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## A Crime is a Crime.

The Salem *Mercury*, in its issue of last week, labors hard to show that to ask amnesty for the late rebel criminals, though many of the prime leaders seemed to ask it for themselves, was altogether different in principle from asking it for Senator Mitchell. In other words, it virtually takes the position that crime in a rebel is altogether a different thing from crime in a Republican. For instance, the monstrous thieveries of a Floyd; the perjury of a Jeff. Davis, and others, sworn members of Congress and United States officers; the perfidy of first opposing and then joining the rebellion as did Alexander Stephens, now member of Congress; the barbarous system sanctioned by the authorities of the so-called Confederacy, of slowly starving Union prisoners to death; and the other acts of cruelty and sin, whose cold-blooded heartlessness stamped the prime actors and leaders of the rebellion as men whose hearts were seared with brands of deadliest and most cruel hate; that these were not criminal acts and the perpetrators not criminals, but only zealous efforts of "noble, chivalrous, brave, gallant, pure(?) men," to carry out their ways of political thinking. Why, the angels that kept not their first estate, rebelled because they wanted to carry out their ways of thinking. Are they described as "erring brethren?" Nay, verily. "Rebels," they are called, traitors regarded, and they were hurled over the battlements of Heaven. If a man breaks a sworn oath, can you make anything less than perjury of it? If he takes that which belongs to another, appropriating it to his own use or the use of his friends, without returning an equivalent, is that any better than theft? If he starves men to death, or permits others to do it whom he controls, isn't he a base murderer? In fact, if knowingly, with eyes open to the enormity of the offense, against the warnings and teachings of the fathers, for the sake of perpetuating and extending African slavery, well knowing its licentious and bigamous tendency, its accursed influence upon the body politic; such person, after having been more highly favored by honors, emoluments and legislation than any other; then, because he can no longer rule, turns upon his nourisher, his defender, his benefactor—the Government that gave him all his prosperity—and seeks in blood and with curses, and by perjury, and theft, and starvation, to destroy the life of that Government, what is he more nor less than a vile, murderous traitor? Now, then, Mr. *Mercury*, the leaders were all more or less traitors in the last sense, and it is only your political sympathy for them that prompts you to show any more favor towards them, than towards a Republican who has committed crimes against morals in the past. If oath breaking, thieving, murdering rebels who brought more suffering and calamity on this nation than language can depict, the cause of crimes of every description, from adultery to murder, are worthy of your amnesty, certainly Senator

Mitchell should be favored as well; for his crimes did not reach murder, and only involved the welfare of a few persons at most, while the issues of the rebellion compassed the welfare of the nation and of the world. Mitchell's were bad enough, God knows; but nothing to compare in number and magnitude with those of Jeff. Davis, alone, whom you, Mr. *Mercury*, would have the Government amnesty, though he has seemed to make any concession whatever. You should be consistent, or else "dry up."

It strikes us Hon. J. H. Slater's excuse for taking back pay is the very shadow of thinness. He drew it because the House Committee on Mileage refused to allow him pay for the route by the way of Portland and San Francisco, but determined the most direct route to be via Boise City and the Pacific Railroad, reducing his mileage \$1,320. But the increase of salary bill entitled him to \$1,100 more than this ruling and to compensate himself as much as he could for the \$1,320 loss, he concluded to gobble the salary steal, and offer the above as a justification. Democratic papers of Oregon have pronounced the back pay bill a fraud, a steal, and those who took it, thieves. If what they have said of it is true, Mr. Slater's excuse does not place him outside of the criminal circle. But probably the Salem *Mercury* will now say: O stealing in a Democrat is not like stealing in a Republican—the one is an "erring brother," the other a hell-deserving villain (?)

Our neighbor last week devoted about half a column to prove that Republicans have not a majority of 4,000 in the State. Well, we don't care to waste time arguing the matter, but will leave the vote of next October to determine it. He speaks, however, about illegal votes being cast at the last election, and those thousands of Democrats who didn't vote, and so on, to account for past defeats (just such excuses as are always used by defeated parties) and then concludes that if Democracy will only bring out a man for Congress, who is "undoubted" in his integrity and Democratic antecedents; and if no illegal votes are cast; and if those thousands of Democrats who didn't vote, will only vote, and vote right, why then they will elect their man by a majority of 1,000 votes! While our neighbor was drawing on that very prolific imagination of his, why didn't he make the majority 5,000? It would be just as cheap and all the more enjoyable because of size: Bah! When that Democratic candidate of "undoubted Democratic antecedents" is nominated, our neighbor, in his society, will be entirely out of this "speer"

Judge McArthur has gone to the trouble of writing a letter to the *Bedrock Democrat* declining to be a candidate for Congress. The *Statesman* says his letter was a waste of time and a postage stamp, as nobody suspected him of an intention to run. We think so.

The Portland *News* has got itself in a fix by denying that Slater took the "salary steal." Slater says he did take it, and now would like to have that journal assist him in trying to get the position again, so he can take more.

The Good Templars of Cook Bay have a splendid new cabinet organ,

## How Now, Democrats?

How about the back pay steal now, Democrats? How now, *Mercury*, *Democrat*, *News*? Why have you become still all of a sudden? Where are your hot words of bitter denunciation for later and Nesmith? Your howl at Republicans yet echoes. Why don't you show some of that sublime agony of condemnation towards these? Your theory, too, as you have developed it since Mitchell's private affairs were nosed into, is to show no mercy towards criminals, political or moral, no matter how hard they may try to do better. Cold, implacable justice you have demanded, in the case of Mitchell, shall be enforced. Why not in these other cases? You have called Republicans, who took the back pay, "thieves." Slater took it and says Nesmith took it the other time, and so they must be thieves, too. But maybe you take the position, that as Democrats are so much in the habit of pilfering, in office, that it is no longer a crime in them? You can't do that, though, it's too thin. Because one, by frequent practice, becomes an expert, it makes the crime no less a crime. Now, Messrs. Democratic editors, you must out with your words of burning denunciation on the devoted heads of these two back pay stealers, or be branded as eaters of your own words and hypocrites of the meanest type.

The *Oregonian* says that most of the apologists for the crimes of adultery and bigamy, in the Republican organization, "are persons who only identified themselves with the party after it became triumphant, and have attached themselves since, exactly to the extent that they have received official position and emoluments at its hands." In saying that, the *Oregonian* utters a mean slander upon a portion of the Republican party. We know of no apologists for the crimes of adultery and bigamy in the Republican party, neither among leading men, or privates, new or old. The party in every department has ever arrayed itself against those sins. The above fling of the *Oregonian* at a class of Republicans who came into the party subsequent to its entrance upon its present career of triumph, who had a right to, and whose motives of honesty that journal has no more right to question than he has the verity of his own meanness in doing so, is but another step in the direction of treachery towards the Republican party, which that paper seems determined to pursue.

The Albany *Democrat* of last week, in animadverting upon the statement of the REGISTER, that the life of Mr. Mitchell in Oregon was "a noble effort in the direction of reform," says that he (Mitchell) was a confessed bigamist for five years of the time this reformation was going on. Now, if that journal will tell us where and when Mr. Mitchell made that "confession," we will have more respect for its veracity. The fact is, Mitchell never has, to our knowledge, either in print or otherwise, confessed anything of the kind. We regard the charge as nothing more nor less than one of the pure conjectures, or fabrications, for which Democratic journals are so well noted.

No wonder these Democratic quill drivers resort more to abuse and calling names than anything else. Should the poor fellows take a position in defense of a good principle, the conduct in the past or present of some eager would spoil it all, and they would have to gulp down their own words. Now if the party had a character that was above bankruptcy, its journals could occasionally refresh their dried up souls with consistent arguments in favor of good principles. If they could be free from the harrowing thought that they are constantly being ridden by the devil, wouldn't the novelty of the sensation, if nothing else, make them happy? We think so.

The *Statesman* says the editor of the *Beaton Democrat* is still blowing away on the "salary grab," apparently not having heard that Slater and Nesmith took it. As head edits that journal, it would be natural to suppose that the wind it would raise would be a head wind; but it seems that a paper of that persuasion without a head is more up to the times and better off than one with.

Our neighbor in alluding to the new dress of the *Oregonian* says:

The *Oregonian* has at last doffed that dingy old frock which has in years past covered its many black Republican sins, and is out in a brand new suit of modern toggery.

We suppose that "modern toggery" means the kind of shoddy Oregon Democrats wear.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

Baron Wolverton (George Carr Glyn), the head of the London banking firm of Glyn & Co., died on the 24th. The deceased, who was a Liberal, was among the first batch of Peers made by Gladstone when he first became Prime Minister in 1869. At the time of his death he was in his seventy-sixth year.

The *Journal de Paris* of the 14th inst. says that the project of placing a Prince of the House of Hohenzollern upon the throne of Spain has not been abandoned. A number of Carlist leaders and former Liberal-Unionists are said to favor the Hohenzollern candidacy. The *Journal* also says that the Cure of Santa Cruz was proclaimed a rebel by Don Carlos for being concerned in this intrigue.

The Shah and suite left Paris July 19th on a special train for Geneva.

Government troops attacked Valencia, Spain, on the 26th. After a struggle of five hours, fighting was suspended, and the insurgents offered to capitulate, but the terms were refused, the Government demanding unconditional surrender. Heavy reinforcements were sent forward and the attack was to be renewed next day.

A destructive typhoon visited Amoy on the 21st inst. Great damage was done to foreign property and to shipping in the harbor and river.

A bill authorizing the construction of the Church of the Sacred Heart, a grand cathedral on the heights overlooking Paris, passed the French Assembly on the 24th inst., after an exciting debate, in the course of which much violent religious partisanship was evoked.

Fifty persons who participated in the beer riots of Frankfurt, some months ago, have been convicted and sentenced to prison for terms varying from nine months to four years.

An explosion of fire damp is reported to have occurred at a coal mine at Frameries, Belgium, the other day, by which five miners lost their lives and others were injured.

A severe engagement is reported to have taken place near Pampeluna, Spain, between the Republicans and Carlists, in which the latter were successful. They are said to have captured two guns and 300 prisoners.

When the Shah met Queen Victoria, he kissed her with perfect delicacy and grace, and said that hitherto he had reckoned his years from the day of his birth, but in future he would reckon from the day of his meeting the Queen of England.

A Paris dispatch of the 24th gives this:

Prince Frederick Charles has tendered counsel to Bazaine in his trial for the surrender of Metz to the Prussian army.

Rumors of trouble in Northern China are unfounded.

Yokohama dates to July 7th says that it is stated on good authority that as soon as the mission to Europe returns, the whole country of Japan will be thrown open to foreigners.

The Inspector of Consulates sent from Washington was engaged in overhauling the American Consulate at Yokohama, on the 7th.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The Attorney General on the 28th recommended pardons to be issued to Felix Dover, Stephen Spaw, Edwin Murphy and Wm. Scruggs, convicted in North and South Carolina of Ku Klux outrages.

A board of officers in Washington is considering a plan, submitted by Captain Howell, for a ship canal, to connect the Mississippi river with the Gulf of Mexico.

It is said a Roman Catholic priest of St. Louis has married a wife, and accordingly been dismissed from his charge by his Bishop.

Some Illinois papers, which have been in the habit of publishing the railway time tables gratuitously, have dropped them since the roads have announced that there would be no more dead-heading on their part.

A woman in Richmond, Va., turned her mother, who is more than ninety years old, out of doors on Monday because she is old, useless, and expensive.

Iowa farmers complain of a scarcity of laborers. Three dollars a day will not bring them help enough to attend to their crops. And yet the cities are full of idlers.

The managers of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company have decided to abolish the pass system altogether, refusing to give return-trip passes to cattle shippers over their line.

Illinois farmers are attempting to exterminate the Canada thistles, by cutting them off near the ground and piling salt on the stump to kill the root.

Hon. J. B. Grinnell, of Iowa, threatens to deliver an address on the life and character of the late Oakes Ames.

A Hartford lady is said to have got all ready to hang herself twice in one day, recently, and was both times interrupted by callers. The second time she concluded to indefinitely postpone voluntary suspension.

A crazy old woman recently rushed into a Richmond (Va.) school-room and said she had come to teach gymnastics. The teacher fled in terror and the wild woman went ahead, putting the pupils through some most astonishing evolutions.

A band of Ku Kluxes raided the farm of Mrs. Mason Brown, mother of B. Gratz Brown, in Owen county, Ky., on Friday night last, and killed Louis Wilson (colored), burned his house down and damaged other farm property. The farm contained a large growing crop of cotton and tobacco, which it will be difficult to harvest in the absence of labor driven off by the Ku Klux. Other farms were visited by them and the owners warned against employing negroes as workmen.