

THE INDIAN

His Capabilities and his Destiny.

Rev. J. E. Donaldson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, on last Sunday evening, preached 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 charity for all."

white blood into their veins, the process of their enlightenment will not commend itself as one worthy of imitation. Oregon and adjacent territories, before they were settled by the whites, contained a vast Indian population.

We are not disposed to underrate the value and power of religious teaching. Far from it. But we do protest against the present so-called peace policy of the Government, in its treatment of the Indians.

We agree with Mr. Donaldson, that in treating with the Indians, both the 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 policy.

ABOUT DOCTORS.

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EDITOR TIDINGS.—The Jacksonville Times of last week, contained an article entitled "Guessing Doctors," which literally flays pretentious quacks. The writer describes the medical charlatan as "a fellow of infinite pretense, so self important wherever he goes—generally among the ignorant—talks loud, using words and phrases he knows nothing about; looks wise; has low cunning, which he mistakes for intelligence; talks medicine eloquently among his credulous dupes. He knows all things, nothing puzzles him, nothing surprises him, until the night of death appears about to close the earthly career of his patient, and then he is cunning enough not to be found. These shysters are always ready to give their advice, always speaking of their immense practice and success to those who will swallow it, but are very careful not to say much about medicine to medical men, is a physician among clowns and a clown among physicians.

The stupidest patent pill peddling tramp in Christendom, cannot fail to recognize himself in propria persona in the above elegantly executed pen photograph. But there is another class of illegitimate sons of Esculapius, who are even more dangerous than the illiterate boor, empaled on the trenchant pen of the Times' correspondent. I refer to the educated fools, who are annually carried down, brushed, roached, nicked and tanned loose on the public, by many of the medical institutions of the country. These fellows, without understanding the language their mothers taught them, attend a course or two of medical lectures, often delivered by others as ignorant as themselves, acquire just enough Latin to write *qua tuum sufficit* at the conclusion of a prescription; pay the stipulated fee; obtain a diploma and thus commissioned and stamped "regulars," they start out in their career of human slaughter *secundum artem*. Without the deceptive tinsel with which certain so-called medical colleges adorn these misplaced heal carriers, and their purchased diplomas, which they display with the vanity of an Indian with a new calico shirt, they would be comparatively harmless. They could then prey only upon the ignorant, to whose loss the country could quite easily become reconciled. But, enshrouded in the mystic folds of their talismanic sheep skin, they are enabled to invade the homes of the refined and intelligent,

like Death, with his scythe whetted for destruction. The learned correspondent of the Times, referring to the undiplomatic quacks, who infest society, asks: When will the legislature conclude that it is necessary to pass prohibiting laws against these impostors? An answer is impossible, unless given by "guess," as some of the doctors administer physics. But when the legislature should pass such laws, is, in my judgment, as plain as the spread eagle vignette on a cheap diploma. Such laws should be enacted when medical colleges attain a higher degree of excellence and cease licensing every shallow-brained egotist, who is too lazy to work, to practice a profession of which he is criminally ignorant. It will be time for the law to interpose when the "regular" faculty eliminate from their text book, prescription and practice, the ten thousand obtruse, useless and absurd mythological names and characters designed only to deceive the credulous and astonish the unsophisticated.

The law-making power cannot endow a stupid medical student, though he be rich as Crassus, with a modicum of brains, but the faculty cancell him a diploma for his cash. Hence, I hold that the reformation so ably advocated by the Times' correspondent, must commence with the authorities that create doctors. Grant no man a diploma, unless he be gifted with "strong physical and mental ability," combined with the requisite scholastic and scientific acquirements. "Doctor heal thyself" and there will be no need of calling upon either legislative, executive or judicial authority, to pronounce you well. Until this duty is attended to by medical 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 exhibit a lamb's pelt, embellished with the chirography of the ancients.

And now it is stated that Mrs. Elizabeth 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 California where he will deliver a course of lectures. The San Francisco papers predict that he will draw immense houses. Why should't he? He is eloquent, famous and infamous.

We hear the name of Judge J. W. Baldwin, of Albany, mentioned as a probable candidate for U. S. Senator. The Judge is a gentleman of fine attainments as well as possessing eminent natural ability. We predict that he will be a formidable rival to the host of aspirants who hope to possess the senatorial toga.

DENNIS KEARNEY, the great California agitator, and champion of the Labor party in that State, is now in Boston, enlightening the Yankees in regard to the respective rights of brawn and brain, money and muscle. The Bostonians received him with quite an audience in front of Faneuil hall. The dry bones of Daniel Webster certainly rattled ominously within the carcerments of his tomb at such a profanation.

The treaty of Berlin has been signed by the Representatives of all the nations that participated in the congress. The peace basis in Europe is, therefore, permanent for the present, and American's are correspondingly sad in consequence of the poor prospect for a raise in wheat. It would now be in order for some enterprising grain speculator, to commence damage suit against the Sultan and the Car for permitting their subjects to cease cutting each others throats.

Gov. Geo. L. Carry died at his residence, in Portland, on the evening of the 28th ult. He had been prostrated for several months, with an illness which, from the first, gave slight hopes for his recovery. As a private citizen, neighbor and friend, Gov. Carry possessed traits that endeared him to all with whom he held such relations and in the several honorable and important public stations which he filled, no charge was ever brought against either his integrity or his ability. He came to Oregon in 1846 and no man did more for the interests of the territory and State, at the time when honesty and wisdom were required to lay the foundation of our present great and prosperous commonwealth, than did he whose decease we are now called upon to record.

EXPLANATION.—We are in receipt of a letter from Hon. Isaac Cox, in which he takes exceptions to our report of his exhibition of "odie 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 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 and our personal knowledge of Mr. Cox, convinced us, as well as we could be convinced by evidence, that he possessed the power he claimed before witnessing his exhibition. But as he promises to visit Ashland again in a short time, and "give tests that it will be more absurd to doubt than to believe," we will simply add that there are many here who are willing and anxious to be convinced.

Indian war news, this week, is unimportant. The hostiles are scattered in small parties along Snake river. Howard is in pursuit with about as good prospect of forcing them to an engagement, as he has of corraling the jack rabbits.

News Epitome.

Fire in East Portland last week, loss \$14,000; insurance \$3,000. Yamhill narrow gauge railroad being rapidly laid. Crops short in the Willamette and Umpqua valleys. I. N. Mansy & Co. have taken \$6,000, in heavy gold, out of their claims on Coyote creek. Twenty-two persons have been killed by savages, in Umatilla county, during the present Indian war. The commissioners of the Willamette falls canal are commencing suit against the Lock and Dam company to collect the percentage due the State, of the earnings of the canal, which remains unpaid since January 1875. Every steamer that arrives in Portland, from San Francisco, comes crowded with passengers. Two of Capt. John Smith's "good Indians" robbed a white woman at the foot of Des Chutes hill one day last week. Douglas county has an ox 19 1/2 hands high. He is the property of Clark & McGregor of Roseburg. Over one million of dollars have been realized from this seasons export of salmon from the Columbia river fisheries. Miss Dr. A. J. Ford, a graduate of the Medical department of Willamette University, has commenced the practice of her profession at Eugene City. The fall term of the Wilbur Academy under the supervision of Prof. J. H. Skidmore, will commence Monday September 9th.

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