

Corvallis Gazette.

COLORED MEN IN OFFICE.

The action of the present administration in appointing to offices a number of representative colored republicans, is one that will be endorsed by all fair-minded men. The fact that about five times as many colored men have been appointed to office by this administration as by the last, disproves the charge made by the democratic party that the colored people would receive no recognition under the republican administration.

The following shows colored republicans who have been appointed to important offices so far, and does not include a number of appointments to minor positions in the different departments at Washington and elsewhere: John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, fourth auditor of the treasury, \$3,600; J. M. Townsend, of Indiana, recorder of the general land office, \$2,000; Robert Smalls, of South Carolina, collector of customs at Beauford, S. C., \$1,000 and fees, Frederick Douglass, of the District of Columbia, minister to Hayti, \$5,000; N. Wright Cuney, of Texas, collector of customs at Galveston, Texas, \$4,500; James Henley, of Alabama, register of the land office at Huntsville, Alabama, \$3,000; N. H. Alexander, of Alabama, receiver of the land office at Montgomery, Alabama, \$3,000; J. H. Patti, of Louisiana, naval officer of customs for the district of New Orleans, Louisiana, \$5,000; John J. Spellman, of Mississippi, special agent of the general land office, \$1,500 and traveling expenses; George C. Smith, of Missouri, special agent of the general land office, \$1,500 and traveling expenses; Samuel Lee, of South Carolina, special surveyor of the general land office, \$1,800 and traveling expenses.

This is a pretty good beginning and it is more pleasing because most of the appointments have been given in the south where a colored republican has little, if any, show for recognition in politics.—Telegram.

THE EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS.

The Electrical Engineer does not share the feeling expressed by some electricians that the employment of the electric current in capital punishment would disgrace or stigmatize their vocation. We take the liberty, however, to point out the following paragraph from the report of the commission:

"Your commissioners are firmly convinced that if the criminal could be put to death in a certain and efficacious manner the purpose of the law would be achieved equally well as if the terrors of death were enhanced by the infliction of prolonged physical torture before the end was finally accomplished. Various suggestions have been made as to the means of accomplishing such a result. One has been the injection of a violent and sudden poison, such as prussic acid, by means of the hypodermic needle, into the body of the condemned, which is open to the very serious objection that the use of the instrument is so associated with the practice of medicine and as a legitimate means of alleviating human suffering that it is hardly deemed advisable to urge its application for the purpose of legal executions against the almost unanimous protest of the medical profession."

We are not told when and how the medical profession was polled on the question, but the above paragraph clearly implies that the suggestion of poison was satisfactory but for the feelings of the doctors.

It has always seemed to us that the question of simple and more humane executions could be best met by physicians. There is no doubt that they could provide a simple method of poisoning, which could be applied with no expect-

ant attention on the part of the condemned—unawares, say in sleep, if desirable, as we think it is—and which would be nearer certain to inflict no conscious physical suffering than any other means hitherto suggested.

THE ONLY SOLUTION.

"I'm so indignant that I can not properly express myself!" cried the speaker.

"Then put a stamp on yourself and go by mail," was the unsympathetic response.

One of Ellaville's gallant young disciples of Blackstone, finding business in the legal profession rather dull at this season, and having a wife and baby to provide for, laid away his law books, closed his office, doffed his standing collar, congress gaiters and courthouse clothes, hauled on his seediest garments, seized a trowel, and sallied forth to earn bread by the sweat of his brow, until the law business picked up. He had gotten a job of bricklaying and earned over \$100 before his friends missed him out of town.

There is a youth in Buffalo of an extremely taciturn disposition. He will sit at table and never utter a word from the potage to the coffee. Even when he goes out in company he has to make an effort to talk. But the moment he drops asleep his tongue begins to wag, and he talks all night with scarcely a pause for breath. The youth is thinking of buying a phonograph to collect his brilliant conversation by night, and to grind it out by day for the benefit of his friends.

A leader of a German band in New York shot himself with a gun filled with water. The water killed him. Had the gun been filled with beer and limberger cheese, the dose would have probably proved harmless.

Mrs. N. Peck—I ran across one of your old letters to-day, Nathan, where you said that you would rather be in endless torment with me than be in bliss by yourself. Mr. N. Peck—Well, I guess I got my wish.

A woman at Pittsburgh, Pa., on being arrested for some misdemeanor convulsively hugged her baby so violently in bidding it good-bye that she squeezed it to death.

Were it not for the constitution of the United States, slavery would still be a Kentucky institution, for the constitution of that state still recognizes it.

Temperance lecturer: Friends, how can we stop the sale of liquor? Milligan (in rear of hall)—Give it away.—Time.

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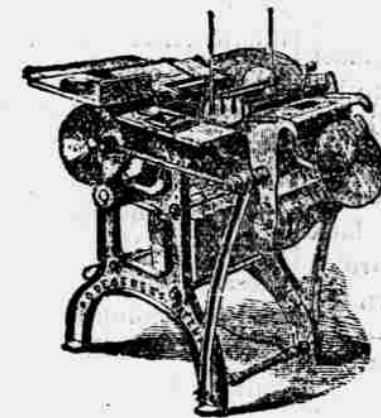
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