

THE FIRST BREAK.

It is announced that a contract has been let to D. P. Thompson and J. R. David for the construction of the railroad from Unatilla to LaGrande. Here is the first ripple on the surface of the political sea. Here is the first indication of the programme to be pursued by the Villard interest in the coming campaign. We have been anxiously watching for the appearance of the lion's claws, and we promise to give warning of it, and so we now do. Can we longer wonder why it was that Mr. Villard did not give us his railroad last fall as promised? Can they longer look for reasons why material intended for the completion of this line was transferred to other points and our work thus delayed? There was an election last fall, there is one next spring; therefore we had no railroad last fall, we will have one next spring. Dave Thompson is the Republican standard bearer for the next Governor of Oregon. He has all along been "hunting in couples" with the O. R. & N. Co., and now the whole secret of their plot is made manifest. To accomplish the ascendancy of the railroad interests in the next election they have determined to attempt to "swamp out" the Democratic majorities in their strongest counties. For this purpose work is withdrawn from the Territories and forces of men will be concentrated in Unatilla, Union, Wasco, Baker and Jackson counties to be voted as cattle or to receive a grant of indefinite leave of absence. Men of Unatilla, Republicans and Democrats, here is an issue presented—prepare to meet it.

MR. SLATER'S BILL.

On our first page we published in full the context of the bill introduced by Hon. J. H. Slater in the Senate of the United States for the opening of the Unatilla reservation for settlement. Upon the whole we think the measure is just and comprehensive, although we note a few objectionable features. One is the exemption for ten years of the lands to be held in severalty by the Indians from the operation of court process. We wish to see the Indians encouraged in every reasonable opportunity to make something of themselves if they will, and to this end would be willing to grant them exemption from taxation and the alienation of their lands for ten years as provided. But we do not see that it was at all necessary or expedient to couple with these provisions the one exempting their lands from judicial relief. Another needless and objectionable feature is the provision requiring the consent of the Indians to the execution of the act. If it were a case in which the Indians had never given their consent or in which their rights to the premises had never lapsed, the matter would present a different aspect. But inasmuch as the treaty by which they hold the land expired several years ago and in view of the further fact that the written consent of their chiefs made in 1879 is now on file in the department at Washington, it strikes us that this requirement will rather be an obstruction to the bill than otherwise. However, if the matter can only be once gotten through Congress we will take our chances on the execution of it. The chief opposition to the settlement of the reservation has always centered there.

The great number of miscellaneous communications which are being presented on the subject of Dr. Dickerson's anti-religious publications force us to choke off the whole thing. We cannot give space to all and do not feel justified in giving preference to any particular individual where all stand on an equal footing. Before leaving the doctor out, however, we will prepare to him some counterdrums which he may answer as briefly as he may see fit.

1. If he cannot understand the existence of a universe by creation, can he give a logical explanation of such existence without creation?

2. If, as he asserts, the world always existed and always will exist, why is it so much more difficult to comprehend, as Christians believe, that God existed always and ever will exist?

3. Why is it that all people of the earth, from the rudest and most ignorant state up to the most enlightened, exhibit from instinct, and not from education, a belief in a higher power?

The public seems hardly cognizant of the quiet but complete revolution going on in the administration of President Arthur. From the liberal or "half breed" composition given it by Mr. Garfield it is being converted into a ring machine of the most stalwart type. Mr. Blaine gives way to Mr. Frelinghuysen of electoral commission notoriety, Mr. James yields to Mr. Howe, one of the 306 at Chicago, Mr. Hunt retires and Gen. Beale, Grant's puppet, is advanced, Mr. Kirkwood makes a vacancy for Mr. Sargent, Mr. Windom has been supplanted by Judge Folger, while Mr. Lincoln always was a stalwart. Every one of them is a stalwart of Grant's.

AFTER nineteen years Grant has "flopped" on the Fitz John Porter case. From being strongly adverse to Porter heretofore, he now has interested himself in his behalf and has addressed a eulogistic note to President Arthur on Porter's behalf. Grant says he had been misinformed as to the facts in the case until recently.

THE SEN'S WASHINGTON SPECIAL SAYS:

One of the shrewdest of the politicians here forecasts Blaine's policy as follows: He will be the candidate not of a bolting element of the Republican party, but of a convention composed of Blaine delegates. In it will be represented Blaine delegates from the south, and with Blaine there will be nominated a democrat like Joe Brown of Georgia. This party will claim to represent the best elements of the republican and democratic parties. It will justify itself by asserting that only in its organization can the rule of the bosses, the dictatorship of Cameron and Logan be overthrown. It will try to represent what is known as the "Garfield idea," and what is called "the honest progressive democracy of the south." It is also said that it is by no means such a hopeless and chimerical scheme, especially in Blaine's hands, and in view of the fact that it will be impossible to wholly heal the breach of the republican party.

ACCORDING to the Congressional Record, on the 19th of December, Mr. Brents introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1923) to provide for the formation and a mission into the Union of the State of Washington; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Territories and ordered to be printed. From the reading of this record we conclude that Mr. Brents' bill is an enabling act authorizing the holding of a convention and the formation of a constitution for the proposed State of Washington. We expect a copy of the bill in a few days.—W. W. Union

THE department at Washington has decided that Lombardy poplar and balm or cottonwood is not timber in the sense that the law relating to timber culture requires. A petition is now being circulated and numerous signed in Eastern Washington to get that decision amended so as to include such trees as named above in the list as lawful to plant.—W. W. Statesman.

AS the same state of facts exists in Eastern Oregon, it might stand our people in hand to "look a little out."

THE old frigate Constitution was mustered out of commission last week at the Brooklyn navy-yard. Admiral Cooper and a large number of naval officers witnessed the hauling down of the ensign. The "Old Ironsides," as the frigate was called, was launched in October, 1797. She was the oldest vessel in the service.—Ex.

"GAIN" writing to the New York Journal says that Thurman is the most available Democratic presidential timber for 1884, and that the conflict in the Republican party will be between Blaine and Arthur. He also predicts that if again defeated in his party, Blaine will head an independent movement.

It is said that the court martial recently engaged in trying the negro lieutenant Flipper have found him guilty of stealing large sums of government money. This with the case of the Ethiopian Whitaker, would go to show that even a Republican cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

THE House publishes the notice of sale on the 6th day of February next of all the interest of the Martin heirs in the Dalles Military Road Lands. The interest of these heirs is five-eighths of three-fourths of about 250,000 acres of land.

We have received the first number of the Baker City Tribune. It is a neat eight column journal and its first appearance would seem to promise success. We wish it all prosperity as a newspaper but — its politics.

THE "Sunday Law" recently enacted by the legislature of Washington is being carried into execution very generally and is usually submitted to. The Territory is ahead of our State in civilization.

THE Mississippi legislature wisely returns Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar to the United States Senate. In point of natural ability Mr. Lamar stands alone in both houses of Congress.

SENATOR COCKERELL of Missouri has introduced a bill looking to the connection by canal for purposes of navigation of the headwaters of the Missouri and Columbia rivers.

JUDGE PORTER closed the argument in Guitau's case on the 10th inst. and the matter has all doubtless gone to the jury ere this. Give him a long rope and a short shift.

STRONG efforts are being made for relief of the Supreme Court of the U. S. It is contemplated urging Congress to create an additional court to consist of five members.

GUITAU has been offered \$1000 for his body, the money to be payable now and his carcass to be delivered after his death. He is holding out for \$2000.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BREWSTER signifies his intention to appear personally in the star route cases and to prosecute the criminals to the full extent of the law.

THE NAMES OF THE STATES.

HOW THEY ALL CAME BY THEIR QUEER TITLES.

From the New York Times.

The Hon. Hamilton R. Staples read a paper at the annual meeting of the American Antiquarian society, in Worcester, on the 21st instant, in which he discussed the origin of the names of the states. His conclusions were as follows: New Hampshire gets its name from Hampshire, England. Massachusetts is derived from an Indian name, first given to the bay, signifying "near the great hills." Rhode Island has an obscure origin; the "Island of Rhode," the "Island of the Roads" and a Dutch origin "Red Island," were mentioned, the first seeming to have the best historical support. Connecticut is an Indian name signifying "land on a long tidal river." New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland were passed over. Virginia, the Carolina and Georgia have a royal origin. Maine was named from the fact that it was supposed to contain the "mayne portion" of New England. Vermont has no special question, except that it is claimed to have first been an alias—New Connecticut, alias Vermont. Kentucky popularly signifies either a "slark and bloody ground" or "a bloody river," but its origin signifies "the head of a river," or "the long river." Tennessee comes from its river, the name being derived from the name of an Indian village on the river—"Tanassas." Ohio is named after an Indian name, signifying "something green," with an accent of admiration. Indiana comes from the name of an early land company. Illinois from the Indian—the name of a tribe. Michigan is claimed to mean "lake country," it probably came from the name of the lake "Great Lake," which bore this name before the adjacent land was named. Louisiana is from the French. Arkansas and Missouri are Indian—the former being beautiful, the latter is claimed to mean in its original "muddy water," which describes the river. Iowa is also Indian, with doubtful meaning. Texas is popularly supposed to be Indian, but may be Spanish. Florida is Spanish, "a flower land." Oregon has a conjectural origin. It is probably Indian, but a Spanish origin is claimed. California comes from a Spanish romance of 1510. Nevada takes its name from the mountains, which get theirs from a resemblance to the Nevada of South America. Minnesota is Indian, "sky tinted water." Nebraska is variously rendered "shallow water" and "flat country." Kansas is from an Indian root, Kaw, corrupted by the French. Mississippi is "great water," or "whole river." Alabama is Indian, the name of a fortress and a tribe, signifying as it claimed, "here we rest."

UNATILLA COUNTY.

This county is the most populous and productive county in Eastern Oregon. It is largely devoted to sheep, cattle and horse raising, and is unsurpassed in places as a wheat producing country. At present a very valuable portion of the county is reserved to the Indians, and should this reserve be thrown open to settlement, it will create homes for 50,000 white people. There are five leading towns in the county. Pendleton is the county seat, and one of the best business points in Oregon. It is located at the foot of the Blue Mountains, and adjoining the reservation. There are four stage lines centering here which arrive daily—from Boise City, Heppner, Unatilla and Walla Walla. The travel to Baker and Union County all goes through the place, and the teamsters and stages use up a large amount of the feed raised in the vicinity, which makes a ready home market. Centerville is located nineteen miles from Pendleton, on the road to Walla Walla, and going from the latter place either way, one passes for a distance of nineteen miles over the reserve, as fine a piece of ground as lies out doors in any county. Around Centerville there are some of the most productive farms in the county, and the town has a good trade. Three miles from Centerville is Weston, a most prosperous business point, on the narrow gauge railroad which runs from Whitman to within a mile of the town. Like Centerville, it is surrounded with a fine country, and it is a common thing for farmers to get 50 to 60 bushels of wheat to the acre. Milton is located six miles from Weston and twelve miles from Walla Walla. All the country from Centerville to Weston is a vast wheat field, and the soil is unsurpassed for its productiveness. From Pendleton to Heppner it is 60 miles south. The country is very sparsely settled between these two points, there being but few farms, and what they are, are used for stock raising, with the exception of the distance from Pendleton to Pilot Rock, 15 miles. Here we find some very productive farms along the creek bottom, but the hill lands are used only for cattle and sheep. What was once known as Unatilla Landing has lost much of its former business since the railroad was built from The Dalles to Walla Walla, and when the projected road from Unatilla to Pendleton is completed, it will become a way station on the railroad. There is no country around it to give it any support. Blalock Station on the railroad, will be a point of some importance owing to the fact that all the travel and produce shipped from this place to the Blue Mountains has to go there, and is the nearest point for the people of Heppner and all east of that place. The country is very large and ample to make comfortable homes for a million people, where there are now only about 10,000 in the county. It is only a question of time when the county will be divided into two or three counties.—Standard.

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