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THE HONOR OF A SENATOR.

Our readers are already too sadly familiar with the recent developments in the National and some of our State capitals, so seriously affecting not only the reputation of many of our public men, but the national honor as well. The details have been spread by the telegraph and the press far and wide over the country and over the world for in these days nothing can be done or said in a corner. The checks of all true patriots have been made to crimson and their hearts to tremble, in view of what is yet to come, when such melancholy instances of corruption are brought to the light. We could bear these developments if we only knew that there was a general sentiment among our public men that would immediately frown upon all forms of bribery and personal aggrandizement at the expense of the national honor. But when we see how far public men may go in the descending scale of morals, and not only retain official station, but escape official censure, and so far as the people at large are informed continue to maintain their social standing, it is heart-sickening. When Senatorial honor is held so low as to shield a man in what ought to drive him altogether beyond the pale of decent society, it is natural for honest people to inquire: To what lower depths are we coming?

A few days since a United States Senator appeared before one of the investigating committees to make a statement in regard to the charges of bribery which had been preferred against him. He admitted that he had paid \$15,000 to an opposing candidate to withdraw from the canvass when he was elected to the Senate; he admitted further that he had paid \$7,000 to another man "for expenses in past campaigns," but he denied that he paid or authorized to be paid, any sum to any person for any purpose whatever connected with his election. When asked if he would make oath to his statement, he declined, saying he preferred to make his statement "on the honor of a Senator."

We should think that every member of that august body who has any honor left would indignantly demand, in some public way, that this commodity should not be quoted by one of their own members and before one of their own committees, at so low a rate. He was willing to stake his Senatorial honor upon what he had said, but he was not willing to affirm its truth by his oath. So in his estimation, this sort of honor stands altogether below the grade of truth.

A more flagrant case has just occurred. Another U. S. Senator in seeking to secure his re-election was publicly charged on the floor of the Legislature that had assembled for choosing him or his successor, with having given a bribe to a member of the body, whose vote was necessary to secure his re-election; and the money \$7,000, which he was accused of having paid been this member the night before, was laid on the Speaker's desk in proof of the transaction. An hour before, his election was thought to be secure; but the Legislature expressed their unanimous conviction of the truth of the charge of bribery by refusing to give him a single vote. He returned to Washington to resume his seat in the Senate for the unexpired term, but though many days have passed, we do not learn that any one of that honorable body has risen in his place to demand an investigation so as to secure his expulsion, if the facts be true, as are notoriously alleged. We do not affirm the truth of these charges; but to all the evidence of their truth, which was regarded as overwhelming, by his own Legislature we have only his personal denial. A more flagrant case of bribery never was charged upon any man.

We are perfectly aware that one of the evils of the times is that of making light of men's reputation, of bringing charges of dishonorable and dishonest acts by men of either political party against the other, the public, too, seem to delight in scandal, and even in the destruction, if possible, of the good name of those who have stood high in the public estimation; but the

sad spectacle which is now presented to us is that of the highest legislative body in the land making light of its own reputation having its own honor aspersed, not only from without, but by its own members, while it is doing little or nothing to purge itself of the corrupt elements, or base charges which is bringing shame upon itself and upon the nation. The cases referred to above are by no means the only flagrant cases of a similar character which have come to light during the present brief session. We need not repeat them.

The Senate of the U. S. must act in this matter promptly, vigorously, or every honorable man in the whole country must bow his head in shame. At present it appears as if the design was to let this Congress pass out of existence on the 4th of March without taking any final action in the matter.

FAITH IN HIMSELF.

It is said when John C. Calhoun was in Yale College he was ridiculed by his fellow students for his intense application to study. "Why sirs," he replied, "I am forced to make the most of my time that I may acquire myself creditably when in Congress." A laugh followed, when he exclaimed: "do you doubt it? I assure you if I were not convinced of my ability to reach National Capital as a representative within the next three years, I would leave College this very day!" Let every young man thus have faith in himself and take earnest hold of life, scorning all props and buttresses, let him believe, with Pestalozzi, that no man on God's earth is neither willing or able to help any other man. Let him strive to be a creator, rather than an inheritor—to bequeath, rather than to borrow. Instead of wielding the rusted sword of valorous forefathers, let him forge his own weapons, and conscious of the God in him and the Providence over him, let him fight his own battles with his own lance. Instead of sighing for an education, capital or friends, and declaring that "if he only had these he would be somebody," let him remember that, Horace Greeley, said, he is looking through the wrong end of the telescope; that if he only were somebody he would speedily have the boons whose absence he is bewailing. Instead of being one of the fabled potentialities, of which the world is so full—one of the subjective heroes, who always might, could, would or should, do great things, but whose no doing great things is what nobody understands—let him be in the imperative mood, and do that of which the talents are indicative. This lesson of self-reliance once learned and acted on, and every man will discover within himself, under God, the elements and capacities of usefulness and honor.—Pioneer.

There is another outbreak of moral feeling at Washington concerning the Mormons, and even those who have had dealings with Oak Ames are keenly alive to the necessity of purifying Brigham Young. Accompanied by Chaplain Newman, a committee visited President Grant and laid before him a full statement of the immoralities of the Mormons. It seems that those Mormons living in Montana did not vote for Mr. Claggett, the present Delegate from that Territory, and he was defeated; so Mr. Claggett has resolved himself into a missionary to exterminate the Mormons by fire, sword, and act of Congress. A bill has been prepared which surpasses the Ku-Klux legislation, and it is proposed to make the end justify the means, and to deal out to the Mormons a law differing from the law made for other people. This kind of business was tried two years ago, and Brigham Young and several others were convicted and put in prison under judicial decisions, which were overturned and set aside by the unanimous judgment of the Supreme Court. Some people seem to be unable to understand that there are things evils even, which an act of Congress cannot remedy.—Chicago Tribune.

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