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ED. REGISTER:—I see by the last number of the States Rights Democrat that one of the fledglings from the medical department of the Willamette University has taken an early opportunity to air his "blushing honors" by rushing into print. This young gentleman having had no occasion as yet, probably, to sign his name with its newly acquired appendage to a prescription, and not having the funds necessary to get it printed on a "shingle," has come to the conclusion to have it printed in the Democrat for nothing by subscribing it to a communication. Like a young peacock, he is so proud of that new tail that he must strut about and show it a little anyhow. This is the secret of that column and a half of school boy grandiloquence about Dr. Dawne, signed "A. P. Miller, M. D." To the writer of that remarkable piece of composition the chief interest of the performance was doubtless concentrated in the signature. The letter was meant to prepare the way gradually for that final announcement of "A. P. Miller, M. D." It was kind in the young man; very kind, to raise us thus by degrees to the sublimity of that grand climax. It would have been cruel to have burst upon us suddenly and without a note of warning. Just think of it! Suppose for a moment—remember this is only a supposition—suppose that, without a word of prologue, the curtain had risen and disclosed at once to our awe-struck gaze all the undimmed and bran-new glory of "A. P. Miller, M. D." Suppose that he had just announced himself to us suddenly without that column and a half of preparation—I tremble to think of what the result might have been.

"A. P. Miller, M. D." says that he knows Dr. Dawne,—which must be a great comfort to the latter gentleman in this sad hour. Let him "thank God and take courage;" "A. P. Miller, M. D." knows him! And more than that "A. P. Miller, M. D." approves of him. Also, "A. P. Miller, M. D." says that "Timbuctoo" has "willfully lied" in his statement in the Oregonian that Dr. Dawne is not qualified for the office of State Superintendent, for he has passed the fiery ordeal of "A. P. Miller, M. D.'s" critical judgment. "A. P. Miller, M. D." has heard Dr. Dawne lecture before the medical class, and he is sure the lectures were not borrowed, but that they were only "quoted" from Dr. Hammond's learned work on Nervous Diseases. "A. P. Miller, M. D." has also occasionally honored Dr. Dawne's office with his presence while that gentleman was preparing his sermons, and he is good enough to vouch for their originality. It is also plain to "A. P. Miller, M. D." that Dr. Geary is a bad man if he says that Dawne is indebted to Bacon for even one sermon.

Of course after this nobody will dare impeach Dr. Dawne's qualifications for any office to which he may choose to aspire. "A. P. Miller, M. D." knows him and is satisfied with him. What more can

anybody ask than that? Dr. Dawne may now continue to murder the "King's English" until his sermons and lectures are crowded with the slain. He may abide in blissful ignorance of where Cape Cod is. He may know nothing at all about schools and about the business of teaching; and he may be innocent of the slightest acquaintance with the school system and the educational wants of Oregon. He may even dare to be one of that class so odious to Democracy, the "carpet-baggers." All these things cannot move him for "A. P. Miller, M. D." says that he will make a good Superintendent of Public Instruction anyhow.

But alas, just at the most interesting point in the case "A. P. Miller, M. D.'s" knowledge fails. He does not know where Dr. Dawne got those degrees of "A. M." and "M. D.," which he added to his name when he signed "A. P. Miller, M. D.'s" diploma. And now, "A. P. Miller, M. D." is unable to reconcile Dawne's statement that he is a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Louisiana with the undoubted and undenied fact that the authorities of that institution know nothing about him, and that his name does not appear in the list of graduates. So it seems that there are some things which even our "A. P. Miller, M. D." cannot do. But this is just the place where Dawne needs "A. P. Miller, M. D.'s" services most. He has represented himself over and over again as a graduate of a certain institution and as the possessor of certain documents, while there is overwhelming evidence (which he does not even question) that he is nothing of the kind and that his claim is an imposture and a fraud as bold and shameless as it is base. It will take somebody who knows a little more than ever "A. P. Miller, M. D." to get Dr. Dawne out of this ugly scrape.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, permit me to say that I know something of Dr. Dawne myself, and I know that, aside from the dirty imposition which he has undertaken to practice on the people of Oregon, he is wholly unfit for the office of State Superintendent. There is no need of bandying words about this matter. It can easily be put to the test by any who may have doubts upon the subject. Dr. Dawne preaches in his church in Salem almost every Sunday, and any one who may desire to make up an opinion as to the extent of his educational attainments can find ample material for the purpose in a single one of his sermons. More than this, Dr. Dawne lives in a town famed throughout Oregon for its schools, and as the residence of many men of learning and varied culture. Now I am willing to submit the question of Dr. Dawne's fitness for the office which he seeks to a committee of Salem Professors, together with the entire Faculty of the College at Corvallis, which is under the patronage of Dawne's own church. If a committee composed of such men as Gatch, Powell, Crawford, Arnold and Emery will pronounce Dr. Dawne "a gentleman of fine scholarly attainments" I shall have nothing further to say, but I shall keep up "a mighty thinkin'."

JOHN STOKES, Esq., A. B., M. D. This seems to be just enough.

Arrested for Incest.

George D. Coffin, an old and well known farmer living near Hubbard's Station, lost his wife some years ago and was soon after again joined in matrimony to a widow who had a very young daughter. Several years since a marked intimacy was noticed to exist between Coffin and his step-daughter. To such a degree did this intimacy grow, that they became inseparable companions, and constantly manifested for each other an improper affection, which could but be observed by those residing in the neighborhood. The acquaintances of the family finally became satisfied that a criminal intimacy existed between Coffin and the girl though nothing was ever developed to fix the guilt on them, until a short time ago, when the girl was married to a school teacher named Hiram Burrows. Soon afterward the young wife confessed to her husband that a criminal intimacy had existed between her and her step-father for a number of years, and that since her marriage he had attempted to violate her person under threats of murder. The indignant and outraged husband applied for a warrant of arrest for Coffin, charging him with the crime of incest. Coffin, however, got wind of the proceeding and left for Portland. Burrows started in pursuit and arrived in Portland Thursday morning to find that the guilty party had gone to Vancouver. Following him by the first boat he arrested him there and placed him in custody of the Sheriff of Clark county. He then returned to Portland, under advice of the officers there, came to Salem by Friday evening's train to get a requisition from Governor Grover. Procuring this he returned to Portland yesterday, on his way to Olympia to procure for it another from Governor Ferry. The affair has thrown the community where Coffin resides into the greatest excitement, and causes much indignation.

Charley Hogan, accused of assault with a deadly weapon, had his trial at Dallas, before Judge Bonham, last week, and was acquitted. Immediately upon his release he was re-arrested upon a similar charge.

The deaf mute school at Salem, under charge of Prof. W. S. Smith, closes on the 23d inst. There is then to be a vacation until September next. The classes were to have been examined on Thursday.

The roof of Mr. Gordon's residence at Salem caught fire last Saturday, which greatly frightened the inmates, but it was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Job E. Harvey, a former resident of Oregon and at one time a member of the Legislature from Yamhill county, died suddenly, a few days since, near Helena, of the heart disease.

The grand jury in session at Dallas, in the case of the State against T. J. Glase for the shooting of Whitley, failed to bring in an indictment.

Chris. Hunsaker, accused of the larceny of a bar of iron valued at \$1 40, was tried at the present term of the Circuit Court in Polk county, and acquitted of the charge.

Hon. Rufus Mallory has been chosen to deliver the annual address to the Literary Societies of the Willamette University during commencement week.

A large grain warehouse will be built by the Grange, the present summer, at North Yamhill Station.

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