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WILL BLAINE RUN.
 Again it is reported that Blaine will run—that he has "yielded to pressure," and that he has consented to head the "Blaine-or-bust" faction of the Republican party.

We cannot credit the announcement, and presume before this is in print it will be as "authoritatively" denied. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Blaine declared after full consideration that he would not accept the nomination. Again a little later he announced that under no consideration whatever would he be a candidate. It is not likely that in so short a time he has changed his mind and consented.

If so, these repeated declinations and final acceptance will only make his defeat the more certain. What then will become of the boomlets for Sherman, Harrison, Allison, and others? And are these men likely, if they are thus befooled by this vacillation, if not hypocrisy, to give that earnest support to Blaine which he will need?

If it be true that Blaine has consented to be a candidate, it is certain that it is because Conkling is now gone. But Conkling's spirit and influence are not yet dead.

Of course Mr. Blaine has as much right to be a candidate for President as any man; but a good many will not have the respect for him that they would have had if he had not twice "positively declined."

HON. W. M. RAMSEY.
 From the La Grande Journal.
 The Republican press of this judicial district, unable to dispute either the ability or integrity of Judge Ramsey, resort to the silly plea of carpet-bagism. As a matter of fact Mr. Ramsey did not come to Eastern Oregon in search of office. This, the editor of this paper happens to know, having been present when a number of the prominent lawyers of this district were pleading with Mr. Ramsey to accept the nomination, in spite of his protests that he did not want his name presented.

But suppose that Mr. Ramsey actually did seek the office and came to Eastern Oregon expecting to receive the nomination; is that a just and sufficient reason for electing a man less widely known in the district, a man of inferior abilities, and a man whose only claim to the office is the recent residence of his opponent?

Because Mr. Ramsey lately moved to Pendleton, will the voters of this district reject a lawyer of wide reputation, a man of splendid abilities and a judge whose honesty and purity have never been questioned, and elect in his stead a young man inexperienced, untried, of no reputation, and who received the nomination of his party only because none of the older and better lawyers would accept a nomination against Mr. Ramsey?

No man knows what moment his property or his liberty may be placed in jeopardy, and if he were asked then what qualification he desired in a judge, he would hardly say, "A two years' residence first, legal ability, honesty and purity afterward." If the Republican politicians of this State seriously think of electing Mr. Fee, they must show that he possesses other qualifications than a two years' residence, and that Mr. Ramsey lacks in some other requisite than those particular two years. It is surprising that the Republican convention, in its efforts to give carpet-baggers a wide berth, should take up a two-year-old, when there were men like Squire Knox, of Weston, who have been identified for a decade or more with the interests of this section of the State. It is surprising the same convention nominated a late resident of Washington Territory for prosecuting attorney, and another gentleman but recently from the same Territory for joint senator.

Voters, the Democrats of this district have nominated W. M. Ramsey for judge because he is widely known as a lawyer of superior ability; the Republicans have nominated Fee because he has been here two years. Take your choice.

Feuille of Wallula.
 A Wallula letter says: Two hundred and twenty-five men, over one hundred and fifty of them Italians, have arrived here from Denver, Col., to work on the Eureka Flat extension of the O. R. & N. Upon their arrival they were informed that Corey Bros., sub-contractors, did not want them, and very naturally they were very indignant, after having come so far to secure work. The Italians are particularly loud in their denunciations, and there is intense excitement among them. The town is alive with men.

THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEM.
 The Oregonian makes a feint in order to draw attention from the real issue involved in the election of the next State Legislature, as presented lately by the EAST OREGONIAN.

Conceding that Democrats as such are not likely to do more toward opening the Columbia than Republicans as such; conceding that the mere fact of a Senator or Representative being a Democrat or a Republican is of no vital importance; the objection we urge is not yet met.

Our objection is against a certain man, against certain men, not because they are Republicans, not because as men they may not be personally both able and honest—but because their interests are naturally and necessarily with the corporation, which is naturally and of necessity an enemy of the project to open the river, and because these men control the Republican party in this State.

It will not do to dodge these important facts by talking about Cleveland's pocket veto. The President was probably justified in refusing to sign a bill of that character without having an opportunity to know what it contained. But whether Mr. Cleveland was right or wrong is not an issue at all.

It may be well to re-state very briefly the reasons urged by the EAST OREGONIAN against the election of Republicans to the Legislature.

Judging from the past, they will be controlled by one means or another, by the men of greater ability and with larger objects in view, whom last winter the Oregonian characterized as the "corporation ring." We have the Oregonian's word for it that they are there to serve corporate interests rather than the people of the State. The chief corporation to be protected by them is the one which would spare no effort to defeat the proposed transportation improvements down the Columbia. That Dolph is their candidate for United States Senator the Oregonian cannot dispute. And Dolph has been the attorney for that corporation which would most strongly object to the proposed improvements. His interests have been and are with that corporation. One of the objects of these men being desirous of positions both in the State and National Legislatures is to protect and serve that corporation.

The people don't need that sort of men, however good men they may be. They don't want men in the Legislature who are there chiefly to look after the interests of railroad corporations and the rich tax-dodgers. Are not the Republican leaders in Portland—those who control the Republican party of the State—that sort of men? On the authority of the Oregonian they are, unless they have radically changed within the past year.

In many respects the Democratic party is as bad as the Republican party, and in this State it would not be very material which party is in the ascendancy except for this fact: The controlling element of the Republican party are in their official stations servants of corporations and combined capital, which when given too much power are oppressors of the people. In the Democratic party there is no such controlling element, and hence the people are sure to be better served by men of that political faith.

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