

On a number of occasions we have called attention to the fact that the associated press dispatchers, when relating news of a political character, should be looked upon with a degree of allowance, because, as we alleged, they are tinged with a strong bias in favor of the republicans.

This committee having been called together to consider the recent action of the governor in convening the legislature in extraordinary session, does declare:

First. There is no such extraordinary occasion as is contemplated by the constitution justifying, or in any other way excusing, this proclamation, and we denounce the same as a flagrant and oppressive abuse of public office in the interest of a mere political party.

Second. We declare to the electors of this state that the burden of taxation necessary to meet the expense of this special session has been brought upon us by the clamor of the republican leaders and the weakness of the executive in issuing this call, and we therefore ask that the republican party in this state, thus jointly responsible, be held to a strict account before that court of last resort—the people.

Third. This extraordinary state of public affairs, demands at the hands of our representatives in the two houses, as leaders of the party, such wise and thoughtful action as shall preserve and strengthen in the state our party organization. We do not regard it as properly within our province to make or offer any suggestion to them as to these matters. We publicly here make record of our appreciation of their sagacity and wisdom at the late session, and we have an abiding confidence that they will, at the session to be convened, discharge their duties as democrats as well as to the respect and cordial approval of their fellow citizens.

Fourth. The calling of the special session for the special purpose of electing a U. S. Senator is especially unjust to the people in view of the fact that we are on the eve of a general election; that nearly two years have elapsed since the election of the present representatives; that public issues and public opinion have changed, and that the people themselves should now be permitted by the republican majority to settle the senatorial question next June.

Fifth. That we view with alarm the manifest agency of "organized capital" in the indecent haste of this special session to forestall a just public expression of opinion next June.

Resolved, That these proceedings be handed to the democratic press for publication.

THE CHINESE EXCITEMENT.

The excitement in Washington territory, and especially in Seattle and Tacoma, over the Chinese-must-go question has been running very high for a week. The people of Tacoma almost unanimously warned the Chinese that they must leave that town and they stood not upon the order of their going, and then steps were taken at Seattle to pursue the same course when the Governor of the Territory called upon the president for a military force to suppress any outbreak which might result from the excited state of public feeling of hostility against the Chinese.

The president issued his proclamation calling out the military and three hundred soldiers were sent to Seattle and now all seems to be quiet. While we are free to say that it is desirable that by means of the people should be rid of this incubus upon the progress of the country, the intelligent law-abiding portion of the country will not support nor sustain the effort to drive them out by mob law. The power of the general government is pledged, in her treaty relations with China, to protect the Chinese who are lawfully here, and all efforts to drive them out in the face of this pledge will prove a farce. Let us educate the people up to that point where those in authority will be compelled to ask a modification of our treaty relations with China on this subject. Then, and not till then, may we hope for relief from the Mongolian curse.

It is a very common remark among republicans that Cleveland is better than his party. Very well, if this be true, it speaks in the highest terms of the wisdom, prudence and good management of the democratic party in putting forward its very best man for office. We express, very freely, our unqualified conviction that this remark may be often made about men who are often called to important stations in government by the republicans. We do not believe, for instance, that Blaine is better, or even as good as his party. If he is, then the party falls far short of what it claims to be.

During the election last week in Baltimore a negro was shot and killed for soliciting another negro to vote the democratic ticket. The person who did the shooting is one of John Sherman's men who want "a free ballot and a fair count."

According to the New York Sun and World, betting on the New York election on the night before the election, ran down to \$1000 to \$900 in favor of Hill, and yet the dispatches said the odds were in favor of Davenport. You see these dispatches are very unfair.

Strange, isn't it, that the name of Mitchell should be heard in the land so often, in connection with the senatorship, and the Oregonian remain as silent as the tombs about those "overwhelming proofs of unfitness" not yet submitted to the public? Come, let us have them.

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