



For President, HORATIO SEYMOUR, OF NEW YORK.

For Vice President, FRANK P. BLAIR, OF MISSOURI.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

S. F. CHADWICK, of Douglas County. JOHN BURNETT, of Benton County. JAS. H. SLATER, of Union County.

LOCKING THE FALLS.—A bill has been introduced in the Senate providing for State Aid in the undertaking of constructing locks round the Falls of the Willamette on the west side of the river opposite Oregon City. We have been favored with a draft of the bill as originally introduced and ordered printed. From the preamble to this we glean that a Company, styled "The Willamette Falls Canal and Lock Company," has been incorporated under the laws of the State, which Company proposes to proceed with the work upon receiving the endorsement of the State. The bill provides for the payment by the State, to said Company, in yearly installments, of \$25,000 each, of the sum of \$250,000 out of the funds donated by the United States to the State of Oregon for Internal Improvement purposes.

Whatever may be said, or thought, of the provisions of this particular bill, we think there can be but one opinion as to the great and urgent necessity for the improvement contemplated and the vast advantages to accrue to the people upon its accomplishment; and that the State ought to lend a helping hand upon some terms, we think is equally clear.

The iron clad oath has been repealed and many loilists are exasperated and disgusted in consequence. Mr. Davenport of Marion county opposed its repeal and contended that no loil man could object to taking such oath. We concede that no "loil" man could object to the oath; but decent people—both republicans and Democrats—entertained a supreme contempt for the thing. But perjury being a cardinal tenet of loilism—one of its necessary adjuncts—it was needless for Mr. Davenport to put in the special plea he did in favor of the law under consideration.

The Corvallis Gazette wants to know whether the editor of the SIGNAL was apprehensive that he would be accused of the larceny of four bottles of liquor from Mr. Stiles' window? This is the first time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant that any editor—save a temperance editor—was put under the ban of stealing whiskey! It is an unheard of thing, Bro. Carter.

The survey of the southern boundary of Colorado, cuts off from that Territory, says the Colorado Chief, the entire settlement on the Costilla river, and almost the whole settled portion of Concolor county.

Colorado thus loses and New Mexico gains 3,000 population.

We publish on the first page of the SIGNAL this week the Report of Drs. Hawthorne & Loryca on the condition of the Insane Asylum under their charge and management. Every person in the State should feel a deep interest in the conduct of this Institution and the showing made Drs. Hawthorne & Loryca which is fully corroborated by the Report of the Visiting Physician, cannot but prove a source of gratification to every well wisher of the unfortunate of our State. From this showing it will appear that as large a per cent. of cures has been effected in this Hospital as is effected in the best regulated Hospitals in the United States.

Shrifi J. W. Smith who has been absent in California a number of weeks has returned. His efficient Deputy, Mr. Wm. Fraker, ran the machine while he was gone.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

SALEM, Sept. 23, 1868. The State Central Committee met pursuant to call, and was called to order by the Chairman, Hon. L. F. Grover.

A quorum being present, the following proceedings were had:

C. B. Bellinger was chosen Secretary.

It being the sentiment that a vigorous campaign should be prosecuted, on motion it was resolved that the committee, through its chairman, invite by letter speakers throughout the State to take an active part in the pending canvass on behalf of the Democratic nominees for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, Seymour and Blair, and in the discussion of those great fundamental principles which lie at the foundation of our Government.

The Committee, conscious of the vigor and power of the Democratic organization in the State of Oregon, and cheered by its late splendid victory in June last, nevertheless urge upon the party everywhere ceaseless vigilance and constant labor for that triumph which we know awaits us in November.

L. F. GROVER, Chairman. C. B. BELLINGER, Secy.

INVITED TO RESIGN.—A resolution setting forth among other things that Senators Williams and Corbett, by persistently misrepresenting the sentiments and wishes of a large majority of their constituents, have forfeited the respect of the people of Oregon, has passed both Houses of the Legislature asking these gentlemen to resign and make vacant their seats in the United States Senate. The preamble recites that the action of Senators Williams and Corbett on reconstruction has been in direct violation of the implied instructions of the State they essay to represent. None of the apologists of the truant Senators will seriously attempt to controvert the correctness of this proposition. If these Senators would obey the instructions of the people who gave them place they must make way immediately that their places may be supplied by men who will represent Oregon—not Massachusetts.

THEY ARE CONFOUNDED.—Viewing things from their own standpoint of barbarism, prejudice, bigotry and intolerance, and remembering that in the days of their domination they had given no quarter to "Copperhead" members of the Legislature, the Republican minority in the Legislature now sitting in Salem are literally confounded because of the deference paid to their positions and the respect paid their opinions by the overwhelming Democratic majority in that body. Creatures of hate and revenge themselves, many of the minority members at first approached their seats with fear and trembling as if they were conscious of some fearful doom impending over them. Others, more reckless and incorrigible, took their seats with their minds made up to become distinguished for bravado and fool hardy persistence in a course of conduct which they hoped would make them the objects of invective at the hands of some Democratic member or members who had been the victims of loil spleen in times past. But both classes named above have been disappointed—the former most agreeably—while the disappointment of the latter class has proved correspondingly painful—their coveted opportunity to become very cheap martyrs, having vanished in thin air. The former had no occasion for alarm while the pigmy attempts of the latter to provoke recriminations will prove abortive.

THE LATE STAGE ROBBERY.—A singular Bet.—Upon the news of the robbery of the stage not a great while since east of the Mountains reaching Portland, a gentleman proposed to bet two to one that the said robbery had been perpetrated principally by republicans. He finally got one hundred dollars up against which he staked two hundred, both amounts to be drawn if the parties should not be arrested. About nine were subsequently brought in, when a canvass of the crowd developed the fact that they were a loil but one! The bet assumed significance at this point, and the winner being pressed for an explanation as to what had led him to conclude that the robbers were republicans, said that the only basis he had for the conclusion was the fact that it took seventeen of them to rob one stage!

A Homestead Law.

The State Rights Democrat favors the enactment, by the present Legislature, of a Homestead Law. In this movement we heartily concur. Oregon cannot longer afford to lag behind all of her sister States in this important particular. The Democrat says:

"No better means can be adopted—no better plan can be presented to attract population within our borders, than a liberal Homestead Exemption Law." Of the Minnesota exemption statute, the Democrat says:

"It exempts one hundred and sixty acres of land, with all its improvements, or a lot in any city or town, with all its buildings and improvements, of every character or kind, irrespective of their value; also a large amount of personal property. The great principle is that the homestead and the means with which to support a family shall be exempt. This is right; and we hope that this Legislature may pass a Homestead Exemption Law at least as liberal in its provisions as that in operation in California. Such a law will attract emigration to Oregon more effectually, in our judgment, than all the emigration schemes that can be concocted."

A bill has passed the House withdrawing Oregon's assent to the so-called XIV amendment. Loil prints are carrying furiously about this. They would have the people forget that it was only through a system of the grossest frauds that this so-called Amendment was ever pretended to have been passed by this State. The people certainly attested this much on the first Monday in June last. By all means let Oregon wash its hands of this infamy. It was with numerous "ifs" that Secretary Seward proclaimed its adoption. It will be annulled by the Courts.

The Oregonian speaks of a loil cuss in Connecticut being extensively engaged in selling photographs of Frank Blair as an electioneering document against the Democratic ticket! But it turns out that said loil cuss, having an eye to business, and having failed in an attempt to sell genuine pictures of his own Vice presidential candidate, on account of their stupid and hang-dog appearance, procured a lot of Blair's and is peddling the same among wooden nutmegs for the "pickers" of Colfax.

Hon. John Minto, a republican not loil, member of the lower House, favored and voted for the repeal of the infamous iron clad oath. Mr. Minto said that there never had existed any necessity for such a law.

Overwhelming defeat, says George III, awaits the Democracy in the distance. Probably it does, but while the "distance" is so very great we can see no cause for alarm.

The Sentinel says that one hundred and forty dollars in twenties was lately dug up on the site of an old cabin in Jacksonville.

Correspondent writing us from Willamette prings, Jackson county, speaking of the smoky season in that part of the country, says that many people thereabout think that it is Grant who is doing the smoking.

Gov. Warmouth of Louisiana has vetoed the negro equality bill lately passed by the Legislature, and the negroes are greatly excited thereat. Trouble is threatened by nigger members of the Legislature. The Governor is loil and hence the niggers and carpet baggers had expected that he would sustain them in all they did.

Thanks to Hons. B. F. Burch and F. Wayne for valuable documents from the capital.

New Goods.—M. Myer, at Salem, has just opened a tremendous stock of fall and winter goods.

The young man who came over here from Linn county last week and captured one of the prettiest and most accomplished young ladies in Polk county, must have got the fine suit he wore from Barman Bros., Salem.

Coal oil and all other kinds of oil at B. F. Nichols' drug store in Dallas.

Fellow Citizens of Polk County:—

At your meeting held in Dallas on the 10th day of Sept. 1868, Hon. H. N. V. Holmes and myself were elected by you, as a committee to examine and report to you the condition of the Oregon Central Rail Road, its affairs and prospects; with any information on the subject of Rail Roads through the Wallamet Valley that we might be able to obtain.

In compliance with your wishes, on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, I proceeded to Salem, where I was introduced to Messrs. Emmet and Elliot, who informed me that Mr. Holliday and themselves were perfecting arrangements to build the East-side Road; and that they expect to have the cars running between Portland and Salem, and the track graded to Eugene City within a year. In company with Hon. I. R. Moores, President of the East-side Road, and Gov. Daniels, I proceeded on my way toward Portland. On the 17th we found the advance corps of the East-side employees at Pudding River, adjusting the line and grade of the Road at that place. Soon after crossing the Molalla we came to the grading. From this point on to Portland, I found the principal part of the light grading done. The heavy grading and bridging from here to Milwaukie is left until the necessary force of hands and appliances can be secured to complete the work. There is yet a great deal of heavy work to be done on this Road, between the Molalla and Milwaukie. I was on a great portion of the work from Milwaukie to Portland, and so far as I was able to ascertain, the grading and tressel work between these two points is about finished and ready for the track. I visited the Company's mills and shops at Brooklyn, where they have ready, ties enough for about three or four miles of track.

The next day, in company with Mr. Gaston, President of the Oregon Central Rail Road, which road starts out from the head of fourth street, Portland, I went over the Road to the summit, and examined the work. Mr. Hart the Superintendent of construction was upon the Road, and from what I saw of him and his management, I conclude that if the enterprise is supported and sustained in every other respect as it is in his department it cannot fail of success. He is evidently the right man in the right place. About 160 hands are judiciously distributed along the Road, in such numbers and positions, as to advance the grading most rapidly; and, with their picks, and shovels, and blasting tools, and carts and horses, each squad with its foreman, worked upon the grading busily as a swarm of ants; while the woods were full of axmen and mechanics preparing timbers for the tressling. Some of the tressel-bridges are up and finished, and the balance in rapid process of completion, on that part of the Road over which I passed. Deep cuts are made across the spurs of the mountain, and the dirt carried out in carts and dumped into the deep gorges between, until they are filled and leveled up; and when a sufficient quantity of dirt cannot be obtained from the cuts to fill the chasms, the connection is made by tressel-work. When you look at the rough face of the mountain it is appalling to think of making a road along its rugged brow; but when you cast an eye along the graded line of the road where it is completed, it looks smooth and level—so near level that an unpracticed eye can hardly realize that it ascends at all. I was astonished at the apparent easy ascent of the grade.

Mr. Haines, the gentlemanly and efficient Secretary of the Company, afforded me every facility in examining the books and affairs of his office; and I made an unreserved search into the affairs and condition of the Company. I am happy to be able to report to you that there has been more work done on this road for the amount of means expended than I would have thought possible, had I not witnessed it, with the pay rolls and vouchers for everything. The Company have, I believe, squared up everything to the 1st of Sept. inst. Their available means will probably fall from \$6 000 00 to \$10 000 00 short of being sufficient to complete first five miles. When this much of the Road is graded the Company get a subsidy of \$100 000 00 from the City of Portland, with other subsidies from the same source as the work progresses, amounting in all to \$250 000 00; and when

the first twenty miles is completed, that secures the Government subsidy of 12, 800 acres of land to the mile of road. If the Company can succeed in raising means enough to finish the first five miles, the enterprise is secured beyond a probability of failure.

The Company makes the following reasonable proposition to the people of this County who will subscribe for stock: Twenty per cent. of subscription to be paid as the Company may need it. This to be used on the first twenty miles, so as to secure the subsidies of the City of Portland and of the U. S.—twenty per cent. to be paid when the line is located through Polk County, and the grading begun in the county;—twenty per cent. when the grading reaches the Rieckreal; and the remainder when the road is graded to the Benton county line—thus four fifths of the subscriptions will be expended on the work in this county. And when the subscriptions are paid up, certificates of stock will be issued to the subscribers, one share for each \$100 00. If they secure the subsidies of the City of Portland and the U. S. the work cannot fail, and will be a safe and secure investment. A few thousand dollars now, it seems, is all that is necessary to secure the ultimate success of this great and important enterprise. We should consider the subject well, and decide at once, whether or not we give substantial aid to this enterprise of such vital importance to the prosperity of our state and county. Shall we place our names upon the stock-books, and contribute a small percentage of our means to secure to ourselves and our children the lasting benefits of such an improvement? This question is worthy of the most serious consideration by the citizens of this county. Mr. Gaston has, so far as I am at present prepared to judge, managed the affairs of the Company with consummate address, and unparalleled economy.

I have not space to dilate upon the subject, but I leave it with you, satisfied that your own interests and intelligence are sufficient to prompt you to proper inquiry and action. Mr. Holmes informs me that his affairs were in such a condition, at the time, as to prevent his visiting the work with me; and through me, he tenders you his apology.

Respectfully submitted. J. L. COLLINS.

Mr. Henry Byerly had a valuable horse stolen from his brother's stable in Dallas on last Saturday night. Officers are in pursuit.

Geo. Harvey's team ran away the other day, bringing up against a tree and killing one of the horses.

Beast Butler has been nominated for reelection to Congress from Massachusetts. He wants to continue to be able to plead the baby act in view of the many suits which he realizes ought to be brought against him for the innumerable larcenies he has committed.

Wonder if the editor of the Corvallis Gazette has received his share of the proceeds of the late republican stage robbery? If he has, the sour temper evinced by him so persistently of late is accounted for; they got nothing but rocks and iron slugs that haul.

Bro. Carter says that if there had been a prohibitory law Stiles would have had no "four bottles" to be stolen. And what would you Methodists do for "a little wine for the stomach's sake"? The same said "four bottles" were intended for a forthcoming Methodist out-pouring of the spirit.

A bill has passed the State Senate severing Douglas county in twain.

Upwards of \$2,000 was taken in at the State Fair on opening day.

Loil intelligence in Polk county is at a premium. A very noisy politician not long since declared with emphasis that: "If the Democratic party gets in power it will force the Sovereignty on the people in spite of hell!"

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Oct. 4th 1868, by J. L. Collins J. P. Mr. E. D. Smith to Miss Lucinda Lee; all of Polk County.

Blank Mortgages at the SIGNAL Office.

MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE UNION. MERCANTILE REFERENCE REGISTER.

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