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EDITOR STAR AND HERALD:—As your paper is the medium for the diffusion of knowledge and for disseminating its rays, the writer craves a portion of its space for a few thoughts relative to the present status as regards several questions that agitate it in the political and social world.

Our politicians and statesmen in their pretended solicitude for benefiting their fellow citizens seem to ignore the eternal moral law of God which rules the universe as a potent factor in ameliorating the condition of humanity, which nevertheless acts whether believed in or not.

No more effectual means of purifying the hearts of a people can be devised than by purifying all public institutions and exhibiting justice and kindly affection as the animating motive of public men and national measures.

Alas, how little the true genius of Christianity is understood; its spirit is to elevate, purify and improve the true dignity of man, but it is thwarted and impeded by the worldly greed, selfishness and ambition of man, and distorted out of its true meaning by ignorant, conceited, vain and contentious man as he has yet shown himself.

Whatever injures moral principle, is injurious to society at large and perhaps the most potent factor in this is, defamation of character or slander. This viper enters the secrets of the grave itself. It is the creature of a most malevolent nature, and to be charitable, can only be excused by its ignorance and low apprehensions.

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Notice.

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WINDSOR CASTLE.

One of the Most Attractive Abodes of British Royalty. Windsor Castle is one of the most picturesque places in England. It was originally built by William the Conqueror, who here established a hunting seat. To Edward III. it owes much of its magnificence and strength; and since his time it has been a favorite abode of English sovereigns.

Here, too, after the restoration, romped the "merry monarch" with beauty and wit; and from this palace was driven forth the next King to give place to the great Stattholder. The third George here resigned; and the palace at length proved a prison for the insane old ruler. His granddaughter, Victoria, makes Windsor her home; and the Queen's court is a model of good order, while her family exhibits the results of wholesome training and worthy example.

An Extraordinary Lawsuit.

One of the most peculiar lawsuits in the history of the country was one instituted against the postmaster of Syracuse in 1848. The postmaster refused to deliver a newspaper to a Miss Felton, to whom it was addressed, without the payment of letter postage. A sender having placed upon it the initial letter of his name, Miss Felton sued the postmaster for the value of the paper, and a justice of the peace awarded her 6 cents damages and mulcted the defendant \$2.29. The postmaster carried the case to the Court of Common Pleas, which affirmed the judgment, with additional costs of \$32.95. Thence the case went to the Supreme Court of the State, which added \$37.65 to the judgment before rendered, and an appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals.

A Most Remarkable Case.

A San Francisco paper tells a curious story of a young man of that city, who understands the Turkish language without having learned it. His father was a missionary in Asia Minor, and died there some time before the birth of his child. Not many months after his birth his mother returned with him to this country, where he was reared as an infant. He received a fair education, but never devoted himself particularly to linguistic studies. Not long ago he happened to be in the office of the Turkish Consul in San Francisco, when he heard some conversation going on between the Consul and some Turkish sailors. He was surprised to notice that the sounds seemed familiar to him, and, listening carefully, he found that he could understand almost all that was said. He said that it seemed as though a veil was removed from his comprehension or a new faculty added to his mind.

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County Superintendent's Notice.

Examinations for second grade certificates will be held in my office on the first Friday and Saturday of each month except July. The candidate must pass a thorough examination in the structure and use of words, reading, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, and the use of maps and fractions. A school law in so far as it refers to teachers, pupils and directors, and must also show a satisfactory knowledge of the course of study for this grade.

Estimated in per cent the required average for the second grade will be so with a minimum of 70 for the first grade to a minimum of 75. Satisfactory evidence of a knowledge of the course of study is required before a second grade certificate is issued, and conclusive evidence of the work on success in the work outline for this county must be given, before a second certificate of any grade will be granted. A fee of one dollar will be charged for each examination.

TEXTILE FABRICS.

COTTON stockings were first made by hand about 1730. THE drop-box was invented by Robert Kay, English, in 1760.

SILK growers were sent to Georgia to begin business in 1732. IN 1760 15,000 pounds of cocoon were grown in South Georgia.

THE knitter frame was patented by Horton, English, in 1776. IN 1759 Strutt took out a patent for making ribbed stockings.

IN 1749 over 1,000 pounds of raw silk was exported from Georgia. PROCESSES for printing colored calicoes were invented in 1764.

UNTIL 1773 the wool of all linen goods was made of cotton threads. THE water frame was the invention of Wright, English, in 1769.

ABOUT 1780 cotton growing began in Georgia and South Carolina. SPINNING by rollers was patented by Louis Paul, English, in 1738.

THE spinning jenny was patented by Hargreaves, English, in 1767. THE spinning mule was the invention of Crompton, English, in 1779.

IN 1776 the Georgia silk growing was destroyed by British taxation. THE fly shuttle was invented by John Kay, of Bury, England, in 1738.

LEE's stocking frame was adapted to lace making by Hammond in 1768. CROMPTON's mule was first employed in making stocking thread in 1770.

THE manufacture of brocades was established at Lyons, France, in 1757. IN 1783 a statute was passed by Parliament against adulteration of dyes.

IN 1769 a 25 per cent. bounty was paid by England on American-made silk. IN 1765 Franklin advocated silk-raising in Pennsylvania; efforts partially successful.

A SOCIETY was organized in New York, 1765, for the encouragement of American woolsens. The society's rules forbade eating mutton or lamb, or the slaughter of sheep.

CHRONOLOGY OF PLANTS.

THE blue camothus came from Venezuela in 1818. THE dryanachia was discovered in New Holland in 1803.

THE Japan rose came from Japan to England in 1793. THE camellia is a Chinese plant, and emigrated in 1811.

THE China rose came from China to Europe about 1789. THE wax tree was taken to Europe from China in 1794.

THE coral tree came from the Cape of Good Hope in 1816. THE showy milkwort is from the Cape of Good Hope, 1814.

THE dahlia came from the Flowery Kingdom about 1803. THE sensitive coral plant came from South Africa in 1789.

THE lupine tree came to England from South Africa in 1793. CHRYSANTHEMUMS are Chinese, and came to Europe in 1790.

THE verbena is a native of Venezuela, taken to Europe in 1827. THE fuchsia fulgens is a Mexican plant, discovered in 1835.

THE youlan was taken from North China to England in 1789. THE giant everlasting came from the Cape of Good Hope, 1793.

THE victoria regia was taken from Guiana to England in 1838. THE petunia emigrated from Venezuela to Europe in about 1828.

THE resurrection plant grows in Mexico and Africa; described in 1855. THE orange passion flower is a native of South Carolina, noticed in 1792.

ABOUT 1,800 varieties of roses have been propagated during this century. THE giant lily is a native of New South Wales, and came thence in 1800.

MESQUITOS grow wild in all parts of the earth, and are as plentiful in Siberia as in the tropics. GROWTH OF STEAM.

THE Union Pacific, 1892, operates 10,928 miles of road. NEVADA has 1-117 of a mile of track to the square mile.

THE daily earnings of a passenger locomotive, 1892, are \$100. ILLINOIS has 1892, greatest length of railroads, 10,213 miles.

THE average cost of a passenger locomotive, 1892, is \$8,000. IN United States, 1892, there are 202,786 miles of railroad track.

THE Colorado Midland, 1892, ascends 11,530 feet above sea level. NEW JERSEY has a quarter of a mile of track to the square mile.

THE total assets of United States railroads are \$10,205,493,050. RHODE ISLAND, in 1892, has least length of railroads, 212 miles.

IN 1892 the estimated cost of United States railroads is \$9,000,000,000. IN United States, 1892, there are 31,062 locomotive engines and 1,090,813 cars.

THE Manhattan Elevated Railroad carries 190,000,000 passengers every year. TWENTY-FOUR United States corporations have each over 1,000 miles of track.

THE longest railroad bridge span in the United States is at Poughkeepsie, 548 feet. THE center of United States railroad mileage is ninety miles southwest of Chicago.

A Queer Sentence. An extraordinary sentence was passed upon a murderer in Neuruppin, Germany, a couple of weeks ago. The criminal was a workman who had murdered his two children and afterward mutilated the bodies in a shocking manner. He was sentenced to undergo fourteen years at hard labor, and at the expiration of the term to be executed.

He Will Learn from Our Farmers. The announcement is made that Count Tolstoy purposes paying a visit to the United States next spring. It is scarcely necessary to say that he will not come to be lionized. His object is "to live with the farmers, to study their methods of agriculture and stock raising, to become acquainted with the people of America who cultivate the soil."

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