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Select Poetry.

The Bursting of the Bud.

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Anti-Slavery Sentiment in Missouri.

The following letter from a clergyman of Missouri, of the Methodist denomination, was originally published in the North-Western Christian Advocate and will be perused with interest by our readers. It agrees with our statement of last week that Missouri is destined to establish free institutions and that the anti-slavery sentiment is the strongest in the eastern part of the State. Our neighbors on the border had better be introducing themselves than engaging in hostilities against their neighbors.
"I find that our brethren upon the border have difficulties and embarrassments that we know but little about, and I have no doubt but that they often receive our sympathy and support. Some, I believe, have advocated the giving up, entire, the slave States to the Church South, but I must confess I ever had any such feelings they are now all gone, and I am not only for holding on to the border, but to go on and regain by the power of truth what we have temporarily lost, and am persuaded that we are fully able to go up and possess the land again. I am much surprised to find so much strong anti-slavery sentiment in Missouri. There is, as far as I am able to judge, just about as much of the true anti-slavery spirit here as in Illinois, especially southern Illinois. There is one question I have asked the preachers and members of our church here, with much interest; it is this, viz: What damage will it do our church in Missouri, if the next general conference should make slavery a test of membership? and the only answer I have received, so far, without a single exception, is, 'not a bit.' And they give as a reason that we have but a mere fraction of slaveholders, and that they are really not slaveholders in the true sense of that term. It is this; we cannot hope for any improvement in our rule on this subject, unless we elect to the next general conference tried men, who will not be deceived by the false promises, or alarmed even by the crack of Baltimore whips.
We have hitherto discussed this subject incidentally in our columns, and the opening of spring presents a fitting opportunity for saying a few words thereon. Everybody knows that in so called civilized communities, the labor of females is very ill paid. Nor does it matter, that they are so well qualified as the other sex for the avocations they engage in, for that consideration seldom or never raises their wages to the standard which is paid for similar work, when performed by males. For this reason, those employments which are well or better qualified than the male sex to fill. Unfortunately, however, we have, among us, a superabundance of effeminate men and silly women, and through the combined influence of these, female labor has so deteriorated in value, that there is scarcely any inducement for a girl to qualify herself for the prosecution of any useful pursuit.
A female can get employment as the teacher in a primary school, or as private instructor; but in these capacities, she may display as much moral ability and industry as a school mistress, her salary for the same kind of services is hardly a fourth of what we pay the latter.
And this rule holds true as to almost any occupation which she can engage in, unless she becomes a successful author, actress, or singer.
If the male sex would only engage in many occupations, the demand for females would so increase that they would be able to sustain themselves, and support, as many of them do, aged parents or relatives. But this cannot be generally the case, until the standard forms which now dance attendance upon women at the counters of our retail stores, shall bestir themselves to employment which will not be a lie upon their manhood.
Nor will women be able to support themselves properly and respectably until their own sex shall patronize those shopkeepers who employ exclusively female attendants, as they would do if they employed only males. There is a sort of sickly sentimentalism, as wicked as it is affected, which writes about the distresses to which the female sex is subjected from ill-paid employment, and which, at the same time, will allow its possessor to avoid retail stores where females only are in attendance. Such women are the chief causes of the poverty and suffering of the more indigent of their sisters.
While this sentiment prevails, and it is altogether too universal, shop keepers will employ general trading men, who know what will be the effect thereof; and the same cause, conversely acting, will cause the employment of pretty girls, as vendors of cigars and attendants in saloons, where men resort. The men, of course have a right to bestow their custom where they can be waited upon by pretty girls; and the ladies have the same right to purchase, or at least to over-haul goods where they can be waited upon by agreeable gentlemen; but these classes cause their pretended sympathy for those, whom, by their predilections of this sort, they deprive of employment.
If it were not the true reason for the employment of males in avocations which can be performed by females, females would be employed; for their services can be had for less than one-half the wages which would procure quite as good female attendants, in every respect save the one we have noticed. And if our saloons and cigar shops employed as many hands as do our retail stores, we would not press this point; for then, the females would stand as good a chance for employment as the males. But the retail stores occupy an hundred effeminate men, where the saloons, confectionaries, milliners' shops and cigar shops do a single one; and therefore the odds, in catering to this caprice of the sex, is vastly against females.
We don't expect that the gentlemen engaged in feminine occupations will voluntarily relinquish them in favor of females; they certainly will not, while the

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General Intelligence.

From the Missouri Republican.

Gov. Reeder to Commissioner Many-penny.
To G. W. Many-penny, Commissioner of Indian Affairs:—Sir:—On the 10th of January last, four contracts made with S. W. Johnson, for the sale of four tracts of land in this Territory, which had been granted to half-breed Kansas Indians, were submitted to you as the head of the Indian Bureau, for report thereon, with memorials of the reserves, praying that the contracts might be confirmed and they allowed to make the deeds. These contracts were, for convenience sake, made in the name of John Johnson, but it was well understood that the Johnsons, Col. Leack and myself were equally interested. The grantors were Joseph James, Louis Papin and wife, Francois Aubry and wife, and Moses Belmand and wife.
In your report to the President of January 10th you recommend that these contracts be not confirmed, you allude to them as "disruptive attempts of certain official functionaries to speculate in these lands"—you characterize them as "having a demoralizing tendency upon the inhabitants of the Territory, both Indians and whites"—you state that "these purchases are the result of a systematic plan to forestall competition in the purchase and monopoly, at low prices, of these reserves"—you characterize them as marked by "indecency and impropriety"—you undertake to quote from and endorse as "entitled to the fullest credit," a letter, in which it is said that the grantors have been "cheated," and, at the close of your report, you say that they "disclose a condition of things among the Federal officers which if not rebuked, must soon produce a state of demoralization in the Territory, the effects of which will be as lamentable as the acts themselves are disgraceful."
This report of yours you have given to the public in the shape of a Congressional document, under a resolution of the House of Representatives, calling on your department for information, which resolution I have reason to believe was issued by your procurement. Under other circumstances the law and the logic of your report would make a beautiful and amusing theme, but matters of graver import exclude the discussion. You have thus raised an issue between yourself on the one hand, and myself and three of the Territorial officers on the other, which must be settled, not in a corner, but in the full blaze of day and before the whole public; and it is no less grave a question than, whether on the one hand we are dishonest, dishonorable men, guilty of revolting fraud, or whether on the other, you are a vile and unscrupulous slanderer, who does not recognize the binding obligations of truth and justice, or the sacredness of private character. You have publicly and deliberately asserted the one side of that issue, and I now as deliberately and publicly assert the other, and before I am done with you, sir, I intend to do with my assertion what you have not attempted to do, and cannot do yourself—establish it by competent proof.
A controversy of this kind is to every man of well regulated mind and delicacy of feeling, a most distasteful occupation—to the innocent man who does not repel it with defiant indignation, it is an imputation of base calumny—to the man who gratuitously and baselessly provokes it, it is the ineffable brand of injustice, brutality and falsehood. That you have been in this business only the creditous tool of other men who have used you to traduce me, cannot alter the course which my reputation and self-respect require me to pursue. If for their own purposes they have duped you into a difficulty from which you cannot be extricated, it is no concern of mine. I am equally bound to defend my reputation against your ferocious assaults, whether that ferocity is the result of stupidity or malice.
As a set-off to your sweeping charges of fraud I will, before coming to the main object of this letter, state a few facts, which, for the present, rest on my own assertion. First, however, I allege what I suppose no sensible man will deny, that an individual by accepting a public office does not forfeit his right to buy lands and make profit off them if he can, provided the vendor is fully competent to

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Come on, and firmly trust in God;
And when you're smothering 'neath the sod,
Your names on history's page shall rest,
In golden letters there impressed,
For the noble deeds you've done.

Miscellaneous.

Age of the World.

A question of great importance with divines and men of science at the present day, is that of the age of our planet, and the different changes which have taken place upon it, as related in Genesis. One class contend that the different acts of creation took place exactly as described in the first chapter of Genesis, in six solar days, and that all things were made out of nothing at that time. Another class believe that our planet was in existence for thousands of years prior to the first act of creation mentioned in Genesis, and that the different changes which have taken place upon it, as related in Genesis, are not to be taken literally, but as a summary of the changes which have taken place during the long period of time which has elapsed since the first act of creation. This latter class believe that the successive acts described in Genesis took place in six enormous periods, each of which was a year, or more, of our present time. This latter class believe that the successive acts described in Genesis took place in six enormous periods, each of which was a year, or more, of our present time.

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Slavery and Intemperance.

America's bright, glorious name,
Thy first and grandest glory,
Thy name that on the scroll of fame
Along nations of the earth;
Kind heaven with a preserving hand,
Has raised thee up a mighty land,
Securely from the birth.
The story of our fathers' bold,
By child and grandeur now is told,
All know the tale full well;
And while in song thy praise is sung,
Or while the tale is any tongue,
Each bosom seems to swell.
But in this wide and fair domain,
Two monsters are who were not slain;
They reared their growth prior to thee,
But they have grown to mammoth size,
With eyes jaws and glaring eyes,
In ages yet to come they live;
The sons of freedom bear their cry,
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