

PARTY ORGANS.

In last week's issue of the Jacksonville Times we find this paragraph:

"The Sentinel will do well to look to its laurels as a Republican journal, as the ASHLAND TIDINGS is of late making roads upon its prestige as such. Last week's issue of the latter seems to denounce this. The Republican cause in this county will not suffer for want of organs."

We are not at all surprised that this view of our position in politics should be taken by our cotemporary. The Times is one of the class of Journals which hold to the faith that the last sin to be forgiven is the disregard of party requirements. It is one of the players in the political game of "Simon says thumbs up." When, "Thumbs up!" is called, up go its thumbs, and when "Simon says thumbs down," it obediently and promptly knuckles down. It glories in being one of the staunchest party organs in the state, and would, no doubt, advocate the claims of Gen. Jackson to the next term of presidency, should such orders come from the headquarters of the party for which it "grinds." The idea of independence in politics is entirely beyond its comprehension, and seeing that we are not bound in the shackles of the Democratic party, it very naturally supposes we are tied to the Republican car.

Such notices as the above we shall always treasure as encouraging testimonials of our success in the endeavor to publish an independent journal. Our last week's number contained articles which were the reverse of flattering to certain members of the political family which exacts the service of the Times, and the result was a polite growl from that organ, and the charge that we are guilty of the offense of aiding Republicanism. When circumstances shall compel us to tread upon Republican toes, we shall expect a similar growl from Republican organs of the same class as the Times, and shall be prepared to meet the charge of being Democratic.

The time was when it was thought that independence in journalism meant simply neutrality upon every question of politics, and when it was expected that an "independent" journal would keep respectful and humble silence upon matters whereon all men do not agree; but within the last few years the party lash has lost much of its terror, and it is beginning to be felt that a non-partisan press is the best friend of the people, and the only medium through which may be had reliable information upon matters liable to distortion by demagogues and politicians. The editor of nearly every partisan newspaper in the state can measure in coin his interest in the success of the party for which he writes, and

"When self's watering balance shake, 'Tis rarely right adjust."

For an illustration of the effect of party bias we need not go far back into the past, or many miles from home. We need but refer to the conspicuous reluctance with which the Times takes up the report of the investigating committee. During the progress of the investigation the Democratic press of the state was teeming with slurs upon the committee and its work, and now, when the results are placed before the people, the Times, in the short article it has published upon the subject, devotes the greater portion of its space to criticising the manner in which the committee have done their work, instead of denouncing the scoundrels who have been robbing the public treasury. And we do not doubt that, had the politicians whose bad record has been revealed by the committee the slightest hope of regaining their lost reputations by hard lying, they would not lack for supporters among those who would hope to be gainers through the success of the party which these men have led.

We would not be understood as holding up the idea that the Democratic party is more corrupt than the Republican, generally. Whichever party is the stronger usually contains the greater number of thieves, and when spoils are to be had by changing from one party to another, the political vampires find it convenient to experience a change of faith. The Democratic party has held the reins of government in this state, and consequently the stealing was done by Democrats. Let the same grade of Republicans have the same opportunities for thieving, and an investigation will reveal just as much rascality upon that side of the line. We condemn no man for the principles he honestly holds, but we demand that none be shielded from the just consequences of guilt because of party claims.

The Cleveland Plaindealer favors the nomination of Tom Hendricks, because he is "Ohio born."

HOW THEY WORK.

The Salem Statesman has the following little story which will serve to show the voters of the state how they are played upon by the political tricksters:

"One of the chief actors in the story that follows furnishes us full details of the way a joint convention was broken up in the Legislature of 1872, all for the purpose of feathering the nests of Grover and pets, as he, by that means, had the appointment of commissioners to superintend the disbursement of \$100,000 spent for completion of the state capitol, and also the appointment of all the minor offices of the State government, usually elected by the Legislature in joint convention.

The Senate was Democratic, and if that body refused to go into joint convention, none could be held. It was supposed that one Democrat would vote with the Republicans, and to prevent that our informant was approached by the "ring," as spokesman for the Grover interest, and his influence solicited to prevent this Senator from voting with the Republicans and so create a majority. "The ring man" explained all the importance of the matter. What Grover wanted to do, who he would appoint and what was to be made by it. Our informant told him that he would guarantee the breaking up of the convention for one thousand dollars. Six hundred was offered and a bargain was made at that figure, and a leading Democrat was called as security, whose word was as good as his bond, and got him to give his verbal pledge that in case the convention was broken up, the \$600 should be promptly paid.

Our informant happened to know that the Senator in question had concluded not to go into convention, had just heard as much from his own mouth, so he waited until the conspirators were out of sight and dropped into the Belvedere to take a quiet hand at a game of pedro, never troubled himself about the anxieties of the Grover dynasty any further. While he played his little game the Senate refused to go into convention, which was of course broken up just as he had guaranteed it would, and the legislature adjourned without electing Capitol Commissioners. Grover made the appointments and the money was expended in his interest, and it is thought secured him one vote from Marion county. The ring was satisfied with the result, and the responsible man who had gone security for the \$600, finding the next day that the "ring man" had not paid it, did the square thing and handed our informant the coin according to the agreement.

The Emperor of Russia believes in the right of women to study surgery and medicine and take degrees at universities. Some time ago he granted a charter to a university for women, and the Russian Minister of War has now officially taken up the subject of training lady doctors for army practice. It has been decided upon in consequence of the proof given in the late war of the inability of the regular medical staff to cope with the enormous number of sick and wounded. Classes will be almost immediately established in St. Petersburg for the instruction of female medical students, who will, on the completion of their studies, be regularly attached to the medical staff of the army.

Ex-Chief Justice McKean died at Salt Lake Jan. 6th. The announcement of his death brought sadness to the heart of every Gentle in Utah, all feeling that in him they had lost a near and dear friend and the liberal cause a champion. He was the first judge to make Mormon priests feel the strong arm of the Government, and that the law of the land was above that of the church, and had been sustained by the Government when he imprisoned Brigham Young in the penitentiary for contempt, the polygamy question would have been practically settled.

The investigation of the charges of fraud preferred by Gov. Curtin's friends will, the Philadelphia Times believes, develop the most systematic and unscrupulous corruption of the ballot that has been attempted in Pennsylvania outside of the chief cities.

It is announced that Blaine and Bayard, prominent candidates for the presidential nomination, the one in the Republican, the other in the Democratic party, are both in favor of restricting Chinese immigration.

General Howard, in his annual report, recommends that the Umatilla Indians, who served with fidelity, be rewarded and that all who assisted the hostiles be sent to some remote place, whence they cannot easily return.

The New York Times is of the opinion that Gen. Sheridan does not shine in controversy, and thinks he went out of his way to "pitch into" the Indian bureau.

The Republican politicians of Oregon are in sack-cloth and ashes, because it was not a Republican investigating committee that revealed the corruption of the Democratic administration.

Alonzo Garcelon was elected Governor of Maine, on Jan. 2d., by the Legislature. He is the first Democrat that has been elected to that position since King Phillip's war.

Normalism.

A decision has just been rendered by the Chief Justice of the United States in a case brought up by appeal from the Supreme Court of the Territory of Utah to test the constitutionality of the Acts of Congress prohibiting polygamy. The case was taken to the Supreme Court upon a writ of error, the plaintiff pleading the unconstitutionality of the law prohibiting bigamous marriages, the justification of religious belief, and various unimportant legal technicalities. This court, in a long and carefully prepared opinion delivered by the Chief Justice, holds that polygamy is not under the protection of the clause of the Federal Constitution which prohibits interference with religious conviction is not a valid defense; that Congress did not step outside the limits of its constitutional powers in passing a law for the suppression of polygamy in Utah, and that the judgment of the Superior Court of that territory must be affirmed. Justice Field dissented as far as the case related to the admissibility of certain evidence introduced in the lower court, but upon the main question—the constitutionality of the Act of Congress prohibiting polygamous marriages—there was perfect unanimity.

Report on the Chinese.

The educational committee of the House of Representatives have submitted a report on the Chinese question, in which it asserted the right and the power of Congress to alter or abrogate treaties, and especially the Burlingame treaty, whose provisions are seriously menacing the peace, liberty and prosperity of the country. The committee says: "The treaty making power is limited to the objects for which the Constitution was formed;" that "self-preservation" is the highest duty of the Government under the Constitution; that the Burlingame treaty is inimical to self-preservation; that laws of Congress are as binding under the Constitution as treaties, and if made after a treaty and in conflict with it, that the law must stand and the treaty give way to it.

Sublime Spectacle.

From the telegraphic report of Senate proceedings of Jan. 8th we take the following:

Grover arising to a personal explanation regarding a recent publication that state funds of Oregon amounting to about \$97,000 had been expended and not accounted for during his administration as governor, denied the charges *seriatim*, and read from laws and records to show that all money had been properly expended.

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