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THE "SHYSTERS" IN WASHINGTON.

THERE is an old saying that "misery likes company." If this be true in every case the people of Utah might be able to take comfort from the following, which we take from a late number of the Washington Star:

"For various reasons, but mainly because it is the capital of the nation, this city has an undue proportion of the genuine shyster. We have not only our native crop, but all the characterless "shysters" "boors," "strikers" and "dead-beats" of the country seem to gravitate towards Washington as a hospital, where they can find support when all other resources have failed. Most of them come here at first to strike for some specific piece of plunder—a snug sinecure office, or a fat emolument, and failing in their original mission, they remain here to swell the grand army of vagabond deadbeats, ready to fasten themselves like leeches upon anything national or municipal that promises to give them a drop of blood. Like sinners, who, coming to the sanctuary to scoff, remain to pray, they come to strike and remain to prey."

This is not a very delightful picture of the magnitude of a class which forms a prominent part of society at the capital of the nation, yet we do not suppose that it is overdrawn. Efforts are continually made at the seat of government to get rid of the most obnoxious of the disreputable characters alluded to. It would be well, however, that some other means of riddance be employed than that which is generally resorted to. If the suggestion would not be considered out of place, we would recommend that a penitentiary or house of correction for "bummers" be erected on a large scale, where all such useless encumbrances may be placed and put to some useful employments to keep them out of mischief, and where they can form a little society all to themselves that, if they wish to do it, they may prey upon each other instead of upon honest men.

The people of Utah have no objections whatever to any legitimate efforts to rid Washington of the "shyster" gang that infests it; on the contrary such endeavors are quite laudable, but it is certainly objectionable to any community to have such characters palmed off on them by the government. This is an affliction that Utah has had more than her share of in the past. There is not much of that kind of scrubby stock raised here, and we really think that it is too bad to unsolicited imports undesirable a breed.

Whether Washington continues in the above course, of which we have had so many illustrations in the past, will be best proved by the actions of the present and future officials sent from there here. There have been many instances of honorable gentlemen filling official appointments in Utah under government; still, as such have been in the minority the people here can scarcely be blamed for entertaining the idea that, when every other means of ridding the Capital of the class treated upon by the star have failed, this scum of humanity has been in many instances forwarded to Utah.

The "Shyster," class are doubtless appreciated at Washington for one thing, being "political" scavengers, they are ready to do up dirty political jobs that no high minded man would perform. There is one thing certain, no just, upright man will overrule law and justice by trampling on the rights of the people either in Utah or anywhere else; whether they be Jew, Gentile or Mormon.

Sometimes it is the case that high officials in Washington instead of minding their poor relations out of doors, which is considered fashionable sometimes, occasionally use their influence to have them sent to Utah to fill some post under the revenue or some other department. Such policy may be very convenient for the patrons of poor relations, and their would be no particular objection raised to it in Utah did the parties thus patronized attend to their legitimate business instead of dabbling in affairs that do not concern them. But this is not always the case.

JOHN BARRY MURKIN,
THE MAIL ROBBERS CAPTURED.

YESTERDAY morning by a notice in the local column, three men, who it is believed, robbed the coach near Nephi, Juab Co., the other night, have been captured. The telegram yesterday, stated that Judge Bigler had sent out the Sheriff with a posse of men to reconnoitre; that reconnaissance was successful, and the scoundrels are now in such a position that, if justice is done them, they will not be able to rob a mail coach again for some time to come.

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to come." This, however, is a dubious point, in these days, for the administration of justice to thieves and criminals promises, under the present regime, to be as difficult here, and as lax as in some places in the East. Now and learned doctors in and administrators of the law have come among us; strange men from Gotham, or other parts where morality and justice are at as low an ebb, and judging by their acts they view real crime and criminals in these parts with as much leniency as they view them there.

One very unfortunate feature connected with this capture is that the Judge who ordered out the Sheriff and posse by whom the arrest was made was a Probate Judge; and even if the prisoners had been turned over to the U. S. Marshal, as the telegram to-day says, they are to be, the proceedings for their arrest having been made by a Probate Judge, the pillars and administrators of Constitutional law now in authority have, may, and in all probability will, discharge the thieves, give them a chance to resume their vocation; and, perhaps, have the gentleman, through whose promptness the capture and arrest were made, punished as a criminal, for it has been officially declared that Probate Courts have no criminal jurisdiction, and that the officers assuming such right and acting in their capacity are liable to the punishment of the law. Their interference, even for the arrest and punishment of desperadoes and murderers, has been declared sufficient to warrant their release. And if the attorney who recently expressed himself so emphatically in relation to a case of this kind away down south near Dixie, and liberated a would-be murderer for this cause only, had the disposal of the present one, we have little doubt that the course of Judge Bigler would be so construed.

One thing in connection with this case may have some influence in preventing such a result,—the parties upon whom the attack and robbery were committed were not Mormons, as in the case alluded to down south, and "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

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THE Omaha Herald, of the 22nd inst., contains an account of the way in which a gentleman of that city had just been swindled by some New York sharpers. A recital of the facts may deter some in these parts from investing their means in similar speculations. The gentleman who has been so completely "sold" and "done for," is named William Alstadt; he was formerly local editor of a newspaper in New Orleans, but is now clerk in the Farmer's House, Omaha. Such a " verdant green," as Bro. Alstadt evidently is, would hardly be likely to be successful in the French, for the latter have been put to the right-about and have endured discomfiture and defeat such as French soldiers never experienced before. But what they have failed to do by either brute force or strategy, is about to be accomplished by means of a newly invented infernal machine in Paris correspondent writes:

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trade of this country with Australia, last year, reached \$20,000,000. Three fourths of the freight, represented by the above sum, was sent to England in English ships and thence to Melbourne, a distance of twenty thousand miles. From San Francisco to Melbourne is only six thousand miles, and the advantage that would accrue to the commercial interests of this country and Australia by the establishment of a steam line by this short route, are very evident. So anxious are the Australians for this line to be established, between Melbourne and the Pacific, and thence with Europe, avoiding the passage around Cape Horn, and also that by the Suez Canal, that the principal capitalists in Melbourne and Sydney have offered to furnish half the money, assuming that the people of the United States will furnish the other. The Sandwich Islands and New Caledonia, it is said, are ready to lend pecuniary aid to such an enterprise, and seeing that our Pacific railroad now facilitates commerce between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and that the Australian trade can be so easily secured, it is not likely that men of enterprise and capital in this country will let such an opportunity pass without availingly themselves of the pulse within their grasp.

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AMONG the casualties of the war, which have recently occurred in the vicinity of the French capital is the destruction of the Chateau of St. Cloud, a repository of art treasures and historical relics, unsurpassed, for value and beauty, by any royal collection in the world.

The town of St. Cloud is about five miles west of Paris, in the department of Seine-et-Oise, on the west bank of the Seine. It contains a population of about five thousand. The Chateau, which rendered the town famous, has been the scene of several important events in French history. Henry the Fourth was assassinated there in the sixteenth century; in the eighteenth Napoleon the First broke up the Assembly of Five Hundred convened within the Chateau, and within its walls he was made First Consul. There too, in 1830, Charles the French resigned his crown and put an end to the Bourbon dynasty. The palace was formally the property of the Bourbons, but has long been the favorite suburban residence of French royalty. It stood in the midst of a park, containing choice shrubbery, beautiful fountains and all the adjuncts of royal luxury and extravagance. It was one of the most famous monuments of art, elegance, luxury and refinement in France or the world; but war, which respects nothing, has destroyed it and most of its contents, and marred the beauty of its former surroundings.

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