

POLITICAL POINTS

The New Orleans Picayune calls Ben Butler "the last of the Puritans."

There is a reign of terror among Ohio Half-breed officeholders, the Buffalo Courier asserts.

"Died of paralysis of the brain and conscience," is the verdict which the Philadelphia Press passes on the late Congress.

Keifer, the Boston Journal alleges, goes from the Speakership the smallest man that has occupied the chair within the recollection of the present generation.

Ex-Speaker Keifer should begin a personal scrap-book, if he never has before, the New York Times advises.

He can find plenty of mighty interesting reading to paste in it.

If the Whisky bill had been a measure to place Congressmen on the free list at bars and drinking places, the Cincinnati Enquirer declares, the Forty-seventh Congress would have passed it.

Isn't Mr. Blaine starting in a little early in the "attemped assassination" business? Public sympathy will have plenty of time to cool before 1884.

The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette sadly concludes that the township and municipal elections in New York do not indicate that the reaction against the tidal wave of last year has set in with much force.

"Yes," said the gentleman from Maine, who had visited Washington, "I think I must have acted like the very old cat while I was there, for I was twice mistaken for a Congressman."

A careful inspection of the records of Senators and Senateelect shows a majority in favor of revenue reform in the next Senate.

No one has yet suggested that the bullet hole in Mr. Blaine's carriage was made by Mr. Conkling. Has an era of good feeling between half-breeds and stalwarts set in?

TENSELY STATED.

The Register says that on the tariff question it advocates a tariff for revenue for the support of the Federal Government adjusted in its details with strict reference to equality in the public burdens, and also with a view (incidentally merely) to foster and encourage home productive industry so far only as it can be done without producing monopolies, or giving unjust advantages to any.

This is the position of the Register on the tariff question, and we inquire for objections to it. Of course, those who carry the free-trade doctrine so far as to require direct taxation to support the Federal Government, would not agree with us. And so also those who make protection an essential object of the tariff, whereby the many are taxed for the benefit of the few, would not agree with us. In conclusion, we inquire, when home productive industry can be fostered and encouraged incidentally just as well as not without creating monopolies, or giving unjust advantages to any, where is the objection to it?

This is a brief, concise, clear and candidly unequivocal statement of the Democratic theory of a tariff.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

Although Keifer is willing to accept the nomination for governor in Ohio, yet the Ohio politicians are looking forward to the effect which the election in that state next fall will have upon Republican chances for electing a president in 1884, and they have wisely concluded that to lose that state would be to lose the presidency in 1884. Therefore it is all important to carry Ohio this fall. The question that puzzles the mind of the Ohio politician is as to what man among them can carry the state for governor. There is very loud and prevalent talk of putting up John Sherman for governor, who, if elected, would thus be placed in the line of promotion for the presidency. But it is fortunate for the people that Sherman can not be elected governor of Ohio.

Under the new tariff bill the duty on salt stands as at the present, twelve cents per one hundred pounds in bags, etc., and eight cents in bulk. The salt clause contains the old outrageous provision that the New England fish packers can get their salt free of duty, while pork and beef packers and other consumers of the article have to pay the enormous tax. This kind of tariff legislation directly discriminates in favor of one class of business men who should be taxed like their fellow-citizens. The fish-packing business is not as important as the beef and pork-packing business, but New England insists that her sons be subsidized at the country's expense. This heresy must be sooner or later extinguished.—Oregon Register.

The local elections in the East show no diminution in the Democratic tidal wave of last fall. Chicago goes Democratic by 9,000 majority. Elections in Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin cities show uniform Democratic majorities. We are rapidly marching on to a Democratic President in 1884.

ALLEGORIES.

Shedd, Or., April 4, 1883.

Do you publish allegories? I have written one representing, as I think, a truth in which the public will be much interested. I will prepare it for publication if you will give it a place in the columns of the DEMOCRAT.

No sir; we do not publish allegories. We must decline publishing your allegory. As a public journalist, we deem it our duty on all occasions to discourage all plans, methods, or ways employed by evil minded persons, to deceive the public; and as the allegory is now commonly used by evil hearted persons for the purpose of making covert attacks upon gentlemen whom they have not the courage to attack openly, we would say to our young friend, "Scratch," that he is inexperienced and we hope he will avoid, in the future, the ways of those who stir up strife. In the primitive days of christianity the allegory was used for the purpose of representing truths to an uneducated, unthinking people; but about fifty years ago the secular press seized upon the use of it, first, for the purpose of illustrating political truths, but this harmless use was soon perverted and used by slanderers to make hidden attacks upon good men. Since that perversion of its use, it has been discarded by all decent journals. It is still used by a few so-called journals whose editors are continually living in the past, men who are fossils of former ages, "wrecks of the past," by comparison with whom we are enabled to measure the progress which decent journalism has made in the last fifty years. By all means let us be candid in what we have to say, and let us say it in a candid, open, many way.

THE ANGEL OF MERCY.

Hen. Owens, the Angel of Mercy, or the Swamp Land Angel, is in the city. Hen is a particular and favored friend of the clerk and senior members of the Swamp Land Board.

Now the public desire, and have a right to know, what the Statesman means by this innuendo. Does the Statesman mean that Hen Owens receives more favors and special privileges from the "senior members" and "clerk" of the Swamp Land Board than any other citizen does when he wants to buy swamp lands?

Come, now, lay aside your "dicy" reserve and be candid. Tell us all about this favored mortal. Tell us who the "senior members" of the Board are. Tell us what you mean by saying that Hen is a "favored" friend of the clerk. Why do you thus, by hint at least, impugn Mr.'s motives, if there be no cause for it.

Remember your reputation as a great public exposé of frauds is at stake. The people have not forgotten that you exposed the mail route frauds from Roseburg to Redding within a year after the whole matter had been made public. Tell us all about these relations which you call "particular" and "favored," which you say exist between this "Angel of Mercy" and the "clerk and senior members" of the Board. The public will await with bated breath to hear what you have to say.

This gentleman has been talking quite freely to newspaper correspondents at Washington. He says that Republican success in Ohio will depend upon the conduct of the legislature of that State now in session.

The ex-speaker thinks if the legislature should not commit the blunder of thinking it can make all men perfectly just and holy by legislative enactment, then the Republican party will do very well.

There is a growing belief that Keifer either wants to be governor, or the successor of Pendleton to the United States Senate. His criticism upon the dreaded conduct of the legislature on the prohibition question is proof that there will be a lively effort on the part of Tom. Young, Keifer and Sherman, to control the Republican convention in the interest of the anti-prohibitionists, while Gov. Foster, Deacon Smith and others, will attempt to control it in the interest of prohibition.

The contest, looking at it with Democratic eyes, will be both interesting and enjoyable, while Republicans will look on with grave fears as to the result.

The fight will be fraught with portentous results to that party, as the loss of Ohio this fall, will be inevitably followed by the loss of the presidency in 1884, which will be followed by the loss of the patronage of the government. This would be a final death blow to the party, as every deliberate, thinking man knows that that party can not survive the loss of public patronage and public office.

Portland-papers tell us that Mr. Nolter has gone to San Francisco to make arrangements to get telegraphic dispatches for the Standard. It is to be hoped that Mr. Nolter will succeed, if such is his mission, as a Democratic daily at Portland with the dispatches, is a great party necessity. If this effort succeeds the Standard will take its place as a first class daily, as already it is among the best local papers in the city.

As we go to press we learn that the venerable Peter Cooper, of New York, is dead, aged 92 years.

CO-RESPONDENCE.

Scio, Or., April 4, 1883.

The county lodge I. O. G. T. convene to-day at Masonic hall, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

Prof. H. H. Williamson is in town; will remain a few days, and will give an entertainment on Friday evening at city hall.

Jas. Bridgford is able to be on the streets again, after a few days of severe illness.

Rev. Jno. W. Osborn is very much elated; a fine gift at his house.

Jas. B., the party alluded to in "Reck's" communication last week, seems very much worked up in the matter.

Not altogether effectual, that barricade, which J. C. Johnson has placed in front of his residence. It stands proof against the young gens of this place; but there is one who hails from Albany, that doesn't seem to take heed to the structure, but wends his way thitherward regardless of costs and damages.

The new hardware store is looming up.

District school closed last Friday, vacation this week, and on next Monday the Spring term will commence. Mr. John Earl as principal, and Mrs. Earl assistant, the patrons may feel assured of a successful school. As the rate bill will be very low, those who have children to educate should look well to their own interests and send all their children to school.

Mrs. David Myers is not expected to live many more days.

Clifford Epley is convalescing, and will be able to be on the streets as soon as the weather will permit.

O. S. May is doing a good business in the harness trade, and sells harness cheap for cash.

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SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

San Francisco, Cal., March 27, 1883. Editors Democrat:

According to promise we have endeavored to gather a few items which we think would be of interest to the readers of the DEMOCRAT.

At last, the heart of the Californian is made glad, by the refreshing showers. Rain commenced falling on the morning of the 25th, and continued for two days. Rain was wanted by everyone. The ministers, in the different churches, prayed earnestly for it.

"Tis thought, by the merchants in San Francisco, that the merchants of Oregon are \$1,000,000 behind in their purchases this year. This may be true, but it seems strange. 'Twas thought, by your humble servant, that Oregon was climbing up the ladder of prosperity, and had about reached the top. Probably this banner State "has reached the highest pinnacle of its greatness and from this point hastens now to descend."

The 25th, was Easter Sunday, and it was observed at the Catholic, Episcopal and Congregational churches. Some of the decorations were magnificent. The happy the finest decorations were at Grace church, (Episcopal.) Around upon the walls was row of ferns and calla lilies, above which were large floral pieces representing crosses, triangles, wreaths, stars, butterflies, anchors and hearts. In the background of the church, upon a ground of blue were worked, with white flowers, "HE IS RISEN."

Suspended from this were the symbols of Faith, Hope and Charity. Above the whole was a large wreath in the center of which was a cross of lighted gas jets. The singing, by a choir of about twenty voices, was splendid. The solos, duets, and choruses were rendered nicely. The minister delivered an excellent discourse upon the subject of the resurrection of the dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogue, of Portland, were in the city a few days ago, but are now in Monterey. Since coming to California the health of Mr. H. has greatly improved.

Mr. Wyatt, of Portland, left San Francisco for San Jose, last week.

Capt. John Smith, Indian agent at the Warm Springs Reservation, passed through the city last week, enroute for home, from a trip to Washington, D. C.

Several merchants of Albany, are in the city laying in their stock of Spring and Summer goods.

There is a new song going the rounds now, entitled "But for goodness sake don't say I told you!" A few evenings ago, we heard a young lady exclaim, "girls I am a dreadful tired, and I am going to sit right down here—but for goodness sake don't say I told you!"

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SAND RIDGE ITEMS.

Sand Ridge, Or., April 3, 1883. Editor Democrat:

Having seen no news in your paper for some time from the Ridge, I thought I would send you a few items.

Sand Ridge school closed March 27, which was an honor to the teacher.

Mr. Isaac Wheldon and Mr. Will Frank were thrown from a horse the other day, but not seriously injured.

Nearly all the Fall grain that was killed by the freeze has been reown, and looks well.

A singing school was organized at the Sand Ridge school house March 18th. T. L. Dugger, teacher. The school is progressing very well for the number of lessons given.

Mr. Fred Snyder, the famous nindrod among the geese, has killed a great many this Spring.

Several farmers in this vicinity stopped sowing grain, thinking there would be a drought. Wehford never fails to come.

Mr. John Fram left here a few weeks ago for Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Will Henderson, Miss Irvine and Miss Miller, of Albany, attended the singing last Sunday evening.

ALEX.

Walter G. Greenback, Judge of the U. S. district court of Indiana, has been appointed Postmaster General vice T. O. Howe, deceased.

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H. Donaca had his auction last Saturday and disposed of most of the goods; the remainder he packed and shipped with him to Centerville, where he intends going into the business on a large scale.

The Bible agent presented the Bible subject to the people of Lebanon last Monday evening, in a very impressive manner, after which a collection was taken for the benefit of the "American Bible Society."

The skating rink is open every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

Our town was rather a dull appearance since the close of the school at the "Santiam Academy." All the students have returned to their respective homes throughout the country; besides several of our young folks have gone to seek business or pleasure in other parts.

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The City Calaboose had one occupant last Saturday; a "vagabond."

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HARRISBURG ITEMS.

Harrisburg, Or., April 4, 1883. Eds. Democrat:

The chicken-pox has made its appearance here again.

Miss Minnie Train, daughter of S. S. Train, returned from Eugene, the other day, where she has been attending the State University. And she is quite sick, bleeding at the lungs. Her speedy recovery is hoped for by her many friends.

The Spring term of school opens with a good number of pupils, sixty-six.

Active preparations are being made to do a large business in the Coburg sawmill during the coming Summer. It passed into the hands of Wm. DeLaney and Cooper not long since.

The piles for the lower one of the three wing dams to be built on the Il. bridge are now driven and the masonry will soon be completed. The switch to run in on the gravel bar at the same place is finished.

Some of our citizens received a card of lumber from Springfield mills last week, rough lumber costing \$13 per M., and clear \$17 per M. delivered here on the car.

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They made an entrance to the Brown church through a window and rang the bell while some of them run and shouted fire. Many of the citizens of the place turned out only to find that they had been made April-fools by a very improper trick. The act was not well received by a very large number of the better citizens of the town; consequently those who perpetrated the act are "lying low." So the authors of the so called joke may sit it down in their own minds that they are the authors, perhaps of a criminal act.

DAN.

ENJOY ITEMS.

Union, Or., Mar. 25th, 1883. Eds. Democrat:

Since writing my last articles, the weather has collapsed on us, and it is raining considerably at present.

Carpenters are busy in every direction building and repairing. Times are beginning to get lively.

If the Railroad is located permanently east of Union, there will be the greatest boom in this town since its early days.

County clerk W. T. Wright and C. G. Lening, the banker, will build two large brick buildings, one for a bank and the other one for Wright's residence.

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Large herds of sheep, cattle, and horses, are now being driven through town to the foot hills to be turned out to rustle for themselves. Grass is getting very good.

There is a good deal of travel on the stage line between here and Pendleton. The roads are in a fearful condition, almost impassable. A passenger can walk and make the trip as quick as the stage can. Mail sacks are piled up in nearly all the stations.

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