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The Democrat's Weakness.

Shallow thinkers and writers frequently resort to dash and impudence to make up their lack. They seek to supply by pretense what they are deficient in ability, or supply by assumption their deficiency of sound argument. To put on supercilious airs, or assume a lofty patronizing manner towards an opponent, is equally as strong with such as giving the arguments of that opponent a false application. Both are tricks intended to draw the mind of the reader away from the real point at issue. The intelligent reader is never deceived by such subtleties. He knows that pretentious words like fine apparel may and often do seek to hide a shallow nature. It seems to us the individual who has been dishing up the editorial hash for the *Democrat* for the last few weeks, exhibits good samples, clearly cut, of the above traits. We plainly pointed out the inconsistency of that journal, and its hypocrisy, too, in favoring one set of moral principles for Democrats and another for Republicans. We illustrated this by pointing out the fact that it favors amnesty to unrepenting rebels, while it now refuses to repenting Mitchell—in the one demanding the largest charity, while in the other it would shut off all mercy and hope. We pointed out, that if the principle that journal urges towards Mitchell—the principle of enforcing merciless justice against every public man who has been guilty of moral offenses in the past and present—were carried out, that no man living could hold office, not even the pretentious writer for that journal. And what answer is given? No answer to that argument, of course, because it has none to give; that is the log'c of its position, and it can't avoid being tied there hand and foot—its dimness of perception as to consequences caused it to blunder foolishly upon that hook, and there it must hang kicking in the sun a ridiculous spectacle to every intelligent eye. But what does it do? Shams are never without alternative; they would not deserve the name if they were—our neighbor journal is no exception. It assumes a sort of patronizing air, or air of superior wisdom; talks of our lack of knowledge; of our inability to argue; of what its exalted charity would graciously interpret our real meaning to be, and then proceeds to misconstrue our argument entirely. Rushes off in a defense of leading rebels whom we had referred to as the ones whom that journal would specially favor; tries by palliating their crimes, or taking up some irrelevant point suggested; to hide the real issue from its readers. But its inconsistency is too glaring. If amnesty is good for Democratic criminals, unrepentant ones at that, so is it for Republicans, doubly so, if their good conduct renders them worthy of it. In conclusion we will volunteer this remark relative to the bombastic subtleties resorted to by our neighbor journal in lieu of honest argument: They are pretty good samples of that kind of composition, but too transparent to mislead anybody of sense from their real nature.

The *Salem Statesman* says that one of the curiosities of the back-pay swindle is that of twenty-four Democrats and Liberal Republicans in the U. S. Senate, eighteen of them drew the back-pay; five returned it; but of these five, only two were Democrats. That six of that class, especially the Democrats, should refuse to take it, is the most curious feature about it to us. For them to refuse to take any thing they can put their official hands on, or give up that which they have once gobbled, is an exhibition of self-denial truly wonderful to contemplate. But we are afraid Senator Kelly's case is a sample of the rest who took not the back-pay. The *Statesman* says he did not draw or return, because his mileage, under the old law, gave more than the back-pay amounted to.

The *Albany Democrat* offers us some unsolicited advice as follows: "Men must exercise their reasoning faculties if they would become proficient" We might answer by saying, that if the vapid twaddle and nonsensical balderdash that weekly splutters in that journal, is a sample of the kind of "proficiency" it would have us exercise our reasoning faculties" to reach, we want none of it, as it is too suggestive of lunacy; but we will forgo this time, by simply answering: Don't say so?

J. W. Baldwin, late State Senator from Grant county, has received a letter from that county urging him to be a candidate for Congress. He has shown it to General Brown, whereupon the latter declines the honor for Mr. Baldwin. What a cavalier way these military gentlemen have of sending a man to the rear, when they don't like his appearance at the front!—*Statesman*.
No, no. Our *Salem* cotemporary is in error. The above is a modest(?) way which would be candidates have now-a-days, of getting their names before the people.

The *Salem Mercury* has a great deal to say concerning Republicans and the back salary grab, at the same time holding itself ready to support Slater or Nesmith, both of whom took it. Like the priest, while it preaches against theft, it carries a stolen chicken in its capacious sleeve.

The *Albany Democrat* says concerning us: "He dare not state the principles of the Republican party," etc. "Dare not!" What does that mean? Has the Brigadier instituted a Ku Klux in our community?

A company of one hundred men recently left St. Louis to locate and survey an immense estate of rich agricultural and mineral lands in Arizona, and lay off a city on the Gila river, on the line of the Great Southern Railway, which will be the depot of all Northern and Southern Arizona and the Mexican States of Sonora and Sinaloa.

The Special Commission appointed to examine into the alleged abuses practiced in the management of the Vienna Commission, have found that it was managed corruptly and for personal purposes, to the great detriment of the American Department and in violation of American honor, and has exposed the United States to national humiliation at Vienna and throughout the world. The evidence shows that no member of the Commission took money save General Van Buren and Mr. Meyer.

Latest News.

One and a half miles of track has been laid on the Walla Walla and Columbia River Railroad.

The *Statesman* estimates the surplus products of all descriptions in Walla Walla valley at one million bushels. Wheat is now dull at 40 cents a bushel.

The Greek colony in San Francisco numbers 300 members. They maintain a chapel of their own.

A young lady, of San Francisco, very respectably connected, who visited Russell in jail, and tried to get his sentence commuted, has become insane since his execution, and been placed in the Asylum.

S. E. Smith, senior partner of the firm of Renton, Smith & Co., lumber dealers, San Francisco, accidentally fell down a hatchway of a ship last Tuesday, and almost instantly died.

La Grude claims the champion Street Commissioner of the State.

Oregon has increased 72.30 per cent. in population within the past ten years.

Arrangements are being made to erect a wharf at Unity, W. T.

Shipley and Brown, the noted desperadoes, are again giving trouble down the Sound. Settlers are uneasy.

The English Roman Catholics are now arranging for a pilgrimage to Paray le Marial, a small village some distance from Paris, which has acquired its reputation as a centre for pilgrimages from the fact that, according to Catholic belief, just three hundred years ago our Savior appeared to Alocagna and entrusted to her a message to propagate the worship of the Sacred Heart. The English pilgrimage is being organized under the auspices of a very influential committee, at the head of which are Duke of Norfolk and the Earl of Denbigh, the Secretary being Lord Walter Kerr. The pilgrimage is advertised to start from London on Tuesday, September 23. The pilgrims will reach Paray le Marial on Wednesday. Having performed their devotions on Thursday, they may return to London by Friday night or Saturday morning.

George N. Saunders, conspicuous on the rebel side during the late war, died at his residence in New York on the 12th, of heart disease.

In the Central Coal Mine in Scranton, Pa., Aug. 12th, a fearful explosion of firedamp took place. It was caused by carelessness. Several persons were badly injured.

While a large number of women and children were gathering berries on a mountain near Scranton, Pa., on the 12th, a thunder storm came up. Twenty-one took shelter in an abandoned shanty. Soon after the building was struck by lightning, and two women were instantly killed. Seven others were seriously injured.

The Attorney General has decided that no spirituous liquors can be introduced into the Indian country without an order from the War Department, and that the jurisdiction of that Department is exclusive of all other authorities.

Rear Admiral T. M. Goldsborough, commanding the Washington Navy Yard, will take command of the Asiatic Station early in November.

Highway robbery on the mail routes in the Rocky Mountains is reported as becoming frequent. It is accounted for on the principle that "Bad men come West with the expectation of making a sudden fortune, and, being disappointed, become reckless and desperate highwaymen."

Gov. W. F. M. Arny has been appointed agent of the Navajoas, at their reservation at Fort Defiance.

The Cornelius Academy is fast approaching completion.

Dayton wants a saddler.

Wheat at Salem commands 75 cents per bushel.

The yield of hops promised heavy this season.

Farmers are beginning to deliver the new crop of wheat and oats at the Cornelius warehouse. There is over an average crop.

The Capitol Commissioners at Salem are employing a large number of hands on the various parts of the State House, and are rapidly pushing forward the edifice.

The Denver and Rio Grande road has recently been put under contract from Pueblo to the crossing of the Huerfano—a distance of thirty-eight miles.

It is reported that Fremont county, Colorado, voted the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad \$100,000 in bonds by a majority of only two. The matter will be contested.

The *Port Townsend Argus* says that for the year ending May 31, 1873, Puget Sound District exported to foreign countries upwards of \$728,759. This was carried away in 328 vessels, representing 136,660 tons. Of these vessels 72 were under foreign flags—the balance were American vessels. As nearly as can be estimated there are 1,100 cargoes of lumber per annum exported coastwise. Applying the rule of proportion, this number would give us \$2,139,200 as the value of our coastwise exports. This sum, added to the amount of our foreign exports, gives us a total sum of \$2,867,959 for exports from this district and adding the other business to this, we find that our Custom House here on Puget Sound is guarding a marine trade that amounts to nearly, if not quite, \$3,000,000 a year.

On the evening of the 11th inst. two men, named Dudley and Flurry, met near the outskirts of Tacoma. Without any known cause or provocation Flurry drew a six-shooter and shot the other dead. It is supposed that the murderer would have shot any other person as well, being bent on mischief. He gave himself up.

Pierre St. Martin, not yet 21 years of age, and serving a ten years imprisonment in the W. T. Penitentiary for grand larceny, was pardoned the other day by Governor Ferry.

Eight members of the Democratic County Committee, of San Francisco, resigned on the 13th, giving as a reason that the body had been treacherously sold to Stanford & Co., and the Legislative Convention packed in the interest of that Company.

A Chinaman attempted suicide in Georgetown, Cal., on the 14th, with a very dull knife.

The trial of the members of the Hip Yee Tong Society, of San Francisco, closed on the 14th. The jury returned them "not guilty."

The U. S. ship-of-war *Canandaigua* arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, from Aspinwall on the 13th, with 70 of her crew sick with yellow fever.

Canada Parliament was prologued on the 13th, with a speech by the Governor-General.

A British steamer on the 13th landed at Fantarabia, Spain, 2,000 rifles, 5,000 pounds of ammunition and 40 horses for the Carlists. The vessel was subsequently captured by a Spanish man-of-war and towed into the harbor of San Sebastian.

A very severe storm visited portions of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and other States on the 13th inst. A great deal of damage was done.

The yield of wheat throughout Minnesota is reported better than was expected. A splendid season for harvest is being had.

A collision between two tugs, carrying an excursion party on the Hudson river on the night of the 12th, near Albany, resulted fatally injuring one boy and badly wounding four others.

The storm in New York had not ceased on the 14th. The night before, in crowded cellars in the older parts of the city, the poor had to stand and battle with rats driven from the sewers by the flood, and their wretched beds were surrounded by water.

A Washington dispatch says that the Secretary of the Treasury, late on the night of the 18th, sent a dispatch to Collector Arthur of New York, ordering the immediate removal of 100 Custom House officers—some occupying responsible places—on charge of fraud and corruption. The dismissal of another lot of dishonest officers is expected in a few days.

In Osage township, Jackson county, Mo., two men named John Broom and George Thomas got into an altercation the other day, when the former stabbed and killed the latter.

At Alamo, Montgomery County, Ind., Aug. 13th, John Campbell, while drunk, got mad at his friend John Little, and fatally stabbed him.

Peter Brown, of Bath, N. Y., in a fight killed Thomas Quinn by a blow with a chair, a few days ago. Quinn was arrested.

Col. Cobb, member of Congress from Wyandotte District, Kansas, has sued R. R. Taylor, of the *Wyandotte Gazette*, for defamation of character, claiming \$10,000.

The storm on the 12th seriously damaged the crop within a radius of twenty miles from Washington.

Over 30,000 cases of salmon have been put up the present season at the fishery of Captain West, says *Oregonian*.

Strawberries were still in the Salem market last week.

The mills in Oregon City are paying 80 and 85 cents per bushel for wheat.

Some \$60 have been sent to the editor of the *Oregon City Enterprise* as a contribution towards the proposed monument to John Fleming, deceased.

The Turn Verein Society was permanently organized at Oregon City on Monday evening of last week. Geo. A. Harding was chosen President. Capt. W. E. Pratt, Treasurer; A. Schuman, First Leader; L. Levy, Second Leader.

The *Denver Times* represents times there as exceedingly close. Many people there are hard up.

Erysipelas is putting heads on the citizens of Silver City to an alarming extent. To see heads going about swelled to the size of a peck measure, is not an uncommon sight.

The great want of the Tacoma people is lumber.

The amount of rain which fell at Philadelphia during the late storm was seven inches.

The Adams Express Company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, payable September first.

The Carlists had begun their long threatened attack on Berga, August 14th. Six hours after their batteries opened fire the city was burning in several places.

It is stated upon the highest authority that Count de Chambord has announced his resolution to accept the Constitution of France, prepared by members of the Right of the Assembly, and that he will rule both by the will of God and the good will of the people. A proclamation of monarchy will be made in about six weeks.

Victoria rejoices in the prospect of a street sprinkler.