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POLITICAL INTEGRITY.

BY S. L. SAGE.

Political Integrity! A dead thing of the past:
And yet if I but tell you it, you think I'm far too fast.
You can't believe but what good men—*can* take the helm of State.
And navigate the good old ship—with safety to her freight.
In looking back o'er hist'ry's page—that record plainly shows
That when *true Statesmen* had command—corruption did not grow—
And thrive among them like vile weeds—amid a garden soil—
That's been unstirred for many weeks—by patient, honest toil.
Young men grow up in this fast age—their only thought is *Fame;*
They fight and struggle 'mongst themselves—to win their prize—a *Name.*
When starting forth from college halls—they hear on every side,
The stories true, of fallen men—*once* looked upon with pride.
They too went forth (those older ones)—and fought hard for a place.
And they were thought good honest men—when entered they the race.
Integrity perhaps *was* theirs—when youth sat on their brows;
But O! How sadly all is changed—their records show us now.
The younger man, discov'ring this—resolves then to himself
That he'll be honest—pure—upright—and scorn the briber's pelf;
He works himself somewhat along—though meager is his pay;
The wily schemer knowing this—his snares the subtler lays.
The honest man that proudly soars—aloft in the debate;
Or calmly weighs the evidence—as Chief Justice sedate.
By poverty—ambitious wife—or perhaps he alone,
Is almost always, now-a-days—laid prostrate—low and prone.
What resource then is left to him—except to trade away
The power vested in his name—and that for paltry pay.
Of rascals, now days there are none—they're now called merely sharp.
And if you call them scoundrels once—they tune a doleful harp.
If deeds and men by proper names—were called among mankind.
Fewer rascals—sharpers—thieves—among us should we find;
We never know but when we send—a man to *Congress* now,
That he'll not trade his honor off—unheeding former vows.
What class of men is it we send—to make our country's laws?
Are they the honest yeomen true—that from their toil we draw?
No, no, it is not, reader, kind—'tis only those few men
Whose gift of language steals our wits—or conquer with the pen.
A multitude will often go—to hear some famous one,
Discourse in language loud and bold—on what others have done.
'Tis swallowed all in one great mass—and he has made them think
That if 'twere not for such as he—our Ship of State would sink.
We next find him elected fair—and by our votes too,
And Washington, his goal at last—soon marks him down as new.
While forthwith lobbyists take him—oftimes a lady fair
Who leads him 'round with smirks and smiles—'till he's within her snare.
The downward course is rapid then—he soon becomes the prey
Of harpies, whose endeavors are—to keep him in their pay
And use his votes to serve their end—while he dare not refuse;
For, from that time he's but a tool—to be used as they choose.

For the Nebraska Herald.

ANSWER TO WHAT DEFEATED CANDIDATES SING.

BY WAX-UM.

Yes, you may be a Granger,
And sing with that noble band,
But oh, don't try to hold
A haystack in your hand.
We're glad you can swing the hoe
With such becoming ease;
Do drive the wild potatoe bug,
From any land you please.

So you have bought some blooded stock,
Or you have told a yarn;
O then take good care of it,
And keep it in the barn.
In new-fangled machinery
Just go a little slow,
Or you'll be a ruined man,
And "bust" the "fust" you know.

Your Osage hedge must be strong;
Your plow it is a dream;
Instead of patent leather,
It should be iron beam.
Then hold fast to the handles,
When stormy winds do rise;
And sing the farmer's song,
While dust blows in your eyes.

ELMWOOD, Neb., Nov. 20, 1873.

THE DETECTIVES CATECHISM.

What is a detective? An official who has the pay of a policeman without a policeman's duties.

What are the duties of a detective? To wear plain clothes, to find "clues," and not to act "upon information received" unless the information is utterly worthless.

Describe the process of finding a clue? Dawdling about a public-house and dropping mysterious hints, accompanied by solemn head-shaking, to a penny-a-liner.

When it is unprofessional to detect the perpetrator of a murder? Any time prior to the offering of a reward by the Government.

How should you show your zeal in discovering a murderer? By arresting several perfectly innocent people and hurrying them into the police-station.

Can you give me the whole duty of a detective in three words? Certainly; "meddle and muddle."—*Junius.*

"Do you believe there are any people who never heard "Old Hundred?" asked a musical young lady at a family table. "Lots of folks never heard it, interupted the precocious younger brother. "Where are they, I should like to know?" was asked. "In the deaf and dumb asylums."

CAPTAIN FRY OF THE VIRGINIUS PLEADS FOR THE INNOCENT PASSENGRS AND CREW.

With the permission of the Consul, I wish to say a few words in favor of the crew of the Virginius and the mitigation of their punishment.

The first pilot had just escaped from a ship-wreck, and needed an advance of salary to buy clothes and have them made. Nothing was said to him in regard to blockade running, but on the contrary, as I had the authorization of the owners, and had prepared the papers of the vessel, I notified every one that we were to be occupied in trade with the islands, with passengers for Puerto Simones, in Costa Rica, or taking cattle to Cuba, as I believed that the vessel might do so. From the time when the arms arrived on board I thought that there would be no occasion for a portion of the men to see the Consul. The Consul in Puerto Principe sent for me, but I did not receive his message until I was on board, having been compelled to leave port by order of the authorities. There was a guard on board to prevent desertion by the passengers. I know that some of them protested, but Varona let them know that he would answer propositions of this class with the pistol.—Running blockade is considered risky business among sailors, for which good pay is received. For years past it is notorious the number of vessels that were employed in it during the American war, and although captures were numerous, not a single life was lost.—The greater part of the prisoners were set at liberty after a short imprisonment. I never heard a word, before the night of my sentence of the Cuban law and the proclamation relating to an attempt to introduce arms into Cuba. If, with superior opportunities, I was ignorant that the case could be decided by any other law than international, how complete must have been the ignorance of these poor people? I was continually in the company of people who ought to have known it, and not one alluded to the fact. In a word, I believe that it is not known, and that the world will be painfully surprised at learning the sacrifice of these lives.

The Consul knows well that I am not pleading for my life. I have not prayed to God for it nor even to the Blessed Mother. I have neither home nor country, a victim of war and persecutions, the way of prosperity being closed to me to such a point that I have not been able to provide bread for my wife and seven children, who know what it is to suffer for the necessaries of life. My life is one of suffering, and I look upon what has happened to me as a benefit of God; and it is not for me, therefore, to ask favors of any one.

The engineer, Knight, I know came contrary to his will. He was bitterly opposed to it, as I learned from the person who obliged him to come.

Spaniards, the world is not so full of people who prefer honor to life. Save him. Poor Bosa, poor gentleman, with a heart as tender and passionate as that of a woman, of irreproachable honor, his business was that of charity. He was devoted to others, and thought that he was on board the vessel for the benefit of their health. I believe that he will not make this appear himself. I do it for him. I believe he would do no harm to any one. The man Bribon was my servant, hired by the day when we were in port, and not inscribed on the roll. He wanted to be set on shore at Jeremias. He was disembarked at Paimitos, and lost the opportunity.—He is almost an idiot. They call him Cubanillo, and he is of Venezuelan origin. He was a favorite on board, and ought not to suffer. Another poor fellow was taken on board to keep him from dying of sickness and hunger.—He was sent to the hospital from the boat, and permitted to come on board through charity. The greater portion of the crew were entrapped by their lodging-house keepers, who gained possession of them and watched their opportunities to put them on board, receiving advances on their wages.—Spaniards, I believe I am the only one who dies in the entire Christian faith of our holy religion. Consider the souls of these poor people. Give them time and opportunity to ask mercy of God. I know that you must fulfill your duty, but my blood ought to be sufficient, because the innocent and defenseless will suffer with my fall.—That these considerations have influence with the authorities, to them I beg to appeal. These poor people had no knowledge of what you think their crime. Pardon me if I say that I don't believe their death would have in the fate of Cuba the good effect the law foresees. Our civilization is opposed to such a proceeding. I don't say this in a tone of complaint, but we are accustomed to at least identify the victims whom we are going to sacrifice. According to our view, there should have been some intervention of our government; its influence should have been pronounced, and perhaps in that way many lives might have been saved without compromising the dignity of Spain. Senors, farewell! I know that the members of the council who condemn me accomplished a painful duty. Let them remember us in their prayers to God, and ask their wives and children to do the same for us.

Respectfully, JOHN FRY.

Written on board the Tornado, November 7, 1873.

JANUARY MEETING 1874, STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

At the Grand Central, Omaha, Wednesday, January, 7th, 1874.

The regular January meeting of Nebraska State Board of Agriculture will transpire at the Grand Central Hotel in the city of Omaha.

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And each member is urged to be in prompt attendance at 10 o'clock in the afternoon of the day above named.—Arrangements have been made for accommodation of the Board, and a room for their meetings at the hotel named, which will probably prove satisfactory to all concerned.

Business of supreme importance in regard to the State Fair for the coming year will be taken under advisement. Every earnest man who desires to demonstrate, by the exhibition of our soil-products, and our improved breeds of domestic animals, the fact that, in proportion to its age, Nebraska, Agriculturally, is the foremost State in the American Union, will, I am quite certain, do all in his power to facilitate the State Board in making the State Fair a complete success.

The January meeting will determine when and where that fair is to be held. It will arrange the premiums lists. It will fix the price of admission to the grounds during the Fair. It will, if fully attended by its members, they have severally given the matter that thought which its importance merits, dictate an agricultural and horticultural exposition for 1874 which shall be a glory to our soil and climate and an allurement to intelligent and industrious men everywhere, to come here and make unto themselves new and happy homes.

Newspapers throughout the State who have faith in this cause, and can afford to publish this notice for the sake of the cause, gratuitously, are respectfully asked to demonstrate their faith by their works and publish the same immediately and until January 7th, 1874.

J. STERLING MORTON,
President Nebraska State Board of Agriculture
NEBRASKA CITY, Nov. 24th, 1873.

BOOK CLUBS.

These organizations in many parts of the country have been a great success. For a nominal sum, the members have the privilege of reading all the leading Magazines, and such standard and recent publications as their funds may permit them to purchase. The whole affair is very simple, and any neighborhood that can supply ten members, each contributing $5, can have a book club. Twenty members are better than ten; if there are more than twenty who wish to join, two book clubs will be more easily managed than one. The only officers necessary are a secretary and treasurer, and a committee of three whose duty it is to decide upon the periodicals to be subscribed for and the books to be purchased. These are first sent to the secretary, who pastes upon each book and magazine the names of the members in the order in which they are to be read. Each book may be retained one week, and must then be passed to the next on the list. If any member desires to re-read a book, she places a cross after her name on the list, and when it has gone the round, it is sent to her again. At the close of the year, all the books are sold at auction to the members, and the proceeds together with the renewed subscriptions and fines, constitute the fund with which the next year's supply of books is to be obtained. A small fee is charged to any member who keeps a magazine beyond the prescribed time to read them.

Thus by the payment of $5, each member may enjoy the reading of our best magazines and many books which otherwise would not be procurable.—These book clubs may easily be made the nuclei of circulating libraries and debating and literary societies, and thus render incalculable service in diffusing interesting and valuable information in the communities where they exist. Though retrenchment is the word everywhere, there are some things which we can not do without. Let ruffles and furbelows go by, rich cake and elaborate desserts be omitted, all superfluities canceled; with these suppressed, there will be time, the great treasure, and money enough for all the essentials; and among the first of these in importance must be placed instructive and interesting reading matter. This, the necessary food of mind, should be as regularly supplied as meat, bread, and potatoes; yes, and as regularly partaken of. It is better that the windows of the sitting room be a little dingy; that finger marks soil the doors to a moderate extent, and that the mere mechanical work of the household be hurried through, than that the windows of the soul be perpetually darkened by ignorance, the doors never opened to let the free air of general intelligence flow through the chambers of the mind, and the whole intellecual machinery grow rusty for want of use.

We have duties to our souls as well as to our bodies. A shriveled-up, narrow, ignorant, uncultivated mind in a sleek, well-fed well-dressed, and comely body is pitiful to behold. The tithes of mint, anise, and cummin, should not over-top the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy, and the love of God. While we render to the body whatever is due to the body, let us be sure that we render to the soul what is due to the soul.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The December number of *Wood's Household Magazine* is replete with good reading—entertaining sketches, stories, poems, &c., &c. Its table of contents embraces the following articles: "A Better Country," Mary Hartwell; An Engineer's Yarn, Albert Williams, Jr.; Our Party at Sea, Rev. J. S. Breckinridge; Two Enthusiasts, H. M. Lewtral; Presence of Mind, Rev. W. F. Holland; Our Babies, D. A. Gorton, M. D.; Blessedness of Riches, Tenoroon; Hans Doodledee, Rudolph Mentel; Installmeut of Max Kromer, Author of Jessica's First Prayer; Codfish and Potatoes, Chapter II, by Eleanor Kirk; Misery Jippeau, Chapter VII, VIII, by H. N. Osborne. In addition to these articles, are several pretty poems, a charming little Cottage Design, and editorial departments, embracing Our Housekeeper, Correspondence, Literary Notices, Laughing Stock, &c., &c.

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Minister of Interior—Duke de Broglie.
Foreign Affairs—Duke de Cazes.
War—General de Barail.
Finance—M. Pierre Magne.
Justice—M. de Peire.
Public Instruction and Worship—M. Fourton.
Agriculture and Commerce—M. Deseilligny.
Public Works—M. de Larcy.
Marine—Admiral d'Hornoy.
M M. Beule, Ernoil, and Batbee are the members of the previous Ministry who have retired.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Friends of the President have received intimations which lead them to suppose that he is considering the nomination of Morrison R. Waite, of Ohio, as Chief Justice. The persistent and somewhat unseemly struggle among members of the bench to secure the place have placed great difficulties in the way of selecting any of the present Justices.—It is known that the President places very high estimates upon the work which Mr. Waite performed at Geneva, and that he considers him well fitted for the position of Chief Justice.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 28.—Ex-U. S. Senator Richard Yates, of Illinois, died suddenly at Barnum's Hotel here at 9 o'clock to-night. Mr. Yates had been to Fulton, Ark, as United States Commissioner to examine the lower end of the Cairo and Fulton Railway, and returned here last Sunday, since when he has been quite feeble, and yesterday was very sick. He revived to-day, however, and this evening, while busying himself with preparations for starting home to-morrow morning, suddenly fell back, and died in in a few minutes. His family have been addressed, and are expected here to-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—A dispatch from Rocklin, Placer County, Cal., states that this morning the round house of the Central Pacific Railway Company at that place was burned, with nine locomotives and about the same number of cars. The town narrowly escaped destruction also.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—James H. Ingersoll convicted of forgery during the ring rale, was sentenced to day to five years in the state prison at hard labor. John D. Farrington, his confederate, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

The sheriff says Tweed will shortly be removed to Blackwell's Island.

Springfield, Mass., November 28.

The Hoosac tunnel was completed yesterday.

San Francisco, November 28.

In the U. S. District Court to-day, R. K, Clarke, captain of the ship Sunrise, was sentenced on conviction of cruel punishment of seamen, to fourteen months imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of $1,000. Frank Harris, his first mate, was sentenced to State Prison for four years; and Dennis Malony, his second mate, to sixty days in the county jail.

STATE ITEMS.

A reception was given to Senator Hitchcock, at Col. A. J. Cropsey's, in Lincoln, Tuesday last.

The Land Office in Lincoln has been closed until a successor is appointed to the late Hon. H. W. Somerlad.

UGLY HURT.—Mr. Amos Peck, a citizen of Rock Bluff, met with an ugly accident in this city yesterday. He had come into the city with a yoke of oxen, and while engaged in yoking them up, one of the animals turned around and stuck the point of its horn near Mr. Peck's eye. The pain drove him mad and he wandered away from his cattle, and finally met policeman Cox, who took him to Dr. Radmore.—He had an ugly wound, which came near destroying the sight of his only eye, as Mr. Peck lost his other eye in the army. The Dr. dressed the wound and the patient was taken to the American House, where he was made comfortable for the night.—*Journal.*

RIDING HOME.—The Omaha *Republican* contains the following, in regard to a gentleman whose name is well known, east and west:

A noted gentleman was playing billiards with Mr. John Creighton in the Grand Central billiard saloon yesterday afternoon. He is none other than X Beidler, the ex-chief of the Montana Vigilantes, and the man who was most feared by the roughs of that territory, during the days of Farmer Peale and Mark Twain, those noted desparadoes, and while the road agents were doing their worst in stealing from overland passengers, mails and expressages.

Beidler was at one time one of the most trusted messengers of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express, and when demanded to halt by the road agents he was accustomed to tell them to "go to h—l," while he put spurs to his horse, and exchanged shots with them at full speed.

He has been out in that far western country for twenty years, and has seen all the wild life that was to be seen.—Now he is going home to see his people in Philadelphia, Pa. He says, having made peace with the whites out there, I thought I would take a ride home and see the folks from whom I have been away these twenty years."

During the past 3 years he has been commissary at Fort Peck, in the Indian nation. It was reported about one year ago that he was killed in the Simmonds' party.

All the Montana men that met him yesterday gave him a hearty greeting, for they admire his courage and daring, and remembered favors conferred in years gone by. John Creighton can tell how he, Beidler, and others, lay for nights together behind barricades of bags of flour in Mr. Creighton's store, when flour was worth *rather* more than ten dollars per barrel, protecting the gold dust in the store from the robbers outside.

Mr. Beidler is a little man, below medium height, quite thick set, is very polite and affable, and it is quite noticable that he has a foot as small as a woman's.

He is stopping at the Grand Central, and will leave this afternoon for the east.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An American, writing poetically of the weather, says, "The back-bone of winter is broken, but the tail wags yet occasionally."

"I say, don't you know who that is?" "No." "What a fool you are; it's the celebrated Jones." "What's he celebrated about then?" "Well, I'm blest if I know."

"Erin-go-Bragh.—Weary Traveler—"How far is it to Ballinlele, my friend?" Raw Native—"Shure, sor, av ye walk smart it's not more than three moiles."

A physican stopped at the stoop of a country apothecary and enquired for a pharmacopœia "Sir," said the apothecary, "I know of no such farmer living in these parts."

"That's a very stupid brute of yours, John," said a Scotch minister to his parishioner, the peat-dealer, who drove his merchandize from door to door in a small cart drawn by a donkey. "I never see you but the creature is braying." "Ah, sir," said the peat-dealer, "ye ken the heart's warm when friends meet."

The Phenological Journal commends itself as a magazine to all who appreciate the good, true and improving in literature. Its candor and liberality and clearness in the discussion of all topics, adapt it to all classes of readers. We welcome each number to our table. See the December edition, which contains: The Evangelical Alliance in America, with portraits of the Dean of Canterbury, Rev. Dr. Fisch, of Paris, Rev. Dr. Dorner, of Berlin, and Rev. N. Sheshadri, of Bombay; The Face Factory, No. 2; Sketches from Real Life, No. 4; The Church of the United Brethren, with 12 portraits; a Chapter on Lovers, very amusing; Money—Its Function and Requirements, No. 2; J. M. Bundy, of the *N. Y. Mail*; "By the Neck until Dead;" Architecture; Lecturers and Lectures; Genesis of Geology, No. 2; Agricultural Hints, etc., Price 30 cents. $3 a year, with excellent premiums.

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WIVES' COLUMN.

HOME MADE FEATHER DUSTERS.

Soon there will be a mighty raid upon the poultry houses, and hundreds of chickens will have their heads laid low in the dust, while their feathers will be pulled off, baked in a cool oven, and put away for the future use. Now let me tell you that exceedingly pretty dusting brushes can be very easily made of them, which will be very useful for dusting furniture, wall corners, cornices, etc., while they are always handy to use about a fireplace or stove. Pick out the prettiest feathers, and those of nearly a size, and run a needle attached to a strong twine through the stem at the end of the feathered part; then pound the quills flat with a hammer, so that they will lie close to the handle, which can be made out of an old broomstick whittled down, and then painted; or you can use the handles of worn out handbrushes, or the like.

Cover one end of the handle with thick, warm glue, and wind the feathers, closely strung together, around the stick, commencing at the point of it. Have a glue-pot close at hand, and as you wind the feathers, wet them thoroughly with glue, so that they will stick tightly to the handle and to each other.

When the brush is as large as you desire, cut off the twine, and wind another piece tightly over the quills, gluing it down. Then take a piece of scarlet, green or blue enameled cloth, and cut one edge in points round up the sides, and sew together so as to form a cap that will go over the handle of the brush and cover the quills of the feathers. Make a hole with a gimlet through the handle, and put in a string to hang up the duster, and you will be fully paid for the work in the convenience of the article, and its tasteful appearance will also prove an attraction.

If there are any old, worn-out, window brush-handles lying around in the wood-shed or barn, you can turn them into use. Cut out all the old bristles which remain, so as to leave the holes empty; and then fill up their places with bunches of feathers run on twine, and made just large enough to fit in; cut off the quill ends, and cover the lower part of the feathers with glue, also dropping some into the holes, and secure the bunches firmly into them.

You can use smaller feathers for this kind of brush than for the feather dusters, and when it is finished you will never desire another brush made of bristles.

The downy, pure white feathers can be sewed upon a piece of cape lace, stiffened on the edges with wire, and made into very elegant and tasteful feathers for young ladies hats. The feathers taken from the crest of a white turkey's back are particularly pretty for this purpose.—*Country Gent.*

THE VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER.

Many people have a great desire to know the value of gold and silver in bulk, and to this end we have secured the following from Professor J. F. L. Schirmer, superintendent of the branch mint in this city, and it may be relied upon as correct. The fineness of Colorado gold and the calculation of values on gold and silver are also given. It is a matter of considerable value, and it should be cut out and preserved:

One ton (2,000 pounds avoirdupois) of gold or silver contains 29,163 troy ounces, and, therefore, the value of a ton of pure gold is $602,799.21 and of a ton of silver $37,704.84.

A cubic foot of pure gold weighs 1,218.75 pounds avoirdupois; a cubic foot of pure silver weighs 656.25 pounds avoirdupois.

One million dollars gold coin weighs 3,685.8 pounds avoirpupois; $1,000,000 silver coin weighs 58,929.9 pounds avoirdupois.

If there is one per cent. of gold or silver in one ton of ore, it contains 291.63 ounces, troy, of either of these metals.

The average fineness of the Colorado gold is 781 in 1,000, and the natural alloy: gold 781, silver 209, copper 10; total, 1,000.

The calculations at the mint are made on the basis that 43 ounces of standard gold, or 900 fine, (coin) is worth $800, and 11 ounces of silver 900 fine, (coin) is worth $12.80.—*Denver (Col.) News.*

"I AM HERE."

The *Figara* relates a story of Marshal Bazaine, who, as well known, was once a simple private. It appears that he failed to pass the examination for entry at St. Cyr, and it was after this check that he enlisted. At a review at Nancy, some volunteers were presented to the Marshal, who were preparing to enter St. Cyr. He asked them several questions, and made a grimace as he perceeived the general weakness of the replies. Remarking at last, that one of the young soldiers was much disturbed by his apparent failure, Bazaine said, "Bah! don't torment yourself about that. They would have nothing to do with me at St. Cyr, and yet here I am all the same."

A Military officer, one day while reviewing his company, happened to be thrown from his horse, and as he lay sprawling on the ground, said to a friend who ran to his assistance, "I thought I had improved in horsemanship, but I find I have fallen off."