

EDITORIALS.

WOLVES in sheep's clothing and wolves in wolves' clothing are not so rare hereabouts as one might wish them to be. Their tracks are not uncommon and their depredations are heard of too often. The influx here of unscrupulous adventurers of various kinds is a fact painfully apparent, and too frequently they find material upon which they delight to prey, and upon which they successfully prey. Vice is cunning and scheming, and innocence is more simple and unsuspecting than is good for it. A happy combination of wisdom and harmlessness is rare, but it may be cultivated and increased. Legally every man is supposed to be innocent until proved guilty. This is right in matters of law, but in matters of morality it is much safer to adopt a contrary policy and to presume all men wicked unless you have reason to be satisfied that they are otherwise. This indeed is the only safe policy under some circumstances. It may appear an uncharitable policy, but it is far more conducive than the other to satisfaction in the general conduct of life. It is not pleasant to suspect people, or to be ready to suspect them upon the appearance of any occasion. But such a state of mind would save many young and inexperienced people from much misery. Now that this Territory has become famous for its precious mineral resources, all sorts of characters flock here, adventurers broken down elsewhere and without credit or decent reputation where they are known, some with tongues like angels' but with hearts like fiends. With great swelling pretensions some endeavor to work their way to the success which they desire, and it is a little marvellous that a glib tongue and a brassy cheek, with a little ability, enable their owner to gain to himself pecuniary advantage and social and personal confidences to which as a man and a citizen he is in nowise entitled, being a more fit candidate for the penitentiary, if not for the gallows.

We hear of incidents, serving as the basis of such remarks as these, far too frequently. They suggest the desirability of a great deal more caution than many people seem disposed to exercise. People who think of doing no harm themselves, as a general thing, are peculiarly unsuspecting of others, and thereby are exceedingly apt to fall into traps. It would be well if it were otherwise, and it might be so to a great extent. It is a common thing in communities elsewhere to consider no stranger entitled to social or personal confidences unless he comes recommended by persons well and favorably known, or until he has won a fair title to social recognition by his own course. Self defence has instigated the adoption of this rule, and it would be well if it prevailed more extensively and more rigidly in this community. It is certainly a very foolish thing to reveal personal ailings to an audacious quack or to any stranger, no matter how high sounding his pretensions. Those who do so may reasonably expect to be deceived and swindled, if not used any worse. As to such deceivers assisting any person to labor or to a situation, perhaps they will in some instances, but there is much more cause to suppose that they are on the watch for subjects for victimization, and the victims will have to pay, in some shape or other, for all the good that the villains may do to others as a blind.

Not a few of these scheming characters are on the constant and vigilant look out for silly, or rather unsuspecting, women or girls, who, like moths around a candle, sometimes hover, with strange ignorance or faultiness, around the very waiting cause of their ruin.

Parents and guardians and other relatives and friends, who know something of the ways of the world, should instruct and warn the inexperienced and unsuspecting of the schemes, the traps, and the dangers prepared or intended by those who lie in wait to victimize. To know that so many fair speaking men and sometimes women are hypocrites, purposely deceiving for ruinous purposes those whom they decoy, may dispel beautiful illusions of youth and innocence regarding the great world before them, but it is infinitely better to be undeceived while innocent than to discover the perfidy and villainy of others by reason of one's own most miserable experience. It is better to know beforehand that one's ruin is intended, than to wake up and find the intention accomplished.

We think therefore that it is better for the inexperienced to cultivate a vi-

gilant readiness to suspect those whom they do not know are honorable, and not to put themselves in the power of strangers or of any person in whom they have no reason to place confidence. Designing persons are forward, sometimes pressing, at first courteous and obliging, and they will often spend money freely for a bait, and that with and for persons to whom they are utter strangers. As a rule, the attentions of strangers, particularly when urgent, pressing, or very liberal, are always suspicious. They should always be suspected, and it is much safer to decline than to accept them. Especially should they be absolutely and inflexibly refused upon the first improper advance.

It ought to be known by all parents, guardians, elder brothers and sisters, and by girls arriving at puberty, that not a few persons in the community are ever ready and eager to debauch the innocent, and to use foul and treacherous means to accomplish that damnable end. This fact should be sufficient to put every person on his or her guard, either for self or those in greater or less degree dependent for advice and caution and care. Every man a girl meets is not now a brother and a friend, sometimes quite the reverse. Every girl should understand that, and be ready to defend what is beyond all price—her personal integrity, be ready to defend herself first by a sharpness to suspect and learn the presence of danger, and next by prompt escape, fighting her way out, if need be, with invincible determination, no matter the damage to others.

If the public had the confidence to expect reasonable support from the local Federal courts in the execution of laws and ordinances for the public good, such fellows as those who lie in wait to deceive and ruin would soon become a great deal scarcer than they are in this community, but when law breakers and law defiers have confidence that the courts will virtually sustain them, upon the most frivolous and carefully sought out technicalities, then lawlessness and lawlessness are sure to increase, because the better class of citizens feel that they have their hands tied by the very officials whose proper business it is to administer law and justice without prejudice, fear or favor. No greater ground of assurance can be given to criminals than to be satisfied that the officers of the law are on their side, and this assurance many criminals seem to have hereabout, we are sorry, very sorry to say.

In advertising to the outrages reported last week, it may not be amiss to suggest that not only should the parties manifestly principal in the case be secured and brought to condign punishment, when proved guilty, but all who can be proved in any manner accessory to such villainy should be secured also and made to receive their due portion of the punishment by law provided. Not one should escape. This case, so far as it appears, is one of unmitigated villainy, it is sheerly diabolical in its nature, and the guilty participants have no claim to any consideration other than the due execution upon them of the severest penalties of the law for such case made and provided. The crime indicated is not one that can with safety be passed lightly over. In the common interest of humanity, of the weak, the inexperienced, the pure and the virtuous, the demand comes with imperative force that the perpetrators of such enormous and utterly unmitigated crimes be allowed no possible avenue of escape from the prompt and unerring and complete punishment due their high crimes. If criminals of this class are permitted to go free and develop their hellish plots with impunity or even with any degree of safety, then farewell to the peace, the purity, the honor, and the happiness of our families, farewell to the beautiful and endearing relations of father and mother, brother and sister, parents and children, farewell to all that honorable men and women hold precious and sacred, farewell to the modesty, delicacy, and purity of girlhood and womanhood, for unbridled and brutal licentiousness will subvert and overcome these and establish upon their ruins a reign of the wildest debauchery, under whose dark shadow nothing bearing the form or appearance of girl or woman will be safe from pollution and fiendish outrage.

No greater villainy and moral cowardice can be shown than in the entrapment and enforced pollution of innocence and purity, and this worse than beastly offence is not materially mitigated even when the girl is foolish and forward. It is the proper business

and duty of every man to honor and not to dishonor, to protect and not to outrage, to defend and deliver and not to entrap and betray the purity and fair fame, the peculiar sweetness and delicacy, the precious jewel and crowning glory of womanhood. The wretches who look upon the beautiful and the pure and the innocent with an eye to their defilement and degradation are unworthy admission to any decent society, but when they attempt to reduce their vile thoughts to deeds they are not fit to live, not a spark of fellowship should be extended to them, but they ought to be repudiated, denounced, outlawed, denied all sympathy, shelter, and refuge, and execrated by all mankind.

SENSATIONS are quite numerous about now. In addition to the Woodhull scandal, the Presidential election, the horse disease, and the Boston and London fires, there are the disastrous storms in north-west Europe, the tremendous inundations in Italy, the universally early and severe winter snaps, the coming cholera, and last a very fowl disease in Pennsylvania. Thus do exciting events spring up one after another, a very good thing for the newspapers, and a matter of great interest to all, furnishing subjects for comment and gossip, and probably diverting some persons from working out vicious plots which they had in their minds.

THE New York *Sunday Mercury* contains the following concerning the Woodhull business, purporting to be the result of an interview with a deacon of Beecher's church—

Reporter—I want to know how brother Beecher takes this Woodhull affair.

Deacon Hudson—He ain't going to say anything about it. He's going to cut the whole thing and let it go.

Reporter—So?

Deacon Hudson—Yes. I saw him today, and he said he intended to take no notice of it.

Deacon Hudson added to this that no matter how many circumstances Mrs. Woodhull produced in support of her charges, Mr. Beecher would refuse to take any notice of them.

Reporter—But, Deacon Hudson, will Mr. Beecher not take the trouble to refute these charges when they are made circumstantially?

Deacon Hudson—No, I don't think brother Beecher will take the trouble. You see we know him, and we don't propose to take anything that a woman like Woodhull says against him. I know Victoria Woodhull as well as brother Beecher does, and she never told me anything about it. I think it is blackmail. She wanted him to preside at a free love meeting and he wouldn't, so she came down on this Tilton thing.

Reporter—Well, brother Hudson, do the Plymouth Church flock intend to stand by Mr. Beecher?

Deacon Hudson—Of course we do. We know him, and we will support him.

Reporter—Then the congregation won't take the case up?

Deacon Hudson—Not a bit of it.

EASTERN NOTES.

And now we hear that Mr. Colfax—our Schuyler—is to start a bank.

Susan B. Anthony is allowed to register, and determined to vote.

A light wagon drawn by a span of goats is an incident of the epizootic, in Chicago.

A Coxsack, N. Y., butcher can kill and dress four sheep in thirty-three minutes.

An Illinois woman offers to plow against any man in the State for a wage of \$100.

Mr. Bret Harte is represented to be in no way fanatical in his fondness for labor.

A boy at Sycamore, Illinois, was choked to death by a kernel of corn the other day.

The agile ox now speeds the mails from the depot to the Chicago post-office.

The jailor of St. Louis has issued an order excluding from the jail young ladies with tracts. He says some of the prisoners have been receiving love-letters as well as tracts.

A debating society in Chicago has up for discussion the following: "Resolved that capital punishment is detrimental to health."

In spite of the horse disease panthers are eating young colts in Texas.

Clinton, Iowa, arrays itself in sheets, and has ghost parties.

The St. Louis *Globe* talks of the horse disease as "Old Ep."

Paper houses are being made practicable, habitable and comfortable.

The Springfield *Republican* is said to seriously contemplate removal to New York city.

A sinister person in Atlanta, Ga., offers a premium at the State fair for the ugliest editor.

One of the saddest signs of the times is the growing disinclination in New England to prevent the suicide of spinsters.

The St. Louis *Republican* exultingly claims to have "the handsomest and most complete newspaper office in the world."

Bonner is going to erect a monument over Fanny Fern's grave in Mount Auburn cemetery, Boston.

A St. Paul cow, in attempting to open a gate, lifted it off the hinges and carried it seven miles on a frantic run, when she fell exhausted.

Virginia farmers are disposed to strike against the millers, who only return a barrel of flour for six or six and a half bushels of wheat.

There is mourning in Walker, Mich. A barn burned down and forty barrels of cider had to be used to prevent the spread of the flames.

I the horse disease could only be swapped for a dog disorder that would clear off the superfluous canines, what a good exchange it would be!—*Ex.*

A couple of cans of tomatoes exploded in close proximity to a Tennessee hotel clerk's bed, and he soon alarmed the house by his cries of "thieves," "murder," etc.

There is a bill before the Vermont Legislature to repeal the law for punishing blasphemy. The common violation of the law is urged as a reason for the repeal.

A Mrs. Jones, of Cambria, Iowa, fell dead on seeing her little son sitting on the top of the staging of a newly built wind-mill, to which dangerous perch he had climbed.

Cattle are suffering for water and wells are failing in southern Illinois, where a drouth prevails almost as severe as that which preceded the great fires of the northwest last year.

A letter from St. Johns says that the potatoe crop of Newfoundland to a great extent is destroyed by blight, and that the cod fishery will certainly not be more two-thirds that of last year.

J. M. Gordon, of Virginia, lived an entire winter upon fifty cents a day, in order that he might be enabled to spend \$1 a night for 190 nights for a reserved seat in the National Theatre, Washington.

A youth named Skinner, of Syracuse, Indiana, has achieved success in the double part of David and Goliath. He was swinging a sling about his head when it hit him under the ear, killing him instantly.

A private hospital for ladies unable to procure necessary care during illness at home has been started in New York under the best auspices. Miss Dr. Youmans is the physician in charge.

We see it stated that the various reports concerning the health of Chief Justice Chase are entirely unfounded or greatly exaggerated. His physical condition is as good, if not better, it is declared, than it was a year ago, and in other respects he finds himself equal to the severe labors of a most responsible and exacting position.—*Washington Star.*

Kate Bateman will appear at the Globe Theatre in New York, in January. A correspondent writes of her in advance: "Now that Miss Bateman is Mrs. Crowe, I hope that her father no longer superintends her rehearsals, or sits in front during the evening and gesticulates wildly to her during the more impassioned scenes. Bateman *pere* evidently thinks he is a great actor unrecognized. While his daughter was unmarried she never succeeded in escaping his tutelage. I rather think that now that the dignity of wifehood and motherhood has come to this charming artiste's assistance, she has given the old man the cold shoulder (artistically speaking) and actualizes her own ideals for her self."

If a toper and a quart of whisky were left together, which would be drunk first?