

OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE
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GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

There were some unreasonable and some sensible suggestions made regarding the conduct of funerals at the late Methodist convention in Portland. It was urged that the practice of wearing mourning be abandoned because its cost was burdensome on the poor; but it might be as reasonably expected that the wealthy would abandon all other means of ostentation, because others were peculiarly unable to imitate them. The ghastly pageantry of modern funerals is a matter of individual taste only to be governed by the ability of surviving relatives to make the display, gratifying perhaps, to the poor pride of the living but of little importance to the dead. The habiliments of mourning, however, should not be discarded by those who feel able to wear them. The ostentatiousness of the wealthy is not an unpardonable sin. Not that outside show is necessary to disclose the grief of the troubled heart, for the poor in sack cloth may feel the wounds that death leaves as keenly as the rich in the most ghastly silken drapery; but because the practice of wearing mourning, in itself, an expression from many of the foolish burdens of society, it is not likely to be discontinued. Objection was also made to opening coffins at the grave and it is not without force. While human nature has never reached that point of stoicism, and never will, when we will part with our dead with perfect resignation, the last look at loved ones should not be taken when the poor clay is unsightly but when it will leave an impression on the mind that will not bring unpleasant remembrances. In this respect the suggestions made at the convention are correct; but to ask civilized people to forego the poor privilege of showing that their thoughts are with their dead by wearing decent mourning apparel will be considered too much of an innovation. It would be just as reasonable to ask ministers to relinquish a cherished prerogative, that of torturing the living in the presence of the dead by harshly judging the deceased, if having gone before the final Tribunal well outside the pale of any orthodox religion.

Mexico Conquered.

The once hated "Gringo" has at last conquered the sister republic, by the arts of peace and the hands of the American railroad kings are stretched out, by invitation, to gather in her riches. From every indication, it will not be ten years until every fertile valley, every rich mineral region of Mexico is traversed by an American railroad, built, owned and managed by citizens of the United States. Then the gradual absorption by the stronger and more vigorous civilization will begin. "Filibustering" will be out of date and the idea of a protectorate forgotten. When the Mexican boys learn to whistle "Yankee doodle," handle columbiads, raise wheat, cotton, and liberty poles; the Mexican girls understand how to run sewing machines and manipulate baby jumpers and their fingers keep time to the music of American spindles—then will the victory be complete. Then the bird of freedom may build its nest in the highest peak of the Cordilleras till his scream be heard from ocean to ocean mingled with the screech of American steam whistles, and who will dare ruffle a feather of his wing? Within twenty five years we shall witness all these things as the peaceful absorption of Mexico is only "manifest destiny" and it is written, that the Anglo-American will rule the western world.

Newspaper Courtesy.

An exchange in Portland, the Standard, is vexed because a Salem paper continually filches from its original matter without proper acknowledgment. This is a matter that does not concern the public; but one of professional courtesy among publishers and this paper has more than once entered the same complaint as the Standard without avail. Publishers who resort to the practice of filching news items and ideas, to interest their readers, from their exchanges, are professional hummers, no more respected than the hummer who hangs round a bar in order to pick up a drink. Men who are unwilling to give others credit for their labor and incapable of making a paper interesting by their own ability and industry ought to select some calling that could not be disgraced by petty larceny—for plagiarism is nothing else and we don't care who likes or dislikes our opinion.

"AN ENLIVENING FRAUD."

Under this head the Salem Statesman publishes some original matter which would be very proper, if strictly true. It is in regard to the "star" mail service between Roseburg and Redding, and that paper says:

"After the contract had been entered upon the contractors, through and by the aid of 'influential' friends, managed to get an order for increased mail service, for which they were to receive \$30,000 extra."

This is erroneous. There was no increase of compensation after the letting of the contract, but it was bid for precisely as it was advertised by the Department, but in referring to the "increased service," which is a tri-weekly mail, for the conveyance of third and fourth class mail matter, the Statesman is extremely unjust. That paper complains that the extra service only extends one day's travel from the termini of the route, and because it is not continued through the whole route (unnecessarily) the government is defrauded out of \$30,000. The stage company have a contract to carry the United States mails from Roseburg to Redding on specified schedule time, for which service the company is paid a certain price. After receiving the contract it was found that the service could be performed without the additional expense contemplated by the government—that is by running the "extras" over the worst roads at both ends and filling the daily coaches with the extra load at the sacrifice of passenger traffic. The mails are carried through promptly and safely on schedule time, and it is improbable that the department will find any fault with the mode of transportation. If mails have been delayed as the Statesman alleges, the delay has been caused by storm and impassable roads and streams, not by lack of means of transportation. The public between here and the termini of this route have no complaint to make of the service, but people living in very large places like Salem are harder to please than those in the country and must be excused for petulance. The truth is, that if it were not for extraordinary expenditures, by the stage company in road building and for the greatest determination to perform the service we would be without mails half the time during the winter. The animus of the Statesman is principally directed against Postal Inspector Simpson, with whom it is very angry, because he cannot ferret out fault or failures where there are none. If the editor of the Statesman will come down here and proceed as far as Yreka, he will wonder how the mails are dragged through at all and go home in a good humor.

"Irresistible Impulse."

Verily this world is progressing in elegance and refinement. The vulgar term "emotional insanity" is no longer thought fit to express the delicate sensibilities of those who play their fellow, and that perturbation of reason that overcomes so many unfortunate homicides, is only to be referred to by a tender allusion to its natural sequence as "irresistible impulse," by the legal fraternity. It is hard to decide whether we are progressing or retrograding, however, as we well remember, that in the early days of this coast, if a man felt an irresistible impulse to murder, the community were seized with a similar disposition and the culprit generally reached eternity by a short line, much less expensive than modern Courts, the fares on which were regulated only by the price of hemp. It is all right though. Let murder be dignified by "irresistible impulse," provided always no fault be found if a community should be impelled by the sentimentalism of juries to check the wholesale manslaughter, that legal men defend as a fine art, by an irresistible desire to return to the old and effective mode of criminal jurisprudence—for to that we are drifting.

The appointment of ex-Senator Thurman, as a member of the International monetary commission, might excite a fear that official material among Ohio Republicans was exhausted, but such is, probably, not the case. The appointment is only a handsome recognition of Judge Thurman's worth. It does the President honor, proving him above many of his party; and is an act no fair minded Republican should find fault with.

When Senator Camden of West Virginia, was proposed in the Democratic caucus as a member of the finance committee there was great indignation because he is President of a National bank. This shows the prying effects of political campaigns, but the virtuous attitude of the party, that so lately took the Indiana banker, English, for its National candidate is strikingly ludicrous.

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ASSASSINATION OF THE CZAR.

The Nihilists of Russia have at last succeeded in murdering the Emperor of Russia and the event has sent a thrill of horror and indignation throughout Europe. It will probably result in the drawing of the reins of government still tighter and a complete breaking up of the communistic organization. The following details are from the Oregonian's dispatches.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—As the emperor was returning from a parade in Michel Manege at about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, a bomb was thrown which exploded under the czar's carriage which was considerably damaged. The czar alighted unhurt, but a second bomb exploded at his feet, shattering both legs below the knees, and inflicting other terrible injuries. The czar was immediately conveyed in an unconscious state to the Winter palace, where he died at 4:30 o'clock this p. m. Two persons were concerned in the crime, one of whom was seized immediately. The explosion also killed an officer and two Cossacks. Many policemen and other persons were injured.

THE SECOND DISPATCH.

London, March 13.—A St. Petersburg correspondent says: The imperial carriage was attacked on Ekst Rinsky canal opposite the imperial stables while the emperor was returning with Grand Duke Michael from Michael palace in a closed carriage supported by eight Cossacks. The first bomb fell near the carriage destroying the back part. The czar and his brother alighted uninjured. The assassin on being seized by a colonel of police drew a revolver but was prevented from firing it. A second bomb was then thrown by another person and fell close to the czar's feet, its explosion shattering both his legs. The czar fell crying for help. Col. Dorjibski though himself much injured raised the emperor who was conveyed to the Winter palace in Col. Dorjibski's sleigh. Large crowds assembled before the palace but were kept back by troops of Cossacks. The imperial family were all assembled at the deathbed.

The council of state immediately convened. All places of public resort are closed.

A doctor's bulletin published at 3 in the afternoon stated that both legs were broken below the knee, the lower part of the body severely injured, and the left eye torn from its socket. Grand Duke Michael was not hurt. The assassins were disguised as peasants. One report says that one of them was so roughly handled that he has since died. All army officers have been ordered to remain in barracks. The council of the empire, under the presidency of the czarovich, was still sitting at midnight. A manifesto will be published Monday. Services will be held at the Winter palace Monday. Afterwards the new emperor will receive the homage of officers of state.

When Col. Dorjibski asked the first assassin his name he replied "Kousakoff."

A few minutes before his death the emperor received the sacrament.

Upon receipt of official intelligence of the czar's death the following dispatch was cabled by Secretary Blaine:

WASHINGTON, March 12. Foster, American Minister, St. Petersburg: Express to Minister of Foreign Affairs sentiments of sorrow with which the President and the people of the United States have heard of the terrible crime of which the Emperor has been the victim, and their profound sympathy with the Imperial family and the Russian people in their great affliction.

Plant Flowers.

There are few people who do not love flowers. Dives and Lazarus, king and kaiser, the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble alike acknowledge their beauty and may all gratify their senses in the enjoyment of nature's gifts. Childhood delights in them, and from the hour when innocence drinks their beauty and fragrance, they assume an importance in all the great affairs of after life. The bride is crowned with them; the warrior, the statesman and the sage are loaded with them as the choicest offerings of a grateful people. The altars, consecrated to worship, are adorned with the floral tributes of the faithful, breathing an incense sweetest of all in nature's alchemy. The dimming eye of age yet sees their loveliness and the silent tomb receives them as the last tender and affectionate tribute to the dead. We could wish to see our people cultivate them more, not merely as an indication of taste and refinement, but as an inexpensive gratification to those who are unable to indulge in the ownership of such simple luxuries. There is nothing that makes a town so attractive as pretty and tasteful flower gardens, nor is there any means of public adornment, costing so little and yielding so much.

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