

# THE OREGON SENTINEL.

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"TO THE Efficacy and Permanency of your Union, a Government for the whole is indispensable!"—Washington.

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## The News.

The rebel raid into the Northern States has not only been checked, but hauled back with tremendous slaughter. The vaunted boast of the traitors, that they would carry the war into "Africa," has been ingloriously exploded. The bloody tide of war will soon set Southward, with an energy heretofore undeveloped. Forward to Richmond! will be backed with a military power such as the civilized age has never witnessed. The loyal North is every day getting more terribly in earnest. A million of patriot warriors are fast mustering for the conflict. They have sworn, in their modesty, that the Union of the Fathers shall be restored in all its integrity and glory. The late movements of the rebels have demonstrated most manifestly that we must conquer them, or they will conquer us. There can be no permanent peace until this rebellion is crushed out by the strong arm of military power. There is at present a temporary lull in the iron and leaden storm; but it is the lull of preparations, of gathering energies. Forty-four iron-clad monsters will soon be launched, and the muttering battalions will soon be at their posts.

The most important item in the late news is the proclamation of the President, emancipating the slaves in those States continuing in rebellion after the first of January next. The right, or constitutional power, of the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy of the United States, to issue such a proclamation, is universally conceded in the North. The only question is in regard to the expediency of the act. In our opinion, its expediency is manifest. In the language of the patriotic Governor of Oregon, "property is power." This is not only true in regard to every species of property recognized at common law, but it is doubly true when applied to slave property. Slavery was not only the cause of this rebellion, but it has been its supporting strength ever since its commencement. Slaves have raised the food upon which the Southern armies have subsisted. Their labor has raised the fortifications, behind which the Southern battalions have massed, and dug the ditches which have been filled by Northern patrols. Every slave on the plantations and in the work-slopes of the South, releases a traitor for the army of rebellion. Emancipate the four millions of slaves in the insipient States, and their plagues must be filled with white men, thus weakening the effective force of the insurgents. Heretofore, the war, on the part of the North, has been waged with a delicate regard to the proprietary rights of rebels, in arms against the benevolent authority of the National Government. As one army marched South, so many soldiers were necessary to guard the property of dear rebels, that its effective force was very much weakened, to say nothing of the demoralization consequent on this mistaken policy. We rejoice to learn that this temporizing policy has been repudiated. We have been slow to learn that the rebels were terribly in earnest. While we have been trying conciliation, and adopting half-way measures, they have been crushing out with relentless vigor, the Union sentiment in the South, and have been mustering their forces to disrupt the Union and overthrow the Constitution. But a new era has been inaugurated, and a more vigorous policy adopted. Traitors commenced the war to establish a slave empire. Let it end by the complete abolition of the blighter of the twin vices of barbarism, with compensation for the loyal, but absolutely nothing for the disloyal.

Matters are fast coming to bloody focus in Kentucky. A battle there between the forces of Basil and Bragg is imminent.

The Herald's account of the matters under discussion at the meeting of the loyal Governors, at the town of Altoona, turns out to be a morsel. Andrews of Massachusetts, and Sprague of Rhode Island, did not urge the removal of McClellan. Nothing was said on the subject. What the special object of the meeting was, is stated in the address presented to the President on the occasion, of which the following is a synopsis:

First, their cordial personal and official respect for the President; second, their determination, under all circumstances, to support and maintain the President's constitutional authority, the Governors therein speaking for themselves and the people of their respective States; third, pledging to the President, their aid in all measures calculated to bring the war to an early termination, which should be prosecuted to ultimate victory until the rebels return to their constitutional duty; fourth, congratulating the President upon the proclamation of emancipation, believing it will be productive of good, as a measure of justice, humanity and sound policy.

The whole amount collected for the Sanitary fund, in the city of San Francisco, up to Saturday, the 27th, was \$170,000. Nolle cœli!

Six thousand wagons are said to have crossed the Missouri river this Spring, bound for Oregon, California and Washington Territory.

## An Important Decision.

The Supreme Court of California, at its July term, in the case of Lin Sing vs. Washburn, decided that the act of that State entitled "An Act to discourage the immigration of the Chinese into the State of California, by laying upon them a monthly police tax," was in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and, therefore, null and void. Field, Chief Justice, dissented. The Supreme Court of the United States, in two cases, generally known as the "Passenger Cases," (7. How., 283) decided that the power to regulate commerce in all its branches was exclusively vested in Congress, under the Constitution, and that it extended to every species of commercial intercourse, and may be exercised upon persons as well as property. The Supreme Court of the United States has frequently decided that the State authorities have no power, directly or indirectly, to levy a tax upon imports. Several attempts have been made by State legislation to elide the full effect of this constitutional provision, but they have all signally failed. The Legislature of Maryland passed an act requiring every one selling imported goods to purchase a license before he could lawfully do so. But the Supreme Court of the United States decided that the act was a restriction upon commerce, and, therefore, unconstitutional.

The principles enunciated in the above cases were held by the California judges, to be applicable to the case of Lin Sing vs. Washburn and decided the same. But while it was decided that Chinese could not be taxed merely for residing in the State, it was conceded that a State law requiring foreigners to take out a license for the privilege of working the gold mines was valid. Query: could this principle be extended to all the avocations of civil society? If so, would it not operate as a virtual exaction? And as commerce implies intercourse as well as traffic, would such a law be constitutional? Our legislative sages would do well to examine this subject a little before any "Chinese Bill" to exclude them from the State, receives their legislative sanction. Truly, such a thing as broad State policy and principles of political economy are things of the past, perhaps only to be resurrected in the far distant future. Hope now the sun never, and that members will roll up sleeves and plunge into the subject, and decide accordingly for or against his claim.

The next grand *tournament de mort* was on Bill No. 25, for Insane Asylum, in which the northern counties, with a cause just, waged a fierce war on a certain section of the bill which compelled each county to pay the expense incurred in taking its own insane and idiotic to the asylum. As the bill has passed, every insane or idiotic person sent from Jackson or Josephine, will cost the county from \$500 to \$600.

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Exercise Session.—A flood of bills ran through the machinery of the House in an incredibly short space of time—some general, and some special, in the shape of relief bills, etc. A futile effort to elevate the "Dixie" Stage Coach, Game, Burn-meter, and other "weighty" matters. Hope now the sun never, and that members will roll up sleeves and plunge into the subject, and decide accordingly for or against his claim.

Afternoon Session, Sept. 26.—War to the knife on bill to increase the salary of District Judges of Supreme Court, in which the entire phalanx from the cow country went off in bursts of *emotional eloquence*. The spectators of Clatsop vibrated and almost shook with the noise of the bill which did not pass the Senate.

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