

THE INDEPENDENT.

FOREST GROVE, NOVEMBER 15, 1873.

The Campaign.

The last campaign has been the most bitter of any since the Rebellion. Bitter personalities were indulged in by the press, from the pulpit and speaker's stand. The main object of the campaign, to wit: the election of Congressman, was lost sight of and Mr. Mitchell, for months prior to the convention, was the main subject for discussion. The introduction of the extenuating resolution for his defense was as unwise as it was disastrous, and it will take years to bring the Republican party back to its old strength and enthusiasm in this State. The resolution intensified public opinion and resistance and necessarily brought Mr. Mitchell out singly as the butt for all shafts of personal malice and spite, as well as the righteous criticism of the moral and religious part of the people. The continued hanging on the Senator's private history prior to the convention was unwise politically as dividing the party on the eve of election, injuring his influence in Congress, and of no advantage to anybody whatever. This persecution was begun and kept up by his personal enemies for selfish purposes and caused him to invoke the convention to support him, which support was refused and contumacious by the people and rejected at the polls, as it should have been.

Our position on the matter is that let Mr. Mitchell, Cobett and every other man stand on his own merits or demerits and that delegates of our conventions do not introduce personal and foreign matters into our political platforms that they may continue eating of the bones and fishes of office and senatorial patronage. Mr. Mitchell was killed politically when his private history became known, and why be so foolish and savage as to keep shooting and stabbing a man after he is dead.

The Election.

The victories of the Democracy in the late eastern elections shows which way the wind blows. The Republican masses have grown tired of corruptions and speculations in office, the Credit Mobilier swindle, salary grab, and the mountain no-nopolies that oppress the people. Republicans stand away from the polls and let the election go by default just as they did in this State, which is a quiet but significant way of saying that they are dissatisfied with the present course of the party. At the east it was down in the campaign that a larger per cent. of the Democratic element in Congress voted for the above named swindles than Republican. But however true this may be, it does not satisfy the people when they know that the Republican party had large majorities in both houses of Congress and also the veto power of the President, and so they hold the party responsible for these measures. It remains to be seen whether the Republican Congress will reform this winter, regulate extortionate transportation rates, kick official charlatans and thieves out of office and see that they get their just deserts as other people do at the hands of justice. If the Republican Congress do these things then the people will trust the old party that saved the nation and secured the liberty and equality of all American citizens, before the law. If not then we will choose another banner with the old principles for our platform, and continue the fight for the great Republic.

Yellow Fever.

We are glad to learn by late dispatches that this fearful and fatal pestilence is fast disappearing at Memphis and other points where its devastating touch has blighted so many homes and made thousands of widows and orphans. At Shreveport the death rate was fearful reaching from twenty to thirty per day with a population of only 4,000. Memphis with a population of 50,000 has been until within a week almost deserted, only 10,000 or one fifth of the whole number remaining and 2,500 of these were helpless widows and orphans could not get away. Sixty per cent. of the cases proved fatal, and what is most disheartening to know, is the fact that districts and classes of people unfavorable, by reason of their isolation from malignant parts and general cleanliness, to the attack of the contagion were stricken indiscriminately — young and old high and low. But now the autumn frosts have come and the destructive pestilence is stayed.

The New Series Rejected.

At a school meeting which came off last Monday evening in this place the proposition of keeping up a free school for a year was voted down, because of the new series of school books which the State Board of Education has adopted for the use of the public schools in this State. Now let it be distinctly understood that the new books defeated the proposition for a free school in Forest Grove and thus the children of parents of straitened means will have to go without education and possibly on this very account grow up in ignorance, the bane of communities and the ruin of Republics. It would have cost this district \$300 alone to purchase new books, and it is calculated that the introduction of the new series will cost the people of the State \$300,000. While it is desirable to have uniformity in the books for our common schools it is very unwise to force the change immediately and so make books on hand worthless. In the first place it was not necessary to have a class of books especially adapted to this coast, for the love of section is already too strong in our country, as the late war and prior difficulties have proven. The Sanders' series of books are thought to be far superior to the new ones, which latter are got up in Cheap-John style, irregular spacing, bad register and flimsy paper. The whole thing was gotten up to fill the pockets of the publishers, who by this fortune will fall off of the subsidies of the toiling people. We hope that every district in the State will refuse to hold schools and force the repeal of the act.

Our Spanish Relations.

By late dispatches it may be seen that the relations of this country and the Spanish Republic are growing somewhat complicated if not dangerous. The capture and execution of the crew of the Virginius and the wholesale execution of Cuban prisoners taken in rebellion to Spanish authority, has aroused the feelings of the whole nation and is creating some excitement at Washington, which however may soon be quieted if the Spanish authorities give satisfactory explanation. The wholesale execution of Cuban insurgents is utterly inexcusable and should cause an armed intervention by the powers that be. Grant sounds, in his quiet but significant way, the key note of public opinion on Cuban affairs, and it is to be expected that the next Congress will take active steps to guarantee to the brave Cubans their rights as beligerents, if not to directly pave the way to their independence. Spanish domination over that island has been blind, grinding and intolerable. The home Government is in the throes of a civil war affording no protection to the distant province, which serves as a feeder, through excessive taxation, to keep up the standing armies of the Government. The Queen of the Arilles, contiguous to our shores, in sympathy with our government, would, as a star in the constellation of our republic, shake off the last relic of barbarism and become at once in the Gulf the bulwark of our defense and the home producer of some of our staple foreign imports.

The Lamb vs. Davenport Case.

The decision of the Supreme Court in this case will settle much doubt respecting land titles of donation claimants in this county and prevent any hesitancy on the part of buyers wishing to purchase. The decision is given clearly in the Sacramento Union as follows:

"Washington, Nov. 4th. — In the Supreme Court to-day, in the case of Lamb vs. Davenport on appeal from the Circuit Court of Oregon it was held that contracts made by actual settlers on the public land, concerning their possessory rights and concerning title to be acquired in the future from the United States, are valid as between parties to the contract, though there be at the time no act of Congress by which it may be acquired, and though the Government is under no obligations to either of the parties in regard to the title, unless they [the contestants] are forbidden by positive law. The provision of the Oregon donation act of 1850, which forbids the future sale of a settler's interest until a patent shall issue, so far from invalidating such contracts made before its passage, raises a strong implication in favor of their validity; and whether husband or wife, who takes as survivor the share of deceased under the donation act, takes as purchaser or by inheritance, it is held that contracts of a husband concerning an equitable interest of the part allotted to him, made before the donation act was passed, are binding

EDITORIAL NOTES.

FRIEND Davis of the *Progressivist*, if you wish to preserve our good will don't you call us *Liberals* again, that is if you value your life, liberty and property. The *Mercury* man of a mercurial character and Mercurial veracity loosely turns loose on us and call us *lousy* and we are mad.

IT WRIGGLES AND SNIKS.

Governor Grover's addition to the *Oregonian* in this city, of last evening, tries very hard to wriggle out of the ugly dilemma in which it involved itself in trying to exculpate W. Lair Hill and to inculpate Judge Williams in the lamb *versus* Davenport case; but it only wriggled itself deeper down in the muck — so far down that it would be a waste of time to sink after it. — *Bulletin*.

It has been the constant endeavor of a few very small men in this State to injure the influence and destroy the reputation of Judge Williams, the only statesman sent from Oregon to Washington, but this petty spirit and malignancy is all lost time and temper. It is the case of Lilliputians attacking Gulliver. Judge Williams's record is the best in the land — a faithful energetic and wise counselor and judge, an honest politician, and a virtuous intelligent citizen. Unlike many of his Republicans contemporaries he has not betrayed his party because of official disappointments and grievances.

Stokes, the murderer of Fisk, has at last been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to four years imprisonment. He had plenty of money and consequently friends, so that it was an easy matter for him to escape the hang-man's rope — his rightly merited doom. Had he been some poor laborer he would have been hanged long ago and forgotten. It is fortune's hand that shoves justice in our day, twenty dollar gold pieces pays the price of blood. The following is the sentence passed upon him by Judge Davis:

In rendering the verdict the jury have exceeded, and more than exceeded, all the mercy that should be extended. No appeal to this Court can diminish the sentence below the highest penalty fixed by the statute to the degree in which you are convicted, and that is apparently slight when compared to the great crime you have committed. I do not desire to make any further remarks in this case, but shall impose upon you all the punishment that the law authorizes, only regretting that the sentence cannot be more adequate to the awful crime that rests upon your guilty head. The sentence of the Court is that you be imprisoned in the State Prison at Sing Sing at hard labor for the term of four years.

ON BEZERK'S SAYINGS. — In a recent pulpit lecture Henry Ward Beecher said:

"Now, I had rather have been the prodigal son than his brother. He was too stingy to get drunk. He was too cautious, too cold, too un-sympathetic, to sin lasciviously. He was lean mean stiff and proper. He was going to heaven like a man."

Henry Ward is somewhat noted for an admiration for that loose class of people who, in the exuberance of their animal spirits, "stop over," as he terms it. How does he know that the Prodigal's brother was "lean" "stiff" and proper?" The proper, the cautious, and the sober, seem to be in man objectionable traits to the reverend gentleman. A fellow feeling sometimes makes one wonderous kind. There is a class of people in this world to which Mr. Beecher belongs who admire the secretly licentious and intemperate spendthrift, that in his *lewd* fits, scatters his money among the fools, and despise the saving, cautious, and proper, man whose influence has always been for law and order in society and economy in household and government. It has been a long debated question whether the spendthrift or the miser is the most injurious to the community. Both are an evil universally admitted, but the miser is undoubtedly the better character. If he does hoard his wealth for a lifetime it at last inures to the state and becomes a blessing, while the money of the spendthrift is made to make fools mere foolish.

The Election.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF THE STATE FOR CONGRESS, OCTOBER 13, 1873.

We copy the following from the Salem *Statesman*:

The returns of the late election were made complete by the receipt of Baker County, and the votes were canvassed yesterday, as follows:

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| Counties. | Nesmith. | Smith |
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| Baker. | 223 | 70 |
| Benton. | 411 | 275 |
| Clackamas. | 474 | 379 |
| Columbia. | 103 | 116 |
| Coos. | 102 | 52 |
| Curry. | 171 | 103 |
| Douglas. | 76 | 273 |
| Grant. | 170 | 129 |
| Jackson. | 559 | 299 |
| Josephine. | 104 | 49 |
| Lane. | 657 | 526 |
| Linn. | 884 | 396 |
| Mariette. | 829 | 861 |
| Malheur. | 771 | 1,303 |
| Polk. | 411 | 272 |
| Umatilla. | 330 | 106 |
| Union. | 255 | 163 |
| Wasco. | 203 | 140 |
| Washington. | 109 | 176 |
| Yamhill. | 452 | 307 |
| Total. | 8,194 | 6,123 |
| Majority for Nesmith. | 2,071 | |

THE SCATTERING VOTE.

Mrs. A. J. Dunaway, 13; Mr. Dunnway, 2; L. Leland, 2; Dowell, 1; Jno. Davenport, 1; Newton Booth, 2; Geo. R. Helm, 2; Dr. Bowby, 2; E. R. Geary, 7; B. Killin, 3; H. W. Corbett, 1; Blank, 6; Tim Davenport, 5; Wm. Miner, 2; J. Garrison, 1; L. T. Barin, 2; R. P. Boise, 1; J. H. Slater, 1; Sam Hughes, 2; Scattering, 6; Geo. B. Curry, 7; James D. Fay, 1; S. W. McDowell, 2; Hiram, 1. Total scattering 73.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. R. Spencer,

DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

CORNELIUS, OREGON.

All kinds of Produce bought and sold.

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H. McDonald,

ARCHITECT AND BUILDER,

WILL FURNISH PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS for Buildings of all descriptions and superintend the constructions of the same; also, Bridge and Stair Building, Hand railing, Newell posts and Balusters, also, all kinds of solid furniture, viz: Bedsteads, Tables, Bureau, Stands, &c., on reasonable terms. Shop and office over Johnson's Planing Mill, Forest Grove. Products taken in exchange.

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BEE HIVE STORE.

J. B. Matthews, Proprietor.

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BOOTS AND SHOES,

LADIES' AND GENTS'

WEARING APPAREL,

GROCERIES

Of all kinds, and other articles too numerous to mention. And happens by

FAIR DEALING

Only to merit a liberal patronage of the Public.

Highest Cash Price Paid for Produce.

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POST OFFICE.

MAIL going south closes at 8 A. M. Mail going east closes at 1 P. M. Office hours on Sunday from 10:30 to 11 A. M.

No departure from this rule.

N. E. GOODELL, Post Master.

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FAIRBANKS' HAY SCALES

in connection with shop.

Particular attention paid to horse

shoing, bad footed horses never neglected.

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MONEY SAVED

ONLY 64¢.

By buying the Improved Home Shut-
te Sewing Machine, 2,200 in use on the
N. P. Coast. PRICE REDUCED (with
bells, Walnut table and Treadle nicely fin-
ished, complete) \$40. Sews equally well on
the lightest Muslin and heaviest cloth. Guar-
anteed to give Satisfaction.

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ONE MAN'S MONEY IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER'S.

All will fare alike in prices, which shall

always be THE VERY LOWEST they can be afforded for

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FOR Cash!

New Goods are constantly arriving and

New Goods, Good Goods, CHEAP GOODS,

WILL SELL.

I will always keep all the Standard Brands of Goods and, by a strict integrity of purpose to deal as I would be dealt by, I now invite you to my Store, which I now christen

the

Brick Store.

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J. B. MATTHEWS.

Forest Grove, Or., Nov. 4th, 1873.

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