

dram to the highest gifts at the hands of our chief magistrate, we fail to comprehend its wide-spread influence. But when we know it extends from the merest favor of the successful candidate to the caucus compromise and trading of votes for "certain bills," we begin to be appalled at its magnitude. It has built up "bossism," and if left alone, will put down liberty and free government. "Whoso shaketh his hand from holding of bribes" is the only safe exponent of a government by the people and for the people.

4. MORMONISM.

This question is being settled. Will the people of this nation, as they have so fitly resolved, nobly carry into execution all needed measures for the suppression of this great curse?

5. SPIRITUALISM.

This is subversive of all divine authority in matters of religion, and derogatory to the best development of man's intellectual powers. Yet there are found those who would prefer the instruction of witches and the revelations of table-rappers to the divine revelation from God. Not only among the common mediums is this evil lurking, but in some well-established religious circles. If we will glance around and behold the religious teachers who advise their hearers to consult the spirits for their duty and to learn of their acceptance, we shall soon understand the apostle's phrase, "spiritual wickedness in heavenly places" which, being interpreted, signifies spiritualism in the church. It is the parent of

6. FREE-THOUGHT.

Of this we need not speak at length. Suffice it to say that not until we return to the Bible with its plain teaching will we be justified in desiring to cast the moat out of the infidel's eye who desires to think as he pleases and act as seemeth to him best. "What hath the Lord spoken" must become our watch word before we shall see the downfall of these two giant foes.

7. ROMAN CATHOLICISM

demands the careful consideration of all true patriots and fairminded Christians. She is endeavoring by every conceivable means to spread her power. Dominion is her cry. Her population having sworn their allegiance to a foreign power, claiming temporal dominion over the whole earth, are, as a whole, disloyal to this government. They, by the advice of priests, (these, too, in-

structed from a higher guide), wait with patience the time when an alliance with any political faction will give them the reins of government. The citizens of this vast domain who are striving to maintain a popular government, are called upon to beware lest they permit a foreign power, a domineering tyrant to bear rule and deprive them of every liberty, even that of conscience.

These and other questions are pushing themselves upon our attention, and he is careless indeed who has not enough regard for the cause of truth to give them a careful consideration, and with a heart consecrated to Christ and God, decide for truth and honor, freedom and eternal glory.

Desecration of the Lord's Day.

We heartily concur with the *P. C. Advocate* in its denunciation of the desecrations of the Lord's day, which it is pleased to call the Sabbath. It says:

The desecration of the Sabbath in this city is increasing year by year, and at the present rate of increase Portland will soon be shunned by persons who desire to bring up families with any regard to the laws of God or man. A theatrical exhibition is now advertised to take place at one of the beer gardens just outside the city limits; every Sunday, despite the law which says, "no place of entertainment where an admission fee is charged shall be permitted." Decent, law-abiding citizens are insulted in their homes near these gardens, by these Sunday carousals. Their property, for which they labored hard, is depreciated in value and their locality shunned often by the quiet portion of the community on the Sabbath. The streets of our fair city are disgraced by the bacchanalian songs of the drunkards as they pass our wives and daughters, and every year this is growing on us. Other cities are controlling and regulating these outrageous disturbances, but Portland is passive and helpless, in the hands of a small squad of God-defying people, mainly foreigners, who are imposing upon the community their godless actions.

Aptly Written.

"Down with sectism and the whisky traffic," is the quaint and suggestive motto adopted by Bro. Neal in the Christian Worker Department of *The Old Path Guide*. It sets us to thinking. Is sectism as dangerous as the whisky traffic with all its alarming evils? Some one will be startled, perhaps, when we say it is even more dangerous. Time was when some preachers

took their dram before entering the pulpit. Now such a custom is discountenanced everywhere.

But many preachers still go into the pulpit with a jug of sectism under their arms wherewith to reproach the Savior in his prayer for the union of all Christians. This however is fast falling into disrepute, and, we trust, will soon be obsolete. Yes, so say we: Down with these twin evils.

Personal.

Bro. T. M. Morgan started with his family from Bethel for Spangle, W. T. on last Monday. We commend him to the brethren of Eastern Washington as a noble man and staunch defender of the truth.

Bro. P. R. Burnett preached in Monmouth on Thursday evening of last week as announced, and at Independence on Lord's day.

Bro. H. M. Waller was to have started on Wednesday of this week to hold a meeting at Dufur, Wasco Co., but his family began taking the measles just about the time he would have started, and as the whole family will probably be sick, it was unreasonable for him to leave. The Brethren in Wasco will understand why they are disappointed.

Bro. A. E. Waystuff, formerly of Woodland, now of Modesto, Cal., and proprietor of the *Modesto Herald* met with the church in Portland last Lord's day. He is a live man in the church. At the close of the Sunday-school, he gave some very timely suggestions in a short address which was highly appreciated. He returned on Monday by the steamer *Columbia*.

Bro. G. L. Wharton, a son-in-law of Dr. R. Richardson, is one of the missionaries to India. His wife goes with him.

Gossips.

It is a low and morbid taste that busies people in the concerns of others. It is anything but a true Christian spirit that prompts it, and genders anything but good in the community in which it is indulged. And yet what community is free from it? The sun in all his round does not send his ray on a meridian that is free from it. No character is too pure for its impudent assaults, and few escape them. It is not an uncommon thing for the gossiping community to "know" (?) a great deal more about the victim's affairs than he does himself. And if he wants to get

at the real situation of affairs regarding himself, what he is doing, what he is saying, or what he is going to do, he must lift his head up from his work, go out and inquire of the public. And then how surprised he is.

Gossiping is a bud from which are likely to spring evils of deepest dye and blackest stain—backbiting, envy, jealousy and slander; and God only knows the deep wrongs and cruel suffering that these have brought into the world of humanity. "They say," is generally the preface to a piece of gossip; and "they say" has often ten couched within it, a spirit of foulest slander; the sting of hell is in it. In closest confidence it is whispered, "they say it is thus and so, but I don't believe it." If you don't believe it, for the sake of peace, and for the sake of humanity, and for the sake of God, say nothing about it. —*Ex.*

As will be seen by our exchanges, the Christian Missionary Board has concluded to send in September six persons to India, as missionaries. This is a step in the right direction, and we hope to see them sustained in their arduous and self-sacrificing labors before them.

A modern writer says that a man who has no enemies is worth but little, and a man who has no friends is worth less. The man who does his duty fearlessly and conscientiously will have both friends and enemies.

Governor St. John in his speech at Osage says: "If there is one of you here to-night who should catch your wife loafing around a saloon you would apply for a divorce inside of twenty-four hours; you would think that if she were guilty of so infamous a thing she would be unworthy of such a specimen of manhood as yourself, and yet for all this you can linger about these places week after week. There are men who loaf about saloons for days together, who, when they go upon the witness-stand, under oath, are so demented that they do not know cider from whisky, or beer from 'sea-foam.'" —*Ex.*

—A single fault no more constitutes a hardened villain than a drop makes the ocean. It is the aggregation of the many in both cases that go to form the whole.