

OCHOCO REVIEW.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1893.

SHOULD BE A WARNING.

The result of the two criminal cases tried at the recent term of circuit court may well serve as a warning to men who are sometimes tempted to do wrong, and the two blighted lives can well be considered guide-boards along the road of life to warn others of the danger of stepping outside the well-beaten paths of virtue and right.

One of the unfortunates is far beyond the meridian of life, being perhaps sixty-five years of age, yet this long existence had not taught him to practice honesty; and for forging a check on which he realized only the paltry sum of \$20, he is sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, where he will probably close the last days of a mislaid life, and still, in view of the crime, his punishment is not severe. What his past life has been the writer has no knowledge. He may once have been an honorable, upright man, "enjoying the confidence and respect of his associates, or he may be an old criminal deep dyed in sin; probably the latter, for he came here a stranger, and in his time of trouble not one friend appeared to stand up in his defense. But what his life from this on will be all can tell. He must fill a felon's cell in a state reformatory, and should he survive his sentence he will go forth into the world a decrepit old man, his name forever stamped with the stigma "thief." The spectacle is sad to contemplate. To see one so old overtaken by such retribution cannot but create a feeling of sympathy, but our sympathy does not detract from the lesson taught, that he who attempts to defraud others, or to get something for nothing must suffer a penalty, and the lesson should encourage other and younger men to shun such acts.

The other unfortunate is a man just in the prime of life, strong and vigorous, possessed of all the natural powers, both mental and physical, to make him a useful citizen, with prospects of happiness before him, but those prospects are blighted. Life has no pleasures in it for him now. A court has decreed that the remainder of his days shall be spent within prison walls. And why? He has violated one of nature's laws and a law of his country by taking that which he cannot return—the life of a human being. And why did he take it? Simply to maintain the idle boast that he had greater strength than his adversary—that he was "champion."

When the laws are thus offended there must be something unnatural to provoke or bring about these results. It is not natural for men to fight and kill. It is foreign to the nature of human beings. And what are these causes? What warps a man's nature and causes him to do such deeds? In this case there seems to have been two influences to provoke this awful deed. One was the common evil, over indulgence in drink. Both combatants, the one who was slain and the one for whom the prison gates are now opening to enclose him from the world the rest of his natural life, were intoxicated at the time of the encounter, and had they not been in this unnatural state, evidently the crime would not have been committed. Another cause is the usurous and uncallid-for habit of carrying murderous weapons. Too often the young man purchases a pistol or dirk knife, neither of which he requires in his peaceful pursuits, thinking that he may at some time be called upon to use them in an encounter. They from that time become his companions. When alone he will take these weapons out and put them in good repair, look at them, think how he would use them if called upon, and while brooding upon some imagined affront will work himself up to a state that he becomes really dangerous, transformed from his natural self into a sort of maniac on the subject of inflicting injury upon some one whom he believes to be an enemy, and should he ever get into difficulty serious results may accrue. The result of this wrecked life should be a lesson to those who do not desire to follow his footsteps. They can see in it the certain results to follow such transgressions. And by it they should be taught to reform from over indulgence in the use of intoxicants; not to be too hasty in representing supposed wrongs, and above all to desist from carrying weapons for which they have no use.

OUR EXTRAVAGANT SOLONS.

The Salem *Independent* makes some comparisons of the expenses incurred by the legislative session of 1893 (per diem and mileage of members and clerk hire) and the same expenses for the session of 1882, which show an unusual and seemingly unnecessary increase of expenses during the past ten years. In 1882 there were the same number of members and the session lasted the same number of days as the session of 1893, and the per diem and mileage of members for that session was \$14,291.15, while for the session of 1893 it was \$17,569.95. But the greatest difference in the expenses of the two sessions is in that incurred for clerks. The members of the 1882 session contented themselves with thirty-seven clerks, whose salaries aggregated \$5,234, while the members of the last session found it convenient to employ one hundred and eighty-two clerks, and their salaries amounted to \$27,611.10. The increase in the mileage of members is easily explained by their having gone on more junketing trips, however they were generally traveling on free passes, yet they did not neglect to charge the mileage to the state. But it is difficult to see what necessity there was for the members of the last session to have one hundred and eighty-two clerks, two more than two for each member, while in 1882 the members found thirty-seven all that were necessary. There certainly has not been such an increase in the business of the legislature since 1882 that five times as many clerks were actually required. This can only be viewed in the light of useless extravagance. This of course is not the only instance of extravagance indulged in by the legislature, but it is one in which some \$20,000 more than necessary was expended, and explains how it is that the legislature is each session becoming more expensive and why the state taxes gradually increase.

Friday of last week was the last day, according to the provisions of the Geary law, on which Chinese could register. And when the revenue officers closed their offices on that day a very small per cent of the Chinese residents had registered. In this state probably not five per cent have registered, while in the district of San Francisco, where there are 52,000 Chinese, only 2100 registered. What will be done with those who have neglected to register is uncertain, but if the U. S. supreme court holds the law to be constitutional there is little doubt but they will be deported. The matter will be brought before the supreme court at once, and a decision had in a short time.

The old Liberty Bell, which first rang out the news of American independence 117 years ago, was taken to the World's Fair recently, and all the way from Philadelphia to Chicago it was greeted by many enthusiastic patriots who gathered at railroad stations to see the old, cracked, voiceless bell, and cheered it as they would the most noted personage in the nation.

President Cleveland has for the present closed the White House to office-seekers, and will devote his attention to more important business. It is said he has not yet taken the Oregon applicants' recommendations out of the pigeonholes, hence the would-be federal officers of this state will have to remain on the anxious seat a while longer.

Sir James Long, proprietor of the Sheffield, England, *Telegraph*, who visited the World's Fair last week, says he considers the Chicago show the greatest ever held, the most extensive, the most costly and architecturally the most imposing. It was a question of money, and never before had so much money been contributed for such a purpose.

Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, was admitted in Washington last week to practice before the United States supreme court. It is stated that the judge stands a good chance of being appointed United States district attorney for Oregon. He is eminently qualified for that position.

The Amity *Populist* has espoused the populists' cause, and it is understood will soon begin "popping" for Pennoyer in the coming contest for U. S. senator. The governor will likely need a little heavier artillery than this before he is boomed into the senate.

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LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR.

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THOMAS J. STEPHENSON, Ha. App No 264, For the E. 1/4 of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of SEC 3. See 19 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 See 1/4 Twp 18 R 20 E W.M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Loren Taylor, Isaac Gage, John Evans, of Terrebonne, Oregon; Bandier Vowell, of Prineville, Oregon.

JOHN W. LEWIS, Register.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before County Clerk of Crook County, Oregon, on June 10, 1893, viz:

C. M. BUSKEY, Ha. No 218, For the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 See 1/4 Twp 18 R 20 E W.M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

W. C. Wakefield, J. C. Hassell, all of Pauline, Oregon.

J. B. HUNTINGTON, Register.

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JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM, Ha. No 132, For the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 See 1/4 Twp 18 R 20 E W.M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Albert Hodges, Frank Powers, F. Borsting, James Hayes, L. S. Logan, all of Price, Or.

J. W. WATTS, Register.

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DESTAMIS F. ZELL, Com Bd. App No 437, For the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 See 1/4 Twp 18 R 20 E W.M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Albert Kington, William Jones, James Hayes, Walter Morrison, Frank Powers, of Prineville, Oregon.

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CHARLES H. SELBY, Ha. App No 2388, For the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 See 1/4 Twp 18 R 20 E W.M.

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