

UMATILLA NEEDS.

To Hon. M. C. George, Member of Congress from Oregon.

We learn from the public prints that in advance of your departure for the city of Washington, where you will represent the State of Oregon in the national House of Representatives, you have taken, and are still taking, pains to inform yourself of the needs of our people in order that you may be able to more intelligently and satisfactorily serve them.

On behalf of the citizens of Umatilla county your attention is directed to several matters of vital interest to them and to the State at large. Our people have read with pleasure of your personal inspection of the rapids of the Columbia river which now obstruct its free navigation and rely hopelessly upon your efforts to procure such legislation as is needed to open this great natural highway of commerce. We call your attention to the situation of the agricultural districts of this county to-day. We have thousands of tons of wheat to export and no adequate means of getting it to market. All the railway stations are packed to their utmost capacity and acres of ground are covered with sacks of grain heaped up as high as a man can reach. Our farmers must get their grain to shipping points before winter renders the roads impassable, but when this is accomplished further transportation facilities are found to be wholly inadequate to the occasion. It will be several months before the grain can be put upon the market and the producers realize any profit from their labor. As the case now is, the farmers are forced to sell to speculators to obtain "advances" and thus sacrifice much of what they would otherwise gain. In addition to this the greater portion of this wheat now lies without any protection from the elements and from unavoidable exposure vast quantities will be damaged and much of it rendered entirely worthless. Such is the state of affairs at present when the agricultural resources of our county are hardly half developed. In another year the situation will be still more embarrassing. We cannot too strongly urge upon you the importance to our people of a suitable appropriation for the early construction of the locks at the Cascades.

Another matter of equal import and more direct interest to the people of this county is the opening for settlement of the Umatilla Indian reservation. As you, perhaps, are aware, a treaty of twenty years duration was made in 1855 between General Palmer and Governor Stephens, representing the United States, and the Indians of this reservation. The treaty went into effect in 1859 and expired by limitation in 1879. Since that time our people have repeatedly, but so far unsuccessfully, urged such legislation as will subject this tract to settlement. The desirability of this country is well known all over Oregon and there is no finer body of land for agricultural purposes in the State. It lies here comparatively idle—a vast stretch of about 400 square miles. Gently sloping to the north and west from the summit of the Blue Mountains, with its undulating prairies and wooded streams, the eye of man has never been permitted to gaze upon a more beautiful scene. How much longer shall it remain for hidden ground to the hardy pioneer! Its sole occupants now—the Umatilla, Cayuse and Walla Walla tribes of Indians—are officially numbered at 800 souls, all told, and it is believed that of resident Indians this is double their actual number. It is not reason that they should be allowed to monopolize a body of land capable of supporting many thousands of white American citizens. No one denies the right of the Indians to compensation for these lands and all we ask is that settlers be allowed to purchase them. There is no real opposition from any source to the opening of this reservation—the whites demand it and the Indians concede it by an agreement signed by their chiefs in Washington City two years ago. The hill land surrounding the reservation produced a crop of wheat this year averaging more than thirty bushels to the acre—in some instances the yield exceeded fifty bushels—and from all natural land and reason the reservation land will far surpass this in fruitfulness. The acreage embraced within its limits would supply a kingdom with breadstuffs. No more valuable or acceptable service could be rendered to the people of this county than the procurement of useful and early legislation in accomplish-

ment of these two mentioned objects. I add now a word on behalf of the people of Pendleton. The location of this town is immediately alongside of the reservation and its limits are confined between the reservation boundary line on the east and the Umatilla river on the west. All available building space is occupied and yet, for want of more room, the growth of the town is retarded and its prosperity greatly impeded. Immediately adjoining the town on the south side across the reservation line is a flat which could be utilized, would supply ground for the support of a town of 5000 population. The people of Pendleton would request that an effort be made to have at least this much of the reservation thrown open for immediate occupation, having due regard to the rights of the Indians and their just claims for compensation. Especially do we think this should be done as to a portion of this land now held and occupied by bona fide purchasers for a valuable consideration. The claim for distinction as to this fraction of the tract is based upon the following facts, viz: On the 20th day of August, 1869, a patent was issued in due form by the government of the United States to one Moses E. Goodwin for the N. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 10 and the N. W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 11 and the S. W. 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 2, T. 2, N. R. 32 E. A survey of the land thus conveyed developed the fact that some thirteen or fourteen acres of it extended across the reservation line. The remainder of the tract to the northward constitutes a portion of the present town site of Pendleton. The parcel in question was by Goodwin's assigns laid off into twelve blocks and fractional blocks and sold to divers of our citizens who now hold a claim to the same, but from the insecurity of their title they are loth to risk capital in erecting improvements on the ground. A number of them did take possession of the tracts purchased by them, but were warned by United States officials, acting under instructions from the government, to desist or they would be proceeded against as trespassers. Such is the nature of their tenure. Could even so much land as this be obtained for building purposes it would be a temporary relief to our town.

Several names are mentioned among the Democrats any one of whom would make a worthy representative of Oregon on the floor of the United States Senate, and every one of them is a man of the people. It seems to be agreed by common consent, however, that should the Democracy gain the legislature the senatorial toga will be awarded to Col. William H. Effinger, of Portland. We unhesitatingly pronounce him our first choice for the high office, and if he should be elected Oregon will have a representative of whom she may well be proud—a chief among chiefs. As a scholar, Col. Effinger is the peer of any man in the State; as an orator, he has no rival; he is a man of fine intellect and in both private and public life a gentleman in the highest sense of the word. He would take a stand in the Senate among its brightest lights from the moment he crossed the threshold and would give Oregon an influence second to that of no State west of the Mississippi. Our cry shall be Democracy first—then William H. Effinger.

T. J. MOSES, one of the late carpet-bag Governors of South Carolina has been arrested in New York City for swindling a man out of \$25. General R. K. Scott another of these "Governors" is awaiting trial for murder in Ohio. D. H. Chamberlain, the third of these worthies, fled the State, and dare not return on account of indictments pending against him for embezzlement, etc. The Governors are rather out of luck.

HEURY McDONALD was executed at Silver City, Idaho, on the 14th inst., for the murder of George Myers. He denied that he got Myers' money and implicated others. His neck was broken and he died an almost instantaneous death. This was a most righteous verdict and fit execution of a just sentence. The execution was public.

On Friday last private Gukenheim of Co. E. was shot and almost instantly killed by a comrade named Eberle of the same company, says the Walla Walla Statesman. The parties were engaged at target practice and the shooting is regarded as accidental.

On the night of October 12th police officer Sires of Seattle was shot at that place by one Ben Payne. The wounded man lived until the 16th inst. and then died. Payne was arrested and threats of lynching him were freely made.

DR. BLALOCK reports a total wheat yield from his large farm near Walla Walla, of 83,000 bushels. At 69 cents per bushel this crop amounts to \$57,270. Moral, buy a large farm and raise wheat. —Columbia Chronicle.

OUR NEXT SENATOR.

The coming political contest in this State will derive its chief interest from the fact that the legislature to be chosen will elect a United States Senator to succeed Hon. I. F. Grover. What the result will be no one can with certainty foreshadow. The Republicans go into the contest with the encouragement of late victories, but Oregon is close enough to always furnish good fighting ground and the Democrats will make a desperate effort to carry the State, as they have done in the last two Senatorial years. This much is assured, that this election will be the commencement of antagonism between monopolies and the people. The Republican party offers two prominent candidates—J. H. Mitchell and J. N. Dolph—Mr. Williams, it is reported, will not allow his name to be used in this connection. Mitchell is well known by the people of Oregon; he is a man of ability and ambition. His domestic career has not been of the most exemplary character, but it is for every man to determine for himself whether such considerations as these should be taken into account in the matter of public representatives. Mr. Dolph we know only as a gentleman, socially, and have never heard against his private character. Outside of his political faith, however, we shall oppose them both on the same ground. They are both salaried attorneys of the two giant corporations which now rule the destinies of this country—Mitchell of the Northern Pacific Railway Company and Dolph of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. We don't want men so situated to be placed where they will be called upon to decide between their employers and the people. Would Mitchell work to throw our railroad lands upon the market, so that the settlers could buy them at the minimum rates, or would Dolph build the locks at the Cascades? The days of miracles are past and we cannot believe it. We don't want such men, the people of Oregon don't want them and they won't have them. The Republicans present the issue—the interest of the monopoly against that of the people—and they give us only candidates who are committed to the former.

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QUITMAN's trial has been set for November 7th. His counsel (and brother-in-law), Gen. Scoville, is making desperate efforts to gain a new trial but will probably not succeed. Ben Butler has been requested to assist in the defense but has not as yet replied. The Court has intimated that in case of Butler's refusal, it would assign competent counsel to assist Scoville. The first point in the case to be determined is the jurisdiction of the Courts of the District of Columbia, and it is thought the Court will very probably decide that there is a want of jurisdiction and thus the case will be transferred to the county in New Jersey where Garfield died.

At the railroad meeting held in Walla Walla last week Mr. Villard announced it as the fixed intention of his company to construct a road from Walla Walla via Milton and Weston to Pendleton, wherewith it will intersect the main trunk line. We are not fully advised as to the details of the programme but replying to this announcement of Mr. Villard we will say on behalf of the people of Pendleton that we fully appreciate the significance to our town of the construction of such a road and our citizens will be as ready to co-operate with the plans of the company in the future as they have shown themselves to be in the past.

DAYTON is having a real small pox scare. This dread disease has already resulted in the death of one person residing near this place, and has also stricken down one person residing near Russel creek in Walla Walla county. The Hon. Perry Steen, of Dayton, who was attending the Legislature was summoned home by a telegraphic dispatch announcing that his little child was taken with a severe attack of small pox. It is hoped that the cold snap will check the disease.—E.C.

THE new cabinet is as yet a matter of speculation. It is said with certainty, however, that Ex-Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey will be Secretary of State, Judge Folger of New York, Secretary of the Treasury and that Robert Lincoln will be continued as Secretary of War.

RYAN, the Missouri train robber, was tried, convicted and sentenced to 20 years in the State penitentiary. His friends threatened to rescue him, but Governor Crittenden attended the trial and kept order until it was over.

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