OCHOCO REVIEW.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1887.

ROB PETER TO PAY PAUL.

The following petition is being circulated in this portion of the state, viz: "To the honorable house of representatives in congress at Washington, D. C. Your petitioners respectfully sheweth that in the year 1880 a special agent named Prosser was appointed by the interior department to examine and report on the work done by the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon-Road Co., and whereas, said Prosser passed over all of said alleged road and reported the same as a beautiful piece of work, that said company had constructed a good county road from Albany, Linn county, O., where the military road begin, for a distance of twenty-six miles, that from thence for sixty miles the road was a passable one, except for want of many necessary bridges and that from there to the eastern boundary of the state, 330 miles the company only made a wagon track, avoiding no hills, allowing no grades and disregarding prospects.

Your petitioners, residents of Linn county, state of Oregon, beg leave to certify to the correctness in every particular of the report of the special agent Prosser, and respectfully and earnestly ask that your honorable body enact a law similar to what is known as the "Dolph bill" which passed the senate May 21, 1886, to declare forfeited the unearned lands along the line of said road and the right of United States to resume the same and your petitioners will ever pray, etc."

This petition is being circulated quite largely now, and all signing concur and prophesy big by signing the same. Yet they are doing so unconsciously. People have gotten into such a habit of signing every petition that comes along, they literally attach their names without taking time to inform to what they are affixing their names and then awake to it only when too late. Any one can see by a moment's thought that this is gotten up wholly for a locality that at the Oregon & Willamette Valley & Coast Railroad, or the Oregon Pacific as commonly designated. The value of this land grant is the money upon which said railroad has its origin of construction, and this plan has been gotten up by the chicanery of Portland to defeat this if it, if possible. Everyone is familiar with the feeling at Portland against this road. Man of labor, watch what you do. And now it seems clear to us that the whole thing is gotten up to defeat the completion of this road, yet we do not think it will ever be hindered from completion, but it might retard it considerably, as this is the most natural route of transportation there is. No doubt that sooner or later the road will be completed. There might be much more said but this is sufficient to set the people to thinking. *Herald Democrat, Jan. 7.*

Mr. *Democrat*, is not every fact set forth in that petition the simple, plain, unvarnished truth? Did the W. V. & C. M. Road Company ever build a foot of road or earn an acre of land? Has not 600,000 acres of land been withheld from settlement for the last twenty years under the claim of said company, and is it not an uncontradicted fact that this claim is the honest and fraudulent? Is it not true that by reason of this claim and the action of the department in withholding these lands and not permitting settlers to settle on them that this company has been able to demand and collect enormous rents from the settlers along the line of this pretended road, who have had the misfortune to settle upon and improve these lands? Is it not true that this is nothing short of robbery? Yet, do you want this robbery to continue that Albany may have a railroad? Shall the people of Grant, Crook and Linn counties be robbed, their hard earnings filched, their improvements, the result of years of toil, hardship and self denial, be confiscated, that Albany may put on a holiday attire and with bated breath and bended knee roll in the dust at the sight of a railroad magnate? Is there no sense of justice or honesty in the people of Albany, that they dare ask this, or object to the truth being told about this fraudulent land grant? Was the mutilation of the peoples memorial, that with eloquent words set forth the fraud of this grant and demanded simple justice, done in the interest of Albany?

Prosser told the truth, the committee appointed by the last legislature told the truth, this petition tells the truth, and it comes with an ill grace for a town, whose citizens stole these lands from the government and who sought to cover up their theft by perjury, bribery and the mutilation of public papers, to attempt to stifle the peoples prayers for justice against a continuation of fraud and wrong.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

Some of our old-fashion exchanges, holding that "because our forefathers went to mill with corn in one end of the bag and a stone in the other," we should not seek to advance or to improve on their methods, or to the same effect, that because the state has been prosperous under the said constitution, forsooth, people in these days are not competent to frame a new constitution, and we are being sufficiently up to all the demands of the present generation. Thus, the so called democratic press, the farming in the state was a good, sound, reasonable foundation on which to base and was fully equal to the demands of the infant state. But as progress is upon us, modifications are necessary which the present constitution will not admit. For instance, it is a disgrace to Elliott and an encouragement to bribery that our legislators are only allowed three dollars per day for their services, a salary which no man of talent can afford to accept, unless he be a fully interested in some legislative measure. Just this starving salary drives men of sense and honor out of our legislative body and fills the halls with bribers and rascals. The county officers are paid all our state officials. In the judicial department the circuit judges are paid $3000 a year, while the supreme judges only receive $2200. This is a bid for bribery and tends to put weak lawyers and corrupt men on the bench. Many marginals might be highlighted, but suffice it to say, though our constitution is in small form compared with modern demands, it is literally John, none of our exchanges of more modern ideas is needed nor a constitutional convention.

INTERMINABLE INVESTIGATION.

What voice the sentiment of the people of this country in calling upon our representatives, Cartwright, Hoge and Wilcox to demand an investigation of the mutilation of Senate Joint Memorial No. 6. This act of infamy was the work of a brilliant tool of a fraudulent corporation, an infamous attempt to prevent the people from obtaining a fair hearing, plain evidence of the dangerous power of corporation gold, and unmistakable notice that the people have no rights which corporations will respect.

Investigate, and publish the truth, even though a corporation potentate goes to the penitentiary.

The report of the president of the board of regents of the State University, Judge Deady, shows the institution to be in a prosperous condition. The receipts for the past year were $25,274 31, and the total expenditures $16,070. There was expended of the $30,000 appropriated by the state for the addition to the building, $27,034 97. The state fund loaned on June 1, 1886, amounted to $71,708; notes in process of collection, $2300; cash on hand, $1,001 29, making a total of $75,009 29.

The republican party, which has so long set itself up as the God-and-morality party—the anti-whiskey party—have been wrangling in congress to repeal the excise duties on liquor, but voted down Morrison's resolution to consider the reduction of the tariff on the necessities of life. How consistent!

SHOWN IN THE BLACK.

The *Oregonian* of the 11th, commenting on the organization of the legislature and Monday's proceedings, says:

"There was some delay in effecting organization of the legislature, resulting from the efforts of the Portland ring to organize it in corporation, monopoly and political ring interests. In spite the effort succeeded, though the ring did not get for speaker of the house the man they prefered. But in getting Carson in as president of the senate, and in succeeding in their effort to defeat the proposition to have the senate appoint its own committees, they got all that was really necessary. Though the power of appointing committees is left in Carson's hands, of course he will not appoint them. That work will be done by the ring, under the direction of Simon [illegible] other monopoly, whisky and political combinations. The present object is to defeat all efforts to get legislation that would in any wise hurt corporation, monopoly or political ring interests. The people of Oregon may judge whether they are likely to get the legislation they demand from the senate organized and controlled by the combined rings that have their hand in Portland. There is no need of waiting till the adjournment to make up an index to the proceedings. The index is furnished in the first pages of the volume, and the ring members are happy in the unshaking belief that they need clear title clear to aid their plans and purposes."

If the predictions of the *Oregonian* are correct, if the senate is to be controlled by a few unscrupulous tools of Dealers of Portland, it is, indeed, a deplorable state of affairs, and it is high time that something be done to draw men of talent and irreproachable character into that body.

Ex-Governor A. C. Gibbs died at London, England, on the 7th. Gov. Gibbs was one of Oregon's pioneers, having arrived here in 1852. He held numerous offices of honor and trust in the state, and in 1862 was elected governor. He was connected with various public improvements in and about Portland, and was one of the founders of the Portland iron works. He leaves a wife and family in Portland.

NOTICE TO SETTLERS.

All persons desiring to locate on land, make filings, etc., will do well to call on the County Clerk, as he has obtained United States and Company maps of this county, and also a full and complete copy of the laws of the General Land Office.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR.
January 7, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Crook County, at Prineville, Or., on Feb 2, 1887, viz: GEORGE CRAIG, H. S. 2293, for the N½ of SW¼ and SE¼ of SW¼ Sec 8 Tp 15 S of R 16 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: A. H. Brown, A. J. Nowlin, Jerry Minter, Wm. Adams, all of Prineville, Or.

E. A. McDonald,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR.
January 5, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Crook County, at Prineville, Or., on Feb 2, 1887, viz: [illegible] for the [illegible] of Sec [illegible] Tp [illegible] S of R [illegible] E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: [illegible] Perry Reed, John Cooper, all of Prineville, Or.

E. A. McDonald,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: [illegible]

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR.
December 1, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of Crook County, at Prineville, Or., on Jan 8, 1887, viz: [illegible] for the [illegible] of Sec [illegible] Tp [illegible] S of R [illegible] E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: [illegible] James Orange, [illegible] of Prineville, Or.

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December 1, 1886.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: [illegible] Jackson, [illegible] of Prineville, Or.