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Capital Punishment. The following essay was read before LaFayette Lyceum on the night of Feb. 8th, 1875: I am in favor of capital punishment, not because I like to see men hanged, but because I deem it unsafe to allow a crime so terrible to society and check-mate to the murderer. I believe a crime so terrible in its nature should be met with terrible punishment. The punishment should be adequate to the crime and how could imprisonment with its sundry chances of escape, commutation of sentence &c. be equal to cold blooded premeditated murder? It is argued that the punishment by hanging is not so great nor so restraining as imprisonment for life would be; then why do not great generals in time of war adopt the imprisonment process—why do they not fill their home prisons with men to remain there until the anger of the powers that be, has been fully satisfied? They do not for the reason that imprisonment for any length of time would not answer their purposes. Were they to abolish the death penalty, an army could not be kept together. Even Washington as in the case of Major Andre, "though his heart was filled with the keenest sorrow for the fate of one so universally beloved and possessed of such noble qualities of heart and mind, refused to arrest the course of justice." This is enforcing the death penalty for mere desertion, while we propose to hang men for taking life without sufficient cause. Perhaps you would regard the strictness of military discipline as a military necessity. So also does outraged society look upon the gallows as a necessity. The case of Charles Howard who was hanged recently at Des Moines Iowa is a case in point, society revolted and Howard, despite the shrieks and strong grasp of a loving wife, was soon dangling in the air. Capital punishment has been abolished in Iowa, yet they continue to hang men and the people favor a return to the old law prescribing the death penalty. Doubtless men hitherto opposed to capital punishment participated in the execution of Mr. Howard. Where almost an entire community engages in mob violence it embraces men of all grades of sentiment, hence in the case above alluded to, you must have had a few representatives in the mob who forgot for the moment that they ever advocated the abolishing of capital punishment. Mans blood is susceptible of being stirred to a fever heat, then mob violence is substituted for civil procedure in which case the victim may have cause to tremble, for his fate is sealed.

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Man is not sufficiently perfect to enable him to maintain the equilibrium, therefore this abolishment theme will be abandoned only when we shall have arrived at the farthest extreme—a time when men will not legally be hanged, dragged down to the prison cell nor even have the magnitude of their crimes taken under consideration. Then again we cannot or do not exist without a variety of almost every thing, we have a variety of criminals, and must have a variety of laws to mete out just punishment to their respective cases. The different heads of crime should not come under one head of punishment. To send murderers to prison with men guilty of crimes which pale in to insignificance when compared to theirs, is giving them pre-eminence over men guilty of lesser crimes. Where abolishment of capital punishment has been tried I am informed, it has invariably increased crime. Take the case of the pickpockets at our own State Fair; can it be said that their high regard for human life prevented them from murdering for money when they could not get it by other means? They robbed without fear of the penitentiary, but were careful to evade the death penalty. Remove the death penalty and thievers for cool, pure, human blood will then have no scruples forced or otherwise to prevent them from murdering men for the money there is in it. Does any one here present believe for a moment the Modoc murderers of the Brotherton and Body families should have escaped the gallows? Are you ready to say that John Wilkes Booth, the murderer of Abraham Lincoln "the Nations martyr" should not have been put to death? He took what he could not return; the noblest blood of the land, the life of the head of the Nation, and does any one suppose that an outraged and indignant people could have remained easy in sight of this chief of murderers? Nay, the very foundation of Washington would have been made to tremble before the impetuosity of a fiery vengeance seeking death dealing mob.

John D. Lee guilty of one of the blackest crimes on record, richly deserves to be hanged. In a few minutes one hundred and thirty men, women and children bit the dust at his feet, and all too that and his followers might gain possession of about one hundred and thirty thousand dollars which he knew these poor emigrants had. He valued each emigrant at one thousand dollars and sold them to eternity at these figures. Failing to accomplish his designs disguised as Indians, he and his men retired from a three or four days siege of that formidable wagon fort, only to reappear in the skin of satin for he was determined to kill one hundred and thirty men, women and children and add one hundred and thirty thousand dollars to the wealth of the company of men of which he was the leader. This time they succeeded in marching boldly into the camp of the poor unsuspecting emigrants. Lee carried a flag of truce and under its protecting influences was enabled to deceive the poor mortals into their prairie graves with no coffins other than the wolf and raven.

In violation of Gods laws and the laws of the land he poured out the life blood of these defenceless persons, taking the precaution however to gain full possession of all their arms and march them out ahead of him before making the attack. To consummate his plans and complete the crime was the work of but a few minutes. Now, this man John D. Lee having but a few more years to live, owing to age, does it seem that this few years imprisonment would mete out sufficient punishment for the atonement of so dastardly a crime. No, ten or fifteen years imprisonment is not in comparison to the crime. He should be fairly tried, fairly convicted and fairly hanged.

THE PUBLIC LANDS. Synopsis of the Annual Report of Commissioner Sparks. WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—Commissioner Sparks of the General Land Office has submitted to the Secretary of the Interior his report for the last fiscal year. The sales, entries and selections of public land under the various acts of Congress, says the report, embraced 20,991,967 acres, and of Indian lands 1,132,596, making a total of 22,124,563 acres, being an increase over last year of 1,129,050 acres. The public surveys reported during the year embraced 2,302,376 acres. On this subject the Commissioner says that 14,000,000 acres of the Territory of Arizona have been surveyed, principally in the central and southern portions of the Territory. About 71,000,000 acres have been surveyed in California and about 58,000,000 in Colorado. In Florida the surveyed area is 30,678,663 acres; in Idaho, 10,256,409; in Minnesota, 42,831,887; in Nevada, about 71,500,000; in Montana about 18,000,000, and in New Mexico about 31,000,000. In speaking of surveys in New Mexico the Commissioner quotes from the report of Julian, Surveyor General of New Mexico, in which he expresses the opinion that the Territory will have to be resurveyed on account of previous inaccuracy and of fraud. The area of surveyed land in Wyoming is estimated at 47,000,000 acres. "The country," the report says, "is occupied chiefly by cattle companies, who control the lands along the streams under desert and other titles."

The work of the office is reviewed at length, showing that 3087 cases of entries were investigated, of which 1168, embracing 17,505 acres, were canceled as fraudulent, and 1485 cases, containing 225,000 acres have been held for consultation. The Commissioner says that his attention has been called to unlawful inclosures containing 6,410,000 acres, and that proceedings to compel the removal of fences have been recommended in eighty-eight cases, involving 2,250,000 acres and final decrees ordering removal obtained in thirteen cases, involving 1,000,000 acres. The agents report sixty-five inclosures removed from 1,374,862 acres and forty-seven inclosures, covering 350,000 acres, removed without resort to the courts. In several cases no area is given and in one case the amount of fencing is stated as 130 miles. Two hundred and forty-seven cases, embracing 3,750,000 acres, are pending examination. The total area over which fences have been, or are being removed, is 1,714,926 acres, mostly in Colorado.

The report continues: "Twelve hundred and nineteen cases of timber deprivations have been reported, involving a value in timber and timber products amounting to \$9,339,679 recoverable to the United States. About \$100,000 of this has been recovered." The Commissioner recommends that an act be passed making false and fraudulent returns of public surveys and of surveys of private land claims offenses punishable by fine and imprisonment. The recommendation is also made that the law authorizing surveys to be made under the special deposit system be repealed.

An English Officer Hauls Down the American Flag. HALIFAX, Oct. 11.—The American schooner Marion Grimes, Capt. Landry, which is detained at Shelburne by Captain Quigley for a breach of the customs laws in not reporting to the Custom House on entering the harbor last Thursday night, was lying at anchor in that harbor this afternoon with the American flag flying from her masthead. Captain Quigley, who was on board the Terror, which was anchored 100 yards below the schooner, ordered Captain Landry to haul down the flag. The latter did so, but shortly afterward it was again seen flying from the masthead. Captain Quigley again ordered the flag to be hauled down. This time the American refused to obey. An armed crew who at once dispatched from the Terror. The Englishmen boarded the schooner and Captain Quigley himself hauled down the American flag.

What the Mormons Ask. SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 12.—Jno. T. Caine was renominated for delegate to-day by the Mormon Territorial convention. Resolutions were adopted demanding local self-government, denouncing the attempt to confiscate the Mormon church property, to disfranchise the Mormons and declaring their loyalty to constitutional laws, closing with a demand for Statehood.

Industry am a rack in which dar' am always a peg to hang up one no' workin' man's coat.

MARKED.—At the residence of T. N. Faulconer, Sheridan, Or., Oct. 9, 1886, Mr. Lee Bogue and Miss Lora F. Faulconer. Also, at the residence of P. W. Morgan, North Yamhill, Oct. 10th, Mr. Harvey Bogue and Miss Lily D. Morgan. Eld. P. Dillard Holman officiating in both instances. In these marriages brothers, became cousins, and cousins, sisters.—[Christian Herald.]

D. S. K. Buick, who is in charge of the exhibition car, writes that on September 30th he began his journey homeward. Yesterday he was at Indianapolis. During the two day that the car was at Utica, N. Y., 16,000 people inspected it. Mr. Buick says that while he was at Utica he almost froze to death from the cold.—[Review]

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Railroad Items. Our Sacramento river correspondent, now at Sisson's, sends us the following items: Track was laid Thursday across the Sacramento River for the last time on this end of the line, making 18 times this stream has been spanned. The grade is being finished very rapidly, so that track-laying will continue without further delay until this, Sisson's place is reached. The long trestle is ready for the rails. The trestle across "Little Canyon" is about completed, also what has been known as the "high trestle" across Big Canyon. The nearest grading is one mile below Sisson's. Mr. Scooby moves a large force out of the river canyon in day or two, where he has had a long hard job. His new camp will be at Joe Cavanaugh's place, near here. Just on the road to upper Soda Springs, averages about ten inches. The right-of-way is stamped at the steam saw-mill in the Shasta valley side of the divide. Mr. Joe Hood made a flying trip to the city, and back. The Bennett-Mackey Telegraph Co. have their poles set over the mountain as far south as Upper Soda Springs. A large gang of their hands, with special cars, arrived at Dunsuir Thursday morning to put up poles and line along the track.—[Vreka Journal.]

The Yaquina Push has this to say: "Work is going along lively enough at the point below the docks, and Farrell and his men are moving the mountains into the sea gradually but surely, and soon where once a tall cliff reared its proud head towards the clouds, there will be a broad level plain, upon which a grand terminal depot for the O. P. will be erected, and on each side will stretch numberless cars laden with gay people, on business or pleasure bent, and vast cargoes of rich merchandise seeking an outlet to the markets of the world. Three cheers and a tiger for those who planned, and for those who are carrying these wise plans to a conclusion, for a grand and busy future for Yaquina Bay."

The Portland and Salem papers are quarreling over the proposed removal of the State Fair from Salem to Portland next year. We can't for the life of us see why it should not be brought to Eugene with even more propriety. The displays at our own late County Fair were better than those at the State Fair as many declared who saw both, and half of the \$5,000 given by the State would get up as big horse races, which, by the way was all the State Fair amounted to.

The Eugene Register has the above in last week's issue, and we fully agree with Bro. Hodson to take the State Fair to Eugene, and then shoot the first Hotel, or hack man who attempts to over charge any attendant upon the Fair. St. Louis and Salem ought to be condemned from the Atlantic to the Pacific.—[Review]

No matter where it is held if it is held during the busy time in the season as has been the case, it will never be a success. We predicted this when the time was changed for holding the State fair.

F. Clarno reports that a new and rich strike has been made at the Queen Mountain mine, Starve Out. A new tunnel, No. 3, has been run in between the Green Mountain mine and the north extension which, at a depth of twenty feet, struck rock as rich as any yet discovered in that vicinity. A party who took up the second south extension began work with pick and shovel, and getting tired, borrowed a stick of giant powder and blew out some very rich rock showing lead gold. The ledge is nine feet wide, and there is great excitement over it, and claims are being taken up for miles. Mr. C., leaves to-day for the mine, and expects to be sending in brick before long.—[Oregonian.]

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