

### THE SAILOR'S GRAVE.

(The following well-known lines possess uncommon merit. They have ever been published as anonymous. Can any give us a clue to the author—*Portfolio*.)

Not in the church-yard shall he sleep,  
Amid the silent gloom,—  
His home was on the mighty deep,  
And there shall be his tomb.  
He loved his own bright deep blue sea,  
O'er it he loved to rove;  
And now his winding sheet shall be  
That same bright ocean's foam.  
No village bell shall toll for him  
Its mournful solemn dirge;  
The wind shall chaunt a requiem  
To him beneath the surge.  
For him break not the grassy turf,  
Nor turn the dewy sod;  
His dust shall rest beneath the turf,  
His spirit with its God.

*Lafe.*

What is life? It is a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. *James 4:14.*

Like the falling of a star:  
Or as the flight of eagles':  
Or like the fresh spring's gaudy hue,  
Or silver drops of morning dew!  
Or like the wind that chafes the flood,  
Or bubbles which in water stood;  
Even such is man, whose light  
Is straight called in, and paid to-night.  
The wind blows out, the bubble dies,  
The spring entombed in autumn lies,  
The dew dries up, the star is not,  
The flight is past—and man forgot.

—*Bishop Ming.*

**R**ev. John Bryson, a Presbyterian clergyman in Northumberland Co., died recently, at the age of 98. He was for some time in the Revolutionary army, and afterwards studied theology under Dr. Waddell, the blind preacher whom Wm. H. has immortalized. He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1780, and installed by the Presbytery of Carlisle in 1790, in one of which he preached until 1811.

**H**OLLAND.—Evangelical religion in Holland is at a low ebb. Rationalism is dominant in the government, in the pulpit, and in the Universities, and the prospects are disheartening to the friends of practical piety.

**H**ead downward.—The patriot French men who do not particularly admire Louis Napoleon's strong government, have an ingenious method of expressing their dissatisfaction. They affix the post-stamps, which bear Napoleon's head, on their letters head downward. So extensively has this become the sign of the opposition, that four-fifths of all the letters posted have the head inverted.

**W**hat is Moderate Drinking?  
"Excessive drinking is a great evil." So says Judge Brown, and so say all. Even the *Westminster Review* opens a late article with the declaration, that "the evils of drunkenness is impossible to exaggerate." But moderate drinking, getting only partially drunk, is both safe and orthodox. Whereas, the doctrine of the *Prohibitionist* is, that introducing liquors as a beverage in any quantity, is excess. All such use is abuse. In answer to the question "What is moderate drinking?" a writer unknown to us has penned some striking things in the following...

"It is the great deceiver of nations, promising health and long life, yet destroying more by its tendencies than war, famine, or the plague.

It is a sweet morsel in the mouth, but gravel in the stomach.

It is the A B C of drinking; the picture book, leading the young and thoughtless to the worst lessons of intemperance.

It is a regular quack medicine, making splendid promises, but performing no cure and yet demanding enormous pay.

It is the starting-point to the work-house, the asylum, and the gallows.

It is a light-fingered gentleman, who feels every corner of the drawer, and is the very bottom of the purse.

It is the first step in an inclined plane of rapid descent, smooth as marble, and slippery as glass, ending in an abyss of ruin.

It is a beautiful serpent, whose fangs and deadly venom are concealed by the dazzling of its coils.

It is hypocrisy personified, an affected outside nobility, while all is agitation and meanness within.

It is the landlord's birdlime, by which he secures his victims, and fastens them in a cage.

It is an ignis fatuus tempting its fitted followers over troubling bogs, and tumbling them down a frightful precipice.

It is the whirlpool of ruin in which thousands have sunk to rise no more.

It appears as an angel of light, assuming a smiling countenance, but in reality a demon of the bottomless pit.

It is like a perpetual dropping, injuring man's constitution far more than occasional drunkenness.

It is the birth-day and the birth-place of all the drunkenness we have in the land.

It provides an army of reserve, to recruit the ranks of the 60,000 destroyed annually by strong drink.—*Prohibitionist.*

**T**HIEVES IN OFFICE.—Within six months, it is said, eleven postmen have been arrested in Ohio for robbing the mails.

**I**NDIAN REPORTER.—A clergyman said to an Indian, "I am sorry to see you drink rum." The Indian replied, "Yes we Indians do drink rum, but we do not make it."

**D**o nothing shameful either in the presence of others or alone; respect yourself and others will respect you.

**W**hat is the difference between a tree and an elephant? A tree leaves in the Spring, but an elephant leaves when the manager does.

When fame no words can teach me death,  
Which famers my words are teach me death.

*Horace Moore.*

**LAST** Lazy rich girls make rich men poor, and indolent girls make poor men rich.

**TERRITORIAL LAWS.**

**A**n Act to provide for paying the Volunteers in service of the Territory, and for the protection of the existing Indian War.

WHEREAS, by an unprovoked hostile outbreak of all the Indian tribes on the frontier of Oregon, a general Indian war exists between the people of said Territory and said Indian tribes, therefore,

**S**ec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon, that for the purpose of enabling the people of said territory to prosecute said war to a speedy and successful termination, the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized to employ the full military force of the territory; to call for, and accept the services of any number of volunteers, not exceeding three full regiments, who may offer their services as mounted riflemen, to serve six months after they shall have arrived at the place of rendezvous, or to the end of the war, unless sooner discharged.

**S**ec. 2. Said volunteers shall as far as practicable, furnish their own arms and clothing, horses and equipments.

**S**ec. 3. Said volunteers so offering their services, shall be accepted by the Governor in companies, battalions or squadrons, and regiments, whose officers shall be elected and commissioned as prescribed by the laws of said territory.

**S**ec. 4. Whenever such volunteers are called and received into the service of the territory by virtue of this act, each non-commissioned officer and private shall be entitled to receive two dollars per day, and rations, and two dollars per day for the use and risk of his horse, except for horses actually killed in action, or reported unfit for service and turned over to the quartermaster, in which case the owner shall receive the appraised value thereof. And all commissioned officers shall receive the same pay as officers of the same rank in the army of the United States.

**S**ec. 5. This act, as far as the same relates to the pay of the volunteers, shall be construed as to apply to all who have been in the service of the territory, since the commencement of the existing Indian war, and it shall also extend to the services of the 9th regiment of Oregon militia while in actual service in said war.

**S**ec. 6. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

**A**CT TO TAKE THE SENATE OF THE PEOPLE RELATIVE TO THE FORMATION OF A STATE CONSTITUTION.

**S**EC. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon, That for the purpose of taking the sense of the people of the Territory upon the formation of a state government, a poll shall be opened on the first Monday in April next, for the reception of votes for and against a convention.

**S**ec. 2. It shall be the duty of the auditor of each county, acting under the first section of this act, at each and every present, within the territory, to prepare a poll book with two columns headed "For Convention," "Against Convention," and it shall be the duty of the judges of the several precincts within this territory, to ask each and every voter that may offer his vote, are you for or against a convention? and according to their desire, the vote shall be recorded by the clerks of their respective precincts.

**S**ec. 3. The votes for and against a convention, shall be taken, certified and canvassed in the same manner, and under like regulations as by law is provided for the vote of members of the Territorial Legislature.

**S**ec. 4. That within twenty days after the vote shall be canvassed in the manner aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Territory to make out an abstract of the vote from the several counties, for and against a convention together with a certificate of the final result of the whole vote, and cause the same to be published in the several newspapers of the Territory, and if by such abstract and certificate published as aforesaid, it shall appear that a majority of all votes cast, for and against a convention, has been cast for a convention, then in that case, a vote shall be taken at the next annual election, for the election of delegates to form a constitution for a State government.

**S**ec. 5. Each county shall be entitled to elect the following number of the delegates, to wit: Clatsop, two, (2); Columbia, one, (1); Wasco, one, (1); Washington, four, (4); Multnomah, four, (4); Clackamas, five, (5); Yamhill, four, (4); Polk, four, (4); Tillamook, one, (1); Marion, seven, (7); Linn, six, (6); Benton, four, (4); Lane, five, (5); Umpqua, three, (3); Douglas, four, (4); Coos, two, (2); Curry, two, (2); Josephine, three, (3); Jackson, four, (4).

**S**ec. 6. That the election of delegates to the convention shall be conducted, held, canvassed, and certified in the same manner and under like regulations, as elections of members of the Legislative Assembly.

**S**ec. 7. That it shall be the duty of the delegates elected as aforesaid, to meet at the seat of government of the Territory on the fourth of July next, and proceed to the formation of a State constitution.

**S**ec. 8. That the constitution herein provided for, before taking effect shall be submitted for adoption to a vote of the qualified electors within the boundaries of the proposed state, such vote to be taken in like manner, and agreeable to the laws of this Territory regulating elections.

**S**ec. 9. The delegates to said convention shall be allowed such compensation as shall be hereafter appropriated by Congress for such payment.

**S**ec. 10. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed the Council January 29, 1855.

Passed the House January 29, 1855.

### War Against Hard Times!

**The Place to Get your Money Back.**

**C**HRAMAN & WARNER are now carrying on the BAKERY and CONFECTIONERY business at their stores, where they are still determined to deal on terms to suit the times. Our motto is, "A nimble expence is better than a slow shifting;" and we are determined to sell, if we do sell upon a very small profit. We are keeping every variety, PROVISIONS, BREAD, CACKIES, PIES, &c., &c., that were ever manufactured on flour. We keep all kinds of GROCERIES, such as Sugar, Coffee, Tobacco, Cigars, Rums, Spice, besides many Drugs and Medicines. (We don't keep any "cure" medicines, however.) We have bought out the other bakery, and intend to fit up another establishment soon. The press of business is so great that we are compelled to "spread our lives" over a larger platform.

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