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PROCESS OF EVOLUTION.

Time, moving in its cycles, gives the mind to philosophy inclined, much latitude for moralization. It was not, really, Pope, who first said "Whatever is, is right." That observation was but the echo of ancient minds, reasoning from cause to effect. It is with a certain degree of amusement, mingled with courteous toleration, that we hear, even at this late day, fierce philippic against the institution of slavery as a part of the history of the United States. Yet, when one contemplates to consider the question from its earliest inception, there is much food for reflection as to its result upon civilization. Certain it is, the idea of involuntary servitude is revolting to minds taught that freedom and vested rights are and should be hereditary entail and the average man of today sees no further than this. He does not stop to consider the evolution of the Ethiopian as brought about by the bringing him forth from the jungles and placing him in contact with civilization. Even in 1861, the black slave of the south was further advanced from his counterpart in Liberia than the black freedman of today is advanced above himself of thirty five years ago. The very wrong of slavery was thus made the stepping stone for the amelioration of the black race. The civil war removed the last barrier to advancement and while ten out of each hundred have progressed, the remaining ninety, in various subdivisions, have remained stationary or retrograded. While it appears greater strides should have been made in thirty five years, satisfaction should obtain that even this much has been accomplished.

The evolution of civilization is a parallel. Out of wrongs long endured what was monarchy has many times grown to free government. Existing wrongs create revolt and discussion, and revolution follows. By the knowledge of evil condition we appreciate the good. Progress in nations is the child of experience. The master builder was wise in making evil the real foundation for a more perfect humanity. Oppression and vice are not content with average returns. They swell and augment until toleration ceases and a new era dawns by their overthrow. In our own government we find wrongs which are the more intolerant because of their cupidity, but the wise man will see in these the brighter dawn of promise, for progression must surely follow in the way of evolution, as the world moves.

A WORD ON TRUSTS.

It is very amusing to note with what degree of equanimity the gold standard press is publishing the dissolution of the trusts and combines. Any one who understands the nature of these institutions should be very reluctant to believe, and should watch history for a few years. Perhaps in the civilized world no country entertains such a hatred towards these combines as does the United States. The trust promoters know this and they are not appealing for sympathy. Neither are they foolish enough to show an aggressive front. They do not want to make such a fight four years from now as did they last fall. So they now apparently dissolve, but only to re-form on more arrogant and splendid lines. The metropolitan press will be with them and we shall hear or know but little of them from this source. But they will exist and the general public will pay tribute. Instead of brazenly flaunting their power in the face of the people, by cupidity they will eat more and more into the vitals of the republic. When you see an associated press dispatch detailing the report of a trust suspension; mark it, the birth of a more formidable combine is assured. Just at this time, of course, it is very opportune for trusts to suspend. Mr. Hanna has so willed it. The word must be wiped from the na-

tional text. But, can he fool the people by such transparencies?

TRAIN THEM AT HOME.

There is a strong demand in Oregon for making eighteen the statutory age of female consent in carnal relations. Such law would not be amiss, and it was equally true that the prohibition of marriage of males under twenty-one and females under eighteen would have a tendency to regeneration. But to be candid, the social conditions of today are far more resultant from lack of home training than are they from fault of statutory requirements. Parents who allow their young daughters to hold indiscriminate companionship with men of mature years or permit them to go to church or other public places unattended are not proper people for the grave responsibilities of marriage and rearing of a family. A mother who will not give her daughter the advantage of her confidence, and her matured knowledge in the affairs of life has no possible right to maternity. Home is the proper place for moral training and there is but little use to condemn the statute for not preventing what is but the result of sheer parental neglect.

CASE OF "OFFICE ITCH."

It is somewhat amusing to note that Mr. Washington Hering will not succeed himself as postmaster at Chicago. This self styled patriot deemed Bryan's chances for the presidency as very slim, and actively engaged himself in working for McKinley, giving out his interviews on the financial question with much self satisfaction. He was not turned out by Cleveland for partisanship, as were many who worked for Mr. Bryan, but held his position, expecting to remain in office as a McKinleyrat. Every lover of fair play is pleased that his successor has been named. Always an ardent partisan—enjoying a federal office under Cleveland—when he saw his party driven to the wall by sheer force of circumstances, when he thought Clevelandism was sure death to democracy and that McKinley would poll a nearly unanimous vote, he deserted, hoping to be rewarded by retention in office. He is now running, self-appointed, for the Chicago mayoralty, and by the grace of honest citizenship he will be so badly beaten that he will think the world was made for some one but deserters.

THE FRATERNAL QUESTION.

Within the past one hundred years there has been a marvelous growth in secret fraternal societies, notwithstanding the great opposition encountered in the early part of the century. There is no question but that the great majority of these orders have wielded a general influence toward a better citizenship. It is a mistake of course to assume that a secret beneficiary or fraternal society will make a man out of a knave, or that a man is not a good father or citizen because of non-membership, but those who have held memberships in such institutions realize that they are productive of a bond of fellowship that is not easily broken. They broaden the mind, open the heart and bring to many, in forcible object lesson that one can find others than himself to help in more ways than one. The old objection that a man can discover this without being a lodge member is very true, yet we must remember that true fraternity is better handled where such is made more or less a matter of practice.

MR. TONGUE WAS RIGHT.

The United Brethren, who have been holding revival meetings at Leisyville, baptised six converts in the big swale on Mrs Wren's place Sunday. There was ample evidence that the water was not very warm. Mrs Van Lum hurt her foot quite severely one day last week. It is now considerably better. The waters of Dairy Creek are again on the banks and the bottom land is overflowed. Considerable damage was done through this part of the county by the wind storm Thursday.

CORNELIUS.

Mrs A A Phillips, late of Texas, is well pleased with the climate of Oregon. Miss Lula Parsons, of Gaston, visited her grand parents, Mr and Mrs DT Phillips, last Sunday. City election Monday, April 14th. Mr Challacombe, of south of town, was in the city Saturday. Mr Josse is hauling shingles for C C Hancock's new store. D T Phillips, who has been confined to the house for a few days, is now able to be out again. If you want to buy a piece of land of any description you would do well to call

year contracts with the Associated Press to furnish telegraphic matter, heralds, practically, the death of the United Press Association, which for some years has been a rival in the field. This means that the dissemination of news will be under control of the greatest monopoly the public has ever known. News from Washington will be such as will be favorable only to the powers in league. This is another important move on the chess board of monopolistic intrigue, although many will not pay the matter much attention at present. For prudential reasons, the attention of our people is called, and history will bear out the assertions herein.

THE BUXTON PRESS.

Washington, D. C.—March 29. [Special to the Mchete] A suspicious looking character was last evening caught in the vicinity of the senate cloak room. When searched he had a card on his person, bearing the name of H. W. Corbett. A letter of instructions in cypher written by a western man by the name of Lord was also taken from him. The suspect is very reticent but the Capitol police are confident he has a design to break into the United States senate. His case will be examined into as soon as possible.

A MOVE ON THE CHESS BOARD.

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NOTICE.

City warrants up to and inclusive of Feb. 12, 1894, are now payable at the office of city treasurer, Brock's Drug Store, Hillsboro, Oregon, and interest will cease on same after this date. Dated April 1, 1897.

F. G. Mitchell, City Treasurer.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., March 24, 1897.

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 the County Clerk of Washington county, at Hillsboro, Oregon, on May 10, 1897, viz:

Kasper Sattler, H. E. No. 8225 for the W 1/4 of N E 1/4 and E 1/4 of S 1/4 of Sec 21 T 1 N R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Nicholas Stutz, Joseph Stutz, Rudolph Vogt, John Vanderveer, Greenville, Ore. 2-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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David G. Lilly, H. E. No. 11283 for the N W 1/4 of Sec 34 T 3 N R 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L H Witt, James McClaran, Geo Henderson, Glenwood, and G M Hines, Gales Creek, Oregon. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., March 19, 1897.

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 the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on June 7, 1897, viz:

Frederick J. Gripp, H. E. No. 8746 for the S 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec 22 and N 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec 17 T 1 N R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William H. Ringle, Henry Shoman, Geo C Thomas, Forest Grove, and Charles Johnson, Gales Creek, Oregon. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., March 19, 1897.

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 the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on May 14, 1897, viz:

James McClaran, Pre D. S. No. 7992 for the N 1/2 of S W 1/4 and S 1/2 of N W 1/4 Sec 17 T 3 N R 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L H Witt, David G Lilly, George Henderson and D H Miller, all of Glenwood, Oregon. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., March 17, 1897.

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 the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on June 7, 1897, viz:

Henry L. Keyser, H. E. No. 9845 for the S W 1/4 of Sec 2 T 4 N R 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Francis M Parker, Thomas Solomon, Samuel P Ballard, Olmstead Emmons, all of Vernonia, Ore. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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William H. Ringle, H. E. No. 9486 for the S 1/2 of S E 1/4 and N W 1/4 of S E 1/4 Sec. 26, 11 T 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frederick J Gripp, Henry Shoman, Geo C Thomas, Forest Grove, and Charles Johnson, Gales Creek, Oregon. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undesignated administrator of the estate of W. M. Dudley, deceased, has filed his final account as administrator of said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington county, and said Court has appointed Monday, the 12th day of April, 1897, at the court house in Hillsboro, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and place for hearing objections to such final account and the final settlement of said estate.

Administrator of the estate of W. M. Dudley, deceased. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 10th day of March, 1897.

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on A A Phillips at St Joseph hotel, Cornelius, Oregon. He does a general collecting business.

A A Phillips has some Chili Club wheat for sale, suitable for sowing, and also has a few bushels of White Side oats.

G. A. Sanford, now conducting the Columbia County News, was in the city over Sunday, the guest of F. M. Heidel.

O. G. Barlow and J. W. Goodin were in from Glencoe Monday and opened the plank road subscription list. They made a good start and we hope they will pull through.

Seeds of all kinds in bulk at Greer's.

A. J. Wilkes left this morning for his home in Garibaldi, Tillamook county. He goes on steamer via Astoria.

Fire boys should read the call in another column for department meeting to elect a chief and the transaction of other business. Turn out.

Thos. Bellinger, formerly a resident of Greenville, died at Portland, yesterday, aged 75 years. His remains will be interred tomorrow in the Buxton cemetery, Forest Grove, under the auspices of the A. F. and A. M.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON.

Warrants outstanding, March 24 1897 p.m. \$36,002 83

Subsequently drawn 20 00

Total \$36,022 83

Subsequent receipts 458 10

Outstanding warrants at 6:00 p. m. Mar. 31, \$35,544 73

REPORT

Of the condition of the First National Bank of Hillsboro, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 9, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$ 67,750 47

U S bonds to secure circulation 12,500 00

Stocks, securities, etc 15,153 62

Banking-house, furniture and fixtures 4,000 00

Other real estate and mortgages owned 6,525 50

Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 11,488 27

Due from approved reserve agents 2,997 14

Checks and other cash items 225 30

Notes of other national banks 100 00

Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents 33 04

Specie 4,354 00

Legal tender notes 78 00

Redemption fund with U S Treas (5 per cent of circulation) 592 50

\$131,907 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$50,000 00

Surplus fund 10,000 00

Undivided profits, less expenses 10,758 49

National bank notes outstanding 10,750 00

Due to state banks and banks' individual deposits subject to check 218 62

Deposits on hand 24,190 19

Demand certificates of deposit 9,116 49

Time certificates of deposit 6,836 05

Total \$131,907 84

STRATTS OF OREGON.

County of Washington, Jas. J. D. Moryman, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. D. MERRYMAN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 1897.

Geo. H. BARLEY, Notary Public for Oregon.

CORNERVILLE.

Mrs Wren, who has been quite sick for the past month, is slowly recovering.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Feb. 27, 1897.

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 the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on June 7, 1897, viz:

Benkt Pederson, H. E. No. 9691 for the lot 4, sec 7, lot 1, sec 18, T 5 N R 3 W and 1/2 of N E 1/4 of sec 18 T 5 N R 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Karl E. Johnson, Olof P. Cheldelin, Mathew M. Schwartz, and Peter Olson all of Kootenay, Oregon. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., March 10, 1897.

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 the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on June 7, 1897, viz:

George Henderson, H. E. No. 1275 for the S 1/2 of N W 1/4 and N 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec 22 T 2 N R 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L H Witt, James McClaran, Green Lally, Glenwood, and John McClaran, of Gales Creek, Oregon. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., March 17, 1897.

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 the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on May 11, 1897, viz:

Eben Roberts, H. E. 8879 for the S E 1/4 of Sec. 17 T 4 N R 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L. Sager, J. A. McDonald, Vernonia, J. A. Kirkwood, Hillsboro, and Thomas Brown, of Forest Grove, Oregon. 1-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., March 13, 1897.

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 the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on June 7, 1897, viz:

James McClaran, Guardian of the minor heirs of Henry McClaran, deceased, H. E. 11288 for the S 1/2 of S E 1/4 and S 1/2 of N E 1/4 of Sec 17 T 3 N R 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L. H. Witt, David G. Lilly, George Henderson, of Glenwood, and M. G. Hines, of Gales Creek, Oregon. 1-6 RO