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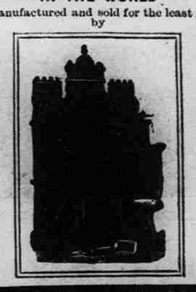

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THE RIGHT HAND.

Of fellowship Offered The Benton Leader —A Harney Valley Southern Methodist Condemns the Action of his Brothers.

He Thinks There is a Dark Horse Who Could Reverse the Action if he Would — Some Words About Harney Valley —An Interesting Letter.

HARNEY VALLEY, Aug. 26, 1887.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LEADER:

I desire to extend to you my right hand of fellowship in token of my profound admiration, and of the good will of the people of Harney Valley toward you for the brave, dignified and persistent manner in which you have conducted the state claim to the absolute control of the Agricultural College. The state of Oregon certainly should have exclusive control of her own institution. This has been my idea at all times, even while I was in the membership of the church that so presistently now contends for the control of this college. This little bit of experience will teach the state of Oregon to let churches alone in the future—in school matters. Let the churches run their own schools, and if they are too weak for that purpose, then they had better let schooling alone. I believe in state schools, and also strictly denominational schools, but a kind of an hermaphrodite institution that is neither state nor church, is

AN ABOMIMATION,

and a disgrace to the civilization of our age.

I am not at all surprised at the action of the members of the conference of the M. E. Church, South. I was surprised at their action which professedly segregated the school from the church. I never entertained confidence in the sincerity of their action, for I have heard a prominent minister ask the question more than once; "Do you suppose we are going to let the state build a college over ours *to kill ours?*" There is a dark horse in that conference who is now playing as a silent partner, who could step out on the conference floor and with his voice reverse the action of that whole body in their present course.

I am pained at my heart to hear the ugly names flung at the M. E. Church, South, by the different newspapers of our state, based as they are, on the action of a few men who making for themselves an unenviable reputation. I hold credentials from that church; I dedicated my children to God at the hands of her ministry; my mother's sainted soul went to God from the bosom of that church, and for me to entertain any other sentiment than gratitude and profound regard for the church as an evangelical body of the Christian family would be the basest treachery. So what I say is only in harmony with what I believe to be consistent with the strictest principles of rectitude. Let the citizens of old Benton, of Corvallis, yes, of the state push the claims of the state until

COMPLETE VICTORY

is gained in the states behalf, then from that time on and forever let there be no more appropriations of state funds to aid church school, be they Methodist, Catholic or Universalists.

[The above paragraph we heartily endorse, and is to our mind the truth exactly. We have the highest regard for the Southern Methodist Church. EDITOR REVIEW.]

We are longing and looking for the O. P. railroad. This country is rapidly settling up. If the abominiable and thieving wagon road company and swamp angels had kept their hands off this country it would have been far in advance of its present status. This present administration, state and national, seem to be honestly endeavoring to extricate this country from its complication. You may not fancy the thought, but it is a fact—almost every man connected with the swamp steals are democrats, but they "got in their work" through republican administrations, especially with the former Registers and Land Commissioners and Secretaries of the Interior. We have no politics out here now, only we will stand by the men and the party that will crush out the frauds of land monopolists. While you of Corvallis have your church scamps to handle, we have another set of fellows who are not quite so conscientious—the land grabbers.

Let me in conclusion give

THREE CHEERS FOR THE BENTON LEADER,

the new building of the State Agricultural College, and for the Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors; also for the defeat of the other two amendments to be voted on the 8th day of November next.

Let no man write inquiries of me. "Have you churches and school houses in Harney Valley, or are there any orchards there?" As the Almighty was not disposed to start any other new country by first establishing these institutions before settlement, I suppose He thought it would be partiality to give Harney Valley that kind of a send off. So we are rather left on this line at present. If any of your readers want to sit around and wait until this country is all taken up and all the institutions of our civilization are established, without enduring the privations of pioneers, my advice to them, is to stay where they are, and in a few years they will wake up some beautiful morning and discover how they missed their opportunity.

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Most Hideous Industry in America.

The most hideous industry in this country is a snake farm near Galton, Ill. The proprietor raises snakes of various kinds, but makes a speciality of rattlesnakes. A firm in Philadelphia has given a standing order for all the rattlesnakes the farm can produce. They are worth $2.25 each when they attain a length of four feet. These snakes are bought to be stewed into an oil which if advertised to cure rheumatism.—Christian Advocate (Nashville.)

Why, Dr. Fitzgerald! You, or your associate, must have been napping when that article was penned. We can assure you the whisky is the most hideous industry, by all odds, in this land. It can manufacture more snakes in a man's boots in one day than were ever raised on that farm in a whole year. It bites and kills more men in a single year than were ever bitten by rattlesnakes in a whole century. As for its medicinal virtues, if we are to believe those engaged in the industry, it eclipses rattlesnake oil ninety-nine per cent. That is good only for rheumatism, while whisky is good for nearly every ill to which flesh is heir. It heats you in winter and cools you in summer; it puts you to sleep at one time, and arouses and stimulates you when you are dull and drowsy; a certain quantity puts the devil in your head, murder in your heart, and metal in your fists and feet. Repeat the dose, and it trips you up and makes you as helpless as a child. As a poison it can take the blue ribbon from the rattlesnake at any county fair. As proof, if a rattlesnake bites you, just take a pint of this "blue ruin," and it kills the rattlesnake poison so dead you never feel its effects again. Hence, it is the king of poisons, and the most hideous industry in our land. Do you give it up, Doctor?—*Western Recorder (Baptist.)*

COSSACK HORSEMANSHIP.

A St. Petersburg correspondent writing to the London Standard, says: "This morning I witnessed a wonderful display of horsemanship. It took place in the Petroffsky Park. Here in the presence of the Grand Duke Nicholas and most of the foreign officers, the regiment of Cossack Guards went through an extraordinary series of exercises which threw the most daring feats of the circus into the shade. The entire regiment passed at full gallop in loose order, with many of the men standing upright in their saddles, others upon their heads with their legs in the air, many leaping upon the ground and then into the saddle again at full speed some springing over their horses' heads and picking up stones from the ground and yet regaining their seat. While performing these feats all were brandishing their sabres and firing their pistols, throwing their carbines into the air and catching them again, and yelling like maniacs. Some men went past in pairs, standing with a leg on each other's horses; one wild fellow carried off another dressed as a woman. The effect of the scene was absolutely bewildering, and it seemed as if the whole regiment had gone mad. Upon a signal being given the regiment divided into two parts. One rode off, then halted and made their horses lie down on the ground beside them, waiting as in war the approach of the enemy. The other section of the regiment then charged down and in an instant every horse was on his feet, every rider in his saddle, and with a wild yell they rode at their supposed enemy. When the manœuvres were over the regiment rode past singing, and uncommonly well together, a military chorus. Altogether it was a marvelous exhibition of horsemanship, and one hardly knew whether to admire the docility and mettle of the steeds or the skill and courage of the riders. All the foreign officers and guests were no less astonished than delighted."

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