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FULLY VINDICATED.

THE Boulder News of the 7th inst., devotes considerable space to the case of Dr. John R. Greenbeck, who was arrested in this city on the 19th ult., by Sheriff Ellingham and taken to Colorado on a charge of embezzling Boulder County school funds.

It appears that Dr. Greenbeck, who settled in Colorado in 1869, became in 1873 the Superintendent of Schools for Boulder County, holding this position for two years and a half. He subsequently left Boulder and the latter part of January of the present year came to Salt Lake City, desiring to resume the practice of his profession, being an M. D. and a member of the Boulder County Medical Society. Previous to leaving he several times endeavored to have a formal and official settlement with the County Board of Commissioners, but in vain.

After his departure, George A. Gates, one of the Commissioners, preferred the above charge against the Doctor, as is supposed for the purpose of making political capital for the next local election, Gates being a Republican. Dr. Greenbeck a Democrat. When the latter learned of the proceedings, he wrote to the Commissioners volunteering to return to Boulder and give any explanations that might be required. But the Boulder News states that Gates obtained the account books, altered dates and figures, summoned several persons who did not remember receiving certain sums which appeared against their names on the books, and the Doctor was taken all the way to Boulder, by legal process, leaving his family here in poor condition, and was twice tried in Justice F. M. Brown's court, the first time for embezzlement, and the second for failure to pay over money belonging to the school fund. Messrs. Wright and Logan defended him without fee. The case in both instances was dismissed. Gates, before the conclusion of the last trial, jumped on the train and left the country, smiling on the way his resignation as commissioner.

The News gives pretty full particulars of Gates' dark antecedents, which we have no reason to desire to reproduce, and though a strong Republican paper it endorses the Doctor and says that Gates has "proved the strongest shock to its political faith" within its experience. The citizens of Boulder presented Dr. Greenbeck with a certificate, which has over three hundred names attached, expressing belief in his entire innocence, and denouncing the course pursued against him. The certificates of his discharge, signed by the Justice of the Peace, are also published in the News, and it appears that the Doctor's vindication is complete.

However, he has been put to great inconvenience and expense and a cloud has been cast over his good name, for all of which we think he can find a legal remedy. He has come to Utah with the intention of staying, and although he is not a "Mormon" we take pleasure in assailing the gentleman in putting himself right before the people among whom he expects to live, and who have learned of his arrest through the public prints. All good citizens who make this Territory their home and who attend to their own business, are welcome, and we feel it our duty, when necessary, to speak in defense of their rights, irrespective of their faith, opinions, or politics. We have no conflict with any but the vile, the defamer of the good, and those whose lawless opposition by their own causeless hostility. We are always gratified to see right triumph and villainy defeated.

A FOOLISH PHILOSOPHER.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the philosopher, in "The Sovereignty of Ethics," published in the North American Review, says:

"It seems as if, when the Spirit of God speaks so plainly to each soul, it were an impious to be listening to one or another Saint. Jesus was better than all because he refused to listen to others and listened at home."

It is astonishing what nonsense is sometimes uttered by learned skeptics, and how absurd they appear themselves when attempting to make religion ridiculous. Emerson says some grand things in the article referred to, and the truth he brings forth ought not to be damaged by such sentences as that we have quoted. It is aimed at authoritative teaching; in other words, although he does not use them, against priesthood.

But carry Emerson's idea to its legitimate issue, and it becomes "impious" to listen to him. Does Emerson himself refuse to listen to others? Does he shut himself up to himself, and communicate only with his own heart or with his pantheistic deity, the "Supreme Intellect," ignore the sayings and teachings of the great minds of all ages?

Granting that God is in all things, to use his own words, "that He, that is in them next and within," are there no gradations in the manifestations of the "Soul of the Universe" through the "endless variety of his creations?" And should not the lower form of the higher? Supporting students of science or philosophy, of law or medicine, were to adopt the view expressed in the above quotation, and count it "impious" to listen to the authorities, how much progress would be made in any of these departments of learning? And why should not the same rule

be applied to them be carried out in theology?

"The manifestation of the spirit is given to every man in proportion to his gifts," so said the great "Apostle to the Gentiles." But at the same time he laid down church law and divine doctrine with authority, and through this achem and confusion were avoided. Jesus was not "better than others because he refused to listen to others," but because he lived by the truth which he received from the Father. And being better than others he became the Great Exemplar, and being appointed at the head he was the Great Teacher, not only exhorting his followers to listen to the voice of the spirit of truth, but giving them light and counsel and commandment, by word of mouth. He complained of the people of His time, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." He sent out His apostles with authority to teach and administer in His name, saying, "As my Father sent me, even so send I you." Again "he that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth Him that sent me."

The eternal and universal God speaks through the lips of His selected servants as well as by the whisperings of His enlightening spirit. It has been so from the beginning. To the Hebrews He spoke by the mouths of the holy prophets; to other races by the voice of sages and seers and inspired bards; to all peoples in such a way that they might draw near to Him if they would, manifesting Himself according to their capacities and the conditions surrounding them. He is doing so now, and not only by the internal revelations of His divine spirit does He unfold the great truths of our being, but by the word of life through the appointed oracles. He declares the laws and ordinances necessary for the advancement of His people towards the brightness of His presence and the fulness of His perfection and glory.

To refuse to listen to an inspired teacher or authorized expounder of religious truth, because the Spirit of God speaks plainly to the soul, is as unreasonable and senseless as to close one's eyes and ears to the lectures and writings of the great masters of art, science and philosophy, because the same source of information to which they have so diligently sought is open to the less learned and experienced. In his desire to fight dogmatic theology, Emerson has stepped over the bounds of reason, and is caught in the quagmire of ethical nonsense.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED FROM THE TELEGRAPH LINE.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 10.—The conference committee's report on the bill providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia, submitted on Saturday, was concurred in. The bill now goes to the President.

Spencer moved to take up the resolution submitted by him on Saturday, authorizing the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the alleged frauds in connection with the recent presidential election, and began to read an argument stating that the republican party would not submit to the administration of President Hayes for the brief years of four years, but the investigation was postponed by the vote of 10 yeas and 10 nays.

Mr. Matthews made a point of order as to whether the Senate had the right to discuss the merits of the bill, and whether it was proper to withdraw the point on Spencer's saying that he would speak five minutes.

The resolution was taken up, and Mr. Matthews submitted an amendment to have the investigation made by the Matthews' investigation committee.

The resolution and amendment were referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

In answer to a query of Mr. Matthews, the chairman of that committee (Washington) stated that it was the intention of that committee to submit a report at the present session on the constitutionality of the bill, and to submit a report on the Matthews' investigation committee.

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The river and harbor appropriation bill was taken up, and Mr. Matthews spoke at length in favor of the improvement of the Mississippi river.

Petersen's resolution authorizing a sub-committee of the committee on territories to inquire into the alleged frauds in connection with the recent presidential election, and to take testimony in regard to the issue of certain railroad bonds, presented upon conditional law, and to confer with the committee on territories, and to ascertain on what basis a treaty of reciprocity can be negotiated with the British provinces in America.

Cox, of N. Y., introduced a bill to reduce the duties on imports 15 per cent.

A bill appropriating \$21,000 for a large office at New York and for the extension of the way was passed by yeas 161, nays 69.

Mr. Matthews introduced in the Senate amendments to the army appropriation bill, and went into committee of the whole on the civil supply bill.

The conference report on the military academy appropriation bill was agreed to.

EASTERN.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, June 10.—The Chicago Corps of the U. S.

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some of the consuls who are to be stationed in our larger ports of entry. The arrival of a Chinese minister will doubtless make quite a sensation in diplomatic circles at Washington.

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