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THE SWING OF THE PENDULUM.

In piping times of peace the English journals, in a dearth of editorial topics, talk about the American administration of justice, and complacently sneer at our mistakes and shortcomings.

It is interesting to note how inviting the British journalist makes the retort "Physician, heal thyself."

Before looking across the sea our trans-Atlantic friends might well note their own administration of justice.

With them the pendulum has swung through a mighty arc. Old men live who remember hearing their fathers tell when in England there was the same price on the head of a Roman Catholic priest and the head of a wolf; it is not so long ago that in England a man was hanged for stealing a sheep and a woman was hanged for stealing ten shillings to save her children from starving.

Of late years English "justice" has been curiously modified. Now a man in England can stamp his wife to death and get off with two weeks in jail.

The thirst for blood seems just as fierce in the country where dwell the carping critics on "an American administration of justice," but judges and juries have grown gentler.

Last August, in a house in Stepney, one Edward Cormack beat his daughter, a girl of eleven years, till she became insensible. A police officer passing, and hearing the sound of blows and moans, arrested the father, while the child, a mass of bruises and cuts, was taken to the hospital.

This touching parental solicitude so melted the magistrate's heart that the convict, who in whipping the old Adam out of his son had nearly whipped the life out also, escaped with a small fine.

Wm. Atkinson, an inmate of the Scarborough workhouse, and a man called Garnett, were arrested last July on a charge of manslaughter. Their crime is unique in its exquisite cruelty.

It was their duty to bathe the little boys of the institution every Saturday night. On July 25th, in the performance of this task, Atkinson attempted to put David Dunhill, a little boy of five into a tub of almost boiling water.

The little fellow stepped in, then shrieking and with scalded feet attempted to crawl out, but Atkinson, zealot in the cause of cleanliness, grasped the terrified and struggling boy in an iron grip and pressed him back into the water.

The next day the poor little creature died of the scalding. Stacey, a boy whom Garnett had bathed in equally hot water, did not die, but after a severe illness recovered.

And what was the sentence passed on these fiends? They were reprimanded and discharged! At Abington, David Luker, a pauper,

aged twenty, was brought before the magistrate for refusing to pump seven hours daily. The poor wretch feebly protested that he was physically incapable of such work, but his objections were pooh-poohed by the inflexible judge, who prescribed a month's imprisonment as the best way to break his proud spirit.

John Reeves, a young man who brutally beat and kicked two servant girls at Croyden, after candidly confessing that he was "dead drunk" at the time, was fined ten shillings and costs, and dismissed.

Thus, in England, where, years ago a man was hanged for picking a pocket, and a woman for stealing a penny bun, real criminals in this year of our Lord, 1885 are discharged with a reprimand or a petty fine.

Till some of these vagaries of English "justice" are forgotten our English critics can best avoid disagreeable reminiscences by remaining silent.

ONE of the latest arguments in support of woman suffrage is the alleged fact that woman does not commit suicide and is therefore superior to man.

In a recent address Mrs. Livermore said: "When men become embarrassed, they put the pistol to their temple or heart and wind up their existence. That is not the case with women. When they find themselves beyond their depth, they swim out until they find firm footing again."

The inference is of course that women are more courageous than men; and the conclusion that they are at least as well fitted to vote.

Why this conclusion follows would not be clear even if the inference were unavoidable. It is by no means settled that the more courageous men make the best voters; and it cannot, therefore, be regarded as settled that woman has a claim to the ballot by reason of her superior courage.

Moreover, the facts, as stated do not quite justify the inference that woman is more courageous than man. The utmost that can be said is that if a woman does not commit suicide where a man would, it is because she has a greater power of enduring suffering, which is probably true.

A cynic might say, perhaps, that she has a stronger love of life than man, or that the shame and disgrace which man seeks to escape by self-destruction have fewer terrors for woman. This would not be true but it is quite as justifiable an inference from the facts, as Mrs. Livermore states them, as the inference that woman is more courageous than man, and, therefore quite as well entitled as he to the ballot.

But the most serious objection to Mrs. Livermore's statement is that it is not true. When women find themselves "beyond their depth" they do not "swim out until they find a firm footing again."

They commit suicide just the same as men do though not so numerously. The telegraph reports almost daily some case of feminine suicide; and statistics, some of which are noted in another column, show that they are constantly occurring.

During the nine months ending November 30, 1884, there were 344 reported suicides of women in the United States. And though the number of male suicides was more than twice as large in the same period, when allowance is made for the suicides due to business troubles and causes especially affecting men, the proportion ceases to be very great.

In any event the occurrence of feminine suicide at the rate of nearly 500 per annum is fatal to the "swimming out" theory, and all the inferences drawn therefrom. There are arguments enough in support of woman's right to and fitness for the ballot, without resorting to those which have no basis in fact.

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Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned intends to apply to the common council of the city of Astoria at its next regular meeting for a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one quart, for a period of one year in the building situated on lot 1, block 11, McClure's Addition.

Stockholders' Meeting. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the West Coast Packing Co. will be held at the company's office on Friday, October 22d, 1885, at 9 A. M.

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Administrator's Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed administrator of the estate of John Amundson, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate shall present the same with proper vouchers, within six months from this date to the office of F. D. Winton in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon.

Fishing Boat Race, Saturday, October 24th. Not less than six boats to contest. The boats competing will start in line abreast of Wilson & Fisher's dock at the word "go" and gunshot.

Citation. IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop. In the matter of the estate of H. R. Bruhn, deceased.

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Notice. TAKE NOTICE ALL WHOM THIS MAY concern, that I the undersigned have and do claim the NW 1/4 of section 28, township 5 N., range 8 W., 160 acres. I request all parties not to trespass on the above mentioned land or its effects, as I have given sufficient proofs of my rights through the United States Land Office in Washington City, District of Columbia.

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