

Nothing seems more natural than that we should seek to shirk responsibility, therefore it is not peculiar that the belief that man is a mere machine incapable of independent thought and action, should prove popular. Those who advocate such an idea, and it must be allowed that they do so honestly, instead of regarding the brain as simply the instrument through which the soul acts, refer to brain matter as the basis of physical action. Those lawyers and doctors who are just now so laboriously attempting to prove the irresponsibility of criminals on this theory are promulgating no new doctrine. In all ages there have been able men who have been equally desirous of demonstrating man's automatic condition. It is hard to be held as accountable beings. But the argument to the contrary runs in a circle and always comes back to the original starting point without having proved anything. If a man is able to arrive at an independent and rational conclusion concerning his irresponsibility it proves that he is a reasoning and therefore a responsible creature. Because the brain through inherited weakness, injury, over exertion or any other cause may not be able properly to perform its function as the medium through which the soul acts, is no proof that the brain matter is the soul itself or even the habitation thereof. It amounts to nothing more than materialistic perverseness to maintain the contrary. It might as well be claimed that the vocal organs are the faculties of speech. A man may however possess in the highest degree the faculties of speech and yet if the vocal organs, the instruments through which these faculties act, be destroyed, his oral expression will also be destroyed. In like manner if the brain through which the soul acts be defective or diseased the action of the soul will be thwarted and the person be rendered irresponsible to the extent of the defect or injury. There is altogether too much mandarin sentimentality about physical responsibility, impulsive insanity, transitory mania, irresistible impulses and other fine-spun theories by which criminals too frequently escape punishment.

COL. JAS. W. NESMITH, one of the best known public men of Oregon, died at his residence in Polk county on June 17th, 1885. He was one of Oregon's early pioneers and his name is closely connected with the history and progress of the State. He was born in Washington county, Maine, on July 23d, 1820. He came to Oregon in 1843. In 1845 he was elected Judge; was a captain in the Cayuse war of 1848; United States Marshall in 1853; a Colonel in the Indian war of 1855; was elected United States Senator in 1856, and was appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon and Washington in 1857. At Washington he did good service for his country and State. He was an ardent Union man and an intimate friend and adviser of the martyred Lincoln. At home and abroad he was admired for his ability, his eloquence, his wit and his sterling social qualities. In his death the Democracy of Oregon loses one of their brightest statesmen and ablest leaders. He will be held in kindly remembrance by all.

SOME idea of the grasshopper plague in California may be derived from the fact that in protecting a single vineyard from their ravages by driving them into the irrigating ditches myriads of the pests were drowned and washed against the screens, from which they were collected. One hundred and eighty five grain sacks were filled with dead hoppers. The lot weighed fifteen tons! Fifteen tons of grasshoppers killed in one day! In number they were estimated at 60,000,000. Fancy hundreds of such armies charging the wheat fields of Umatilla county.

EVERY Democratic Senator but one is said to be in Washington. Why? Well, the Constitution of the United States states that the President shall appoint officers "and with the advice and consent of the Senate," and Democratic Senators are evidently willing to do the duty of advising.

GLADSTONE was able to stand up against the reverses in Soudan, the complications in Afghan, the diplomatic trickery of Russia and the clamor of the war party in England, but the influence of beer and whiskey was too much for the grand and good old man.

SIGNS.

The revocation of the commission of Mr. Meade as a postmaster, in Mississippi, because of his conspicuous sympathy with a political murder, like the similar action in the case of Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, shows that the Administration is not bent, as had been alleged, upon propitiating the "Bourbon rebel sentiment." But to insist that every man who took the Southern part in the civil war is equally guilty with Meade, and ought to be politically proscribed, is merely folly. If all the citizens of Southern States who were concerned in the war are now to be accounted criminals, how does it happen that from the day at Appomattox until this hour, during all which time the Republican party has been in power, not one such citizen, because of such participation, has been punished as a criminal, and that all, with the consent of the country, have resumed the privileges of citizens?

It is because the Republican policy was much too wise and humane to punish and proscribe, and it properly recognized that a great war, conducted with all the usages of war, could not be treated like a street riot. Does any intelligent and patriotic man really wish that the land had been covered with scaffolds and the prisoners crowded with Confederate soldiers? If not, if the policy which Lincoln would surely have approved was the true policy—if Sumner's plea that battles with fellow citizens should not be commemorated by name upon national flags was a wise and humane and patriotic plea—is it either wise or patriotic to try to renew the passions of that conflict in the politics of today?

One of the happy results of Mr. Cleveland's election is the revelation of the fact that our politics are not revolutionary, and that a change of party in the executive does not threaten the stability of the government. There is no wish or purpose of revenge upon the part of those who fought for the Confederacy, and individual instances of a different spirit, as in the cases of Meade and Blackburn, are rebuked by the administration which the former Confederates support. A rancorous and stupid party spirit learns nothing. But these are signs of promise to patriotic Americans.

Resignation of the British Ministry. The Gladstone Ministry, having been defeated on the Revenue bill by a small majority sent their resignations to the Queen. Only twelve votes were the measure of defeat, or rather that was the majority against the bill on the second reading. Constructively this was taken as a vote of a want of confidence. It was not so much a question as to the amount to be raised as to the manner in which it should be raised. Wine was not included in the extra duties; but beer comes in for a large increase of taxation. It was long ago said that if a penny a gallon of extra tax were laid on beer in Germany it would create a revolution. It has created one in Great Britain—that is, the Liberal Ministry has retired from power or that proposition.

It has been known that Gladstone was seeking favorable opportunity to retire. Perhaps this is the opportune time. The war in the Soudan has ceased. It was disastrous from the outset. But then there is always acceptable when there is no glory to be won. Moreover, the Gladstone Ministry has managed to retain the allegiance of Turkey under a tremendous pressure from Russia to become her ally in case of war. With Turkey firmly attached to Great Britain, there will be no opening of the Dardanelles to the enemies of the latter.

The Afghanistan trouble has really subsided into nearly or quite a peaceful disposition of the whole matter. If, therefore, Gladstone retires now it will be in a time of peace, although he warned his opponents that the danger was not wholly past. When Disraeli was once defeated he resigned with his entire Cabinet. But he advised the Queen not to accept his own resignation, and he held power for some time afterwards. It is not at all likely that Gladstone will tender any such advice.

One of the notable incidents connected with the defeat of the Ministry is, that the Parnellites voted against Gladstone, who had been one of the best friends that Ireland ever had. If a Tory Ministry comes into power, there will be no hope at present for Ireland. There is not a Tory in Parliament who does not believe in giving the screws another turn on Ireland. Yet the Irish Liberals were willing to help in striking down their friend, because he would not consent to any rash and destructive measures. The man who has brought about the disestablishment of the English Church and enfranchised nearly two millions of voters, was stricken down by those who ought to have been his staunch supporters. As he was defeated by only twelve votes it may be said that the Parnellites defeated the Liberal Premier who had done more for Ireland than any other living man. It does not look as if the Tories were coming into power, although it is known that Lord Salisbury has been watching and praying for a change which would place him at the head of a Tory Ministry.—S. F. Baldwin.

Oregon timber has advanced in price 10 to 15 per cent. in Australia. The steam yacht invented by a blind man in Providence, Rhode Island, is now queen of the Hudson, having run twenty eight miles in one hour and seventeen minutes.

STATE NEWS.

The tax levy of Eugene has been reduced from 5 to 3 1/2 mills.

Cherries are bursting on the trees by reason of too much rain.

Dr. Raffety, Democrat, was elected Mayor of East Portland by 111 majority.

Grasshoppers have made their appearance in Jackson county and are doing damage.

Heppner and Blackman of Alkali have shipped 1,500,000 pounds of wool so far this season.

Horse thieves have become so bold and desperate in Eastern Oregon that no mercy will be shown to them when caught.

Thomas Graham, who has a placer mine on Granite creek, Umatilla county, recently picked up a gold boulder which netted \$850.

Eugene Register: We understand that Hon. John Whiteaker will move to Portland soon to attend to the duties of the office to which he was recently appointed.

A Boston drummer who had traveled a great deal and knew everything—in his mind—was relieved of a \$400 diamond pin a day or two ago while on a spree.

Wheat is no longer an experimental crop in Wasco county. It is reported that the total product this year will reach 800,000 bushels, of which 500,000 will be exported.

John R. Ladd has received the contract from the government for carrying the mail between Fossil and Alkali, three times a week. He will begin carrying mail and passengers on July 1.

The stable near the Fort Klamath Hospital was burned on the night of May 25th, together with a quantity of hay and a horse and cow belonging to Dr. Robinson. The fire was of incendiary origin.

An old man named Howard was robbed of \$1000 at his daughter's boarding house in Portland last week. No clue of the thief has as yet been discovered. The old man was lately from Missouri.

Julius and Eugene Trumble were last week convicted in the Justice Court at Jacksonville for violating the fish law, by maintaining a trap in Rogne river, near their flouring mill. They were fined \$75 and costs.

John Gates, Republican, was elected Mayor of Portland over Sylvester Penneyer, Democrat, by 150 majority. The Republicans elected Councilmen in the Second and Third Wards, and the Democrats elected J. J. Gallagher in the First Ward.

The O. R. & N. Co. election resulted in a drawn battle. Elijah Smith was re-elected President, and Brayton Ives got into the Board of Directors by a majority of 700 shares out of 235,000 cast. Portland stockholders voted for Ives. For a while it looked as if the meeting would break up in a row.

W. W. McElroy, of Umatilla county, was adjudged insane by Judge Shaw and sent to the Insane Asylum yesterday. Drs. Jessup and W. C. Farriner, and attorney Mark A. Fullerton, made an examination of his case before the Judge.

In Portland last Saturday at one o'clock Wong Foon shot and killed Ah Hoo. The cause of the shooting was gambling in the "Joss House." The murderer was captured by a painter named Smith, who roused up a policeman and had the murderer committed to jail.

The two Morrow county safes arrived Monday. The large one was brought up by Tom Hinton, the boss teamster on the road. It weighs 8,000 pounds and was loaded on a wagon hired especially for the occasion, of M. V. Harrison, of Alkali.

Alkali Enterprise: A 14 year old son of L. Q. Zachary, living on Shuttle flat, sustained a severe fracture of the lower bones of his right leg last week by falling between the wheels of a water wagon, which ran over him. Dr. Bacon set the broken bones and now has them encased in plaster paris with every hope of his patient fully recovering the use of his limb.

Young Beebe, who defrauded Shindler & Co. of Portland, Oregon, some months ago, and who ran away to Canada, was captured a day or so ago at Toronto, but afterwards escaped from the detective who had him in charge. His mother who lives in Boston, says she will make good the money he defrauded Shindler & Co. of.

The Oregonian Railway Company, limited, has brought suit against the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, in the United States Court, to recover \$68,131. It is alleged that the amount is due for rent from the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company for the quarter ending May 15th.

Last Thursday evening says the Oregonian, John Inman and D. and Alex Martin neighboring farmers, living on Crab Tree creek, Linn county, had a dispute. Martin Brother's went to Inman's house and called him to the door. As he appeared they each drew a revolver and commenced firing, shooting ten times. But one shot hit him, shooting off one thumb. He shut the door, but a bullet fired through it struck Mrs. Inman in the breast. How badly she is injured cannot be learned. Inman got his shotgun and fired at the assassins as they ran, but does not know whether he hit either or not. After the shooting the men ran for the woods and have not been caught.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Chinese are still troubling the good citizens of Victoria.

The Marquis of Salisbury is in doubt about forming a new Cabinet.

Naval officers report a strong sentiment existing in Panama in favor of a permanent occupation of the isthmus by the United States.

In the Massachusetts supreme court two men with fiddles played for the judges to help them decide regarding the ownership of the song, "It's English, you know."

Rev. Jacob Hood and wife, of Lyfield, Mass., have just celebrated the sixty fifth anniversary of their marriage, at which the fourth generation of descendants were present.

Six hundred and fifty conveyances and 2,500 persons attended the funeral of farmer Jacob Bomberger, a mile north of Litzia, Pa., on Sunday. He was buried on his own farm.

Three masked robbers attacked and overpowered the manager and an accountant of a branch of the National Bank of Australia at Melbourne. After stealing £1,000 they escaped.

Mrs. Grace Robinson, of New Haven, confessed just before her death that her approaching dissolution was caused by malpractice by a city physician, whom she employed unbeknown to her husband.

Sir John Lester Kayl has purchased 8,500 acres of land on the Canadian Pacific near Balgonia, Assiniboia, where he will establish a colony. He will purchase 60,000 acres in the Sacramento valley, Cal.

One Quillette of Montreal has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against Dr. Berry, city vaccinator, for causing the death of his two children with impure virus. The doctor says the children died from measles.

Heavy growers of peaches in Delaware are becoming uneasy over the great fall of young fruit from the trees during the past few days. This falling off is supposed to be caused by too much foggy and drizzling weather.

R. A. Koster, editor of the Las Vegas, New Mexico, Optic, on Friday received \$1000, paid by Millionaire Lynch, if he would abstain from liquor for six months. He wrote up his experience under the head, "Six Months Out of Hell."

A California physician claims that the bruised pulp of eucalyptus leaves, which he had been in the habit of applying to his very bald head for the cure of headache, had brought out a new and abundant crop of hair.

The Queen is reported to have given intimated to Mr. Gladstone that she would be pleased to have him smooth the way for the Marquis of Salisbury, his successor. The latter has promised a certain amount of support to the new Government.

Judge McCue, Solicitor of the Treasury, has given an opinion to Secretary Manning that sardines or herrings, caught in Canadian waters by American fishermen, in boats of less than five tons burden, can be admitted to the United States free of duty.

The Comptroller of the Currency has appointed Benjamin S. W. Clark and Samuel H. Taylor to be National Bank Examiners, and has assigned the former to duty in New York, and the latter to duty in Indiana.

The more they look into the affairs of the Shickman bank, the worse they find things. Large sums were received on deposit and not entered on the books, while the amount drawn by Highway Contractor Joseph Conkling was much larger than at first reported, now amounting up to \$140,000.

Miss Mary Jane Hoyt, of New York, through her counsel, General Butler, General Pryor and F. J. Dujignac, has brought suit in the Supreme Court to recover damages placed at \$1,000,000 from Samuel Hoyt, Alfred Hoyt and James V. Jackson, executors of the estate of the late Jesse Hoyt.

On Saturday night John McCullough was announced to appear as Brutus in the forum scene from "Julius Caesar," at the Star Theater, New York, in a benefit to Ebon Plympton and Gustavus Lovick. An apology had to be made for McCullough, whose condition made him go to his bed at his room at the Starview House at 7 o'clock. His mental condition will not allow him to play any character at present.

The suit of Henry James, the Baltimore millionaire, vs. Robert Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, to restrain the erection of a portico to Garrett's palatial residence now in course of construction adjoining Mr. James' dwelling, on Mount Vernon place bids fair to rival any case ever tried before any court in this country. Over 1,000 printed pages of testimony have been read in open court since the case has been on final hearing.

One of the most desperate of the disappointed office-seekers who have been in Washington since the 4th of March, waiting for the reward of their faithful party services in the last campaign, has become thoroughly heart weary and despondent over his failure to secure what he calls his "last card to secure a change in his luck. Somebody told him the other day that a piece of the rope used in hanging a man was a lucky thing to carry. He invested \$5 in a piece of the rope and used to hang Guiteau and now carries it in his right hand pocket as a charm to allure the Administration into giving him a position.

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