A HORSE-TAMER TAMED.

A Norman "Man-Eater" in California Makes a Meal of a Deciple of Rarey.

Prof. R. H. Tapp, the celebrated American horse-tamer, commenced a week ago to tame the Petaluma man-eater, as described in last Saturday's *Chronicle*, and has every day since given public exhibitions of his process and progress in a temporary amphitheatre in the rear of the record stables, on market street, opposite Seventh. Yesterday, however, the man-eater changed the programme, and attempted to tame Tapp in so effective a way that Tapp emerged, sorely wounded and only by a miracle with his life. The man-eater, whose other name is Cogniac, is a dark dapple gray Norman stallion, seven years old, weighing in fighting trim eighteen hundred pounds, foaled in Normandy, France, imported two years ago to Illinois, and subsequently brought by Joseph Wooden, the Norman horse-breeder of Petaluma, and bought to this state, and declared by horsemen to be the finest horse of the breed ever brought to America. Until brought to Illinois he had been an

EXCEPTIONALLY GENTLE

animal, but, having indiscreetly, and probably playfully, bitten out a couple of pounds of an Illinois groom, he was so injudiciously and brutally beaten that, as Deacon Duncan would say, he experienced a change of heart, all his latent devilry was developed, and he has ever since been the terror of all whom necessity has thrown into his company. With the exception of occasionally eating a hostler, he is an invaluable brute, and Mr. Wooden consigned him to Mr. Tapp to have him cured of this sole little foible. Yesterday at 2 o'clock the exhibition commenced in the presence of about two hundred spectators, and progressed till half-past 3, during which time the horse had been handled by the professor, and even driven to buggy, and appeared perfectly tractable and to have kind of

LOST HIS APPETITE

for stablemen. After being unhitched he was cross-hobbled by making a stout rope fast from the fetlock of his nigh fore leg to that of his off hind leg, an arrangement which permitted him to trot, but prevented his galloping, as also his kneeling down, and which is why Tapp still lives to try conclusions with him. The horse stood near the centre of the inclosed circle, and the professor about midway between him and the inclosing high barricade, the horse perfectly subdued under the eye of the commander. Some persons on a seat in the rear of Tapp asked him a question, and for one instant Tapp removed his eye and half turned his head to answer. In that instant the crafty brute sprang upon him like a tiger. There was a yell of horror from the spectators as the horse caught the man up by the clothes at the small of the back, shook him as a terrier does a rat, and flung him through the air against the inclosing planking. Before Tapp could regain his feet the ferocious monster was again upon him, seizing him with his teeth by the left shoulder and endeavoring to kneel down upon him, which is his last and most approved method of

KILLING HIS KEEPER.

This the cross-hobble prevented him from doing, and the cool professor, with his shoulder still in the cruel grip of the monster's jaw, struggled to his feet, and with his right hand so held the bits as to prevent as far as possible the successful working of the horse's jaws. The crowd was intensely excited. Mr. Wooden seized a long pole and poked it between the halter and the horse's lower jaw and still further retarded the biting. The friends of Tapp called for a gun, but there was no gun, and what is remarkable in a collection of two hundred Californians, no one had a revolver, or the murderous brute would have been shot dead instantly. The horse and Tapp continued fighting half way around the ring, Wooden on the seats outside still hampering the former's efforts with the pole. The spectators,

ON THE FRONT SEATS

also did all they could to distract the man-eater's attention, one lady seizing the crutch of a man sitting next her, and beating the horse over the head with it. By the aid of these distractions Tapp was enabled by degrees to draw his arm through the horse's jaws, the horse chewing it impartially as it slipped away from him until finally it was entirely withdrawn. The crowd shouted to Tapp to jump for his life, but the plucky trainer called for his whip, and with his mangled left arm dangling by his side, so tickled the fetlocks of Cogniac that that enterprising animal was again in what Tapp fondly calls subjection. Last evening the trainer was in the stable office with a friend pouring an odorous liniment over his bandaged arm, and the man-eater, with all his evil passions inflamed with the taste of blood, was romping around his prison and eagerly reaching up for a mouthful of any timid spectator that ventured near enough to look down at him. The people will continue to look forward with interest to the solution of the problem of whether Tapp will tame the man-eater, or the man-eater tame Tapp.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

Heavy Contract to Let.

A gentleman who came down from Lexington on Saturday was asked how times were in that section. He said: "About all I have heard lately is a joke on an editor, who, going away, left his paper in charge of a minister. During the minister's stay in the sanctum the following letter came from a mountain subscriber:

"You know very well I paid my subscription to your paper the last time I was in Lexington. If I get any more such letters from you as received last week I will come down to Lexington and maul h—l out of you!

The minister answered:

"I havee been trying to maul that thing out of the editor for ten years past, and if you will really come down and maul it out of him, then, my dear sir, I have twenty members of my church I will also get you to operate on."

THE TRAPPIST MONKS.

A Visit to their Monastery in Iowa, and the Manner of their Life.

From the St. Louis Times.

Twelve miles from the city of Dubuque stands a lonely monastery, the inmates of which belong to the austere order of St Bernard. They are called Trappists, after the great Monastery of La Trappe, in France. It is the severest order in the world. Perpetual silence is strictly enjoined. Each brother has some particular employment. Farmers for miles around have their work done at the monastery. It is optional for them to give recompense. A brother told me they have two monks whose trade and industry have gained for the house not less than $40,000.

Thirty years ago sixteen monks left the city of Waterford, Ireland. They sailed for America, but on their way cholera set in. Six of them died on their way from New Orleans to St. Louis. Their bones are now quietly reposing on the banks of the Mississippi. The remaining ten chose a wild and desolate prairie for their future home, near Dubuque. Their first winter was intensely severe. The snow was so deep that wagons passed over fences without difficulty. They purchased 4,000 acres at twenty-five cents per acre. The same land is now worth $70 an acre, and the monastery, when complete will cost $150,000.

In regard to their rules, one of the monks gave the following report: The community, sixty in number, must all arise at 2 a. m. Seven hours allotted to meditation, prayer, etc. We pray kneeling or standing. No brother is allowed to sit down while praying or reading. Once a month we go into the consistory chapel and publicly accuse ourselves of all vanities and imperfections. Fresh meat is never allowed except to the sick. One meal and a colation is allowed in winter; two meals in summer. Our food is bread, milk and vegetables. All the monks wear the cowl and habit while in the house. The old monk of 70 concluded by saying:

"We live by our own industry; we have no legacies, incomes or intentions except our lands and our own industry." Their stalls in the chapel are made so that they must either stand or kneel. Reciting the office they all lower their heads at the names of the saints of their order, and kiss the ground at the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Their summer and winter garments are of the same material. The cowl, or head covering, is attached to the habit; a leather belt binds the tunic to the body. Priests, brothers, and abbot, all work in the fields. There is an awful solemnity about their discipline. Seeing them march, two by two, from the chapel, I felt a chill run through my body. The long line of silent specters recalled to mind so many skeletons marching to the grave. Not a sound was made by their feet as they passed under the hyssop of the abbot. The abbot had a jeweled ring which no one was allowed to kiss. Instead of gold or silver he held in his hand an old wooden crozier. He had a very precious relic for a pectoral cross. I could whittle a better cross with my penknife. The string by which it was suspended did not cost more than five cents fifty years ago. His habit was patched but very clean. The lord abbot slept in the dormitory with the monks. Over his head was a little font and a picture of Lourdes. Though he could not speak in the dormitory, still he was enthusiastic about the luxury of an old blanket which he hung before his bed to keep out the breeze of the winter. I have often seen a sailor's hammock and railroad man's bunk, but my lord abbot's pallet was less comfortable. He had no chair, table, or looking-glass. I almost imagined the pope intended to mock this old man in giving him a wooden cross and crozier, paper miter, and something like a shoe string for a chain. But soon that thought was checked when I was told this man came from a noble family, and freely bartered the pleasures and wealth of this world for the lone and silent cloister. There were no casters or wine bottles on his table. Instead of silver plate and sparkling goblets, there stood before him an earthen jug, a rusty knife and wooden plate. This man was once a fondled child of fortune. He is to-day one of the leading scholars of the Roman church in America, yet when priests and bishops and men of the world are enjoying the comforts of profound slumber, the poor old Abbot is standing in his wooden stall leading the choir as they are singing hymns and canticles to their God and King.

"Girled Up."

We hereby suggest a new "colloquial expression" for the next edition of Webster's dictionary. It was invented by an anxious father on the occasion of an interview with the principal of one of our Hampden county academies, where the co-education of boys and girls still prevails. The boy in the case had formerly been studious and promising, but for several months had gradually fallen off from his previous standard, growing so careless and unscholarly that it became a serious question whether he would be able to pass his college entrance examination. It was a coincidence that he had meanwhile become conspicuous as a "ladies' man." The principal having alluded to this as a prominent cause of the boy's demoralization, "Yes," broke in the father, "I know it; he's got all girled up." Which is a remarkably happy and pregnant phrase. If there is anything that plays the mischief with boys and girls during that budding, downy and vealy period of their teens, when they ought to be laying solid and permanent educational foundations, it is this premature efflorescence of the sexual proclivities, which moves boys and girls, who ought to be kept down to study, to perk and prim and sidle, and play with each other's eyes, and write silly and badly spelled notes to each other, and eat slate pencils in private. But then, it rarely lasts long; it is less harmful than tobacco or whisky; and there is no law "agin" youths of that age making fools of themselves.—*Springfield Republican.*

Prophetic Predictions.

Prophets are going about casting the horoscope of the empires. At Manchester last week, Rev. M. Baxter expounded and interpreted the prophecies in the books of Daniel and Zachariah. The 14th chapter of Zachariah refers, he said, to the coming of Christ, which will shortly appear bodily on the Mount of Olivet, and commence his thousand years reign upon earth. Antichrist would be a man like Jerome Napoleon, who, on promise of peace will rise up from nobody into a great king, the monarch referred to in Daniel ii., 36. The abomination of this rule will only last three years and a half. In that time he will conquer the world, and make a seven years' covenant with the Jews. When half that period is at an end the great Antichrist is to surround Jerusalem, and then will ensue the battle of Armageddon, and it will take seven months to clear away the mountain of dead bodies that will be heaped up in the conflict. Armageddon will be the Sedan of Antichrist. It is quite possible that Prince Jerome Napoleon will be Antichrist. The young prince of Chiselhurst is to come to the French throne under ultramontane influences, and he will restore the Napoleon dynasty. Out of the present war and a coming war between France and Germany will arise the ten kingdoms which formed Cæsar Augustus' Roman empire. It is then that the great Antichrist will appear—the little horn—the sovereign of some State either in Turkey or Syria. If Cardinal Lucien Bonapart becomes the next Pope, (which Rev. Mr. Baxter believes is settled,) that event will hasten and bring to pass the immediate development of these prophecies. They will certainly be realized within the next few years, as Christ is almost due, when one hundred and forty-four thousand Christians will be translated, and there will be more conversions to the truth in one generation than have been made in six thousand years.

THE BIGGEST FIND YET.

Discovery of a Monster Skeleton with the Skeleton of a Man Inside It.

From the Carthage (Mo.) Patriot.

Mr. Henry Woodward owns a stock ranch in the Indian territory, in the Peoria nation, on which is situated the big sulphur spring. The spring is surrounded by a quagmire, which is very deep and "slushy," and so soft that it will not bear any considerable weight. Mr. Woodward lately undertook to curb up the spring in order to get water more easily, and while working in the mire came upon what appeared to be an enormous bone. He at once began an examination which disclosed the startling fact that it was the head of some mammoth beast. His curiosity was aroused, and with the assistance of three other men, he began the work of excavation. For four days they worked, but did not succeed in bringing the monster to the surface. They threw off the marl, but could not lift the head of the golitic giant. They found the skeleton well preserved, and the immense teeth still set in the massive head. The jaws were both in place, and the spinal column attached to the cranium. The earth was thrown off from the body to the length of twenty feet, but still the giant skeleton remained beneath. Three of the front ribs were forced out; and proved by measurement to be eight feet in length. The dirt was removed from the inside of the osseous structure, and there lay the skeleton of a human being with 102 flint arrow heads and fifteen flint knives. The cranium indicated that it was the skeleton of an Indian. It would have been impossible for the man to have been inside the animal without having been swallowed by him, and this theory is substantiated by the fact that the bones on the right side of the skeleton were broken and mashed, apparently by force. The monster, therefore, must have been carnivorous, which is also proven by teeth, which exhibit the marked characteristics of a flesh-eating animal. A large molar and two incisors, taken from the upper jaw, were exhibited to us at our office yesterday, the largest one weighing eight pounds and measuring eight by four inches in size. There are two large molars and two blunt tusks on each side of the jaw, the teeth between the molars and the tusks are incisors, having from two to six points and corresponding prongs to each tooth. In front of the tusks, the teeth are similar to those of most carnivorous animals in shape. All the bones indicate that they have lain buried for an incredibly long period, as they crumble rapidly when brought in contact with the atmosphere.

Every circumstance goes to show that these are the largest animal remains ever resurrected, and the teeth, tusks, and structure of the head and jaws prove unmistakably that it was of the carnivorous class.

The Watertown *Times* says that a traveling man chanced to drop into a Gouverneur store a day or to after the recent fire. The conversation naturally turned to that subject, and he remarked to an old man sitting near by:

"I suppose everybody thinks the fire was the work of an incendiary?"

"Well," said the old man, "some do think so, but I think it was *sot.*"

Married Life.

Julius Moser gives the following counsel from a wife and mother: "I try to make myself and all around me agreeable. It will not do to leave a man to himself till he comes to you, to take no pains to attract him, or to appear before him with a long face. It is not so difficult as you think, dear child, to behave to a husband so that he shall remain forever in some measure a husband. I am an old woman, but you can still do what you like; a word from you at the right time will not fail of its effect; what need have you to play the suffering virtue? The tear of a loving girl, said an old book, is like a dew drop on a rose; but that on the cheek of a wife is a drop of poison to a husband. Try to appear cheerful and contented, and your husband will be so; and when you have made him happy, you will become so, not in appearance but in reality. The skill required is not in appearance but in reality. The skill required is not so great. Nothing flatters a man so much as the happiness of his wife; he is always proud of himself as the source of it. As soon as you are cheerful you will be lively and alert, and every moment will afford you an opportunity to let fall an agreeable word. Your education, which gives you an immense advantage, will greatly assist you; and your sensibility will become the noblest gift that natue has bestowed on you, when it shows itself in affectionate assiduity and stamps on every action a soft, kind, and tender character, instead of wasting itself in secret repinings." This is most excellent advice, and worthy of being treasured up.

One of those excrescences on life, a female slanderer, went into a neighbor's house the other morning with her tongue loaded with new venom. There were several women present, and the slanderer's eyes glistened in anticipation. Throwing herself in a chair, she sighed, and said:

"One half the world don't know how the other half lives."

"That ain't your fault," quietly observed one of the company.

The slanderer turned yellow.

Hayes' situation in view of the Ohio election brings to mind the case of the French boy, who in a fit of rage killed his father and mother, and was convicted of the crime. "Have you anything to say before sentence?" asked the court. "Yes, I have," he replied. "You might be merciful to a poor orphan."—*Boston Post.*

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The Richmond (Va.) *State* tells its Democratic friends that they are silly in wasting words over the President's title to his office. "He is there," it says, "and that is enough for us. How he got there is too dead a question for live men to discuss."

It is the old story. Whenever a man chooses to give expression to an independent thought, in criticising any act of the Administration, all the sycophants at once cry out, "You must have been refused an office."—*Exchange.*

The policy adopted by the present Federal administration consoles the South for the disappointment of its political hopes in the result of the last Presidential campaign.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

Crazy Horse is dead. He was in the mane, a clever sort of savage—horsepitable, and kind. He was distinguished in war and peace alike for the equinemity of his temper. May he rest in peace.

The practical joke of a lively lady who cannot be out of mischief, was to fill the shower-bath of one of her admirers at a country house they were staying at, with ink.

The Decatur, (Ill.,) *Republican* says that the Rev. Mr. Hoy of that city has an apple tree that bears fruit without blooming, and the apples have no seeds.

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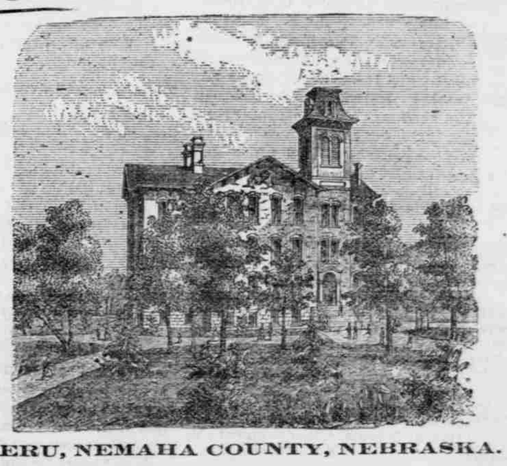

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