

Let those people who think the killing of the Indians such a horrible thing remember the biblical law: "He that draweth the sword shall perish by the sword." Had the Indians not shown their intention to kill they would not have been killed.

Suppose, for a change, congress should drop politics for awhile and adopt a little legislation for the benefit of the country at large. We suppose that this is an impossibility, but all the same it would be a mighty good thing to do, and a thing that would add much to the popularity of the individual members who could succeed in bringing it about.

It is now being charged that money is the factor that is to determine who shall succeed Mr. Evarts of New York in the United States Senate. That would certainly be nothing new. Money has been making senators for some years and will probably continue to do so until the senators are elected by a direct vote of the people, as they will be in the course of time.

There is a growing class in this country which will have to be squelched by the people or they will ere long become strong enough to squelch the people—in fact in many places they have nearly succeeded in doing it already. The class referred to is the professional office holder; and the newspapers of the country are largely responsible for the great power exercised by this class. According to the argument of the average editor the longer a man holds office the longer he ought to hold office, and carried to its logical conclusion it would give us an office holding aristocracy that would eventually become as powerful as the nobles of Europe were in feudal times. Such logic is directly contrary to the ideas of the founders of this government. There is not today a man holding a public office, high or low, whose removal would in the slightest degree injure the interests of the country. In a government of the people, as this was intended to be, rotation in office means everything that a healthy circulation of the blood does to the individual human being.

Governor Penoyer, in delivering his message to the Legislature, commences by giving a table of the state's indebtedness which shows that on January 1, 1887, the principal and interest amounted to \$95,217.69. On January 1, 1891, the indebtedness, principal and interest, is only \$2,335.35. The money for the payment of the indebtedness now existing is in the treasury, and the state of Oregon is practically free from debt. He takes up the matter of assessment and taxation and says: "One of the most important matters to engage your attention is the absolute necessity of a thorough and in some respects a radical change in our laws relative to assessment and taxation. Provision should also be made by which the state revenue could be easily raised directly from the people, entirely independent of county taxation. This would prevent that condition of affairs which now prompts a low assessment in each county, in order to prevent a just share of state taxation, and would also obviate the necessity of a state board of equalization. A sufficient state revenue, independent of any county levy, could easily be secured by requiring to be paid in the state treasury a poll tax of \$2 on every male person over twenty one years of age, a gradual income tax on all incomes exceeding \$1000, and a tax upon all gross receipts of express, telegraph, telephone and insurance companies. The exemption now allowed by law to every householder is apparently a reasonable one, and that provision which requires the taxation loaned on mortgages to be made in the county where it is so loaned is a just one. In conclusion he says: Let us act in the fear of God and without the fear of man."

MEN OF THE WORLD.

C. P. HUNTINGTON is the finest collection of old silver in New York City. CHARLES DUDLEY WARREN is in Europe, where he will remain for a year. NERAYON TELLER is an enthusiastic gardener and spends much of his time in vacation cultivating his flower-beds. Mr. GLADSTONE'S nephew, Sir John Gladstone, owns a distillery at Glasgow which produces 50,000 gallons of whisky annually.

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON, son of the great anti-slavery agitator, is very wealthy, having amassed money from the wool business. He is literary in his tastes. TRACY, as he is said to be, Edison always contrives to steal a little time from his day at the luncheon hour. After lunch he frequently spends an hour at billiards with Mrs. Edison and takes a nap. He does no work in the evening.

Mr. GLADSTONE is the owner of the largest lead pencil in the world. It is the gift of a pencil-maker of Kew-wood, and is thirty-nine inches in length. In place of the customary rubber cap it has a gold cap. Its distinguished owner uses it for a walking-stick.

MURRAY HALSTEAD is a tall man, rather stoutly built, with iron gray hair, mustache and pointed beard more silver, and with a smoldering fire in the dark, pleasant eyes. His voice is deep and pleasant. Mr. Halstead's manner is even more distinguished than his appearance.

ROSELLA SAGE is quoted as saying: "I never lost a dollar which was returned to me unless legally secured. I never backed a note I didn't have to pay, and I never recommended a man for a position who didn't turn out to be as good as he would. I now let other men run the philanthropy business."

Dr. KOENIG, the now famous German scientist, is of medium size but with a broad chest, with blue eyes, rather prominent nose, on which a pair of spectacles constantly rest, and has a full beard of ash-blond hair. A high forehead is surrounded with hair of a silvery or ashy color, and he talks slowly with a noticeable lisp.

CARR SUTHER has dropped into an easy life as agent and counsel for a large steamship company, and with a salary practically assured to him as long as he lives he can enjoy life as he pleases, his duties not being arduous. His fondness for music takes him to all the great musical events, and he is sought as a dinner-table guest.

THE WORLD'S LARGE CITIES.

There are nearly 50,000 colored people in New York City.

Twenty thousand Americans constantly reside in London.

There are said to be 1,500 Chinese laundries in New York City, earning over \$1,500,000 annually.

The atmosphere of London is said to be gradually becoming more and more harmful to plant life, and it is estimated in a large measure to the thick fogs.

The city pay-works of Berlin brought \$1,700,000 clear profit into the treasury in 1889, on a total annual cost, despite the unusually heavy expenditures for sewers, gas and conductors.

In 1884 London had 236,472 habitable houses; Dublin, 442,631; New York, 307,171; and St. Louis, 154,474. Berlin has 45,287. The density of the city is the measure of the other are estimated.

Paris can not hope to be a sea port. The General Council of the Seine-Inférieure has unanimously refused to assent to the scheme for extending the canal navigably as far as Paris for sea-going vessels.

London has an area larger than New York. Paris and Berlin sit pat together; Berlin has an area of 29 square miles; Paris is only a trifle larger; New York has an area of 47 square miles, and London has an area of 121.

It was recently found, taking the city of Frankfurt, which has a population of 167,000 and is one of the wealthiest for its population in Germany, that there were 25,287 self-supporting adults who were earning an annual income of less than \$10 a year.

Frankfurt, London is far more wonderful than under ground. Paris, take, for example, its 2,000 miles of sewers. Its 84,000 miles of telegraph wires, its 4,500 miles of water mains, its 4,200 miles of gas pipes, all definitely fixed. Yet not even these compare with the vast or large area beneath the feet of the pedestrian.

DOGS AND HORSES.

THIEVES stole the watch dog from a Lancaister (Pa.) house.

THIRTEENTH St. Bernard dogs sell at any where from two hundred and fifty dollars to one thousand dollars each.

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Some five hundred veterinary surgeons or horse doctors in Great Britain have signed a paper condemning light check reins.

A dog desecrates any church in Salt Lake City by covering its head, the owner of the horse is liable to a fine of five dollars.

In Russia, which is the great horse country of Europe, they never put blinders on a horse, and a shying horse is almost unheard of.

BLINDERS were invented by an English nobleman to cover up the defect of a wall-eyed horse, and then they were found to be good places to put on the coats of arms of the nobility, and so they came into fashion.

The large-headed horses are the cleverest. A gentleman measured the heads of all his hunters and found that their intelligence and good nature were in proportion to the width of their foreheads.

WAGGERS there may or may not be ground for the opinion held by some that all dogs are descended from the primitive wolf, their nearness is proven by the fact that hybrid offspring are by no means uncommon, the pups or cubs, as might be expected, inheriting more of the wolf than the dog nature.

A public meeting will be held next Saturday at twelve different places in Wasco county for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to a stock company to be formed for the purpose of placing a line of boats on the river, between The Dalles and the Locks.

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