

Howell was born in Virginia, on the 1826. He was the grand moth-

and purchased the Davis Evans donation claim, where he now resides. "Sheff," as he is familiarly known, took part in the battle of Hungry hill, but as he says was not "stuck after" Indian fighting. Mr. S. has raised a family of six boys and two girls, nearly all of whom are paddling their own boat, and paddling their well. He is now comfortably situated on his fine ranch on Rogue river. "Sheff" is a man who has earned friends and retained them by an honorable and manly life. A Republican of the old solid type, he is hard to swerve from his convictions, and his sterling character can be appreciated when it is related that when Justice of the Peace one of his sons violated the game law by killing a deer and was fined twenty dollars by his father, who had to pay the fine out of his own pocket. No more need be said of his integrity and sense of justice than this, and if there is a man in this whole county who can relate a mean act of "old Sheff" we do not know him.

LET HIM REST.

Hon. Edwin N. Cooke, of Salem, died at his home in that city on the 6th inst., after a brief illness which, from the first, gave his friends warning of a fatal termination. Mr. Cooke was a man known throughout the State and respected by all by his many noble

Here he attended the Male Academy and acquired a liberal education. After having concluded his academic studies he returned to Virginia, entered the State University where he graduated in law in 1847, before he was twenty-one years old, with distinguished honors. He returned to Tennessee and began the practice of his profession at Raleigh and at Memphis. His extensive and lucrative practice engaged his whole attention, but the fame of the newly discovered gold of the Pacific caused him to drop the bar for a time and try his fortune in the mines. In the Spring of 1850 he formed a co-partnership with three other young men and started from Joseph, Missouri, whither he had gone by water, for California. He arrived in Sacramento on the 20th of the following September. Here he had a second attack of Cholera, that fatal lady of which so many died on that year. When he had partially recovered his physicians advised him to go North, and on the Fourth of May he started from San Francisco for Portland, taking passage on a small steamer. At the mouth of the Columbia the vessel encountered a storm, and was driven back to Astoria, and almost helpless. It was until the thirty-fifth day after leaving San Francisco that a safe landing was made at Astoria. Mr. Bowen did not remain long in the Willamette valley, and in 1852 we find him engaged in packing and trading in Southern Oregon. He pursued the business until 1856, and was very successful. In 1857 he again engaged in law practice in Jacksonville, and soon obtained a very extensive business, and it is said of him that he never lost but two suits that he commenced himself.

In 1861 he was married to Miss Anna Campbell and they have now a family of three children. He was Prosecuting Attorney from 1862 to '64. In 1865 he bought the OREGON SENTINEL which he ran successfully until 1878. The SENTINEL, under Mr. Dowell's management, was the first newspaper on the Pacific coast to advise the enfranchisement of the negroes and the first to nominate Gen. Grant for the Presidency.

Mr. Dowell was raised a Whig. He voted for Breckenridge and Lane, but when the Rebellion was inaugurated he joined the Republican party and has been a zealous member of the same until the present time. In every Indian war in Oregon since 1852 he has furnished supplies, often at a great loss to himself. Strict integrity and untiring persistence in what he conceives to be his line of duty are characteristics for which he is noted, and though past life's meridian he is still vigorous in

MR. MITCHELL'S TRIUMPH.

During the last campaign in Oregon Senator Mitchell was the object of very bitter and malignant persecution. While he had been laboring faithfully for the interests of the State, endeavoring to force the N. P. to build down the south side of the Columbia to Portland over part of the line of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake road, he was boldly accused of only working to cripple and retard the work he was trying to push forward. Without any shadow of proof Mr. Mitchell was accused of being the paid attorney of the C. P., and of playing false to the people of Oregon in the interest of that corporation, when in fact some of his accusers held mortgages on his home and knew well that if he was using his influence as chairman of the Senate Committee on railroads for the benefit of the Central Pacific he could have lifted the mortgage in an hour. The P. D. & S. L. franchise was called a myth,

present view of the case is the fact that a company consisting of Jay Gould and H. R. Sage, of the Union Pacific, Henry Villard, of the Oregon & California, and perhaps others, men who control vast capital, have determined to construct a line of road from Portland, Oregon, via The Dalles to Ogdien. This will be practically a triumph for the Salt Lake, Dalles and Portland railroad project which, in connection with the Northern Pacific company's designs, constituted the chief topic of controversy during the political campaign of last year. Money to the amount of \$12,000,000 has been pledged by Gould, Villard and those connected with them in the enterprise we have mentioned, and work will be immediately commenced. The Utah & Northern, connecting with the Union Pacific at Ogdien, and intended hitherto as a line to extend into Montana, will be diverted from its present course and brought to Portland, via The Dalles. Two hundred miles of this road have already been completed extending northward and westward on a line varying but little from the course that must necessarily be followed in making a survey for the road now proposed to connect Portland with Ogdien. It will, therefore, be seen that the Union Pacific company have nothing to do but to continue the Utah & Northern road, which they own, while

and in course of time we could have a macadamized road to the State line, a very valuable and essential work, whether a railroad is ever built through this section or not. We believe it would cost the State no more to guard and support the convicts in a chain gang while laboring, as it would be advantageous to every county receiving their labor to apply a portion of its revenue to the support of convicts while engaged in such work. We only make this crude suggestion without having given the subject much thought, in the hope that the question will be considered by our law makers and be put into a practical shape if possible.

THE HARBOR OF REFUGE.

It is really wonderful how many harbors of refuge the congressional appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars has developed. Each indentation in the coast is considered extremely eligible by the people in its immediate vicinity, and it is surprising how much engineering skill is to be found in Oregon. It seems that even the mouth of the Columbia is thought to be the proper point, and the people of Linn and Benton counties have "rescued" Foulweather into a safe and commodious harbor, capable of sheltering any amount of shipping, always provided that it is to be the point where the money is to be spent. We believe that every point on the coast has been carefully examined by the coast survey and our opinion is that if the mouth of the Columbia had been considered susceptible of improvement or regarded as the proper point for a harbor of refuge it would have received special attention as it is the destination of nearly half of all the shipping sailing to points north of Humboldt. It is to protect shipping caught in heavy weather when the most intrepid sailor would not dare to approach the mouth of the Columbia that a harbor of refuge is to be created, and if that point is as free from danger and as accessible as the Portland and Astoria press would have us believe then there is not the slightest necessity for the expenditure of a dollar. Speaking for the interests of Southern Oregon and without claiming the slightest engineering skill we will continue to hope that the Board who will decide this important question will see fit to select Crescent City, as such a decision will assure us a

CONVICT LABOR.

One of the most difficult problems of society seems to be the safe keeping and adequate punishment of criminals. Philanthropy vainly imagined that State prisons could be made reformatory institutions, but the experiment has proved a failure. Some States have made them workshops where the labor of the vilest criminal is brought into competition with that of honest mechanics, who had to skill themselves without any support from the State. This latter course seems unfair as no man can possibly compete with convict labor and live, and the class of skilled labor turned out of the penitentiary is, under the system of division of labor adopted, not of the highest order. We should think that the labor of those who, unfortunately, have to be punished might be utilized as it has been in many States on the public roads. The work of forty or fifty convicts might properly be applied on the main thoroughfare

checked the growth of the most dangerous form of aristocracy. Whatever may be the effect of the new constitution of California it can inflict no wrongs that can not be remedied, and the independence and good sense that resisted the threats of a monied aristocracy spurned the cajolery of a press false to the popular cause, and turned in contempt from the hollow sophistry of sordid advocates, will in good time adjust the balances more nicely. There is undoubtedly some evil in the new constitution, but its good features greatly outweigh the evil, and its adoption will be conclusive proof that the people of the Pacific coast are quite in earnest on the Chinese question. Had the constitution been rejected Eastern statesmen would have pointed to the West in derision and told us that our representatives who voted for an abrogation of the Burlingame treaty were false to their constituency. The Eastern press would have laughed us to scorn, and an antidote for Asiatic poison could only be procured by means that would stain American history. The people rarely make mistakes under our form of government, and this time the discussion has been so full that we can not help thinking that they have been true to themselves. This remarkable struggle has been a square contest between capital and labor, and has been first on record where the latter has been

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