THE INDEPENDENT.

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Editor and Proprietor.

History of the Independent Movement in Washington County.

Last year at the convention at Hillsboro which met to elect delegates to go to Albany began the first revolt of Republicans against the party. Then, and in that convention Ahio S. Watt introduced denunciatory resolutions against Mitchipple. And the Ring have been expecting that this county would take the lead in the independent movement. But our citizens though ripe for such o movement held back and no one seemed willing to "lead on the war." Dr. Bowlby and Hon. A. Hinman did not come to the front desiring that others should inaugerate the movement. We constantly urged the formation of an Independent party but nothing was done. Douglas county fired her challenging gun followed by answering shots from Polk and Benton. At last the pulse of our people quickened. Washington county began to move. Two weeks ago T. M. Hines a farmer and Granger came forward and urged an independent movement. Henry Buxton another farmer and Granger followed, and these were joined by N. E. Goodel, Ahio S. Watt, Park Buford, T. G. Rowe, Steve Harris, Wm. Kane, Freeman Hubbard, and Ben Cornelius, all honest and intelligent citizens well known in this community and county. Mr. Hines prepared a preamble and resolutions which were not adopted. They then proposed that Mr. Goodell write the call and he advised that Mr. Watt write it. Mr. Watt chose a part of the Douglas county call which was adopted by the ten, who had it published together with the signatures in our last issue.

Mr. Goodell says that the originators of this movement are opposed to Hipple and Holladay and certain political tricksters in this county; that they will vote against any and every Hipple delegate or candidate who may be put in nomination for any office whatever; and that he himself would bolt any Hipple man should such a one be nominated for delegate to county or State convention or nominated for office in county or State. And Mr. Goodell represents the sentiments of the ten originators of this movement. And as proof of the truth of his assertion Ahio S. Watt drew up this call, the man who introduced the celebrated resolutions against Hipple in our county convention last year; and who would rather cut his right hand off than compound with the Hippleites.

Our own history in connection with the INDEPENDENT is well known. At all times we have been outspoken in advocacy of an Independent party in county, State and Nation. That we have made mistakes we admit, but they have been mistakes in behalf of truth rather than error. We are no politician and we hate double-dealing. Our course has been closely watched as we anticipated. It was expected that owing to our small patronage we would from pure financial stress be compelled to become the personal organ of some man or set of men but such has not been the case as our best friends know. Some have criticized us severely for our treatment of the Independent movement in this county. That we have been candid and consistent in our action in the premises we will here submit. Look at the facts in the case:

The INDEPENDENT was an independent paper. Here was a movement made for an Independent party in this county and State. We did not know who the movers were. A "call" was given to us by T. M. Hines and P. Buford to print as a petition for signatures. We asked N. E. Goodell, whom we supposed to be connected with the movement, who it was that drew up the call. He did not inform us. Then when these petitions came back to us for publication with the names of prominent Hipple men on them and prominent independent Republicans not on them we were forced to the conclusion contained in our editorial remarks in last week's issue. That we were mistaken we believe but we submit to the judgment of candid minds that ninety-nine out of a hundred men placed in our situation would have made the same or greater error.

Some attack us for saying that our county officials are honest men. We have no proof to the contrary and we do not propose to arraign these gentlemen at the bar of public opinion for misdemeanors of which we have no evidence more than report. If misdemeanors have been committed by any or all of them the columns of the INDEPENDENT are open for lawful investigation, but not for the indulgence of petty spleen wanton attack or unsupported statements.

In consideration of this statement of Mr. Goodell that the Independents will fight Hipple and Holladay and their supporters; that no Hipple Republican shall be elected delegate to county or State Convention; we indorse the movement and shall assist it to our utmost. And we appeal to the people of Washington county to support this movement as long as it is true to its pledges and its purpose and let us begin a reform in this county and State that will end in '76 in driving the Democratic and Republican thieves and money-changers out of the temples of the Republic.

Reform.

The Independents of this county are pledged to reform. We propose to have the fee system abolished at the next legislature whereby $2,000 annually can be saved to the tax-payers of Washington county. It is asserted that the clerk of this county makes from his office nearly $4,000 per anum when $1,500 salary would be ample pay for the work done. Instead of 17 mills tax, in a normal condition of our finances, we should not pay more than 7 or 8 mills. The salaries of public officers were enormously increased by the last legislature and must be cut down to constitutional limits. The State printing is another outrageous swindle on the tax-payers. The cost of public printing in the State being nearly $30,000 this year when $8,000 would be ample pay for the work done. The litigant printing act should be abolished also being a dangerous monopoly and an extra burden on the people.

A Steal Nipped in the Bud.

Recently in Congress Mitchipple introduced a bill to have portions of Alaska surveyed and opened to settlement. It was discovered however that our outlaw Senator was trying to push this measure through in the interest of mineral and timber land speculators, and the little game was nipped in the bud. If Mitchipple could have got the bill through all right his palms would have been lined with ducats. *So* broad is our bigamous Mitchipple in extending the "area of freedom." We suppose he shed the usual amount of tears and wrung his hands as usual to enlist sympathy, but it did not win. Watch your chance to steal, Hipple, for the Custom-House Ring will need "$5,000 more" several times repeated to carry the next election in Oregon.

Did Not Publish the Call.

The *Progressionist* did not dare to publish the call of the Independents of this county in its last number as it promised to do. The Col. discovered that the Independents were going to make war on Hipple and he made Davis take it out. Davis will draw in his horns on the Independent movement next week. An organ of the Mitchipple Ring dare not assist the independent movement when it arrays itself against its master.

"WASHINGTON COUNTY MOVES."

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

In your last issue of Feb. 28, under the above heading, you take occasion to express distrust of the men and of the actuating cause that prompted this movement.

You say you "hoped the men who inaugerated this movement would frame the call so as to unite all men against Mitchipple-Holladay-Custom-House Ring and *all the old corrupt and dying political parties who are stealing the country bankrupt.*" This is just what we propose to do and are doing. The movement is not alone against Hipple and Holladay but *against all* corruption and stealing wherever it exists and by whomsoever. done "That personal resentment" or "private ambition" has any thing to do in this matter we deny, and for proof conclusive refer you to the names of the men who have signed the call.

Again you "hope this is not a war of the outs against the ins." If by this you mean a war of those seeking place against those holding place it is not. But if you mean a war of those that are outside, against the rings and cliques, that have controlled and still control the old political parties and through these still seek to control the people and the county, emphatically we say it is and war to the knife. We give them fair notice. Our principles are ennunciated. "We favor just laws and oppose cliques, rings, combinations of monopolies, extravagance and disregard of economy in county, State and Nation. Let those who wish oppose.

This is not a movement of politicians but an uprising of the masses all over the State, who have lost confidence in the defunct parties that have become a stench and byword all over the land. A change of administration from one to the other of these parties has been found to be but a change of leeches each in turn more voracious than its predecessor.

Partisans through subsidized presses will perhaps for the time cease their bitter warfare upon one another and turn their imbecile forces unitedly upon this movement of the people, as in it they see their own destruction. The people are marching on. Newspapers may aid, they cannot retard the consumation of the call.

In our own county such men as A. T. Smith, T. M. Hines, Benj. Cornelius, Almoran Hill, S. J. Stott, James Imbrie, A. C. Archibold, J S. Griffin, S. W. Iler, J. T. Rains, A. Montgomery, and hundreds of others of like character that put forth and signed the call are not the men to be styled a "faction, fighting for the spoils of office." We propose, with the aid of the other counties, to so legislate that the spoils of office will not be worth fighting for. Candidates will be selected not for their party services or availability, but for their fitness for the place, as temperate, honest and capable men; men sought out by the people, whose past lives will be a guarantee for their present worth; and whose triumphant election will put a quietus upon the intrigues of corrupt wire-working politicians.

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HILLSBORO LETTER.

HILLSBORO MAR. 3rd, 1874.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

From all the quarters from which we looked for criticism and rebuke, for the independent movement, we least expected it from the INDEPENDENT. Did you expect the people to come bearing softly a peace offering. Such moves bring not peace, but a sword. You say that most of the circulators of the call for the independent movement, were enemies of the "Judge." Perhaps that is why he said, (while the movement was in its infancy) "he would fight it to the bitter end," and made haste to call the Republican County Committee together, but how, changed since it assumes such threatening proportion, and being cheered by your article, entitled, "Washington County Moves," he now resigns that once much sought position, as chairman of the County Committee, to take his chances with the new move. You also say you hoped that all the independent men would unite against the Mitchipple-Holladay-Custom House Ring. Does not the "Call" cover all of that ground? It is true that some who circulated the call, thought that part of the programme was, not to allow the wire-workers to unite in it, hoping that they, would have modesty enough not to try to control the movement, to ride into office again. But how disappointed they will be! "OUTS."

Dissolving Views.

A correspondent informs us that a leading Democrat in this County, living near Wapato Lake, told the Chairman of the Republican County Committee that, at their meeting at Hillsboro on Tuesday of this week, they had better call a mass meeting of Republicans to meet at Hillsboro on Saturday with the Democratic mass meeting and bury both parties together. He rather promised to take the matter under advisement.

Disaster.

The French brig Sidi grounded upon the lower point of Sand Island on Saturday afternoon Feb. 28th, while attempting to enter the Columbia River without a pilot. She passed the main bar safely, but the wind failed as she neared Sand Island and she drifted upon the sands. The officers and crew abandoned her and wading through the water to a favorable point on the island were rescued by the tug and safely landed at Astoria.

NAMES are coming in to the Post-office every day indorsing the call of the Independents. Neighborhoods where it was not introduced would sign it unanimously if a chance were presented.

WE shall canvass this county for subscribers for the INDEPENDENT as soon as the weather will permit. We expect to increase our subscription list two or three hundred names in a few weeks.

NOTICE the new heading of our paper and see what a pretty newspaper the INDEPENDENT is this week.

READ an excellent communication from "N" in this number. It contains our sentiments exactly.

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Oh, had I a mansion, with carpets of gold
And silver, I'd cover the floor!"
But, smiling, she said, "You can purchase the best
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"I'll spread you a couch upon which to recline
When evening shall call us to rest,
Of the fleeciest down." "But," she said with a sigh,
"I like hair mattress the best."
"Then so it shall be, love; the tables inlaid,
And seats from some far distant shore."
"Oh, no," she exclaimed, "They have elegant sets
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"But, Mary, alas! I must sadly confess
My means are but slender as yet;
To furnish a house in the style you demand
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To ask you to share my poor lodgings and board
Is something that I should deplore."
She said, with a smile, "You can buy very cheap
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