

TIMELY ANNIVERSARIES.

- April 22. 1707—Henry Fielding, dramatist and novelist, born; died 1754. 1734—Immanuel Kant, German philosopher, born; died 1804. 1745—Lindley Murray, noted grammarian, born in Swantara, Pa.; died 1826. 1791—James Buchanan, fifteenth president of the United States, born; died 1868. 1816—Andrew Gregg Curtis, famous war governor of Pennsylvania, born in Center county, Pa.; died 1894. 1834—Marie Taglioni, opera dancer, died at Marseilles; born in Stockholm 1804. 1855—Admiral Charles Stewart Boggs, U. S. N., died in New Brunswick, N. J.; born 1811. 1897—William Steele Holman, noted Indiana congressman, died in Washington; born 1822. 1899—The Right Hon. Sir John Mowbray, "Father of the House of Commons," died in London; born 1815.

The Salem Statesman is arguing, with no particular delight to the supporters of W. J. Furnish for governor, that inasmuch as Senator Mitchell's friends made a coalition with democrats in Multnomah county, two years ago, a coalition of Senator Simon's friends with democrats is justifiable now. The Portland Oregonian considers this a very singular position for the republican Statesman to take. The Statesman is right from a standpoint of consistency, but wrong from a standpoint of politics just now, particularly as the Oregonian views things this year.

George E. Chamberlain will open the campaign for the democrats in a speech at Baker City next Friday. Mr. Chamberlain is a forceful speaker, knows what he wants to say and how to say it and his political addresses promise to be effective and instructive. Mr. Chamberlain is a man who will always be found in the open fighting fairly and squarely. The republicans will have no stronger speaker in the field and, besides, Mr. Chamberlain has the best of the argument on his side, for republican rule in this state is full of weak places and will not stand very much of a bombardment. Mr. Chamberlain will turn the light on.

The newspaper Freedom, published at Manila, has been suppressed by the American authorities on the ground that it indulged in the privilege of free speech, which is supposed to be granted to every man and newspaper under the stars and stripes. As the liberties of the press are curtailed, the weakness of American institutions will grow more and more apparent. So far as the ruling classes have power to close the mouths of men and silence the printing presses in that ratio will national decay set in and the masses of the people be enslaved. It is a bad sign even when a newspaper in the Philippine under American rule is suppressed.

The socialists and workingmen of Belgium were fully justified in their demand for a change in the suffrage laws of that privilege ridden country. In a general way and briefly, two or three votes are allowed the privileged classes on an educational and property qualification, as against one or less for the less favored electors and classes. The Belgian laws are not fair, in that they set a premium upon professional pursuits and university education. There are thousands of industrious, intelligent men with little schooling who are as sound in their political judgments as the best of lawyers, while we have heard it said, and not rashly either, that there are "lots of lunk-heads in college." Naturally the democracy of Belgium is aroused against the injustice, and it has the sympathy of the democracy of the rest of the world. The political moral law should be enforced in every country? "Equal rights to all; special privileges to none." If that were done, there could be no tyranny.

The republicans of Oregon endorsed the Mitchell-Kahn Chinese exclusion bill. The republicans in congress "killed" the bill. Now, the republicans in Oregon find themselves in a little hole. They have discovered their party, as represented in congress, is not in favor of genuine Chinese exclusion. They only believe in the bogus kind, that favors exclusion, but does not exclude. The republicans have proven themselves unreliable, in promoting Chinese exclusion legislation. Their efforts in this direction were made with the view of

fooling those who favor keeping the Chinese out of the country, but the big influences in control of the republican party want the Chinese to come here and they want them in our new possessions, Hawaii and the Philippines. They need this "cheap labor" in their business, and our tenacious hold of the Philippines is largely inspired with this desire, for they clearly see that with these islands under the flag it will be next to impossible to keep John Chinaman out of the country. The republican party, as at present organized and controlled, has little in common with those who are designated as working men. The republican party just now is devoting its attention to the interests of manipulators and speculators, who believe in individual privileges and powers, to be the property and possession of the few, rather than in guaranteeing and preserving equal rights to all.

JEFFERSON AND HIS TEACHINGS.

The month of April marks the birth of the greatest democratic statesman the world has ever known. To him, more than any other human being, this country owes whatever measure of free institutions it enjoys today. In peace and in war, from manhood to the grave, Thomas Jefferson was the indomitable and invincible champion of man's capacity for self-government. Born of well to do parents and heir to a comfortable landed property, he was nevertheless the lifelong friend and advocate of the rights of the poor and oppressed. No power on earth could swerve him from his path of duty.

Patriot, sage and statesman, broad-minded and big of heart, far in advance of his time and high above immediate surroundings, Thomas Jefferson was the living embodiment of the democracy of the new world. Years before he penned the immortal declaration, laying broad and deep the foundations of American liberty, he proposed the amelioration of slavery in Virginia. The most honored and distinguished member of congress, he resigned his seat in that body to return and work more effectively for the organization of republican government at home. Among the laws proposed by him were those prohibiting future importation of slaves; abolishing primogeniture, and providing for the equal partition of inheritances; establishing a religious freedom and inaugurating a system of general education.

Passing over years of a busy and distinguished life, wherein Jefferson served his country at home and abroad with the fidelity and ability which characterized his every act, we find him named by Washington as secretary of state in November, 1789, which office he resigned December 31, 1793. In 1800, upon the overthrow of the Federalists, after one of the greatest and bitterest political campaigns this country has ever known, Thomas Jefferson was made president of the United States. This gigantic contest and the first administration of Jefferson mark the birth of the democratic party in America. Human liberty had now a tremendous victory.

Thomas Jefferson, the dauntless champion of the rights of men, took his place as the chief magistrate of the new born republic. His first inaugural address has furnished the groundwork for every national democratic platform from that day to this. Like the Declaration of Independence, its pregnant and mighty truths can never die while liberty is cherished among mankind. At this very hour it should be read and pondered by every citizen who sincerely believes in the right and capacity of man to govern himself. Space will permit of only a few brief extracts from this greatest of American state papers:

"If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it." "Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the form of kings to govern him? Let history answer this question." "Still one thing more, fellow citizens. A wise and frugal government which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."

Then follows, most important of all, Thomas Jefferson's "essential principles of our government:" "Equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political; peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none; the support of the state government in all their rights, as the most competent administrations for our domestic concerns and the surest bulwarks against anti-republican tendencies; the preservation of the general government in its whole con-

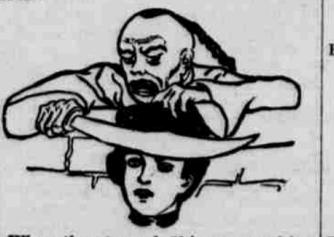
stitutional vigor, as the sheet anchor of our peace at home and safety abroad; a jealous care of the right of election by the people—a mild and safe corrective of abuses which are lopped by the sword of evolution where peaceable remedies are unprovided; absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism; a well-disciplined militia, our best reliance in peace and for the first moments of war, till regulars may relieve them; the supremacy of the civil over the military authority; economy in the public expense, that labor may be lightly burdened; the honest payment of our debts and sacred preservation of the public faith; encouragement of agriculture, and of commerce as its handmaid; the diffusion of information and arraignment of all abuses at the bar of the public reason; freedom of religion; freedom of the person under the protection of the habeas corpus, and trial by juries impartially selected. These principles from the bright constellation which has gone before us and guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation. The wisdom of our sages and blood of our heroes have been devoted to their attainment. They should be the creed of our political faith, the text of civil instruction, the touch-stone by which to try the services of those we trust; and should we wander from them in moments of error or alarm, let us hasten to retrace our steps and to regain the road which alone leads to peace, liberty and safety."—Robert Ferral in San Francisco Star.

ONLY ONE WAY IS RIGHT.

"My boy," said Uncle Hiram, once, while giving me advice, The saw that doesn't wobble is the one that cuts the ice. The saw that close applies itself, within its narrow groove, Will soon or late fulfill its work by keeping on the move. When halfway through, temptation may beset it, like as not, To leave the place that seemeth hard and seek a thinner spot; But shifting saws will learn, at length, when failure they invite There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right!

"And bear in mind, my boy, through life, if tempted tasks to shirk, Success is not a second crop, the aftermath of work. A lubricant, tried and true, is Perseverance oil, And Fortune's smile is rarely won except by honest toil. A safe crosscut to fame and wealth has never yet been found, The men upon the heights today, are those who've gone around The longest way, inspired by the saying somewhat trite: There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right."

I knew my Uncle Hiram had achievement's summit reached; I knew him as an honest man who practiced what he preached— And so I paid the lesson heed, and rapt attention gave, When, in an added after thought, he said: "My boy, be brave! Act well your part; tenaciously to one straight course, adhere; Though men declare you're in a rut —work on, and never fear; You'll realize, when you, at length,



When the story of Chinese atrocities filled the papers and shocked the world, it was the women who drew the pity and sympathy of all. Doubtless many a wife who heard her husband's words of sympathy for these women thought with a pang, of the blindness of men to the suffering under their very eyes. It is true. The suffering of women in China was severe but short. Many a wife suffers for years with a daily agony of pain, her nerves shattered, her strength almost gone, and never hears a word of sympathy.

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