

# THE OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE OREGON.

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## The Amendment to the Constitution.

A question of the gravest import, and of the utmost importance to the whole country, is about to be considered by our Legislature. It may be justly said that the alteration of the fundamental law of the land, in so essential a particular as is proposed, is no light matter, and is worthy of serious deliberation. It may be said, also, with equal justice, that the circumstances—that demand the present change are imperious and admit of no delay. To the Union party belongs the responsibility of securing all that was gained by the war, and so long as the tide of rebellion turns to our State, the chances of another Union Legislature will become less.

To the present Legislature, therefore, will belong the honor and responsibility of saying that the proposed amendment shall become part of our fundamental law. With a due sense of the importance of strict adherence to our written law, we are not of those who would venerate the Constitution in the same manner that an antiquarian would prize an ancient coin, or a religious devotee a piece of the true cross. Not as a parchment relic of our early government, do we value our Constitution. Not as something to be held in sacred reverence as we hold Holy Writ, but exactly as it serves the purpose for which it was framed. Amendment to the Constitution are now nothing, and it is but a short time since the most important alteration ever made to it, was ratified by the requisite number of States. That change was so vital to meet the changed condition of affairs and to keep pace with the progress of events. The proposed change is not less so. He is a sorry statesman who imagines that any written law, perfectly adequate to govern a people who had just thrown off their shackles to enter on the experiment of self-government, is equally applicable to our present condition of national greatness.

In a large section of our country, a great social and political revolution has taken place. It is easier to conform the Constitution to the new, than to restore the old order of things. The Constitution is subordinate to the will of the people—created by them as a governing guide for their rulers, and whenever a necessity arises, it is within the province of the people to make the proper changes in it. An amendment is now proposed, having for its object a fair and just apportionment of representation to the National Congress, and on an impartial and just representation depends, in a great measure, the future welfare of the country. There is a principle to be preserved—the right to equal, fair representation—an equitable partition of national power; already three of the Atlantic States have decided in favor of it, and it remains only for an echo to be heard from the far Pacific to give strength and encouragement to those that, as yet, have not been afforded an opportunity to cast their vote.

Need we ask if our loyal Legislature will make the response? Need we ask if there is any Union member who will not feel proud to cast his vote for a principle of right and justice as deep, as broad, as grand, as any contained in the Charter of American Freedom? We think not. We trust that this important question may be settled early in the session, and our young State placed upon the record as her people decided she should cast at the last election.

## To Our Patrons.

We present the **SENTINEL** to our friends this week greatly enlarged, and in a new dress. We tender thanks to those through whose patronage the **SENTINEL** has been justly sustained; and assure them that, as heretofore, it will represent and advocate the great principles upon which the Union party is founded. As a business enterprise, the **SENTINEL** has not been a success, but the assurance of the publisher is given that it will be continued as the organ of the Union party in Southern Oregon, and for the advancement of the interests of this portion of the State. We shall endeavor to make the **SENTINEL** a vehicle of local and general intelligence, and to merit the continued approbation of our patrons.

WHERE IS NEIL?—It appears from a card in the **Reporter**, signed by a man called Fay, that B. F. Dowell, the publisher of the **SENTINEL**, has been stealing blankets from a poor woman. We call upon the prosecuting attorney to attend to the matter, and either prove somebody a liar, or Mr. Dowell guilty of the charge. Do your duty, Mr. Neil.

QUERY.—What is South Carolina bravery?

Hunting in couples with sword-cane and pockets full of derringers, and always finding the wrong man. Who struck Billy Patterson?

Best farm in the country for sale; so says the advertisement of O. A. Davis. Read it.

## A Registry Law.

"The purity of the ballot-box" is a favorite theme with politicians, and immediately subsequent to an election it is evident that the legislation that guards the sanctity of that privilege is of a very flimsy character. No man doubts that it is proper that suffrage should be enjoyed, only by those who are justly entitled to it; and none will deny that the privilege is often exercised by unscrupulous men of every political shade of opinion, who have no right whatever to it. After an election, each party cries "corruption and fraud," and often with good reason the courts are appealed to, expense incurred, and what should be the final verdict of the people is often reversed by the judicial tribunals.

There is, in our opinion, no subject of legislation to engage the attention of the Legislature that convenes on Monday next, that is of more real importance to the State. No person can possibly object to a simple and effective registry law, that would secure the rightful privilege of suffrage to those to whom it belongs, and effectually exclude those who would fraudulently enjoy it. If the question is considered as a partisan measure, the Union party would be infinitely benefitted by any legislation that would bar the votes of the floating population from being "rung in" by the Democracy. It is a notorious fact that nine-tenths of those who have no fixed homes, and but little permanent interest in the State, are with the Democracy. Let a law be passed that would exclude every man who could not show by the record that he was a legal voter, and the era of "corruption" would cease, and the ballot-box be somewhat purified. We have no suggestions to offer as to the best mode of accomplishing this desirable end. We have sufficient confidence in the sagacity of our legislators, and simply call their attention to the absolute necessity of immediate legislation on this subject.

Tumult! Andy.

"Everything is lovely, and the moon hangs high."

Such is the fervent and elegant exclamation of the *Statesman*. "Everything is lovely," is it not? Did not Satan think everything lovely when his hosts were marshalled against those of the archangel? Did not Eve think Satan himself a thing of surpassing loveliness until touched by the spear of Ithuriel, and his hideous nakedness exposed? Will the *Statesman* explain which is the levliest feature of the wicked policy that is fast hastening the country to a renewal of the conflict? Is it such sights as the late atrocity in the conservative city of New Orleans, perpetrated, we may almost say, under the direction of Johnson himself? It is a "lovely" spectacle to see unarmed, defenseless citizens shot down in the streets of a christian city by the city's officials, and the demons that this man Johnson has unchained to serve himself. Shot down, while pleading with uplifted hands for mercy and protection; butchered like sheep, mutilated only as savages mutilate their victims; and for no other reason than being loyal to their country's flag. Such are "lovely" sights. Is it not a "lovely" spectacle to see the Southern patriots who had courage to resist the pressure of treason, flying their homes, and assembling in a Northern city to devise means for self-protection. Is it an encouraging sight to any but hungry curmengers like the editor of the *Statesman*, to see the true and worthy servants of the people displaced for traitors like Bigler; to see offices of the highest responsibility and trust given over to men thoroughly schooled in political corruption, and not particularly scrupulous? In view of the shameless prostitution of executive power for the gratification of personal hatred, it is cheering assurance to see thousands of federal officers yield their means of livelihood rather than sacrifice their principles or bend the knee to the presumptuous demagogue who has betrayed the sacred trust of the people.

While we have such an evidence of unscrupulousness among those who have been honored with official position, and an incorruptible press that is a unit against the cruel and dangerous policy of the present administration, the prayer for triumph at "Andy" will be of short duration.

Mr. Wm. Clarke, Telegraph Operator at Salem, obliges us with the following information: Julien Ladren, one of the escaped convicts, was taken yesterday at the Cascades, near Foster's ranch. He says he left Mat, Bledsoe and Mitchell, escaped convicts, in the mountains; and that they are waiting for him to return with supplies. F. Frazer, an insane convict, has been sent to the insane asylum.

List of attorneys admitted at the present term of the Supreme Court; one half were admitted on examination: J. H. Slater, L. V. Sterns, Geo. P. Holman, O. Jacobs, Jasper W. Johnson, Geo. V. Smith, Wm. D. Hart, O. P. Mason, R. A. Pierce, M. P. Ball, Robert E. Bybee, T. G. Henly, E. M. Engle, James Gybrie, Jr., Cyrus A. Dolph, Jas. G. Chapman, B. Whitten, Thos. H. Brentse, B. Herman, S. C. Simpson and P. L. Willis.

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## To Old Smarty.

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 6, 1866.  
EDITOR **SENTINEL**.—Inflated with my dignity as a functionary of the General Government, I will, by your permission, once again, and for the last time, flatter the handsome little fellow who does the laudatory work in the **Reporter** office, for the Democratic Central Committee, of Jackson County, etc.

This gem of modesty treats his readers, through one "mortal" column of the last **Reporter**, with a specimen of his ability to wield second-hand slang, which he has picked up from Malone and other celebrities in that line.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2d.

About six hundred delegates to the Southern Union Convention had registered their names at the Union League rooms last evening, and the indications show that the Convention will be very fully attended. Nearly every State in the Union is represented. The late Governor of Texas is spoken of as temporary President, and James Speer, as permanent Chairman. Governor Brown low declined the support of the Tennessee delegation for this position. The convention will be entirely in the hands of Southern delegates, who will organize it, complete its Committees, and vote upon the resolutions and platform which the Committee may report.

CINCINNATI, 4th.  
Gov. Morton, of Indiana, declares that he cannot welcome the man who has prostituted a plowshare to the cult of Douglass into a tour for the most selfish and unscrupulous end. He would never welcome Mr. Johnson to this city, Springfield or any other place in the State. The Governor abhors, because the President accepted the invitation of the Democratic State Central Committee, who will make the reception a purely partisan affair.

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Ogleby finds further justification, because in Albany and at various places in New York, Mr. Secretary Seward had spoken contemptuously of Governor Fenton's welcome to the President, which was addressed to him as the Chief Magistrate, and not as a patriotic or athletic Executive of the nation.

Every effort has been made at Chicago to divest the reception, and the Douglass monument ceremonies of any partisan character; but in view of the speeches and demonstrations all along the route, the committees here considered themselves sold.

The Board of Trade having tendered their hall, have been greatly inclined to revoke the offer, and have held some exciting meetings on the subject, but wiser counsels have prevailed. It seems probable, however, that if the President and Seward use the Hall for a political harangue, the Board will afterwards adopt resolutions plainly telling what they think about it.

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The announcement that General Grant and Farragut had withdrawn from the Presidential party, was received in the Convention with the greatest enthusiasm, which continued for several minutes.

SAN FRANCISCO, 5th.  
John H. Eldridge, for several years past a clerk in the treasure depot of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$1,800 dollars from his employers. He has always had their confidence, and been regarded as an honest clerk, till the spirit of stock gambling took possession of him. After he had lost all his own money, he made use of that of his employers to continue his speculations in order to recover his losses, intending to return the money taken. It is a most unfortunate case.

Here is a desperate attempt to inflict the result of a series of lies, by inference, because somebody (if they had nerve enough) might have told them.

Taking this style of logic for my cue, I might say that the editor of the **Reporter** was an escaped Sidney baird; I might say that he had practiced gambling in San Francisco, Sacramento and Virginia City; I might say that his egotism renders him ridiculous in the community; I might even say absurd things, that people would laugh at, but I do not feel disposed.

As I said in my first letter, I do not blame our modest editor, for Nature made him as he is, and as Nature does nothing in vain, I will reverently admit that he must have been made for some wise and purpose. Neither have I anything to forgive, for

Pardon is for men, And no reptile—no we have nor stone— And no sentient thing like him ever stings— And higher being suffers. To the character Of life. The man who does by the older's pang, May have the cradle snatched but feels no anger. Then the writer's nature and some men are worms In soil, more than the living things of earth."

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

[SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL.]

Dates to the 5th of September.

BALTIMORE, August 31st.  
Last night an attack was made on a colored camp meeting, three miles from Hanover switch, on the Washington Railroad, by a band of armed desperadoes. Several negroes were badly beaten and wounded, and a white man named Milton Benson, while at prayer, was shot in the back of the head and mortally wounded, the balling coming out of his mouth.

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The **Oregonian** says: We regret to learn that Dr. Plummer has tendered his resignation as Agent of the Telegraph Company, and intends leaving our city permanently. His residence will be offered for sale by A. B. Richeson, on Wednesday next.

The same paper says that the Willamette river is at the present time quite large. The P. T. Company are forwarding freight to Albany, using the light draught steamer *John Slave*.

B. F. Dowell, Esq., telegraphed that the Supreme Court did not meet till Tuesday, owing to the absence of Judges Wilson and Boise. No opinion had been delivered up to Thursday.

We learn from the **Advertiser** that the culture of flax in Marion county is a success, and that our industry is now on the way for the establishment of a rope and oil mill at Salem.

A meeting was to be held at Covina's on the 1st inst., to organize a company for the purpose of erecting a woolen factory. So says the *Advertiser*.

LOX.—An emotion which writers as by novelists, and much dreamed by school girls, has nearly become a reality.

A MYSTERY.—Collaborative papers are to be in full sail six days hence, a paper of 17 pages.

A. H. ADVERTISER.

READ THIS NOTICE!

SEALED PROPOSAL. FOR THE building materials and contractor of a bridge on California street, in the creek, near A. C. Beckman's residence, will be received by the Board of Trustees of the town of Jacksonville. Specifications can be seen at the Town Recorder's office, where all proposals must be left. No proposals will be received after the 15th inst. The Board reserves the privilege to reject all proposals.

By order of the Board.

J. H. BROWN, Town Recorder.

Jacksonville, Sept. 8, 1866.

A. H. HESKETT, Captain Commanding Co.

Ashland, Sept. 1st, 1866.

DISTRICT SCHOOL.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL, IN JACKSONVILLE, will commence next Monday at the District School House, and continue for one quarter. The trustees have the pleasure of announcing to the parents of said school that they have engaged the services of Miss Fay in the capacity of teacher.

The Public School Fund being nearly exhausted, the trustees have fixed the price of tuition at seven dollars per quarter, payable in cash.

Parents desirous to send their children are requested to communicate with the trustees.

Jacksonville, Sept. 9, 1866.

BLACKSMITHING.

And Horse-Shoeing,

LEE & SHORT,

Corner of 'C' and Oregon Sts.

(Opposite Plymouth's Library.)

THEY TAKE THIS METHOD TO INFORM THE Farmers, teamsters, and public in general, that they have recently opened a shop in Jacksonville and are preparing to execute all orders for Horseshoeing and blacksmithing of every description, and to supply all a share of the public patronage.

Our Farmers will satisfy themselves in all cases. No charges will be made.

Farm for Sale.

263 ACRES OF THE BEST LAND IN

Rogue River Valley, almost as level as a house floor, suitable either for grain or grazing, and is a perfectly healthy location. Over two hundred acres of it are prime good fence, and a portion of it which will measure over 17 feet in length. It has a house and barn upon it, and is well supplied with the tools of water and firewood. This place can be had for \$2500, a portion of the money to be paid down and the balance on time if desirable.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. DAVIS, Jacksonville, Oregon, or Mr. Dutcher, the pecuniary agent.

Sept. 8, 1866.

Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT, JACKSON