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# The Polk County Signal.

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RE-ELECTED.—Jes Gaston, Esq., has been re-elected, by the Board of Directors, President of the Oregon Central Rail Road Company. Mr. G. deserves well of the people of Oregon for his great efforts in their behalf and devotion to their interests in the matter of the Railroad over the destinies of which he has been called to preside for another year. Solitary and alone, three years since he commenced the great work which is now the boast of Oregonians, and the eminent success of which must be flattering to him indeed. He has not only had to overcome the ordinary obstacles to the inauguration of great enterprises like the one in which he is now engaged, but, has had to contend against the claims, falsely set up, of a Company organized for mischief and having for its sponsors, demagogues and irresponsible knaves who have prostituted positions given them by the people to the base and ignoble ends of subverting all of his plans and usurping his franchises. But, notwithstanding all this, Mr. Gaston's road is a success beyond the contingency of a failure. Nothing short of a great money crisis or commercial panic can seriously retard the onward progress of the Oregon Central Railroad, and these only temporarily. The working force on this road is now doubled, while the costly grading—that from Portland S. W. for a few miles—is well advanced towards completion. The road then enters a level plain for the remainder of the distance to Hillsboro. Once completed and stocked to this point, the road commences to earn something for the Company, when its completion through Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lane, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties is only a question of time.

DARE NOT ANSWER IT.—The Oregonian evades an answer to our interrogatory as to whether the radical Chicago platform, in its resolution relating to the payment of the public debt contemplates greenbacks or coin, and predicts that the New York Convention will not resolve in favor of its payment in anything. We suppose that paper will agree with us that its logic is not very profound just now touching the greenback question. The Oregonian knows that there is a vast army of republicans, who, knowing and realizing the justness of such payment, and not being willing to sell themselves, are in favor of the Democratic policy of paying off the bonded indebtedness in the legal currency of the country as provided on the face of the bonds themselves, and stopping the interest. That's what's the matter with the Oregonian, and that's what's sealed its lips so suddenly on this question.

ACCORDING to news received, Mississippi has gone Democratic by a large majority. What does this signify? Georgia went Democratic, but Mr. Sattapay ordered the polls reopened and kept open until the result was reversed. Will not the same thing be done in Mississippi? Nothing will be left undone that can be accomplished by violence and perjury. The Constitution (?) of Alabama was never adopted even according to the Rump programme, yet that "territory" is "admitted" with five others. What mockery!

ANOTHER LIFE OF GRANT.—A. D. Richardson is writing a life of Hiram Ussell. Concerning Grant's reticence, the author says: "In private he fills no interstices of conversation by remarks upon the weather, nor inquiries after the babies of his visitors." Well, he talks "boss" and inquires after Marshal Brown's slut's pups, which shows his superior talent.

The entire Democratic ticket in Lexington Mo. was elected on June 2.

New Goods at J. H. Lewis' store.

A Subscriber, and a gentleman whom we very much respect, residing in Linn county writes us a letter expostulating with us on the Railroad question. He says, and truly, that some of the men engaged in the east side enterprise are actuated by honest and upright motives. We do not doubt this in the least, and hence the stand we have taken with regard to said enterprise, or rather the animus of the leading and controlling spirits in it. We deemed it our duty to expose what we had every reason to believe to be a gigantic swindle. We certainly have no objection to a road being built on that side of the river. Quite the contrary. We desire to see all portions of the State flourish. Is evidence wanting on the point that it was the intention to act unfairly when the east side Company was organized? We think not. Why did said Company usurp the name and with it attempt to usurp the franchises of a Company of prior organization? We never should have lifted our pen against said east side enterprise had we entertained a doubt of its bogus character. When said Company can reconcile its ten cent proposition with any known rule by which fair dealing could be intended, we will agree with our friend that the majority at least, of those connected with the same are honestly laboring for the upbuilding of the state and do not seek any advantage of the people. Until then, we must be permitted to enter our protest and forewarn the people against said Company's wiles and admonish them to keep out of its coils.

BALD FACED.—The Jacksonville Sentinel says that it only cost one hundred and fifty-five millions to carry on the Government last year! What on earth can a party or party organ hope to gain by such bald faced and stupid lying? Look at the fiscal statement for last year, and it will be seen that the interest paid by the Government for the period named, alone amounted to about one hundred and fifty million dollars. The interest on the public debt, though amounting to a large sum, is, comparatively speaking, but a small item of Government expenditures.

GRANT AND THE JEWS.—Some of the radical papers are trying to explain Grant's infamous order expelling the Jews from Tennessee. They say the Jews expelled were of a low, degraded class who furnished supplies and information to the enemy. No such allegation appears in Grant's "order" nor does he discriminate as to what "class" of Jews are to suffer. The facts are, the said order had for its base a system of wholesale robbery—it was intended to drive the Jews out of competition with the hordes of Puritan fanatics who had purchased "Trade Permits" conditioned that the Jews, who had already paid for "Permits," should be driven out. There are Jews in Oregon who were victims of that "order," and whose standing as gentlemen and citizens here give the lie to the assertion that "only" Jewish Jews were interfered with.

AN ABLE ADVOCATE.—We are in regular receipt of the Daily State Capital Reporter, published in Sacramento City, Cal., in exchange. The Reporter, is Democratic, ably edited and in every respect ranks among the first dailies of the Pacific coast. The Weekly Reporter, a very large sized sheet, is offered during the Presidential Campaign—from July 10, to Nov. 10—for the low price of one dollar. This is the cheapest first class paper ever offered in California. The Reporter will be of immense service to the Democracy of the Pacific States and territories, and we wish it long life and abundant prosperity.

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MAILS TO INDEPENDENCE.—It is a very parody on mail accommodations for a town the size of Independence—for a community evincing so commendable a share of enterprise and public spirit as do the people of that place—to be insulted with a vest pocket mail once a week! At no other point in Polk county is an equal amount of business done and yet Independence is neglected by the Department charged with dispensing mail facilities as no other point is neglected and overlooked in the entire county. Arrangements should immediately be made for a tri-weekly service to that town—the people deserve this consideration while their interests demand it.

COMPLETED.—A substantial new fence has just been completed enclosing the grave of the late Republican party. No gate is provided by which ingress or egress can be accomplished. From this fact it is inferred that it is not supposed there is to be any resurrection of the said party—that it is buried so deep that Gabriel's trumpet will never reach it. If the misery, woe, wretchedness, poverty, confusion and wickedness entailed by that party during its brief existence could be buried with it, the present and succeeding generations would have cause to "rejoice evermore."

OPPOSES IT.—Notwithstanding the fact that that paper admits numerous biblical inaccuracies to exist, the Christian Advocate (Portland) opposes the new version now being issued by the American Bible Union. If the King James version was an improvement upon former versions—and the Advocate admits as much—may not the Scriptures be further improved and simplified? A comparison of the late version with the King James version, will, we think, redound to the credit of the former, if directness, accuracy and simplicity are sought to be attained.

A correspondent asks: "Why don't Woods count the votes and proclaim the result? If the State had gone radical we would have been greeted by the 'Sneezers' proclamation in less than a week after the election."

We cannot answer certainly, but suppose the Governor is waiting for something to "turn up" by which he can declare Logan elected. Mr. L. is as honestly elected to Congress as he (Woods) was elected Governor.

GOD AND MORALITY.—Royal A. Bensell, member elect from Benton county, to the Legislature, is an exemplary sort of fellow and "thereby hangs a tale." The Signal will probably tell it, ere long. It is an interesting story.

OUR coming legislature should proceed, immediately upon organizing, to repeal the iron-clad oath, rescind the assent, fraudulently obtained, to the unconstitutional Amendment, and wipe out the law empowering the Governor to appoint the Superintendent of the Oregon Penitentiary. That officer should be elected by the legislature.

THE Gazette of the 4 inst., complains that doggeries are increasing in number in Corvallis, and elsewhere. You compromised your prestige when you voted for Logan, Bro. Carter.

The people very naturally expect practice as well as preaching.

A Radical paper in Illinois, the Republic, having become disgusted with the drunkenness of the radical State officers of that State, as also with the drunken Senator, Dick Yates, throws off on Grant by saying it will, in the future, studiously abstain from supporting any drunkard for any position. The Republic is published in Grant's own State.

A vote for Logan is a vote for Grant.

STUPID FALSEHOODS.—The bondocratic radical journals are endeavoring to palm off the assertion that the bonds are mainly held by the poor, laboring classes. Scarcely anyone can name a single poor man or woman anywhere, who owns a cent's worth of these bonds. Their necessities are generally such that they must otherwise use their earnings for the support of their families—and others dependent upon them. They cannot lay by fifty dollars, or a hundred dollars, and get along without it. If by some trade or chance, a poor man should become possessed of a hundred dollar bond, he generally finds it necessary to convert it into something he needs or sell it at a shave to some Shylock to raise money to pay the taxes that have been accumulating against him or to redeem his little homestead which has been sold for taxes. Thus it is that the bonds steadily find their way into the coffers of the rich. Out upon the lying twaddle then, that the bonds are generally held by poor people. Even the blackest republican is compelled to say this is a lie—a cheat.

THE Oregonian really thinks it would be repudiation to pay the bondholder in greenbacks. We will ask said paper if it is repudiation to pay the soldier his wages in greenbacks and a cripple his pension in greenbacks; if it is repudiation for August Belmont to pay his army of clerks, workmen and servants in greenbacks? Was it not the Government who was the repudiator when the Oregon war claims were liquidated with greenbacks? And finally, is there any justice in paying Jay Cook's bonds in coin besides exempting him from the payment of State and County Taxes, while ay Cook may pay the laborer who may chance to work for him and who must pay taxes, in greenbacks? It requires a most illogical effort to attempt to sustain the proposition that the farmer, laborer and mechanic, all of whom must pay taxes, ought to be compelled to receive greenbacks while the bond lord who pays no taxes should have gold.

A loil rascal from Massachusetts married a wench near Murfreesboro, Tenn., last winter, boarded on her bounty until about April lat, stole her wig, a gold buckle given her by a "Union" army Chaplain in 64, two silk dresses stolen by herself from her old "Missus," pawned the whole for twenty-three dollars in greenbacks and left for the north. She advertises the second round. That loil chap would steal acorns from a blind sow and then stump the State of Massachusetts for "Grant and Cold Facts."

McPherson, of the Unionist, was beaten out of \$20 on a pair of deuces, in a game of "draw poker," recently, and the next morning wrote and published a windy article on the wickedness and enormous crime of betting on elections. "The very deuce was in it."

We are at a loss what to denominate Mo—a poker sharp (musically speaking) or a poker flat. Since he is only a sport in a small way, it would not be appropriate to call him a "poker sharp," and, in view of the notorious fact that he is generally "flat broke," the safer appellation would be "poker flat."

SENATOR NYE.—Horace Greeley said, when Senator Nye was spoken of for Secretary of the Treasury under Ben. Wade, that he knew one qualification Nye had, and that was, that he could borrow more money and never pay it than any man ever in Washington. Tharlow Weed says Nye was publicly offered for sale by brokers on the impeachment, but the friends of the President did not want him. That was unfortunate for old Nye. When the next Congress meets, after the 4th of March next, says the Placer Herald, the Democrats will hold the majority and such scoundrel's occupation will be gone. When the Democracy get control and commence the exposure of these official thieves, the United States may become a little too warm and unhealthy for them.

### A TRUE STATEMENT.

However favored in a worldly sense the rich and powerful of the children of Ireland may be on these free shores, the rank and file of our "poor country" men only appear to be God's-own people. Their hearts and aspirations seem to be purer and more unselfish than those of our race who are entrusted with the guardianship of wealth, and who are for the most part theoretical Irishmen, who believe in the freedom of their native land, provided it can be attained without the slightest pecuniary or personal inconvenience to them, and upon conditions so humane and gentle as to involve the supposition that our taskmasters are neither more nor less than "sucking doves." In the day of Ireland's triumph, such heartless characters, arrayed before an accusing conscience and their rejuvenated country, will be covered with shame and remorse. They will remember with bitterness and dismay the time when, with folded arms, and hard, cold eyes, they gazed listlessly upon our noble struggle for freedom without having contributed a single dollar to its success. Again and again the gallant fact will refer to them, that without their aid the victory was achieved by the poorly equipped and poorly fed thousands, who, regardless of life or limb—of hunger, fatigue or cold, strong in their sense of right and sustained by undying patriotism, struck the shackles from the limbs of their enslaved hindred, and set their feet upon a rock towering through the broad light of American freedom. So sure as heaven bends above us, so sure will the independence of Ireland be won through the channels and under the circumstances here described, unless its achievements be rendered more easy by a generous openhandedness on the part of the wealthy of our race who, if turned aside by inclination or circumstances from throwing their individual bone and sinew into the scale, can otherwise advance the interests of our glorious cause, and redeem their name from eternal obloquy and disgrace.—Fenian Volunteer.

THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Democratic State Central Committee of South Carolina have addressed to the United States Senate an appeal against the new Constitution, in which they show that to carry out its requirements would require a revenue of \$2,280,350, while before the war the annual revenue of the State was but \$350,000; so that a tax of three per cent. on real estate would now be necessary. But property has depreciated 33 per cent. since the war; so that the real tax would be ten per cent. They show in addition, that on an average the 74 colored delegates in the late convention pay in taxes less than 50c. each, and that 46 white delegates pay but 36c. each. Of the 47 white members, 23 pay no tax at all; and of the 74 colored delegates, 59 pay no taxes. They show also, that 97 colored members of the General Assembly pay in taxes but 70c. each, and that one pays \$88.86; also that 46 out of the 57 white members pay but \$7 each. Twenty-four white members and 67 colored members pay no taxes at all. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six other principal State officers, pay a total of \$16, or \$2.11 each.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF RADICAL POLICY.—The Black River, Arkansas, Standard tells the following: It is reported that a gentleman, a Democrat, living in the southern part of this county, being desirous of illustrating the beauties of radicalism, and testing the sincerity of its votaries and advocates, invited a certain radical to his house to stay over night with him, and at the same time invited a "man and brother" to pass the night under his hospitable roof.

Bed-time arriving, our Democratic friend took a light and conducted the "brother" to the room and pointed out the bed he was to occupy. Soon after, the radical gentleman (?) desired to retire, and our friend also conducted him to the same room, and informed him that he was to occupy the same bed.

"Who is in that bed?" asked the radical.

"Mr. ——" was the answer.

"What! That nigger!" indignantly exclaimed the radical; "you don't suppose I am going to sleep with him, do you?"

"I most certainly do," was the quiet reply. "You voted to force this state of affairs upon me and my people, and took and subscribed to an oath that you would grant the negro every 'privilege and immunity' enjoyed by every class of persons, and (producing a six-shooter) by the eternal you shall carry out your policy—so in there with you!"

Mr. Radical, not liking the close proximity of the pistol, got into bed, but we don't think he stayed there till morning.

THE Advocate says that Rev. A. F. Waller "expects to live all the days of his life." We would suggest an amendment—i. e.,—that he expects to live "for all coming time to come."

David Stiles, of Iowa is said to be the oldest Free Mason in the United States.