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UNFORTUNATE. — Letters from Washington state that the Hon. J. S. Smith, our Representative at Washington, has been suffering from a severe attack of billious fever. At latest accounts, however, he was slowly recovering.

TO OUR READERS.—The editor of the POLK COUNTY TIMES will visit the city of Salem during the early part of the coming week, also the towns of Independence and Monmouth, for the purpose of waiting on business men, canvassing for subscriptions, etc.

THE Portland *Commercial* has drifted back onto a lee shore again, and is once more a political eunuch—neutral. A journal, like any individual, without fixed principles to guide it is like a ship without a rudder—at the mercy of the wind and waves, and liable to go down at any moment with all hands on board.

WE are unwillingly compelled to apologize for the small quantity of editorial matter in this issue. The multiplicy of details to be attended to in starting business is our excuse, and we hope to make good our present shortcomings when the necessary arrangements are perfected.

BUCKLING ON HIS ARMOR.—We understand that Hon. Benj. Hayden, the redoubtable "Ben," will canvass Washington Territory, in the approaching campaign, for the Democratic ticket. Hurrah! say we; and if Ben doesn't make Salucius and his hungry pack of followers hunt their holes before the ides of June, 'twill be the strangest of all things happening under the sun. Garfield's finely-rounded platitudes will be as straw beneath the flail of Ben's convincing arguments and surpassing eloquence.

Radical journals have much to say about the improved condition of public affairs since Grant assumed his present position. We fail to see it. Fraud, corruption, nepotism, general mismanagement, misrule, and extravagance are the order of the day—stare us out of countenance whichever way we turn. The republican form of government transmitted to us by the authors of our national existence has been set aside and an oligarchy established in its stead. And of what material is this oligarchy composed? Did its members embody the wisdom and virtue of the nation, the system might be tolerated. But no, we find it an olla podrida composed of knaves of every die: military adventurers, shoddy contractors, political tricksters and the rest of the parasitical family who battened on the substance of the nation while her life-blood was ebbing fast, and her very existence was trembling in the balance. And this is the class of men that sway the destinies of the nation to-day, using all the influences they can control and all the power they possess, not to minister to be public good, but solely to advance their own individual interests and those of their subservient tools. If any man deems this picture overdrawn, all that is necessary to convince him of its truthfulness is a careful perusal of any of the leading Eastern journals. And yet the Radical press of Oregon prates about the improved condition of affairs and the wonderful prosperity of the country!

A CLEAR SWINDLE.—From A. H. Whitley, Esq., who has just returned from a business trip to Corvallis, we learn that a rogue who gave his name as Flint has been victimizing some of the citizens of that locality. He represented himself as a wholesale stock trader from California, and contracted a purchase of $10,000 worth of cattle of one individual, paying $20 down to bind the bargain. He also bought on credit several horses, engaged seven or eight men to help him drive the stock, bought saddles, etc., on the same terms, and "played smash" generally; borrowed $600 from one man and $300 from another, besides several smaller sums. His acquisitions in these various ways aggregated about $2,700. Between two days of the present week he "clatawawed" leaving numerous disconsolate victims to chew the cud of their credulity. The evening before he left he procured a branding iron, and directed his hired men to proceed to branding, on the following morning, the stock which he had contracted to purchase. They were prevented from doing so, however, by the owner, until the payment of the purchase money, which, as we above stated, wasn't forthcoming. One man is said to have almost if not totally ruined himself by buying up at high prices all the stock he could procure to resell to this arch swindler. The Sheriff of Benton is said to be one of the heaviest suffers. Rumor states that the vagabond Flint has been playing this game at several points between there and the Sacramento valley. Look out for him.

A TEST VOTE.—Two ladies in Lancaster, Massachusetts, lately started out with petitions—one for signatures asking the legislature to give women the privilege of voting, and the other praying the legislature to allow women to remain in her present sphere. The latter ran ahead twenty-six to one. A test vote for the country would not give so large a majority as this, but four fifths of the married women are opposed to voting, and we presume at least two thirds of the single women.

The letters K. C. B. in England designate a Knight Commander of the Bath; in Dixie it means, Knight of the Carpet Bag.

PERSONAL.—W. B. Carter Esq., of the Corvallis *Gazette*, paid us a friendly visit this week.

THE STATE OF THE NATION.

DALLAS, May 6, 1869.

EDITOR TIMES:—As I design to contribute to the columns of your valuable paper, from time to time, at least as often as the exigencies of the times demand. The subject which heads this letter is one of great moment, and as the American people are chafing under the lash of the Radical whip, I conceive of no better way of disseminating and holding up to public scorn and contempt the doctrines of the "God and morality" party than through the columns of a vigilant and *free press*, whose cause is that of the people and whose battle ground is among that of the enemy. This enemy is, the clubs and cliques, banks and monopolies, banded together and kept alive at the expense of the people to eat out their sustenance, reduce them to want, subject them to disgraceful rule, and finally drive them to desperation and war—the last resort which a people make to regain themselves from destruction and ruin.

There is a point beyond which human nature ceases to be moved, when their smooth and mellow words of delusion produce loathing and become as wormwood and gall. This point has nearly approached its focus. It is idle to say that at no distant day this seething cauldron (the people) will not throw its boilings and wrath, like molten lava, through the ranks of the enemy. Every avenue of the national prosperity is stagnated; every branch of industry is stifled; hundreds and thousands are homeless and penniless to day who once had happy homes—suddenly reduced from affluence to penury driven, as it were, like dumb cattle to the fields, to take upon their shelterless heads the pitiless pelings of the element, and peltings more pitiless still, of want were forced, as some were, to hear from the lisping lips of their famishing little ones, cries for bread, often when they had not a crumb to give them. I ask you, have these people not suffered enough? When we consider, moreover, that thousands were as innocent as angels in heaven with having anything to do in bringing on the war, have they not suffered enough? Can it be possible that it can be in the heart of the Northern people to wish them to suffer longer? I do not believe it. My faith is as firm as adamant in the great popular heart of the North. The great day of reckoning must come; when it comes, is to bring defeat and death to the Consolidation party and its camp followers. Look through time; place your finger upon the year, aye, upon the day, when this Government changed its phase and assumed a new feature foreign to any ever before assumed since its formation down to the period in question. We believe that the facts show that on the 4th day of March, 1861, commenced innovations that subsequently overtopped and leaped almost at a single stride, through the liberties of the people snatching without any ceremony every safeguard of the people's rights. It is needless to stop here at this time to discuss these inovations upon the people's rights in those dark days of war, when the whole phase of the Union was changed from a representative republic to that of an oligarchy, under the guise of *military necessity*. Nothing on this star for three thousand years can equal this unbridled act of military arms over the civil power. The Constitution is set at naught—burned in effigy; the crazy ebullitions of the mob meet to celebrate the event with bonfires and illuminations; whole States are wiped out and military districts are substituted in their stead; military commissions are organized, not to try, but to convict, for offenses alleged to have been committed not only in the insurrectionary States, but in States far from war and where the courts were open and in the free exercise of their judicial powers.

A more damning record cannot be shown in the darkest days of Greece and Rome. Even the tyrant Nero or Domitian ever exercised quarter sway over the people that did Abraham Lincoln and the Radical party during the late struggle for Constitutional liberty. But aside from these dark recollections, let us turn our attention to the present. How stands the account to-day? Do the sheets balance in favor of Constitutional liberty? or are they against it? I must say the balance, with slight variations, still remain in favor of the latter; and so long as bonded arristocracy is permitted to rule, it will continue to be so. The state of the nation is certainly deplorable, and its condition can only be remedied by wiping out the dark acts and commencing again where we left off in 1860.

WARWICK JR.

Gleanings from our Exchanges.

Chief Justice Chase has rendered a decision to the effect that Texas is, and ever has been a State in the Union since its admission. The opinion of the court is very long and able, and concludes that the State of Texas is entitled to the relief sought by the bill, and a decree is ordered accordingly. Justice Grier dissented as to the jurisdiction and merits of the cause, and holds that Texas is not a State in point of fact, therefore could not bring suit. Judge Swayn and Miller dissented as to the jurisdiction only.

People are now beginning to call other people by their right names. A set of fellows down in Georgia recently sent a petition to Congress and subscribed themselves as "Union men of Georgia." but the Augusta *Constitutionalist* calls them "a set of dirty dogs from Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and other parts of the North, next door to paupers, and the meanest sort of political vermin."

Governor Senter has relaxed the rigor of martial law in Tennessee so far as to allow the civil courts to be held. What a boon for American citizens! Tennesseeans, like the Fenians, are fortunate in having so benignant a head Senter.

When Secretary Boutwell took charge of the Treasury Department he found in the Treasuary $13,000,000 in currency, $73,000,000 in gold and $29,000 gold-bearing certificates; total, $115,000,000. On the first of May $30,000,000 in coin will have to be paid as semi anual interest on the five-twenty bonds.

Brownlow calls East Tennessee a "political paradise." Prentice says it resembles the ancient Eden only in having a devil in it.

"Is he able, is he honest, is he faithful to the Constitution?" asked Jefferson. "Is he for the negro suffrage, has he given me a lot, is he one of my relations?" inquires Grant.

Since 1860 the increase in cost of food, clothing and shelter for families in the cities, towns and villages in the United States has been about 78 per cent., and the average increase of wages only 50 or 60 per cent.

The Radicals are trying to use negro suffrage as a means not of elevating the negro but of degrading the white man.

General Butler said in the House the other day, "I take back nothing." He should be compelled to "take back" those spoons.

The hostile Indians in the Onyhee country, in Montana, and all over the contry, says the Idaho *World*, are either preparing for fresh outbreaks, or have actually started in upon warfare against the whites; and, as Grant proposes to put Quakers over these redhanded "Wild Wards of the Government," so as to "let us have peace," it is best they be sent quickly upon their mission of love and gentleness to the marauding and murdering savages.

When Lincoln was alive, the Radicals insisted that the President was "the government," and that we must be "loyal" to him After Johnson became President and had the falling out with his party, they insisted that Congress was "the government," and we must be "loyal" to Congress.—Now that Grant is President, and the House and the Senate are quareling about the Tenure-of-Office act, the Radicals have not yet made up their minds which is "the government."

Brick Pomeroy says: "Gen. Longstreet, appointed Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans, by President Grant, will receive a salary of ten thousand dollars per year, while the poor Federal soldier who lost his leg in the Wilderness, while confronting Longstreet's "rebel legions," will continue to grind his organ on Broadway, after paying the Federal Government ten dollars a year for the privilege. It is remarkable how quick the taint of "rebel" is removed after getting loyal, and how it pays to be a prominent man.

A telegram of the 10th says that Butler and Schenck had a "spat," in the course of which they characterized each other as hypocrits. We don't see it. They are both undisguised, unblushing rascals, and do not seem to trouble themselves to disguise it or play in any other role.

A Charleston paper says the new South Carolina Constitution contains a plank from Massachusets, one from Ohio, several from Vermont, and a broad beam from Africa.

Ben Butler says that "gold and silver are relics of barbarism." Matt. Carpenter, Senator from Wisconsin, says that "the present adjustment of the martial relations is a relic of barbarism." So, says the Idaho *World*, the Radical idea of civilization would rob us of our wives and our money.

Of the 143,268 registered voters of Louisiana 86,991 make their mark. A trooly Republican government is a government based ignorance. And the men who have given suffrage to those totally ignorant Southern negroes who are the very men who insist that in the North, with white men, intelligence and education should be the first essential requirement to suffrage!

Late Telegraphic News.

Col. Robert Johnson, son of Ex President Johnson, is reported dead.

St. Domingoans are reported to favor annexation to the United States.

A horrible railroad accident occurred near Jamaica, L. I., recently, resulting in the death of six passengers, and seriously injuring fifteen others.

The Ways and Means committee intend to visit Montreal and Ottawa during the summer for the purpose of observation and conference in regard to the Reciprocity treaty, free navigation of the St Lawrence and protection of American fishermen.

The House committee on Foreign Affairs, or a sub committee thereof, will visit San Domingo St Thomas, and Cuba during the recess.

The Brazilian mission has been formally tendered Henry T. Bloar. He accepts.

Sickles will probably go to Spain.

A negro sues Louisville for false imprisonment. He claims $50,000

J. Russell Young, managing editor of the N. Y. Tribune, commenced a libel suit against Dana, of the Sun, laying his damages at $100,000, for alleged malicious libel in the publication, in the Sun, of Young's actions in regard to the Philadelphia Post.

Chicago is trying five of its policemen for manslaughter in causing the death of Judge Tyler.

A large number of emigrants intend to leave England for the United States this summer.

The New York Herald states that it has come to light that Secretary Seward, while the government was in a position of strong opposition to French intervention in Mexico, had authorized General Butler to furnish their army with all the mules they needed.

The public debt statement it is supposed, will show a reduction of $2,000,000.

Settlers along the Kansas Pacific Railway are pouring in in great quantities. Some of the counties are said to have doubled their population during the past year.

The Washington, D. C., Board of Registration have decided adversely to the application of women to be registered as voters.

The Conservative Convention of Virginia appointed a committee to wait on President Grant in relation to the submission of the Constitution.

Daniel Page, one of the founders and first Mayor of St. Louis, Missouri, died here on Saturday, aged 79.

A London dispatch says the British and French Governments propose to send a squadron to the Gulf of Mexico, to look after their national interests. A further dispatch says it is rumored that the British Government will adopt a new and bold policy on the Spanish Cuban question. Belligerent rights will be conceded to the Cuban insurgents, and assistance will be rendered, so that the independence of the island is assured. This, it is argued, will prevent anexation to the United States, and give a show of consistency to the Alabama claims and belligerent rights question pending with the United States Government.

Horace Greeley has declined to become one of the Pacific Railroad Commissioners.

Commissioner Delano has decided after a careful consideration that all money used by brokers in their business, however obtained, must be as capital.

The cause of the Cuban Insurgents does not seem to be growing in strength with the administration. It appears that their only hope of success is in obtaining material aid from this government and it is asserted on good authority, that unless such aid is rendered the insurgents will not be able to hold out six days.

It can be stated on the authority of the President and Secretary of State that it is not their intention to interfere beyond protection of American citizens and property.

Herald's special says that Gen. Lee has been invited to call upon President Grant at the White House, in order to confer in reference to the reconstruction of Virginia.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that an actual change of residence, or abandonment of land entered under the Homestead act for more than six months, works forfeiture thereof to the government.

A million dollars gold was sold by the Treasury Department on the 29th. The lowest bid was 131½, highest 134 2 100. Secretary Boutwell said he should introduce economy into the Department, faithfully collect all revenue and apply all the surplus, after paying the expenses of the Government, to the reduction of the debt. He intends to administer the finances without embarrassing the business of the country. His remarks had a buoyant effect.

Butler holds that, so far as recognition of belligerency of rebels is concerned, our case is as grave against France and Spain as England.

Special agents of the post office department, eight in all, in charge of the mails for San Francisco, China, and Brazil, and the Sandwich Islands, have been discharged and the mails will hereafter be in charge of pursers of the steamers.

The Republican special denies the authority that Secretaries Fish and Borie, and Attorney General Hoar intend resigning.

Officers of the regular army who have been thrown out of active service by consolidation of regiments are to be assigned to duty as Indian agents. This is believed to secure honesty in that line and be a great saving to the Government.

Minister Hale has sent in his resignation, which has been accepted.

Seven females, white and colored, want to be registered as voters in the District of Columbia.

One of Brigham Young's wives, and one of his sons, called on President Grant.

Henry A. Wise died at Naples.

San Juan treaty has been deferred until next December.

Leonard Hunyck, President of the late Merchant's National Bank, was sentenced to two years residence in the Albany penitentiary.

Attorney General Hoar has given it as his opinion that eight hours work does not entitle a laborer to ten hours pay.

Commissioner Delano decides that the entire surface of adhesive revenue stamps must be exposed, and cancelled with ink or some mechanical means approved by the Commissioner.

Dispatches state that all over the United States the semi centennial celebrations of the Odd Fellows were most brilliant affairs; the processions in some cities being immense.

Mr. Garraban has instituted a libel suit against the Washington Republican and Express for damages in $30,000 each, for publishing the charge that he used bribery and fraud in pushing his claim before Congress.

THE New York *World* says that it is rumored that impecunious members of the eight or ten different Grant clans in Scotland are coming by the shipload to this country to fill the subordinate positions in the custom-houses, post offices, departments and bureaus of the United States. The glad news has gone abroad that all the Dents, all the Caseys, all the Simpsons, all the Sharpes and all the Grants, and all the "old friends" and relatives, near and remote, of all these families have been provided for. Consequently, it is understood that the General intends to fall back upon the original Grants for fresh supplies, and so the Scotch Grants are scratching around for means to pay their passage to America.

Referring to Congress the other day, Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, said that if the people of the country knew of the corruption of that body, they would rally and drive them into the Potomac.

MARRIED.

In Dallas, May 4th, by Hon. J. L. Collins, Charles Langtree to Miss Susan Tupper, both of Independence.

Near Dallas, May 4th, by H. M. Waller, Esq., J. P., Ezra Poppleton to Miss Grace Riggs, all of this county.

DIED.

In Dallas, May 2d, James K. P., youngest son of John H. and Ellen Lewis, aged 19 years 3 months and 21 days.

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2:4w J. L. COLLINS, Co. Judge.

Executor's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING BEEN appointed by the County Court of Polk county, Oregon, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of John Fawk, late of said county, deceased; therefore, all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present them to me, duly verified, at my residence, six miles northwest of Dallas, in said county, within six months from the date of this notice.

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