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THE INDIAN QUESTION.

Col. Lee, superintendent of the Indian school at Chemawa, has now about two hundred scholars under his charge, and the care of this large number of young redskins is satisfactorily administered. Over thirty tribes are represented. One excellent feature in these Indian schools, the one above named, the Chilocco school, in the Indian Territory, the Haskell school, in Lawrence, Kas., the Hampton school, the Carlyle school, and some others, is the mingling together of the children of the different tribes, and thus removing the hereditary aversion, that has held the red race apart. It is clear that the ultimate destiny of the Indian is absorption in the paleface. The sentiment of the American people is against retaining the Indian tribes on reservations, and keeping them apart from their white brethren. The act passed by the last congress providing for the allotment of Indian lands in severalty and the sale of the surplus to bona fide settlers is a step in this direction. Already the president has appointed a number of special agents, under the provisions of this law, who are aiding the tribes to which they are appointed, to select their lands, in order that they may become self-supporting. The money derived from the sale of the surplus will be held by the government as trustee, and the interest applied to the purchase of farm implements and other necessities, and the support of farmers to teach them the tillage of the soil.

The usefulness of these Indian schools consists in fitting the young of that race for the duties that will devolve upon them; the boys to grow up industrious citizens, skilled in the various arts for which they are fitted, and the girls to be thrifty housewives fitted to make home happy. It will be admitted that the charge of these young folks is a very important trust, and it affords us much pleasure to report the fact that Col. Lee is fully alive to his responsibilities, and thoroughly competent to perform his delicate duties. Be the palm to him who deserves it.

In our dispatches today we publish an article from the San Francisco Chronicle, in which the writer shows the non-availability of Leland Stanford as a presidential candidate. It is natural for every state to put forth a favorite son for that high office, and before the meeting of the convention a long list of aspiring statesmen are paraded, whose merits are set forth with flourish, and their shortcomings discreetly glossed over. Senator Stanford has been put forth as a representative man from California, but the Chronicle notes the suspicious fact that his principal support comes from the democrats, a sort of Hellene gift. But there need be no concern about Mr. Stanford's candidacy. No republican convention could be so insane as to nominate a man who is identified with a railroad corporation whose false dealings with the government are universally condemned, and who now has the temerity to come before the railroad commission and justify all the frauds that have been perpetrated. Such a man's chances before the convention as a dark horse would be invisible.

ST. JOHN ON THE PLATFORM.

He Sets Forth His Mission With Utterance and Justifies His Course.

HE TURNS BELLIGERENT.

Vivisects his Traitors, and Wipes the Floor with the Oregon Statesman.

We unintentionally did injustice to ex-Gov. St. John's power as a public speaker, in our report yesterday of his discourse the evening preceding. It has been charged in a number of newspapers in the state that this eloquent cold water apostle was desecrating the Sabbath by delivering political harangues on that sacred day. Mr. Webb alluded to this objection in his introductory remarks, and insisted that religion and temperance were indissolubly allied. He said the prohibitionist champion was not there to talk politics, but to instruct his hearers with a strictly moral discourse. And to disarm criticism the worthy elder opened the proceedings with a fervent prayer, a gospel hymn was then sung, and when Mr. St. John presented himself to the audience, he carried a bible in his hand. He took his text from Isaiah and Ezekiel: "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink, which justify the wicked for reward," etc. This confined the speaker to a purely temperance lecture, with politics rigorously excluded; he was hampered with the restriction, and unable to give loose to his powers of argument.

But last evening this restraint was removed, the withes that bound the limbs of this oratorical Samson were loosed, and he stood forth before a crowded and delighted audience a master in dialectics, an irresistible pleader and

striking a ribald jest with solemn sneer.

The lord of irony—that master spell. The ex-governor's talk lasted two hours, and there was not a person in the large audience that felt weariness, or who bated in attention. It would be impossible to do justice to so comprehensive an argument in the brief space at our command. He told of the terrible evils inflicted on society by the use of strong drinks. The money wasted, the homes desolated, the crime and misery and loss of useful energy that result. In this country \$800,000,000 is spent in intemperance every year, and in this state he figured up the expenditure at \$9,000,000 to \$18,000,000. The saloons in Oregon alone if set side by side would stretch out to a length of eleven miles. (We leave to the imagination of the reader how a fervid orator would descant on this aggregation of misery-dealing and poison-dispensing establishments.) The liquor traffic, he said, was worse than the slave traffic; it produced more misery, immolated more victims, destroying its votaries body and soul. The prohibition party was organized to wrestle with and destroy this gigantic evil; its ranks were being recruited with earnest, thinking men, who would not be turned from their purpose till they had accomplished their end. Ridicule would not deter them, abuse would not turn them aside. Their object was elevating, and comprehending the good of all; their weapon was argument, their aim conviction. They would not answer reviling with reviling; they would not resort to vilification though provoked to their utmost endurance. They were clothed with the armor of righteousness, God was enlisted on their side, and the cause they were engaged in would march on to victory, no matter what obstacles, human perversity and mistake spite might place in its way.

Then the lecturer descended from this high moral standpoint to notice the slurs and falsifications and abuse that had been heaped on himself and his faithful co-workers since his entrance into Oregon. In this beautiful city of Salem, he said he had been assailed, and he would take a few moments to make apparent to his audience the nature of the weapons directed against him. From a number of printed and written papers lying on his table the lecturer selected a copy of the Statesman of Saturday last, and read the following choice extracts.

St. John can at least congratulate himself upon one fact, and that is he is the best-hated man in America. A decent citizen will turn away and hold his nose quicker at the mention of his name than of any other human skunklet in this country.

It is a piece of impudence to refer to the hired har of the assistant democratic party as "Gov. St. John." He was beaten for governor of Kansas on the republican ticket at a time when that state had a republican majority of many thousands, and on the same ticket a colored man ran and was elected. It is safe to say a Chinaman would beat him in Oregon for sheep inspector.

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The lecturer said there were several hundred persons in his audience, intelligent men and women holding a good position in society, yet the mention of his name did not seem offensive to their susceptibilities and he did not find a single one of them holding his nose. "It was a piece of impudence," we are told, "to refer to the hired har of the assistant democratic party as 'Gov. St. John,'" yet in the seven-line sheet a report is given of the call of a Statesman representative on this obnoxious individual, who was admitted into "the genial presence of Gov. St. John." If it is pure impudence to call him "Governor," why does the Statesman reporter commit the offense? He admitted this visitor to his room, but did not perceive that he held his nose. The lecturer asked whether there was argument in such kind of talk? Whether it convinced an opponent of error? Or turned a single vote from the prohibition party? He could excuse such puerility because the Statesman editor was very young. He had a great deal to learn yet, and he was not hopeless of his improvement. A mule was a useful animal, and no doubt meant well. But his only exercise of vocal power was in his bray, and his only weapons of offense his heels. The Oregonian and the Portland News have resorted to the same mode of attack as this Salem editor. He could stand their scurrility if they could. It was driving decent republicans away from the party and sending converts into the prohibition ranks.

He has been charged with treachery to the republican party, and in rebuttal of this gave a brief sketch of his political history. He had joined the republican party at its foundation, and in 1856 voted for Gov. Fremont for president. He was one of the early abolitionists, and when the war broke out, shouldered his musket and marched into the field to suppress rebellion. He was twice elected governor of Kansas, and was largely instrumental in procuring the adoption of the prohibition amendment in that state. He ran a third time for that office and was defeated. Did that sour him, as has been charged? He remained two years longer faithfully working with the party, devoted to the cause of prohibition, but believing that the destruction of intemperance could be brought about within that party.

The lecturer told in a very interesting way of the visit of Miss Willard to the national republican convention in 1884, bearing a petition signed by a quarter of a million christian women of our land asking that a resolution be inserted in the platform committing the party to the cause of prohibition. Her petition was scouted, and then he consented to the use of his name as candidate for president on the prohibition ticket. He received 150,000 votes and his sin consists in causing the defeat of Blaine. But those who charge him with this offense forget that Blaine and Cleveland conspired to bring about his defeat.

The lecture was hugely enjoyed by the audience. Pathos was mixed with sharp rallies of humor, and brilliant repartee. Mr. St. John has established a reputation in the minds of our citizens of a first class prohibition orator. May his shadow never grow less!

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2. To consider the matter of renting the hall from the Grangers.

3. To consider the advisability of either disbanding, or adjournment until next fall.

4. Discussion of Prohibition question.

5. To obtain the expression of the members in regard to the proper course to be pursued by them in the present political campaign.

6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Society.

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