

BOYS, KEEP OUT OF SALOONS.

In and about Dallas there are an unusual number of boys, young men we may say, ranging all along from fourteen to twenty years of age.

Passing saloons on Main street, our ears are frequently greeted with voices within, of youngsters whose every hope, ambition and laudable aspiration in life, forbid their frequenting such places.

This prepared me for another and another step. I was finally caught, and here I am. Boys, the above is a true statement of the cause leading to the conviction and sentence of the great majority of those who shall see and converse with in the Penitentiary at Salem.

Can you afford to frequent the saloon in the shadow of a doom so appalling? Then, boys, of Dallas, and elsewhere let us confer together and we will assist you to mark out a line of action which shall exempt you from the toils of the tempter.

You can all read; some of you enjoy yourselves when engaged in reading and study. You can all get them.

Not long since a boy stepped into our office and asked us if he could subscribe for the SIGNAL and pay us in work? We answered him with pleasure, certainly. He told us to send it to him and command him when we needed his services.

He desires to learn and qualify himself for the duties which await him in the near future. Boys, as you value your good name and future fame, keep out of the saloons.

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While thousands of very good, reliable and trust worthy men visit saloons to while away an hour, none of them will tell you, boys, that they came out of them any better, wiser or higher in the scale of their own self-respect.

No boys, you cannot afford to spend your hours where you can receive no impressions which will ever rebound to your own good, though you may lay the false and deceptive unction to your hearts that nothing bad will come of it.

No man ever became drunken who did not take the first drink; neither did any boy ever become immoral and depraved by contact with the fetid atmosphere of a saloon who did not make his first visit there.

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lem and let us point out to you the poor, down cast convic's confined there at penal servitude. Then let us take them, one by one, to some secluded spot and ask him to tell us, truthfully, where he had, in his better days, spent his leisure hours, and where, as he grew up and grew older, he was in the habit of spending his idle time?

What do you think, boys, the answer will be? Think you he will say he was in the habit of attending church and the Sabbath School regularly, or at all, for that matter? No. Nineteen out of every twenty of them will say: "I spent the greater portion of my time after I grew up, either in the saloon or in the society of tipplers; I drank; was often drunk. Frequently engaged in broils, fights and unworthy contentions.

I gambled. Often became penniless. Did not know where the next dollar was to come from. Became estranged and alienated from my parents and former friends.

Was tempted often to commit crime, to the end that food, and shelter from the pitiless storm, might be procured. I committed the first theft for these purposes.

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STOP THEM IN THEIR WILD CAREER.

Some of the republican papers of this State have taken occasion to misrepresent the Hon. F. Waymire, with reference to that gentleman's convictions and conclusions, respecting the stampede of the republican members and the status of legislation at the time the secession was prematurely brought to a close.

The Hon gentleman, not content to remain silent under imputations which affect his record for truth and fair dealing, writes to the Unionist the following article which appears in the columns of that print of Jan. 23d: HAYDEN HALL, Jan. 19. 1869.

EDITOR UNIONIST.—In referring to my articles in the SIGNAL, you make me say what I did not intend to say, and did not say. I did not say that the majority party seemed indisposed to legislate. What I said was that a majority of the members did not seem inclined to take hold, and push business along, during the forepart of the session.

I referred to the legislative raid on the State Fair, as proof to the point. But the inference you would like to obtain is, that I affix blame to Democratic members for the revolutionary manner in which the late session dissolved itself, and for the incompleteness of the business at that time. I do not say such things. I desire to leave a record for truth and veracity among my neighbors when I shall be called to my final account, and in view of this fact alone, if there was nothing else to impel me so to do, I would have said that the disruption of the late legislative session was the work of the Republican members thereof, connived at by the Governor—the whole without provocation or excuse.

Now, Mr. Editor, since you have placed me in a false light before my fellow citizens, I ask the favor of the publication of this disclaimer in your columns. I am, sir, yours, etc. F. WAYMIRE.

THE GREAT VICE OF THE AGE.—Dr Kirkbridge, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Insane Hospital, in his last report refers to three hundred and forty-four cases of insanity as induced by intemperance. And says: "Intemperance is steadily on the increase in both sexes and with all classes of people. Of this there can hardly be a question. It is indeed, rapidly becoming the great vice of our country, giving to our criminal courts the largest share of their business, filling up the wards of our hospital and other charitable institutions, crowding our almshouses, and blighting the fairest hopes and brightest anticipations of whole families in every walk of life."

After Jefferson's inauguration as a Democratic President of the United States, he proceeded to the removal of some of the more obnoxious partisans of the Federalist faith, when he was demonstrated with by a deputation of Puritans from New Haven. Mr. Jefferson replied that the majority had rights as well as the minority, and asked the renouncers "how vacillities were to be procured without the exercise of the prerogative of removal? Those by death are few and by *res quantum valeat*."

That same rule holds good to this day. Federal office holders neither die nor resign worth a cent.

Phil Sheridan writes to headquarters: "I had an interview today with the daughter of Black Kettle."

There is a squaw out here on the South Yamhill who sometimes visits Dallas, about whom Phil shed "copious effusions" of tears on the occasion of his last "interview" with her, on the run near Corvallis. This "forest maiden" entertains the hope, so she says, that Phil will redeem his pledge by returning to comfort her.

A correspondent of the Gazette says: I have a plan to propose for the people of Oregon to settle their railroad war. If the people of Oregon will give for two years what they spend for liquor, to build and equipping railroads, they can build a railroad on both sides of the river, each 120 miles long; said railroads to be built at an average cost of \$35,000 per mile, and will not need any State or Government aid to help them. If any one should doubt it, he can make the calculation for himself. The amount of retail liquor sales for the year 1867, (which is the amount consumed) as per statistics of Revenue Commissioner Wells, for Oregon is \$4,261,240.

The above was probably suggested by an editorial in the SIGNAL of date Nov. 8, 1868. Will the Gazette copy said article?

CORRESPONDENCE. MONMOUTH, Polk co.

EDITOR SIGNAL:—

In my last allusion was made to a trip from Oregon to California in 1847; a few incidents connected with that trip may be of some interest. I believe it was the first trip made by white men, with their families, women and children, that had been made between those two points by land. Instead of the passage being made by four horse coaches as at present, in seven days, it then took twenty-five days to make the trip, and instead of a well worked stage road, the travel was along a narrow bridle path, then known as the "California trail."

There was about forty persons in the company, and among them seven families, with quite a number of women and children. We started about the first of May, and at that time there was but about one or two houses between Mary's river, and the Sacramento; the country was infested with Indians all along the route, and it required the utmost vigilance to prevent the loss of our animals from the theiving propensities of the Indians, as also to preserve our own lives.

An old gentleman by the name of Forrest, having in his family two small children, was at a loss how to take them through to the best advantage. He at length concluded to adopt the following plan: He made a large saddle, after the pattern of an old fashioned pack saddle, fastened a hoop around the upper projections, then when ready to start he placed the saddle upon a horse, put a small pack on each side, and the children in the centre, enclosed by the hoop, and in this manner the horse was led or drove safely through with his precious burden. We were not seriously molested by the Indians but once; that was at Rouge river, which river was very high, and it was necessary to effect some means by which we could cross over the families, so we struck camp and concluded to "dig a canoe."

It occupied the most of two days in making the craft, and when completed a load was put in, and all at once when about to shove from the shore, at least one hundred Indians suddenly arose out of the brush on the opposite bank, and made the woods resound with the most hideous yell that ever emanated from human lungs. At the same instant several shots were made in the direction of the canoe, but owing to the guns being loaded with gravel they missed their aim. Our men all rushed to the river with their guns and kept up a continuous fire. This alarmed them and prevented them from coming to the bank, and in that manner we crossed over the whole company, under cover of the fire of men stationed on the bank of the river. After the men had all crossed we had quite a skirmish with the red devils, but our men were all true grit and they soon cleared the road of all sign of Indians. There were two in the path of "Uncle Samuel" laid cold in death upon the soil, but we escaped all harm. After this we were not further molested the next day an Indian was seen about a mile off, three or four men started in pursuit of him, but with their horses they were unable to overtake him. It appeared at that time as if those Indians could outrun a common Cayuse pony on the open plains, at any rate we made several attempts to catch them by running our horses after them and failed in every attempt. At Klamath river we came near meeting with a serious accident, an old lady in riding across the stream became dizzy; her head began to swim and throwing her weight on the lower side of the horse was causing the horse to beat down the stream. But an old mountaineer by the name of Saxon, mounted on a powerful mule, put spurs to his animal, made him leap from the bank and rushed to her rescue, and just in the nick of time, for a moment more and she would have been lost. Thanks to the generous hearted man where ever he may now be.

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