### THE INDIAN.

His Capabilities and his Destiny.

Bev. J. B. Donaldson, pastor of the Prespreached a sermon on the Indian, which was listened to by a fair audience. The whole discourse was creditable to his heart, breathing, as it did, "malice toward none and char-

ity for all." It was evident that much thought and research had been devetel, by the speaker, to the subject, and, although extemporaneous, his reference to historical facts, as well as his argument, was well connected and con prehensive. The theory presented for the treatment of the Indian, by the whites, was that which should be practiced by every civilized man, in dealing with his neighbor, provided that neighbor recognizes the obligation of reciprocal action on his part. And right here is where the beautiful theory presented by Mr. Donaldson ceuses to be practical, when applied to the Indian problem. Though savage by nature, the American Indian has a code of morals of his own, as sacred to him, as the koran to the follower of Mohomett, or the bible to the believer in the Christian decalogue. Unlike the gentle precepts of Christ, wherin His followers are taught to render good for evil, and to "love them that dispitefully use you," the Indian's code teaches "an eye for an eve and a tooth for a tooth." They have even improved upon the Mosaic dispensation and scruple not to relieve a fellow mortal of an eye-or a scalp-when they have lost neither. They have no knowledge of the significance of MEUM ET TUUM, but regard everything their own, provided they can get possession of it, either stealthily or by force. Revenge for an injury, real or supposed, is the most sacred of their religious tenets. To inflict the most inhuman torture upon a helpless captive is to them, offering sacrifice to their diety. To make slaves of their women they regard right, because they have the power to do so. Charity is an emotion unknown to the savage breast. They regard any manifestation of that sentiment as cowardice. They claim no distinctive nationality, and have every policy. been as cruel and treacherous to each other as to any other race. In dealing with those who fall in their power, in their raids upon eich other, they have no conception of mer cy, because it is not an attribute of the power they fear and worship. There are but two avenues through which the mind and heart of an Indian in his native savagery, literally flays pretentious quacks. can be reached to influence his action, and The writer describes the medical charlthese are his cupidity and his fear. Before the savage can be learned to obey the moral precepts of the enlightened, he must unlearn the teachings of his father, the tradi tions of his mather and the superstitions to which be and his ancestors have been slaves from the incipiency of their race. He is an outlaw when judged by the civilized code and he must be treated as an outlaw. He is susceptible to humane and christian teach. all things, nothing puzzles him, nothing, only when he is taught to fear and re- ing surprises him, until the night of nia agitator, and champion of the Laspect the material force which supports under the gentle banner of the cross, until he has learned to muster under the imperious standard of civilized law. Nor is he a whit behind other races in this respect. The march of christianity, from the close of the Apostolic era to the present day, to every nation where it now dominates, has been in the rear of the tramp of armed hosts. Behind the seried ranks of the army of Con. stantine, it beamed forth upon the Roman Empire, while the mythological Pantheon vanished before its effurgent rays, and throughout the entire continent of Europe, it of the more convincing argument of power to enforce an observance of civilized precepts, and in every instance, such efforts have been failures, sometimes disastrous and bloody. The tragic fate of the lament, ed Dr. Whitman and his devoted wife, has many parallels in this and other climes. For thirteen years, he had taught and preached among the Cayuse and Walla Walla recognize himself in propria persona in for his recovery. As a private citizen, tribes, as intelligent Indians as ever found the above elegantly executed pen phobefore the massacre, had sat, with their even more dangerous than the illiterate in the several honorable and important teachers, around the sacramental altar and boor, empaled on the trenchent pen of public stations which he filled, no partaken of the symbols of the atonement. the Times' correspondent. I refer to charge was ever brought against either And it is a fact, worthy of serious reflection, the educated fools, who are annually Gregon in 1846 and no man did more and the perpetrators of nameless horrors upon their helples captives whose lives were spared only to suffer a more cruel fite. No bad influence of lawless and God-

with the Indians, when he introduced his scription; pay the stipulated fee; obtain colony into Pennsylvania, was more to be a diploma and thus commissioned and attributed to the presents be gave them and stamped "regulars," they start out in the rapid influx of European emigration, their career of human slaughter secun than a native desire to hold sacred their dum artem. Without the deceptive plighted faith. And while history paints, tinsel with which certain so-called in glowing colors, the Penn treaty, and the medical colleges adorn these misplaced civilizing influence it had upon the Indians, hod carriers, and their purchased dithe mind asks, where are its fruits? The answer comes up from the rade graves scattered along the margin of every stream between the Atlantic and the Mississippi: Behold, they are here! In short, the doom of the red man may be written in two words: Fading away. The Cherokee and Creek nations may be cited to refute this irrevoca ble decree, but when it is remembered that their advancement toward civilization has skin, they are enabled to invade the are many here who are willing and the sume ratio with the infusion of homes of the refined and intelligent, anxious to be convinced.

less white men, was the incentive cause to

this holocaust of innocence, unless, as is

white bleed into their veins, the process of like Death, with his scythe whetted for Indian war news, this week, is un- H. M. THATCHER. their enlightenment will not commend itself | destruction. as one worthy of imitation.

they were settled by the whites, contained a vast Indian population. Here were sent. from the East, missionaries by several of the leading Protestant denominations, besides the propagators of the Roman Catholic Faith, who accompanied the Hudson Bay Company. Whitman, Spaulding, Lee, Walbyterian Church, on last Sunday evening, ler, Leslie, Wilson and Hines, many of them accompanied by their wives, were here, long before any other whites invaded this then savage wilderness. That they labored earnestly, faithfully and prayerfully, none will deny. Again is presented the startling question: Where are their converts? In all this broad land, not one can be named.

> We are not disposed to underrate the val ue and power of religious teaching. Fa from it. But we do protest against the present so called peace policy of the Gov ernment, in its treatment of the Indians Since its adoption, it has cost millions of treasure and thousands of lives, both Indians and whites. It is therefore both cruel and expensive. The Indian policy of this Govern. ment, always a system of outrage and wrong, is more detestable now than ever before. We have no sympathy with those who cry extermination, but when a Government refuses to protect the lives of its citizens, they must protect themselves. The science of human government teaches it, and every authority, human and divine, sanctions it Had the government, from the beginning protected the pioneers who led the vanguard of civilization across the continent, and paid less attention to banding the Indians on res. he be gifted with "strong physical and eries ... Miss Dr. A. J. Ford, a graduate ervations to be maltreated by dishonest agents, while being pampered and made requisite scholastic and scientific ac- etteUniversity, has commenced the praclazy with annuities and gifts, the prospect of civilizing, even a remnant of the race would there will be no need of calling upon The fall term of the Wilbur Academy be far better than it now is.

We agree with Mr. Donaldson, that treating with the Indians, both government and individuals should be just honest and truthful. But before they can be taught the value of such treatment, they must be made to know, that behind every violated law hangs the gleaming sword, and that the power wielding it will visit, upon them, for every transgression, swift and certain punishment, unalloyed with the mistaken magnanimity of the present peace

### ABOUT DOCTORS.

"SAM'S VALLEY," Aug. 7, '78. EDITOR TIDINGS.—The Jacksonville Times of last week, contained an article entitled "Guessing Doctors," which atan as "a fellow of infinite pretense, so self important wherever he goesloud, using words and phrases he knows nothing about; looks wise; has among his credulous dupes. He knows them. He cannot be constrained to march career of his patient, and then he is ton, enlightening the Yankees in regard mense practice and success to those medical men, is a physician among of his tomb at such a profanation. clowns and a clown among physicians. look gives him credit for wisdom, and often, with apparent modesty, introduces himself into the family of the inwas preceded by armies with banners. His- telligent, only to be found out when it tory is replete with the record of instances is too late. Often these fellows couch sequence of the poor prospect for a in which devoted, self-sacrificing christians their deception under the garb of relig- raise in wheat. It would now be in have attempted to introduce their religion ion, and not unfrequently, are the among savage nations, and tribes in advance leaders of some political party in some isolated precinct, and can stock a primary with unction. And you often ting each others throats. hear them say they use neither calomel nor quicksilver, or, as they frequently remark, no other poisonous mineral."

on this continent. Many of them had made tograph. But there is another class of professions of religion, and but a few hours | illegitimate sons of Esculapius, who are curried down, brushed, roached, nicked for the interests of the territory and country. These fellows, without untaught them, attend a course or two of to record. medical lectures, often delivered by claimed by some, they were rival missionaries of another branch of the Christian others as ignorant as themselves, acquire just enough Latin to write quan The success of William Penn, in treating tum sufficit at the conclusion of a preplomas, which they display with the vanity of an Indian with a new calico and our personal knowledge of Mr.

Gregon and adjacent territories, before Times, referring to the undiplomatic Howard is in pursuit with about as quacks, who infest society, asks: When good prospect of forcing them to an will the legislature conclude that it is engagement, as he has of corralling the necessary to pass prohibiting laws jack rabbits. against these impostors? An answer is impossible, unless given by "gness," as some of the doctors administer physic. But when the legislature should pass such laws, is, in my judgment, narrow gauge railroad being rapidly as plain as the spread eagle vignette on laid . . . Crops short in the Willamette a cheap diploma. Such laws should and Umpqua valleys ... I. N. Mansy & be enacted when medical colleges at Co. have taken \$6,000, in heavy gold, tain a higher degree of excellence and out of their claims on Coyote creek .... cease licensing every shallow-brained Twenty-two persons have been killed egotist, who is too lazy to work, to by savages, in Umatilla county, during practice a profession of which he is the present Indian war. . . The commiscriminally ignorant. It will be time for sioners of the Willamette falls canal the law to interpose when the "regu- are comencing suit against the Lock lar" faculty eliminate from their text and Dam company to collect the perbook, prescription and practice, the ten centage due the State, of the earnings thousand obstruse, useless and absurd of the canal, which remains unpaid mythological names and characters de- since January 1875 .... Every steamer signed only to deceive the credulous that arrives in Portland, from San and astonish the unsophisticated.

dow a stupid medical student, though ''good Indians' robbed a white woman he be rich as Crassus, with a modicum at the foot of Des Chutes hill one day of brains, but the faculty cansell him a last week .... Douglas county has an diploma for his cash. Hence, I hold ox 191/2 hands high. He is the properthat the reformation so ably advocated ty of Clark & McGregor of Roseburg by the Times' correspondent, must comdoctors. Grant no man a diploma, unless of salmon from the Columbia river fishmental ability," combined with the of the Medical department of Willamquirements. "Doctor heal thyself"and tice of her profession at Eugene City . . either legislative, executive or judicial under the supervision of Prof J. H. authority, to pronounce you well. Un Skidmore, will commence Monday til this duty is attended to by medical September 9th. men, who deserve the title of M. D., the people should judge the faculty by their works, and not blindly absorb the nostrums of every man, who can exhibti a lamb's pelt, embellished with the chirography the of ancients. A TRANSIENT OBSERVER.

And now it is stated that Mrs. Eliza beth Tilton proposes to enter the lecture field. Her theme is to be "woman's fall," a subject with which she is doubtless familiar.

Henry Ward Beecher is en route for stock. California where he will deliver a course of lectures. The San Francisco papers predict that he will draw inmense houses. Why should'nt he? He good sheep range, and very cheap. BLANKETS, is eloquent, famous and infamous.

We hear the name of Judge J. W. Baldwin, of Albany, mentioned as a generally among the ignorant-talks probable candidate for U. S. Senator. The Judge is a gentleman of fine attainments as well as possessing eminent natural ability. We predict that low cunning, which he mistakes for he will be a formidable rival to the intelligence; talks medicine eloquently host of aspirants who hope to possess the senatorial toga.

DENNIS KEARNEY, the great Califordeath appears about to close the earthly | bor party in that State, is now in Boscunning enough not to be found. These to the respective rights of brawn SALE AND FEED STABLES! Are twied to send in their orders and assured that shysters are always ready to give their and brain, money and muscle. The advice, always speaking of their im. Bostonians received him with quite an ovation, and he addressed an immense audience in front of Fanuel hall. The who will swallow it, but are very care- dry bones of Daniel Webster certainly ful not to say much about medicine to rattled ominously within the cerements

THE treaty of Berlin has been signed Infallible, sly and tricky, his knowing by the Representatives of all the na- years past been conferred on these justly tions that participated in the congress. The peace basis in Europe is, therefore, permanent for the present, and Ameri can's are correspondingly sad in conorder for some enterprising grain speculator, to comence a damage suit against the Sultan and the Czar for permitting their subjects to cease cut-

Gov. Geo. L. Curry died at his residence, in Portland, on the evening of the 28th ult. He had been prostrated The stupidest patent pill peddling for several months, with an illness tramp in Christendom, cannot fail to which, from the first, gave slight hopes neighbor and friend, Gov. Curry possessed traits that indeared him to all with whom he held such relations and and turned loose on the public, by State, at the time when honesty and many of the medical institutions of the wisdom were required to lay the foundation of our present great and prosperous commonwealth, than did he derstanding the language their mothers whose decease we are now called upon

EXPLANATION .- We are in receipt of a letter from Hon. Isaac Cox, in which he takes exceptions to our report of his exhibition of "odic force," at this place a few weeks since. We certainly intended to do Mr. Cox no injustice. Whatever we wrote in relation to the subject, which might have been regarded as criticism, was written to call HE IS IN FAVOR OF THOSE WHO his attention to certain parts of his performance which bore somewhat the semblance of legerdemain. As we before stated, the evidence we had from others shirt, they would be comparatively Cox, convinced us, as well as we could harmless. They could then prey only be convinced by evidence, that he possessed the power he claimed before upon the ignorant, to whose loss the witnessing his exhibition. But as he country could quite easily become rec- promises to visit Ashland again in a onciled. But, enshrouded in the short time, and "give tests that it will

important. The hostiles are scattered The learned correspondent of the in small parties along Snake river.

### News Epitome.

Fire in East Portland last week, loss \$14,000; insurance \$3,000 .... Yamhill

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