason of severity will never be appreciated by them in this world, but will have a wholesome effect in deterring others from attempting similar crimes. The two tramps above mentioned, under cover of darkness, entered a wheat field where a self-binding harvester had been at work during the day, and deliberately piling the newly cut grain about the machine, prepared to cremate both grain and harvester. Unfortunately for the success of their plans, the owner, whose suspicions had been aroused during the day, happened with a double barreled shot-gun just as they applied the torch, and with an impartiality which did him credit, gave each the contents of a barrel. Result—two dead tramps and a little damage to the grain. The farmer hurried to Fairbault after the deed and gave himself up to the authorities, but instead of being detained was told to go back to his farm, and if another such an attempt to destroy his property was made, to serve the perpetrators in a like manner.

Had to Be Bought off.

A correspondent at New Haven, Connecticut, gives the following as the cutest way for a five-year-old boy to obtain a glass of soda-water:

We were approaching a drug-store, when Willie said: "Papa, it'll just take thirty cents."

"Thirty cents for what?"

"Why, to treat us to soda-water."

"How do you make that out?"

"Why, there's just six of us, and it takes a nickel apiece."

"But, Willie, you don't want any soda-water."

"Yes, I do."

"On, no, I guess not; the rest may, but we'll leave you out. How much will it cost them?"

"Just thirty-five cents."

"Why, Willie, what's the matter with your arithmetic? If you're left out, it will leave only five."

"Yes, papa; but it will cost ten cents to buy me off!"—*Harper's Magazine.*

A Small Boy's Letter.

The following is a specimen of a boy's letter, published in the Detroit *Free Press.* The letter proceeds from a country boy to his "friend in town:"

"Now, Bob, I'll tell you what I want. I want you to come down here for the holidays. Ask your sister to ask your mother to ask your father to let you come. It's only ninety miles. The two prentices, George and Will, are here to be made farmers of; and brother Nick is took home from school to help the agriculture. We like farming very much; it's capital fun. Us four have got a gun and go out shooting; it's a famous one, and sure to go off if you don't full cock it. Tiger is to be our shooting dog, as soon as he leaves off killing sheep. He's real savage, and worries cats beautiful. Before father comes down we mean to beat one bull with him. There's plenty of new rivers around here, and we're going a fishing as soon as we have mended the top joint. We've got a pony, too, to ride on, when we can catch him; but he's loose now, and has neither mane nor tail to signify to lay hold of. Isn't it prime, Bob? You must come. If your mother won't give your father leave to allow you—run away. Remember you turn up Goswell street and go to Lincolnshire and ask for Middle-fen Hall. There's a pond full of frogs, but we won't pelt them before you come, but let it be before Sunday, as there's our own orchard to rob and the fruits to be gathered on Monday. If you like sucking raw eggs, we know where all the hens lay, and mother don't; and I'm bound there's lots of birds' nests. Do come, Bob, and I'll show you the wasps' nest and anything that can make you comfortable. I dare say you could borrow your father's volunteer musket of him without his knowing anything about it; but be sure anyhow to bring the ram-rod, as we mislaid ours by firing it off. Good-bye, Bob."

Greenland Courtship.

When the Danish missionaries had secured the confidence of the Greenlanders, marriage was made a religious ceremony. Formerly the man married the woman, as the Romans did the Sabine women, by force. One of the missionaries, writing in his journal, describes the style of Christian courtship as follows:

The suitor, according to the missionary, said, "I should like to have a wife."

"Whom?" asks the missionary. The man names the woman.

"Hast thou spoken to her?"

Sometimes the man will answer, "Yes; she is not unwilling, but thou knowest womankind."

More frequently the answer given is, "No."

"Why not?"

"It is difficult; girls are prudish. Thou must speak to her."

The missionary summons the girl, and after a little conversation, says:

"I think it is time to have thee married."

"I won't marry."

"What a pity! I had a suitor for thee."

"Whom?"

The missionary names the man who has sought his aid.

"He is good for nothing. I won't have him."

"But," replies the missionary, "he is a good provider; he throws the harpoon with skill; and he loves thee."

Though listening to his praise with evident pleasure, the girl answers:

"I won't marry. I won't have him."

"Well, I'll not force thee. I shall soon find a wife for such a clever fellow."

The missionary remains silent, as tho' he understood her "no" to have decided the matter.

At last, with a sigh, she whispers, "Just as thou wilt have it, missionary."

"No," replies the clergyman, "as thou wilt; I'll not persuade thee."

Then, with a deep groan, comes a "Yes," and the matter is settled.

When a certain minister referred, in the midst of an eloquent discourse, to the nave in the church, three gentlemen offered their pews for sale, on the ground that he was becoming too personal.

The Miner's Ten Commandments.

A man spoke these words, and said: I am a miner, wandering "from away down east," to sojourn in a strange land. And behold I have seen the elephant, yea, verily, I saw him, and bear witness, that from the key of his trunk to the end of his tail, his whole body hath passed before me; and I followed him until his huge feet stood still before a clapboard shanty; then with his trunk extended he pointed to a candle-card tacked upon a shingle, as though he would say read, and I read the

MINERS' TEN COMMANDMENTS.

I.

Thou shalt have no other claims than one.

II.

Thou shalt not make unto thyself any false claim, nor any likeness to a mean man, by jumping one; for I, a miner, am a just one and will visit the miners around about, and they will judge thee; and when they shall decide, thou shalt take thy pick, thy pan, thy shovel and thy blankets with all thou hast and shall depart, seeking other good diggings, but thou shalt find none. Then when thou hast paid out all thy dust, worn out thy boots and garments so that there is nothing good about them but the pockets, and thy patience is like unto thy garments, then in sorrow shalt thou return to find thy claim worked out, and yet thou hath no pile to hide in the ground, or in the old boot beneath thy bunk, or in the buckskin or bottle beneath thy cabin, and at last thou shalt hire thy body out to make thy board and save thy bacon.

III.

Thou shalt not go prospecting before thy claim gives out. Neither shalt thou take thy gold dust, nor thy good name, to the gaming table in vain; for monte, twenty-one, roulette, faro, lansquenet and poker, will prove to thee that the more thou puttest down the less thou shalt take up; and when thou thinkest of thy wife and children, thou shalt not hold thyself guiltless, but insane.

IV.

Thou shalt not remember what thy friends do at home on the Sabbath day, lest the remembrance may not compare favorably with what thou doest here. Six days' labor only thou canst not work enough to wear out thy body in many years; but it thou workest hard on Sunday also, thou canst do it in six months; and thou, and thy morals and thy conscience, be none the better for it; but reproach thee, shouldst thou ever return with thy worn out body to thy mother's fireside.

V.

Thou shalt not think more of all thy gold, and how thou canst make it fastest, than how thou will enjoy it after thou hast ridden rough-shod over thy good old parent's precepts and examples, that thou mayest have nothing to reproach thee, when left alone in the land where thy father's blessing and thy mother's love hath sent thee.

VI.

Thou shalt not kill; neither thy body by working in the rain, even though thou shalt make enough to buy physic and attendance with; nor thy neighbor's body in a duel, or in anger, for by "keeping cool" thou canst save his life and thy conscience. Neither shalt thou destroy thyself by getting "tight," nor "slewd," nor "high," nor "corned," nor "half-seas over," nor "three sheets in the wind," by drinking smoothly down—"brandy slings," "gin cocktails," "whisky punches," "rum toddies, nor "egg nogs." Neither shalt thou suck "mint juleps," nor "sherry cobblers," through straw, nor gurgle from the bottle the "raw material," nor take it "straight" from the decanter; for while thou art swallowing down that purse, and the coat from off thy back, thou art burning the coat from off thy stomach; and it thou could see the houses and lands, and gold dust, and home comforts already lying there—"a huge pile"—thou shouldst feel a choking in thy throat; and when to that thou addest thy crooked walkings thou will feel disgusted with thyself, and inquire "Is thy servant a dog that he doeth these things?" Verily, thou shalt say, "Farewell, old bottle, I will kiss thy gurgling lips no more; stings, heart-burnings, blue devils, and all the unholy catalogue of evils that follow in thy train. My wife's smiles and my children's merry-hearted laugh, shall charm and reward me for having the manly firmness and courage to say no. I wish thee an eternal farewell.

VII.

Thou shalt not grow discouraged, nor think of going home before thou hast made thy "pile," because thou hast not "struck a lead," nor found a "rich crevice," nor sunk a hole upon a "pocket," lest in going home thou shalt leave four dollars a day, and go to work, ashamed, at fifty cents, and serve thee right; for thou knowest that by staying here, thou mightest strike a lead and fifty dollars a day, and keep thy manly self-respect, and then go home with enough to make thyself and others happy.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal a pick, or a shovel, or a pan from thy fellow-miner; nor take away his tools without his leave; nor borrow those he cannot spare; nor return them broken, nor trouble him to fetch them back again, nor talk to him while his water rent is running on; nor move stake to enlarge thy claim, nor undermine his bank in following a lead, nor pan out gold from his "riffle box," nor wash the tailings from his sluice's mouth. Neither shalt thou pick out specimens from the company's pan to put them in thy mouth or pocket; nor cheat thy partner of his share; nor steal from thy cabin-mate his gold dust, to add to thine, for he will be sure to discover what thou hast done, and will straightway call his fellow-miners together and if the law hinders them not, will hang thee, or give thee fifty lashes, or shave thy head and brand thee like a horse-thief, with "R" upon thy cheek, to be known and read of all men, Californians in particular.

IX.

Thou shalt not tell any false tales about good diggings in the mountains to thy neighbor, that thou mayest benefit a friend who hath mules, and provisions, and tools, and blankets he cannot sell—lest in deceiving thy neighbor, when he returneth thro' the snow, with naught save his rifle, he present thee with the contents thereof, and like a dog thou shalt fall down and die.

X.

Thou shalt not commit unsuitable matrimony, nor covet "single blessedness;" nor forget absent maidens; nor neglect thy "first love;"—but thou shalt consider how faithfully and patiently she awaiteth thy return; yea, and covereth each epistle that thou sendest with kisses of kindly welcome—until she hath thyself. Neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's wife, nor trifle with the affections of his daughter; yea, if thy heart be free, and thou doth love and covet each other, thou shalt "pop the question" like a man.

A new commandment give I unto thee—if thou hast a wife and little ones, that thou lovest dearer than thy own life—that thou keep them continually before thee, to cheer and urge thee onward, until thou canst say, "I have enough; God bless them—I will return." Then from the much-loved home, with open arms shall they come forth to welcome thee, with weeping tears of unutterable joy that thou art come; then in the fulness of thy heart's gratitude, thou shalt kneel together before thy Heavenly Father, to thank him for thy safe return. Amen—So mote it be.

FORTY-NINER.

How Fast we Ride.

The laziest of us are going at a tremendous rate, whether we will or not. The earth is going around the sun at the rate of 36,000 miles an hour, or 1,100 times faster than the fastest express train moves. The earth revolves upon its axis at a very high speed, proportioned to the distance of the surface from the axis. At the equator it is 1,040 miles an hour, or seventeen a minute; at Rekiawitz, a polar town, it is seven and a half miles a minute; at the poles it is *nil.* The earth has several other movements, one of the less exactly measured being that through space in common with the whole solar system, which is estimated at 487,000 miles per day.

Odds and Ends.

Dr. Holland is noted for his good advice, but when he says, "Make the face the mirror of the soul," he blunders. Just think of the hideousness of feature that would result from the reckless and universal practice of this exhortation.

Congressman Alexander H. Stephens has never married. No relatives live with him at Liberty Hall. His body-servant is black; his secretary is white. He hates pork and likes baked coon. He is hot-tempered. His nature is good and generous. He was liked by Greeley and detested by Sumner.

The St. Paul *Dispatch* happily gets off the following: An editor is described as a man who is liable to errors in grammar, toothache, typographical errors and laps of memory, and has several thousand people watching to catch him tripping—a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, poorly clad, poorly estimated, yet envied by some of the great men he has made.

Says the Winnemucca *Silver State:* Large flocks of sheep are being driven from California to Montana and Eastern Idaho. We are informed by Mr. John Hoppin, who arrived here the other day, that 14,000 have been driven up Quinn river valley, and some 30,000 have crossed the stage road near Pete Flynn's station. These flocks are all from Northern California.

About the most sensible advice we have seen given to farmers lately was in a letter to the *Oregonian* from some Washington county man, which said: "Let us sow more fall grain and less spring grain, because if fall grain freezes out, the farmers have another chance on it in the spring, but if they have an unfavorable season there is no other source than to suffer the consequence.

A movement is on foot among the Methodist Churches of the East to do away with the arbitrary rule that restricts a minister from remaining in charge of the same congregation for a longer period than three years. The proposed change meets with the hearty indorsement of the strongest men in the Church. It is not proposed to abolish the appointive system entirely and establish a settled ministry, but to clothe the bishops with discretionary power in the matter of changes. The movement will, no doubt, meet with favor in the West as well as in the East.

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FIRST DISTRICT—HENRY N. BLAKE, Judge.

In Madison County, at VIRGINIA CITY, second Monday in March; second Monday in September.

In Gallatin County, at BOZEMAN, first Monday in May; fourth Monday in October.

In Jefferson County, at RADERSBURG, first Tuesday in April; first Tuesday in October.

SECOND DISTRICT—HIRAM KNOWLES, Judge.

In Deer Lodge County, at DEER LODGE CITY, second Monday in April.

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First Monday in December.

In Missoula County, at MISSOULA, fourth Monday in June; second Monday in November.

In Beaverhead County, at BANNACK, first Monday in June; second Monday in October.

THIRD DISTRICT—D. S. WADE, JUDGE.

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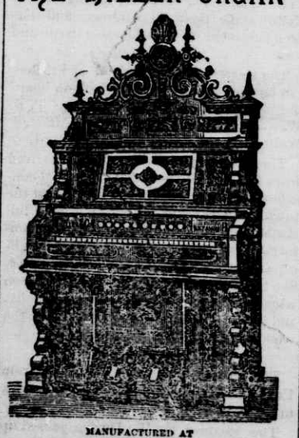

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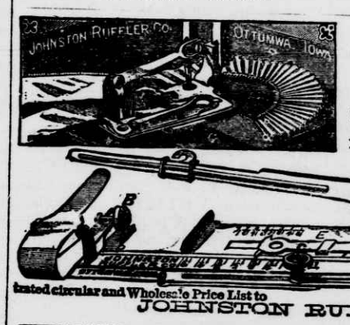

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