

is to impose restraint upon the vicious, not as punishment for the past, but for protection for the future, and this is in healthful and reformatory hospitals for the cure of diseased morals, and not in dark and hope-destroying dungeons to qualify for eternal death.

I am quite aware that the public sentiment is against the reform proposed, and that these suggestions of leniency to the criminal class will be considered as weak and altogether impractical, and regarded as the vaporings of a sentimental and visionary enthusiast, but I am encouraged and strengthened to a free declaration of honest convictions by the remembrance that every reform must have a beginning in the blood of its martyrs, and by the reflection that one can well afford to suffer in the esteem of the present for the sake of the future advantages of mankind in the final success of a good cause. "Lay on Mac-Duff," etc. J. G. LUMBARD.

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Leszczyuski Skrzypczak, of Madison, Wisconsin, asks the writer what protection American labor would have from foreigners if the tariff were reduced.

¶ The fight in the woman's club of Chicago came to a sudden end when it was discovered that the contestants all appeared in the ring with hair that it would not hurt to pull.

Paul Kruger still sits by the side of his wealth carried from the Transvaal and shouts "We will never surrender." The old man thinks of coming to the United States, but he will find the market glutted with his brand of patriotism.

Hold ups of citizens are of nightly occurrence in Omaha, and it appears that the thugs are as invisible to the police as was Pat Crowe. But when a gambling house is attacked, the police find their men in twenty minutes. The police are honest enough to furnish the protection for which they are paid.

The search after Quivera has all the uncertainty of that for the north pole. There are just as many places to start from, just as many routes to take, with just the same success. The scarcity of the article is also on the side of Quivera; for all evidence points to there being one less Quivera than the north pole. We soon expect a monograph in explanation of the wonderful discovery that all arrow-heads found north of the Arkansas river point towards the old Pawnee reservation in Nance county, Nebraska.

¶ Rev. Frank A. Hardin, presiding elder, in a discussion of the Pearson

affair, stated that: "He should be skinned alive, his hide hung on a fence and salted." This does not, of course, prove that Christ raised Lazarus from the dead, but it does show what a refining and humanizing, not to say devine, influence comes over those who are imbued with his teachings as is the Rev. Hardin, without doubt. It would appear to a layman that the orthodox hell in which the Reverend gentleman believes, would be sufficient to satisfy his fastidious taste for gore. We believe that the Roman amphitheaters never witnessed the skinning of a real live theological professor. This might be reserved for the sportsmens show next month. The pigeons who are waiting to be filled full of shot might enjoy it along with the Rev. Hardin.

Prof. Pearson, of the Northwestern University, has shocked that institution in particular, and the Methodists in general, by some very commonplace remarks with regard to Biblical inaccuracies. It appears always to shock a theological school as an earthquake when by chance anyone within its walls receives the light that has been the common heritage of the laity for two hundred years. It will probably result in the professor being kicked out of the university and into the charge of a fashionable and intelligent congregation, where he will take his place with Beecher, Suring, Thomas and other ministers who have learned that fossils are not the remains of animals drowned by Noah's flood. It is remarkable how little a man has to know to wholly unfit him for theological instructions.

Some of our friends who viewed with alarm in 1896, and refuse to be comforted, are much agitated by the disappearance of the young man, Absalom. Ink is shed and the air is rent because there is no future for the young man. A close examination of the statistics of the giants of business in the United States discloses the startling fact that they were all born young. Many of them remained young several years after they were born. A little figuring will convince any man not imbued with populism that it is only a few years when there will be no one left upon the earth to compete with the man who is now a boy. In fact, there is actually a possibility that boys who have not yet decided to be born will control the destinies of the world before the chronic kicker has ceased to croak his doleful pre-sages of how the old man has the "cinch" on young Absalom. The development of our modern commercial system has multiplied the places of honor and trust for the young man to fill a thousand fold, as compared to fifty years ago. There never was a period in the world's history when

the young man was as well dressed, as well educated, with as much time and money with which to enjoy himself. In fact, there is much more danger to the young man of today from luxury and dissipation than from competition or tyranny.

Not long ago the veracious State Journal stated, it will be noticed, that the localities in this country where the names of a large part of the citizens end with "gosz, 'ski, and 'cek can safely be depended upon to give democratic majorities." This is a fair sample of not only insinuation, but of absolute falsehood common to republican papers. With the exception of the Irish and a large percentage of the Germans, the entire foreign population of the United States is radically republican. This is especially true of the ignorant and vicious portion, who were first imported to protect the American by our infant industries, and then voted in blocks by the superintendents of the factories. The brutal republican majority of Pennsylvania is due wholly to the pauper labor of Europe employed in their mines and factories. The man who penned the quotation above knew that the single state of Pennsylvania had a larger foreign born population than every state in the union south of Mason and Dixon's line. He knew that the little trust-ridden pauper-labor state of Rhode Island has the largest percentage of foreign born population of any state in the union. A larger actual number of foreign born than all of the great states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas combined. In the discussion of the foreign emigrant there should be a wide distinction drawn between the British, German and Scandinavian, who have come because of their own free will and the vast hordes of Italians, Hungarians, Polanders, etc., whose presence in this country is due to the robber barons of the tariff dragging the slums of Europe for people poverty stricken enough to slave at 65 cents per day and ignorant enough to vote to maintain the system. The people of the west who know the nations by the better class who are tilling our soil, have no conception of the members of the same race who fill the packing houses and mills of the cities and make possible republican rule. Commercial cities like New York and Boston, are democratic. Just to the extent a city is a manufacturing city with masses of imported labor, just to that extent it is republican. Before writing any such slurs as that quoted, it will behoove republican editors to study the statistics of Pennsylvania, Ohio and the republican strongholds.

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