

POLITICAL POINTS.

Emigration is flocking to this coast in large numbers.

How much time serving leaders in the Republican are getting.

It is not free trade, but fair trade, the Democrats are demanding.

Would some people think there would be a drought if we should have a week of dry weather?

The Democratic motto is: Economy in all public offices and fidelity in all public trusts.

The independent politician is generally half way on the road to the camp of the enemy.

Local self-government and a pure and honest ballot are the underlying principles of Democracy.

How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, but this does not apply to the Republican dailies of Portland.

It is all bosh to call the Democrats absolute free traders. The party has invariably supported a tariff for revenue.

Republicans are proverbially ungrateful. Even that good man, the husband of Mrs. Hayes, has passed from the public treasury.

There is an intense quietness prevailing in the ranks of the Republican party, but, like Bina, it is getting ready to give vent to the internal fires and commotion within.

No man can run for office in Ohio when his political straddle is not sufficiently comprehensive to embrace both the church and the saloon.

Republicans of Ohio are looking for a dark horse candidate for governor, and they are now talking of one R. B. Hayes. There would be much rejoicing among Democrats, of Ohio, to have an opportunity of laying the great Fraud in the shade.

It is, no doubt, very annoying to the Republicans to see the Democrats preparing to make political blunders which may lose them the Presidency.

There can be no breach in the Democratic party on the tariff issue. The principle is as old as the party itself that Democrats believe in a tariff for revenue only.

It is pretty safe to predict that any attempt in the Democratic House of Representatives to modify the existing tariff will not secure the concurrence either the Senate or the President.

BUTLER'S TRICK.

For a very long time it has been the custom of the governors of Massachusetts to appoint, by public proclamation, a Fast Day in that State. This custom is as strictly and rigidly observed as though it were a national holiday. On occasions of this kind during the last twenty-five years it has been the wont of certain politico-religious persons in that state to indulge in long diatribes upon party politics, and during the war and for several years thereafter these political sermons became so heated that no man who did not belong to the "party of great moral ideas" could remain connected with the church or organizations over which these political persons presided and maintain his self respect. Many was the man that was driven from the church of his choice because he could not sit in his congregation and listen to invective and party spleen from the pulpit. Many was the seeker after divine relationship who was thus driven back into the beggarly elements of the world because his very nature rebelled against pulpit politics. Many has been the person who has been driven from his belief in the existence of a divinity that shapes the ultimate end of human existence, and has wandered off into the fields of rationalism and materialism simply because of the unwholy conduct of these political persons.

Governor Butler must needs issue his proclamation for a fast day. Of course all of Massachusetts would be shocked if the Governor should not appoint a fast day.

So the Governor proceeded to issue his proclamation. Some of these self-same pulpit politicians had laid aside the robe of their divine calling last fall and entered into the political campaign of Massachusetts to defeat Butler for Governor. In this they met with signal failure. Gov. Butler knowing these men to be merely wolves in sheep's clothing, very deliberately exhorted and enjoined the clergy of the state to abstain from all political or secular discussions but devote the day to divine worship. This shocked these gentlemen that they went to their pulpits and indulged in vicious criticisms of the course of the Governor declaring that from time immemorial the good people of Massachusetts had never been so scandalized and shocked as by this proclamation. This was just what the wily Butler wanted them to say. He then caused it to be made known that his proclamation was copied word for word from the proclamation of Gov. Gore, issued to the people of that state over seventy years ago. Gov. Gore in his day was regarded as a model christian Governor. Thus Butler has his enemy on the hip again.

THE DEMOCRAT.

It is all the departments of the general government are as loosely and corruptly managed as the department of justice, then, indeed, as a nation, are we drifting rapidly to moral and financial ruin. A publication of many of the items of expenditure would cause the cheeks of all honest men and lovers of their country to color with shame at the very loss of state of official honesty among public officials. The Star Route trial now going on at Washington is a double disgrace to the country. It is disgraceful in the first instance that such a trial is necessary at all. It is a further disgrace that the law department of the government which was specially organized for the purpose of promoting and securing a rigid enforcement of the laws, should be made the means by which all manner of extravagance and official peculation are practiced in the very shadow of the head of the government. The great body of the voters of the country are honest whether they be Republicans or Democrats. They desire earnestly to see official honesty and integrity prevail in every public place. The party in power has been so strong that the great body of corrupt office seekers and place hunters have united themselves with that party as the place where the spoils of office are dispensed. Emboldened as they have so often been by success, they have taken control of the organization of the Republican party in nearly every State of the Union. The national organization of the party is now controlled by them, and at the next convention they will either name the candidate for President or they will demand to be kept in control of the party organization. In the event of the loss of both, there would be no doubt that they would defeat the party. If they either name the candidate, or control the party organization they will share equally in the distribution of public offices, hence the old clan of Conkling, Cameron, Dargy, Brady and others of like ilk will see that their friends secure places, if they themselves do not. So that the right thinking man will see at once that there is no relief from the official squandering so prevalent in all branches of the federal government except in the complete and radical overthrow of the party in power. The reckless extravagance in the Star Route and other cases is shown by the following allowances made to attorneys who are conducting the case on the part of the general government:

NAME.	AMOUNT.
1882. O'Connell, Geo. W. of New York.	\$5,000 00
May 20. Services in Star Route cases.	\$5,000 00
March 25. Expenses hotel, carriage, etc.	\$143 75
Sept. 15. Services in Star Route cases.	\$5,000 00
Expenses—Board, railroad fare, etc.	\$1,437 48
Jan. 10. Services in Star Route cases.	\$5,000 00
Expenses—Board, railroad fare, etc.	\$1,437 48
Total.	\$21,875 71

NAME.	AMOUNT.
1882. W. W. Kane, of Philadelphia.	\$1,000 00
Jan. 21. Services as special attorney.	\$1,000 00
March 25. Expenses hotel, carriage, etc.	\$143 75
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1882. H. H. Wirt, of New York.	\$1,000 00
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Mr. John Quigley, of Scott's Valley, Cal., is visiting his brother, H. H. Quigley, near Jefferson, at present.

Miss Lizzie Pickard, of Marion Station, intends to start on a visit to see her uncle in Iowa, about the 4th of next month.

Mr. Greenbury Goin expects to start on his return trip to Iowa county, Iowa, about 4th May, 1883. He has been visiting his uncle and family for about a year. He has also made many friends who will feel and hear of his departure.

Mr. E. H. Bellinger has opened a hardware and stove store in Jefferson, and will make a specialty in furnishing all kinds of farming implements on short notice, and at the lowest possible prices. If you are in need of anything in his line, don't fail to call on him as he will give good bargains in everything in his line.

E. N. Thomas, and J. E. Kirkpatrick, of Soio, are playing a game of chess by mail; Merwin and Eord, of Independence, and S. A. De Vany are playing a game by correspondence, and Mr. E. O. Russell, of Sweet Home, and J. T. Ford, of Independence, are playing a game by mail.

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HARRISBURG ITEMS.

Harrisburg, Or., April 18, 1883.

Eds. Democrat: We had very little last week in the way of local items therefore did not report. Times are very quiet now here, and nothing much transpiring outside of the ordinary run of affairs.

We hear of a Good Templars Hall spoken of, and some very energetic steps have been taken towards erecting a brick building for that purpose. Already \$4,035 have been subscribed and articles of incorporation adopted. The move is one in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that it will succeed.

Our meat market has changed hands lately; Mr. "Mike" Fuller again being the man who deals out the meats to the people of this place.

Our efficient County School Superintendent visited our public school on Monday remaining at the school during the greater part of the day, thereby showing his interest in the work in which he is engaged. The school here numbers eighty-one pupils, being rather a large enrollment for the Spring term. Sup't. Moses speaks well of the school here, and of the progressive condition of the schools generally.

Rampy & McDaniel's drug store was removed to the building formerly occupied as a dry goods and general merchandise store, along side of Jerry Hays' store. They have been making quite an addition to their stock. Mr. McCoy, late of your place, is doing a very nice business here in the same line.

We noticed Mr. Damon Smith, of Albany, on our streets during the week. New babies, fist-fights and the usual contribution to the city treasury are too common to require special report.

LANG STATION ITEMS.

Lang Station, Or., April 16, 1883.

Eds. Democrat: Not seeing any items in your most valuable paper for some time I thought I would write a few.

The wheat is looking well with the exception of the last sowing on wet ground; it looks pretty sorry.

Our school has commenced under the management of Prof. J. D. Wirtz; he is an accomplished gentleman.

Mr. John Leedy has got his little mill in running order, he is going to do a smashing business; he says he will ship his flour to China or Europe, he has not fully determined which would be the best market.

Mr. N. Bridges has over three hundred acres of wheat sown.

Mr. Cal. Burkhardt has gone into the sheep business, and has over sixty lambs in all.

Milch cows are very much in demand in this vicinity, they range in price from \$35 to \$100.

There is considerable improvement going on in this vicinity. J. R. Koerber is building a new fence around his yard.

There will be church at the school house next Saturday and Sunday. The hoodlums who disturbed the last meeting had better look a little out.

I did not start in to run in opposition to the "Germans." If I had I would say, "Tom, how did the old man's brooms feel you when you went sparking and fell off in the creek."

THE RAMBLER.

BROWNVILLE ITEMS.

Brownville, Or., April 17, 1883.

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