

CLIPPINGS.

An exchange says: "A fat man can sit on the thumb-nail of the statue of the Goddess of Liberty to be erected in New York Harbor by the Frenchmen. But no pure minded Goddess of Liberty wants a fat man sitting on her thumb-nail."

If a man wishes to fully understand his pedigree and a great deal more, let him run for an office or engage himself to be married. Political and personal enemies will attempt to cook his goose in the one instance while meddling gossips with slander-dripping tongues will try to fix him on the other.

A down East paper says there is a fog bell on that coast that is no more use than a boiled carrot hung in a boot leg.

A Frenchman got exceedingly angry with a waiter at an English hotel. "You rascal!" exclaimed he, "I blow your nose for you!"

If you want to worry anybody, send a newspaper with a paragraph cut out. The effect is marvelous; the paper has no interest for that person, all curiosity being centered in the missing paragraph.

A YANKEE TRICK.

"What do you charge for board?" asked a tall, Green Mountain boy, as he walked up to the bar of a second-rate hotel in New York; "what do you ask a week for board and lodging?"

"Five dollars."

"Five dollars! that's too much, but I s'pose you'll allow for the times I am absent from dinner and supper?"

"Certainly, thirty-seven and a half cents each."

Here the conversation ended, and the Yankee took up his quarters for two weeks. During this time he lodged and breakfasted at the hotel, but did not take either dinner or supper, saying his business detained him in another portion of the town. At the expiration of the two weeks, he again walked to the bar and said:

"S'pose we settle that account—I'm going in a few minutes."

The landlord handed him his bill: "Two weeks' board at five dollars—ten dollars."

"Here, stranger this is wrong—you've not deducted the times I was absent from dinner and supper—14 days, two meals per day; 28 meals, at 37½ cents each—\$10 50. If you've not got the fifty cents that's due to me. I'll take a drink, and the balance in cigars."—*Ex.*

CALIFORNIA MINE.—The daily yield is 500 tons of ore, keeping the mills steadily running. The bullion yield for the month of October will not fall much, if any, short of \$1,250,000, although last night the bars of bullion had not yet all been stamped so as to show the precise result. A surplus was carried over from last month, so that all expenses are paid and the company can without trouble pay the usual dividend of \$1,080,000, and still have a surplus to add to the November account. The ore-breasts are yielding rich ore at all points.—*Gold Hill News.*

A SCARCITY OF WORK.—There are a large number of men in this city at this time who are unable to get sufficient work to insure the payment of their board, and despairing of the prospect are seeking an opportunity to work for their board upon farms. This morning a young and active man called at the residence of one of our citizens and asked for something to eat alleging that he could get no work and was compelled to sleep in a barn, having no funds to meet his expenses. Such a state of things ought not to exist in our city but that it is so no one can doubt, as appeals for help are numerous.—*Standard.*

CHINESE SUPERSTITION.—The following is from the *New Northwest*, published at Deer Lodge, Montana:

A couple of curious Chinese superstitions have developed in connection with the recent murder of Hing Lee at German Gulch. They are somewhat at variance with each other, and while both cannot be verified in this case one of them is sure to be. It is believed that if a murderer draws his knife across the forehead of the murdered man after the deed is committed he will never be detected. This was done to Hing Lee, and it was this fact that pointed to the perpetration of the deed by a Chinaman. The other is that if the shoes of the murdered man are spiked to the door sill the murderer cannot escape as long as they remain. So the other day the Chinese took Hing Lee's shoes and nailed them securely to the door sill with tennepny nails where they now remain. It's six of one and a half a dozen of the other which paganism will win.

Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Arizona and New Mexico together are turning out each day \$20,000 in gold, \$17,000 in silver, and \$1,500 in base metal, giving a total of \$38,500 each day, or \$11,500,000 annually.

THE ADVANCE IN WHEAT.

The advance in wheat in Europe as well as the United States during the past ten days has been marked. A telegram from New York of date Nov. 23d, states as the reason for the upward tendency of the market that Europe is largely deficient and our own crops are now ascertained to be short—wheat one-sixth, and some other cereals much more. During the week fifty vessels have been chartered, mostly for the United Kingdom and the Continent. This relieved the market of a good deal of the surplus tonnage, causing an advance of about 6d per bbl on freights. It is understood that some 5,000,000 bushels of Spring wheat were purchased at the west early in the week, on New York account, at ruling prices; and holders are offering their supplies with great reserve in confident expectations of higher prices later on.—*Oregonian.*

An inebriate got into a car and became very troublesome and annoying to the other passengers, so much so that it was proposed to eject him; but a genial and kind-hearted reverend doctor, who was also a passenger, interposed for him and soothed him into good behavior for the remainder of the journey. Before leaving, however, he scowled upon the occupants of the car, and muttered some words of contempt; but he shook hands warmly with the doctor, and said: "Good day, my friend; I see you know what it is to be drunk."

Respect yourself by exhibiting the manners of a gentleman, if you wish to be treated as such, and then you will receive the respect of others. Travel is a great leveler; take the position which others assign you from your conduct, rather than from your pretensions.—*Ex.*

A Dubuque girl played Copenhagen at a party the other night and yelled and shrieked and howled and ran behind the door and scratched the young man's face in seven places, and upset a kerosene lamp, and kicked over the piano stool, and screamed for the police, and finally, when he kissed her just on the tip of the ear, she fainted dead away, and said she could never look anyone in the face again, and they led the bashful, modest creature sobbing home. The next day she ran away with a married lightening rod peddler with a hair lip and six children.—*Ex.*

THE GREAT CARUTHERS ESTATE.—It is reported that legitimate heirs, near blood relations of the late Finice and Elizabeth Caruthers, have at last come to light, in a family of that name in Arkansas. Their history, and their connection with the late family here, it is said, seem natural, simple and straightforward; and promise to bring about an event long desired in this community; which is no less than that of removing the doubt and uncertainty which has so long clouded the title of a large amount of real estate in this city. John Campbell, Esq., late of Arkansas, represents these parties here, and their papers have been approved by E. A. Cronin, Esq., of this city, and other prominent lawyers. That is the story. It may or not have foundation in fact.—*Oregonian.*

CHINESE CHEAP LABOR.

Denunciation of Chinese cheap labor has been the stock in trade of pothouse politicians and demagogues in California, and many of the witnesses who have given testimony before the commission have been of this class. Ex-Gov. Lowe was a witness of a higher order. He was at one time minister to China, and has evidently given the subject very careful consideration. He declared that the welfare of the whole coast would be promoted by limiting immigration. He was disposed, however, to do John Chinaman full justice. He had never seen but one Chinaman under the influence of liquor. At home they were the most industrious people in the world. During his residence in China he had never seen any idle classes except officials; labor was respected there. As a banker he had no occasion to complain of the honesty of the race. "The Chinaman," he said, "does not stand in the way of full-grown, muscular white men, but he may in the lighter branches of farming, such as hop and fruit-picking, prevent the employment of boys. Any man, strong of muscle and willing to work, can find labor in California. Where simple muscle is required, the white man cannot compete with the Chinese; but where muscle and brain combined are required, I should say Yes. Chinese labor, however, will be gradually superseded by that of skilled workmen and apprentices."—*N. Y. Tribune*

It is rumored upon pretty good foundation, that Ben Holladay, jr., and his associate owners of the Pelican, California, and one other steamer, contemplate putting these vessels on a line between Victoria and San Francisco, stopping at Astoria. Two steamers as above will connect with a third steamer for Fort Wrangle and Sitka.—*Astorian.*

SUICIDE AND LETTER.

A telegram published in the *Oregonian* reads as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov.—Yesterday evening a fine appearing gentleman, about 35 years of age, took a room at the coroner's house. This afternoon he was discovered in bed dying, and expired a few moments afterwards. Letters were found in the bureau to two parties in this city and one to his brother in Portland, Oregon. Also the following:

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.

B. R. Swan, M. D., Coroner—DEAR SIR: In order to save you as much trouble as possible, I beg to inform you that this is a case of laudanum, taken with suicidal intent. Reasons concern no one but myself; still, if anyone should insist upon having a reason, you can say I was driven to desperation by the Presidential muddle, and seeing no prospect of ascertaining in this world who was to be next President, went to the next where all things are supposed to be known. Please exert your influence with the city fathers to prevent the erection of a monument over my remains, but if you should find a widespread feeling on the part of the people to mark my last resting place, you might let Mr. Young speak to Mr. Crocker and have it fenced in. Respectfully, etc., W. W. BANCROFT.

The last clause in the letter refers to the recent inbroglio between Chas. Crocker and Mr. Young, of the undertaking firm of Massey & Young, whose house was inclosed by Crocker by a high board fence, because the proprietor, refused to sell to Crocker, whose lot adjoined. A letter from his brother in Portland, found in the room, rendered it evident the suicide was prompted by straitened circumstances. Other documents showed he was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1867, was clerk of the United States district court at Vancouver in 1862, and had been in the tobacco business on front street. Two empty bottles, which had contained laudanum, were found in the room. The body was removed to the morgue.

THIEVES.—The Boise Statesman complains of numerous petty thieves in and about Boise City, and threatens them with the vengeance of the citizens if they "show their hands."

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