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NEEDED LEGISLATION.

One of the bills most urgently needed to be passed by congress and supplemented by legislation in every state and territory in the union, is a bill to prevent the dampboob of the country, like Hamlin Garland for instance, publishing a lot of silly and self-evident lies about our dead heroes. Who is there in America but venerates the name of Lincoln? Who but admires the sterling qualities of Grant? And who of these but feel their souls sickened with disgust at the puerile lies told about them by self-appointed biographers? Hamlin Garland has sadly belittled Grant, as Hay did Lincoln, and still the soul-harrowing work goes on, every penny-a-liner considering our illustrious dead legitimate subjects for their manufactured stories.

Colonel Peyton, who wrote a book, "Reminiscences of the Past," and who unfortunately died only a week or two ago, is one of those who comes to the front and tells about Grant breaking a runaway horse. The incident has all the earmarks of fiction, and decidedly yellow-backed fiction at that; the kind of fiction one would naturally expect of a man who would write a book "Reminiscences" and then add that they were of the "Past."

Were these stories only to be heard now, the effect would not be so bad; but when it is remembered that in the course of time they will be accepted as true, the outrage upon the memories of our illustrious dead can be measured.

Our great magazines have vied, are vying, with each other in their efforts to load the public with this kind of trash, and they should be refused admittance to the mails. The true stories of Lincoln, showing the great and tender heart of the man, endear him to all; but the silly twaddle of the Garlands, the Hayeses, the Peytons, and all that class of illiterate and untruthful asses, are only blots upon the fair picture. There is only one class of people more contemptible than these inventors of character stories, and that is the editors who permit the mendacious scum to find its way into print.

THIS SHIP SAILS.

A dispatch from Nashville, Tenn., yesterday says:

Today, at the centennial exposition grounds, Professor Arthur Barnard, physical instructor of the Young Men's Christian Association of Nashville, began a journey in an airship constructed by himself. The officials of the exposition and the people attending the exposition, witnessed the ascent of the aerial voyager. The ship moved off in perfect order, and passed out of sight in a few minutes. Professor Barnard promised to sail against the wind after arising into the air, and he did so. The airship will be continued in use at the exposition. It is 46 feet long and 20 feet in diameter.

Mr. Barnard, who returned with his airship tonight, says he has a machine which will fly under ordinary conditions. He said it is not perfect, nor could it be perfectly controlled, but he believed he could perfect it so that its course would be controlled.

After disappearing from view this morning, the ship circled around, the navigator hoping to meet with a favorable current. At last the ship began to sail to the west, and went, Mr. Barnard says, as far as Watkins, a village fifteen miles west of the city, where it turned and when four miles from Nashville, the gas in the balloon attachment began to give out. He then sought a safe place to descend, and came down easily. While aloft a sudden gust broke one of the spans of the ship. No other damage was done. The time he was aloft was one and a half hours. He

was returning along the line of the outward flight when he was compelled to land.

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Chas. F. Lord, district attorney of the fourth judicial district, Portland, is in no way related to Gov. W. P. Lord of Salem.—Hillsboro Independent.

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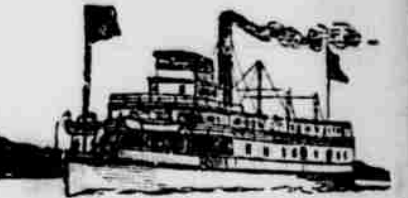
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