

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES. CHAUNCEY NYE.

Near Flounee Rock, a romantic and secluded cove in the mountains, far up Rogue River, there are a number of settlers located and engaged in farming and stock raising. Among them is Chauncey Nye, a Pioneer of Territorial times. He was born in Malcomb county Michigan in 1826, but when quite young removed, with his parents to Oakland county, Indiana, where he resided until the Spring of 1850 when he crossed the plains to California.

It is stated that an effort is being made to secure from President Hayes a re-consideration of the Government's portion of the land upon W. C. Griswold's claim. B. F. Dowell was the mover.

Jim Blaine, the Clay of the Republican party, has won a grand victory in Maine by his bold, earnest and honest advocacy of the right. Conkling is almost certain to carry New York again. It will remain for the great West to say which shall be President, provided Yazoo, De Kalb and other sections of the bulldozing South don't force the nomination of Grant.

The ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors of San Francisco, acted nobly in participating in the reception given Gen. Grant. They vindicated their claim to the title of American citizens and merit honorable mention among those who paid the distinguished ex-President the regard due one who staked life and fortune on the preservation of his country's liberty.

It is seldom that a man lives to read his own obituary but our old friend Calvin B. MacDonald seems to be such an exception to a general rule. He writes from Oakland, California, to the Salem "Statesman," that he is not dead and he must be accepted as competent authority on the subject. It was that paper which put the story in circulation and it did so in anything but commendable terms.

McKenna, Republican candidate for the Third District of California, is defeated by a small majority by Berry, Democrat. McKenna was ahead until nearly all the votes were counted when his competitor took the lead and came out with enough to elect. The Congressional delegation from California therefore stands three Republicans and one Democrat.

As we predicted last week the Democratic State Convention of Massachusetts has assembled and endorsed the nomination of Ben Butler and Wendell Phillips for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The old story about Ben hooking the spoons is taken back and his Democracy is pronounced genuine.

It is asserted by foreign news gatherers that Russia is again seeking an excuse to interfere in Turkish matters. England's suspicions of her rival are again aroused and an early resort to arms would not be surprising.

Sorghum.—Mr. H. Stephenson of Jackass Creek has raised a small crop of Sorghum which attained fine growth. He is now engaged, with the aid of Mr. Wm. Pense, in manufacturing syrup from the cane with a prospect of excellent success. There is no doubt but that the Sorghum sugar cane can be raised on the best and in this county to perfection.

FOOD AND FIBER.

Inaugural Address Delivered by P. President L. L. Rogers at the opening of Ashland College September 15th, 1875.

all science, all music, or all any one thing. There is a tendency in some schools to unsymmetrical development. Music alone is, we fear, depraving; so with art; so with the exclusive study of matter or mind.

Americans need art, mental and moral science. They are being neglected. Let us learn to use the brush and pencil as well as the pen.

But in supplying food for the growing mind are the moral and religious faculties to be disregarded?

There are many who are loud and constant in their talk against Christian schools. We believe rather that religious schools are right in principle, and may be made not only unobjectionable but the more practical and thorough, for being Christian.

It is conceded by all that the physical training of students should not be neglected; rather than it strengthens the mind, imparting vigor and symmetry to the mental faculties. The scholar need not and should not have poor health. Calisthenics are right in theory and may be made in every school both pleasant, safe and profitable.

Is a depraved heart less fatal to intellectual completeness than bodily disease?

There is not an argument which may be urged in favor of giving careful attention to the physical well being of students that may not stand with great force in favor of religious and moral instruction.

Is it said that mental action may be stimulated in connection with physical exercise? How are the reason, the imagination and the intuitive faculties called into action as we reason of God, of Christ, of eternity, of righteousness, temperance and a judgment to come?

In describing the steam engine, teachers commend the genius of Watts; if explaining the telegraph, the name of Morse is spoken with reverence; and ought not the teacher of Botany, Physiology, Astronomy and Zoology to awaken most holy reverence, most ardent love for God among his pupils, as the perfection, utility, grandeur and beauty of nature are described?

In furnishing food for thought, scope for the imagination, and exercise for the reason, how can a teacher do better than in Butler's Analogy, Christian Evidences, Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, and kindred works?

Is it said these are too difficult, too abstract. So may Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar be made blind and uninteresting. Understood by the teacher, their importance comprehended; taught with tact and enthusiasm, moral and religious Philosophy will prove as attractive to upright minded pupils as mathematics and the languages.

As to the difficulties surrounding the subjects: man as a religious being; God eternal, righteous, merciful, omnipresent, invisible, yet real and loving; life as a probation and Christ our guide and Savior,—as to the difficulties attending the description of these questions, there are safe, easy paths, up to the main summits; there are scenes of sublimity fruits most healthful for the soul's eating to be found in ascending.

They are blind, inexperienced guides who know not how to avoid the precipices and avalanches.

It is a work much needed, a sublime and pleasant work to teach His- tory and Philosophy, the Languages, and the Sciences, in harmony with, and illuminated by Christian faith.

It is clear to us that Christians, ought to promptly enter upon, and labor with enthusiasm and patience in the work of education.

If we honestly believe the teachings of the Bible; if Christ be indeed the Life and Light of the world, how can we be in doubt concerning the duty and propriety of obeying the instructions of Moses, given in Deut. vi:7-9? If business and religion should not be

disassociated, surely education and religion ought not to be. Christianity is not a set of forms; it is a life, a reformation and development of the heart.

Because Cannibals eat human flesh, are we to become vegetarians? Because Roman Catholics train their scholars to worship images, are we to cease teaching our youth to worship God?

Because Papists craftily disseminate Popery in their schools, are we to give up our children to infidelity and not hingarianism?

Satan has through the folly of Romanism led many to give up religion altogether. Are we going to neglect the Christian schooling and training of our children, because Romanists have been crafty enough to use schools for propagating their baneful teachings?

Ashland College will be a Christian School, honestly, openly, ardently. It will not be sectarian. There is a wide difference between the terms Christian and sectarian. This will be a religious institution only in that we shall labor to vitalize, purify, and strengthen the moral while the mental faculties are being developed. Thoroughness will not be sacrificed upon the altar of Theology. As practical scholars, as clear and independent thinkers, as ready accountants and scientists our students shall excel. But be assured, dear friends, on the Pacific coast, piety is not alarmingly prevalent, schools are not spoiled by spirituality. Worship does not weaken. Right habits, pure thoughts, deep thinking, and devout hearts are allies. Let not education and religion be dissociated. Away with bigotry and priestcraft; but let piety and intelligence abound.

By the alchemy of life fuel is transformed into fiber; by volition, truth is incorporated into character. Great thoughts make great men. Libraries and schools feed our higher natures,—are tables which should never lack supplies.

May the institution we found today nourish all that is noble in the human soul. By its aid may thousands be made mighty, capable, complete. Wide, benign, and lasting be its influence. Citizens of Jackson County, cherish it; defend it; honor it. Living, labor for it; dying bequeath it to posterity. Its success depends not only upon its President; but upon its patrons. Both sexes shall set at its tables. Temperance, Intelligence and Christianity preside at its feasts. Food shall here be spread such as the great and good have ever fed upon. Firm and healthy shall be the fiber here formed. Immortal minds in the light of their native immortality shall here be taught and trained. Thou Great Teacher instruct us all. On the pupils, patrons and preceptors of Ashland College and Normal School may the blessing of the Trine God,—Father Son and Holy Spirit, forever rest.

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