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Letter from President Grant.

President Grant has written the following letter to Gen. Harry White, president of the recent Pennsylvania Republican State Convention:

WASHINGTON, May 29, 1875.

Dear Sir: A short time subsequent to the Presidential election of 1872, the press, a portion of it, hostile to the Republican party—particularly so to the Administration—started the cry of "Caesarism" and third term, calling lustily for me to define my position on the latter subject. I believed it beneath the dignity of the office which I have been twice called to fill to answer the question, before the subject should be presented by competent authority to make a nomination, or by a body of such dignity and authority as not to make a reply a fair subject of ridicule. In fact, I have been surprised that so many sensible persons in the Republican party should permit their enemy to force upon them and the party an issue which cannot add strength to the party, no matter how met. A body of the dignity and authority of a party convention to make nominations for State officers in the second State in the Union having considered the question, I deem it not improper that I should speak.

In the first place, I never sought the office for a second, nor even the first, nomination. To the first I was called from a life position, one created by Congress expressly for me for supposed services rendered to the Republic. The position vacated, I liked. It would have been most agreeable to me to have retained it until such time as Congress might have consented to my retirement, with the rank and a portion of the emoluments I so much needed, to a home where the balance of my days might be spent in peace and the enjoyment of domestic quiet, relieved of the cares which have oppressed me constantly for fourteen years; but I was made to believe that the public good called me to make the sacrifice.

Without seeking the office for the second term, the nomination was tendered me by the unanimous vote of delegates of all the States and Territories selected by the Republicans of each to represent their whole number for the purpose of making a nomination. I cannot say I was not pleased at this and the overwhelming endorsement their action received at the election following, but it must be remembered that all sacrifices except that of comfort, had been made in accepting the first term. Then, too, such a fire of personal abuse and slander has been kept up for four years, notwithstanding the conspicuous performance of my duties to the best of my understanding, though I admit, in the light of subsequent events, many times subject to fair criticism, than an indorsement from those who alone govern the Republic was a gratification that it is only human to have appreciated and enjoyed.

Now for the third term. I do not want it any more than I did the first. I would not write nor utter a word to change the will of the people in expressing and having their choice. The question of the number of terms allowed our executive can only come up fairly in the shape of a proposition to amend the constitution—a shape in which all political parties can participate in fixing the length of time or number of terms for which one person shall be eligible to the office of President. Until such amendment is adopted, the people cannot be restricted in their choices by resolution, further than now restricted by age, nationality, etc. It may happen in the future history of the country that to change the executive because he has been eight years in office will prove unfortunate if not disastrous.

The idea that any man could elect himself President, or even nominate himself, is preposterous. It is a reflection on the intelligence and patriotism of the people to suppose such a thing possible. Any man can destroy his chances for the office, but no one can force an election or nomination. I am not, nor have I ever been, a candidate for re-nomination. I would not accept a nomination were it tendered, unless it came under such circumstances as to make it an imperative duty—circumstances not likely to arise.

I congratulate the convention over which you presided for the harmony which prevailed, and for the excellent ticket put in the field, which I hope may be triumphantly elected.

With great respect, your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT

The Lincoln Warehouse.

MR. EDITOR: I see by your paper of last issue that some one from Lincoln, under the name of Stockholder is trying to place myself and L. Abrams in a wrong light before the farmers of Spring Valley and vicinity. Now, I would say to the farmers that there is not one word of truth in the article, and that J. K. Sears, the author of it, knew when he wrote it that it was false from the beginning to end, and it was done to cover up his own tracks. If there is a party trying to buy up the warehouse, it is himself and no other, from the fact that he is the largest stockholder in it, and I would advise the farmers next time to examine the books, and they will find that he is the one to watch.
B. F. McLENDON.

Song of the Pioneers.

The song published to-day with the above title, was written at the request of Prof. T. H. Crawford, to be sung at the coming Pioneers' Reunion. Prof. Crawford takes great interest in getting up a fine chorus of pioneer and native-born vocalists to make music for that occasion, and when these verses are sung by a full-voiced multitude, to the stirring music of the well-known patriotic song indicated by the chorus, the sentiment which the words but feebly give will find their proper expression.

Selling Liquor to Indians.

Wm. Neal, who was arrested yesterday on this charge, was released, the evidence not being sufficient. Amos Harvey and Thomas Quill were held to answer and went to jail. Quill was to be a witness for Harvey, and the Indians said "yes, he be good witness, he bring lots of liquor," so he was taken in custody and has to stand his trial. A warrant was also out for Bill Marshall, but he couldn't be found. Deputy U. S. Marshal Burns, of Oregon City, placed the warrant last evening in the hands of policeman Minto, who made the arrest during the night. Bill was held to answer this morning before U. S. Commissioner, P. L. Willis. Deputy Marshal Burns and Special Indian Agent, Hon. O. A. Brown, will take these customers below this afternoon.

Monmouth Gets a Boost.

Here is the astonished way the Chicago Tribune talks about the musical tendencies of Oregonians, but we can't say how our neighbors over in Polk will stand being called a "frontier village." "Monmouth, Oregon, must be both mellifluous and melodious. This little frontier village numbers but forty houses, and yet in those forty houses there are nine organs, three pianos, and a nondescript which is described as a piano-melodeon, whatever that may be. In addition to this, it has a cornet band of fourteen performers, and innumerable guitars, fiddles, banjos, flutes, sifes, clarionets, and other instruments in the manufacture of music. Monmouth only needs an orchestration now to successfully compete with Cincinnati and get up a musical festival."

A SERIOUS LOSS.—The Sandfords of Staytonville have four acres of ground planted in strawberries of the best cultivated varieties, and there was lately such a promise of production that they felt sure of realizing a very heavy crop. They should have picked during the season four hundred bushels of berries, from appearances, but an untimely frost came last Wednesday to that locality and their crop is ruined. This is a severe loss to them, and to those who would have had the business to purchase.

KICKED AND KILLED.—Dave Looney, who lives this side of Jefferson, the other day, lost a valuable colt, by its getting kicked accidentally. The colt gave great promise, and was sired by "White Prince," and was valued at \$300. He has lost three colts in the past month.

I. O. O. F.—Grand Master T. M. Gatch has deputized P. G. R. F. G. Schwatka to visit the Lodge at Oakland to instruct them in the "unwritten work of the Order." Mr. Schwatka left on the morning train bound south, and will meet the Lodge this evening for the purpose designated.

SLIPPED UP.—The man who counted his chickens before they were hatched has a follower in Friedman, who ordered carpets to use in his new house and then didn't build the house. The carpets are here and will be sold for currency or coin.

Messrs. Akin & Crandall, of whom we have made occasional mention lately in connection with the subject of flax culture and manufacture, have brought their families up to Salem and gone to housekeeping here for the present.

Hops.—Mr. Sam Becket, of Eola, has eight acres of hops, planted two years ago that have made splendid growth, being from ten to eighteen feet high. He will soon have plenty of hops to sell.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.—To-day Governor Grover appointed M. P. Bell, of Baker City, Baker county, and Henry Willborn of Eagle Creek, Clackamas county, Notaries Public for Oregon.

June opens with clouds in the morning and sunshine through the day. The weather is still cool but a trifle warmer. The wind is southerly and speaks of showers still to come.

Educational Interests of Eastern Oregon.

From Dr. L. L. Rowland, Superintendent of Public Instruction, who has just returned from an official tour through Eastern Oregon, we learn something of the progress of schools in that section. He found a number of schools well taught, whose instructors would compare with the best in our State, except Portland. While this is so, it is also true that there is a want of thorough qualification on the part of the teachers, which may be remedied by more care on the part of County Superintendents. The High School at Pendleton, in Umatilla county, under the charge of Professor Arnold, is an institution that is accomplishing good work and providing good material for teachers. At La Grande is an institution, under charge of Prof. Carter, which is very excellent. Mrs. H. K. Hines is a capable assistant here, and the school is a credit to Union county, and will prove of great benefit.

A short distance above Prairie City, in Grant county, he found an excellent school, and a choice school house, the teacher being Mr. Shearer, which is equal to any country school in Oregon.

Union county is provided with schools which are now in operation and largely attended. The valley is thickly settled and can support—and does support good schools, and in that respect is in advance of the other eastern counties.

Baker county has mining interests more than agricultural, and cannot as easily accomplish what Union and Umatilla have in the way of schools. Baker City academy however, under the charge of Prof. Barrett has been prosperous, but he is elected principal of Dalles high school and the people of Baker City want to secure a choice teacher as his successor. That town is the most prosperous and thriving in its appearance in Eastern Oregon, and probably its prosperity is greatly due to the attractions offered by this excellent academy.

There are portions of Grant county that have good agricultural prospects and are capable of supporting good schools. They will soon possess them as the people desire them and are moving in that direction.

There is a great want in both Grant and Wasco county of public interest in schools, and room for improvement with the facilities at hand. Union and Umatilla have already shown great interest in this matter and their population and business is increasing as a consequence. When Grant and Wasco possess better advantages for education of the young they will have more attractions for permanent settlers, for there is no worse discouragement for the settlement of a county by good people than the want of good schools.

Phrenology and Physiognomy.

Prof. R. D. Kennedy, of California, intends to deliver a course of lectures at Reed's Opera House, on Phrenology and Physiognomy, commencing Friday evening next. He comes recommended as thoroughly posted in his science, as much so as any Professor of it, and has visited the southern counties with success. The Albany Register asserts that Professor Kennedy has no superior and endorses him as having been successful there. These are certainly most interesting subjects, and though human nature is not apt to really become perfect in the command to "Know Thyself," still it is true that great curiosity is often developed in that direction. A good phrenologist and physiognomist can be of great benefit to a community and we see no reason why Mr. Kennedy should not draw good audiences. A voluntary contribution will be taken up. He has rooms at Commercial Hotel where he can be visited by those who wish to consult him, or who would like to obtain charts.

THOROUGH WORK.—During his absence of nearly two months Dr. Rowland, as State Superintendent, held two institutes, visited all the school districts in Union county and nearly every one in Eastern Oregon. He is discharging the duties of his office with great thoroughness and efficiency.

HOME AGAIN.—Mr. James Weatherford finished wending his way home and arrived overland from San Francisco yesterday, and we shall look for rapid movement of drugs etc., as soon as he gets planted for business.

DENTIST.—The card of Dr. L. S. Skiff will be found in our paper to day. Dr. Skiff is an old resident of Salem and well known in his profession. He can do all work in that line to best advantage.

The finest display of ribbons, scarfs, ties, ashes and parasols can be seen at the show window of Breynan Bros.

NORTH YAMHULL.

MR. EDITOR: As your paper has come to have quite a large circulation in these parts, I have thought that a few local items from time to time may be of interest to at least those of your patrons who belong in the vicinity. Many who take a county paper in preference to any other, simply for the home news—caring nothing for the political part—would willingly exchange for the FARMER, could they only get more of home news.

Railroad affairs on the west-side appear to be in somewhat of a muddle. We are unable to learn, even from the station agent at this place, much of the real facts in the matter. A difficulty appears to have arisen over the recent election of officers between Mr. Holladay and friends, and Mr. Gaston and friends were acting under the direction of the latter were in charge of the daily freight and passenger train, and on last Thursday when coming out of Portland were ordered off the train by a posse of men who had come on board at the time of starting. Refusing to comply, the Conductor, Mr. Clark and Mr. Coburn, the Engineer were put off by force, and the train proceeded on to St. Joe, under the direction of men brought on board for the purpose. The train continues to run as usual except that an extra passenger car is run, carrying a body of armed men, for the supposed purpose of guarding against the liability of being retaken by the former officers. From a reliable citizen of our place, who was a passenger on last Friday, out from Portland, I learn that a very reckless run was made. Bridges that have for some time been considered very dangerous, were run over at break-neck speed. A number of men were on board armed with "demijohns" and other implements, who appeared to keep a strict watch at all stopping points. I am not able to say as to merits in this affair, except that Mr. Clarke, who has been Conductor a year past, and Mr. Coburn are sober minded gentlemen who were well liked by all who knew them, and were noted for being very careful in their management of the train, a very essential point owing to the roughness of the road. It is hoped that the present condition of affairs will not long continue.

COYOTES

Have been quite troublesome in many parts of this county during the past winter, some two months ago a plan was put in successful operation, whereby a liberal bounty was to be paid for wolf scalps caught within a prescribed boundary, twenty five dollars, and five dollars respectively for old and young ones are the amounts to be paid. Mr. George Mires who lives near Wapato Lake has just succeeded in capturing six cubs, and has secured the amount named on the presentation of the scalps to the Treasurer of the Association, at La Fayette.

MEASLES

Are prevailing to a considerable extent in our community. The disease was introduced by immigrants who have recently arrived among us, one case has been fatal.

THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION,

Or campmeeting of the Christian Church is now in session near McMinnville, these meetings have for years past been permanently located at Dixie in Polk county, but a change of ownership of land at that place was necessitated a change in the place of meeting.
D. C. S.

May 31st, 1875.

Universalist Convention.

A Universalist convention will be held at Grand Ronde, Union county, beginning on the 10th of June. Rev. E. P. McAllister, State missionary, leaves Bether to day, accompanied by A. H. Fryer, G. Shurtliff, and John S. Higgins, delegates from the Universalist Church at that place.

THE LINCOLN WAREHOUSE.—Mr. J. K. Sears, who has charge of the Lincoln warehouse, furnishes us evidence that he is not, as Mr. McLendon asserts, the chief stockholder in the warehouse company, and he proposes to prove other things as he stated them, but we consider the matter one of merely local importance that can be readily explained to all interested without newspaper rancor. Newspaper controversies are unpleasant and should not be indulged in for slight cause.

PRISONERS ARRIVED.—J. M. Boyd, Sheriff of Baker county, arrived here this forenoon with two prisoners, for the Penitentiary, convicted at the late term of the Circuit Court in Baker county. Their names are A. T. Shipley, for larceny, sentence, eighteen months; John Scott, for assault with intent to kill, sentence, two years.