

SOME STARTLING FIGURES.

FEW MEN OF THE NEW STATES NATIVES OF THE EAST.

Lines of Migration in the United States. Facts Obtained from a Railroad Man. The Breeding Ground of American Men. The South.

It is a historical fact that all great migratory movements of peoples or of races have been, with few exceptions, westward, along the degree of latitude on which they were born.

A few weeks ago I was talking with two comrades in the dirty office of an ill kept hotel at Prescott, in Washington territory.

One of my comrades was a bright, snappy railroad official; the other was a farmer, who cultivated 3,000 acres of highly productive wheat land.

I said, as I looked inquiringly at my comrades, "I do not understand why there are so few New England men in this region."

"Last December our company placed an advertisement in the hands of an advertising agency to publish in all their newspapers."

I thrust the envelope into the breast pocket of my coat. That night after we had separated I read the list, and it sharply indicated that the railroad official had spoken truthfully.

I group the New England states and the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, for convenience of reference.

To the figures: The total number of letters of inquiry that were received at the railroad office in answer to the advertisement, which was published in many leading newspapers, was 4,492.

"Governor, do you recollect of any other command which lost so heavily in a single charge at any time during the war?"

The N'ganga of the Negro. A few words, now, on the fetish doctor or medicine man, the N'ganga of the negro, who is also his priest, physician, and chief justice.

In the region included in the second group of states food is plentiful and cheap. The people are not over-civilized. Large families are raised.

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WASTE.

To one he sent his strong man's heart laid bare, Quivering with hope and fear. A cruel hand Seemed pressing hard upon a torn, but nerveless

The second letter was indifferent, Save for an old time name he knew she loved; He snatched a fading flower from his coat

The one to whom he wrote with hushed wit (His pleading was so strong and passionate), To read with fierce scorn his letter—flung it by—

A FIRST BATTLE RECORD.

The Sixth Alabama's Desperate Charge Under Gordon at Seven Pines.

One day in the spring of 1861, when the clans of the Confederacy were gathering, there trumped into Montgomery, then the temporary capital, a company of gaunt, wild-eyed, jenschied men.

"Independent Rifles," was the reply shouted back from the ranks.

"Independent Rifles," a spectator echoed with a grin.

"Raccoon Roughs," came from the free and easy ranks: "I reckon that'll suit you men."

At Seven Pines the Sixth Alabama received its baptism of fire. Before that time had been some skirmishing, but this was the first battle, and, as Governor Gordon describes the scene, they make up for the regiment a first battle record which probably is without parallel on either side.

"I started on the charge," he says, "with 600 men in my regiment. When the fighting ended at nightfall 285 of the 600 lay on the field dead or wounded. My lieutenant colonel was killed. Of forty-four commissioned officers only thirteen came out of that day's fighting unscathed."

"I had a brother with me—a boy," Governor Gordon continued. "He was shot through the right lung, but he recovered, only to die with Stonewall Jackson at Chancellorsville. He was 19 years old. I had several bullet holes in my clothes when night came. Cooking was going on, and in a house a meal

"The Sixth Alabama," the governor went on, "was opposite a portion of the Federal line which that side had no idea would be taken. We made the assault in the forenoon."

"The only remedy for all these mischievous conditions and effects is entirely to abandon the plan of applying the heat to the air—of making the air the carrier of the heat. Heat wants no carrier at all."

Printing Silver Certificates. There is said to be a good deal of criticism among the bankers of Washington of the method now in vogue in the bureau of engraving and printing for printing the reverse side of the silver certificates.

A Six Fingred Family. One of the most remarkable cases in medical annals, as summarized in a French journal, has reference to a six-fingred family, covering five generations, and including twenty-seven individuals.

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HOW TO WARM HOUSES.

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The effect upon health is destructive. Pneumonia has increased nearly threefold in New York, in proportion to population, within the last fifty years. Bronchitis has increased even more rapidly, and now causes 1,500 deaths in that city every year, being an increase of nearly 50 per cent. in population in fifty years.

It may be briefly explained thus: Radiant heat from the sun or from an open fire passes through the air as far as it is pure air without warming it—that is to say, without being obstructed or retained by it (just as light does, and only warms the open fire. The difference is radical and of great importance.

Building Sites and Choosing Houses. In selecting a house, or a site for a new one, remember that where the sun will shine on the house for some hours a day, one element of good is secured, especially if the sun's rays enter at the windows of the living rooms or of the rooms used during the daytime.

Tricks for the Old Time Clown. Here's a book I found with some of the ancient wheezes in it: "After the first equestrian turn the clown may say, 'Now I'll have a turn myself, and then roll over like a coach wheel. Fall upon the ground, pick up sawdust, let it trickle down your face and say, 'My nose bleeds! Pick up a piece of straw for fear of falling over it, then balance it on your chin. When the ringmaster says 'I never follow a fool,' let him go first, and then say, 'Then I do.' Tell the groom when he takes the horse away to rub it down with calumet and sage. A good speech to learn to address to the ringmaster: 'If you please, sir, he says that you said that I said that they said that nobody said nothing to nobody.'"

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CONCEIT.

The shallow brook That o'er its pebbles, brawling, runs away, And turns with every break of land a stone, Yoking the air with plaint of heavy burden,

That, silent, covers its untrampled dead, What on its broad breast, to and fro, The thousand ships of commerce go.

PROFESSIONAL PALLBEARING. A Gloomy Trade, but Very Easy and Eminently Respectable.

He was a gloomy looking sort of person and his face wore an expression of woe that made one think he had it stamped there as a sort of trade mark. He was clad in garments of the somberest hue, and from the wide hood on his high hat to the dead polish on his broad soled shoes he looked for all the world like a man in whose family there was a death at least once a year.

"No, indeed," he replied, "there has not been a death in my family for years."

"Why, then," asked his neighbor, with more curiosity than politeness, "do you dress in such deep mourning?"

"Oh, that's an account of my business."

"You are an undertaker, then?"

"No, I am a pall bearer," and noting the look of surprise in his interlocutor's face he went on: "Some years ago there was a strike in my trade. I am a carpenter, and during one of my idle days I passed a house where there was a funeral. Stopping to watch it I was approached by the undertaker, who asked me if I would go to the funeral. I said no, that I knew no one there. He then asked me if I had any objection to being a pall bearer. I said I had none, provided I was paid for it, and we finally struck a bargain. I made as much that afternoon as I would had I worked all day at my trade, and since then I have adopted pall bearing as a means of livelihood. I dress in black, as you see, and each morning look over the death notices. I have found that my services are very seldom required where the funeral is that of a young man or woman, or where the deceased has belonged to any secret societies, and that my most profitable customers are those who have outlived most of their companions. If the death of a person happens to be an unmarried lady past the meridian of life I am nearly always certain of the job. I find that at funerals the proportion of female attendants outnumber the male about four to one, and that most of the attendants are close relatives. As it is generally the rule to select the pall bearers from among those not connected with the family you can see that my services are very frequently in demand. I generally seek out the undertaker and make my bargain with him, and I average about two funerals a day. It is a nice, easy sort of life, and eminently respectable. You will have to excuse me now, as I have a funeral in this street and must get off here."—Philadelphia News.

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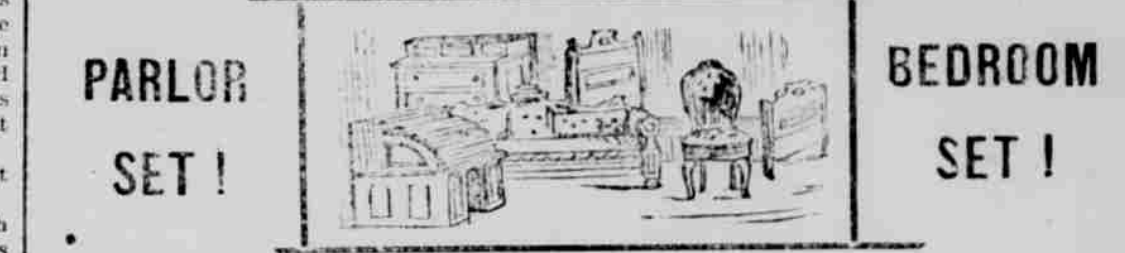
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