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THE MORAL OF A MURDER.

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ONE FAVORITE SON ELIMINATED.

Governor Whitman, of New York, has proved no big enough for his office. At the time of his election he was the hope of the progressives, both within and without the Republican party...

THE SILENCE FOR THE PEOPLE.

The sole plea of the Government in the railroad case is that the Government is now for complete forfeiture, although at one time it suggested alternative measures of relief. Complete forfeiture means that the 4,000,000 acres would not be subject to entry or sale...

THE COLONEL AND THE BOSS.

In his effort to discredit Colonel Roosevelt, William Barnes has merely proved what close observers of the Colonel's career have believed all along—that the Colonel deferred to bosses so far as was necessary to accomplish his main purpose. He desired acquiescence of certain bosses in the interest of the people...

ONE WHO APPRECIATES NIETZSCHE.

An essay on Nietzsche published in Life for April 29 has one shining merit if not more. The author confesses to start with that he knows nothing about the philosopher whom he has undertaken to discuss. If other writers on similar topics would be as frank the gain for morality would be considerable...

Elmo" made himself, and incidentally the readers of the story, deeply familiar with the Talmud, Spinoza's writings and most of the other great philosophical works of the world before he finally settled the question of Christian evidences and decided to become a minister. There never was a time, probably, when so many cooks and milliners were adepts in philosophy as during the vogue of "St. Elmo" and Mrs. Evans' other erudite novels...

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Since the new Danish constitution gives women full national suffrage we may expect to see "the home" speedily broken up by the "snappy" country. The women will all become homely, masculine and forward and the men will lose their chivalry. Such are the inescapable consequences of woman suffrage according to the "home" theory...

OUR INEFFICIENT NAVY.

"Farmer" Smith, of the O-W-R. & N., says the country home should have all the comforts and conveniences of the city home. Granted; but by the time the farmer is able to have all these things he has lost the children and the old folks and moved into town. The "comforts and conveniences" are for field and barn first and the home suffers...

Tammany is making arrangements to move into a new building farther uptown. Present quarters are cramped and the new ones will be above Forty-second street. Quite a jump. If the society improves in morals a degree for every block it moves it will become fairly saintly in its new home.

Those 58 German warships which were sunk by merchant captain in the North Sea must have been the mosquito fleet, two units of which were sunk by British destroyers to avenge one of their number sunk by a submarine.

The Rhinehart family reunion. JACKSONVILLE, Or., April 27.—(To the Editor)—I understand there is a gathering of Rhineharts each year in Oregon. Will you kindly publish the information about Rhinehart where they meet this summer and to whom to report. I think Mrs. Rhinehart and I are entitled to be among them as we landed in San Francisco, Cal., May 27, 1869, via the Isthmus. We left New York May 5, 1869, and which twenty-two and a half days on the way, on the Northern Light on the Atlantic and the John L. Stevens on this side. J. B. RHINEHART.

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As a matter of fact there are 20 to 25 families on and near the mail route as traveled between these two points. Now there are 100 families on vacant land rapidly. As to the roads, automobiles have traveled them every month in the present year, though, of course, not in common in January and other months. The contract for the service between Sparta and Eagle Valley can be let for \$1000 per annum, a considerable saving over the present rate of \$1500 per annum for a route longer than for other contracts in this county.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, May 4, 1890. Washington—Senator James R. Beck of Kentucky, dropped dead at the Baltimore and Potomac station yesterday. He had just arrived from New York, accompanied by his daughter, Mr. Goodloe.

London—Mr. McAllister, of Dumbarton, is building for Robert Wylie, of the Clyde Yacht Club, a 25-foot yacht to be called the Volunteer. It is to be fitted with a centerboard. It is not designed especially for racing, but may go to New York for the races.

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JUST POWERS OF GOVERNMENT

America Accused of Not Always Gaining Consent of Governed. PORTLAND, May 3.—(To the Editor)—In an editorial comment upon the women's peace conference you have had occasion again to refer to what you are pleased to term the American principle of self-determination. This principle just powers from the consent of the governed, etc. I suppose that this is so, since Thomas Jefferson inserted it in the Declaration of Independence, but, nevertheless, it is a statement that calls for explanation when applied to practical American affairs.

Did the white races of Europe ask the consent of the native inhabitants of America when they took possession of their country and proceeded to exterminate them? Did the American colonies ask the consent of the French inhabitants of Canada when they aided Great Britain in the conquest of that country? Did the United States consult the wishes of the French inhabitants of Louisiana when they took possession of that territory, or did they not trade for and buy the territory from Napoleon and settle upon a cash basis?

Did the United States obtain the consent of the native inhabitants when they have ordered the removal of the New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California after a successful war of conquest?

What about our Civil War? Did not the Southern people unanimously voice their wishes as to Government in legislative assembly and on battlefield and were not the wishes of the Southern people beaten prostrate and forced to submit to a Government most humiliating to their self-determination?

The people of the United States are hardly in a position to cry out in righteous indignation at the treatment accorded the people of France in any similar foreign episode. Like every other nation known to history, the United States came into being through a period of war and of the ultimate tumult of battle. American independence was won not by the ballot-box but by the sword. Like every other nation of size and consequence, the United States has nourished its growth upon the spoils of combat and, therefore, the "consent of the governed" is an American principle, we would do well to remember that in all our land there is scarcely an acre that was not, at one time or another, in one way or another, been wrested by force of arms from an unwilling people.

The principle of self-determination is a cure of war is not borne out by recorded history. Your support of the criticism directed against professional soldiers is a commendable one, but, in the present war as to consider the result of the machinations of designing statesmen. It is hardly surprising that the popular mind would furnish a satisfactory solution to the deep and complex problems of international relationship.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, May 4, 1860. We have become so used to hearing croakers announce that the National debt amounts to \$1,000,000,000 that we are surprised to read the figures furnished by Secretary Fessenden to the committee on ways and means bringing matters down to date. The whole amount of the national debt is \$1,000,000,000, of which less than \$1,000,000,000 is bearing interest, the whole interest amounting to about \$30,000,000 per annum. This is a statement in brief of the National finance from which there cannot be much variation at the time. The present amount of our debt is scarce more than half the sum of the National debt of Great Britain, while the ultimate resources and recuperative powers of the United States will make its prosperity and ability to extinguish its incumbrance a thing of easier accomplishment than with any other nation on earth.

Resolved, That this house, taking into consideration the great calamity which has befallen the United States and the rest of the world, in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, does adjourn until tomorrow as a mark of respect to the memory of the great departed, the chief of a Nation connected by the nearest ties with our own and glorying in the same origin, the same traditions and the same freedom.

Washington—For reducing expenses of the military establishment the War Department has ordered the respective businesses of the department to proceed immediately to reduce the cost of their operations. The department is to what is absolutely necessary, in view of the immediate reduction of the forces in the field and serious and the speedy termination of hostilities.

James N. Gillman and family, of this city, take their departure for the East today, extending to the great steamer, intending to be absent in Massachusetts and other parts of New England for a few months. Mr. Gillman is what may be called a "sea-going" man, and one of the original steamboat men of the Pacific side.

On Saturday we leisurely took a stroll into one of our favorite resorts and found Mr. Dalton had quite improved the position of the garden. He was repairing the geese and birds of the museum from his gentlemen and ladies of the gallery.

Hay & Wallace yesterday shipped a number of very large wagons for the month of freight to the Oregonian factory on Front street, which were attached in one train, making a very handsome appearance and speaking volumes in favor of our home mechanics.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have recently imported a fine truck from San Francisco, which made its debut on Broadway street yesterday. It is well finished, with four wheels, and is calculated for both the city and country, carrying two and a half tons, and cost \$450.

The little hearts of scholars in the East, Portland schools bounded with joy at the prospect of celebrating in May day festivities.

A proclamation has been issued by the War Department declaring that all persons who have deserted the military or naval service of the United States shall have forfeited all rights to citizenship.

Oregon City—The following were elected to city offices last Monday: Forbes Barclay, Mayor; J. D. Lacey, Recorder; W. W. Buck, A. L. Levey, Charles H. Johnson, J. H. Johnson, Thomas Chasman, Councilmen; A. C. Johnson, Treasurer; W. F. Burns, Assessor and Collector; Forbes Barclay, the Mayor, was elected Superintendent of Schools also. Thomas Miller was named Marshal, W. C. Johnson, Charles H. Johnson, Attorney and John Melburn, Street Commissioner.

German Frontier Defenses Necessary. PORTLAND, May 3.—(To the Editor)—It is to laugh to read in the newspapers articles of wise men in which they aver that the United States has practically no defensive works along the Canadian border and then denounce Germany for its guns and rocky and difficult to travel.

It is not to be wondered at that the South disputed that decision and the North upheld the principle by upholding the decision.

Auto Drivers Too Careless. PORTLAND, May 3.—(To the Editor)—In The Oregonian Monday you gave account of several being killed in a motor car accident. I have seen automobiles running wild on the streets of the city. It is time that a halt was put to this average driver. As I understand it the highest courts of the land have decided that the pedestrian has first rights on all street crossings, and that the motorist must yield to the great host of men, women and children protected in that right?

This morning, at Third and Morrison, a car ran over the case on Broadway, between Morrison and Stark, which is in a bad condition in places, and for which improvement is now asked. Has the city any intention of asking the owners in the way of a bond or maintenance contract similar to that given by the paving companies, which provides for a number of years? If not, why not? If there is any redress, why not enforce it?

Such proceedings or conditions are certainly necessary for the protection of investments in Portland real estate by outside capital as well as local. F. O. NOTHTRUP.

Friend Never on Time. Baltimore American. "Why did you say 'the late Mr. Brown' when you were asked to give him a 'good bye'?" "Oh, you speak of him as 'my late friend'." "Because he's never on time."

Summer Dresses. Already the light dresses of Summer are in demand—the linens and gingers, the dainty voiles and cottons. One must dress in tune with the season. Fashion and comfort must both be served. The stores are now showing the advance Summer styles. They are most interesting places to visit. The best guide as to where to go to see the new styles is the advertising in The Oregonian.

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