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President Grant.

Last Tuesday General Grant was inaugurated President of the United States for a second term. He enters upon the discharge of the duties of that high office, possessing in an eminent degree the trust and confidence of the American people. No stain, or even well-founded suspicion of intentional wrong, mars the purity of his official life. True in his official acts to the principles of the party which elevated him to power, he has most successfully and powerfully guided them to a successful issue, until now organized opposition has ceased. The past four years of his executive life have been a grand success. He promises to be the same honest, intelligent, careful, modest, firm, conscientious President in the future. We have no doubts as to the capability and goodness of the President, and look forward to another four years of successful administration.

The Quickest Way.

A telegram from New York last week announced that about five hundred soldiers from Forts Schuyler, Columbus and Hamilton had started by railroad for the Modoc region. This would seem to indicate that the President has no confidence in a substantial peace being negotiated by the Commission. The *Statesman* suggests that "if the President will recall the Peace Commission, and let the soldiers talk with Capt. Jack, we will soon have a treaty of peace which the Indians will hereafter respect." Yes, a heavy talk in the shape of leaden bullets, roared out in the language of U. S. breech-loaders, well-aimed, will modify their warfare the quickest.

The Union Pacific Railroad is indebted to the amount of \$80,000,000. Of this \$27,000,000 represent first mortgage bonds; \$27,000,000 a second mortgage, or Government aid bonds; then \$10,000,000 are for land grant bonds, and \$10,000,000 are income bonds, and the rest is a floating indebtedness. The road is represented as having fallen into a dilapidated condition, some structures having been only imperfectly put up in the first place, and shops and engines having been left to get out of repair.

At Deer Creek, some eight miles from Tehama, Cal., a new and fatal disorder has broken out among the people. The disease commences with a chill, which is succeeded by a fever, and then spasms or convulsions; the head is drawn back and the sufferer falls into a stupor, which continues until death ensues. The physicians were unable to give any relief. Seven deaths had occurred since Friday preceding the 27th ult., and twelve new cases were reported.

An editor of the *Freeport, Ill., Bulletin*, a Democratic journal, expresses an intention to "give the radicals a—!" To this an exchange remarks: "If the Democrats do dispose of that populous place to the Republicans we shall then have control of a very large Democratic vote not heretofore counted on our side." Democrats should not be too hasty in giving up their strongholds.

Too Fast.

The propensity to rush to conclusions without proper investigation, and to inflate everything, is a fault peculiar to the American people. If we "go" for a thing at all, it is at a breakneck speed with all the wind and noise of a hurricane. If a charge of fraud, or conspiracy, or evil of any kind is noticed, it is seized hold of with red-hot ardor, and twisted and twirled by our voluble, "flip-flap," uttaring tongues into an immense enormity, a mammoth monstrosity. Investigation scarcely ever reveals half the criminality which is charged. One or more dishonest Representatives are charged with a fraud, and on the bare assertion, we treat it as an established fact. Not only this, we increase the enormity of the offense by tacking on others and charging a whole Legislature or Congress with being guilty of them. Verify, it would appear from the talk of some men, that every man in public life, from a President to a Councilman, is a thief and a scoundrel, when probably not one in five hundred is one-half as mean and dishonest as these same croakers. No sooner were the charges made in the *Credit Mobilier*, than many hastened to believe them. They didn't wait for testimony, but took the whole thing down at a gulp, upon the naked assertion, or expression of suspicion. Why this lightning credibility to stamp "guilty" upon the brow of every public man, charged with crime? The law presumes every man charged with a crime innocent, until proof of guilt has been adduced. The *Mobilier* Investigating Committee failed to find testimony sufficient to convict many distinguished men, whom a credulous public, on mere rumor, or individual assertion, pronounced guilty. Colfax is now regarded as guilty by some, the testimony of Oakes Ames, the champion scoundrel in the fraud, confessedly guilty, being all there is to prove it. Colfax swore the statements of Ames were false. His official integrity, previous to this, had never been doubted; and now, in a question of veracity between him and Ames, the "worker up" of this fraud, should any candid man hesitate as to which to believe? Down in California, a greedy public after the sensational, seize the morbid sentimentality of one or two editors, based upon the erroneous and highly imaginative reports of reckless and irresponsible correspondents, principally, and elevate a few degraded, blood-thirsty, murdering Modocs into martyrs and heroes, and degrade a whole Southern Oregon, of white citizens, into avaricious thieves and inhuman barbarians. Based on a mere hint, or thread of suspicion, some of Oregon's most virtuous and distinguished citizens have been charged by California journals with offenses of the gravest character, purporting to have been committed by them in the past against the Indians. No proof is asked, the hint of a paid compiler of sensational news, or the suspicious of a "sore-head" politician, is sufficient. Editors comment upon it as a fact, and the public swallow it down as a sweet morsel at one gulp. In this unseemly haste displayed in arriving at conclusions, great injustice and discourtesy are committed, if not irreparable injury.

Families were flying from Spain on the 28th ult. in large numbers.

A Difference.

A religious sect is living in Vermont, who wash each others feet. They place themselves in rows, back to back, in a sitting posture, when they do the washing. In their diet, they discard pork, and live principally on beans, brown-bread and salt-water trout. Saturday is their sacred day. The women wear trowsers, something like the Bloomers. An eastern paper in speaking of the feet-washing peculiarity of this sect, says "there is also a sect at Washington who whitewash each others' reputations, but it isn't a very religious sect." They use *lie*, probably, in their whitewash.

The public debt statement shows a decrease during February of \$5,266,800. Treasury balance—coin, \$55,930,781; currency, \$4,660,902. Bonds issued Pacific Railroad companies—interest payable in lawful money, principal outstanding, \$64,623,672; interest accrued and not yet paid, \$646,235; interest paid by the United States, \$18,509,280; interest paid by transportation of mails, etc., \$4,185,353; balance of interest paid by the United States, \$14,343,927.

The Senate last Saturday passed the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad bill, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, simply authorizing the said Company to take from the public lands timber, stone and other material necessary for constructing the road.

It is again announced that Laura D. Fair intends visiting this State on a lecture tour. If money be her object, we think she misconceives the temper of the Oregon people. Their curiosity even will not lead them to put money into the hands of a woman, whose notoriety was procured by licentiousness and murder.

News has been received at Portland announcing the loss of the *George S. Wright*, the steam propeller which sailed from Portland for Sitka on the 2d of last January. She is supposed to have been wrecked on her return trip, and all on board are thought to have perished. The wreck is reported to be lying about thirty miles northeast of the head of Vancouver Island. Some hope is indulged that at least some of the passengers and crew may have fallen into the hands of the Indians who inhabit the northern coast, who may be holding them for ransom. The number of passengers on board is not known. It is very certain that Major Walker and wife were on board. Several of the officers and crew were citizens of Portland.

It is related of the late Mr. Butler, of Providence, Rhode Island, that he was so obliging as to re-open his store one night solely to supply a little girl with a spool of thread which she wanted. The accident took wind, brought him in a large run of custom, and he died a millionaire, after subscribing \$40,000 toward founding a hospital for the insane.

The Russian Ambassador at Paris has only twenty-five servants to wait upon him. When he gives dinners, these twenty-five men stand round in scarlet coats and powdered wigs and present a gorgeous appearance.

"Pub. Docs." cost us Oregonians something now-a-days, and so do the Mo-Docs.

Modoc Peace Propositions.

The Modoc Peace Commissioners have had an interview with Captain Jack, and propositions for the settlement of the Modoc troubles decided upon. The following dispatch, sent to C. Delano, Secretary of the Interior at Washington, contains the terms:

"We have sent a messenger with these terms to the Modocs: 1st. To surrender as prisoners of war. 2d. To be removed to a southern and warmer climate, and be there provided for. They accept the terms—have sent a delegation to talk over details, but not to conclude them. Captain Jack is sick. Everything looks favorable for peace. They ask for small homes, and to be located collectively. We think well of their request for amnesty to all. Captain Jack desires to visit Washington with one or two of his young men."

In the conversation with Jack, he said that he did not want any more war; wanted to live in peace forever. The people might pursue their vocations without fear; did not think Meacham was responsible for the wrongs he had suffered on the reservation; says Applegate is the principal cause of this trouble; denied ever having murdered or stolen until his people were attacked; thought Oregon people his enemies, but he liked Californians.

Latest from the Modocs.

The latest from the Peace Commission to the press states that the Modocs have emphatically rejected all offers and propositions. They proposed to meet Meacham and Applegate with six men unarmed in the lava bed, but this was regarded as treachery. The Commission were willing to meet them, but not on their terms. They had had an accession of twenty-four warriors.

A California paper says: "Some Oregon religious fanatics are grieving because the existence of hell is denied. It really seems a pity that persons so anxious for hell shouldn't find it." The reason they feel no anxiety about the existence of that place in California, is because they are so full of it they haven't room.

FOREIGN NEWS.

It is reported that the Grand Powers of Europe have agreed to postpone their recognition of the Spanish Republic for one fortnight.

The Government of Spain is organizing an army of twenty battalions to fight the Carlists.

The Spanish Minister for the Colonies telegraphed to authorities at Cuba and Porto Rico, Feb. 26, of the formation of the new Ministry, and said the Republic would defend, at any price, the integrity of the Antilles.

The Swiss Government has formally recognized the Republic of Spain.

Austria is disposed to act with Prussia and Russia in regard to the new Government in Spain.

At Quebec, Canada, on the 3d, 1,000 soldiers were stationed at the polling places. Rroughs demolished three booths, but were charged by soldiers and dispersed. The city was under martial law all day.

It was believed in London on the 3d that the funds on the Bank of England would reach a million dollars.

The ex-King and Queen of Spain sailed from Lisbon on the 3d, in the frigate *Roma*.

The bark *Bayne* was wrecked on the southeast coast of England recently. Fifteen of the crew were lost.

EASTERN NEWS.

It is estimated that there are between ten and twelve million bushels of surplus wheat in Minnesota to be shipped.

The chair in which Washington sat at the time of his first inauguration, was to be used in the inauguration of Grant last Tuesday.

The salaries are fixed as follows: President, \$50,000; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, \$10,500; Justices of the Supreme Court, Vice President, Speaker of the House, members of the Cabinet, \$10,000; Senators, Members and Delegates to Congress, \$6,500. The increased pay applies to the present Congress. That of the President and other officers to commence after the 4th of March.

John Parker died at Patterson, N. J., last Friday, from the effects of slow poison administered by his wife, it was supposed.

The widow of the late James Fisk, jr., has obtained a temporary injunction restraining the *Credit Mobilier* from dissolving until a judicial determination can be had of her claim of 20,000 shares of its stock.

A good story has been missed by telegraphers. Butler when defending saintly Ames declared himself not a press-made, but a God-made man. Sam Cox exclaimed: "You neither look nor act like your father."

In the Senate, on the 28th ult., Morrill, of Vermont, reported adversely on the bill to donate certain public buildings in Oregon.

An investigation of the affairs of the Lechmere National Bank, at East Cambridge, Mass., showed a deficit of \$12,500, which the Cashier, Savage, confesses to have abstracted. This is exclusive of missing securities belonging to private parties.

Mrs. Putnam, wife of A. D. Putnam, who was killed by Foster, now under sentence of death at New York, has written a letter to Gov. Dix asking a commutation of Foster's sentence.

Attorney General Williams has directed U. S. District Attorney Bliss to enter a *nolle prosequi* in the case of Palhams & Jackson, brokers, indicted for alleged complicity with defaulting Paymaster Hodge, on the ground that the statutes relative to embezzlement do not cover the offenses of persons not United States officers.

At Frindlay, Ohio, on Thursday of last week, Nicholas Binsinger, an old man jealous of his young wife and H. J. Garter, a young man working and boarding with his family, entered Garter's house and shot and killed him. The old man was lodged in jail.

So much pressure has been brought to bear on Gov. Dix that it is believed that Foster's sentence will be commuted to imprisonment for life. Hon. Hamilton Fish, Thurlow Weed, Mrs. Gov. Dix and her son, Rev. Morgan Dix, and the surviving jurymen who tried him, are among the petitioners.

President Tejada of Mexico in answer to the congratulations of President Grant, through Minister Nelson, on his—Tejada's—election to the Mexican Presidency, said he hoped the friendly relations now existing between the two countries would remain forever undisturbed.

The late census of Brazil gives a population of 10,000,000.