

AMERICAN POLITICS.

Those good old days which "we read about" when men of eminent unbroken to them, and while engaged in the daily vocations of life were called to fill important positions of trust to the State and Nation have passed and gone.

When one reflects carefully of the course and tendency of American politics he is involuntarily reminded of the degenerate procedure of ancient times when the high positions of trust in the ancient republics were bought and sold like ordinary wares of trade and when the destiny of whole nations were influenced by passion and favoritism.

ENDOWMENT OF STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since the legislature is in session information comes that Henry Villard is desirous of submitting a proposition to endow the Oregon State University upon certain conditions.

Villard's proposition to endow that institution with \$50,000 is only a well laid scheme to derive to himself benefits from the state through the action of the legislature of ten times that value.

THE CAUCUS.

The idea that once prevailed quite extensively that the majority of what would constitute a legal political caucus should govern the actions and future conduct of the minority even though the minority steadily and persistently refused and objected to going into or having anything to do with the caucus has become repulsive and thoroughly objectionable to all sensible men.

A BILL TO REGULATE TRAFFIC.

A bill to regulate traffic among common carriers has been introduced into the Oregon Senate by Clow, of Polk county. It is likely a bill with similar provisions to one introduced by the same member at the last session.

NEW BILL.

A copy of House bill No. 5, introduced to the Legislature by W. P. Keedy from this county, to amend the present law to provide a Board of Canal Commissioners for the canal and locks at the Willamette Falls is received.

A NEW WAY OF IMPOSING UPON THE GOVERNMENT.

A communication to the New York Sun of Sept. 7th, contains an account of a villainous way of imposing upon the government. If true it should be condemned by every honest citizen.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—A most remarkable case of the influence of a certain railroad corporation upon Carl Schurz has just been unearthed.

In October 1880, a commission, at the head of which was Major Clark, Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, was appointed to examine fifty miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad just finished, and report whether it was constructed in accordance with law.

By one of those mistakes which sometimes happen in the best of regulated families, this commission was composed of men who honestly discharged the duty assigned them.

was rebuilt in accordance with law. Mr. Billings stated that this certificate was necessary to enable the company to borrow money.

Can you point in the history of this country to another transaction of a similar character? Was it not just what was to be expected from an Administration conceived in fraud and living in hypocrisy?

In 1881, after Arthur became President, this fifty miles of road was re-examined and accepted. An examination of the records of the Interior Department will prove the truth of what I have stated, unless they have been changed within a week.

GOV. THAYER'S ADMINISTRATION.

The Oregon City Enterprise, a straight-out republican paper, very truly says the following of Gov. Thayer's administration. And yet the democratic organs of the State are so strongly attached to and in favor of the Grover administration that there is not hardly one that will even pass a deserving favorable comment upon the administration of Thayer.

The administration of Gov. Thayer is now a thing of history. On his accession to the executive chair he found the affairs of the State in great confusion, resulting from the profligacy of the preceding administration.

The most brazen-faced, impudent, contemptible manner for a bloated unscrupulous monopolist to attempt the wholesale purchase of an entire State Legislature in a body is to attempt to influence them by a proposition to endow the "State University."

It is not possible that there can be found members in the State Legislature who are such short sighted, thick headed numbskulls as to honestly vote to accept Villard's scheme to buy their Legislative liberties and the freedom of their posterity.

Hon. E. G. Hursh is at Empire city, attending to the duties of his office. His wife accompanied him, hoping to be benefited by the exhilarating breeze "from over the briny deep."

The Oregon Legislature should follow the example set by Texas law-makers, who passed a bill taxing all persons selling the Police Gazette, Police News and similar papers \$500 per annum.

TELEGRAMS.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 16.—President Arthur arrived here between 3 and 4 o'clock, having ridden in a farmer's wagon all the way from Seacoast Point on East River, the most northerly and easterly point of the state of Rhode Island.

his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes. With the president came also Captain Green of the U. S. steamer Dispatch, and Private Secretary Phillips.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—U. S. Senator John F. Miller, of California, arrived in the city yesterday evening from the east, on his way home with his family, not having been in California since November, when he left to attend the session of the senate.

Milwaukee, Sept. 16.—The republican convention of the Third district, held at Monroe, terminated to-day in a complete split and nomination of two candidates for congress. The Hazleton faction met, and after voting down a communication from the members from Lane and Green counties, looking toward a compromise, renominated Hazleton, Keys receiving two votes.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 16.—The democrats after a three days' session have nominated Thomas H. Robertson to succeed Proctor Knott, the latter running for governor.

St. Louis, Sept. 16.—Ringing speeches were made by leading republicans to-night, who chose delegates to the state convention on the 20th inst. The resolutions are bitter against Filley's action for trying to prevent the assembling of a republican state convention and strongly denounce the system of debauching elections, packing conventions and buying votes.

New York, Sept. 16.—A meeting of the Tammany committee on organization was held to-night. Kelly said if Tammany it would support the ticket nominated. If rejected it would take time and consider which it would do.

Boston, Sept. 16.—The cable, some weeks ago, made a brief mention of trouble on the island of Madagascar, which, it was said, involved the safety of American residents.

Redding, Sept. 17.—This morning the overland stage from Oregon was stopped while coming up and near the top of Bass hill, about sixteen miles from Redding, by a highwayman, who ordered the driver to dismount and stand at the head of his leaders while he proceeded to investigate the contents of Wells Fargo & Co.'s strong box by the aid of an ax, securing its contents and the United States mail.

Des Moines, Sept. 16.—The tariff commission this afternoon and evening heard a communication from Nathan Sutter recommending that books be placed on the free list and duty on paper be reduced, and only a low tariff be imposed on all articles used in manufactured things that people use and wear.

Rock Island, Sept. 19.—The third annual convention of the Liquor Dealers' and Manufacturers' Protective Association met this morning. Edwin Porter occupied the chair. Addresses of welcome were made by James Parks, city attorney, and Mayor or Care. The committee on credentials reported 30 out of 45 districts in the state represented, and a temporary organization was made.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—At the liquor dealers and saloon keepers convention to-day at Rock Island the trustees report will be presented, showing the results of the past year's work. It takes a gloomy view of the adoption by Iowa of a prohibition amendment, of Kansas' fidelity to St. John, Nebraska's prohibition tendency, Missouri's narrow escape and the growth of prohibition in southern Illinois. They attribute these prohibitions to sloth and inactivity.

flax from \$15 to \$30 per ton and 30 per cent on flax seed.

Louisville, Sept. 18.—Anderson, the leading short-horn breeder of the United States, has brought from Denver a lot of Chinamen to work on his plantation in Montgomery county. He will discharge his negro farm hands and employ Chinamen altogether.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The department of justice has received despatches from Brewster, Cameron, and Special Agent Bowen, denying the charges of Foreman Dickson and the star trolley jury. Cameron has been able to learn from the San Francisco papers the entire statement of Dickson. Bowen was more remote from telegraph, but both are proceeding to Washington as rapidly as possible.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—The attendance at the sand lots yesterday afternoon was large. The meeting was addressed by Denis Kearney.

Leong Low, grand master of the Chinese Free Masons, who died yesterday in this city at the advanced age of seventy years, was buried to-day with great celestial pomp. The obsequies were held in the temple of the Masons with elaborate ceremonies, lasting from 6 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Collingwood, Ont., Sept. 17.—D. A. Tinkers and Christie Ann Morrison, supposed to be the only survivors of the wrecked steamer Asia, have arrived here. Tinkers reports:

I boarded the Asia near Owen Sound in company with J. H. Tinkers and J. H. Ballinger, of Manitoulin. The steamer was crowded, all state rooms full, and many passengers lying on the sofas and cabin floor. About 11 o'clock Thursday morning a storm struck the vessel. My uncle J. H. Tinkers, jumped up and said the boat was doomed. Dishes and chairs were flying in every direction. We left the cabin and found difficulty in getting on deck, the boat was rolling so heavily. I got a life preserver and put it on. The boat fell into the trough of the sea and would not obey the helm. She rolled heavily for about twenty minutes, when she struck by a heavy sea and foundered and went down with the engines working, at about half past eleven. The Asia was making for French river, and had men, horses and lumbermen's supplies for shanties. I saw three boats loaded. I was in the first boat and about eight more with me. At first more got in till overloaded and turned over. People clung to my life preserver which got displaced and I threw it off. I then left the boat and swam to the captain's boats, which were near by, and asked John McDougall, purser, to help me in. He said it was of but little use, but gave me his hand. When I got in there were eighteen in the boat. By that time there was a large number in and clinging to the boat had left. I know nothing of the third boat. Our boat rolled over and I missed McDougall. People were hanging on to the spars and other parts of the wreckage. Our boat was full of water and the sea constantly breaking over us. One of the first to die on the boat was a cabin boy. He was dying and being supported by one of the men when a wave washed him overboard. The next to go was a boat hand who jumped out. I could see him paddling round in the water for nearly one hundred yards. Our numbers were now reduced to seven, five of whom died before reaching the beach. Capt. Savage was first to die, in my arms. About midnight, Thursday, John Little, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mate McDonald and two others, names unknown, also died. The boat finally stranded near Point Barrie, about daylight on Friday, with Miss Morrison and myself only surviving. We put the bodies out on the beach and piled the boat off with an ear, but did not ball it out. Miss Morrison and I went down the beach to the boat to a derrick, about two miles distant, and laid on the beach all night. About eight o'clock Saturday morning an Italian came along, and I engaged him to bring us to Perry Sound. He would not bring the bodies. The steamer Northern Belle, of the same line, which reached here this morning, had been furnished with ice, etc., and has left for the bodies. Probably about 100 persons were on board.

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the year of 534. The tables show that fully half the cities, villages and towns of Illinois have been won by prohibitionists. This is an alarming fact. The election of Judge Craig to the supreme court of the 5th district was a triumph for the liquor interest. The election of members of the legislature requires active work in November. They recommend that another construction be secured from the supreme court of the dram shop act, and a movement to that end be now inaugurated. The treasury has several thousand dollars. The receipts for the year were \$11,800, and disbursements \$6935. They conclude that they must favor a proper license system which shall make the trade respectable.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Hon. James G. Blaine, who arrived here yesterday from Omaha, was on change this afternoon, and spoke briefly of the great growth of Chicago since the chamber of commerce was built ten years ago. It then was criticized as too large, and now the board are building another hall which shall be large enough.

Boston, Sept. 19.—The sea voyage of the president has not entirely cured him of the malaria contracted at the White House. He proposes to try a ten days' trip to the mountains, as at first proposed by his physicians. A special from New York to the Advertiser says: "The president is really a sick man. The change in hours for meals and rest since Garfield's death has pulled him down. He is full of malaria, and is ordered not to live at the White House again until sewers have been placed under the building."

St. Louis, Sept. 19.—The tariff commission heard arguments in favor of the present duties on pig lead and lead ore, and for an increase on spelter and sheet zinc, and encouragement of sorghum sugar by keeping up the tariff.

Washington, Sept. 19.—A private letter from North Carolina gives a very hopeful view of republican prospects in that state, and says this is beyond doubt the most heated campaign that ever occurred in North Carolina. The liberal movement has taken democrats by surprise, and hundreds of their best men have deserted and be-

come active workers against them. The masses have caught on and are quite as enthusiastic as the more active workers, and our hopes and expectations point to the election of Dockray by at least 30,000 majority. We look with certainty to a liberal republican majority in the lower house, and have no doubt after this election democrats will not make a formidable fight in future campaigns.

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