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#### MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

By the death of the Hon. J. G. Wilson it becomes necessary that the people of Oregon elect a member of Congress who will have to take his seat on the assembling of Congress in December next, and as the Governor has called a special election for Monday, the 13th of October, it behooves the people to be casting about to see who are candidates for the position, as well as to satisfy themselves as to who the proper man is for the position. There is no doubt but both parties will make nominations. Parties are very equally balanced in Oregon, and if the Democratic party wish to succed in electing their man, they must be careful in their selection. We want a man well qualified, and who is not mixed up in any splits or divisions that may have been heretofore in the politics or local affairs of any of the county or State elections.

The people of Eastern Oregon claim that, as Hon. J. G. Wilson was elected from this portion of the State, they should be consulted in relation to the person who is to fill the vacancy, and if an Eastern Oregon man is not taken, that their wishes as to who the man shall be from the Western portion of the State. The Democracy of Eastern Oregon will contend for the nomination of a man from their portion of the State, if it is possible that one can be found whose record is good, who is qualified and who can unite the entire Democratic strength of this, as well as that of other portions of the State. We have no doubt but we have many anch. The candidates that we have heard mentioned as likely to come before the convention are, J. H. Slater, J. W. Nesmith and Geo. R. Helm; these are all good men, and we believe that we could make choice of one of them who would poll the full Democratic vote of this section of Oregon; but, we have to mention the name of another gentleman in this connection, who we believe can poll a larger vote in Eastern Oregon, as well as in all other portions of the State, than can either of the three above mentioned, that man is Hon. L. L. McArthur. He is an Eastern Oregon man by residence, but in all of his public acts he has shown himself to be just and true to all portions of our State. Baker county claims his as one of her citizens, and would take it as an honor conferred upon her if the Democracy of Oregon, in convention assembled, would tender him the nomination for Congressman, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Wilson. We know not whether he would accept the nomination, as we have not consulted him in relation thereto, but are satisfied that if he concludes to let his name be used, and should be nominated, he can certainly be elected. He is honest, capable and true, and is loved and esteemed by the whole people of this portion of the State, and they would delight to honor him with their suffrages for any office within their gift. If Judge McArthur will not permit his name to be used in this connection, we hope the Democratic convention will be judicious in its selection, and give us some other man for whom we can do battle, knowing at the time we are laboring for his success, that he can unite the entire Democratic strength of Eastern Oregon. With a man as our standard bearer, who is not connected with the petty divisions which have heretofore caused the defeat of portions of the Democratic ticket in some of the counties of Eastern Oregon, we can give a Democratic majority east

ticket. Baker and Umatilla counties were the only two in the State that cast a Democratic majority at the last Preidential election. Our Democrats are as true as steel, and all they ask is agood and true man, who can unite the Democratic party in other portions of the State, as well as in this, and she will again give him her two hundred and fifty or three hundred majority. McArthur can carry this county by a much lar-

## ger majority.

#### Defense of Official Dishonesty,

As a public journalist it is our duty to keep the people advised of passing events which have a bearing upon their future prosperity and wellfare, both politically and otherwise. Although we publish a democratic paper, we are not so much the slave of (party or of its so called leaders, that they, or either of them, can force us into the support of any man for office whom we have good reason to believe has or would betray the confidence of the people. The taxes that the people have to pay, directly and indirectly, are enormous, and a man who is the cause of the increase of these taxes will not receive the support of the people, or the democratic press, for any office where he is likely to have an opportunity to increase the burdens under which our people are already staggering.

The Credit Mobilier robbery and the increase and back pay steal have been condemned universally by the democratic press, as well as by a majority of the American people. In almost every instance the perpetrators of these foul wrongs have, where the people have had an opportunity to exercise their power, been laid upon the shelf, there to mourn over the false step they made in voting for, or taking the proceeds of either of these dishonest and thieving acts.

History repeats itself, and what has been in one portion of the States will certainly occur in other portions, under like circumstances. In every instance where a member of the last Congress, who voted for or received

the impossible, and as a proven thief cannot be regarded as honest, he has failed-miserably failed.

"The line of his defense of official robbery, made in a speech of two portion of our time talking about our hours' length to a small audience of some three or four hundred curious listeners, is nothing less than a slander upon the intelligence of the people he misrepresents. Indeed, the few who attended his speech making is evidence that the honest people of Wisconsin would not come to listen to his hollow hearted harangue. Efforts had been made to draw the people together. Notice of the speaking had been published far and wide. The speaker had devoted much pains. taking to his effort, and expected of vivas. Yet with all this parade, camas. We believe so too, if Mr. this pomp and circumstance, less than five hundred people were present. Well for the Senator that it was so. The address could add nothing to his fame, except this-that his pleading was that of a lawyer, who, attempting to make the worse appear the better cause, proved that he had over estimated his own powers, and infinitely under estimated the good sense, sound judgment and honesty of his constituents.

"We do not propose to require readers to read through a speech defending public robbery. As a whole only thoroughbred we know of. it will be read by few, probably by none others than those whose duty as journalists require them to handle all sorts of unsound, dishonest and offensive things. But as a sample of the logic of this eight columned oration, we ask attention to this. Senator Carpenter stives to make it appear that those Congressmen who have declined to receive the back pay salary of the increase, are guilty of violating the constitution. For, says fhe instrument, they "shall receive" a certain compensation for their services. Under this he holds that re- is ealculated for an Editor, and what tusing to receive is violative of the federal constitution. A speaker who can indulge in such logic may not deserve the name of knave, but he certainly ought to have that of fool.

"One other point should be noticed. He claims that the increased salary is no more than the services of a fit Congressman are worth. He says he made \$10,500 in three cases before the Supreme Court, which, with his | and public matter, published the enincreased salary, aggregated \$18,000. Had he not been a United States Senator he would not have been employed in these suits. His official position led to his employment as coun- S(c)entinel men. sel. But he fails to tell us what he thinks about demanding and voting for \$7,500 for services he had virtually agreed to perform for \$5,000 a year. Having acquired just title by his logic to the title of fool, this demand of an additional \$2,500 yearly, brands him a knave."

for the purpose, by Mr. W. P. Coppens. As items in these parts are scarce this week, we will employ a neighbor, Mr. Bull, of the Sentinel, who says that "natural damphools" always calls names, and makes the assertion true, by calling us names. Well, it we be a phiste, true to our nature, we have got a conceited Bulldog into a fight. He classes us with the nauseous (and spells it naseous) animals that feed upon carrion .-Be that so, we are having a good feast on him-and he thinks we thousands of hearers and abundance could excel a squaw in digging Bull was allowed to keep the squaw company while we were digging .-He says: "A Southern Oregon paper advertises under the head of "Wanted," a Jackass. If the person advertising had seen Jo. Gnomon he would have saved the cost of that advertisement."

The above is true, for we should have referred him directly to the Editor of the Sentinel, he being the

His dying groan is-after asking pardon for getting into trouble with us--"But Editors, you know, are human." If we are rightly informed this self-styled Editor is oftener seen in a condition better representing the brute creation, than the human femily. Last week he called for his Itemizers to assist him.

Now, just to let the readers of the DFMOCRAT know how well Mr. Bull some of his correspondents think of him, we give the following.

One of his correspondents (whose name we omit) wrote him a private letter, and, at the same time sent him a few items for publication, and Mr. Bull not being able to distinguish the differance between private tire letter, and his correspondent says if he ever writes him another it will be to give him a cussing .-

JO. GNOMON.

men will covet. He has attempted | Washburn's new building to be used | his door keeper into the hall to gather up the tickets from parties who did not want any supper, or who could not get any, the rush was so great. The contract with him -being that he was to have two dollars and a half for each ticket in his possesion after the Ball. Leaving out one hundred dollars for tickets purchased by citizens, the Ball throwed into circulation four hundred and sixty dollars, besides the Saloon, Hotel, and Livery Stable Bills; for not one cent was ever divided among the members of the Band. If this is a benefit, we prefer being the laughing stock of Baker city, and eating their "cold grub"-especially, as they have a very agreeable way of laughing at people.

There are some other prints that might be answered, but they are not important, and this is getting too long already. One thing however, might be noticed, after their bugleman has growled through a whole column,, trying to make out a case, he "lets the cat out of the bag-in the last line he says; although they are all G. T's,-and thereby hangs

a tale, that's what's the matter. Truly and respectfully yours, THE BAND.

THE LATE STAGE ACCIDENT,

BOISE CITY, IDAHO, July 12th 1873. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:-As some gobbled sensational story may reach you in reference to the accident suffered by the stage leaving here for Umatilla, on July 1st 1873, in charge of Arthur E. Hill, driver. I give you the result of my investigation. The driver left Boise on time four o'clock P. M. with Mr. John A. Post, our P. M. seated on the driver's box, Dr. Newsom and two chinamen inside, with the usual baggage and mail .-To avoid the numerous ditches of the bottom road, the driver went by the foothill road, the wind blowing freshly follows the coach and made it impossible at times to see the road ahead. When about seven miles from Town, Hill discovered at the last moment as his wheelers entered a dry ditch that the same had been deepened, since his last trip of the day before, putting his foot on the break with full force as the coach wheels were near the edge of the ditch, the downward lurch was so severe as to throw the Driver off his box and still holding the reins in his hand attempting to hold his team -the hind wheel of the coach passed over his arm, seriously bruising but not breaking it. The horses freed from the driver's control and startled by the rating coach, started at a run down the level open road, Mr. Post still keeping his seat on the box, put his foot on the break. and speaking gently to the horses, brought them to a halt in about one third to a half mile distance, the lines in the mean time dragging the ground, which he gathered up when he stopped the team. Dr. Newsom becoming frightened whilst the horses were running with Mr. Post on the box-jumped out of the coach, but fortunately was able to walk to the coach where it had been stopped, and continued his journey to Baker City without any apparent difficulty. Dr. Newsom as he told us had been in poor health whilst at Boise and Silvor City, incapacitated for a time on this account from working at his profession. Arthur E. Hill the driver has been in the Company's service for years and given entire satisfaction in every respect, by his sobriety, industry and unwavering attention to his duties. I handed him the way pocket just before he drove off, and found him just as he always looks steady. quiet and sober. I have never heard of his drinking and have never seen him drink under the most trying circumstances, this is the first time that Hill has over suffered the shadow of an accident and had Dr. Newsom only kept his seat as he should have done, he would have been just as safe as if in his own office at Baker. I am glad to add that Hill has again fully recovered the use of his arm and is again at his post, where I trust him with utmost confidence. Ar thur says though that when he has a freshly dug ditch to cross he would prefer the wind did not blow the dust in thick clouds before him, and give him chance to see the opening, before being pitched down head foremost.

A SINGULAR SPEECH .- A unique speech of a German at a Masonic dinner, in Laconia, N. H., has been furnished for publication. It was in response to the toast—"To dye to live, and live to die," and was as follows: "Brothers and friends-I dye now since thirty-six years, and this enables me to live among you on this happy occasion. I am not generally making speeches, but seeing those beautiful flowers before me. I find that God, too, is a dyer; he colored those beautiful lillies with the color of purity and innocence; here the rose, the color of love and zeal: here the pansy, the color of unity and friendship; the yellow bell reminds us to be cautious of imposition: the green leaves remind us of eternity; those colors of the flowers, with their perfumery, make har. mony; harmony being the strength and support of all society, more especially of ours; they are also em. blematical, being represented by our sisters around us, with their blue eyes, rosy cheeks and sweet smiles. making life more heavenly. Now, brothers and friends, we would ad. vise you all to become dyers, and imitate our Creator, and color all your transactions with the innocence and purity of the lily, with love, of the rose, and friendship an purity, of the pansy; and when you do this you may look with pleasure on the green leaves, and be reminded that all your transactions are on perpet. ual record, and then you can die in peace, after a well spent life."

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the back pay, has come before the people for re-election, he has either been defeated in convention or at the ballot box; and wherever politicians are so unwise as to force these men upon the people they must expect nothing but a disgraceful defeat. If the democratic party sustain these acts by placing men forward as its standard bearers, who have been accessories to the robbery of the treasury, after the act permitting the theft was passed, it should and will

suffer defeat. There are but few men who are bold enough to defend either of these dishonest acts, by openly and publicly defending them, and among these few stands Matt Carpenter, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, of whom nothig else could reasonable be expected; and for his course he is more to be repected than are those who received the "swag;" and have not the manliness to defend their acts.

The men who voted against this salary steal, because they thought it wrong, and then took the additional fifty feet clear inside, thirteen feet pay, are, if anything, more to blame than those who voted for the bill. It is not to be expected or desired that democratic papers will defend political friends in the commission of an act that they condemn when perpetrated by a political opponent.

Below will we give a short article from the Illinois State Register, which, we have no doubt, speaks the true sentiments of a great majority of the American people, in relation to the parties who have received benefits from the provisions of these dishonest an thieving measure. The Register, which is one of the leading democratic paper of Illinois, says:

"If President Grant has the least particle of gratitude in his moralwe beg pardon-in his mortal composition, he will straightway give Matt Carpenter, of Wisconsin, the best paying office in his gift. Why? Because that learned Senator has had the daring, we will not call it courage, to make what he calls a defense of the Credit Mobilier robbery, and particularly the increase and back salary steal. As for the defense itself, it is an exquisitly sophmore and specious argument, exactly suited to the comprehension of the President, and in language and logic up to Grant's ablest efforts.

"It is marvelous that a man of Carpenter's position, regardless of his supposed talents, should venture to the most of it will probably be harattempt the defense of a measure that stinks in the nostrils of every honest man in this country, and is regarded

#### OUR SPARTA LETTER.

SPARTA, OGN., July 13, 1873. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:-This place is moving its lethargic way along. Eagle Canal Water Company have their ditch running full, and I believe they are selling most of their water, E. M. White & Co. are working their new discovery, or Dolly Varden, with good pay, and they keep their mill employed either crushing rock or sawing lumber.

The most notable object which attracts a stranger entering the town, is the fire proof stone building erected by E. B. Cohn & Co. It is undoubtedly one of the best, if not the finest, buildings erected this side of Portland, and does honor to the skill of the contractor, Mr. John Sauverson. The building is twenty-four by high, and built out of material, stone and cement, wholly taken from our neighborhood. The stone is of a whitish color, close, and makes a fine appearance after it is dressed.

I hear it whispered that there will be a grand ball given upon the completion of the building, shortly before the owners take possession of it. Times on an average are consider-

ably dull here; hardly any white men at work. The Fourth passed off very pleas-

antly; we had foot races, horse races, and a ball at Mr. Moore's Hotel in the evening.

On the 10th one of the heaviest hail storms visited this place we have had for many years, and hail laid in the streets, at some places, fairly six inches deep, and as large as a pigeon egg. Nobody hurt.

More next time. Yours, truly. SPARTA.

#### OUR UNION LETTER.

UNION, Ogn., July 15th, 1873. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:-Our farmers are now preparing for haymaking, and if the weather continues stormy there is likely to be some hay damaged before it can be stacked. Grain is generally good in this section, and vested with reapers hereafter, as so

# LA GRANDE BRASS BAND.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:-The terms o the Sentinel man are such that we are compelled to ask a small space in your columns, for the purpose of answering the "Why and Wherefore" tirade in the Sentinel of July 5th we might safely demur to the whole thing, on the ground that it did not state facts suffcient to constitute an action; but we prefer to answer, as there are some things which need an explanation, to be properly understood.

We have twelve instruments, and the citizens have an interest in seven of them; some members of the Band being the largest contributors: We have been organized over four years, and have succeeded in conquering "discordant sound" to some extent but never sufficiently to elict a compliment from these parties who claim us as common property; or any encouragement other than a sneer, with the information that we should be laughed at if we ever went from home, and would be the laughing stock of Baker City, if we went there on the of 4th July. During these four years we have met in Log Cabins, and other out of the way places when there was no money in the treasury to rent a Hall; we have paid for our Teacher, music wood, lights and other expenses, without ever receiving any compensation from the citizens of La Grande, with the exception of eleven dollars on an occasion of political speaking.

One year ago last Fourth, the committee thought the Band ought to play for the celebration, at this place, without a fee, as the citizens had assisted in purchasing their instruments; the Band consented, and as they were compelled to have some money, they concluded to take the chances of giving a Ball, but before they could find any one to prepare the supper they were compelled to obligate themselves to pay two dollar's and a half for each member of the Band, for fear the Ball might be a failure. (See the benefit) They paid the Printing bill for the celebration, (another benefit) and all other expenses attending the celebration, with this exception, they not asked to contribute to the public Dinner. We sold one hundred and twelve tickets, making five hunmuch grain has been spoiled hereto- dred and sixty dollars. Out of all

Yours truly, W. B. MORRIS, SUP'T.

"PAP" LEVENS has opened a **KEG SALOON** In connection with his SAMPLE ROOM

where none but the best of

Liquors, Cigars, &c., Will be kept. He has had all of his Barli quors examined by Physicians, and the have pronounced all fit for

## Medicinal Purposes,

And he will keep none other in his Kegs, Retail. He sells no poison to customers, will not have Drunk men about his pro ises. His Keg Saloon is quiet and retin and no gambling allowed. nl

### List of Letters

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# Administrator's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVIN The UNDERSIGNMINISTATOR OF Estate of Andrew Caris, deceased, by County Court, of Grant County, Ore all persons having claims against said tate, are hereby notified to present same to me in Canyon City, with po vouchers within six months from date this protice

Canyon City, Oregon, July 1st, 1873. PETER W. CARIS, Administrator.

Pay Up and Save Cost. OHN EPPINGER hereby notifi all those indebted to him. that he is sold out his Meat Market, and that they must come forward immediately and settle ther accounts either by Cash or Note, or they will have to pay Cost. I am determined to settle my business Baker City, June 4, 1873.-n4tf settle my busi

