

(Written for the DEMOCRAT.)

Immediately after the election of Mr. Harrison, the republican press began solving the treasury surplus problem by hinting that the new President would incorporate in his inaugural message the recommendation that negotiations be entered into with England regarding the purchase of Canada.

At the time we noticed these press notices, we at once concluded that the intention of Mr. Harrison is to recommend such, if he finds the majority of the influential journals on his side. Whilst we were muddling our meagre stock of brains in the endeavor to ascertain of what bene-

fit such a purchase would be, we ran across a paragraph in the Louisville, (Ky.) Courier-Journal, which stated that a meeting was held at Montreal on the 15th ult. by the "Le Club National," the leading liberal club of Canada. The question, "Which would be the best system of Government for Canada, viz: Imperial Federation, Annexation or Independence," was ably discussed by some of the leading public men of Canada.

Annexation is an old doctrine with this club, and only a few years ago when Jose Dullare, M. P., Rudolph Laflame, Minister of Justice in Mackenzie's Cabinet, and other celebrated Canadians were its leaders, annexation to the United States was one of the campaign planks. This particular meeting from the meagre dispatch before us was attended by over four hundred members and was with it enthusiastic for annexation. It was unanimous on the point that the present Confederation was an institution tried and found wanting.

Believing as we do that the present treasury surplus belongs properly in the tax payer's pockets, we felt this move would cause all who agree with our noble standard bearers in the recent election to gently kick at increasing our national debt by purchasing a white elephant. If the "Canucks" want the protection of the stars and stripes, let them first proclaim themselves free and independent, as did a little handful of patriots away back in 1776.

With the large population of Canada, the mother country, with all her petty wars in the Soudan and elsewhere—would have to give them their liberty. Then having severed all allegiance to the vast empire governed by the Queen of the British Isles and Empress of India, the Republic of Canada could, we think, very easily gain admission and thus swell our own immense National domain.

There are several points in favor of our securing Canada, but in a short time, at best, it will be ours without increasing the National debt one cent. The points as we see them are, it will stop all diplomatic gerrymandering about the seizures of fishing smacks and do away with quite a deal of international foolishness; and, we will control the St. Lawrence River, a stream navigable for men of war and thus have a continuous chain of sea coast on the Atlantic. Ben. Butterworth, (the Congressman from Ohio, who is now in training for Sherman's seat in the Senate, when the venerable John of financing fame returns to a Cabinet Portfolio) introduced a resolution to the effect that negotiations for its purchase be entered into as speedily as possible.

NOT AUTHORITY.

At an election held in Medford a few days ago for city offices two ballots, both having the same candidate for Mayor, were found folded together, evidently cast by one voter. The ballots were both rejected by the Judges. This gave the other candidate one majority. The trustees of city council reviewed the matter and decided to count one of the two ballots. The Medford published at that place questions the authority of the trustees to go behind the returns to ascertain whether fraud had been practiced, and attempts to sustain its position by saying: "The Louisiana Returning Board in 1876 sustained by the Supreme Court subsequently settled the question that no power exists to go behind the returns of an election as made by the Judges of election and change the result, etc."

The ex-Assessor of Marion county, moved thereby by the caustic criticisms to which he has been subjected on account of the very imperfect assessment of that county, says in defense, that his assessment was the same as last year, but as he had received a letter from the Assessor of Multnomah county stating that he had assessed moneys, notes and accounts at 50 per cent of their value and other property in proportion, the county court of Marion made a heroic reduction on the whole assessment of that county of twenty-five per cent, in order to evade paying a greater proportionate state tax than Multnomah. But this does not help the matter any. How are Linn and other counties, whose county courts have too much common honesty to thus violate their official obligations, to avoid paying a greater proportionate share of their state tax than Marion and Multnomah? If an Assessor who has taken the oath of his office prescribed by statute says that he assesses money at 50 cents on the dollar he is guilty of perjury and should be prosecuted therefor. For the public good newspapers should call attention of the public to these open confessions of dereliction of official duty.

"A facetious Pittsburg editor accounts for the Democratic gain in New Jersey on the ground that the town of Newark makes 150,000,000 corkscrews a year."—N. Y. World. We fail to see why the "corkscrews" should give the Democrats any advantage over the Republicans. A short time before his death, John A. Logan said: "The difference between the old parties is not great now. Twenty years ago it was great. Then, none of the Democrats could read and none of the Republicans could drink whiskey; but now, all Democrats can read, and all the Republicans can drink whiskey."

From the most reliable source we learn there are 27 applicants for the office of U. S. Marshal under the coming administration. A gentleman who is well acquainted with the inner workings of republican politics in this state says there is a similar array of hungry office seekers applying for every office of any consequence in the state. Though a republican he says the greed for office surpasses anything ever known in the history of the country.

"A famous madstone" is owned by a Chicago physician. It is more than a century old. It has been in his possession eighteen years, and he says that during that time it has been successfully applied to innumerable dog and other bites. He used it upon himself some years ago after having been bitten by a rattlesnake. He says that the stone, though pointed and heated up and he was not bothered afterwards by it.

Case Arnold, a laborer, ate 62 raw eggs on a wager at the People's theater in Crawfordsville, Ind., last week. His backers offered to bet that he could eat five dozen more, but there were no takers, several hundred dollars having already changed hands on the result. After the exhibition Arnold went to a restaurant and ate a hearty meal.

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CORRESPONDENTS SOLICITED.—A gentleman of good address, with a fair income, desires to correspond with some young lady, with a view to matrimony. Address W. C., box 388, Albany, Oregon.

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Executrix' Notice. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn: In the matter of the estate of W. R. Cannon, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement. In the County Court of Linn County, State of Oregon: In the matter of the estate of John Morgan, deceased.

Notice for Publication. Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon: December 22nd, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of Linn County, at Albany, Oregon, on Thursday, February 21st, 1889.

Sheiff's Sale. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn County. James Shirley, Plaintiff. Clinton C. Cole, H. H. Cole, R. A. Cooper and D. M. Cooper, Defendants.

Summons. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn. George A. Whitney, Plaintiff. W. S. Walker and Florence, E. Walker, Defendants.

Notice of Guardian's Sale of Real Property. Notice is hereby given that by virtue and in pursuance of a license granted to me as Guardian of Dora Butcher, minor, by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, on the 3rd day of December, 1888, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described tract of land, to-wit: The undivided half of the following described piece or parcels of land, beginning at an oak stake at a point 27.05 chains south of the north east corner of the donation land claim of Sarah Feltner, No. 1878, in Township 10 N., Range 3 W., from said stake an oak stake 35 inches in diameter, bears S 41 1/2° W 70 links distant, an oak 30 inches in diameter bears S 1° W 1.81 chains distant; thence east 52.34 chains to the east line of the donation claim of John Meeker and wife at an oak stake; thence north 4.42 chains; thence west 52.34 chains to the west line of said claim of John Meeker and wife; thence south 4.42 chains to the place of beginning in Linn County, State of Oregon, subject to the claim of Lydia Jones. Terms of sale cash.

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STOCKMEN AND FARMERS READ. I hereby certify that Dr. I. N. Woodie has successfully operated on my riding horse, ISAAC HAYS. For further reference in regard to riding, harnessing, etc., of Western horses, Dave Peterson, Lebanon; John Hardman, Alfred W. Peterson, Albany; Sam Gains, Meloc. Wm. Foster, Prineville. I practice veterinary medicine in Albany and country surrounding. Office and residence corner 8th and Washington Sts. I. N. WOODIE, Veterinary Surgeon.

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