

# THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, SEPT. 26, 1873.

## Look On The Bright Side.

It is sad to see persons who might enjoy much of happiness in the world, hunting their surroundings for some dark, forbidding and unpleasant thing to be gnawed over instead of living in the sunlight, and gathering pleasant things in the garden of observation and experience. Though times may be dull, that is no reason why we should give way to despondency. It is true that many of the people on this coast have not had their anticipations realized, but after all we are superlatively better off as a people than those in the older states, so on the whole we should be cheerful rather than otherwise. On all occasions look on the bright side of things. It is the right side. The times may be hard, but will make them no easier by wearing a gloomy sad appearance. It is the sunshine and not the cloud, that makes the flower. Full one-half of our ills are only in imagination. There is always that before or around us which should cheer and fill the heart with warmth. The sky is blue ten times where it is black one. So have others. You are free from them. Perhaps it is well that none should be. They give sinew and tone to life, fortitude and courage to the man. There would be a dull sea, and the sailor would never get sight where there was nothing to disturb the face of the ocean.

It is the duty of every one to extract all the enjoyment and happiness he can without and within him; and above all, he should look on the bright side of things. What though things do look a little dark? The lane will turn, and night end in broad day. In the long run and very often in the short, the great balance rights itself. What is ill becomes well; what is wrong, right. Men were not made to hang down their heads or their hips, and those who do so only show that they are only departing from the path of common sense and right.

## Handling the Wrong End of a Snapping Turtle.

A man named Gilsey, who, by strict economy and severe industry, has succeeded in getting his family a little place, free of encumbrance; was fishing in Still river, near the Beaver Brook Mill, on Sunday afternoon. After sitting on the bank for a couple of hours, without catching anything, he was gratified to see, on a flatstone in the water, a snapping turtle sunning itself. The catching-hold end of the turtle was toward him, and he thought he would capture it; but, while he was looking for a place to stoop, the turtle gravely turned around without his knowledge, and when he got in reaching distance, and bent down to take hold of what nature designed should be taken hold of, while handling a snapping turtle, that sociable animal just reached out and took hold of Mr. Gilsey's hand with a grasp that left no doubt of its sincerity. The shrieks of the unfortunate man aroused some of his neighbors, but when they arrived it was too late to be of any benefit to him, or even to themselves, for they just caught a glimpse of a bare-headed man tearing over the hill, heading a small carpet bag in one hand, and they at once concluded that it was a narrow escape from his hands. However it was swinging; it was that turtle, and it clung to him until he reached the White street bridge, when it let go; but the frightened man did not slacken his gait until he got home, when he reached the house the indelicacy of the affair burst upon him, and when his wife looked at his pale face and bare head, and dust-begrimed clothes, and asked what was the matter, he said, "Nothing was the matter, only he was afraid he would be too late for church," and appeared to be much relieved to find that he wasn't.—*Douglas News.*

SOMETHING ABOUT OUR ALASKA WARDEN, WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Admiral Pennek, commanding the North Pacific Squadron, reports that he has had several friendly talks with the Alaska Indians. Many chiefs visited the ship. They seem to be impressed with the importance of being on good terms with the United States. There are only a few American traders at the quarters in the vicinity, and no settlement except at Sitka. The Admiral visited Sitka, and remained seventeen days; during three-fourths of which time there was a heavy rain. The population has much decreased, and there has been a great falling off in trade. Exclusive of the garrison, there are not more than three hundred inhabitants, mostly Russians and half breeds. Some years past, there has been bad feeling between the Stikine and Chilkot tribes, and when at Etahia harbor, Admiral Pennek was solicited by a Stikine chief, to use his good offices in bringing about a reconciliation. The Admiral talked the matter over with the chief of the Chilkots, whom he found ready to bury the hatchet.

Col. Hughes, candidate for Governor of Virginia, is credited with radical sentiments on the question of mixed schools for white and negro children. In an interview with a correspondent, he said he believed that mixed schools would be the destruction of the free school system, and that no Republican of any weight and intelligence would advocate the system. He never will advocate it, for he believes it to be a pernicious doctrine that can only result in the injury and death of the public schools of Virginia.

The record of the Worcester Republican Convention (Mass.) shows that when the resolutions offered by Charles Allen, of Boston, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, which denounce the back-pay grants and the interference in State politics of Federal office-holders, were pending, General Butler took the floor and in a speech of some length, accepted the situation and counseled that they be adopted.

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## John Quincy Adams on the Study of the Bible.

The accompanying letter of Mr. Adams was written thirty-five years back, to several young men in Baltimore who met for self-improvement, and called the Franklin Association. They solicited Mr. Adams to advise them what should be the proper course to study. I copy it at the time from the original:

To a Committee of the Franklin Association of Baltimore:

WASHINGTON, 22d June, 1838.

GENTLEMEN: I have no words to express my gratitude for the kind feelings and more than friendly estimates of my character contained in your letter of the 9th instant, and am not less at a loss for language to utter the deep humiliation of a deep conviction, how little your panegyric has been deserved.

Were it ever so far deserved that I could feel myself justified to give it, but situated in life as you represent yourselves to be, I could scarcely name any list of books or of authors which I could recommend as equally worthy of attention of you all.

The first, and almost the only book deserving such universal recommendation is the Bible. And in recommending that I fear that some of you will think I am performing a superfluous, and others a very unnecessary office.

Yet such is my deliberate opinion. The Bible is the book of all others to be read at all ages, and in all conditions of human life; not to be read once or twice through, and then to be laid aside, but to be read in small portions of one or two chapters every day, and never to be omitted unless by some overruling necessity.

This attention and repeated reading of the Bible in small portions every day leads the mind to habitual meditation upon subjects of the highest interest to the welfare of the individual in this world as well to prepare him for that hereafter to which we are all destined.

It furnishes rules of conduct for our conduct towards others in our social relations. In the commandments delivered from Sinai, in the inimitable sublimity of the Psalms and Prophets in the profound and concentrated observations of human life and manners enclosed in the Proverbs of Solomon, in the philosophical allegory so beautifully set forth in the narrative whether real or imaginary of the book of Job—an active mind cannot peruse a single chapter, and lay the book aside to think, and take it up again tomorrow without finding it in advance for our own conduct, which we may turn to as a daily pledgeance upon earth; and when we pass from the Old to the New Testament, we meet at once a system of universal morality founded upon one precept of universal application, pointing us to peace and good will toward the whole race of men in this life, and to peace with God, and an ever-blessed existence hereafter.

My friends, if any or all of you have spiritual pastors to guide you in the paths of salvation, do not neglect to read the Bible, and to seek the assistance of Geography and Chronology. These assist you in your study of the Bible, and you can have no difficulty in procuring them. Acquire acquaintance with the chronology and geography of the Bible.

That will lead you to a general knowledge of the chronology and geography ancient and modern, and these will open an inexhaustible fountain of knowledge respecting the globe which you inhabit to which you yourself belong. You may pursue these enquiries just as far as your time and inclinations will permit. Give one hour of your time to your study of the Bible, and you will find that it will shed floods of light upon every part of the Bible, and any other history of the world, and you will read it with more fruit, more intelligence, and more satisfaction.

But if those two hours excite your curiosity and tempt you to devote part of an hour every day for a year or years to study thoroughly the chronology and geography of the Bible, it will only lead you far deeper and than you otherwise ever penetrate into the knowledge of the book; but it will shed floods of light upon every part of the Bible, and any other history of the world, and you will read it with more fruit, more intelligence, and more satisfaction.

There are many other subsidiary studies to which you may devote more or less of your time for the express purpose of making our Bible reading more intelligible to yourselves. It is a book in which neither the ignorant and weakest, nor the most learned and intelligent men can read without improvement. There are other books of great worth and easy acquisition, which I suppose will be accessible to you all.

I remain your friend and fellow student for life,  
(Signed,) J. Q. ADAMS.

THE DRIFT OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT. There is, says the Columbus (Miss.) Democrat, no mistaking the drift of public sentiment. It all points to the reorganization of the Democratic party upon a sound Jeffersonian platform. This idea prevails everywhere, North, South, East and West, and it is gathering strength every day. No more departures from the name and principles of Democracy, is the cry from all quarters.

## What It Means.

Some people seem to think that the result of the recent election in this State means the destruction of the railroad companies, and the confiscation of their property. This is a very erroneous view to take of the matter. It means simply this and nothing more: That no corporate power shall dominate the government, control the executive, dictate to the legislative, or direct the judicial departments of our scheme of State. The corporations, railroad and other, are to be placed on an equal footing with the humblest individuals before the law. Let it be understood that while a poor man must not be oppressed, neither should a wealthy man be made to suffer because of his fortune. Rich and poor, corporations and individuals, must fare alike. Neither communist nor corporant has any part in the recent victory of the people.—*Examiner.*

Don't be afraid, young man, to make a blunder once in a while; not all the blunders are made by the sincere and honest. I must respect those I suppose, who never make any blunders, but I don't love them. I like them kind of folks who, if they do once in a while weigh out a pound with only thirteen ounces in it, are just as apt to make the next pound weigh nineteen ounces. I love my phallides. It is these that make me feel that I have had touch of nature in me that makes me brother to every man living.—*Josh Billings.*

INDIGNANT.—Grace Greenwood washed her face at the Clifton House, and is indignant because she was charged two dollars for the accommodation. Before she can claim public sympathy she must state how dirty her face was.

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