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The Second Sober Thought.

We feel under special obligation to Senator Mitchell for various congressional documents. He may rest assured that these are placed where they will do the most good, and after a time will serve certain purposes in vindication of not only his own acts but those of other conscientious members of congress, to attempt vindication of whom at present, would prove futile and compel us to take a stand against our own convictions of what is right just as the discussion of the inter-state commerce bill has compelled senators to vote against their convictions as to their duty in that matter. Many years since, when a pupil of the Hon. J. Eastman Johnson, he taught us that in the great majority of cases "public opinion" was but a huge ignorant jackass. When public opinion is made to order, by designing demagogues, for a special purpose, it is worse than a "huge ignorant jackass." Such we regard much of the sentiment of the present day, notably that which demands so much of the valuable time of congress; but any attempt to stay the crushing effects of the ponderous machine would be simply a waste of time, until it turns in its own course upon realizing the vileness of the situation. This sentiment is fostered and kept alive by a mercenary press which stoops to any trick, no matter how low in cunning, even to the shadowing of detectives employed to hunt down criminals; as was illustrated the other day in Kansas, when Pinkerton's men were followed to the house where they were searching the robbers of the express, and the transoms and key holes had to be covered against their insinuating presence. Concerning matters of legislation in this country, both state and national, there is not sufficient guarantee that those selected for the work shall be protected in it. They are placed upon the test of the mercenary gang before the cushions in their

places are fairly warmed. "The miserable damned scoundrels," is the way an Indiana paper alludes to judges on the bench who last week refused to put aside justice that miserable pertinacity might succeed. R. P. Porter, a staff correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, and one of the most intelligent observers of events in Washington, says in his dispatches last week that there was a decided change in the feeling as to the inter-state commerce bill, but that "members of congress will vote for the bill rather than sacrifice their political futures, trusting to remedy the wrongs inflicted hereafter." Waiting for the second sober thought in matters of this class is the danger of our republic. The public presses at Washington daily turn off matter sufficient to convince the world that there is no honesty whatever in the impulse which prompt members to a course lined out by Mr. Porter, we have them at hand from Mr. Mitchell, as above stated, but like the minister referred to by Arch-Bishop Gross, who preached about a hell, the congregation will not listen to it; and the poor devil of an editor in a country town who tries to be honest, and act consistent, has a very meager show with his fellows who stand in for the spoils and willingly let the country slide. We hope there is a God in Israel who will yet cause a turn in the tide of affairs when all men may sustain honesty from principle.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Lafayette.

Hon. A. R. Burbank was quite sick for a few days last week, but is better.

The steamer Occident was up last Friday. She has been making a trip about once a week.

A series of religious meetings, conducted by Revs. Gardner, Bittner and Connor, have been going on with but little cessation, for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Littlefield's return from the east is daily expected. The letter stating that she was unable to travel, was soon followed by another containing the intelligence that she was better, and had started for home.

The Odd Fellow's ball, Friday evening, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. A social dance at J. P. Johnson's on the same evening, was also largely attended.

We hope the assembly will give the voters of this county a chance to settle the county seat question at the polls. Then which ever way it terminates, every body ought to be satisfied.

Examinations in the different departments of the public school have been the order this week. Exercises, consisting of the regular speaking and reciting required by law, were held at the school house on Friday afternoon. A number of visitors were present.

Senator Bird came down from Salem on Saturday, and spent Sunday at home, returning Monday morning. His wife, and also the wife of Senator Watts, will spend this week at the capital, visiting friends and occasionally "looking in on" the deliberations of the assembly.

We notice that there is a bill pending far the amendment of the school law, which provides that all male citizens over twenty-one years of age, whether taxpayers or not, be allowed to vote on school matters except special tax. Now, if there is any justice in such a proposition, we fail to see it. The mothers of school children, although many of them are not taxpayers, are certainly as much interested in school affairs as the average male population, many of whom are impecunious boys, just old enough to vote, and who are so proud of their prerogative that they would not fail on any account to use it; though in reality not caring who may be elected director, or clerk, or in fact, whether "school keeps" or not. Unless the word male is stricken from the bill, and even then, the amendment would be unnecessary; we hope, in the name of justice and common sense that the law will remain as it is. We wish that the law regulating the qualifications of voters on political questions were as fair and just as is the school law concerning the legality of voters in school districts. It would be unwise to pass a law giving all citizens, of both sexes, over twenty-one years of age, the right to vote in school meetings; but it would be both unwise and unjust to give all male citizens that right and yet not allow the women the same privilege.

SELINA.

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