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WAR ABOUT TO BE DECLARED!

"BREAD OR BLOOD!"

These startling headings suggested themselves to us as we metally asked the question, What do those of our patrons mean, who make no effort to pay? A short time ago we sent out an even 400 duns, not one of them for less than \$4. The response was scarcely enough to pay the postage. What on earth are we to do? We can't buy paper, furnish labor, pay postage, rent, and the Lord only knows what all, without money. Must we shut up our establishment because we cannot get enough ready cash to keep it running? There are hundreds who owe us a mere trifle of from two to ten dollars that would put us out of all embarrassment if they would only pay up. We appeal to you to do it. Do not pay all other debts and leave your printing bill stand until the publishers are ruined by your dereliction. It pains us to write so wickedly, but every other expedient has failed, and now to evade the declaration of war, PAY UP!

POPULAR TASTE.

It is asserted by moralists and philosophers, that the moral tone of any age is truthfully indicated by the character of its popular newspapers and current literature. If this be true, our age must be more depraved than any former era. But let us examine the subject fairly. With rare exceptions, newspapers are protected, and books published, with a view to pecuniary results, merely. Every intelligent publisher will utilize his experience and observation, and acquaint himself with the partialities of those from whom he expects substantial encouragement, and will issue the species of literature, most in accordance with the taste of his patrons. An inspection of the daily press discloses the fact, domestic infelicities and revelation of scandal and crime, enter more largely than any other topics into the composition of many of our popular journals. And it may well be said, therefore, that with a large class of readers, these subjects are of paramount interest, and that, on their introduction into the columns of a journal, desired its popularity and consequent increase of circulation. Again, the exciting and sensational character, peculiar to many modern romances, find eager admirers, alike in the humble abode of the sewing girl, and in the luxurious boudoirs of the child of wealth. On the railroad cars, and in the saloon of the steambath, and in not a few domestic circles we find abundant evidence of the popularity of this species of literature.

Do these facts prove, as it is claimed, that, in comparison with former ages, we have degenerated, and that the prevalent moral tone of society, is more depraved in the present century, than it was two hundred years ago? We question the correctness of this assumption. We do not doubt, that, in every epoch preceding our own, men and women, generally, were no less wicked, were as easily led astray, and were as guilty of as many improprieties, as are chargeable to the present generation. Fortunately for our position, we are not left to conjecture. All along the corridors of time, history, sacred and profane, teems with records of vice and immorality, and of revolting and startling crimes. We believe that the change of degeneracy in morals, derives its plausibility, mainly from the fact that with us, education is more generally diffused, and that we possess facilities for the transmission of news, undreamed of by our ancestors. In their day, the reading population was inconsiderable; tidings were communicated orally, or by an occasional correspondent. The newspaper was unknown, and events the most startling were rarely conveyed beyond the neighborhood of their occurrence. Now the telegraph flashes every species of impropriety, throughout the length and breadth of the land; no peccadillo or domestic difficulty, the most menial, escapes the argus eyes and ready pencil of the ubiquitous reporter, and multiplied printing presses, and their Briarean hands, disseminate intelligence in every nook and corner of the country. We contend that corrupt tastes and depraved morals have existed in all periods and in every country, and that their manifestation is more apparent in the present day, only because of the superior facilities our age affords for their indulgence. We believe, too, that in this country, a very large majority of its influential citizens, male and female, are upright in character, unswayed in morals, and possess cultivated tastes which regard with aversion the sensational literature of the day.

The Pacific Railroad Bill, which contemplates the endorsement, by the Government, of the Bonds of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, will come before Congress immediately after the opening of the regular session. We do hope that it will pass. We want it to pass, not only because it is antagonized by the Central Pacific people, who are the most soulless monopolists on the continent, but because the road is badly needed, and it will open up a new region that will furnish homes and employment for millions.

The Greenback-Labor men assure us that they are determined to go right along; that their clubs are already reorganizing, and that the politicians who talk so glibly about their subduing will find they have reckoned without their host.

R. D. Brown, Esq., having sold the Clinton Democrat to G. F. Kribbs, esq., retires from the paper after fourteen years service as its editor. We wish both parties success.

PENNSYLVANIA-OFFICIAL.

Table with columns: Supreme Court, State Treasurer, Auditor General, and various names and numbers.

Letter from Kansas.

DEAR JOURNAL.-At this writing, we are enjoying cold, bracing weather, with a small covering of snow. I am told, snow does not stay long in this country. The farmers have already commenced the work of plowing, and the winter crop is a good one. At this season of the year, the Kansas farmer turns his attention to his boys, and is preparing for the coming year. The farm yard is a perfect warren of "jockies," that will weigh from 200 to 400 pounds.

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