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FREIGHT DISCRIMINATIONS.

It will be remembered how bitterly some members of the late Oregon legislature attacked Senate Bill No. 82, proposing to restrict discrimination by common carriers...

Governor Cornell, of New York, in his annual message to the legislature, condemns the "unjust discrimination" and favoritism in the conduct of railroad business...

Governor Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, in speaking of this point in his message, says, "The principle is so obviously just and right as to preclude question or debate."

It may seem a little strange that a measure "so obviously just and right" should fail, but a legislative body which railroads help to elect and compete with the people in controlling, is not always found on the side of the people...

Much to the same point is the following from the N. Y. Times of December 6, 1880:

"There is forming on the face of the territory comprised within the United States a great confederacy of railroads, whose ultimate power it is not easy to forecast. However great the separate systems may be, and however far they may be rivals in the maintenance of through transportation, they will have certain interests in common."

Our national interest in resisting Government control, in obtaining and maintaining laws favorable to their purposes, and in strengthening and guarding their power over the business of the country. By compact among themselves they may lawfully combine to resist the power of the agencies of transportation, and any power that holds these in its grasp will have our national interests at its mercy."

Jay Gould controls one ninth in mileage of all the railroads in the U. S. Vanderbilt manages a corps of employees greater in number than the rank and file of our standing army. These financial giants are able to jointly effect a consolidation of the nation's telegraphic machinery...

from increasing an established rate for carrying freight." This is done to prevent the large and powerful companies eating up the smaller ones by putting rates down. The O. R. N. Co. are doing a business of that kind now, hoping to crowd off the Independent Line and force the railroads, East and West side, to carry for \$1 per ton. This is ruinously low, the railroad company will fall short its annual interest, may become anxious to sell, and the O. R. N. Co. desiring to monopolize the business...

THE ORIGIN OF THE BARBER'S POST.

How the Barbers Were Robbed of a Great and Lucrative Part of their Employment by So-called Scientific Doctors.

QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!

Taking a cursory view of the old school practice of physic, as given us by its history for the past century, the student becomes at once plunged into confusion and perplexity by the many incongruities and changes of the so-called science of therapeutics. In this brief comparison we confine ourselves to the treatment of disease alone, which is the only source of discord and base of contention among physicians. And this we think is due entirely to primary education and a want of ability on the part of some and courage of others to investigate for themselves, fearing the finger of scorn and levity would isolate them from their former associates...

"Who are thought a knave, a fool, or a bigot, plotting crime, Who, for the advancement of his race, Is wiser than his state."

Let us begin with the barber's post, striped with red, and significant to the youth of a candy shop, had its origin, as a few know, and a few years since, from the old and honored practice of blood-letting—cupping, venesection, and leeching, when it was so common and thought so beneficial and rational that the barbers carried on this process in connection with hair cutting and shaving.

After this "barbarous" work gave place to the more baneful and nefarious procedure of salivation, synchronous with the introduction of mercury, the destruction of many valuable lives and ruin of thousands of constitutions, Mr. Barber found himself robbed, as it were, of a great and lucrative part of his employment by the scientific doctors, but retained the old sign as a relic of his past sanguinary experience and a modern signal of

TONSILLOID ART. Right here is the time and place to notice a little appellation that is so odious and distasteful to any one making pretensions to a knowledge of medicine, and so strikingly illustrative of the old saying of one donkey calling another long ears. We mean "Quack." Who are the quacks? How did the word come into use and where does it rightly belong?

About the time of the introduction of mercury by the old school they were called "quack-silver" doctors, in distinction of others, and pronounced in the more broad sound of the Germans as "quack-silver," and finally for short, in speaking of this class of physicians, they dropped the "silver" and called them

QUACK DOCTORS.

Now we see where it aptly belongs. Yet who are more prone to cry "quack" against any physician who will not be whipped into their line of educated belief, housed in as we have seen by organized societies and attempted legislation, than the old school doctors. Pardon this slight digression while we take up the next step of their science, called in common parlance, the "navel dividers," composed of calomel and tartar emetic, acting as a puke and purge at the same time, informing their patient after the lapse of a few hours they might think of dying, although they would feel much better after the medicine operated. Who would not after being drawn up into a knot.

The combination was found to be too rash to be long lived and of practical use, and was superseded by a kind of retrograde metamorphosis,—bleeding, puking, purging, salivation, etc.; until to-day we find it simmered down to purging, quinine, and paliation; routineism. A regular routine plan of treatment. This is probably the way the old school took the term

REGULAR.

The process of purging, depletion, stimulation, narcotism, etc., undoing to-day what you did yesterday, and thus making the rounds, pursuing a very crooked and changeable course, without compass or helm, was found too hazardous by careful thinkers to land the ship safely in the harbor; except it be the eternal port.

They therefore sought and found the "Newton's apple," that gave birth to a natural, scientific, an unchangeable law; God's law, and the only law for the selection of drugs for the cure of disease, and is the same to-day as when discovered.

lars if they can tell us what disease is. Nay, and nowhere in their literature can the answer be found, other than a negative one, such as a want of health or something to that effect. Here the new school steps to the front and informs us that disease is a dynamical disturbance of the vital force; in other words, disease is not substance or matter, has no weight and occupies no space, but is the force that causes a molecular change in the different organs or tissues, and is analogous to electric fluid. The materies morbi or disease material, that we find in the tissue and see excreted or thrown off through the different excretories or outlets of the body in sickness, is the product of disease; also disease may be produced by material, but of itself is not matter.

This is the only tenable theory of disease and is of vital importance to the new school therapist. It is very patent that if a science can change at will, the old school have it, and we have just seen that they do not know what disease is; then, of course they cannot successfully treat it.

TAXPAYERS ARE INTERESTED IN THE LAST LEGISLATURE—WE THEREFORE PUBLISH IT.

SECTION 16 of Title 3 of Chapter 57 provides as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Assessor to deduct the amount of indebtedness, within the State, of any person assessed, from the amount of his or her taxable property. But no such indebtedness shall, in any case, be deducted unless it be real bona fide indebtedness due from the person assessed as principal debtor, and not on account of any contingent liability, as surety, endorser or otherwise; and in case two or more parties as principal debtors, are jointly or severally liable for the payment of any such indebtedness, neither of them shall be entitled to the deduction of any greater portion of it than the proportion each debtor bears to the whole number of such debtors, to the effect that only the amount of indebtedness shall be deducted in favor of all such debtors, nor shall a deduction be made in favor of any person assessed unless he or she delivers to the Assessor a written statement, duly sworn to, specifying the name and place of residence of the creditor, the nature of the debt, the names of other parties, if any, who are liable therefor, and which statement shall show that the debt, or portion thereof sought to be deducted, has not been deducted in any other county or place in the State, from the assessment of such person for that year; and in case such statement shall be found to be false to the knowledge of the party who made it, or that such party has wilfully or recklessly made a false statement in such case for the purpose of obtaining a deduction of indebtedness, such party shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the pains and penalties therefor.

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PACIFIC COAST.

Bridges on the Barlow road are all safe and the road uninjured by the late storm.

A little son of C. G. Fisher, Dallas stood too near the fire-place and was severely burned from his clothes taking fire.

The Riverside learns that L. & J. Helmick are preparing to erect a large warehouse at Parker's, on the railroad south of Independence.

Lizzie Sax, of McMinnville, has a severe gunshot wound in her hand because her brother loaded an old pistol without her knowledge.

The Coos Bay News says one Lakin stove in N. Titio's boat with an axe and attacked Titio, who struck him over the head with a pole and left him for dead.

A Salem exchange says: The steam ferryboat has arrived from Portland and will be placed on the route as soon as possible.

Henry Eads, of Yamhill county, aged 56, who received injuries from a fall not long since, has died recently in consequence.

An exchange says farmers near Grangeville talk of trying flax for a crop, and an oil mill at Lewiston is talked of.

Last week, "Jack Minner," W. G. Scoggin's well known race horse, died of "blind staggers."

Buena Vista is soon to have another hotel.

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J. W. WATTS, Receiver.