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That human instrumentality is worthy of the appelation "great" that accomplishes great things, or demonstrates how they may be done, or describes them in suitable terms when they have been by others. But those are the greatest agencies which tend to render life more happy, which increase the degree of human worthiness in social, moral and political existence, and pave the way to a more permanent life of purity. Such an agency is the free, unfettered public press.

The merit and power of an unfettered press can not be weighed, measured or estimated by the ordinary standards of human experiences. It must be known by the heroic work it accomplishes on the field of duty when engaged in its proper sphere of action, ever eclipsing its utmost efforts by as much as wisdom excels strength and the arts of peace the havoc of war. We deny not that it is of the greatest importance to the public welfare that the demeanor of the public press should be watched and carefully estimated by the motives of that progeny of life of whose progeny is the press.

The morals and honesty of the press are usually the extractions of the morality and honesty of that character known as its editor, who very rarely reflects in his journal any higher groundwork of virtue than the manifestations of his excellence born within him or wrought upon him. Thus each radical humor and passion of the editor is distinguished by the career of his journal, as a rule.

The first amendment of the constitution of the United States prohibits any law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press. The freedom of thought and the right of private judgment in matters of conscience have been made the welcome guests of this republic by the terms of our constitution, and we contemplate with sovereign reverence a constitution whose authority stops where our relations to God begin under His spiritual dominion as first divinely ordained in Judea.

Our Anglo-Saxon ancestors were the first among the nations of the earth to ordain in their organic law that no man or order of men shall be suffered to intrude between man and his Creator, or invade the home of reason, the citadel of conscience, the sanctuary of the soul, in the plenitude of its religious worship, The freedom of the press is divinely related to this freedom of thought which carries with it that liberty of expression essential to the perpetuity of liberty itself, essential as the herald of public opinon before whose tribunal the press arraigns malefactors, public functionaries offenders of the law, and secures peaceable political reform which must otherwise be accomplished by a revolution under the sharp edge of the sword.

That editor who assumes the reins of supreme authority over the public press in a state is a despot and tyrant as intolerable as that predatory monster who in Judea ascended his fiery chariot, drawn with blazing steeds transfigured like beasts of the zodiac, and smote every male child with death to exterminate all prophetic rivals to that imperial beast of prey. Visaged like the lion of The Oregonian to express power, high authority over all, with indignation of countenance as black as old Chaos, he out-Herod's Herod, casting derision and scorn most malign upon editors faithful to their duty to defend constitutional government; and upon counsellors of the law charged with the responsible duty of the prosecution of federal criminials in the name of the nation, upon courts and upon their juries who sat in tribunals to determine the degree of his cold blooded guilt before our offended and broken laws; and upon him, because faithful to his sacred trust, whose cool, unpassionate mildness of positive wisdom was inspired from heaven; and upon the fame of the hero who hath said that the preservation of this glorious Union with Old Glory waving over us as a shield of our protection on land and sea, is the paramount duty of all parties, and upon the character of his services on the field and in the senate has that editor cast derision and scorn to tarnish the halo and brillancy of his renowned achievements that illuminate the grave which received his sacred dust enbalmed with the tears of his comrades, a nation's patriots, and garlanded with the affections of the widow and the orphan whose cause he hath plead with the eloquence of the orator in the United States senate.

These are the crimes of the press of Oregon, these are her felonies which smell of the regions of black despair, and they have all been committed by that atrocious character, Harve Scott, the lion of the Oregonian, whose career in this state has been dictated from an alien trestle-board, prescribed and measured by the golden compasses furnished from the treasury of an alien nation, which has taught him to despise and hate American heroes, American independence, and American manhood and womanhood. It is this editor of The Oregonian who through the power of his press and by recent conspiracy with one Henry W. Corbett has sought to overthrow this state government with the aid of a faithless governor, trusting to their audacity for success, like a mob of brigands sacking a city at noonday. With threat of the ruinous assault of The Oregonian upon whomsoever should appear upon the field to oppose them, they carried anarchy and nihilism into every department of our state government. These are the fruits of a subsidized press.

The Morning Oregonian, edited by Mr. Scott, that political assassin, that political glutton who needs a rector to restrain the daily rioting in political parties which he practises to a profusion of surfeit beyond all bounds of law and decency, for pelf, plunder and spoils, without conscience, without regard for public rights or private character, and as destitute of principles as a house of drunkenness is of temperance or moralty, takes from its editor its character as a newspaper, stalking forth at early dawn loaded like a dromedary for the desert with conspicuous falsehoods called news. This Scott is a remarkable character, an editor of diversified attainments outside of all manly qualities and acquirements, his love of the state is an intensified patriotism centered in an exaggerated self-hood of Harve Scott, his long censorship over the press and public parties has filled him with insolence and arrogance and now like Frederick the Great he looks upon the state as his private patrimony. Of the state as it was understood by an ancient Greek or ancient Roman he has no comprehension but looks upon it as he does upon his own city, as a corporation to be robbed, pillaged and plundered by no one but himself, but, like all cowards, in defeat he shows the white feather, and never more than when he touched bottom in his miserable soul and uttered his lamentation over the repulse of Henry W. Corbett at the unyielding doors of the United States senate, exclaming that he was disgusted with the arbitrary authority of "that body of pigmies," disgusted with the people of Oregon, and longed for a home in Europe. Doubtless it would have been infinite relief to that cur to have crept under the table of some European prince and barked out at republican institutions and constitutional government in the name of a rotten aaistocracy, as the price of his refuge from the scenes of his waning greatness as the "only editor of the North-West," the tenth wonder of the world.

How is his glory, the glory of Harve Scott, tarnished by the mean, the selfish, nay by the wicked, jealousies of his heart! How unscrupulous in the use of unscrupulous tools for unscrupulous ends! Without candor, without sincerity and without courage, he is the personification of hypocrisy, like the Napoleon unveiled in letters and memoirs.

Harve Scott's cursed Chinese policy provoked and brought upon his city and state another revolt which would have cost him his miserable life had not the strong arm of the military power of this state come to his rescue, in the wind castle of his other palatial Oregonian building surrounded by an incensed multitude, at the very time our great statesman, the pride and glory of Oregon, was fighting out in the United States senate that great issue upon which hung the true sublimity of our Anglo-Saxon civilization, then imperilled by Harve Scott's policy, a terror of overhanging fate that threatened to sweep this coast, as Central Europe was swept, with the barbarous hosts from the plains of Tartary.

It is want of character much more than of mind or intellect that gives the base distinction to the career of Harve Scott who lacks the regulative power of deep moral convictions. The elements of his nature, that in due restraint would have made him a great editor, have transfixed him upon the rocks of his ambition and driven him transverse into every political current, and into every dishonest scheme conceivable, to rob the state and the federal government, until lost to all sense of honor or shame he assailed constitutional liberty itself to gain complete supremacy over our people who will now resist him to the bitter end. The Oregonian is the defender of a legislative revolt against the constitution of the United States, as well as against our state constitution, that the willing aid of a faithless governor might be invoked to appoint a demagogue to the United States senate in spite of our constitution and in spite of the expressed wishes of our people. Following the advice of Napoleon to his brother Joseph, the usurper of the crown of Italy, that journal regards nothing as sacred after the conquest of our legislature and overthrow of our constitution, but indulges in all manner of excessive abuse of American women, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the memory of their heroic dead, their infirm comrades, their widows and orphans. Only less violent than the conduct of Charles II who, aided by a perfidious governor, General Monk, overthrew the commonwealth of England, are the excesses of the Oregonian. Harve Scott has abandoned all principles of recognized merit and will henceforth assail every journal and party in the state who renounce their allegiance to the Oregonian.

The revolution of the Oregonian for the subjugation of all classes of our citizens who may defy its editor to his teeth to further attempt to force his man Henry W. Corbett into the United States senate, will, if our judgment fail not, leave his lord and Corbett in about the same unenviable condition that surrounded those other usurpers, Napoleon III at Metz and Maximillian in Mexico.

The press of Oregon has a duty to perform in the coming contest for the recovery of our state government and for its restoration to constitutional methods. If we are manly, self-reliant and self-respecting as we have reason to believe the majority of the press of Oregon to be, we shall not shrink from the assaults of the Oregonian nor from the force of the fiery invectives of its editor, nor indeed shall we sink before his mightiest blows, dealt out with all the vehemence of which he is capable of the greatest to bear down all before his marching columns of nullifiers who on the stump and before our people will attempt to make the worse the better reason appear. Nor do we fear the power and influence of his wide-spreading daily for our people are slowly but surely becoming conscious of the fact that the seditious policy of Harve Scott has cursed the name and fame of Oregon in the United States senate, and that the political influence of his paper is like a conflagration which would feed upon the ruins of our state government to maintain its destructivs energy, nourished and supported from time to time by fuel of various kinds with which it has been supported from all political parties in its progress.

Our people have finally obtained an unclouded view upon their horizon of the conspicuous figure of Harve Scott masquerading in the lion's skin, in his procession of nullifiers and constitution-smashers, swollen with pride, like the leader of a band of vampires he now flourishes the spoils of his victory, the articles of capitulation signed by the governor of a conquered province through which he claims a seat in the United States senate for his chief conspirator as a reward for conspicuous gallantry in the conquest of this state.

Our state capitol was bombarded for forty days and forty nights by the siege-guns of the Oregonian, with ammunition furnished by Henry W. Corbett, and our governor under the great seal of our state capitulated on private terms honorable only to those whose guilty conscience scourged them from the temple, from the executive mansion of this state, to execute the last act of betrayal in the private rooms of a Portland hotel. If this act of piracy agaist an unsuspecting commonwealth is a victory for the press of Oregon we denounce all such victories in the name of our violated constitution and in the name of our people whose mandates at the polls next June will go down through the ages as a warning to governors, legislators and to the press of Oregon.

AN INVESTIGATION IN ORDER.

The time has been when a man elected to the United States senate has been subjected to an investigation, with a view of ascertaining whether he used corrupt and unlawful maens to compass his election. This course of proceeding is not often resorted to, but the circumstances surrounding the failure of the last Oregon legislature to organize, and the speedy appointment of H. W. Corbett by Governor Lord, are so peculiar that they ought to be investigated and made known.

The Tribune believes that it is fully justified in charging that Corbett's appointment was the result of a corrupt conspiracy, which if the truth was ascertained would be a legal bar to Corbett's incumbency of a seat in the senate. This paper has not the positive proof, but the circumstantial evidence is sufficient to convict.

It has been publicly acknowledged by at least one member of the legislature that the expenses of those who refused to organize were paid. Somebody, he does not say who, paid them about the same amount they would have received from the state if they had organized. That alone amounted to a good many hundred dollars. Then it is known that in individual cases the expenses were a good deal more. One man in particular was provided with a suit of clothes, plenty of drinks, and a fast woman for days and weeks together, to keep him from his seat.

Mr. Jonathan Bourne could undoubtedly "a tale unfold" that would let a flood of light in upon those shameful proceedings; he was spending a good deal of money himself. We do not say that he furnished the sack, or that his motives were entirely reprehensible; but before old man Corbett is given his seat, Mr. Bourne and others should be judicially called upon to explain. Did Corbett furnish money to bribe legislators to violate their oaths of office, and engage for six weeks in an aanrchistic plot? If so, should he be rewarded with a seat in the senate? Is a seat in the senate to be thus corruptly and lawlessly purchased?

And while the inquiry is being made it would be interesting if not important to know what inducements were held out to Governor Lord to appoint the old banker, who is thus under suspicion of being a most corrupt boodler and an anarchist. It is scarcely probable, indeed, that the governor was actually paid as some of the vile misrepresentatives undoubtedly were in actual filthy lucre, though many will suspect that he was. But if not, there can be no doubt that he was promised something by Corbett, Simon and Scott, who were the chief conspirators. Will the people of Oregon permit such a vile conspiracy to succeed? The senate may seat Corbett, but the people of Oregon have it in their power to prevent the other conspirators from carrying out their nefarious designs or reaping any rewards of their anarchistic plot.

Unless the matter is thoroughly cleared up, people will believe, and will be justfied in believing, that Corbett secured his appointment by shameful and wholesale bribery, by the vilest sort of corruption, by violation of law and decency, and that Governor Lord was in some degree his accomplice. Hence the people of this state would be dishonoring themselves and the commonwealth in which they live by allowing any of the criminal conspirators to ever again hold any position of honor or profit in the state.—Portland Evening Tribune, Oct. 20.

The Portland Chronicle is still having spasms over the seating of Corbett. Mr. Corbett might succeed in securing his coveted seat—there is always a possibility of success in any reasonable venture—but it is not likely that he will be helped very much by Senator McBride whom Corbett has assisted to discredit in the eyes of the people of Oregon. In the face of McBride's protest he will have a hard fight. And this is not the only stumbling block in the way of Mr. Corbett buying a seat in the senate.—Heppner Gazett, Oct 12.

CHIPS.

The Chicago police force has just lost 434 republican policeman whose places are to be taken by members of the democracy. The chief says the change was made to promote civil service reform.

Last year the New York Central railroad carried 23,166,483 passengers and not one was killed. Sunday's accident at Garrison's by which a train plunged into the Hudson river cost thirty lives but it was from causes beyond the control of ordinary care.

Commissioner Dorch quotes an authority that prunes afford the highest nerve or brain food. That must be the reason why the census statistics show that Oregon's people rank so high, compared with the other states of the Union, in general intelligence.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 30, there will be services at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. A. W. Snyder. Topic, "Normal study of the Bible." Also services by the same on Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock and at 7:30 in the evening.

'VARSITY ITEMS.

Ned Holt has returned to P. U. and is again holding his place on the team.

Pacific University has once again entered the Intercollegiate Football association and will play its first scheduled game with O. S. N. S. on the campus, November 20. Let every one turn out and cheer the boys on to victory. Rev. D. V. Poling acted as delegate for P. U. in making out the schedule of games for this season.

Thad. Sweek returned Monday from a meeting of the Inter-collegiate Debating association held at Salem. As a result of this meeting the orators of Willamette and U. of O. will first meet in mortal combat, the survivor then to enter the arena against Gamma Sigma and Philomathean representatives, March 4, 1898.

The Glee Club has reorganized with the following officers: Pres., W. T. Fletcher; Vice Pres., John Miller; Sec., L. L. Lancefield. The club has received large reinforcements and doubtless will do good work under the ... agement of Miss Shupp.

Robert R. Gailey, traveling ... of the student volunteer mo... Foreign missions, better know... ton's famous center rush, ... man of world wide repute, ac... by James A. Dummett, trave... tary of the Y. M. C. A. for ... west, visited our institution ... holding several meetings in t... of foreign missions. Mr. G... gave the boys a few pointers o... He is making a tour visiting ... ern colleges previous to his de... China in March, where he ... charge of the college Y. M. C...

A very interesting missiona... was held by the Christian a... Tuesday afternoon under the ... of Miss Farnham. The subje... work in South Africa and th... was one of unusual interest an... structive.

Gamma Sigma will discuss ... ing question at its meeting ... evening: Resolved that secre... are a detriment to society. A... L. L. Lancefield. Negative, ...

The first application to ent... the quadrant, was made Mo... and the land officers had to r... being in conflict with railroad ... notwithstanding the supreme ... some time ago that the Or... tral Railroad Company had ... to the land in question. Offi... of the decision of the sup... has not yet been received by ... land office. Consequently t... show the quadrant land to b... by the railroad selections, ... tract must be freed of one cl... another can attach. When ... instructions arrive notice wi... to all parties interested and 6... allowed in which the se... have exclusive right to enter ... and protect their homes.

Now that the railroad com... accepted the decision of th... court as final and is refundi... to purchasers, the settlers ... bargained with the railroad ... are taking steps to get title ... government for the lands th... It is necessary for them to ... land under the homestead ... may not, however, be nec... the settler to live on the la... full five years after making ... he has been living there und... tract with the railroad com... period of residence under th... will count as if it had been ... entry in the land office. T... settler will not be permitted ... reason of the fact that th... been long in litigation. If ... sided there in good faith h... will be required to complete ... remainder of the full five ... from the beginning.

The following decision of th... court, rendered last week, ... with the assessment of Paci... city and proves that the orig... ment as made by the assesso... to stand until the property i... for taxes and then it can be te... courts. The equalization boa... in removing it from the ro... count as they had not the po...

Portland University, appe... Multnomah county, responde... from Multnomah county; He... Ginn, judge; opinion by Wol... affirmed.

In 1895, the plaintiff was t... a tract of land containing 250 ... and the college buildings th... which, it is alleged, were us... cupied for the purposes of ... tion. The assessor of ... county assessed all of the t... plaintiff, and so returned the ... the assessment roll to the ... equalization. Application w... the board by petition, prayi... lands be stricken from the ... empt from taxation, being ... cupied for the purposes for ... institution was incorporated. ... refused the prayer, whereupo... tiff applied to the county co... same relief, and the court s... the roll 67,92 acres of said tr... fused to disturb the assessor'... to the balance. A writ of ... taken to the circuit court, ... missed, and an appeal taken ... preme court.

It is held that section 2782 ... does not give the county cou... to strike lands from the asse... as being exempt; also that th... equalization is not authoriz... tions 2778 and 2779 of code to ... a correction.

"Touching the assessor's ... the opinion says, "it appe... has no jurisdiction to asses... empt from assessment and ta... his action in the premises is ... sive, the fact being one on w... diction depends."

In either event, the court ... writ was properly dismissed.

J. C. Berry, one of the best ... zens of Spencer, Mo., testifi... cured himself of the worst ki... by using a few boxes of DeW... Hazel Salve. He had been tr... piles for over thirty years and ... many different kinds of so-c... but DeWitt's was the one th... work and he will verify thi... if any one wishes to write ... Clark, Druggist.