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Fair Play for the Teachers.

In fairness to the public school teachers of Washington, the proposition concerning the treatment of defamatory charges against them, urged by a member at a recent meeting of the Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association, and printed in the local papers, should not be permitted to pass entirely unnoticed. This suggestion was to the effect that so important to the welfare of the community is not only the morality of the teachers, but their unassailed reputation for morality, that gossip, scandal, rumor, suspicion—irrespective of the truthfulness of the basic charges—should be sufficient ground for a teacher's dismissal.

There is no reason why the teacher's good name should not be protected with the same sensitive vigilance, the same chivalry, the same tender consideration, which are extended to all womankind. There is no reason why the defamer of a teacher should not be required to make the same definite accusations, to submit the same proof and to undergo the same punishment as the defamed.

The other theory puts a premium upon persistent back-biting and slander. It says to the spiteful slanderer: "If you will keep up your defamations long enough and actively enough, its falsity will make no difference. You will create a picture, raise scandal and cause teachers and pupils to gossip about your victim. And then she will be lost. You will have assassinated a reputation with impunity."

The only just and safe way to deal with these cases is that which is applied to defamation in general. The accused and the accuser are both on trial, if the latter has shown malice as an active and indiscriminate scandal monger. The constituted tribunal decides whether the accuser, who has stabbed another's good name, has done so rightly, as the executioner strikes to inflict just punishment, or has done so wrongfully as a base and treacherous assassin of reputation.

The Commissioners and Board of Education will not, we may be sure, permit immoral men or women to corrupt the minds of our school children; nor will they permit slanderers to poison the school atmosphere and to destroy vicariously the good repute of our teachers. It is of vital importance that the school organization shall both be kept in "sobriety, temperance and chastity," and be kept from "evil speaking, lying and slandering."

When the Commissioners or Board of Education, or both, have thoroughly investigated one of these cases of defamation, and have acquitted and vindicated the accused, the latter is clearly entitled on all the principles of ordinary fair play to protection by these tribunals against a continuance of the defamatory attacks. The vindicating authority is under an obvious obligation, not merely to the accused, but in protection and promotion of the welfare of the schools and of the community, to see that its finding is respected as far as its jurisdiction extends. After such vindication persistent scandal-mongering on the previous lines would assume unmistakably the repulsive aspect of venomous and malignant slander.

The cancer of immorality, where it is found to exist, must be cut promptly and mercilessly from the body of the school organization. And on the same principle of exact justice in protection of the public welfare the lash of the righteous wrath, the stinging contempt and the deserved execration of the community will scourge pitilessly all slanderous assassins of a teacher's and the city's good name.

The Honolulu Koreans who stoned a bill collector cannot get over the impression that it is wrong to give up money except in the way of official grant.

Tom L. Johnson doubtless hopes that the quarrels of Ohio republicans will result in something serious, but with scant substantial expectation.

Colombia Accepts the Inevitable. It is reported from Colon that a steamer arriving there yesterday brought news from Cartagena that the Colombian government has definitely desisted from any further movement to recover its lost territory in Panama, prohibiting attempts to attack the Panamanian frontier.

A certain portion of Utah's population does not desire to defy the laws of the United States, but simply does not care to be bothered with them.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Cleveland are both said to be Masons. There could be no more convincing proof that Masonry has nothing to do with politics.

Japan refuses to co-operate to change proceedings from a war to a debate on international etiquette.

Basin Follows Patti. It is the day of farewells. The professional stage is losing many of its older and most famous representatives. We have just lost Madame Patti—a great woman in her day and way, and for years a joy to millions. We shall not look upon her like again. So much for the operatic stage. For the political stage we are now called upon to give up the Hon. I. Freeman Bass of Baltimore—a great man in his day and way, and a manipulator of thousands. Having passed the seventy-year mark he dis-

arms, and leaves the field to younger men. Not for him again the joy of battle, the noise of captains and the shouting. It is an indirect announcement of the collapse of the Gorman presidential boom? Would Mr. Basin retire on the eve of the campaign if he thought his friend had a chance for the St. Louis nomination? Shall we look upon him like again? Let us hope not. Let us wish for the new Baltimore only new and good things.

The extreme punctuality of Japan in carrying out its purposes must be especially annoying to a nation that favors a dilatory diplomacy as Russia does. Mr. Cannon is sufficiently experienced to know that there are many people who will hurrah for a man and then vote for somebody else. It will be difficult for Dreyfus to get enough comfort from his vindication to compensate him for the hardships he has endured. The democracy is taking so much time in developing a candidate that he ought to be a fine specimen when he materializes. All Korea can do is to trust to the future and keep on jutting down items on the indemnity check. Springfield, Ohio, is the latest American city to get in line for a liberal allowance of remorse.

SHOOTING STARS. A Promoter. "You say that man you introduced me to is a promoter?" "Yes," answered the cynic. "What does he promote?" "His own interests, chiefly." A Model. "A man should never spend money that his wife does not know about." "Well," said Mrs. Torkins. "I must say Charley is a model in that respect. He always comes to me for sympathy when he has been trying to transact business with the race horses." A Frosty Atmosphere. "I understand that prima donna failed to give her farewell concert because she had a cold." "Yes," answered the manager. "How did she contract it?" "Well, it wasn't an ordinary cold. It is what is technically known as a box office chill."

Different Methods. The method of the orator is something hard to tell. For some there be who think aloud. While the others simply yell. "Some folks' idea of being 'busy,'" said Uncle Eben. "is standin' aroun' an' findin' fault wif yuthuh folks dat's workin'." March Protest. De lion is a-roarin' an' a-lashin' of his tail. I isn' superstitious, but dar's signs dat nebber fail. I knowed dat when March staided in so peaceable an' calm, He's 'lible to git over dishere actin' like a lamb. No' win! No' win! 'Cause April is a-waitin' For to clear away de snow. Dat lion came along jes' like a hungry A-scarin' all de buds, an' mebbe eatin' of 'em up. An' when you manages to get a little speck of sun. He turns aroun', jes' like he seed a hunter wif a gun. No' win! No' win! Don't you blow no mo'; De v'lets is impatient. Poh a little chance to grow.

Russian Inactivity. The most interesting naval news from the seat of war is the Russian effort to take the initiative. The one incomprehensible aspect of the conflict has been the inertness of the Port Arthur fleet, for while the unexpected raid of the Japanese destroyers may have stunned its chiefs for a moment, no excuse has existed for the continued sluggishness that characterized until the arrival of Makarov their subsequent misuse of sea power. Looked at technically this inertia has perhaps afforded a slight tactical advantage, as it still remained a somewhat demoralized "fleet in being," but its tangible value cannot be compared even with that of the Vladivostok squadron. That at least, has kept the active Japanese guessing and has never been defeated in defense is sure to be fatal, both for the rust that disuse creates in material and from the supping that continued misdirection instills in the personnel. Ships are not rats, expected to fight only when cornered, but activities that find their highest usefulness in challenges to combat under conditions that promise the best chances of success. To sit tight under the sheltering arms of shore guns is for war vessels the last resort of desperation, and the existing disparity of force has never been greater, with the necessary dispersals of the Japanese squadron, to justify such tactics.

The Smoot Case. The court divides rather remarkably in view of the alignment of the justices in 1896 on the Trans-Missouri Freight Association case, in which a majority of the court declared that combination to be unlawful. The opinion in that case was written by Justice Peckham and was concurred in by Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Harlan, Brewer and Brown. Today Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Peckham voted to dissent from the majority in the present case. Of the dissenting justices in 1896 only Justice White now sits on the bench and he voted again today in the negative. All the successors of his associates in that dissent today voted to sustain the government's contentions.

Stock Stagnation. From the Philadelphia North American. These sad days among the reapers of finance. A lean season has fallen upon the mart of speculation. The fields are barren and the harvesters lean dejectedly upon their scythes, for the promise of good crops grows dimmer and more distant, and they must subsist upon the memories of the generous past. Affecting descriptions of the distress are given. The merry song of the fiddler ceases, the auctioneer has broken, it is solemnly averred, while away the empty hours, and dominos and check-its while the few customers left ardently jest amid the gloom by betting on the amount of the day's transactions. It is, in fact, a record season, the antithesis of that of a few months ago, when the day's business was reckoned in millions of shares and certificates could hardly be printed fast enough to satisfy the demand. The new records are for the smallest transaction of the market.

Voting Machines. From the Milwaukee Wisconsin. The report that a voting machine has "gone wrong" in a New Jersey election, necessitating a re-election, will not discredit the mechanical vote recorder. The talking of the machine was due to meddling by an election official, who accidentally showed what could be done with a little forethought, under certain circumstances. It cannot be claimed that similar trouble is less likely to occur with the old style of voting, although it must be admitted that detection would be more difficult, as the meddlers quickly burn the ballots.

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