

The Daily Oregonian.

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THE NEW SENATOR'S ANTECEDENTS.

Mr. Slater came to Oregon a free soil Whig. In natural constitution of mind he was opposed to the Democratic party, and this opposition was strengthened by his early training and associations. But he found few political kindred spirits in Oregon, and but a handful in Benton county. His mind was not of a very robust and independent order, but he had some rather quick parts which enabled him soon to see that there was no hope for political advancement through adherence to ideas which could not muster numbers sufficient to give a party a standing and a name. Thus beset, Mr. Slater began to yield to the force of popular opinion around him. Democracy he first endured, then pitied, then embraced. He won the friendship of J. C. Avery, long a leading citizen and prominent Democrat of Benton. Mr. Avery and Judge Williams completed Mr. Slater's conversion to Democracy. Confirmed in the faith by receiving the appointment of clerk of the court at the hands of Judge Williams, he has remained generally faithful to his new views, though often taunted in years past with his free soil or abolition antecedents. During the war he proudly kept silent, since his party had no favors to bestow. He was no more a man to lead a born free soil Whig in the midst of an overpowering adverse public sentiment. But when the close of the war gave opportunity to the Democracy to renew its strength, and honors were once more in sight, Mr. Slater again appeared at the front, and has repeatedly been pushed aside to make room for others who had a larger hold on the heart of their party. But all this he has borne with as much patience and good nature as one so situated could be expected to evince. He has always been offering himself, yet it has always been easy to crowd him off. As witty Charles the Second said of Godolphin, he is never in the way nor out of the way. He owes his fortune now to the favor of locality. A circumstance raised by another as a political trick to serve a selfish purpose turns to the advantage of Mr. Slater. Those appeals made by Mr. Mitchell to Eastern Oregon in the hope of securing his own election, hollow as they are, give Mr. Slater's friends their opportunity. Otherwise Mr. Slater had been seduced in vain from free soil principles in his youth, and like patience on a monument would still be waiting and taking his chances for the next occasion.

THE RING CHARTER.

This instrument proposes to reserve to the common council the big job in the erection of water works and gas works, by providing especially in section 33 that the council shall have power to furnish the city with water, to regulate the sale and distribution thereof, and to erect or construct water works and reservoirs within or without the limits of the city; and also to provide for lighting the streets with gas or other light, and to erect such works as may be necessary or convenient thereto. A common council, a majority of whose members are totally irresponsible in every respect, and who notoriously are mere instruments in the hands of trucking politicians by whom this ring charter is conceived and supported, should not be entrusted with any such power and opportunity. The people do not want to see the city government converted wholly into a ring machine. That is sufficiently its character now. Put the police wholly in the hands of the common council, and all the other large opportunities which the ring proposes to seize under this cunningly devised charter, and the politicians of a grasping faction will be able to consolidate their now broken power, and gain once more a foothold to rule the state. It is well known that their complaint against the present police organization is that they could not use it as they desired in the last election. It declined the most earnest solicitations to "stand in," and neither entreaty nor threats could bring it to the support of a faction which had staked all on a single throw for a new lease of power. A tacit police is now wanted by the ring which made its threats immediately after the election that it would punish what it chose to call the treachery of the police organization to its interests. We shall see if the legislature will deliberately confer on the ring the power it seeks and convert the corporation of Portland into spoils for others to revel in.

THE INDIAN SITUATION.

Gen. Howard has for some weeks been collecting bands of surrendering Indians at McDermitt, and the whole of them numbering in the aggregate nearly one thousand, are now being transferred to Camp Harvey. They are held as prisoners of war to await the pleasure of the government. It should be almost unnecessary to say that these Indians ought by all means to be transferred to some distant locality. The country is now cleared of all bands of Indians which have been engaged in hostilities. Remove these Indians, now prisoners, and the whole of southeastern Oregon and the adjacent parts of Nevada and Idaho will forever remain undisturbed. The Malheur reservation should be given up. If the Indians heretofore belonging to that reservation be sent back, nothing can keep them there; they will start off again on a raiding expedition whenever they feel disposed, and there will be a repetition of the scenes of the past summer throughout all the surrounding country. It is absolutely necessary for safety that they be removed to some distant place as the Modocs were; and now that the whole of them are prisoners, the job will be an easy one and should be done at once. We are advised that Gen. Howard has recommended that they be taken to the Indian territory or some other distant locality, and it may be hoped that his recommendation will have weight with the authorities at Washington. It should be seconded by our representatives in congress. We call attention to the desirability of such thorough action as will assure the country that we have had the last of this trouble.

The names of thirty-eight Indians of the Umatilla and Columbia river bands who joined the hostiles and participated in the attacks upon our citizens in Umatilla county have been ascertained, and many of them are known. That they are lurking about the Umatilla reservation, or in the vicinity of the Columbia river is not doubted. The civil authorities should be on the alert for them. It is positively necessary to the future peace of that vicinity that these renegades be taken and punished. Every possible facility will be furnished by the military, but it will devolve on the civil authorities to make the arrests, because there is a law which forbids the use of the military as a posse to execute civil process, and if Gen. Howard takes the

Indians he must hold them under military law and cannot give them up to the authorities for trial and punishment. This may serve for answer or explanation to the complaint made at Pendleton that the military are not arresting the offending Indians and giving them up to the sheriff. Surely the sheriff ought to be able to ascertain who those Indians are; and he has a right to take them on the reservation or wherever found.

Measures should also be taken without delay to effect a permanent settlement with the Indians of Moses' band on the upper Columbia. The territory which Moses wishes to retain ought to be conceded to him. He has maintained the peace under very trying circumstances heretofore, and has always been true to his promises. His conduct in the past gives assurance, therefore, that if he is confirmed in possession of the lands he occupies he will remain a firm friend of the whites, keep the peace and exercise a wholesome influence over the Indians around him. It is the more necessary that this concession be made at once, because there has always been some uneasiness among those Indians, and because it is certain that any attempt to remove them to a new locality will be resisted, and the result will be war. Those lands could never be of much value to the whites. Besides, if this arrangement be consummated, Homely will go from the Umatilla reservation to this locality, and two-thirds of the Indians of that reservation will most willingly attend him. This would go far toward settling all questions connected with the Umatilla reservation. Now is the time to put all these matters in proper shape, so that the country may experience no more trouble. Remove the Indian prisoners to a distant place, punish the unfaithful Umatillas and settle definitely with Moses, and we shall not have further disturbance.

There has been quite a row in the Democratic convention in Massachusetts over the nomination of Butler for governor. The state central committee made an order postponing the convention till the 25th, but the adherents of Butler disregarded it and rushed their programme through. It now remains to be seen what the respectable portion of the Democratic party will do.

DIED.

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