

THE GREGG OF PARTIZANSHIP.

The election now past seems as if it engendered more bitterness and partizan idolatry than anything that we have seen since the close of the war when Grant carried the convention which nominated him by acclamation. There can be no real necessity for so much bitterness—no reason whatever for an individual to allow his brains to run riot on an illogical plane of enthusiastic insanity. Patriots are not made from the debasing elements of bigotry, superstition or the enthusiasm engendered by a blind adherence to party. Riddle is the great enemy of enthusiasm, and the only antagonist that can be opposed to it with success.

Whenever we observe a person so lost to all forms of propriety—all rules of discretion, common sense and prudence—wishing that he may die and be buried, or that the country will be totally ruined if his party is not successful, and while giving away as much of the argument as admits that, there must be two parties, but it is indispensable that his party not only must win now, but always, or at least while he exists, then set him down as an unmitigated ass, and while it may appear uncharitable to say so, the sooner he dies, the sooner may we charitably hope that his insatiable soul will find that peace which passeth all understanding.

The great industry on this coast is the manufacture of lumber, and in addition, we must consider the farmer and stock-raiser. The decline in prices owing to over-production by the numerous saw mills has had a depressing effect on those industries. Now, we would be overjoyed in knowing that the success of any candidate would create a greater demand for lumber; that the mills now closed would resume work and give employment to the thousands of idlers in the state of Oregon and in Washington Territory. We would rejoice in seeing the farmers receive a better price for their cattle, and a good market for their garden truck. Some believe, aye, even assert that such things follow the success of their ticket. Being but the most sheer folly, and the meandering of diseased brains, no argument is necessary to prove the utter madness of such theories. Governments or parties must no more be credited with the increase of population and consequent increase of wealth, nor the prosperity of the people considered as a unit, than they can be credited with the inevitable increase, consequent thereto, in disease and death. The position is untenable and unworthy of serious thought.

Opposition is the great essential to our success as a people. Hear what a master in political ethics has to say on this subject: "Opposition when restrained within due bounds, is the salutary gale that ventilates the opinions of the people, which might otherwise stagnate into the most abject submission. It may be said to purify the atmosphere of politics; to dispel the gross vapors raised by the influence of partizan artifice and corruption, until the constitution, like a mighty rock, stands fully disclosed to the view of every individual who dwells beneath the shade of its protection.

The opposition necessary in a free state is not at all incompatible with that national concord, which ought to unite the people on all emergencies in which the general safety is at stake. It is the jealousy of patriotism, not the rancor of party; the warmth of candor, not the virulence of hate; a transient dispute among friends, not an implacable feud that admits of no reconciliation. The history of all ages teem with the fatal effects of internal discord; and were history and tradition annihilated, common sense would plainly point out the mischief that must arise from want of harmony and national union." These are

wise words from which we may deduce the following facts: No display of delirious venom, no intense rancor can pervade the bosom of the true patriot; and he who displays in his character the possession of such virulent qualities, is an object to be shunned as we would the snake who injects his loathsome poison into all with whom he comes in contact. Truly, it may be said that, he is a more dangerous enemy than the snake, because, being the domestic enemy, we don't know where to crush him.

We have said it before, and repeat it now, that governments are organized for the protection of persons and property, and there it ends. We will add the words of one better qualified and more learned in political economy than ourselves: "There is no need among an intelligent population to set up a governmental guardianship to control and direct the energies of the people. Such interference must result in a disturbance of supply and demand, in over-production and starvation prices at one time and shortages and enormous prices at another. Enforced idleness and paralyzed energies are manifested in every quarter of the country where government bounties have influenced the labor and capital of the people." Such being the position now presented to our view, would it not be well to give it a careful consideration, and reflect upon the necessity of united action to obtain some reform that will redound to the benefit of the whole people, and not altogether to a limited, selfish and aggressive portion of it? It may be beyond the power, of the ultra partizan to assist in such a movement, but what does he amount to? A mere voting machine with no ulterior end in view that will benefit himself or anything else. Being mentally blind—afflicted with that kind of strabismus which enables him to ignore the vulnerable points in the armor of his party—totally oblivious to any and all of its corrupt practices, he affirms nothing but that which leads, finally, to national decay. It would be highly ludicrous to even think that the continued elevation, for an indefinite period, of any party to power would not lead to extravagance, neglect and corruption. We say that the office-holders are the servants of the people. What an easy thing it is to deceive ourselves. Shakespear, we believe, was something of a politician. He says: "Get thee glass eyes, and like a wiry politician seem to see the things thou dost not." That is the case with us precisely. We obscure our mental vision, and call them servants; we remove the mask and behold our masters. Who ever heard tell of the servants giving away the property of their employer? We ask our servants to look at the condition of the laboring element throughout the country, and our servants in congress appoint a committee, and what did that committee do? Nothing. We asked for bread and they gave us a stone. Something may be, in fact, must be done to remedy existing evils, or the inevitable result will be agitation and violence. Let it come, as sooner or later it must, if there is to be no reform by legislative enactment. We would rather see it in our day and assist in its denouement than to bequeath it and the additional evils that it accumulates to posterity.

Whichever one of the eminent gentlemen nominated, may be elected president, we hope that something will be done looking to the amelioration of the laboring element. We say, eminent men, because the fact of their nomination leads to that conclusion; but we assert something more, and that is that no partizan venom or delirious hate engendered by mental imbecility can detract one iota from the well-earned reputation substantiated by the nomination of each to lead and represent great interests and select bodies of their fellow citizens.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The Bennett-Mackey cable was landed at Coney Island, Saturday afternoon.

J. M. Bacon, the Postmaster at Oregon City, has been thirty-nine years in Oregon.

The boys employed in a number of glass factories in Pittsburg are on a strike for an advance of 5 to 10 cents per day in their wages.

Miss Maggie Bond, of Lane county, who was seriously hurt by being dragged sixty yards, under a harrow recently, is now out of danger.

The engagement of President Arthur and Miss Tillie Frelinghuysen, daughter of the Secretary, is announced. The marriage will take place in January.

Pauline Bowman, a married woman, of Tacoma, suicided on 27th ult., by cutting her throat with a razor and swallowing laudanum. Ill health was the cause.

H. B. Snott & Co., barbed wire manufacturers, Pittsburg, Pa., have notified their 890 employees that wages will be reduced 10 per cent. to take effect immediately. Reductions will be accepted.

The postmaster-general and the Mexican minister at Washington last week concluded the postal convention providing for exchange of mail matter between the United States and Mexico at domestic rates of postage.

The comet recently discovered by Professor Wolf, of Heidelberg, and Professor Copeland, of England, is now visible to the naked eye at Alexandria. It appears as a nebulous body, condensed at center and devoid of tail.

The manufacturers of Quincy, Ill., held a meeting last week and notified the molders in all the shops that unless work is resumed in Bennett & Nancy's foundry, all the men will be discharged and a general lock-out will take place.

Says a Louisville, Ky., dispatch: Rebels Rock, a dangerous formation on the Ohio, at the falls, was blasted by the government employes recently. Almost every steamer adroit on the Ohio has suffered from the rock. Boats scrape the bottom and disjoint their hulls against the treacherous ledges.

On November 1st, the wages in the woolen factory at Oregon City will be reduced from 6 to 10 per cent. More than half the employes are Chinamen. The wages paid to the white girls are said to be poor enough now.

Wages or no wages, the picture presented of white girls working with Chinamen is a sad one.

The wife of Joseph Shirley residing near Letart, W. Va., was instantly killed last week by lightning. She was sitting in her room with one of her little girls when the bolt descended by the side of the chimney, it being an inside one, and came into the room with the above result. The little girl was badly stunned, but will recover.

The secretary of the navy has issued a general order for the establishment of a college for an advanced course of professional study for naval officers, to be known as the Naval War College. It will be under the general supervision of the Bureau of Navigation. The principal building on Coasters' Harbor Island, R. I., will be assigned to its use.

A Des Moines, Ia., dispatch says: The jury in the case of Mrs. Rachael Huff vs. Aulman & Schuster, brewers, last week gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$1,000. Last winter her husband got drunk at the brewery and on his way home fell off the bridge on the ice and was killed. The verdict was \$1,300 actual and \$200 exemplary damages and costs.

Two children of Garrett Wiseman, aged 8 and 6 years respectively, living in Mitchell county, N. C., while passing through a long strip of woods recently, were attacked by a large catamount. The ferocious animal buried his claws in the younger girls throat, instantly killing her. The older sister attempted to escape, but was pursued and so terribly lacerated that she died in a few hours after.

Owing to our extreme small profit, I am compelled to sell for CASH! And after this date will sell my large stock of Stoves, and Tinware, Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Rope, Paints, Oil, Crockery, and Glassware, Harness, Wood and Willow ware, Guns, Pistols, etc., FOR CASH ONLY, AT ALMOST COST—CALL AND SEE. GEO. McEWAN, Pioneer Hardware Man.

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