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For President, HORATIO SEYMOUR, OF NEW YORK.

For Vice President, FRANK P. BLAIR, OF MISSOURI.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. S. F. CHADWICK, of Douglas County. JOHN BURNETT, of Benton County. JAS. H. SLATER, of Union County.

Meek and Lowly.

J. F. Gazley, a republican member of the House from Douglas county has given notice, that, at some future day he will introduce a bill repealing the iron clad oath. Magnanimous Gazley—Good Gazley—Hui Gazley—Great Gazley—How we thank you—in a horn. When you introduce that bill you had better resign—retire on your laurels—you will have immortalized yourself. What a clever fellow decent people will take you to be in future, that you, belonging as you do, to a party controlled by knaves, imbeciles and bigots, dared to beard the lion in his den and move to repeal that parody on legislation—that mock on decency and liberal government—the iron clad oath—the banishing of your party—a monument of disgrace to all who favored its enactment. But won't the poetry be knocked out of the little joke when it is known that said iron clad oath could and would be repealed without your intervention and despite the combined efforts of your party? Gazley, you simply made yourself ridiculous by broaching the subject at all. Why was the thing not repealed two years ago? Is there not as much necessity for such a law now as there was then—was there EVER was? Before roll-call on the repeal of this evidence of the meanness, cowardice and stupidity of your party, Mr. Gazley, every republican member should rise, with faces covered, and file out of the hall to the tune of the rogue's march and not return for ten hours after the vote is taken wiping out and rendering impotent for harm a law which will stand a witness of their ineffable disgrace until the last trump shall be sounded or until men have to forget the worst acts of thieves and brigands of former times.

It is argued by leading republicans who are infuriated at the Democracy for admitting Hon. Lansing Stout to his seat in the Senate, that there was no vacancy to fill and hence the election of Mr. Stout in Multnomah was a bit of aimless pastime! When did these republicans make the discovery that there was no vacancy to be filled from Multnomah? Certainly not prior to the late election, for they nominated Judge Shattuck and fairly raised the earth in their efforts to elect him.—Judge Shattuck certainly thought there was a vacancy, otherwise he practiced a deception by running to fill a vacancy. No gentleman would deliberately do this, and hence we are forced to the conclusion that Mr. Shattuck, late Chief Justice of the Supreme bench of the State knew what he was about when he consented to run for State Senator from Multnomah county. To establish the contrary conclusion is to convict Judge Shattuck of wilful deceit or disgusting imbecility. To say there was no vacancy amounts to an imputation upon the intelligence or honesty of not only Judge Shattuck but of every sane man who voted for him, and he ran far ahead of the general county ticket.—What pretense will the rads. not set up to subvert base and ignoble ends? They do not stagger at convicting themselves of treachery and imbecility.

John C. Bell, Salem, was occupied all last week in opening a very heavy general assortment of goods just received by him. Staple goods of all grades are now to be found on his shelves.

We learn from all the Portland papers that a man by the name of Angel, cut himself with a jack-knife.

Obituary.

DIED. In the Senate Chamber, at Salem, Sept. 15, 1868, J. N. Dolph, of excess of presumption, after a brief illness.

Mr. D. was born when quite young—was loil—resided somewhere on the western slope east of the Missouri river—was eloquent during the forepart of the war in denunciation of "Copper heads"—wanted all his Uncle's relations to go to the war—a draft was ordered in his section—his patriotic soul was stirred to deeds of noble daring—he mounted a mule—put spur—never looked back—brought up in Portland late in 64—pled his vocation (berating the Cops) with increased vigor—His talents in this line constituted a passport to loil preference—brought up in the State Senate—wanted to remain therein evermore—struggled with fortitude—was tenacious of (political) life—Heard the decree of the Democracy—"Git you gone from here, the people have done with you!" with a poor attempt at resignation—expired in the arms of Col. Cornelius at half past three on the 15th inst.—was buried with due pomp—Ex Gov. Gibbs and Gen. Coffin being pall bearers. See iter ad astra.

In Massachusetts there is a class of puritanical intermeddlers whose sole aim is to run religion, morality and everything else by legislative authority. Three years since, a most stringent "prohibitory" liquor law was passed and a standing army of "constables" detailed to enforce it. During the lifetime of this law and the "constabulary" system it provided for, Boston, the "Hub," the seat of all morality, was the scene of dissoluteness to an extent never witnessed there before. Dissipation and debauchery ran riot.—Drinking saloons were open day and night the week round: drunkards lined the streets at all hours and cyprians flouted through the crowded thoroughfares without let or hindrance. It was found necessary to repeal or modify this law, which was according to law done last year. In these facts there is food for reflection for the Gazette.—Will it consider them?

The Difference.

In 1862 the Legislative Assembly of Oregon was, for the first time in the history of the territory or State, republican—overwhelmingly so. His Excellency, John Whiteaker, of Lane county, was Governor—his term of office expiring with the convening of said Legislative Assembly. No person had dared to whisper that Gov. Whiteaker was not, in point of culture, gentlemanly breeding and in stincts, honor and honesty, the peer of any gentleman in the State. His private character was without a stain or blemish and his public career was unassailed and unassailable. This however, all went for nought in the estimation of the majority who had been—everybody in the State now realizes how—called to legislate for the people. Gov. Whiteaker delivered his last biennial message to this body; and, though the same was couched in language at once dignified, becoming, statesmanlike and unexceptionable, its author was made the butt of petty insults and annoyances in the disposition of the same by the said Assembly and Senate. It was moved and seconded that fifteen copies of this message be ordered printed, and the outgoing Governor was attempted to be humiliated in various other ways. Six years hence from that date and a change comes about. The Legislature is overwhelmingly Democratic—Ex Gov. Whiteaker being an honored member of the popular branch—and the presiding executive is a republican—He delivers his biennial message. The same is considered in a spirit of candor, respect and courtesy. Eight hundred copies were ordered printed and the author of the document spared annoyance and humiliation of any sort. We refer to this matter now in order that sensible people may institute a comparison between the manner of men constituting a republican Legislature in 1862, as tried by the standard of a Democratic Legislature in 1868.

A John Chinaman shot his wife in Salem on Tuesday morning last and then very sensibly shot himself dead.—The she Chinaman is likely to recover.

A Reckless Ass.

The mullet-headed scavenger who "indicts" nonsense for the Jacksonville Sentinel never read the Constitution of the State of Oregon. We refer him again to where he can find that document, and if—as we suspicion to be the fact—he cannot read it—we venture the advice that he get the Kanaka—the one who elected him Prosecuting Attorney some years since—to spell it out for him and explain what it means as he goes along.

Article VII, Sec. 18, of the Constitution of Oregon reads: The Legislative Assembly may modify or abolish Grand Jurors. Think of it! The beefy, pated, nincompoop and loil ignoramus of the Jacksonville Sentinel sets himself up as judge and declares the Constitution of the State of Oregon, framed by Judge Boise, Delazon Smith and their compatriots unconstitutional! Shades of the mighty! Seriously, untutored mortals like the editor of the Sentinel are a disgrace to journalism and are fit associates for the lower orders of creation which, however, invariably become contaminated by the contact. The Sentinel editor is only a few degrees more stupid than the average of loil editors on this coast. If he had kept pace with the current history of the times and had possessed sufficient capacity to understand English, he would have known that the antiquated nuisance called a grand jury was long since abolished in Minnesota. But, for an editor who betrays such dense stupidity as does this Jacksonville thing, to decide the Constitution of a sovereign State unconstitutional, is good. It is a joke on Judge Boise, to be sure.

C. L. Vallandigham, the patriot, statesman and scholar, has been nominated for Congress in the Dayton (Ohio) Dist. by the Democracy and will be elected. The republicans allege that he is not fit for Congress because he was once banished! To have been banished by the thing who did the "banishing" for Mr. Vallandigham is the best recommendation mortal man could have. The "banisher" in this case was himself finally "banished" from Ford's theater to—where do you think, reader? We presume he is not fit for Congress, and by reason of having been "banished," at that.

THE APPROACHING STATE FAIR.—The State Fair will soon be on hands, and hence considerable inquiry is being made as to the probable character of the entertainments in store for the interesting occasion. We can only vouch at present for what won't be enacted, to wit: Gibbs with his Sineh and Mush paddle will not be "thar" to muster his recruits—his glory hath departed. The people have learned that the aforesaid Sineh and Mushpaddle drama was a costly nuisance and have retired their champion to private life. Requested in pace.

THINK OF IT!—The republicans say Lincoln was a paragon of wisdom, honesty and sagacity—a Saint as it were. That whatever he did while President was right, and that his knowledge of men and their capacity was super-excellent. They almost claim for the Martyr-Saint infallibility. Well, let's examine the consistency of these pretensions slightly. Frank Blair was a favorite of Lincoln's throughout.—Honors were lavished upon him with a prodigal hand. He was made Major General and kept in active service throughout the official career of Mr. Lincoln and was by him trusted, petted and feted. Now, in the face of all this, the republicans from Maine to California aver that Frank Blair is now and always was a restless, revolutionary, dangerous man—in short, a traitor.—Is this not an imputation not only upon the judgment, but the patriotism of Mr. Lincoln?

During the Senate organization embryo at Salem, Dolph, through courtesy, was allowed to speak a piece.—The job done, he rushes frantically out of the hall, seats himself by a table and writes a long string of nonsense to the Oregonian headed, "Great Speech of Mr. Dolph in the Senate!"

Dolph's soliloquy, before, and after, being relieved from Senatorial duties will appear in next week's SIGNAL.

OREGON LEGISLATURE.

V REGULAR SESSION.

MONDAY, September 14, 1868.

SENATE—At 9:30 o'clock, A. M., Mr. Miller, of Jackson, called the Senate to order, and moved that Mr. Trevitt, of Wasco, be elected as temporary Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, of Lane, S. C. Simpson was chosen Secretary, pro tem.

D. B. Hanna was nominated by Mr. Hendershott, and elected Sergeant-at-arms, pro tem.

Mr. Burch, of Polk, moved that a Committee on Credentials be appointed. Motion carried, and Messrs. Burch, of Polk, Cochran, of Lane, and Ford, of Umatilla, were appointed on such committee.

Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock, A. M., to allow time for the Committee on Credentials to report.

Senate called to order at 10, A. M., by Mr. Trevitt, temporary Chairman.

Committee on Credentials made a statement that they were not ready to report, and asked further time; which was granted, and the committee allowed until 10:30, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Stout, of Multnomah, the Senate took a recess until the coming in of the Committee on Credentials.

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On motion of Mr. Burch of Polk, the Senate took a further recess until 11 o'clock, A. M., to allow time for all the Senators to hand in their credentials.

11, A. M.—Committee on credentials not yet ready to report, and the Senate adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate called to order by the President pro tem.

Committee on Credentials made their report of members entitled to seats in the Senate, as follows:

"That at the last general election the following named persons were elected Senators by their respective counties:

Marion—Samuel Miller (to fill vacancy).

Lane—R. B. Cochran.

Douglas, Coos and Curry—Binger Herman and C. M. Pushbaker.

Josephine—B. F. Holtzclaw.

Polk—B. F. Burch.

Yamhill—S. C. Adams.

Washington, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook—Thomas R. Cornelius.

Multnomah—Lansing Stout.

Clackamas—D. P. Thompson.

Wasco—Victor Trevitt.

Union—James Hendershott.

The Committee report the following names as members holding over from last term:

Linn—William Cyrus and R. H. Crawford.

Lane—H. C. Huston.

Jackson—J. N. T. Miller.

Benton—J. R. Bayley.

Baker—S. Ison.

Umatilla—N. Ford.

Mario—Samuel Brown.

The Committee report that in the Grant county case, I. O. Sterns sent what is called a resignation of his seat in the Senate to the Governor, and that John A. Dribbles presented his certificate of election, and the committee recommend that John A. Dribbles be allowed his seat in the Senate.

The committee further report that in 1866 Joseph N. Dolph and David Powell were elected Senators from Multnomah county; that one of the above named Senators was entitled to hold office for the term of four years from that election, but no allotment was made at the last session of the Senate as required. The committee therefore recommend that neither of said two persons claiming to be Senators from Multnomah Co., are entitled to vote until it shall be decided by lot which one of them is entitled to hold over.

Moved by Hendershott, to receive the report, which motion was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Hendershott that the report of the committee on credentials be adopted.

Mr. Hendershott moved the previous question.

Mr. Cornelius, of Washington, rose to a point of order, to the effect that the previous question was not in order.

The chair overruled the point, to which ruling Mr. Cornelius appealed to the house. The decision of the chair was sustained.

The previous question was withdrawn by Mr. Hendershott in favor of Joseph N. Dolph and Lansing Stout, of Multnomah, so as to allow these gentlemen to make arguments for and against the adoption of the report of the committee on credentials.

Mr. Cornelius moved to amend the report of the committee by striking out the words "Multnomah county" and "Lansing Stout."

Motion lost.

The question was then on the adoption of the report, which was adopted. Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

E. D. Turk, of Grant, was elected Sergeant-at-arms, pro tem.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Waymire, of Polk, Davis, of Multnomah, and Loudon, of Jackson as Committee on Credentials.

The House then took a recess until 4, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order by Mr. Chapman, Chairman, pro tem.

The Committee on Credentials made their report that the following named persons are entitled to seats in the House:

Baker County, R. Beers.

Baker and Union, D. R. Benson.

Benton, J. C. Alexander.

Coos and Curry, Richard Pendergast.

Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook, Wm. D. Hoxton.

Clackamas, J. W. Garrett and D. P. Trullinger.

Douglas, John G. Flock, James F. Gazley and James Applegate.

Grant, R. W. Neal and Thos. E. Gray.

Josephine, Isaac Cox.

Jackson, J. B. White, Thos. Smith and J. D. Loudon.

Lane, John Whiteaker, H. H. Gilfrey and E. N. Tandy.

Linn, John T. Crooks, John Bryant, B. B. Johnson, W. F. Alexander and T. J. Stites.

Multnomah, W. W. Chapman, T. A. Davis and James Powell, G. A. Scoggins.

Marion, John F. Denny, J. B. Lichtenhaler, T. W. Davenport, John Minto, Davis Simpson.

Polk, R. J. Grant, F. Waymire, Ira S. Townsend.

Umatilla, A. L. Kirk.

Union, H. Reinhart.

Washington, John A. Taylor, Edward Jackson.

Yamhill, W. W. Brown, G. W. Burnett, Wasco, D. W. Patler and Geo. J. Ryan.

On motion of Mr. Waymire, of Polk, the names of Davis Simpson, of Marion, and Geo. R. Ryan, of Wasco, were inserted in the report of the Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Mr. Whiteaker, of Lane, moved that the Secretary of State be invited to appear in the Hall of the House for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Members of the House.

The Secretary of State appeared and administered the oath of office to the members of the House.

Mr. Kirk, of Umatilla, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The House proceed to a permanent organization by electing its officers in the following order:

First—Speaker.

Second—Chief Clerk.

Third—Assistant Clerk.

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Counties—Huston, Ison and Brown.

Commerce—Crawford, Ison and Powell.

Education—Herman, Hendershott and Huston.

Roads and Highways—Ison, Cochran and Cornelius.

Public Lands—Holtzclaw, Hendershott, Thompson.

Engrossments—Trevitt, Crawford and Adams.

Enrollments—Cochran, Ford and Bayley.

Mining—Dribblesby, Holtzclaw and Miller, of Marion.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Ways and Means—Waymire, White and Winston.

Education—Stites, Neal and Applegate.

Judiciary—Chapman, Gray, Tandy, Gazley and Davenport.

Claims—Alexander, of Linn, Benson and Taylor.

Military Affairs—Smith, Bryant and Hoxton.

Roads and Highways—White, Butler and Lichtenhaler.

Engrossed Bills—Minto, Townsend and Burnett.

Enrolled Bills—Gilfrey, Flock and Alexander, of Linn.

Indian Affairs—Beers, Johnson and Jackson.

Printing—Davis, Reinhart and Benson.

Corporations—Tandy, Powell and Trullinger.

Commerce—Chapman, Alexander, of Linn, and Pendergast.

Counties—Crooks, Grant and Denny.

Federal Relations—Gray, Scoggins and Brown.

Mining—Loudon, Ryan and Drumbler.

Public Lands—Gray, Cox and Garrett.

The late elections in both Vermont and Maine show a large falling off from former republican majorities.—Gen. Grant is so popular, you know.

The Gazette invites us to furnish "facts" and "statistics" to refute its "argument" in its issue of Sept. 12 in favor of "prohibition." We fail to discover any "argument" in said issue save that which refutes itself.

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