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For the Counties of

Baker and Grant.

VICTORY OR DEFEAT:

As the Editor of a Democratic paper, we consider it our duty to warn the party against the making of an improper and unwise nomination for Member of Congress, to be voted for at the coming special election on the 13th of October. To be successful at that election is almost the same as to insure victory next June—to be defeated now is certain defeat then. This being the case, it is all important that the State Convention, which meets at Portland on next Tuesday, should be very careful to nominate a man, as the Democratic candidate for Congress, who can and will unite the whole Democratic party—and one who the Democratic press of the State can successfully defend against all charges brought against him. The Convention should not nominate a man who is chargeable with any of the frauds or rascalities that have been so bitterly and persistently condemned by the Democratic press for the past few years, that the press would have to stultify and declare itself now to advocate his election. Let the Convention give us a candidate who is not chargeable with taking the back pay—let it give us a candidate who is not mixed up in the party splits and bickerings of his own county or section of the State; let the Convention give us a candidate who did not recommend the giving of the Wallowa Valley to the Indians, in fact, let the Convention give us a man who will need no defense from the press, and then it will be a pleasure to advocate his election to the position. Such a man can and will be elected; but one who is obnoxious on account of the charges above enumerated, will certainly be defeated. We are a friend of Mr. Jas. H. Slater, and would prefer his nomination to that of any other man if we thought he could lead the Democratic party to victory. He is a man from Eastern Oregon, and were it not he is charged with taking the back pay, and with being at the bottom of the split in Union County, and also that it was through his recommendation that the settlers were removed from the Wallowa Valley, and it was given up to the Indians, we believe he would be the most available man that could be nominated, but, as it is, he cannot receive the strength of the Democratic party in Eastern Oregon. We firmly believe that if he is the nominee of the Convention which meets at Portland on next Tuesday, that he will not receive to exceed four hundred majority east of the Cascade Mountains. As we said before, we are a friend of Mr. Slaters, and do not wish to see him defeated; he is a good man, and his true friends in Eastern Oregon do not wish to have him politically killed and buried this fall, which will be the case should his so called true friends succeed in having him nominated at this time. They, as will be seen from the following extracts taken from the leading editorial articles of the Eugene City Guard, have done all in their power to either kill off Mr. Slater or to deride and distrust the Democratic party of Oregon, and, for aught we know, they may be secretly working for both the above results. In the nomination of a candidate for Congress to be supported by the Democracy on the 13th of October, we know of no dividing lines as to geographical position, and we care not what portion of the State the candidate may reside in, so he is a man who can unite the party, and is honest and capable.

Let the Convention give us a man who is able to take the stump and acquit himself honorably, and one whose claims can be advocated by the press without stultifying itself, and we can and will elect him. The Eugene Guard says:

"In the Enterprise of the 15th inst. appears an article from a correspondent who signs himself 'Veritas,' dated at Baker City, claiming for Eastern Oregon the right to furnish the candidate for Congress, and basing the claim upon purely sectional grounds."

The letter here spoken of by the Guard was never written at Baker City, but was written at La Grande and dated at Baker City to hide the real author—a man who is the most deeply interested in any cause will, as a general thing, write and advocate that cause more strenuously than any other person. We thought when we first read the letter, and still think, it was in very bad taste, and should not have been written, much less published. The Guard further says:

"Sectionalism brought upon us civil war and all its horrors. Sectionalism in political governments, like its kindred term in religion, sectarianism, embodies vindictiveness, malice, envy, hatred, and all uncharitableness. Let us by all means avoid it in our discussions upon matters pertaining to the Democratic party of Oregon. The writer referred to says, in substance, that Eastern Oregon is laboring under the incubus of a grinding monopoly. That her industries are powerless and languishing under its baneful influence. Hence her need of a special advocate in Congress to look after special legislation in her favor.—We might with equal propriety claim the nomination for Lane county, for we are ground down by a monopoly as hard and exacting as any on the coast."

But Lane county does not claim the candidate on any grounds abin to sectionalism, and we sincerely trust she never will. Sectional feelings should be laid aside when we come to choose the candidate. Merit alone should govern the choice. And when such a choice is made the member will look after the interests of Eastern as well as Western Oregon, no matter where his local habitation may be. We have no fault to find with the individual merits of the candidate being urged by the Democracy of Eastern Oregon. He is in our opinion an able, consistent Democrat and an honest man, than which no higher meed of praise can be bestowed upon him. But his chances for favorable consideration are being damaged by the manner in which his friends are urging him. Being "warned in advance" by threats of "decreased majorities" if local feeling and local pride are not allowed to rule in our Conventions, is not, to say the least of it, a palatable way to state a case. The Democracy are averse, as a rule, to having a candidate erammed down their throats by threats emanating from local jealousies. A broader philanthropy should govern our deliberations. Let us avoid sectional feelings as much as possible. Choose only the man who may merit the distinction."

As we said in the commencement of this article, as a Democratic editor there are certain duties that devolve on us by virtue of that position, which we intend to perform without fear, favor or affection so long as we continue to publish and conduct a Democratic paper—we are independent of all cliques and rings—we are under obligations to none, and will not obey the beck and nod of any would be leader of the Democratic party. We care not how pompous or self-important a man may be in his own estimation, he shall not dictate to us, and if he wants a personal organ he must buy his own material, and procure some one to run it for him as against the people instead of us. The BEDROCK DEMOCRAT is an Independent Democratic Journal, and J. M. Shepherd is the Editor and Proprietor—no other person owns any interest in it, and as long as this is the case it will work for the interest of the Democratic party and the whole people.—We will always be found advocating the election of the nominees of the Democratic party, and do not claim the right to act as judge and jury after their nominations. We are opposed to the introduction of sectionality into Democratic Conventions; but if Eastern Oregon is the identical locality where the candidate for Member of Congress must come from, there are at least half a dozen men belonging to the Democratic party east of the Cascades, who can and would poll a much larger vote in this portion of the State than would Hon. J. H. Slater. If the candidate is to be forced upon us give us a man against whom the opposition cannot make and prove charges that will kill him with our people, give us a man whom the Democratic press can sustain with its whole might and main. If Mr. Slater is nominated the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT will work as hard for his success as for that of Judge L. L. McArthur, Judge L. O. Sterns, Stukely Ellsworth or W. B. Lasswell, all, or either of whom, we are satisfied, would poll a much larger vote in Eastern Oregon than can James H. Slater; we say this because we believe it to be true; we say it as an independent Democratic paper; we say it for the good of the Democrat

ic party; we say it because we are not controlled by any clique or self-constituted leaders; we say it because we believe that with some other man as our candidate we can carry the State on the 13th of October and also next June; and we care not whether that man is one of the above mentioned or some other, such as Lafayette Lane, Geo. B. Helm or J. W. Nesmith—either of whom will, as well as Mr. Slater, receive our support if nominated.

As long as we are the conductor of a Democratic paper we intend to be our own master, free to act for the good of the party. And when we are compelled to abandon this independent course we will hang our harp upon the willows and let the four winds of free heaven sing upon its strings the death requiem of the Democratic party, and of a free and independent press. We say away with all Cliques and down with all Rings, and let the honest people in their true majesty rule—we are with and one of them, and know their and our own rights, and will ever boldly and firmly maintain them, believing these to be great cardinal principles of Democracy, and that we will be sustained in supporting them. "So mote it be."

LETTER FROM UNION COUNTY.

UNION COUNTY, Aug. 26, 1873.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—In looking over the wide-spread and extensively copied communication of our late member of Congress from Union County, which appeared in the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT of July 23d, in reply to a letter received by him from Col. T. H. Cann of Salem, we find many items of peculiar interest, at this particular time, to the Democracy of this State, especially as it is a well known fact that our Hon. Ex-M. C. has, as usual, got his "dish out"—a chronic habit with him, whenever there is signs of an official shower, and one that he has closely adhered to ever since the enthusiastic Democracy of Union county first placed his name prominently before the people. The situation was such in 1868, that the Democracy of Eastern Oregon felt that they were entitled to name the Representative to Congress from east of the Cascades. They had by united action, and at a heavy expense to many members of said party, who never asked or expected any remuneration in the way of office, built up the party, and furnished a "reserve guard" that had turned the tide in favor of Democracy in many a hard fought political contest.

On looking around there seemed to be but one who desired the nomination, and he, (J. H. Slater,) was the one. He was enthusiastically in favor of an Eastern Oregon man receiving the nomination, and more particularly that he should be THE MAN. All favored a man from this locality—none seemed to care much who he was—all thought he would do about as much good in Congress as he would at home. There seemed to be no opposition on that score, in fact there was none. All were anxious in regard to our railroad interests, and the nomination was made—made by men who could as easily have defeated as to have selected him. The election that ensued raised him from the humble position of a county attorney to one of great responsibility and considerable profit—providing mileage could be calculated by way of the North Pole. He went, he saw, he drew his salary and came home. Those who enquired for him during his absence were informed that he was supposed to be in Washington. Those who were interrogated felt safe in venturing the assertion, as he had departed from La Grande with a pocket full of affidavits of those who were supposed to know, the purport of which were to show the proper route—the "BROAD ROAD" that lead to the National Capitol was by way of Portland and San Francisco. Nevertheless, when he got ready to start, and notwithstanding the fact that he had guide boards in his pockets—affidavits of warm personal friends, solemnly sworn to, to inform him which was the proper route to go, as well as to show the committee on mileage the route by which he came, HE TOOK THE WRONG ROUTE, or rather, he got on the stage the same as "any other man," and went by way of Kelton and the Union Pacific Railroad, east.

"Recognizing," as he does, "the right of the people to criticize all his acts,"—a right recognized by the people long before he ever dreamed of going to Congress,—we should certainly like very much to criticize and accord all due praise to each and every act of any interest or importance to his constituency, but really, our memory fails to furnish anything worthy of either approval or censure. There were but few who heard from him during his sojourn in Washington—there would be fewer now since the franking privilege has been abolished. In most instances those who did hear from him were "Bolters," who went off and worked for the "Peoples' Ticket," and done everything in their power against him in 1868, thus causing him to run far behind the strength of the Democratic ticket. Nevertheless, these "erring brothers" have ever since been his chosen counselors, his warm bosom companions; he has been constantly courting the favor of these stray colts, trying to induce them to "suck;" he evidently presumes that all that is required to carry the strength of the Democratic party, is to see that those who always bolt are on his side, and made right and left bowers in the game. He fell far short of his calculations in this respect at the time he was elected, having run far behind his ticket in his home county, also in Wasco and Grant, where they still remember him as a Prosecuting Attorney, busily engaged in the capacity of a "smelling committee."

There are many reasons why the Democracy should make choice of some more able, competent and acceptable man, of which she has thousands in her ranks. The Democracy have attacked the "back salary steal," from the President down to the smallest steal. The People—the laboring classes, the patrons of husbandry, the anti-monopolists of all denominations, all endorse the course of the Democracy in this matter. This becomes a powerful weapon in the hands of the Democracy. But should we nominate one who openly and boldly acknowledges that he has received some Eleven Hundred Dollars under that law, which he still retains and proposes to hold on to with a grip for which he is famous where he is best known—and thus put a weapon into the hands of our opponents that we are entitled to ourselves. What kind of a denunciation of the back pay grab could the Democracy of this State expect to hear from one whose left breast pocket was stuffed with a wallet containing eleven hundred dollars of those same identical greenbacks. The honorable gentleman seems to try to console his conscience by believing that he should have been entitled to as much compensation as any former member from this State, although the route traveled by him could only have been traveled by them at the time they went with a "bull team," while he sped swiftly over the plains and through the tunneled mountains, drawn by the Iron Horse. Should he receive the nomination, he will have an opportunity to defend his course before the people. We will then have a candidate who will be compelled to make a defensive canvass—while it is evident to every one that we should nominate a candidate who will have no personal defense to make, but who can employ his whole time in exposing the frauds and corruption of the Administration party, even down to "Hippleism."

The charge has been boldly made against Mr. Slater, and comes from head quarters, that the representations made to the Indian Department by him, after holding a council with the Nez Perce Indians on the 4th of July, 1872, was the primary cause, and opened up the subject of setting the Wallowa Valley aside as an Indian Reservation, the result of which has been the loss to Union county of one of the finest valleys in the State, and to the Pioneers, who desired to settle there and make homes for themselves and their children, the loss of one of the finest agricultural and stock growing countrys on the Pacific coast. Whether this charge be true or not, I am not prepared to say—it has been allowed to go unanswered until it will require an explanation before the people in the coming canvass, which we are afraid and believe he cannot successfully give.

The above charges, together with the well known fact that he has been the cause of the dissensions that exist in the Democratic party in Union county, and which were the causes of his running far behind the ticket in his last Congressional contest, are urgent and strong reasons, in our mind, why the Convention should not nominate him, but select some able Democrat, who can go before the people in the coming canvass and

conduct an aggressive, instead of a defensive campaign. We have always been a Democrat, always expect to be a Democrat so long as the great principles of the old time Democracy exist, and they can never die in our government, and we shall lend the nominee of the coming Democratic Convention our hearty support, let him be who he will—nevertheless, we claim the right to urge upon the members of that Convention to give us a candidate who can carry the whole strength of the party, and not one that must depend entirely on the strength of the party to carry him through.

JEFFERSONIAN.

ENDORSED.—The Walla Walla Union says: "At the late Democratic County Convention at La Grande, Hon. Jas. H. Slater was endorsed, and the Union county delegates to the State Convention were instructed to support him in the State Convention for re nomination for Representative in Congress. It is but a short time since Mr. Slater through the press acknowledged that he took his back pay, and did not intend to give it up. Now when we reflect that in Eastern Oregon, and especially in Union county, their Democracy is of the Simon pure quality, we are somewhat surprised to see this endorsement of the "back pay grab" and of one of the "grabbers." It is only to be accounted for by saying that the Democracy are opposed to any "steal" that they cannot get a hand in. And if there is any stealing going on they intend to have some of it. Sail in, Jas. H., you will need more money than your back pay steal amounted to before you get to Congress."

THE Democracy of Eastern Oregon do not endorse the "Salary Steal"—it is only a few personal party politicians (that are trying to misrepresent the Democratic party) who are corrupt enough to endorse this outrageous transaction, and the people do and will repudiate them when they have the opportunity to do so, at the ballot box.

ABOUT SWAG.—The Idaho World says: "Jas. H. Slater, of Oregon, has been heard from on the subject of Congressional swag; and he is about the most conclusive reasoner who has yet spoken concerning it.—He says he took it because the House Committee refused to allow him compensation for travel via Portland and San Francisco; but instead computed the distance from his home to Washington City by Boise City and Salt Lake, the shortest and proper route, occasioning him to lose, in mileage \$1,320, and he "wanted to get even," or words to that effect.—It was certainly very naughty of the House Committee to compute mileage according to law; but it is a "powerful weak" reason to offer in justification of an act which should not have been done unless it could be defended on unequivocally moral grounds; and none have yet been found to defend the back pay grab on such grounds. Our opinion is that the Democracy of Oregon will undertake, at the next election, to secure Mr. Slater against future losses from similar causes by sending some other man to Congress."

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J. H. PARKER.
Baker City, Sept. 3, 1873. n17ft

ANDREW J. LAWRENCE,
Attorney-at-Law,
BAKER CITY, OREGON.
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Sheriff's Sale.

By Virtue of a Warrant for the Collection of Taxes, issued by the County Clerk of Baker County, Oregon, I have levied upon and will on

Wednesday, September 24th,
A. D. 1873,

between the hours of nine o'clock, A. M., and four o'clock, P. M., of said day, at the Court House door in Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, offer for sale the following described property, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in Gold Coins, or will:

That certain Ditch commencing at or near the Mouth of Camp Creek, and conveying the waters of Burnt River to Clark's Creek, said Ditch being known as the Oregon Canal Company's Ditch and Taxed to the Oregon Canal Company, and indebted for taxes to the sum of \$156.00
Also, the undivided one-half of what is known as the S. B. Reeves & Co's Ditch, Situate in Shasta Mining Precinct, Twp. 20 N. S. 1 E. in the sum of Seventy Five Dollars, (\$75.00)
The above mentioned taxes are due for the year ending June 30th, 1873.
Aug. 24th, 1873. JAMES H. SHINN, Sheriff.
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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County.
Reinhold Lekeburg PVT
vs.
B. D. Buford Deft.
To B. D. Buford the above named defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, on or before the 8th day of October 1873, and if you fail to so answer, for want of answer, judgement will be taken against you by the plaintiff herein for the sum of ten thousand two hundred and fifty one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$10,251.25), in gold coin together with costs and disbursements of this action, you will take notice that this summons is published by order of Hon. L. L. McArthur, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made on the 15th day of August 1873.
LAWRENCE & PUGAN,
Attys. for Defd.
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Writ of Special Election.

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties within the State of Oregon:

WHEREAS, At a General Election held on the third day of June, A. D. 1872, the Hon. Joseph G. Wilson was elected Representative of the State of Oregon in the Forty-third Congress of the United States; and since the said election, said office has become vacant by the death of said incumbent; and
WHEREAS, By provision of the Constitution of the United States, and the laws of this State, it has become the duty of the governor thereof to issue his writ of election to fill such vacancy;
Now, therefore, I, L. F. Grover, Governor of the State of Oregon, do hereby command you and each of you to notify the several Judges of Election within and for the several Counties, to hold a special election of Representative in Congress to fill the vacancy aforesaid, on

Monday, the 13th day of October, A. D. 1873,

and that you cause all proper notices to be given thereof according to law.
Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Oregon, at Salem, this Tenth day of July, A. D. 1873.
L. F. GROVER,
Attest: S. F. CHADWICK,
n12n17 Secretary of State of Oregon.

NOTICE.

ALL PARTIES KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to Messrs. REED & FLETCHER, are requested to call at once at the office of the undersigned, and settle their accounts with CASH or by Note, AND SAVE COSTS!
Baker City, Oregon, Aug. 12, 1873.
STERN & HAYDEN,
Attorneys at Law.
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