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SOLD OUT AND RETIRED.

On the fifteenth day of the present month I parted with all my interest in this paper, but owing to the crowded condition of the columns of the paper at the time of the transfer I was unable to publish this announcement in last issue. The GAZETTE for twenty-two years has steadily gone out with unfailing regularity to meet its numerous patrons in the accomplishment of its good work. For nearly five years last past I have been so connected with the GAZETTE as to shape its course and general policy. During that time I have contributed as much as my limited time and ability would permit, to further the GAZETTE along on its mission of usefulness; no doubt, many times I have erred, because to do the best that any one can, mistakes will occur, although I have always done what at the time my honest convictions dictated to me was for the best interests of the general public, which alone it is the duty of a public journal to serve. During my employment in journalism my relation with others in that business have generally been of the most pleasant kind. Whatever I have said of my journalistic friends has been said with a view to accomplish some good effect, and what has been said of me and the paper in my hands by other journalists, I have received and considered the same and profited thereby. Well directed criticism is the life of journalism. My relations with the public have also been very agreeable, and for these and many other reasons, I regret very much to leave the field and abandon the quill, but for two or three years I have realized that I would be compelled to give up editorial work, owing to the fact that being interested in other branches of business which ought to have nearly, if not quite all of my time and attention, I have not been prepared to give to the newspaper the time, study and attention which the importance of the business deserves. The GAZETTE through its old age and reliable and consistent course has become engrained into the confidence of the people, and therefore is a well established enterprise to which the public may well look forward with continued support and encouragement. The stock of the GAZETTE Publishing House which controls the GAZETTE is now held and owned by an association of gentlemen of undoubted republican tendencies, of whom the county clerk of this county for the last twenty years B. W. Wilson, together with C. H. Whitney and Wallace Baldwin, of this place, now form the board of directors of the corporation and thereby control the paper; an eastern man, another unswerving republican, owns a large interest under the new management, whom I am told will take hold of and soon figure largely in the management and charge of the paper. I am also told that the GAZETTE is to be continued with unflinching republican qualities, and devoted to the best interest of Benton county and to the state and county at large. I shall continue to look forward with interest to the future progress of the GAZETTE and shall render it and its new managers all assistance and support that I can in the good work, and I recommend every one else to the same course.

All debts made with the GAZETTE office up to and including the fifteenth day of the present month, and which were due and earned at that time belong to me, and all parties owing them will please pay to me as soon as they can.

Extending many thanks to all friends and patrons and public generally, and bidding all a kind adieu, I step down and out. M. S. WOODCOCK.

To its large circle of friends the GAZETTE goes to-day, wishing to all a Merry Christmas, a day full of good cheer excelled in brightness only by the days that are to come.

So ardent an admirer of the "to the victor belongs the spoils" policy as Senator Logan would not refuse the presidency of the senate, that he might remain free to oppose confirmation of nominations to office made by President Cleveland. Logan is not that dog-in-the-manger kind of a man, and the dispatch to the Inter Ocean attributing such motives to him is stuff and nonsense.

The year that looked so long in the beginning is now drawing swiftly to a close, and Christmas, the christian world's holiday has come again. Even those who believe not in the Immaculate Name are under the charm of its Good Will, and the day becomes to all alike one of gladness and good cheer, from whose invigorating influence we go forth upon the journeys we are taking, cheerfully and with brave hearts.

The Independent is not so much disturbed by the disgrace to religion coming through Mr. Down's recent exhibition of himself at Boston Music Hall, as it is by the fact that so many people would go to hear him. True enough, says that journal he was well advertised by the decision of the court, that assumed him to be guilty of criminal conversation, and the creditable action of the society that shut the doors of his church against him; but this does not excuse the people who run after him, as they would not after a better man.

Says Trueman Joyce, referring to the civil service law, in a letter to the Inter Ocean: A very little tinkering will make the law an excellent shield for the most infamous partisan favoritism. Indeed it is not far from that now. The democratic party will not fail to supply the requisite amendment, and the course of its peculiar friends has not been such as to encourage republican congressmen to fight very savagely to prevent the spoliation of its meritorious features. In my judgment the folly of its advocates has set this peculiar reform back at least a decade. So needful in politics is common sense as an adjunct of wisdom.

This is the way the Norwall (Conn.) Gazette speaks of Senator Mitchell: "The nation is to be congratulated in the election of ex-Senator Mitchell, republican, to the United States Senate, in the place of J. H. Slater, democrat. Seventeen democrats voted for Mitchell and thus secured his election over ex-Senator and ex-Attorney General Williams. Senator Mitchell is a man of the people, and for the people every time. He has a level business head, and the seventeen democrats voted for him because of the service he had rendered his state. He will be no more a democrat and no less a republican because of their generous action."

The late Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson, known to the literary world as "H. H." was one of the most noble and gifted women of her time. She began her literary work with great enthusiasm at the age of thirty-four and pursued it with remarkable energy to within four days of her death. Hers was a genius of peculiar charm, being of that rare kind that pleases old and young alike. The readers of the best American literature are all familiar with her words, and remember how earnestly she labored to better the condition of the Indians. Her interest in this direction began upon hearing Standing Bear lecture in Boston, and from that time she was accustomed to call herself a "woman with a hobby."

Senator Dolph has introduced a bill in the U. S. Senate which will open a way for the settlement of Oregon's claim against the General Government for expenses in organizing and equipping the state militia during the recent rebellion, and which has not been settled on account of the loss of evidence. The bill provides that where original papers relating to the claims of Oregon and other Pacific coast states and territories against the general government shall have been lost, destroyed, or missing, on proof, a copy of the same, together with all documents and papers relating thereto, can be reinstated as evidence on certificate of the state officers having custody of such papers, under seals of office; and that when these certified copies shall have been filed with the secretary of war they shall be used as evidence in adjusting those claims in all respects the same as the original.

Benton County History. I have for sale thirty-two volumes of Fagan's Illustrated History of Benton County, Oregon. Call early. Also the unpaid notes and accounts for books sold are in my hands for collection. E. HOLGATE.

WASHINGTON LETTER. (FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 1885. The city is full of people, and the long session of the forty-ninth congress began to-day at noon. Probably no congress ever opened more quietly and with less excitement than this. As usual there were crowds of people at the capitol to see congress meet. As usual at the beginning of a new session there were many new faces on the floor of the house, and the old time bustle, confusion and noise. Old members greeted each other familiarly, new members were introduced, and there was an interchange of congratulations during the hour preceding noon. The old house officers were re-elected, except the chaplain, Rev. Mr. Lindsay. This place was given to Mr. Milburn, the blind preacher of Chicago. Representative Reed, of Maine, was honored with the complimentary vote of the republicans for speaker. This makes Mr. Reed virtually the leader of the minority. He is considered the ablest man in the house on a quick retort. He is very strong in tacking and answering the opposite party in debate. And indeed most of the debating ability in the house is on the republican side.

The senate, which is always quiet and orderly, was unusually so to-day. It met, organized by electing Senator Sherman president pro tem, to succeed Mr. Hendricks, and adjourned through respect to the memory of the late vice president, whose chair was covered black.

The president's message is ready for congress whenever congress is ready to hear it, which will probably be tomorrow. Although great caution has kept the message from premature publication, its contents are pretty well known. It will be useless for me to give you its points, as you will probably read it in full by the time this reaches you.

The forty-ninth is the first democratic congress to meet under a democratic administration since the days of ex-president Buchanan. The country will be watchful to see how much the party has learned since treason shouted in the capitol and plotted in the cabinet.

Twenty-six years have passed away, thirteen congresses have come and twelve have gone since, on the first Monday in December, 1859, James Buchanan, the last democratic predecessor of President Cleveland, sent his annual message to congress.

Some of the senators and representatives who assembled at the capitol to-day were there on the first Monday in December 1859. If they will cast their eyes over this beautiful city, recalling what it was then, and noting what it is now, they will have a gauge by which to measure the change that has been wrought in the nation during those twenty-six years.

There is much preparation for the financial battle to be fought this winter. Hon. Manton Marble is still corresponding with members of congress and endeavoring in every way to put before them facts and figures, upon which arguments on the silver question hinge. It is claimed that the basis of financial legislation will be more clearly defined, understood, and discussed than ever before.

The Hoar succession bill, or something closely resembling it, is likely to be brought forward early, and there are no indications that the republicans will offer any opposition to it. During the last session the senate secured the adoption of the plan to make cabinet officers the successors of the president and vice president in case of death, removal, or disability of both. The bill failed in the house by the obstructive management of a democrat from Connecticut, Mr. Eaton.

But the first subject brought to the attention of the house will probably be a revision of the rules. Every member wants them changed, and there is no question about that. The trouble is in finding enough members who want the same change. Each member sees how a certain change would promote the passage of his little bill, and he will vote for that. In the multitude of schemes, the outcome is uncertain.

Overcoats. Having a large stock on hand and anxious to unload before spring, I will now offer them at greatly reduced prices. Call early and get a bargain. J. M. NOLAN.

Closing out Sale. The closing out sale at C. H. Whitney's is attracting many buyers who are attracted by the very low prices—actual cost for goods. This is a genuine closing out sale and as the stock is a well selected one and first-class, the people should not fail to improve the opportunity.

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Prizes will be given to the best sustained lady character, to the best sustained gentleman character, and for the finest costume. The prizes will be first-class, and will be on exhibition at O'Connell's look store ten days before the ball.

Tickets \$1.50 Spectators .50 Spectators dancing after unmasking, \$1. For small bills see particulars.

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A nice Christmas card free to every purchaser of 25 cents worth of goods at our counters. Come early for choice of goods.

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a decree and Execution, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court, of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton, for the sum of two hundred and eighty-six dollars and ten cents and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, from and after the 18th day of November, 1885, and twenty-five dollars attorneys' fees and seventeen dollars and five cents costs and disbursements taxed in said Circuit court and wherein said Samuel Case and James R. Bayley, doing business under the firm name of Case & Bayley, are the plaintiffs in the said decree and wherein Charles Gibbons, alias W. D. Sell, Katharine N. Sell, and Marietta Shannon are defendants named in said decree and wherein said decree the said several sums of money above named were decreed in favor of said plaintiffs and against said defendants which decree was rendered, entered and docketed on the 18th day of November, 1885, in said circuit court on the foreclosure of a mortgage on certain real property, which real property is hereinafter more particularly described, which decree and execution commanded me to sell said mortgaged real property described in said decree and as hereinafter described, to satisfy said several sums of money in favor of plaintiff and also to satisfy the costs and expenses on said execution and the costs and expenses of said sale of said real property.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of said decree and execution and in accordance with the command of said decree and execution, in order to satisfy said decree and execution and the said several sums of money hereinafter named in favor of said plaintiffs and against said defendants and the costs and expenses of said sale of said real property, I have levied upon said real property and will sell for cash in hand at the court house door in the city of Corvallis in Benton county, Oregon, on

Saturday, January 9th, 1886, Between the hours of nine o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day to-wit: At the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day all the right, title, interest and claim of the said defendants above named in said decree and execution in and to the following mortgaged real property described in said decree and execution and therein directed to be sold and described as follows to-wit: Lot numbered two (2) in block numbered five (5) in the original town of Newport in Benton county, state of Oregon. SOL KING, Sheriff of Benton county, Oregon. Dated this 8th day of December, 1885.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership existing heretofore between John Kelsey and E. Holgate, in the practice of law having been dissolved, the undersigned will continue at the same place upstairs in Burnett's brick in Corvallis, Oregon. Will practice in all the courts. Special attention given to collections, either without suit or action or with such attachments, foreclosing mortgages, etc. Also probate matters and conveyancing. E. HOLGATE, December 8th, 1885.

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For Ladies: Fine Dress Goods and Silks. Satins, Velvets and Plushes. Elegant Cloaks, Wraps and Jerseys. Fine Skirts and Cardigan Jackets. Novelties in Lace Goods. Fine Satchels in Seal and Leather. Umbrellas, Silk and Alpaca. Fine French kid shoes and slippers. Fine hair brushes and hand mirrors. Fine white blankets and Pillow shams. Marselle quilts, white and colored. Novelties in bracelets, pins and lockets.

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