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TOPICS OF THE TIME.

The Albuquerque Indian school established by the United States Government is in a flourishing condition, but is much crowded, and needs more accommodations. When the proposed new buildings are completed, there will probably be 500 pupils enrolled in the school. These pupils come mainly from the Pueblos of New Mexico, a semi-civilized race. There are in this tribe about 2,500 children of school age, who live within easy access of Albuquerque. There is a great desire among these Indians to have their children educated.

The tallest man in the country is said to be Henry Thurston, who first held this light of day near Jefferson City, Mo., but who now owns a cattle ranch in Texas. Mr. Thurston is seven feet seven and a half inches tall, and as he is thin and gaunt, and invariably wears a stove-pipe hat, he never fails to produce a positively startling effect upon the beholder. Moreover, he has acquired several habits of posture which add to the impression. For instance, if he happens to feel tired when walking in the street he is accustomed to rest himself by dropping his arms over a swinging sign and reclining his chin upon it.

The Rev. Newman Hall is universally known in England as the author of the tract "Come to Jesus." Some time ago, it is related, he wrote a reply to some of his critics, and, having a good deal of "the old man Adam" in his make-up, used some pretty stinging language therein. Before publishing it he read it to his friend, the late Dr. Binney, and then said: "Now, Doctor, I'm going to print it in tract form and I want you to suggest a name for it." "Well," said the other, "while you were reading some of those hard hits at your enemies, it occurred to me that you ought to call it 'Go to the Devil,' by the Author of 'Come to Jesus.'" Mr. Hall saw the point, and didn't publish the tract at all.

AMERICAN women going to Europe without escorts will hear with satisfaction of the establishment in Amsterdam and several other cities in Holland of a Hotel for Women to which men are not admitted as guests. Apartments are to be provided to suit every class, from the highest to the poorest; but the cheapest rooms in the attic are to be as clean as the suites on the first floor. These houses, it is stated, are an experiment of a society interested in the development of women, and are managed with an expectation of pecuniary profit. It is easy to understand why the benevolent Dutchmen, bent on the development of wives and daughters, should, as the first stage in the work, have made this odd experiment of insuring their safety from insult while traveling. Homes for women could be established with great propriety in most Continental cities, and would no doubt receive a good deal of American and English patronage.

THE three funds already collected for the erection of a monument to Gen. Lee in Richmond now amount to about $85,000. The Richmond Dispatch urges that the memorial project has been delayed too long, and that an energetic movement to carry it to completion should now begin. It suggests that the corner stone should be laid next October, and that the monument should be rendered memorable by a reunion of the Army of North Virginia, and by a ball at which the men should wear the Confederate uniform and the ladies dresses appropriate to the sentiment of the occasion. Doubtless, it says, Jefferson Davis would be present, and Beauregard, Johnston, Early, Hampton, Maury, Colquitt, Gordon, Kersaw, Vance and a host of other livivibles. In picturing the glories of that day The Dispatch makes this unfeeling and disloyal slap at the nobler army of martyrs who march under military titles conferred by themselves: "There would be present real generals, colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants, and privates—many of the last now famous men—by thousands."

THE New York Tribune is evidently not an admirer of the French pretender, Prince Jerome, nor has it very much faith in the manifestoes he from time to time issues. The announcement is made that that worthy is about to issue another of his documents, and the Tribune says: "If Plon Plon has a time on his hands and more common sense in his head he would scarcely be found engaging in this unique sort of foolishness. The Pope's bull against the comet is not supposed to have exercised any marked disturbing influence upon the heavenly bodies. But it proved the terrible potency of dynamite in comparison with one of those Napoleonic manifestoes. The Prince is consumed by an ambition as hopeless as it is magnificent. He yearns to see the hands go back on the dial and the consequent restoration of the Empire with himself on its throne. A manifesto buried at the electric light, and arguing for a return to the tallow-dip, would not be more absurd. The Republic must stay. It would be proper to add that Plon-Plon must go, were it not for the fact—which apparently he does not realize—that he went some years ago."

AMONG the questions likely to engage the attention of Congress at its next session will be the admission of Montana into the Union. Last winter the Legislative Assembly of the territory adopted a resolution providing for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention The election of these delegates was held recently, and among those chosen are such men as J. Schuyler Crosby, governor of the territory, D. H. Weston, territorial treasurer, and Alexander C. Botkin, Republican candidate for congress last fall. The convention consists of forty-five delegates. The constitution drawn up by the convention will be submitted to the vote of the people at the election in November, 1884. If it is ratified it will be submitted to congress with a petition for the admission of the territory. Will the territory be admitted There is one favorable feature. The claim of Dakota to be admitted as a state is too strong to be easily denied. Yet it is scarcely supposable that the Democratic house will be induced to will add two Republicans to the senate and three to the Electoral College, unless an offset can be found. For this they must look to Montana, which has always given Democratic majorities. The admission of Montana and Dakota at once is therefore possible. At the election last fall Montana cast over 25,000 votes. The year the census of its population has been rapid, and in the two years that must elapse before admission can be accomplished the territory will undoubtedly attain a population of 100,000.

FOLK NOTES.

Queen Victoria has a medallion of John Brown as big as a soup plate, which she wears as a breast-pin.

Spurgeon, the famous London minister, has only two children, and they are twins and Baptist clergymen.

Dr. Dio Lewis advises that Americans should retire politely when they die.

The Queen of Denmark, mother of the Princess of Wales, is an accomplished painter.

Charles Dudley Warner says the French, the Germans and the English are better penman than Americans.

Mrs. Senator Allison, who lately suicided at Dubuque, was worth $200,000 in her own right at the time of her death. She executed a will last November in which she bequeathed $30,000 in cash to her native New York. Sheets, tures, books and stationary of the Allison residence in Washington City and Dubuque to her husband.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes carries a horse chestnut in his pocket to prevent rheumatism.

Judge Tourgee, author of "Bricks Without Straw," "Figs and Thistles" and other novels, is writing a lecture about the dude.

The daughter of Bayard Taylor has, until recently, been supporting herself as a governess in New York. She and her mother declined a purse of $20,000, raised by New York ladies on learning that Bayard Taylor died poor.

Wilkie Collins, the novelist, snoks almost constantly.

Mrs. Ex-President Polk, resides in Nashville, Tenn. She recently attained her sixth jubilee with the same husband, and her natural force unabated. She is exceedingly bright and cheerful, and is the ghost type of a christian woman.

The estate of the late Judge Jere Black amounts to $200,000.

Mr. Samuel B. Stafford, of Maryland, a slaveholder before the war, has placed an exhibition in Boston the flag carried and the clothes worn by that famous captain of the many voyages and battles on the Boston Bonnet Richard.

Mrs. Frank Leslie is not likely, it is said, to bring home a husband from Europe, but she will bring back a pair of twenty-dollar boots and a Paris bonnet.

The rumor that Captain Scott-Siddons, husband of the actress, has gone mad in Australia and been placed in a lunatic asylum is believed to be true. He was of handsome person, elegant manners and intelligent mind, but he went hopelessly astray, squandered his wife's earnings, and left her in Australia, but to separate from him, at the cost of isolowing upon him a considerable pension in Australia. Mrs. Scott Siddons lives in England.

The story has been related of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin that once, in his active political days, he was in a party caucus at which there was only one man present beside himself. He thought it was not the other man claimed, but limped appointed secretary, and then transacted all the business in hand, and when he made out the details of the delegates chosen, he wrote in them that the delegate was elected at a "large and respectable caucus," because, he explained to the chairman, "you are large and I am respectable."

Mr. Gladstone has a great liking for his old clothes and wears an old hat after the trousers have become "baggy" at the knees. When a new suit has been obtained for him and placed in his dressing-room, he eyes it askance and puts on his old friends every morning as before. Then, after a few days, his servant enters the dressing-room stealthily at night and carries away the old suit, thus compelling the Premier to appear next morning clad in the new garments.

H. H. Bancroft, the California historian, has gone to Mexico and Central America for one year to study documents and antiquities. He is accompanied by three assistants.

Peter Cooper's advice to the young—"Knowledge, economy and labor are the shining virtues of civilized man. They form the foundation of every society and the surest source of natural and individual welfare."

The funeral of Lucy Fish Curtis, who died at West Roxbury, Mass., at the age of about 100 years, was at ended by her six children, the youngest being fifty-five and the oldest eighty-three years of age.

Mr. John Leach, of Yarmouth, has had this inscription photographed at his own expense for presentation to friends of the distinguished American President.

Speaking of attacks made upon the memory of President Garfield, a friend of his writes: "Mrs. Garfield is a saint of the other sort. She pays no attention to them whatever. Mrs. Garfield is a closer reader of the newspapers, and has been for many years, than I ever saw her in the least disturbed by attacks on the General. She remembers those who make them, and knows that a dozen good many maligners of her husband brought to repentance, but she never allows these things to disturb her."

The London Athenaeum says that the grandfather of President Lincoln was a resident of Norwich, in England, and the inscription over his tomb in that city runs as follows: "Sacred to memory of Mr. Abraham Lincoln, of this Parish, who died July 2, 1789, aged 79 years, and Hannah his daughter, who died September 23, 1769, aged 6 years.

Travelers in Egypt are surprised at the large amount of ophthalmia and blindness prevalent among the inhabitants. Want of cleanliness is the cause. An Egyptian mother, under the influence of the prevalent superstition, does not wash her child's eyes until eight days after birth. By that time the organ is frequently ruined. The teachers in the American and British mission schools of Cairo say that Egyptian mothers become strongly angry when urged to wash the eyes of their newly-born infants, and can rarely be persuaded to comply with a request of the kind.

An architect who built a new city hall for a western town made a block of it, and fled to Canada, as he left word with his friends. He remain until the affair should blow over. Next day a high wind struck the town, and his friends telegraphed him: "Come back. The affair was blown over last night."

MICHIGAN NEWS.

The jury in the inquest on the body of John Coulter, of Danby, Ionia county, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death on the 31st day of June, 1883, at the township of Danby, by scrofula poisoning, contributed to, as the jury believe, by Nancy Coulter. Mrs. Coulter has been committed and will be defended by A. B. Morse of Ionia.

The assessed real estate of Mecosta county footed up to $5,602,402, and the personal to $1,149,624, making a total $6,756,790. The county treasurer reports the total taxes levied at $95,005, and reported a total valuation, real and personal, of $6,961,792. The report was adopted, and also a vote was passed rescinding and postponing till January action on a resolution relative to the county seat, the board of supervisors adjourned.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune, who has made the study of reformatory institutions a specialty, says the Michigan reform school at Lansing surpasses any institution of the kind he knows of.

Rev. Dr. Worthington, rector of St. Paul's church, was unanimously chosen bishop of Shangai at the Episcopal convention held recently in Philadelphia.

A 3-year old child of Fritz Gritz of Eaton Rapids fell into a bon-fire, and was burned to death.

Reynolds & Williams' planing mill saw mill and foundry, Brown & McLelanie's grist mill and one dwelling, in Bronson were destroyed by fire recently. Loss $20,000; no insurance.

The identical house and barn in which Watson discovered the planet Vulcan is now in use at the observatory of the normal school, at Ypsilanti.

A farmer named W. J. Howe, whose home was in Tuscola county, but who for some time was killed a few days ago. He was hauling straw, and his horses becoming frightened at a train, which passed on the twin track, the straw rack, started to run. Mr. Howe grasped the lines to stop the team, and was thrown over and crushed to death. He was about 58 years of age, and much esteemed, and leaves a wife and two children.

The room used for chapel exercises at the state normal school, at Ypsilanti, will seat nearly 650. By additional seats, properly arranged, it could be made to seat comfortably, 800.

Battle Creek Republican. A singular formation is found in drilling for water at the station grounds in this city. A few feet below the surface is found just such material as Battle Creek uses for its sand and gravel stones, from the size of a marble to small boulders, mixed with shale and various water formations.

A telephone line is to run from Montague north through Whitehall, Shelby, Hesperia, to Hart. The route has been selected, the poles contracted for, and the line will be constructed, and a long felt want filled there.

Infarkies have been sent out to nearly all the principal dispensaries in Michigan calling upon them to report to the Medical Society, for the purpose of organizing a Michigan Pharmaceutical Association.

The Grand Rapids Gr. Nees raised 70 bushel of onions on one acre and a quarter of ground last season.

A Chautauqua Library and Scientific Circle has been organized at Ionia.

Bishop Gilbert, of Marquette, is charged with the offense of "disturbing a religious meeting by beating her head on the door. There is a strong feeling against him.

Mr. Ward, of Detroit, got at Grand Rapids, Sophia A. Williams was given a verdict of $5,000 against Mr. Ward, of Detroit, for damages, this amount being about $40,000 less than a verdict rendered on a former trial. The case was in brief the following: Plaintiff was 5 feet 6 inches, and in her evidence the court ordered her to stand up and show the jury how she converted filter bed, for the boom company, and showed how she was injured by the beginning of the suit. The defendant is protected by the indemnity bond of Skeels & Coal of Chicago, who furnished the bond in the case.

After dinner, a prominent citizen of Cheboygan, was found in the woods near that place with his throat cut and his body full of knife wounds. It is thought that he had resisted robbers, who on the approach of the gun which was accidentally discharged.

The Brighton military encampment disbanded, resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

The Ionia Sentinel says that a car of the Ionia City Sunday school, committed to memory a letter from Ionia to Detroit, and back again.

The Star Match factory at Grand Haven has a daily capacity of 500,000 grocs and employs from 75 to 100 hands, mostly girls.

Mr. Wheeler, of Eaton county, having sold his neighbor Smith a bedstead, sawed, after Smith had carted it home, and sold another man for an advance of one-fourth of acent a bushel, his last load of potatoes, and skipped.

Greenwood and Harding, the two men who robbed William Maher of Detroit, over into Windsor, where they attempted to play a similar game, have been convicted of murder by the Essex Assizes. The jury recommended the murdered man be shot dead. The sentence, but this could not avail, and the men were sentenced to be hanged on Friday, July 25.

A man named Henderson, living in Lower Lake county, had the ill luck to be kicked in the face by a horse. His jaw was dislocated in such a way that the doctors found it impossible to keep it block in proper position by outside appliances. They tried the splinting process and succeeded, wiring the parts together with a silver wire.

Two hundred and fifty sinners of Jackson have been converted at the recent revival.

Four new churches are in process of erection in Muskegon.

From one pound of seed potatoes Henry Dieck of Clinton, has raised 1,000 pounds of potatoes, aggregating 100 pounds in weight.

The Grand Haven and Ionia rails are laid on the Detroit, Bay City & Alpena road, which is Riffer river, and Au Sable will be out of the road before June 1st.

J. H. Marks of Chase has been sentenced to the Ionia house of correction for one year for stealing chickens in Montcalm county.

Mark Stapleton, of Wyoming territory, while visiting in Ionia county, was arrested, and is to be called upon to explain some irregularities said to have been taken place when he was sheriff of Ionia county, Michigan.

Henry C. Champlin of Jefferson, Jackson county, was found entangled in a barbed wire fence, with his throat cut from ear to ear, and to be a case of suicide.

The esteemed pastor of the Congregational churches of Michigan meets at Oakwood, near Thomas station on the Bay City division of the Michigan Central, June 26 to July 3.

An interesting programme has been prepared, and it is hoped that a large number of the churches may be given a strong impulse from the action of the pastors who are proposing to attend should notify Rev. Edina Carstensen, Oakwood, P. O.

Judge C. J. Fuller has discharged Richard Connors, who was held for trial on a charge of manslaughter in the Newaygo circuit. Last Saturday evening, at a saloon shot James Lumberton, was arrested, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct, and was fined $5 for six months. Three months and more after the shooting Lumberton died, and Connors was again arrested, But Judge Fuller says the man has been in jeopardy once and that is enough.

John Mann, a resident of Newaygo, dropped dead of heart disease the other day.

Mrs. Cyrus Johnson, daughter of Supervisor Campbell, of Fife lake, was married to her sister Maggie, when the horse ran away, throwing the bride out of the buggy and killing instantly. Her little son, who was with them, was not injured nor was her sister.

Judge J. M. Shepard, in a suit against the Muskegon booming company, in the United Circuit court, has decided that the plaintiff, who was given a verdict of $9,888.84, with interest for four years was rendered in her favor.

Several miscreants have been cutting timber on land in the upper peninsula belonging to the Michigan land agent is up there looking after the matter.

Mrs. Mary Gurr, of Hudson, who was severely injured in the collision on the Lake Shore railway at Pulaski, on the 4th of October, died, it has since died. Her death was caused by the injuries received on that occasion, which she received in the accident. She makes the fourth victim of the collision.

Thomas Fox, an aged farmer of Marengo, near Marshall, while driving home the other day, was accosted by two strangers, who engaged him to drive them to the outcome of which was that they secured about $100 in money from the old man, when they drove off. He started for home, but fell from his wagon unconscious, in which condition he remained till death. It is believed that the sharpers dragged him to obtain the money. Officers are in pursuit of the villains.

The Diamond wall paper finishing company, capital $40,000, has been organized in Grand Rapids.

One Coldwater firm killed and dressed 13,200 head of poultry in one week.

The Saginaw Courier says that in the world is located at Grand Haven. The mill has a capacity of 4,000,000 shingles per day.

A woman in Hamilton, Van Buren county, had a blackberry pie from blackberries picked in her garden the first of October.

The horticultural society of Allegan county is studying how to keep the soil supplied with the elements necessary to successful crop raising.

This is from the Lowell Journal: A man from up north visited the Lowell fair last week, the other day and offered $5 for a $5,000 painting—frame and all. He didn't get the picture and was glad of it afterward, for he went to a dollar store and bought one for his parlor for 75 cents. It pays to look around.

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Hams	14	@15
Shoulders	8	@9
Lard	10¼	@10½
Beef extra mess	11 75	@12 00
Wood, Hard Maple		7 00
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Spofford Speaks.

Before the teachers of the public schools of Washington Librarian Spofford delivered an address on "What to read; how to read; and when to read." In discussing the value and uses of great collections of books Mr. Spofford found an opportunity to speak a good word for the library under his charge. He said, in part: "Do not be appalled at the multitude of books, nor fear that you will never be able, with your small leisure, to master any appreciable share of them. The library of a Nation like that gathered here at Washington must seem to be too large, since it is the one appointed conservator of the Nation's literature. It is too great, not only for all the best works of every land, but all the best can books, which the smaller libraries have neither the space nor the means for the disposition. We accumulate in this librarian must be no censor, to include or exclude books at his pleasure, but a mindsoldian, a keeper of the books of the Nation. A library must be judged by its merit and take its chances of survival. There is no act of Congress requiring the fo to be read."

Mr. Spofford recommends the students to "read for ideas, not for words." He gives his reasons why little time should be wasted on the perusal of the books as follows: "Most writers of books have been at the pains to make the expression of their thoughts more bulky than the thoughts themselves. They are Judge in long episodes, tedious instructions and wearisome repetitions, beating the same thing over and over until it grows so thin that it fairly blows away. Even that consummate artist, Shakespeare, has left behind him some of his most profitable to skip. You will find passages in a single short essay of Lord Bacon than in many scores of average literature."

Laughing off Duels.

Speaking to the Cincinnatian (Ind.), of duels, Judge Bloxley said: "I have spilled waste-basket, we need a few men like Judge Bobley. He laughed out duels and laughed the life out of them. Yet I admire his courage. I think the man who can withstand the ridicule of his enemies. Yet I remember he said, when they threatened that if he did not kill the man with a man who had written a libelous article in one of St. Vitus's dance, he would be considered a coward. Yet he was the man who, while standing at his post, his whole frame jerked and twitched from his malady. Bobley is the sobriest manner in the world, and he is a forked stick stuck it in the ground in front of his opponent.

"What does this mean" asked his opponent.

"Why," says Bobley, "I want you to rest your pistol in this fork, so that you can steady your aim. If you shoot at me with that hand jerking so, you" pepper me full of holes in the first fire."

"Then there was a laugh all around, and the duel was put off without a day."

A gentleman who has recently returned from Europe where he visited Carlsbad for his health, says that the Chapman Brothers are exhibiting their art at the Hotel Westminster She occupies a suite of rooms on the first floor, and her doors are supplied with a dragon taunt in the vicinity. She appears in deep mourning, and is usually accompanied by Dr. Evans, the American dentist of Paris, and Madame Lebesque, her companion. Her visit excites the deepest interest and crowds of people wait outside the hotel to catch a glimpse of her, which must cause a great deal of annoyance to the ex-empress who is, at present, the most tragical historical figure now living.

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Spofford Speaks.

Before the teachers of the public schools of Washington Librarian Spofford delivered an address on "What to read; how to read; and when to read." In discussing the value and uses of great collections of books Mr. Spofford found an opportunity to speak a good word for the library under his charge. He said, in part: "Do not be appalled at the multitude of books, nor fear that you will never be able, with your small leisure, to master any appreciable share of them. The library of a Nation like that gathered here at Washington must seem to be too large, since it is the one appointed conservator of the Nation's literature. It is too great, not only for all the best works of every land, but all the best can books, which the smaller libraries have neither the space nor the means for the disposition. We accumulate in this librarian must be no censor, to include or exclude books at his pleasure, but a mindsoldian, a keeper of the books of the Nation. A library must be judged by its merit and take its chances of survival. There is no act of Congress requiring the fo to be read."

Mr. Spofford recommends the students to "read for ideas, not for words." He gives his reasons why little time should be wasted on the perusal of the books as follows: "Most writers of books have been at the pains to make the expression of their thoughts more bulky than the thoughts themselves. They are Judge in long episodes, tedious instructions and wearisome repetitions, beating the same thing over and over until it grows so thin that it fairly blows away. Even that consummate artist, Shakespeare, has left behind him some of his most profitable to skip. You will find passages in a single short essay of Lord Bacon than in many scores of average literature."

Laughing off Duels.

Speaking to the Cincinnatian (Ind.), of duels, Judge Bloxley said: "I have spilled waste-basket, we need a few men like Judge Bobley. He laughed out duels and laughed the life out of them. Yet I admire his courage. I think the man who can withstand the ridicule of his enemies. Yet I remember he said, when they threatened that if he did not kill the man with a man who had written a libelous article in one of St. Vitus's dance, he would be considered a coward. Yet he was the man who, while standing at his post, his whole frame jerked and twitched from his malady. Bobley is the sobriest manner in the world, and he is a forked stick stuck it in the ground in front of his opponent.

"What does this mean" asked his opponent.

"Why," says Bobley, "I want you to rest your pistol in this fork, so that you can steady your aim. If you shoot at me with that hand jerking so, you" pepper me full of holes in the first fire."

"Then there was a laugh all around, and the duel was put off without a day."

A gentleman who has recently returned from Europe where he visited Carlsbad for his health, says that the Chapman Brothers are exhibiting their art at the Hotel Westminster She occupies a suite of rooms on the first floor, and her doors are supplied with a dragon taunt in the vicinity. She appears in deep mourning, and is usually accompanied by Dr. Evans, the American dentist of Paris, and Madame Lebesque, her companion. Her visit excites the deepest interest and crowds of people wait outside the hotel to catch a glimpse of her, which must cause a great deal of annoyance to the ex-empress who is, at present, the most tragical historical figure now living.

AN EXPLANATION.

Justice Bradley delivered the opinion of the supreme court on the civil rights cases the other day, setting forth the leading points in the decision, and explaining scope of the Fourteenth Amendment. His remarks upon this point may be summed up in the following sentence: "Congress cannot regulate on subjects within the domain of state legislation." Further he said, "Says "Civil rights acts, such as are guaranteed by the constitution against state aggression cannot be impaired by the wrongful acts of individuals unsupported by state authority in the shape of laws, customs or judicial or executive proceedings. The wrongful act of an individual, unsupported by any such authority, is simply a private wrong or crime of that individual, an invasion of the rights of the injured party, it is true, whether they affect his person, his property or his reputation, but if not sanctioned in some way by the state, or by some person in authority, his rights remain in full force and may presumably be vindicated by a resort to the laws of the state for redress. An individual cannot deprive a man of his right as a citizen to hold property, to buy and sell, to sue in the courts, or to bear witness or testimony, or to be, for a crime, tried by a jury or the enjoyment of a right in a particular case; he may commit assault and battery, or even murder, or use ruffianly violence at the polls, violate many statutes of the state with impunity, but unless protected in these wrongful acts by some law of the state, or by some person in authority, his rights remain in full force and he may resort to the laws of the state for redress. An individual cannot deprive a man of his right as a citizen to hold property, to buy and sell, to sue in the courts, or to bear witness or testimony, or to be, for a crime, tried by a jury or the enjoyment of a right in a particular case; he may commit assault and battery, or even murder, or use ruffianly violence at the polls, violate many statutes of the state with impunity, but unless protected in these wrongful acts by some law of the state, or by some person in authority, his rights remain in full force and may presumably be vindicated by a