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THE PLUNDER-GANG.

The Democracy having abandoned its organization, its watchwords and its principles, on the "lay out" of "anything to beat Grant," what shall be said of their objects and aims? They have a thousand times denounced the policies indicated in the Cincinnati platform as political heresies, if nothing worse; and have as often declared in positive terms that they could never honestly support any man holding such views. The Liberal Republicans who are also in the Greeley reform movement, have each and all supported, till within a very recent date, all the principles of the Republican party, its policies and acts, and the administration of President Grant. The leaders among these men have defended Grant, till very recently, against the same charges they now reiterate, and have commended him for the very things for which they now arraign him. Can any fair-minded man, under this state of facts see what occasion they had for their sudden reversal of front, save that, under Grant's administration, they had not the opportunities they desired for patronage, power and plunder? Can anybody see what aim the late Democracy has in the Greeley movement, save to get at public plunder? They are confessedly not seeking the application in the administration of public affairs, of Democratic principles; and they do not claim that their candidate is in any sense a Democrat. They are frozen out from office or spoils under Grant's firm and consistent administration. Is it not clear that they trust through Greeley's pliability and eccentricities in politics to come in for an equal chance at, or even the lion's share of, the richness that flows from the public treasury? There was not a single person or fact connected with the Cincinnati Convention that does not warrant the conclusion that it was prospective plunder and not reforms of abuses, which animated the movers. And the same is true of Baltimore. Plunder was what led all these men away from their old and natural landmarks and into an unnatural political association, for which there is no more appropriate designation than "The Plunder-Gang."

There is an immense deal of "Deportment," just now, among the Democratic newspapers. The Herald bowed enthusiastically the other day, to the decision of the Baltimore Convention. And now comes the Albany Democrat and bows obsequiously and calls it "the sublimest patriotism." The Benton Democrat also bows and admits that it has landed on the other side of Jordan. "The Rubicon," it says, "flows behind us." It might have said also that "the Styx flows just before us," and "after that, the Lethean stream." We shall, we suppose, witness a general bowing of all the rest of the newspapers and the sturdy fellows of unchangeable, eternal principles, who run in the grooves of the politician. "Deportment" is now the order of the day. The Republicans propose to teach these fellows how to dance, also.

A TEACHER IN CLASSIFICATION.

Robert Toombs, a veteran Democrat, instructs Democrats how to classify themselves. He says: "Show me a man that tried to make a party of the negroes, and I will show you a Greeley man. Show me a Bulldock man that has turned Democratic, and I will show you a Greeley man—a thief that has robbed the State, and I will show you a Greeley man. Show me a State road lessee, and I will show you a Greeley man; but show me an honest man, and I will show you an anti-Greeley man." We commend this mode of classification to the Democracy hereabouts.

Since about the time of—well, longer than we can remember in a minute—the overland mails have been sent us by way of Idaho and the Columbia river. We understand that efforts have been made to have them sent by Sacramento, but the agent who has jurisdiction of such matters, out on the railroad, don't seem to care two cents whether Oregon mails go right or wrong. He promises to correct the matter, and then straightway goes and don't do it. In his case, we think a little "civil service reform" or rotation in office would do him good.

This is the way the Albany Democrat eats dirt: "While we would have personally preferred candidates more in accord with the past history of our party, we yet believe it is our duty to abide by the unanimously expressed choice of our national Convention, and, throwing aside our personal prejudices, cheerfully support the nominees which it presents for our suffrages." That *does* sound cheerful, don't it? Almost as blithe as a funeral dirge. "Candidates *more in accord* with the past history of our party," is good.

We see now and then a man who says he is going for Horace Greeley; but we have yet to see the first Republican who announces any such intention. There is no enthusiasm. Those who declare for Horace speak of their intended "departure" as a sort of joke of which they are themselves the butt; and the bystanders generally applaud with a jeering "A-a-h!"

When Mart. Brown heard the news of Greeley's nomination "dead sure," he says his thermometer instantly indicated 9,753° "above the hotness of the middle kettle of Pluto's dominions." Hereafter, Mart. may be considered, pre-eminently, the "red-hot" Greeley man of Oregon. Such a thing to happen in July! Mart., we feel sorry for you; we do, 'pon honor. The poor orphan!

Van Cleve of the Register has faith in the election of Grant. He offers to sell the Register one year for six dollars payable if Grant is elected; or, if Greeley be elected he will give a receipt in full without asking the subscriber a "cent." Same terms that Oregon goes for Grant, 1,500 majority.

An exchange from a neighboring town asks, "shall our city be taxed $4,000 a year without any equivalent whatever?" We should say to that, it would be an unpardonable waste of money when for a bit you can buy an iced cobbler.

The value of direct importation of dry goods to the Pacific coast is estimated at more than $100,000,000 annually. It is clear we do not manufacture enough; nor are we economical enough.

The Herald says that the nomination of Greeley has destroyed all the antagonism there was between Republicans and their old enemies. In that case, we want to know what the Herald is banging away at we 'uns for?

It is stated that Senator Wilson will canvass the Southern States in behalf of the Republican ticket this fall.

VILELY SLANDEROUS.

The Mercury and several "stuffed" correspondents of other Democratic papers, have been engaged for the last two weeks in publishing outrageously vile slanders about the people of Salem and Marion county. The substance of their representations is that the jurors who sat on Sam May's cases were drunkards, partisans, packed jurymen, perjured, etc.; that they were selected with a pre-arranged purpose to clear the accused; that some of them at least sought the place, and lied when they said that they had not formed an opinion; and much more of similar purport. They affirm that May was cleared by the efforts of partisan Republicans. Nothing could be more thoroughly false. The regular panel of jurymen were selected in the usual way—thirty-one men drawn by lot from a list of one hundred citizens of the county. The panel was a good average jury of Marion county. They were drawn for the trials in the usual way. After the panel was exhausted, the jurymen were selected, as we believe, without any knowledge as to how they felt in regard to conviction or acquittal. Many of them were summoned from the bystanders in the court room, in the presence of the Judge and Prosecuting Attorney. The first jury acquitted by an unanimous vote, without discussion. Three only of the second jury were for conviction on the first ballot, without discussion. On the third trial, eleven voted for acquittal on the first ballot, again, without discussion. These juries would compare favorably for standing in the community, intelligence, incorruptibility, and all the essential qualifications of jurymen, with any similar number of men in any county in the State. There were many men among them whom we know personally and know them to be trusted, respected and esteemed, by all their neighbors; whose word is as good as any man's oath.

What had the Republicans to do with the trial? Sam May was arrested at the instance of Gov. Grover, a Democrat, and brought here from Salt Lake by Foudray, a Democrat. The indictments were all drawn by N. L. Butler, Prosecuting Attorney, a Democrat. The first batch were dismissed by Judge Bonham, a Democrat. The three later ones tried, were tried before Judge Bonham, and the five dismissed, were dismissed by Judge Bonham. It strikes us, the whole thing was run by the Democratic ring of Salem. The ring members are now very mad; not half so much because Sam May was acquitted as because the affair was fruitless as a political campaign expedient. The attempt now to throw odium upon the jurymen who tried the cases, is prompted by malicious rage at the failure of the Democratic scheme, and is as disgraceful to the parties making the effort, as it is outrageously unjust and false in respect of the character of the jurymen.

THE ONE TERM PRINCIPLE.

The Liberal Republican party is composed of two classes, those who desire office, and those who desire patronage. The leaders of the party belong to the latter class; the rank and file to the former. Both classes endorse the one term principle, but those already holding office stick like leeches to their positions from one term to another, while those who expect office under the new dispensation, expect a life tenure when once in power. If the one term principle is good for the office of President, is it not equally good for the office of Senator? If a President is tempted by the prospect of a re-election to sell the power intrusted to him, during his first term, is the temptation less for a Senator or Representative to do the same thing? If Trumbull believes in the one term principle, why does he except a second? If Sumner is honest in his views of the one term doctrine, why does he serve from term to term, and thus prove by his practice, that the dose he would prescribe for others, he is not willing to swallow himself? Before we accept the teachings of these liberal philosophers, we must see some evidence on their part, that they really practice what they preach. If a man's service should be limited to one term while President, the same limitation should apply to every office. If the principle is good applied to one office it is good applied to all. But the principle is defective. No law should prevent the people, if they so desire, from electing an officer to serve them for as many terms as they may wish. If the people discover peculiar fitness in an officer, they ought to have the right to retain his services. The whole thing is in the hands of the people. If they have a bad man in office the shortest term is too long. If they have a good man, the longest term is too short. Confine a President to one term, and you prevent a good man from continuing a service that the majority know to be of value to the nation. There is not an instance in our past history, where a weak, incapable or corrupt President has been re-elected. On the contrary the very best men have been thus honored, and the second term was characterized by improved wisdom, the result of larger experience, and a natural desire to be worthy of the renewed confidence of the people. The Administrations of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Jackson, furnish abundant proof of the value of continuing in office tried and competent men. The first term of President Grant, has, thus far, shown him to be able, honest and economical. The people have had faith in him because they have felt that he has done his best to promote the general welfare: and because they have confidence in his patriotism, they desire his re-election. The people are the best judges of who shall serve one term. Their verdict will be that two terms under Grant will be better for the nation than one term under Greeley.

TWO BEDROCKERS.

Tony, of the Enterprise, announces the Baltimore nominations with a breezy air of cheerfulness which makes us smile. Tony, the bedrock Democrat; Tony, the unflinching and "eternal" Democrat; Tony, the Big Brave of the Canyon, don't "bow to the decision of the Baltimore Convention," like the most of the other Bedrock chiefs; he don't "acquiesce;" he don't "yield;" he "PLINGS TO THE BREEZE," the names of Horace Greeley and B. Gratz Brown. Nothing less demonstrative and airy than that would at all express the enthusiasm which now "busts" forth from Tony's ink bottle. The "style of him," this week leads us to doubt whether it was Tony or Tilton who discovered the Greeley-Brown ticket.

The Democratic Era don't enthuse much over the nominations at Baltimore. It does not hoist the Greeley-Gratz ticket. It wants to know if the Baltimore delegates did not "overstep their judgment" and allow "their zeal to get away with their reason." It says that Greeley is not only "not a Democrat," but was nominated only on account of "availability." It thinks, even if his election would put a stop to the "enormous frauds" charged against the present Administration that, even this "is not a sufficient inducement, hardly, for the Democracy to surrender up existence and the principles that are sacred to every patriot." It goes on to say: "If principles were not forfeited, and all hope of the party being resuscitated in the futur being shut out, there would certainly be no objection to Greeley, but as it is, with a clear loss of all that is desirable, there is an objection which is very strong and which must be admitted by all." All this sounds dolorous enough, certainly, and bodes no very cordial support of the great Chappaquack.

CAMPAIGN STATESMAN.

The WEEKLY STATESMAN will be sent to Campaign Subscribers till the next issue after the Presidential Election, for One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents each, coin, payment to be made in advance. This offer is at just about our yearly rates, and is the most liberal offer yet made by any newspaper in Oregon.

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The Eugene Guard, Democratic, has taken in a new supply of Passivism. It don't propose to fire its gun till it can see what the game is and whether it is likely to be worth the powder. It says: "The long-standing assertion of the Republicans that the Democratic party is dead' is at length a verity. It committed suicide at Baltimore on the 10th inst. The rank and file will never rally again under the present leaders." Of the Liberal-Cincinnati-Democratic-Baltimore platform, it says: "It is for the most part an arraignment of Grant's administration and a string of generalities too indefinite for distinctive principles, many of which are as opposite to the time-honored principles of Democracy as Judaism to Christianity." Concluding its article on the Baltimore Convention, it says: "We have eaten dirt at the bidding of Conventions long enough. WE SHALL CONTINUE AS HERETOFORE TO ADVOCATE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES."

These utterances and such as we have heretofore quoted from the Democratic Era, of East Portland, undoubtedly indicate the opinions and feelings of a large per cent. of the Oregon Democracy. Unless the campaign take some new turn, they will, like the Guard, remain passive, and "continue to advocate Democratic principles."

The Greeley-Gratz enthusiasm is so intense at Eugene that when the people heard the other morning of a petty burglary of a provision store, up town, they fell to discussing that and forgot all about H. G., B. Gratz B., the Cincinnati Convention, white hats, etc., till next day.

The Albany Democrat facetiously calls the new "departure" of the lately stiff-backed Democratic newspapers, "Wheeling into Line." Wouldn't it be nearer the correct thing to call it "Tumbling backward down stairs?"

CHIPS FROM CHAPPAQUA.

Drops of Consolation for such Democrats as do not Take Kindly to Greeley.

Every one who chooses to live by pugilism or gambling or harlotry, with nearly every keeper of a tippling-house is politically a Democrat.—Horace Greeley.

If there were not a newspaper nor a common school in the country, the Democratic party would be far stronger than it is.—Horace Greeley.

The essential articles of the Democratic creed are love rum and hate niggers. The less one learns and knows, the more certain he is to vote the regular ticket from A to Izzard.—Horace Greeley.

We thereupon asked our contemporary to state frankly whether the pugilists, black-legs, thieves, burglars, keepers of dens of prostitution, etc., etc.... were not almost unanimously Democrats.—Horace Greeley.

To smoke is a Democratic virtue; to chew is that virtue lessified; to drink rum is that virtue in the superlative.—Horace Greeley.

A purely selfish interest attaches the lewd, ruffianly, criminal, and dangerous classes to the Democratic party.—Horace Greeley.

This would amount to six in a bed, exclusive of any other vermin, for every Democratic couch in the State of New York, including those at Sing Sing and Auburn.—Horace Greeley.

The brain, the heart, the soul of the present Democratic party is the rebel element at the South, with its Northern allies and sympathizers. It is rebel at the core to-day.... It would come into power with the hate, the chagrin, the wrath, the mortification of ten bitter years to impel and guide its steps .... Whatever chastisement may be deserved by our national sins, we must hope that this disgrace and humiliation will be spared us.—Horace Greeley.

Grant and his policy deserve the highest credit.—Horace Greeley.

General Grant has never been beaten and he never will be.—Horace Greeley.

I hold our Government bound, by its duty of protecting our citizens in their fundamental rights, to pass and enforce laws for the extirpation of the execrable Ku Klux conspiracy; and if it has not the power to do it, then I say our government is no government but a sham. I, therefore, on every proper occasion, advocated and justified the Ku Klux act. I hold it especially desirable for the South; and if it does not prove strong enough to effect its purpose I hope it will be made stronger and stronger.—Horace Greeley.

So many millions paid off each month are to General Grant's administration what Union victories on hard-fought fields were to Mr. Lincoln's. The facts stated by the President, that the annual burden of the debt is now seventeen millions less than it was when he inaugurated, is a perfect Vicksburg to his supporters.—Horace Greeley, last December.

From Daily of Saturday, July 13.

STATE NEWS.

Gov. Grover has appointed O. Risley, Esq., Police Commissioner, vice Eugene Semple, resigned.

An ex-soldier named Bogardt was found drowned in the Willamette river at Portland, Thursday, the 11th. He had a habit of falling into the river and being fished out.

The Jarndyce and Jarndyce suit—the Carruther's claim case—has broken out again at Portland. It is good for the few remaining years of this century.

Miss Emma Giltner, of Portland, recently graduated at the Baltimore Female College, with distinguished honors.

Portland is to have another school house at a cost of $11,148.

A loving and gentle attack on a husband, with her little hatchet, costs a Portland woman $5 and costs.

Mrs. A. J. Dunlway arrived at San Francisco en route for home July 11th.

The Oregonian says the Democratic officers of Clatsop county refuse to give up to their Republican successors.

The tug-boat at Astoria has cost this year, over $12,000 for pilotage, towage, etc.

There has been a matrimonial application at the Clerk's office, Multnomah county, every day in July. Whew! what a time for marrying.

A Mr. Hinman of Ochoco has been stuffing the Albany beef-eaters with fat Ochoco steer meat. He finds the trade good; the Albanians find the meat good, and they are therefore very sweet on one another.

The City Council of Corvallis has ordered a fire engine from San Francisco.

The Democrat says it has cost Linn county the past year $1,329 47 for keeping paupers and poor persons.

At the Albany races the other day, a mare called "Trifle" came on a trifle ahead, making a single dash of one mile in 1:48¾.

The grain harvest has begun in Benton county.

President B. L. Arnold, of Andrew College, Tennessee, has accepted the Presidency of Corvallis College, and is expected to arrive here by the middle of August.

The Corvallis Democrat says: Large numbers of persons are passing through our town almost daily, on a trip to the Bay.

The debt of Linn county is $13,542.

In one of the upper cow counties, the women play draw-poker on the heads of husbands who come home drunk. The latterly instantly throw up their hands.

The Albany Register is going to have a new Taylor steam press. Van is going it.

From Daily of Sunday July 14.

Vivian has made an engagement with J. B. Robinson, the veteran actor, to go to Victoria on a professional visit.

Mr. Geo. B. Waldron left for San Francisco by the steamer of last evening to engage theatrical talent for next fall and winter. He will open the Salem Opera House, early in September.

Sheridan, Yamhill county, is said to be bedeviled by a regularly organized gang of burglars.

The house of Charles McDonald, Polk Co., was burglarized last Sunday night.

Judge Haley, of Peoria, a few days ago shoved a yearling Cotswold and the fleece weighed 22 pounds.

East Portland paid the enormous sum of $27,712 66 for street improvements during the last year.

The Dallas Republican says: Several parties are buying cattle in our county, to be driven east of the mountains.

A small boy, a son of Mrs. Strelitz, of Portland, fell, head first, in a well thirty-two feet deep, the other day. A woman, with a small cork, raised him half way out when the boy dropped. He was subsequently drawn out, none the worse for wear, except a few bruises on one of his arms.

From Daily of Tuesday July 16.

Jacksonville has fleas and bed-bugs in abundance. Send on your orders.

H. H. Lamson, Esq., County Clerk elect of Yamhill county, has put up in his office a notice that all his fees must be paid in advance. That's business.

Mr. Strahan informs the Gazette that he will decline taking his seat in the Oregon legislature, which the Democrats gave him two years ago.

Amity merchants are fussing over the post-office. The death of Hon. W. W. Brown created a vacancy. G. E. Gatchell seems to have the lead.

A little girl, daughter of an emigrant just arrived in Wasco county, was bitten by a rattlesnake last week. As soon as the fact was known the parents sucked the virus from the wound and killed the child with whisky, and she soon recovered.

The track on the West Side has been laid to a point three miles above Forest Grove. The probabilities are that the cars will be running daily to the Yamhill river by September 1st.

Gen. Joseph Hooker is among the passengers on board the John L. Stephens which sailed for Portland from San Francisco on Saturday last.

Huckleberry pie is the latest luxury in Portland.

One Mrs. Gamblin, of Peoria, Linn county, on the 14th inst., gave birth to three ladies. At last accounts all were alive and doing well. Oregon beats the world for crops.

A couple of Corvallis girls visited Portland last week, and, at night, some one entered their room and relieved one of them of $30 in coin, a pocketbook, and a breast pin worth $12.

Jacksonville Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., will give a public celebration on the 15th of August in commemoration of the institution of the Lodge. Binger Hermann, of Roseburg, will deliver the oration.

John Wollen has returned to Jacksonville from a prospecting tour in the mountains, and brought with him some fine specimens of copper ore and gold-bearing quartz. He thinks that valuable ledges will be developed and located in the Lake country.

The provision store of Harris Bros., Eugene, was burglarized last Wednesday night, to the extent of a few dollars small change and an outfit of provisions and whisky.

The following is a synopsis of the receipts and expenses of the late celebration at Portland: Appropriation from the city, $1,150; by subscriptions from the citizens, $1,971 12; total, $3,121 12; amount paid for music, $1,013 50; fire works, $369 75; Liberty car, $178 94; printing, $175 50; grounds, $14 65; salutes, $120; carriages, $55 75; refreshments, $199; total, $2,849 67. A balance still remains in the bank, which belongs to the Celebration Fund and can be used next year. There are also about $100 worth of materials subject to the Committee in 1873.

THE TERRITORIES.

An effort is being made to raise money to construct a road from Walla Walla to Grand Ronde. The road will cost $2,500, and $1,700 has already been secured.

At the Seattle celebration, the procession contained no less than seven "queens." They would have had more, but their stock of mythological names gave out.

A writer in the Advocate says Rev. Mr. Spaulding has had good success in his labors as a Missionary among the Nez Perces. In less than six years he has received into the Church 526 Indians, who give as good evidence of being thoroughly converted as other folks.

The Skagit River Exploring Expedition reports that the Skagit valley contains at least 200,000 acres of land suitable for agricultural and grazing purposes, some of which is of most excellent quality, and nearly all would be rated first-class soil. The valley runs lattitudinal to the Sound, and is perhaps twenty miles wide and is very much like the country below.

The Echo says the actual debt of Washington Territory is less than $10,000.

The assessment of Cowlitz county, Washington Territory, for 1872, amounts to $613,714, being more than double that of last year.

Several parties are now on the tributaries of the Palouse above the mines on Jerome creek, prospecting for gold, with hopes of discovering valuable mines in that locality.

Timothy Dillon was accidentally drowned from the steamer Comet, in White river, W. T., on the 3d inst.

The grain crop this year in Montana will be the largest and best that ever has been produced in the Territory.

Captain Lovejoy, who for the past sixteen years has resided on Whidbe's Island, died Saturday, July 6th, of enlargement of the heart.

The Boise Standard says: From the Upper Weiser we learn that the crops are looking very well, and everybody is in good health and spirits.

An addition of one hundred acres is soon to be added to Olympia.

Another four-oared boat race is to come off at Olympia.

On the Fourth of July, at Seattle, two persons met with severe accidents. Some boulders went off accidentally and shot, in the mouth, two young men named Hill and Mills. Besides smashing in teeth, both were badly burned, and one of Hill's jaws were broken.

Small pox has broken out in a family named Campbell, at Union Ridge, Clarke County, Washington Territory. Several of the family have had it, but in a mild form.

The Utah Northern Railroad is building rapidly into Montana. Twenty-five miles are already completed. It connects with the Central Pacific at Bear river crossing.

Sheridan one day when coming back from shooting with an empty bag, did not like to go home completely empty handed, and seeing a number of ducks in a pond, and a farmer leaning on a rail watching them, he said: "What will you take for a shot at the ducks?" "Well," he said, "I will take half a sovereign." "Done," said Sheridan, and he fired into the midst of the ducks, killing a dozen. "I'm afraid you have made a bad bargain," said Sheridan. "Well, I don't know," said the man, "they weren't mine."

Strikes are becoming very numerous just now in England. Not only are the day laborers striking, but the houses servants are beginning a similar movement. They ask for an increase of wages, half-holiday every other Sunday, their working hours to be from 6 until 10 o'clock. The butlers and gentlemen's servants also threaten a strike.

"What would you do if mamma should die?" asked a lady with whom we have the honor of an intimate acquaintance, of a little three-year-old girl that we wouldn't take a hundred dollars for. "Well, mamma," was the melancholy response, "I s'pose I should have to spank myself!"

"Johnny, where is your pa?" "Gone fishing, sir." "He was fishing yesterday, was he not?" "Yes, sir." "What did he catch?" "One catfish, the rheumatism, two eels, the toothache and some little ones. Ma says he will catch fits to-day; but wait till he gets home."

CHAMPIONS OF THE RED CROSS.

The Origin of the Order—Its Success in California—A Grand Encampment to be Organized—List of Members in Salem.

Six years ago Mr. George B. Taylor, Esq., then acting as Deputy Grand Worthy Chief Templar for the State of California, conceived the idea of attaching a more impressive set of degrees to the Independent Order of Good Templars. He, therefore, set about the work and in a few months perfected, and conferred upon a number of persons—all Good Templars—a degree denominated the "Knights of the Red Cross." The Right Worthy Chief Templar of North America, Mr. Hastings, of Wisconsin, being in California at that time, in attendance upon the session of the Grand Lodge at Sacramento City, Mr. Taylor conferred the degree upon him, and upon some twenty delegates in attendance upon the Grand Body. All were highly delighted with the new work, and expressed a strong desire that the new degree should be incorporated into the work of the Good Templars. Mr. Taylor was elected as a delegate to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, but sickness prevented his attending, so that he had no opportunity to bring the matter before the delegates. Several years now elapsed, when Mr. Taylor conceived the idea of remodelling the whole work, and of originating a

A NEW AND INDEPENDENT ORDER.

With this object in view, he went to work, and in a few months of severe labor brought out and organized, at Rio Vista, California, in April, 1869, the first Encampment of Champions of the Red Cross. Several others were organized by him in quick succession; so that at the present time there are in California 30 Encampments with a membership of 2,500. This Order, in California, is remarkably popular and has enrolled among its members some of the most wealthy and influential citizens of the State. It is estimated that fully one third of the male members in California are Masons and Odd Fellows. The Champions usually meet in Masonic and Odd Fellows' Halls throughout the State. Mr. Taylor still believing that the Order might be improved upon, has again remodeled the work, making in it some very desirable changes, and now under the title of the Independent Champions of the Red Cross, is planting the work in Oregon. Those familiar with the work in its present form, claim for it that it is inferior to no organization extant. The ceremonies are strikingly impressive and strongly fascinating. Ladies are admitted into the order on the same as gentlemen, and entitled to the same privileges and immunities. We alluded in yesterday's issue to the insurance features of this organization. In October next it is the purpose of the Organizing Officer to convene at Salem a Convention of delegates from the different Encampments which may be formed in Oregon and Washington Territory for the purpose of organizing and instituting a Grand Encampment.

SALEM CHARTER MEMBERS.

We give below a list of the names of our citizens of Salem and vicinity who constitute the Charter members of Salem Encampment, No. 3, Independent Champions of the Red Cross: C. E. Burrows, Mrs. F. S. Burrows, Dr. C. H. Hall, Dr. D. Payton, N. D. Raymond, Rev. L. L. Rowland, Mrs. E. J. Rowland, A. T. Yeaton, Dr. R. S. Jessup, F. O. Dennis, C. H. Hunter, P. H. Hatch, Miss Mattie Graves, Miss Mary Hurley, Mrs. M. J. Arthur, S. W. Lemon, Jas. A Beers, Mrs. Isabella Towle, Mrs. Lavina Keller, Ira Erb, S. Farrar, Mrs. Jane Ledford, Miss Emma Small, B. F. Belt, J. M. Garrison, Miss Carrie P. Swain, Geo. S. Allen, Chas. L. Kellar, David McFadden, Byron DeNure, Jacob Conser, Miss Mary Gallegher, and Kate M. Vieller. This order will doubtless prove a great success in the State.

SABBATH READING.

Religious Intelligence—Morals and Pathology.

The Baptist Society at Olympia has purchased a lot on which the members propose to erect a church immediately.

The fourth anniversary meeting of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association will be held at the Taylor Street M. E. Church this (Sunday) evening.

The Oregon & California Railroad Company has generously donated forty acres of land situated near Canby, about nine miles south of Oregon City, to be devoted to campmeeting and other religious purposes.

Last Sunday four persons united with the Presbyterian Church, Portland.

The fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Hall street (Portland) Methodist Church will be held July 27th and 28th.

A Basket Meeting will be held on the picnic grounds at Hubbard's Station, Rock Creek circuit, July 20th and 21st. Services at 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., on the grounds, and 7½ P.M. at White's school house.

The Advocate says: The golden wedding of Father Willis Jenkins and wife, of Goldendale, W. T., was celebrated in connection with the glorious Fourth of July. This aged couple are well known to many in Oregon and Washington Territory. They crossed the plains in 1844, and are now enjoying good health.

It is advantageous for all, sick or well, to mix among strangers. It breaks up the wearing monotony of home life; breaks up that stagnation of thought, and feeling, and emotion which attends a life of sameness and inactivity.

AGRICULTURAL STATE FAIR.

Thoroughbred Stock to be Exhibited—Rev. Mr. Condon Invited to Deliver the Annual Address—Dies for Casting Medals.

From the Farmer we get the following paragraphs relating to the next Annual Agricultural Fair:

S. G. Reed, Esq., of Portland, has addressed a letter to the Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, announcing his desire to place on exhibition at the next State Fair a large number of his thoroughbred animals, provided he could have suitable accommodation furnished them. The Executive Committee has informed him that the best accommodations will be furnished him and all other stock-raisers who may desire to exhibit at the next Fair. From Mr. Reed's letter we learn that he contemplates bringing specimens of his Short Horn, Ayrshire and Alderney cattle, Cotswold and Leicester sheep and Berkshire and Essex pigs.

We learn that an invitation has been extended to Rev. Thos. Condon, of the Dalles, to deliver the Annual Address before the next State Agricultural Society at the Fair in September. We hope Mr. Condon will accept the invitation. His long residence in Oregon, and his attainments as a scholar, give him advantages that few others possess.

The Secretary of the State Agricultural Society informs us that Messrs. Titcomb and Williams, of San Francisco, are now making dies for striking gold and silver medals for the use of the Society, as special premiums, and that the first gold medal made will be presented to Mr. V. S. W. Parkhurst, of San Francisco, for his exhibit of scales at the Fair last year, in accordance with the order of the Board of Managers. The dies alone will cost the Society about $250.

To build a worthy and noble character is like erecting a costly and beautiful edifice. There must be first a plan of the whole in the mind of the architect, comprising not only the harmony of proportion and beauty of architecture, but also the fitness and adaptation of every part to its purpose; and then must follow the more mechanical but no less honorable toil of placing brick upon brick, stone upon stone, each in its appointed niche, till the whole is completed, and the ideal realized.

A Southern paper advertises as follows: "Wanted, at this office, an able-bodied, hard-featured, bad-tempered, not-to-but-off and not-to-be-backed-down-freckled-faced young man to collect for this paper; must furnish his own horse, saddle-bags, pistols, whisky, bowie-knife and cowhide. We will furnish the accounts. To such we promise constant and laborious employment.

THE HOSTILE BANNACKS.

Mr. Clitus Barbour Interviews some of the headmen—His report of what he saw and heard.

Mr. Clitus Barbour who went up from Boise City to Camas Prairie a few days ago to ascertain the facts concerning the hostility of the Bannack Indians, reports that he met a large band of Shoshones under "Dendoy," and through their friendly agency, obtained an interview with some of the leading Bannacks, though he did not see "Bannack Jim." The Indians admitted that "Bannack Jim's" Indians killed two white men last fall on the Yellowstone, near the Bozeman pass, and took their horses and other property, which they have in possession now. They killed two men near Murphy's toll bridge, on the Montana road and are said to have their horses. It appears, however, in this case, that the white men fired on them first. They attacked three men near the Boise City and Montana road, about 40 miles beyond Wood river, killing one of them and wounding another, the third escaping unhurt. Here they captured four horses and their accoutrements.

They have committed numerous larcenies of horses along the routes of their travel, and they now have not less than fifteen head of stolen horses among them. They attempted the wholesale capture of a band of mules at the crossing of Wood river, which were being driven through to Montana, and their conduct shows that they would have taken the lives of the three men in charge, but they were foiled in both endeavors by the friendly offices of Mr. Jas. A. Dempsey and "Dendoy" and his band. They are also charged by the other Indians with having committed other murders and robberies in lonely and unfrequented places. Mr. Barbour says "Bannack Jim" has about six hundred men on Big Camas Prairie. Dendoy's band are friendly. Old "Winnemucca" is found to have been tampering with the Bannacks and inciting them to hostility by working upon their superstitions. The Bannacks whom Mr. Barbour saw, promised that the outrages should cease.

EASTERN OREGON GOLD MINE.

The Richest Quartz Ledge on the Pacific Coast—An old Prospector Strikes it Rich.

The Mountain Sentinel contains the following, in relation to a discovery which we mentioned a few days since:

"Mr. White, a resident of Baker county, after having spent about $9,000 in prospecting in and near Auburn in that county, has at last been awarded with unparalleled success. Some time ago he discovered a quartz lode, which undoubtedly is the richest in gold ever discovered on the coast. In brief the ordinary quartz from the lode yields $600 to the ton, but it is the pockets in the same where the riches come in. In one pocket he secured $4,000 of the precious stuff in four days, and others have been struck much richer. Mr. Stacy, a reliable gentleman of Auburn, visited the mines and stated to our informant, Mr. John Howard, that he saw in the pocket numberless nuggets as large as a man's fist. Mr. Stacy is known in this community to be a man of truthfulness and not addicted to exaggeration. Mr. White has four men employed in guarding his mine of treasure and no person but those well and favorably known can even visit it. Mr. Lacy asserted positively that he could in a few moments pick up a fortune in nuggets from the pocket allotted to. In consequence of this extraordinary discovery property in the town of Auburn has taken a sudden rise, and lots and houses which a week ago could have been bought for a song, have quadrupled in price. We verily believe that other discoveries and rich ones will soon be made in that vicinity, and experienced miners are of the same opinion.

P. S.—We learn that Capt. J. C. Ainsworth of Portland is the principal owner (and capitalist) interested in the lode."

A CHINESE DUEL.

A fight at Virginia, Montana, between two Chinamen named Mung Gee and Ching Ho, is thus graphically described by the Montanian:

Throwing aside their outer garments, and each armed with a huge knife and an ugly looking hatchet, they faced each other for the tray—the women, meantime, viewing the preparations with unconcern. For a moment they stared at each other like wild beasts over disputed prey, and then sprang forward with uplifted weapons. In the first onslaught, Ho's nimbleness saved his worthless carcass, for, stepping quickly to one side, the hatchet of Mun Gee cleft nothing but air, and Ho buried the blade of his tomahawk in the cheek of his unwieldy adversary. Withdrawing it he stepped back into position. Howling vengeance, and with a torrent of blood gushing from a frightful wound Gee ran upon his man and with a dextrous blow which would have been fatal had it reached its mark, laid a three-cornered piece of Ho's larboard ear on the floor, and received in return an ugly gash in the right shoulder from Ho's knife. Gee was now bleeding freely, and with the ebbing of the crimson tide oozed his strength and affection. He fought wildly, while his wily antagonist rained his hatchet blows fast and sure, cutting Gee in a terrible manner about the face hands and neck. At last, as Gee endeavored to grapple his opponent, he received a deadlier under the right ear from Ho's hatchet.

He smiled a kind of sickly smile, and curled upon the floor;
And the subsequent proceedings interested him no more.

He, fearing arrest, fled. About this time the police arrived upon the scene. At the request of Mary, Gee was put in his little bed for repairs, and a physician summoned. Although horribly mutilated Gee may possibly recover. The wound in the neck is not so deep as was hoped, and the jugular vein was unfortunately missed, but his facial attractions will always lack their usual amount of cheek, and his genial voice will be marred by the absence of nearly all his front teeth. The section of his left ear is the only relic the authorities have of Ho, and even that will be relinquished to the medical faculty on application.

A would-be author was advised to try the effect of one of his compositions upon the folks at home without confessing its authorship. His mother fell asleep, his sisters groaned, his brother asked him to hold up as they had quite enough of that shower of words without wit, and at last his wife tapped him upon the shoulder with the sweetest possible "won't that do? He then saw how it was himself, burned his portfolio, recovered his appetite, and has been a happy man ever since.

Two women in Detroit got at dagger's points, and one of them of an original turn of mind, got a parrot and taught it to say "you steal," whenever her enemy passed by. Not to be outdone, the other fair belligerent also got a Polly, whom she taught to scream "you dye your hair," whenever the enemy came in sight. Finally the judiciary was appealed to, and both the parrot guns were spiked.

Of the two colored cadets at West Point, Smith, the original bone of contention, stands tenth in his class, which is an appreciable gain, month by month, while young Napier, for whom better feeling has been entertained, in consequence of a franker and more amiable disposition, stands at the foot of a class of sixty-one members.

Of every seven native born Vermonters, three have emigrated to other States. The late census shows the whole number of Vermont emigrants is 180,000 of which 33,000 have taken up a residence in New York, 14,000 in Illinois, 13,000 in Wisconsin, 14,000 in Michigan, 12,000 in Iowa and 4,000 in California.

The late James Gordon Bennett taught school in Steuben in the year 1818. He taught two months, and at the close of his school, September 18, 1818, he drew $17 from the town treasury as compensation.

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