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PROFESSION VS. PRACTICE.

Mr. Edmonds, following in the wake of many other prominent political leaders of his party throughout the country, is reported in the Congressional Record as contending that, since the Vice President who had succeeded to the Presidency was a Republican, therefore it would be unjust, unfair and contemptible to fill his place in the Senate with a Democrat. He even arraigned the Democracy for a purpose to "draw a prize in the lottery of assassination!" Now, it so happens that there is a vacancy in the U. S. Supreme Bench by reason of the death of the aged Clifford who was a Democrat, and whose wish and oft expressed desire was that he might be succeeded by a member of that party. If Mr. Edmonds will urge upon the President the justice, propriety and fitness of the appointment of a Democrat to this vacancy, then will his practice accord with his professions. But he will not do that. He will require the President to draw a prize in the lottery of death by replacing the lamented Clifford on the Supreme Bench with a Republican. Statesmen so-called of the modern school, are quite content to act the role of the political shyster. This want of manly rectitude is not confined to either party; it is contagious, and few scruple to wallow in the dirty pool of partisan charlatany and false pretense.

FUGIT SOUND VS. PORTLAND.

Henry Villard, in his address to the Portland merchants, touching the relative cost of transportation from the East and Europe to Puget Sound and Portland, said:

"I will state in this connection that we expect to load next year between fifty and sixty ships in New York and Philadelphia with railroad material for the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, and the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. These snips may come here but they may also go to Tacoma. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company shipped a cargo on the ship Dakota to Tacoma at the rate of \$2 50 less per ton than the rate the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company had to pay in sending railroad material to Portland. When it comes to shipping 50,000, 60,000, 70,000 or 80,000 tons, of course such a difference is a very essential item. And you would consider us very poor business managers if we did not avail ourselves of the difference by sending our ships to Tacoma in preference to sending them here."

Ben Butler says if his present pressing engagements did not forbid, he would willingly devote the long weary weeks necessary to Guiteau's defence without the hope of pecuniary reward. He would regard it as a professional duty. Buttler's chivalrous answer to Seville illustrates the difference between the great lawyer and the Shyster—numbers of the latter genus having declined with an air of disdain to have anything to do with the case.

WHAT CONSTITUTES MARRIAGE?

The one rule of law which, apparently, will not stay settled, is that rule of the common law under which marriage is inferred. Although the common law rule prevails in most of the States, the Courts are continually beset with cases, in which the validity of the marriage contract is in one way and another controverted. About eleven hundred and ninety cases involving the integrity of the marriage relation have been tried in New York State in a dozen or so years, all resulting as the latest one did, in sustaining the validity of the marriage. The findings of the latest case of the sort are reported in the N. Y. Sun. It was the case of the sisters of a Mr. Hynes, deceased, who sought to show that Mr. and Mrs. Hynes were never married, with the view of taking his real estate by inheritance. In the course of his charge to the jury Judge Daly said:

"According to the law of this State marriage is a civil contract, by which a man and woman take each other to be man and wife. No form or ceremony is required to make the marriage valid, and the consent of the parties may be proved by any witness, and if there were no witnesses, by themselves or either of them; and if better evidence is not attainable, a valid marriage may be inferred from actual cohabitation as husband and wife, acknowledgement and recognition of each other to friends and acquaintances and the public as such, and general reputation of bona fide marriage. This is the common law of marriage, and prevails in this State. It always prevailed in England before the passage of late statutes providing for ceremony and registration, and it is presumed by the law of this State to prevail in every country where a contrary law is not expressly proven. Thus in this case it was held to prevail in France, because no other regulation was there shown to exist. In the essentials of contract, marriage is the same the world over. A man and woman take each other for man and wife. This consent is the essence of the contract; without it no ceremonies will make a marriage, and to it no ceremonies can add anything. The difference in the marriage laws of countries is a difference in the mode of authenticating the contract."

The jury retired and fifteen minutes afterward returned with a verdict sustaining the legality of the marriage.

Poor Seville, attorney for Guiteau, is to be pitied. Left alone to his own meager resources in a strange country, without experience in the management of great criminal defenses, his lot is a hard one, and intitles him to the commiseration of all mankind.

Guiteau hates the idea of pleading insanity to save his neck. He contends that, having saved the Republican party, that party ought, in turn, save him.

The U. S. Revenue Cutter "Corwin" has returned from the North to San Francisco, but brings no tidings of the fate of the "Jeannette."

It is reported that in China official circles General Grant is believed to be Emperor of the United States.

COWARDICE AND COMPLACENCY.

Republican leaders are made of the mettle to do and dare. In 1869 (we think it was) John P. Stockton was elected to the U. S. Senate by the Legislature of New Jersey but not by a majority of all the members elected to either House. The election was ratified by the same Legislature repealing the statute requiring such majority. Stockton was admitted to his seat but afterwards ousted upon the plea that he had not been indorsed by all the members elected to either House of the New Jersey Legislature. Miller and Lapham, the Half Breeds from New York were elected by a minority of all the members returned to either House of the Legislature of that State, in the face of an un repealed statute requiring such majority. The Democracy was in the majority in the U. S. Senate and could have kept the new Senators out, thus giving New York the opportunity to send two Democratic Senators this Fall, or return Senators elected according to law at least. But, with that cringing, half-hearted, indecisive, meek and lowly disposition to lick the hand that smites them peculiar to the present race of Democratic leaders, said leaders permitted the two ineligible (according to Republican precedent) Senators to be sworn in without the show of a contest. These political mummies may plead that two wrongs do not make one right; but people of sense fight the devil with fire and justify their representatives in a like course of action. Of all cowards the complacent coward is the most detestable of cowards.

"Dead Things Will Crawl."

An Albany exchange says: The above saying was fully verified last Saturday evening out at the Fair Ground, in a match foot race between a professional racer of considerable note from California and a 17-year old Linn county boy—distance 100 yards. The sports and toughs were backing Wickwire, the professional, while Colwell, the boy, was backed by a few intimate friends. Betting ran high in favor of Wickwire—five to one—so confident were his backers. The racers met at the score, shook hands, and then away they went like a flash, Wickwire getting about six feet the start, but the boy caught him before he had gone thirty yards, and from that time on the race was a one-sided affair, the boy running and looking back and laughing at him, and winning the race by ten feet. The sports had caught a tarter and got most beautifully salivated, and some of their banking games didn't open Saturday night, while some of the roughs who backed the professional took it afoot down the road Sunday morning. The Linn county boy has beat everything that has struck Oregon soil, and yet he is but a boy and has never had one minutes training."

On Wednesday evening a farmer driving home was stopped by three masked men, taken from his wagon bound to a tree and gagged, and robbed of all his money. This did not happen in Italy, nor in Mexico, nor in South America, nor in Missouri, but in quiet Maine, the home of Solon Chase, and of the minister to Spain, and of Neal Dowe and the Maine liquor law.

Slippery David Davis (and there are 400 pounds of him) has been chosen, by the Republicans, President pro tem, of the U. S. Senate in place of Mr. Bayard, lately chosen by the Democrats, the parties each exercising power in the matter of electing a presiding officer when they had a majority. Mr. Bayard is a very smart man, and made a good presiding officer; Mr. Davis also is a smart man and will make a good presiding officer, though if he chooses to act independently as in the past, it will prove unpleasant to those who elect him. His course in the U. S. Senate has been very much like that of a flea under a man's shirt—always in order for business, but when you want him you don't know where to find him.—Calistogian.

An exchange says that a great discovery has been made on the Mojave desert, which seems destined to revolutionize vine-culture in Southern California. It has been found that grape-cuttings inserted in the trunk of the cactus on the desert, grow and thrive as vigorously as in cultivated land. This fact is of great importance to the people. With a chisel a man can plant a large vineyard in a day, and the vines so planted will climb the cactus and grow luxuriantly without cultivation or irrigation. The dry, hot sand of the desert will afford a fine place for drying raisins. In addition to grapes it has been proved that melons, cucumbers and tomatoes will grow from the cactus stock.

The following are some of the new words introduced into the revised Bible which will not be quite acceptable to some readers, as they sound too much like common reading, as a good sister has said: "Apparition," "wine skins," "narrative," "procousul," "baggage," "assassins," "dysentery," "disparagement," "wheel of nature," "Praetorian Guard," "impostures," "disparagement," "effulgence," "gangrene," "Autumn." In one place the word Joshua replaces the word Jesus. It evidently a correct translation, and makes statements intelligible which before had no significance.—Polaris.

A dispatch dated Oct. 17th, says: One hundred and thirty British and foreign vessels were wrecked last week, being an increase of 104 over the previous week. The approximate value of the property lost is £8,000,000, of which £6,000,000 represents the British losses. Eighty-five vessels, principally British, were lost off the coast of the United Kingdom during the recent gale, against only twenty wrecks in the early part of the week in all parts of the world. One hundred and thirty-eight persons were reported lost or missing.

Robert Collyer says: This is the land of armed men: Even the farmer has a revolver in his bedroom, and on the slightest provocation pulls out his pistol. Two hundred years have proved that in civil life the Quaker is right. No Quaker ever shoots and no Quaker is ever shot. There should be a general disarmament, and we should guard the sale of pistols as we guard the sale of poisons. It is the brutality that comes with the possession of a weapon that does the harm.

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160 Acres, 135 acres up land and 25 acres bottom; 11 1/2 miles from Port Orford. U. S. title; terms, cash.

160 Acres on Sixes river, six miles north of Port Orford, 5 acres suitable for cultivation; 12 head of cattle—cows, steers and heifers. U. S. title. Terms reasonable.

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160 Acres 1/2 mile south of Euchre creek, on the Coast. One half bottom; the balance upland easily cleared; 15 acres well seeded in velvet grass and 3 acres in garden; dwelling house pleasantly located near the beach; 11 head of cattle; 12 head of hogs; several stands of bees; farming implements, etc. Also 1500 feet good beach mining ground fronting land claim, with ditches, fluming, together with mining implements. A good chance for a practical miner.

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