

ASTORIA, OREGON:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1883

A MATRIMONIAL LOTTERY.

There is an alleged literary weekly published in Massachusetts which has for one of its objects the promotion of platonic friendships between persons of alleged literary tastes and of course, of different sexes. For one "correspondence" that is productive of good results, it is safe to say that there are three which end in harm, and not always do the "young ladies" who are the correspondents who affect the works of Tupper or Holland come out as luckily as the three heroines of a recent adventure. They had advertised after the usual fashion and had been made happy with letters in the most approved Claude Melnotte vein from a romantic young man in an adjacent territory. In due time friendship ripened to love and well, a few days ago each of the three ladies received the following letter:

Your letter to M. C. W. has been received here and according to custom, opened by me. Violently assuming that you are a lady, though an unsophisticated one, I write to inform you that W. was until the past few days a private in the regular army stationed here. Last week he killed a man, and he is now in jail awaiting trial for murder. If he is not hanged, he will probably pass the remainder of his days in prison. Your desire to get married is commendable, but this lesson ought to teach you to restrain it within decent and reasonable bounds. I return your letter which has not been delivered to W.

This letter was signed by the sheriff. And now at Kokono, Ind., Cambridge, Mass., and Providence, R. I., there are three regular readers of the *Hogwash Magazine* whose dreams of marrying a nobleman in disguise and cantering over the plains on a fiery mustang of the purest Arabian breed, with a revolver and a copy of Tupper's poems at the saddle-bow, have vanished utterly, and who await with feverish hope that the news that M. C. W. has been hanged as high as Haman.

Dr. H. S. CARLTON, a prominent Georgia politician, is not at all backward in coming forward. Hearken: "The North," he says, "has been the beneficiary of our misfortunes. The people of that section grew opulent and went down amidst unparalleled luxury. If the North would have indemnity for slave property taken from us and the cotton tax withdrawn, the North has never been a richer nation. The Southern States were a poorer nation, but surely in a few years, and that was the result of the misfortune of the South, with or without the Union, the Union propagated the Union and not the Union made the paramount war. How, then, can we justly taking away our property without compensation? They want to keep our lands and property. Why, then, take slave property without just compensation? To bring about reparation it must be accompanied by a returning sense of justice. Why should we not ask for indemnity for our slaves? It seems to me a fortunate time, for the Treasury is in a healthy condition and restitution may be made without any difficulty."

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For the past two months an effort has been made to bring about a reconciliation between Blaine and Grant and Conkling, looking to the next presidential campaign. An inkling of this has already reached the public, but as between Blaine and Grant the statements have been premature. What was most desired, but was still unaccomplished, was stated as an already existing fact. This reconciliation has been sought in the interests of ex-Senator Chaffee, of Colorado, who is known to be the leader of the Blaine forces in that section, and whose daughter is married to Gen. Grant's son. The original scheme contemplated the nomination of Blaine for the presidency, with the inducement of secretary of state held out to Grant, and the senate to be handed back to Mr. Conkling. It was thought that under this scheme, if it could be carried out, the Republican party would enter upon the next campaign with a spirit of unbounded enthusiasm. It is now certain that a reconciliation between Blaine and Grant has been effected.

Thus gently doth the N. Y. Journal let Villard drop: It may be interesting and possibly consoling to those who have suffered by the wholesale depreciation of the Villard stocks to know that Mr. Villard himself appears to feel bereaved. While no profession of disappointment on his part can offset the losses of his associates and following, proof that he has suffered with them because of his enthusiasm, and that they are not the victims of duplicity, would serve to mitigate the prevailing feeling regarding Mr. Villard and his enterprises.

The insanity plea was successfully interposed in a horse-stealing case at Los Angeles, Cal., whereupon the *San Francisco Post* observes: "Any man who would steal a Los Angeles 'broneo,' knowing that it is a greater crime in that country to steal a \$6 plug than to kill a household of Chinamen for the fun of seeing them kick must necessarily be insane."

The first United States land office was opened at Chillicothe, O., in 1800. It was one of four ordered by congress to be located at Marietta, Cincinnati, Chillicothe and Steubenville, respectively. Land had formerly been sold in tracts of 1,000 and 2,000 acres. Finally it was possible to purchase small tracts of land at \$2 an acre on five years' credit.

A MAN in Duluth, Minn., has been fined \$14 for kissing a pretty girl against her will. If a maiden is so handsome that a man cannot resist the temptation to kiss her, she should consider the kiss a tribute to her beauty—provided the calculator himself is personally attractive.

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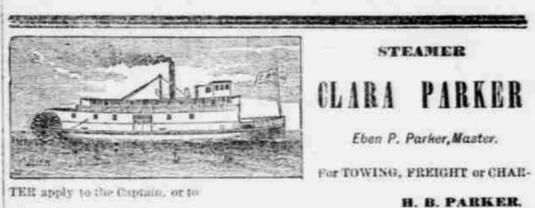
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