

The present state of public immorality which has been exposed within ten years in the United States is as dangerous as it is disgraceful.

The cause of public morality and republican virtue receives a deadly blow each time, but the people appear indifferent to it.

The opportunity for plunder that grew out of the war, generated much of this, and, in making the way of the defender rosy with success, received nationally in dulling the sensitiveness of the public conscience.

The Golden Age passes from Patterson to Colfax, as fallen pillars prone on the ground, and lifting up its eyes, beholds a number of other statesmen who have received, like so many leaning towers of Pisa, a push or a slant or an inclination from perfect rectitude, and who disfigure the horizon like melancholy monuments pointing not exactly either to heaven or to hell.

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The Fallen Radicals.

The New York Golden Age, for the purpose of speaking in belittling terms of those who have been engaged in the disgraceful Credit Mobilier, wants to borrow "some pen of satire or ink of gall to depict the disgrace which has overtaken some eminent and trusted statesmen whom their countrymen have delighted to honor, but who are now hiding their faces from the stare of mankind."

We happened to be very busy at work in New Hampshire during the closing weeks of the campaign. In our canvassings from audience to audience we occasionally crossed the track of Senator Patterson, who was always represented to us as denouncing with peculiar eloquence the Credit Mobilier scandal, and protesting his total disconnection with the affair in the extremest English words which could express innocence.

Too CHALTEABLE.—The New York Herald, in summing up the position of the various religions journals of that city, on the dishonest Congressmen, says that as a "general thing they seem disposed to throw the mantle of charity over the fallen ones, or, at any rate, they hold that the community are not justified in pronouncing the accused guilty until the final verdict of the judicial committee is pronounced."

The Legislature of Wisconsin proposes to make it a misdemeanor for any State officer or member of the Legislature to accept a free pass over any railway. A similar proposition was defeated in the Nevada Assembly recently.

OPINION OF THE N. Y. HERALD. The New York Herald is following on the Modoc Peace Commission.

Well Said.—The New York Union, in speaking of the necessity of reformation in the public men, has the following sensible remarks: There must be found a home sentiment of honesty, which shall make it impossible for any man to enjoy such gains as he gets by a sacrifice of honor, truth and public trust.

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Bad Practice.

We have received within the past month advertisements from nearly every quarter of the Union, with price lists of the articles desired to be advertised, and for us to take our pay in said articles, from a melodeon to chicken eggs.

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NEED.—We learn that a petition was presented at the present term of the County Court for building a bridge across the Molalla, on the county road. This bridge is badly needed, and we hope it will be constructed.

IGNORANCE.—The following is a dispatch from Jacksonville, under date of the 4th inst., which shows the feeling of the people in that section in regard to the surrender proposed by the Modoc Peace Commissioners.

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Inauguration of President Grant.

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The proposed terms of settlement with the Modoc Indians are received here with very general dissatisfaction. The citizens generally claim that the treaty is one-sided and does not guarantee future security.

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Telegraphic News.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A Washington special says the report of the Senate Credit Mobilier Committee last night was totally unexpected and created a profound sensation on the floor of the Senate and in the galleries.

While Morton was speaking on the Louisiana question Mr. Chase, Chairman of the committee, asked him to allow him to submit his report. It was sent to the Clerk's desk and an order to print was made. Some Senator asked if the report was accompanied by a resolution, and Morton replied in the affirmative.

THE PEACE COMMISSION.—From the dispatches published elsewhere this week, it will be seen that the Peace Commission is likely to prove a failure. Capt. Jack refusing to accept the humiliating terms proposed by the Commission.

Modoc Peace Commission.

YAKA, March 3.—From the Couriers we learn that upon the arrival of Judge Roseborough and E. Steele at headquarters for the settlement of the Modoc troubles, were decided upon on Friday Mr. Steele accompanied Mr. Steele to Fort Bidwell to confer with General Canby and the Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS OF PEACE COMMISSION, VIA YAKA, March 3.—The following dispatch has been received from the Chief of the Modoc, Secretary of the Interior, Washington: We have sent a messenger with these terms: The Modocs to surrender as prisoners of war; to be removed to a Southern and warm climate, and provided for. They accept the terms and have sent a delegation to talk over details, but not to conclude them.

HEADQUARTERS PEACE COMMISSION, HOT SPRING, VIA YAKA, March 3.—Elijah Steele, Chief of the Modocs, is on his way to the camp of Captain Jack. All were received and they slept in the cave. They had a long talk with Captain Jack and Sonelish, sub-chief. Jack does not want to talk about peace, but asks for small homes and to be located collectively.

FROM A PRIVATE LETTER RECEIVED FROM MINNESOTA BY MR. PAYNE, states that a large number of citizens from Sterling county propose coming to Oregon during the coming summer. The severe winter in that section is the cause of their leaving and coming to the warm climate of Oregon.

Wreck of the Steamer Geo. S. Wright.

ALL ON BOARD DROWNED. From the Portland Bulletin. The news of the loss of the George S. Wright has produced a profound impression and been the chief topic of conversation on Saturday evening. About 1 o'clock on Saturday the first intelligence was received. In an hour or two it was confirmed by the reception of the particulars so far as known.

How many passengers were on the steamer on her way down coast is not yet known. It is very certain, however, that Major Wheeler was on board. It is not likely that he was killed. He was on the boat, and his wife and children were with him.

THE WASHINGTON correspondent of the State Journal, under date of Feb. 28th, says the Senate passed a House bill establishing a new district for Oregon, viz: Oregon from Westport to Steilacoom, from Netah to Westport, from Washington Territory to Oak Point, Washington Territory, to Grays River, to Green River, from Jacksonville via Central Point, Brownsville and Big Butte to Sam's valley, from Grande Valley to Summitville via Wallawalla valley, in Union county; from La Grande to Canyon, Clatsop.

A California paper says there was recently brought to this State some 40,000 shad ova and 50,000 white fish ova, which will be deposited in the Oregon creeks and lakes.