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THE OREGON ELECTION.

The expected has happened, with a little more of a victory for the democrats than the most sanguine expected. Chamberlain, democratic candidate for governor, has carried the state by a flattering vote. His victory was brought about by republican votes, many of that party supporting him for reasons of their own in preference to the republican candidate. Chamberlain's campaign gained strength as he went over the state, and for the last three weeks before election the currents of the political tide flowed in his direction. His presentation of his cause was attractive. He made no enemies, and friends rushed to his support with increased vigor as he passed over and through the state. He proved himself competent to fill the high office of governor and the disaffection among the republicans grew with the passing of each day until the verdict at the polls was rendered.

The attitude of the republican press toward the men and issues in the campaign weakened instead of strengthened the republican cause. Particularly did the Portland Oregonian embitter and drive away support from the head of the republican ticket by the transparently false reports it published of the political news. Its exaggerated reports did more to incense the democrats and disgust the republicans than any other one cause in the campaign. The Oregonian never seemed to realize its ridiculous attitude until just a few days before the election. Then again its "know it all" spirit increased the indignation against it, coupled with the fact that it had not been identified with the candidate nor he with the party for any great length of time, which did much to sow the seed of discontent in fruitful soil and the democrats reaped the harvest.

Democrats are not in a position to crow any more than a large number of republicans who just now are as silent as they have been throughout the contest just closed.

SYLVESTER PENNOYER.

Sylvester Pennoyer was a democrat. He lived and died one. He lived quietly, without display; he died peacefully, without trouble to any one. He believed in doing everything possible for one's self. He disliked the master and servant idea; he opposed the master and slave condition, in short he believed in free men; the maximum of liberty and the minimum of restraint to the individual.

Sylvester Pennoyer, as a democrat should, believed in self-government, in government by the people, in the rule of the many against that of the few. He was ever faithful to the cause of free men. He may have been in consistent at times, but he soon returned to his general course and steered straight for the goal of equality, where every man, irrespective of race or creed, was to have justice done him.

Sylvester Pennoyer was a forceful man, but ever respectful to his opponents and their opinions. He stood close to his fellows and had almost confidence in them and they in him. His cheery word and pleasant smile were for every one. The coin he passed out was returned to him. He never paid nor received the spurious article. He was an honest man. His life was filled with

integrity and faithfulness and his habit was clear and blameless.

Sylvester Pennoyer's public record displays his force and character. He was a man of good work. He did not seek office for the spoils but for the good he could do, the service he could render the people. He was understood by the people, the great body of them, and this was the cause of his popularity. He was pure of heart, so much so that designing men at times preyed upon him. Those of his theories that were fallacious were defended as ably as those that were true. They were children of the Pennoyer brain and just as honest to him as were the others. He kept nothing back and fought in the open, dying, loving the people and the state, at a ripe old age, thus ending a busy life of good work.

The state of Oregon and the people thereof have suffered a loss but one covered with the insurance of good performance. Sylvester Pennoyer will be missed, but not forgotten. His passing away is a national event because he was a national character the name and fame of few men of his time being more familiar to the people of the whole earth. Another Oregon pioneer has passed away!

SYLVESTER PENNOYER.

Sylvester Pennoyer was born in Groton, N. Y., July 6, 1831. Both his father, Justus Powers Pennoyer, and his mother were born in the same state, and there the future governor of Oregon lived until 1853, when he went to Harvard College Law School, his expenses being partly defrayed by an annuity of 40 pounds left by William Pennoyer, who removed in colonial days from France to New Haven colony, and died there in 1860. This sum was to be sent each year to Harvard college to be applied to the education of the descendants of William Pennoyer's brother Robert. Since that time for more than two centuries has that 40 pounds per annum been sent to the college, without a single failure.

In 1855 young Pennoyer came to Oregon, having journeyed to San Francisco by way of Nicaragua, thence to Puget Sound by the bark Leonessa, and from there to Portland paddling down the Cowitz river in an Indian canoe and taking a Columbian steamer at its mouth.

He was admitted to the bar by the Supreme court, consisting of Judges Williams, Olney and Dedy, but never practiced here. He taught school for a time, and in 1862 he engaged in the lumber business. He was long successful, founding a large concern, which was so prosperous up to 1890 that a fine new mill was built, then the largest in the city. No sooner was the new mill completed than Pennoyer, with characteristic eccentricity, decided that he would not operate it, holding that under the gold standard he could not make it pay. Other mills sprang up around it, took the business that he threw away, and flourished, but still the governor remained firm, and even refused a number of flattering offers for the plant. Three years ago he decided to allow the controlling interest to pass out of his hands and the mill is now cutting many thousand feet of lumber per day.

The governor was married the year following his arrival to Mrs. Mary A. Allen and of the five children to him Mrs. Russell is the sole survivor.

Although he became in 1881 associated with Dr. Weatherford in the Oregon Herald, and afterward purchased and edited the paper for two years, he did not enter politics to any extent until 1885, when he was nominated for mayor against John W. Gates, on the issue of municipal ownership of the water plant, then in the hands of John Green and H. C. Leonard. Gates easily defeated him, for Pennoyer was a strong southern sympathizer, and the utterances of his paper and his attitude

during the war had made him anything but popular. But during the winter of 1885 and 1886 a strong feeling against the Chinese sprang up in Portland. The workmen, whose opportunities to secure employment had been restricted by the influx of the Orientals, projected a meeting whose object was to devise ways and means to expel them. Mayor Gates called a counter meeting, but the workmen captured it, and Pennoyer was made chairman, and the meeting finally adjourned, having passed resolutions favoring law and order. This made Pennoyer's popularity. In 1886 he was elected governor as a democrat by a plurality of 3702, although the state went republican on the general issue, in his first inaugural address he took the position that the courts have no right to nullify a law passed by the legislature, a position from which he never departed, and on which he asked the last democratic convention to make him its nominee for Supreme Judge.

EDITOR SCOTT'S TRIBUTE.

In speaking of the death of Ex-Governor Sylvester Pennoyer, the Portland Oregonian editorially says: It is a kindly fate that takes off instantly, without suffering to himself and long distress to his family, the man of three score years and ten whose work is done, who is ready to go, whose book of life is full of kindly deeds and happy memories left behind, whose appointed lot has come to be little more than to sit on the western piazza, waiting for the sunset to call him home. So passed from earth, and from scenes that had known him for nearly half a century, Sylvester Pennoyer, full of years and honors, leaving behind him hundreds whom he had befriended, some of them with nothing more substantial and no less hopeful than his cheery smile and pleasant word, and to his family the priceless possession of an honored name and the fond recollection of a faithful heart.

Governor Pennoyer was a man of integrity of life and blameless habit. His intellectual makeup was one of exceeding vigor, yet so peculiar as to pass at times into the realm of the eccentric. It would not be violating the truth to say that he permitted himself to become infatuated with certain notions, which were, if not altogether erroneous, at least grotesquely distorted from their true significance. These hallucinations, which pertained chiefly to the functions of the courts, the "sovereignty" of the states and the nature of money he pursued as steadfastly and served as faithfully as he did the ideals of upright private life from which he never swerved. His weakness in this and other ways made him the prey of evil men as well as of fallacious theories. No one believed that the silver craze in Oregon to which Governor Pennoyer mightily contributed, or the corrupt police regime that flourished under his administration as mayor of Portland, grew out of anything unsound or corrupt in his heart. He was imposed upon out of the goodness of his nature, which more worldly minds would have suspicioned and escaped.

Mr. Pennoyer's public record in Oregon has been that of a man of great force and of very great note. He has done much good and would have done much more if his opportunities had been wider. Probably



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the last public act in which he was engaged was the effort, earnestly put forth, to bring the striking millmen and the mill owners together. It was his ambition to add this to his many other public services, and its attainment had it been possible, would have deserved to rank with his achievement of securing justice for railroad employes at Corvallis in 1888. His gifts of land to the city of Portland for park purposes showed his public spirit, and the scholarship he founded at Williams College in memory of his dead son bespoke the philanthropist as well as the affectionate father. The biographies of Mr. Pennoyer's name and fame were those of the head, not of the heart. He will be honored in Oregon history as one who lived up to the high standard of personal righteousness and public devotion set by the pioneers of the state.

The much hyphenated Nevada-California-Oregon Railway Company has been changed to the Nevada, California & Oregon. The 15-mile extension from Reno to Madeline Cal., has been completed and opened to traffic. This makes the total mileage from Reno, Nev., 145 miles. Arrangements are said to be in progress for a further extension to Lakeview, Or., a distance of about 65 miles.

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