

Abusing its Power.

Journalism, like everything else, subject to epidemics. These epidemics are generally contagious and no newspaper can be said to be exempt from their attacks.

Such an epidemic just now, seems to have possession of the Oregon press, and in fact, there are strong symptoms of its appearance in California.

It seems to us that the press is exceeding its legitimate bounds, by the wholesale abuse of the man Mercer, who is now confined in his cell, beyond all danger of working any one an injury, and before he is even found guilty of any offence against the law.

He who controls the columns of a newspaper, is a dangerous man if he suffers himself controlled by sudden impulses of passion or prejudice.

With the power the press yields at this day, it can to a great degree shape the verdict of any pending judicial action, if they suffer themselves to work on the prejudices of the people by continually holding up one side to them; especially if a large portion of the press should unite on one side, and vie with each other, who can say the sharpest things.

If Mercer is guilty it certainly does not require all this clamor to procure his conviction. If innocent before the law, then this crusade partakes of the nature of stirring up a mob; an effort to prejudice his peers who are to set in judgment on his life.

If we mistake not the spirit of the Judge's opinion in the primary trial of Mercer, public opinion engendered by the press, had much to do with his decision. He took the ground, and very properly too, that a reasonable doubt of innocence was sufficient on which to hold the prisoner. We have read the testimony in that case, and we are free to confess, that in the face of all that has been said by the press, we do not believe any impartial jury can be found to convict the prisoner, no matter how much more testimony they may bring up, unless this testimony first be impeached; and certainly no one outside of the courts has a right to do so. This course sometimes defeats itself. By attempting to arouse the sympathies of the people all on their side, it is liable to move a sympathetic chord on the other side, that may go to as great extremes the other way. Were the prisoner not confined in a dungeon, and had he no loved ones to weep for him, even then, the better side of our humanity must pity his helpless condition, as we read the long tirades against him. We do not wish to be understood as defending Mercer in anything he has done. The abusive article that brought about the unfortunate affair was a disgrace to Oregon journalism. But we think that some who are now dealing in such vigorous denunciations of "press corruption" would scarcely bear the test of their own gauge.

HOPEFUL SIGN.—Before the Indian Commission now in session at St. Louis, General Bussey, of New Orleans, gave his experience with Indians while in command of Fort Smith during the war. He favored the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department. Colonel Robert Campbell, of St. Louis, ex-Indian Commissioner, also favored the transfer. Captain A. E. Woodson, Fifth United States Cavalry, gave a long account of his experience with the Indians, and was decidedly of the opinion that the transfer to the War Department would be more economical, and more satisfactory to the Indians.

This is truly a hopeful sign. If these old veterans who have had opportunity, can succeed in showing that the Indians would be better satisfied under the control of the War Department, they will at once have all those Fenimore Cooper philanthropists on their side. They will, however, still have to combat, a large class, now holding official positions, and who are otherwise financially interested. Mechanism of course would still fight it for such a change would largely reduce his subscription list among the 1299 agents and employees under the present regime who would no longer be compelled to take the "Council Fire."

THE "Christian Messenger" is making a campaign against State Fairs, on the ground of the naughty wicked things they do there. It advises all Christian people to keep away from them lest they become polluted by contact "with almost every vice

known to man." This is the way it goes after the Young Men's Christian association, who propose going to the coming State Fair for the purpose of holding religious services there:

"A body that has been organized for the purposes avowed by the Young Men's Christian Association, and then so far forgets its place as to go to sprinkling babies in the name of religion, is prepared to do anything that will bring them into notice. We might reasonably expect that such an organization would uphold fair however, full of wickedness, and hold religious services for the purpose of giving themselves a name, and adding to the reputation of the fair."

We fear that Brother Stanly has undertaken a very hard job in his attempts to break up those, popular institutions, the State Fair and Young Men's Christian Association.

A BAD STOMACH.

A noted man of Southern Oregon, claims that a man's disposition for good or evil, depends principally on the condition of his stomach. In other words, man's actions are evolved from the stomach. After a close observation of this theory, we are rather inclined to sanction it. Some men are happy—that is to say, with a good stomach, their digestive organs are perfect; their food, although coarse it may be, always agrees with them. Others, from their infancy up, are doomed every day to a thousand petty grievances. Things never go right. They are dissatisfied at their own success, and are continually vexed at any good turn of fortune to their neighbors. His shoemaker can't fit him, his tailor can't suit him, and his cook is a continual source of annoyance to him. We always pity such men, for we know that all their trouble was born with them, and that something is wrong with their stomach.

These relations were brought about by a close observation of our brother of the Times, for the last two years. We are morally sure that he inherits an abnormal stomach. Nothing would give us more pleasure than to be able to prescribe a remedy for his ailment if in our power, but alas, we fear that all known remedies would be of no avail. We would, however, suggest some mild carminative to start with. Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup, for instance, or a little paracetic or a scotchida. Try this, Charley, next time some "doctored" newspaper tries to "age you."

Without any reason whatever, the Times has been in constant "hot water" ever since the appearance of a new paper in Ashland. It has let no opportunity escape of giving the Times a half concealed thrust. It has shown a spirit of jealousy, such as we remember to have felt on one occasion when we had an acute attack of indigestion. How well we remember that time. We were only a lad then, and was going to school. We remember well, how badly we wanted to "lick" a "scrummy tow-headed" little rascal not more than half as big as us, who always beat us spelling. We didn't dare to do it though, for he had the most boys on his side. Or to use a newspaper expression, "he had the most subscribers." We will now give a diagnosis of the Times' last attack.

A POPULAR MANIA.—Two months ago a heavy advertising postage and increasing subscription list necessitated the enlargement and improvement of the Times. Last week the ASHLAND TIDINGS appeared in an enlarged form, and now we learn that even the Sentinel proposes increasing its size. Jackson county will then be supplied with a full quota of good sized newspapers; but for what period doth not appear.

The italics are our own. Poor boy! He had it bad that time. So bad indeed that he had forgotten that the TIDINGS proposed to enlarge before he dreamed of it. He had forgotten too that the TIDINGS had an "increasing subscription list" and that it now exceeds that of the Times at least one hundred. He had also forgotten the common enmities of a journalist.

ASHLAND ACADEMY.—This institution now numbers one hundred and two students, with accessions almost daily. A large class has entered upon a full Academic course of study, while the Commercial College course, is in favor with a goodly number who are availing themselves of this opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of all that pertains to business life.

The school has been thoroughly graded, and the students appear to have entered upon their studies with renewed energy, and a determination to succeed. Among several new features that have been introduced, is the Art Department, under the supervision of the talented young artist, Miss Louella McBride. The fine paintings now on exhibition in the Senior classroom, bespeak a most successful year in the branches of painting and drawing.

Another innovation, is the daily drill of all Academic students in calligraphies and elocution, so often neglected in many of our high schools, which cannot be overrated. The exercises in singing are conducted by Prof. J. Q. White; all the grades receiving a daily drill. In the Music Department, the addition of an Organ and Piano, to the number of instruments previously used, indicate an increasing desire for musical instruction. On the whole, the Academy seems to have entered upon a career of renewed prosperity, and judging from the number of students now in attendance, will equal the expectations of its many friends.

Mixed News

E. A. Cronin is dangerously ill at Portland. They had a "say up" Chinese funeral in the Columbia river in near completion.

The U. S. Survey of the mouth of the Columbia river in near completion. There are three actions for slander, filed in the circuit court for Benton county.

Thos. H. Cox a prominent citizen of Salem, died suddenly of heart disease on the 25th.

An Indian boy 12 years of age at Seattle stands 33 inches high. How is that for "Lo."

Mr. Parrish of Yamhill county, has invented a machine that reaps thrashed wheat from the field.

Fredrick Florentz who was kicked by a horse near Dallas some time since has died from his injuries.

Hon. J. H. Mitchell has been suddenly recalled to Washington, on account of the severe illness of his wife.

The work of excavating rock from the channel of Snake river at Pine Tree rapids is being crowded forward.

M. L. Robbins, living about two miles east of Dallas, lost a barn and about 30 tons of hay by fire last week.

Miss Lulu Shephard, daughter of J. M. Shephard of the Bellevue Democrat, aged 18 years, died at Albany on the 24th ult.

J. L. R. Harned, a young printer well known in Portland, died on the 17th of last month at San Rafael, aged 26 years.

Johnny Farley, living near Dallas, had his arm badly broken by being caught in the tumbling red of a threshing machine.

Harry Ireland, son of D. C. Ireland of the Astorian, was kicked by a horse recently from the effects of which he soon after died.

An affray occurred near Dayton, W. T. recently, between a band of druggists and Indians, in which the druggists came out second best.

Mountain fires have compelled large herds of deer and many cougars and bear to descend into the foot hills about the sound.

Johnson Willard, who lives on the Walls Walla river, has lost five out of nine children from the effects of diphtheria during the past week.

APPOINTMENTS.—Governor Thayer has appointed G. C. Bell, of Dallas, Polk county, and N. Young, of Stayton, Marion county, as notaries public.

The men who located on the Swinmish flats a few years ago, and dyked their lands, are now among the wealthiest farmers in Washington Territory.

The destruction of timber by fire in Washington Territory this year will be very great, exceeding that of any former year known to the early settlers.

The post office building at Lower Alsea was burned on the 17th inst. Mrs. Mead, the Postmistress, saved the contents of the building after putting out the fire in the office three times.

At Binghamton, N. Y., a wife, the other day found a letter in her husband's old clothes given him to mail eleven years ago, the non-receipt of which has estranged two families ever since.

Dr. Henry Lane, a grandson of Gen. Jo. Lane, and a graduate of the medical department of Willamette University, has been appointed health officer for the Coos bay district, to take effect October 1st.

Proportionately more snicides are committed in San Francisco than in any other city of the Union. One half of those who destroy themselves there are foreigners, and June is said to be the most fatal month.

A freight train ran into a band of fine Merino sheep, last week, belonging to T. L. Donaldson one mile south of Salem. Killing 8 and crippling 4. One of these sheep was imported and others had cost Mr. D. as high as \$300.

Mr. Brewer's process of protecting iron from rust by coating it with a film of magnetic oxide has been tried at Dudley, England, and has proved to be of so satisfactory a character that there is reason to believe that henceforth iron structures may be regarded as practically indestructible.

The West Shore has made its appearance as a first class thirty-two page magazine. It contains with other engravings, an elegant engraving of First street, Portland, as viewed from Morrison. It is well filled with interesting reading matter, and should be in every family on the coast. It is furnished at the low price of \$1.50 per annum.

A daughter of R. Kyles of Stayton, about four years of age, while at play in a room where the cords had been left hanging from the ceiling, where quilting frames had been suspended, in the absence of the mother, had climbed upon a chair and wrapped one of the cords around her neck, by some means the chair slipped from under her and when found she was quite dead.

On Tuesday night of last week, a barn belonging to Henry Maxwell 6 miles east of Eugene was burned. There was in the barn at the time 700 bushels of wheat, 25 tons of hay, 3 horses, 1 back, 1 grain drill, 1 separator; and a lot of harness, farming implements, etc. It is in the immediate neighborhood of the two barns burned a week or two ago, and was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire about the barn.

COGGAN'S MURDERERS.

The T in of the Indians for the Murder of George Coggan.

Last Monday, says the Standard, three Indians were arraigned before Justice Bishop at Pendleton on the charge of having murdered Geo. Coggan. Indian witnesses appeared, and their straight forward testimony could not be beaten. Examination and re-examination was in order. They did not appear to care so much who it was that killed Coggan as to ascertain which Indian made the first confession. M. J. Corroyer was present, and he seemed to lose all confidence in good Indians and concluded, like all the balance who were present, that nearly all the Umattilas and Columbian were engaged in the late unpopularity. We have always been like the main body of the citizens of Umattila county, thinking that M. J. Corroyer would rather shield the convict than the man who has longed really to see his reservation; but the active part he took in ferreting out the real murderers of Coggan has disposed in the minds of all thinking people any such idea. He, in a confession that M. J. Corroyer has a right to be proud of, has shown that all the flattery of the most ardent lawyer cannot overcome. He has done himself honor, and public opinion cannot award him too much praise. The Indians upon trial confessed to their participation in the great crime of murder, always compelling their statements with the question: Who was the first Indian to blow on us? This matter has been in the hands of Sheriff Sperry and Major Throckmorton and Corroyer for a long time and many began to think that all the evidence and a few dollars would enable him to get at the bottom of the Great Court, and that the real perpetrators of this heinous crime would go unwhipped of justice. Our fear in that respect, we now see, was without foundation, and we freely accord to all the flattery engaged in the matter, an honesty of purpose and a perseverance worthy to be emulated by all those in authority. The beginning of the end has just commenced, and no doubt that nearly all the Cogganias will not only be arrested but convicted, and Sheriff Sperry will have cleared money enough in the hanging to elect himself U. S. Senator, provided he lived in any other State than Oregon. We learned by the evidence that had not Captain Miles made his appearance at the time he did that not only Pendleton, but the surrounding country would have been at the mercy of the Friendly Indians, Brannocks and Snakes.

This is indeed good news for the people of Oregon. Not however from a feeling of revenge, but from the assurance it gives of future security against a repetition of the horrible deeds of carnage that we have witnessed this summer. Public sentiment proclaimed through the press, and from the platform, is all powerful, and must prevail. Even the great so-called "Peace Pony" although it has the weaker side of man's nature to work on, (his sentimental side), must go by the board as impractical, being entirely to practical to govern Digger Indians.

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