

SOBER THOUGHTS.

At the election which takes place on the 13th of October, the honest and moral portion of the Republican party will be called upon to either endorse the action of the rule or ruin and personal portion of the Republican party, by voting for their candidate, H. Smith; or to show their independence by voting for Col. Nesmith, or staying away from the polls. One of these three alternatives is before them, and it is for them to consider which is the best for them to pursue. We have conversed with a large number of good Republicans, and the most of them have already come to the conclusion that it is their duty to go to the polls, and, in the most emphatic manner, express their disapprobation of the action of the majority of the delegates of the Convention which endorsed Hipple-Mitchell, and nominated H. Smith, because he was the only man who would so far debase himself as to take a nomination from that Convention, after it had passed a resolution endorsing the crimes of the Senator who stands as a monument of disgrace on the fair fame of our young and growing State, and to do this, they have come to the firm conviction that their duty is plain, and they will vote for J. W. Nesmith. They say that if they stay away from the polls they will be the same as giving one vote for the endorsement candidate; that they must either be for or against him, and the endorsement resolution. In this we agree with them. If they stay away from the polls, and do not, by their vote, condemn this foul wrong that the personal friends of Hipple-Mitchell has sought to foster upon their party, they, by their silent action, will give consent to the perpetration of that wrong—it is a well-known saying—that "silence gives consent." So if they stay away from the polls, their silent action will be counted in his favor. We agree with those who are determined to make their action as plain, as passable and say to all that the only way they can do this is to go to the polls and vote for Col. Nesmith, and in this way vindicate their honor, as well as the fair fame of Oregon.

A correspondent writing to the Sacramento Union, from Salem, says: The Republican convention met at Albany two days after the other and was noted for the presence and activity of nearly every Federal officeholder and every aspirant in the State. The united power of the railroads and the office-holders, combined with the preoccupation of the farming community, which was deep in the mysteries of the harvest, gave the primaries to the Ring mercenaries almost without an effort.

It looked as if the Holladay-Mitchell ring were anxious for peace and disposed to court public favor by acquiescence to popular sentiment for once, so as to command more confidence next Spring, when we have a general State election. But these illusions were dispelled the evening before the convention, when the announcement was publicly made that Mitchell's friends demanded that he should be endorsed by the Convention, and as they had the great majority of the convention their power to pass such a resolution was undoubted. Mitchell himself was on hand to engineer his cause and his subordinates were thus officered by one who knew all the tricks of conventions, and was desperate and reckless to every question except his own power, which he was determined to establish, if necessary, on the ruins of the Republican party. It was a pitiful scene, that convention, and all the evil and corruption of party politics and reckless ambition was manifest there.

The first vote was actually taken and the count had commenced when Rev. E. R. Geary, in a few words recited his life-long devotion to Republican principles, endorsed the present platform heartily, and alluding to the additional resolution, said he held it in abeyance, and declined to be the nominee of the party. The jubilant faces of the Holladay-Mitchell ring lengthened and turned to actual fury and despair. They pleaded with the old man, but he was firm; adjourned for half an hour, and on its reassem-

bling a scene ensued that has no parallel in modern political history.—More than two-thirds the convention were in the ring interests, and out of 97 votes only 27 were found to oppose and vote against the resolution. That handful were made of staunch stuff, and they knew they had the people behind them. One of them got up and offered the nomination of Dolph, Mitchell's late partner and best friend and Holladay's attorney, but he gracefully declined. He did not wish to meet his political death in just exactly that manner. Then this Spartan band placed in nomination one after another the best Republicans in the State to give them an opportunity to decline and state their reasons, and for an hour or so that ruthless set of place-men and railroad menials sat there and listened to more truth than they have ever willingly listened to before. Destruction stared them in the face.—Judge Boise withered them with a recital of Mitchell's past bigamous history; Davenport exposed a private conversation with Mitchell, where the latter said his friends demand his indorsement, and were willing to concede the nomination to any one who would secure it for him. Davenport scorned the intimation, and informed the convention of the plain truths he had furnished Mitchell in reply. Richard Williams, a well-known lawyer, added his tribute to the common fund, and such a supply of wholesome truths has not been poured into the ears of political satellites for many a day.

In this dilemma it suddenly occurred to one of the ringites that there was a name before the convention. Hiram Smith is a merchant at Harrisburg, one of the small up-river towns, where he has acquired considerable money and is considered a very clever gentleman. He is not calculated for a Congressman, but his name had been introduced and was the only one remaining before the convention. It was the work of a moment to move to nominate him by acclamation; a few voted yes, a few more yelled no, the Chairman said it was carried, the convention had a candidate and adjourned as speedily as possible and the farce, or rather the funeral, was over. Unless some modicum of good sense induces the ring to recede and give us a new candidate Nesmith certainly goes to Congress.

On the 13th of October the people of our party will repeal the infamous resolution by their refusal to go to the polls. That will be the most effectual condemnation of Mitchell that can be made, and it is to be hoped that the Senate of the United States will exercise its sovereign right, and declare his seat vacant.

"THE BEDROCK DEMOCRAT," published by J. M. Shepherd, at Baker City, Oregon, now issues a supplement every week with its regular edition, thereby furnishing his subscribers with a large amount of miscellaneous reading, which it is impossible to crowd into the columns of the DEMOCRAT, which, by-the-by, has much improved of late, and is well worth its subscription price. "Shep" is a veteran in the publishing business, and understands what the people need.

We thank the Idaho Statesman for the above notice. In this connection we would say that our live, business advertising patronage was crowding our paper to such an extent that we were either compelled to enlarge our paper, or issue a supplement. Our press not being large enough so that we could enlarge our paper we were compelled to issue a supplement, thereby giving our readers more reading matter than we could by adding four columns to our paper. The DEMOCRAT is on a firm and paying basis, and knows no such word as fail. Our business men, knowing that our subscription list is large, and constantly increasing, want their advertisements in our paper, so that they will be seen and read by the people, and to make room for them we have to issue a supplement, which we will continue to do until we can enlarge the DEMOCRAT to a thirty-two column paper.

OLD FRIEND.—It does a printer, as well as any other man, good to have visits from old friends, and such we consider the Daily Sacramento Union to be. We were present in Sacramento, when the company was organized, which brought into existence this, now, great paper of the Pacific Coast. From its small beginning in 1850 it has lived and prospered to become one of the great and leading papers of the Union, and the peer of any on the Pacific Coast. We are in receipt of the daily and welcome it to our table as one of our best and oldest friends. Persons wishing to procure reliable and late news, from all parts of the world, cannot do better than to subscribe for the Sacramento Union.—Our Postmaster, at his news Depot, has the weekly Union for sale.

Jo. OLDEAM, a Pioneer of Idaho Territory—a regular Missourian—has lately returned from an extended visit to his old home in Missouri. Jo, did you get a new suit of Button clothes?

CONSISTENCY.—We hear a great deal said about the Chinese, with a great hue and cry against them, but still we see the very parties who profess to be the most opposed to their presence among us, giving them their light work to do. We speak of this from the fact that we have those among us who would be glad if they could get the washing to do that is now given by our citizens to the Chinese. We have widow women among us who are trying to make an honest living by washing, but they cannot get it to do because our citizens patronize the Chinese. Mrs. Blanchard, for instance, is a case in point. She has resided with us a long time, and is anxious to do washing or sewing whereby she can make an honest living for herself and children, but our citizens patronize Chinese, instead of giving their work to a widow woman who is in want of it. This is not right, and we do not have much faith in those who preach one thing and practice another.

COUNTY STATISTICS.—By the politeness of Mr. R. C. George, we are furnished with the following list of taxable property, as assessed in Baker County, for the year 1873:

Aeres of Land,	40,858
Number of Horses,	910
Number of Cattle,	9,762
Number of Sheep,	6,583
Number of Swine,	879
Value of Land,	\$236,714
Value of Town Lots,	110,240
Value of Personal property,	625,075

Gross Value of all property \$972,029  
Indebtedness and Exemption, 332,991

Total of Taxable property \$639,038

The County Court levied on the above amount of \$639,038, a tax of three cents on the dollar, which will amount to the sum of \$19,171.14 as the tax levied for the year 1873.

DOPED AGAIN.—On the first day of the races, at Boise City, the race was between Johnny Early's Mare, Emma McCormick, and Ross's Mare Trifle, (alias Maria) two best in three mile heats. The first heat was won by Early's Mare by thirteen feet, and on the second heat she distanced Ross's Mare, coming home at an easy gait. The time of the first mile was one minute and forty eight and three fourth seconds. The attendance, says the Statesman, was very large.

RELIGIOUS.—On Sunday last there was divine service at the Court House in the morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. Dr. Nevius announced an early visitation from the Bishop for Confirmation, and the laying a corner stone for the new Church.—Also services at Eldorado and Malheur, on Sunday next, and at Baker on Wednesday night of next week. The Bishop's visitation will be about the end of October.

UNION CO. FAIR.—We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation, including certificate of membership, to attend the Union County Agricultural Fair. We return our thanks for the compliment, and hope to be able to attend. The Fair takes place on the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th inst.

We return our thanks to the Committee of Invitation for an invitation sent us to be present at the laying of the Corner Stone of the new Capitol building, at Salem, on the 9th inst. We would like to attend, but the distance is too great, and we have not the time to spare for the visit.

RETURNED.—J. H. Johnson, after an absence of some weeks to Portland, on business, returned to our city on Wednesday night; and left for his home at Eldorado on last Friday morning.

Wm. Lynch's stallion, Planter, beat Johnny Early's stallion, Rival, three best in five at the races in Boise City, last week, for a purse of \$300. He took the three first heats. Time, 1:52 1/4—1:56—1:58.

ED. BRYON returned from Boise Basin a day or two since. He disposed of his large cargo of cheese there at good prices. He returned to his home in Umatilla County yesterday.

CHARLES H. DOUGLAS, well known in Idaho and Eastern Oregon, was recently fined \$1000 for violation of the gambling ordinance of Salt Lake City.

LEFT.—Mr. Malin, and family, left this city for the Sound country, where he intends to make his future residence, on last Saturday.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of J. W. Cleaver in another column. Call and see his assortment.

Judge L. O. Sterns returned from his attendance at the Grant County term of the Circuit Court, on last Saturday.

Hon. J. H. Slater was in our city on last Monday.

A REMINISCENCE.

For the BEDROCK DEMOCRAT.

By Joe.

There is music in the word Home, to the aged it brings a bewitching strain from the harp of memory; to the young it is a reminder of all that is near and dear to them. Among the songs we often listen to, there is none more welcome, or listened to more eagerly, than Home, Sweet Home. Will you go back with me a few years, dear reader, in the history of the past, and see, in imagination a mountain stream in the mining region of California; on the banks of this stream lived one, who had left his home in the east, to enjoy the life of a miner, the coveted life of a gold seeker, he loved his mountain home, what castles he built in the air, what pleasure and happiness in the future. Fickle dame, fortune—favored him. Yet temptation assailed him. Sin was presented to him in one of its most bewitching guises. He drank wildly and deeply of the intoxicating cup, and his draught brought madness. Reason was dethroned, and he rushed on, all his senses overcome, careless of what he did or how deeply he became immersed in the hitherto unknown sea of guilt.

Suffering severely from the effects of a champagne frolic, he took a stroll. The cool night air lifted the damp locks from his heated brow, and swept with soothing touch over his flushed cheeks. Walking on calmer, but no less determined, strains of music from a distance met his ear. Following in the direction the sound indicated, he at length distinguished the words and air.—The song was well remembered. It was Home, Sweet Home. Clear and sweet the voice of some miner rose and fell on the air, in the soft cadence of that beloved melody. Motionless, the wanderer listened 'till the last note floated away, and he could hear nothing but the ceaseless murmur of the river. Then he turned slowly, with no feeling that his manhood was shamed by the tear which fell as a bright evidence of the power of song. The demon that dwelt in the wine cup had fled, and Reason once more asserted her right to control. As the soft strains of Sweet Home, had floated to his ear, memory brought up before him his own Sweet Home. He saw his gentle Mother, and heard her speak, while honest pride beamed from her eye, of her son, in whose nobleness and honor she could always trust and his heart smote him as he thought low little he deserved such confidence. He remembered her last words of love and counsel, and the tearful farewell of all those dear ones who gladdened that faraway home with their presence. Well he knew their pride in his integrity, and the tide of remorse swept over his spirit as he felt that their sorrow would be could they have seen him an hour before. Subdued and repentent, he retraced his steps, and with his vow never to taste of the terrible draught that could so excite him to madness, was mingled a deep sense of thankfulness for his escape from further degradation. The influence of home had protected him.

Col. J. W. Nesmith is, and always has been the friend of the settler and pioneer, and will always be found working for their interests.—He is a farmer and knows a farmer's wants.

New York, Sept. 19.—Fisk & Hatch have failed, while Freits and Rubelon are announced as having suspended. The firms of Beeters & Edwards and Eugene Jackson also have been announced, in the Stock Exchange, as failed. There have been failures, since the above announcement of Thomas Reen & Co., H. Warren & Co., Greenleaf & Norris and George Bailey. This seems to be another Black Friday, and a dreary, rainy day contributes to the financial gloom. Gold has reached 114, and stocks, in some instances, have fallen 10 per cent. Day and Morse and Hoyt & Warner have suspended. Theodore Bedell and A. M. Kidder are the latest announced failures.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Desao & Bro. have failed.

A Chicago paper has this queer editorial paragraph:

"President McMahan follows the example of the ex-Empress Eugene, and unbosoms himself to a newspaper reporter."

Irate party to bus driver—"Why didn't you attend to my hair?" Bus driver, with dignity and a pulling team—"Cause I had my hands full of rein."

Never forget that marriage is ordained of God, and that his blessings alone can make it what it should be.

Never let your hopes stop short of the eternal home.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

1873. THE 1874.  
Fall & Winter Campaign!  
New Store Building  
and  
New Goods,  
In J. W. Virtue's New Bank Block.

BAMBERGER & FRANK,  
Wholesale and Retail  
DEALERS,  
Enter the Field this Winter with the  
LARGEST STOCK  
OF

NEW GOODS  
Ever Offered in this Market, which they are determined to sell for  
Smaller Profits  
Than any other House in Eastern Oregon.  
Our Stock embraces every thing in the line of

Dry Goods,  
Clothing,  
Boots and Shoes,  
Groceries,  
Tobacco and Cigars,  
and Everything pertaining to a Complete  
Stock of  
General Merchandise.

Our Stock of Liquors  
Is well supplied with the Best Brands of  
WHISKY,  
BRANDY,  
GIN,  
WINE, etc., etc.,  
And we offer the same at Lowest Figures.

TO THE FARMERS!  
Farmers wanting anything in the line of  
Reapers, Mowers, Thrashers, Feed  
Mills, Wagons, Horse Rakes,  
Harrows, Plows, or  
OTHER AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY,  
will find it to their advantage to give us a call.

Wholesale Department  
Is kept in our New FIRE PROOF CELLAR.  
Give us a Call at Virtue's New Bank Block  
on Front Street, Baker City, Oregon.  
BAMBERGER & FRANK,  
Baker City, Oct. 1, 1873.—n21tf

FURNITURE WAREHOOMS.  
Patronize Your Home Manufacture.  
J. W. Cleaver  
Respectfully informs the citizens of  
BAKER CITY AND VICINITY,  
That he now has a Large and Complete Assortment of

Furniture,  
Of his own Manufacture, embracing everything necessary for housekeeping, both useful and ornamental.  
All kinds of Office Furniture manufactured to order. In fact, he is prepared to make anything and everything in his line, in the best style and at reasonable prices.

CHAIRS  
Of every description manufactured of the very best material, and warranted to be superior to any other in the State.  
Job Turning done to order.  
Give him a call and examine his assortment. n21m3

Undertaker.  
J. W. CLEAVER  
Informs the Public that he is prepared to do all kind of work in the Undertaking Business on short notice and at reasonable prices.  
Baker City, Oct. 1, 1873.—n21tf

CITY HALL.  
THE LARGE AND COMMODIOUS  
Hall over J. W. Cleaver's Furniture Warerooms is now open to the Public for Balls, Parties, Concerts, &c., &c.  
For particulars enquire of  
J. W. CLEAVER.  
Baker City, Oct. 1, 1873.—n21tf

Bamberger & Frank  
Respectfully invite all those who are indebted to them to call and settle. We are in want of money, and must have it to meet our engagements.  
Baker City, Oct. 1, 1873.—21tf

NOTICE.  
THE UNDERSIGNED HAS PURCHASED the interest of Charles Schellworth in what was known as the  
Schellworth Saloon and Bakery,  
With the Stock in trade, Furniture and Fixtures thereunto belonging, and accounts and demands due there to, in this City, and said Schellworth has retired from Saloon and Bakery business, and the undersigned will alone conduct said business, at the  
OLD STAND,  
On the corner of Front Street and Valley Avenue. The best  
Wines, Liquors, Cigars and  
FRESH BREAD, CRACKERS,  
AND PASTRY  
Always on hand at the Bakery.  
All parties owing the late firm of Schellworth & Co., will settle with the undersigned.  
Baker City, Sept. 9, 1873.  
F. A. BOHNA.

WANTED. We will give energetic men and women  
Business that will pay  
from \$4 to \$8 per day; can be pursued in your own neighborhood, and strictly honorable. Particulars free, or samples that will enable you to go to work at once, will be sent on receipt of two three cent stamps.  
Address,  
J. LATHAM & CO.,  
292 Washington Street,  
Boston, Mass.  
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Never sigh over what might have been, but make the best of what it is.

JAS. W. VIRTUE,

BAKER CITY, OREGON,

BROKER AND ASSAYER  
DEALER  
In Gold Dust,  
—AND—  
GOLD AND SILVER BARS,  
—ALSO—  
EXCHANGE OF GREENBACKS.

Office—First door north Odd Fellow's Hall  
(n49v2tf)

Berkshire Pigs.  
THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FOR Sale a Lot of Choice  
Berkshire Pigs,  
Some of the males old enough for service.  
Also, a few  
POLAND CHINA.

The Berkshires were all sired by Pacific Prince, a pig of the famous Imported Sow "RAMFORD BELLE,"  
Owned by S. G. REED, of Portland.  
The Sows were selected from the stock of one of the best Herders of Illinois.  
Price \$25, payable in Grain, if more convenient for the purchaser.  
S. G. FRENCH,  
Cove, Ogn., Sept. 9, 1873.—n19tf

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.  
Sheriff's Sale.

NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION.  
BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION  
Issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Baker, upon a judgment rendered in said Court, on the Thirtieth of October, A. D. 1872, in favor of George W. Sayers and against the Malheur and Burnt River Consolidated Ditch and Mining Company, for the sum of Seven Hundred and Thirty-one Dollars and Fifty cents (\$731.50), gold coin, to me directed against the property of the said defendant, I have levied upon and shall expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on

Saturday, the 18th day of  
October, A. D. 1873,  
At 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Court House Door, in Baker City, Baker County, Oregon, the following described property, to-wit:

All the right, title and interest of the Malheur and Burnt River Consolidated Ditch and Mining Company in and to the undivided one half interest in and to what is known as the Birch Creek Ditch, used to convey the waters of Birch Creek and its tributaries to Quartz Gulch and vicinity together with all the Water Rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging; Also, all that Town Lot on the corner of Front and Spring Streets, on which the said and Fire Proof Cellar of the Malheur and Burnt River Consolidated Ditch and Mining Company's Office stands, and running back easterly to a line with or about on foot east of the east side of said Office, extending from Porter Street to about twenty feet north of said Office, together with the tenements thereon.

The above described property will be sold as aforesaid to satisfy said execution and all costs.  
Dated at Baker City, this 13th day of September, A. D. 1873.  
JAMES H. SHINN,  
n19n23 Sheriff

Sheriff's Sale.  
By Virtue of a Warrant for the Collection of Taxes, issued by the County Clerk of Baker County, Oregon, I am 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 Coin to-wit:

The certain Ditch commencing at or near the Mouth of Camp Creek, and conveying the waters of Burnt River to the Clarks Creek 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 \$150.00

Also, the undivided one-half of what is known as the S. B. Reeves & Co's Ditch, Situate in Shasta Mining Precinct, Twp. 35 N. S. 12 E. in the sum of Seventy Five Dollars, (\$75.00)

The above mentioned taxes are due to the year ending June 30th, 1873.  
Aug. 24th, 1873. JAMES H. SHINN,  
n19n21 Sheriff

Summons.  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County.  
Reinhold Lekeburg Plaintiff  
vs.  
B. D. Buford Defendant  
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, or if you fail to so answer, or want the judgment will be taken against you, by the plaintiff herein for the sum of One thousand two hundred and fifty one Dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,251.25) in gold coin together with costs and disbursements of this action, you are hereby notified that this summons is issued by order of Hon. L. L. McArthur Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made the 15th day of August 1873.  
LAWRENCE & DUGAN  
Att'ys. for Plt.  
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Summons.  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Baker County.  
George W. Sayers, Plaintiff,  
Against  
Rebecca S. Sayers, Defendant.  
To Rebecca S. Sayers, 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, which is a suit to dissolve the marriage contract between you and the above named plaintiff on the ground of willful desertion for more than three years, within the time specified in the above summons, to appear and answer, and if you fail to do so, the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, and the costs and disbursements of this suit.

You will also take notice that this summons is published by order of Hon. L. L. McArthur, Judge of the above entitled Court, made on the 25th day of August 1873.  
ANDREW J. LAWRENCE,  
Att'y for Plaintiff  
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