

Albany Register.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1874.

E. W. F. Dunne is the newly appointed Chief Justice of Arizona.

Thos. B. Van Buren has been confirmed by the Senate as Consul at Nagasaki, Japan.

The Baker City ladies have inaugurated a crusade against the whisky sellers.

Judge Lewis Dent, brother of Mrs. Grant, died at his residence in Washington on the 22d inst., of tumor in the stomach.

At Victoria, B. C., on the 21st, Thomas Schooley was sentenced to death for the murder of Henry Forman.

The occasion of Gen. Wolsley's arrival in London, at Waterloo station, recently, was taken advantage of by the people to give him a grand reception—it was a perfect ovation.

It now seems that all the stories in relation to the destitution of Louis Kossuth, that have filled the papers recently, are false ones. Kossuth is in comfortable circumstances.

At La Conner, W. T., on the 13th, Mrs. Samuel Quigley, in a fit of temporary insanity, jumped into the Skagit river with her infant child in her arms. Both were drowned.

The new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Waite, took the oath of office and entered upon its duties on the 4th inst. The Court room was crowded, one-third of the crowd being ladies.

The Rhode Island Democratic State Convention, which convened in Providence, March 23d, resolved to make no nominations, appointed a State Central Committee and adjourned.

The Senate Committee on Public Lands have agreed to report favorably on the bill creating a new land office at Dalles, to be called the Dalles District, with offices of Register and Receiver located there.

The bark St. Patrick and the ship St. Nicholas have been chartered to come to Portland and load grain for the United Kingdom at £5 per ton. Both vessels are to arrive at Portland by the 1st of December.

The following postal changes have been ordered for Pacific coast: Offices established—Walton, Whatcom county, W. T., Jas. M. Garden, postmaster, Offices discontinued—North Bend, Coos county, Oregon.

FIRES.—A destructive fire in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the evening of the 22d, destroyed three whole blocks and portions of others—nearly all new buildings. Loss, \$300,000; insurance, \$75,000. A fire at Elgin, Illinois, on the morning of the 23d, destroyed three of the best blocks in the city. Loss, \$147,000—insurance not ascertained. The Elms Cutlery Works, at London Ferry, and Clark & Co., New Britain, Connecticut, were burned on the morning of the 23d. Loss, \$300,000; insurance, \$100,000.

From the opening of the Democratic State Convention to its close, it was evident to the dullest comprehension, that the Grover ring had perfect control of it. The candidates for the several State offices had been selected before hand, and were put through regardless of "taste or expense," or any lack of fitness for the positions. The ring candidate for Treasurer came within an ace of being beaten, as was charged by Democrats, by the free use of coin. Democrats stated publicly on the streets that Fleischer expended several thousand dollars "fixing" delegates; but unfortunately for him the ring got wind of it and went into the "fixing" business just in time to save their man. It was a close shave—60 to 61. It was the most corrupt Convention, if we are to believe half the stories afloat during its session and since its adjournment, set afloat, too, by Democrats, that was ever held in Oregon. Delegates said publicly that they couldn't afford to come here for nothing, and they didn't propose to. However, we can afford to be lenient with them, as the ticket they placed in nomination will be terribly beaten next June.

In the platform of principles adopted by the Democratic State Convention held in this city last week, appears resolutions asking Congressional aid in building certain railroads in Oregon. The first plank in the platform brings the party back to one of the "time-honored principles" of bedrock Democracy, and enunciates the ancient doctrine—

and we affirm that the people of the several States have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as free, sovereign and independent States, subject only to the limitations of the Constitution, and that all powers not herein expressly granted to the national government, are reserved to the States respectively, etc.

As no man ever has or ever will find any shadow of authority for saying that the Constitution of the United States anywhere expressly gives to Congress the power to grant aid to railroads, it would seem that this great Democratic Convention has attempted, in a jocular mood, to make game of the people of Oregon. It first enunciates the principle that Congress has no right to do a certain thing, and follows up that enunciation by asking Congress to do that very thing. However, as inconsistency latterly has been a marked trait of the Democratic party, we suppose we shall be compelled to place this among the many other glaring inconsistencies in the Democratic platform, and charge it to the "new departure" policy, since the adoption of which the average Democrat has been unable to tell what principles are and what are not avouched by the party.

On Tuesday the temperance crusade opened in Portland. Thirteen ladies started out to pray and sing for the conversion of liquor dealers. Only two saloons were visited by this little band, and their success was not the most gratifying; but it is understood they intend to persevere in the good cause, until they accomplish the desired results—the closing out of liquor saloons.

In remarks upon the school law, Grover said if it was objectionable to the people, they should send up members to the Legislature who would enact a law repealing it—to enable Grover to veto it, we suppose.

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

Grover for Governor! This is the old lady who told the Convention, with outstretched hands, that she had been laboring for twenty-three years for the principles contained in the platform! The platform pledges the Democratic party to the repeal of the Litigant Act. A law was passed by the last Legislature repealing this law, but her Excellency vetoed it. But she had the check to come before the Convention and say:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Convention: You are not in any temper to listen to a speech, nor are you here now to engage in any such business. I wish to say only that I recognize in all the resolutions the sentiment of the Democratic party. I recognize in those resolutions the principles for which I have fought and struggled for 23 years in the State of Oregon, and there is not an element in those resolutions which I do not recognize as an old friend for which I have fought, and will continue to fight.

If the possession of clean cut audacity and unbleached mendacity is the chief qualification for office in Oregon, Grover possesses both in all their pristine vigor, and is clearly entitled to all the benefits arising from their constant practice "for the past twenty-three years."

We affirm that the greatest danger with which we are now threatened is the corruption and extravagance which exists in high official places; and we do declare, as the cardinal principle of our future political action, that retrenchment, economy, and reform are imperatively demanded in all the Governments of the people, Federal, as well as State and municipal; and we here proclaim ourselves the uncompromising foes of ring politicians, and land monopolists, whoever they may be, and wherever they may be found, whether they are in office or out, and we appeal to honest men everywhere, without regard to past political affiliations, to join us in branding as they deserve these corrupt leeches on the body politic, and assisting us to purge official stations of their unwholesomeness and baneful presence.

The above is the second plank in the Democratic platform, adopted by the Grover ring that assembled in this city a few days since and styled themselves The Oregon Democratic State Convention. Notoriously the Convention was run and managed throughout by Grover and his ring, nominating Grover and his pets for all the positions to be filled at the June election. These being truths that cannot be successfully controverted, the adoption of the above resolution shows the immensity of "cheek" possessed by the ring. A ring of notoriously corrupt and venal political wire-pullers and office seekers assemble in solemn conclave, and resolve that "we here proclaim ourselves the uncompromising foes of ring politicians," is a spectacle of such sublime impudence as to call forth the envy of even a Boss Tweed. It certainly is unapproachable by any similar event either ancient or modern.

How's this? Whenever a minister of the gospel entered the political arena heretofore, Democratic papers all over the land emulated each other in hurling epithets and black-guardism at the "preacher," as they sneeringly dubbed him, for daring to strive for political honors. But lo! a radical change has suddenly come over the Democratic heart; the aforetime despised and reviled "preacher" is brought to the front, placed upon the ring ticket, lauded to the skies, and Democrats ordered to vote him without a murmur! Not a howl nor even so much as a murmur dare issue from the litigant organs, so abject is their subjection to the ring. Great is latter day Democracy in the hands of the Grover ring!

The 22d instant was the 77th birthday of Kaiser William of Germany.

Democracy is now and ever has been, say Democratic editors and apouters, opposed to monopolies; especially to monopolies that oppress the people without cause. The platform put forth by the State Democratic Convention sentimentally reiterates this "great feature" of the Democratic party. And yet the meanest and most contemptible monopoly ever saddled upon any people, outraging every principle of right and justice, and imposing a heavy burden upon the people, was passed by the Democratic Legislature of Oregon, and was signed by its Democratic Governor, and is known as the "Litigant Act." Under the benign influence of this law, litigants are left no choice as to the paper in which they shall advertise, and are forced to pay from three to five times the amount they would otherwise have had to pay for such advertising. And although this iniquitous and outrageous law still disgraces the statutes of Oregon, every Democratic inklinger in the State, with unblushing effrontery truly refreshing, weekly relashes sickly twaddle about the undying opposition of the party to grinding monopolies!

A good deal of dissatisfaction is manifested by the Democrats of Linn county at the results of their State Convention. The nomination of Grover for Governor don't set well, and leading Democrats assert that no matter who is pitted against him in the race, he will fall behind in this county at least two hundred votes. Prominent, old-time Democrats have told us they intend to vote and use their influence to defeat Grover, because they have no confidence in his honesty. Of course every effort will be made to "see" these dissatisfied Democrats, and these efforts may prove successful with some of them; but a large number of sterling Democrats, who have fought all their lives under the Democratic banner, will not be driven, coaxed or bribed into supporting the ticket put up by the Grover ring at the Albany Democratic Convention last week. Mark that.

The Statesman of the 22d says: An item published last week, in the Statesman, stating that from description of certain articles found upon the person of the man who was discovered dead in Willamette slough, it was feared by different ones here that the body was that of John Huff, of this city. Subsequent revelations have proved the worst fears of Huff's friends to be only too well founded. Saturday evening Deputy Sheriff Sewell, of Portland, brought the bunch of keys which was found upon the body to W. J. Igo, of this place, by whom they were at once identified as the keys belonging to Huff. In addition to recognizing the keys and several pieces of coins which were on the ring, Mr. Igo also recognized a coin, a nickel five cent piece, which he himself had carried for several years and which he gave Huff; leaving no doubt that the unfortunate man who met his death so mysteriously can be none other than Huff. Or at least, that the keys found upon his person were those carried by Huff.

After describing the Railroad King's manner of capturing legislators, Grover paused a moment in his walk back and forth upon the rostrum, and in most melancholy manner and funeral tone, declared to his audience that he was incorruptible, and that Holliday had never yet succeeded in buying him.

On the 12th of February the Legislative Assembly of the kingdom of Hawaii Nei convened in the Court House at Honolulu, and after a little preliminary skirmishing on the part of the adherents of Queen Emma, proceeded to the election of a successor to the late King Lunalilo. Out of the forty-five members constituting the Assembly, thirty-nine gave their votes to Prince David Kalakaua, the remaining members casting their votes for Queen Emma, the opposing candidate. The announcement of the vote was greeted with cheers and rejoicing by the friends of the new King, while the adherents of the defeated Queen, composed largely of the "sans culottes," attacked and sacked the Court House, and probably would have murdered the members of the Legislature, had not squads of marines from U. S. and H. B. M. ships, in response to the request of the new King and his Ministers, promptly interfered, and overawed the mob. On the 13th the new King was duly installed, and took the oath to support the Constitution. Four days after he appointed the following Cabinet: His Excellency, Paul Nehaolelua, Minister of Finance; William L. Green, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. H. A. Widemann, Minister of the Interior; Hon. A. S. Hartwell, Attorney-General. Looking to save trouble for the future in the selection of a ruler for the Sandwich Islands, King David has selected as his successor to the Hawaiian throne his brother, William Pitt Leleiohoku, who is now invested with the title of "His Royal Highness." The new King is credited with possessing a strong mind and fair political knowledge, and it is predicted that his reign will prove a prosperous one, although so inauspiciously commenced.

Democracy is on the rampage—the Independent movement has scattered their hopes, and scared them into perfect spasms of honesty. Democratic editors (candidates for office especially), spit and splutter and swear as though they had taken a dose of axle-grease, thinking it whisky, while Democratic orators roll their eyes in fine frenzy, run their fingers through their tangled locks, looking the while as solemn as owls, while they declaim against the rascally Republicans who are at the "head of this Independent movement, merely to distract and defeat the great Democratic party, and secure the offices for themselves." All of a sudden they are struck dumb with astonishment at the way the people have been robbed through their State and county officials, and they are now determined to see that these unconstitutional enactments, passed by Republican Legislatures, of course, (Democrats had the power to prevent these wicked acts, but Republicans wheeled them into vot-for them, unbeknown to themselves), are stricken from the statute books, provided the people will trust them with office once more! All they ask of the people is to give them (Democratic office seekers) the power, and they will positively, this time, do their bidding, though the heavens should fall. They really have done no wrong in the past, but they are willing to be forgiven, all the same. In truth a more generous, simple-minded, confident, promising set of rosters are not to be found anywhere. Democrats' inklingers never yet succeeded in buying him.