

UNBIDDEN CRITICISM.

There is no one habit among Americans that so disturbs the social, religious, political and professional world as that of indiscriminate criticism of the conduct of others. This, under our free system of government has become a grievous fault, one that should be corrected by a better system of education and home training. We would particularly call attention to that feature of this fault where it has grown up out of class prejudices. A whole class or society is often held up for the bitter condemnation of the public for the fault or crime of one of its members. Herein is the most grievous feature of that unbridled and unreasoning criticism that is becoming the great bane of society. A farmer some years ago sold a lot of wool in bales, and when the purchaser opened the bales to wash the wool, it was found to contain great large stones to make it weigh heavy. This was a fraud that called for the severest condemnation from every honest man, whether farmer, merchant or any one else, but we have heard the whole class of farmers condemned for this act of one of their members, that is, it has often been said that any of them would do as this one did. This criticism is a great wrong. A merchant sold a suit of clothes to a customer, recommending them as made of good material, but after some use they were found to be shoddy. It has been said that all merchants will do the same, thus holding all up to public scorn, because of the crime of this one. This is very unjust. A lawyer who is well-known has long been known to resort to all kinds of tricks to mislead the Court or beguile the minds of a jury in order to win. For this cause many people persistently insist that all lawyers are tricky and dishonest. A preacher was led astray by the tempting smiles of a wicked woman. Many, very many people will say without reserve that any other preacher would do likewise under similar circumstances. Newspapers are indiscriminately denounced and stigmatized as being viciously wicked. Especially is this denunciation heaped upon newspapers by ministers of the gospel in the pulpits. This is all wrong and should be counteracted by a system of teaching the young by which they will be able to discern the good from the bad. We feel safe in saying of the farmers as a class that there are just as many honest men among them in proportion to their numbers as among any other class, and so we might say of the merchant, the lawyer, the newspaper man and other classes no often unjustly criticized. There is great lack of the power of discrimination as between the good and the bad coupled with a great lack of the spirit of fair-dealing which continually keeps the world in a turmoil of trouble. Let the fault be abated.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fine.

Uncle Jake Cramer and wife, of Eugene, were looking after their farming interests in this vicinity a week ago last Sunday.

Mr. Ward returned from Shedd last Friday, where he had been to take his daughter, Mrs. Grant, who will visit there awhile before she returns to her home in East Portland.

Senator Coleman and family moved to Coburg last Thursday. It is said that Mr. Kambie will take charge of the ranch for them.

Mr. Elton and sister, Miss Clara, spent several days in Albany last week attending the examination of teachers.

Judge Thompson came home from Portland and Salem last Tuesday.

James Nolan has secured the contract for surveying the Umatilla Indian Reservation and will begin the work about May 1st.

There was quite a heavy frost here last Sunday morning.

There is a probability that we will have a daily mail in the near future. It was ordered to begin March 28th, but could not until a messenger service could be established between the office and the New River Grange R. R.

The enforcement of a sheep law would be a benefit to more than one in this neighborhood. As it is a band of badly diseased sheep range the lanes and fields very much as they please.

Miss Strawberry came down from Eugene last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Nolan.

West Point Lodge, I. O. O. F., are contemplating an excursion from Coburg to Silverton, the 25th of this month, via the N. G. R. R. If carried out it is sure to be a success.

The Arlington Club, of Coburg, gave a very pleasant Calico ball last Friday evening. Quite a number of young folks attended from this locality.

The heart of one Kentuckian was made glad by the receipt of a bottle of Old Bourbon on April 1st, and the postmistress laughs when she thinks of the specimen of amateur photography she received.

J. F. Henry came up from Brownsville Friday to attend the Grange Council at Harrisburg on Saturday.

Miss Nettie Willoughby is improving at present. It is nearly two years since she was taken sick.

At a call meeting at the Ward school house last Saturday a tax of one mill was voted for school purposes.

Would like to ask the Peoria correspondent if he would like to have a few shakes of Peoria again will make them forget all other ills that may have befallen them.

Frank Yaguna Bay and Eastern oysters constantly on hand at today at Hoffman & Pfeiffer's.

Gayette at Wallace & Thompson's.

THE OTHER SIDE.

April 5th, 1887.

The Agricultural College question is an intricate one and difficult to be understood by the common people.

Even so astute an individual as the editor of the *Oregonian*, the leading paper of the State, committed the egregious blunder of saying that the Trustees of the Church, South, had repudiated their bargain made with the State two years ago, by which their school was to be made the Agricultural College of the State.

Exactly the reverse of this is true, if there was any repudiation at all, which, of course, we deny.

It is not strange, then, that the ordinary citizen should be at sea in the matter.

There are legal questions involved of great moment to the people of the State and church; questions vital in their character and far-reaching in their consequences, whose satisfactory settlement all concerned should be glad to see brought about.

This can only be done by a proper adjudication before the Courts. This is all the M. E. Church proposes to do. She wants her own and nothing more. She feels that an attempt has been made by designing men, through cunning diplomacy, to wrest from her a valuable franchise, without her consent or approval, or without a single dollar as an equivalent; she feels herself unjustly dealt with, and does not propose to surrender, what she conceives to be, her rights, without a calm and dispassionate appeal to the legally established tribunals in such cases made and provided. For this she has been roundly, bitterly, vehemently abused and insulted by the people of Corvallis; and even one little rabbit-headed editor went so far as to declare it a "high handed attempt to steal the property of the State."

Now in all justice and fair dealing, gentlemen, do the facts published by one of your own kind, which we will accept for argument's sake, warrant the use of such vile and slanderous language as directed against a powerful and influential church and citizens of your own and other counties of this State, who have heretofore been above reproach morally and civilly.

The first fact stated by this authority is, that by the legislative enactment of 1870 and its acceptance on the part of the Board of Trustees, the Agricultural College of the State became an "integral part" of Corvallis College. This being the case how can the State take charge of the one without the other. What has the church done to invalidate this contract? This introduces another fact, which is that at the conference of the M. E. Church, South, held at Dayton, September, 1884, certain resolutions were adopted authorizing the Board of Regents, upon certain conditions, to dissolve the compact between the church and State, said dissolution to take effect in June, 1885. Claiming to act under this authority the Board was called together, in special session, and passed a resolution "that the mandate of the conference be complied with." The Secretary notified the Governor, the Governor the Legislature, which passed an act proposing to take charge of the College, not in 1885 as proposed by the conference, but in 1889, and transferring it to the citizens of Benton county under certain conditions. To this proposition the church has never consented. She has never been asked to do so. In fact her rights in the premises, as a party to the contract of 1870, have been entirely ignored. As an excuse for this it has been said that the State had no official notice of this item of time as an essential part of the instructions given by the Dayton conference to the Board, under which they, the Board, claimed to have acted.

Why did they withhold the knowledge of this condition from the State? This was just as mandatory as the other. Ignoring this they forfeited their authority to act under the other. Regarding the proceedings of the conference, as the "laws of the Medes and Persians" irrevocable, and the absence of any reference to time in the Secretary's notice, as admitted on all sides, does it not appear "clear as noonday" to every unprejudiced mind that the pretended transfer was "unauthorized, illegal and void."

The conference never authorized, from their own statement of facts, as published in the *Oregonian*, an unconditional transfer to the State. Those tendering, or pretending to tender, did what the conference never authorized to be done, and why should the church be so vilified for refusing to confirm a contract which even the Dayton resolutions, most liberally interpreted, do not warrant.

Another fact which has an important bearing in this discussion, and which has been strangely overlooked by our friends, on their side, is that the church has been in peaceful possession of the College for the last 17 years and the administration of its affairs has been approved by a long series of investigations, appointed by the Legislature at various times during the period.

Then, again, whatever may be said about intentions, technicalities, legal enactments and conference resolutions, the fact is notorious and significant that the Corvallis College, of the M. E. Church, South, is still in undisputed possession of the Agricultural College of the State, and is held responsible for the administration of its affairs, the Dayton conference resolutions and the legislative enactment of 1885 to the contrary notwithstanding.

One word to the people of Corvallis. But for the M. E. Church, South, which the unthinking multitude in your town, led on by a few designing men, at present, as bitterly denouncing and, which one of your local papers describes as "the carcass of the rebellion," but for this church, I say, Corvallis would never have had a taste or a touch of the Agricultural College.

Members and friends of this church all over the State have contributed of their means, and the Missionary Board of the church has invested a considerable sum to build up an institution of learning at Corvallis.

They desire the prosperity of this town. Their interests and Corvallis are identical. As matters now stand they, (the citizens of Corvallis,) have the Agricultural College upon a certain basis for all time to come. Persistent aggression upon the vested rights of the church will bring on a conflict which will retard the development of the institution, seriously affect the prosperity of the town, and, perhaps, involve the loss of the College entirely, a result for

which these "designing" will be almost responsible. Gentlemen, join with the church in sympathy and resources, and together, make of this institution a grand success.

Peoria.

Prof. F. Clingman is teaching dancing school in Peoria, with a large attendance. The Prof. thoroughly understands the fascinating art and is getting along finely.

Burner says that Dr. Callingham is going to locate in Peoria. This is good news as we need a good doctor here.

Mr. B. F. Ziegler is putting up an ornamental fence around his dwelling house in Peoria.

Tone Cannon is talking of putting in 50 acres of potatoes.

John McBride is taking music lessons.

The lecture was largely attended last Monday eve, Mr. Carter producing some sound arguments, which were well appreciated by those present. Peoria will give a large vote for prohibition.

We need a steam ferry at Peoria to correspond with the rest of the town.

Mr. Wm. Howells, of Ohio, is the guest of John Porter. Mr. Howells is well satisfied with Oregon, and intends making it his home.

Mr. John Johnson left on Monday for Monmouth on a business trip.

There is some fresh paint to be seen here. Peoria is improving.

Prof. G. Byrnes will lecture on phrenology Saturday eve, and will also perform the remarkable feat of mind reading.

The crazy patch work business is rather rough on the young men's cravats.

Pam Gilliam's team ran away in Peoria last Sunday. No damage was done, except smashing up the buggy.

Solomon Myers caught 97 fish in two hours and a half the other day, in Peckenpaw.

Quite an excitement was made here by about 2 acres of drift wood in the river above town breaking loose and floating about half a mile, when it lodged. The noise could be heard a mile.

The theatrical entertainment at Oakville was well attended from the place, considering the unfavorable weather. It was a success.

Mr. Cyrus Clingman is preparing to set out a new orchard.

A large fir tree standing near the residence of David Crowell fell the other day, fortunately missing the house, but only a few feet.

Perry Carter, we understand, is going to start a chop-mill in Peoria.

Mr. James Garrett, one of our most prosperous farmers, was in town the other day.

Scio.

The O. P. tie receivers were in town Saturday receiving ties.

On Saturday night the prize ring was again open. Two of our best men differed in opinion and settled it by Queensbury rules.

At the show given by the blind man Miss Addie Morris was given the prize for being the best looking lady in Scio, and Cliff Epley for being the homeliest man. His girl thinks it was surely a mistake, but the balance was no.

Miss Laura Myers commenced teaching the South Scio school Monday, with 30 pupils enrolled.

Mr. John Shore, Wm. Parker and T. Curt are all on the sick list. Some are considered very dangerously sick.

Wm. Morrow has again returned from Harrisburg to his home among us.

Weather.

Summary of Meteorology for March, 1887, from observations taken at Albany, Linn Co., Oregon, by John Briggs, Esq.

Highest Bar. 30.25; lowest, 29.57; mean, 29.84.

Highest daily Bar. 57.25; lowest, 40; mean, 48.67.

Highest daily Ther. 44; lowest, 4; mean at 7 a. m., 44; 2 p. m., 55.9; 9 p. m., 48.87.

Prevailing winds, S. & N. Maximum velocity force, 4.

Total rainfall and melted snow during month, 9.03 inches.

Number of days on which .01 inch or more rain fell, 18.

Number of days of cloudiness average 8 scale of 10, 11.

Of 93 observations 33 were clear, 27 cloudy, 3 fair, 1 foggy, 21 rain, 2 snow, 6 overcast.

Light frost on the mornings of 9 days and one day killing the 29th.

Rain fell during the winter months, Oct. to March, 41.45 inches.

Call and Settle.

Persons knowing themselves indebted to Mr. John Briggs will find the account in the hands of J. H. Montgomery, Attorney at law, and will do well to call on him and attend to the same at once.

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On Saturday, April 16th, at my residence 3 miles east of Tangent, I will sell at public auction the following: 6 head of good heavy work horses, 3 brood mares, 1 fresh milk cow, 3 two-year olds, 3 yearlings, 1 graded three-year old bull, 1 head of stock hogs. Terms—Cash or eight months credit without interest.

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Notice for Publication. Land Office at Oregon City, Or. February 23rd, 1887. 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 Judge or County Clerk of Linn county, at Albany, Oregon, on Monday, April 11th, 1887, viz: John D. Walton, Homestead Entry No. 549 for the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 35, Tp. 13, S. R. 4 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Oliver McFarland, of Sweet Home, and L. McFarland, Da. Fremont and John Allhouse, of Albany, all of Linn county, Oregon. W. T. BURNETT, Register.

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