

TRUE REFORM.

We are pleased to know that some of the sentiments so long held dear by us, have advocates in the United States Senate. Senator Cole has offered a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the Constitution so as to provide for the election of President, Vice President and United States Senators by the people, which resolution was adopted.

This would be shaking off some of the relics of monarchy which disgrace republican institutions. The people of this country, as we have often before said, must do this thing and more. We must go further and abolish life-offices; take from the President kingly prerogatives; strip him of his gigantic appointing power; allow no more amendments to the Constitution, except by a direct reference to the people; establish forever the sovereignty of the people; put an end to the arbitrary rule of monopolies, and class legislation; make all offices elective by the people, and fill those offices with honest men. When these things, right or wrong, shall be done, and acknowledged, then, indeed, may we talk of true reform in the Government.

A WRONG IDEA.

Politicians and political newspaper men talk of the President as being the head of the Government. This idea is false, and in perfect keeping with that other silly practice of our divines kneeling down in their pulpits and imploring the Almighty to give us good rulers. The truth is the American people ought not to recognize any ruler, or the President as the head of the Government. The idea is monarchical. The experiment to establish pure republicanism in this country will never succeed, until those ideas are abandoned, and the people shall fully understand that they alone are the rulers in this Government, and that all their agents and officers are their servants, not their rulers. They must eradicate the whole idea from the mind, and stop teaching their children the absurd and ridiculous notions of rulers and masters.

The Mercury says:—

There was a time when it was an honor and a distinction to be known as a member of the State Legislature, but the last Legislature of Oregon robbed the position of all its former respect.

The above needs no addition or comment.

We stated last week that the President in his annual message did not disclose what the policy of the incoming administration would be. We now see it hinted through the press, that he will renew his San Domingo fight with Congress, and demand retraction on the part of that body, so that he can carry out his contract with Baer. Some of the administration organs, however, claim that Grant has given up the fight, and does not intend to renew it; but if that position be correct, which we do not believe, what explanation have they for the unauthorized conduct of Grant in expending millions of the people's money to accomplish an act of tyranny which shocked the sensibilities of the Christian world? How will he repair that injury, and how account for that mistake? Let his idol worshippers answer.

As We Expected.—Some of the fire-eating Radical papers are opposing Sumner's resolution to blot out the memory of a war with brothers. The resolution in substance is this:

WHEREAS, National unity and good will among fellow citizens can be assured only through the oblivion of past differences, as it is contrary to the usage of civilized nations to perpetuate the memory of civil war; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the names of battles with fellow citizens shall not be continued in the Army Register nor placed on the regimental colors of the United States.

We shall see who will oppose this principle, and what spirit shall dictate it.

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The Oregonian says:—

"Forney's press pays this high tribute to Geo. S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury:"

Most earnestly do we hope that Mr. Boutwell will not consent to leave his post as Secretary of the Treasury, even for so tempting a prize as that of Senator in Congress. His fame could not be increased in that envied arena. He is identified with the most perfect system of finance in the world, and with as perfect an administration of his great office as any of his illustrious predecessors, not excepting Alexander Hamilton.

That is true, and Forney's press pays this high tribute to Grant also: He is to-day possessor of Imperial power. He can make or unmake States or Statesmen. He can change policies as he has crushed parties.

Can the Oregonian endorse that also?

The Statesman and Oregonian seem to be troubled about the designation of the REPUBLICAN as the litigant organ for Polk County, and seem to wonder how it is that the Messenger has no vested rights as a litigant organ. We could enlighten the journals upon that subject if we thought our duty required it without pay, but as we are not thusly impressed, we decline for the present.

We have received a card from John B. Fulton of New York, who pretends to possess knowledge in a specific branch of the legal profession, unknown to anyone else. We can assure Mr. Fulton that we have been sufficiently bilked by New Yorkers already, and his card will not be published unless the money is sent to us in advance at our advertising rates.

It is whispered that Holladay, the bilk, has stopped. The only concern we feel in the matter is the fear that the rumor is not true, it would be a blessing great to come upon this people so soon and so sudden.

The President has declared that he will fill the Territorial offices by the appointment of residents from the Territories. That rule is correct if not abused, but we predict it will amount to nothing and is made for bunkum, Grant will not adhere to it in good faith. The only change visible will be this, applicants who ascertain in advance that by becoming residents they can obtain a certain office from Grant, will of course, move directly there and at once fall in love with the climate and people, and receive their commissions.

Banks has offered resolutions fixing the salary of the President at fifty thousand dollars per year; that his term of office be six years, and hold but one term, and that he shall be elected by the people. This is all right except the six years term, four years is long enough, and the fifty thousand dollars salary is wrong, the present salary is large enough, and it ought not at any rate to be raised so as to apply to Grant, he has made money enough already. But on the whole we are satisfied to see a disposition to move in the right direction in the House as well as the Senate. We shall see if the radical Granites will endorse these reforms. Let our administration brethren show their hand. Are you willing to dispose of Grant in 1876? Are you willing to adopt the one term system from this time out? Are you willing that the people should elect the President, Vice President and Senators? Are you willing to abolish life offices, and will you consent that Grant shall not be crowned Emperor in 1876.

The State Rights Democrat comes to us this week dressed in mourning for the death of one of Albany's best citizens, Mr. N. H. Cranor, we feel like mourning with those that mourn on this occasion, we were acquainted with this Honorable gentleman personally. He was a kind hearted husband and father, his genial disposition made him a good and companionable friend he was a good citizen, and an honest man, and a member of the most important and honorable profession known to civilization; and a greater tribute than all else, he ranked high in that profession. We sincerely sympathize with the friends he has left.

The Catholic Sentinel says that navigation on the Upper Columbia is closed for the winter.

We notice in the dispatches that S. A. Clark of Salem, the well known "quill" and literateur, is in Salt Lake City. As Mr. Clark went East with poetical aspirations ranking in his bosom, we suppose that he premeditates a Pacific "Don Juan," and has gone to the city of the Saints in order to study the joys and sorrows of Brigham's harem. We wait anxiously for the denouement.

We clip the above from the Bulletin. We hope that Clarke's "poetical aspirations" may be realized, and that he may become fully acquainted with and installed into all the joys of Brigham's harem, and receive a grant for a life tenure so that he shall go no more out forever.

It has been decided by an investigating committee for that purpose, that the destruction of the Oregon City Mills by fire was not the work of incendiarism, but the result of spontaneous combustion in consequence of some inflammable matter deposited in the building.

It seems that the Bulletin at Portland has undergone a change and it is said that Scott the former editor of the Oregonian is editor in chief. The paper does not state that fact or that O'Meara has been kicked out, let that be as it may the paper seems improved in tone, and we welcome it under its new arrangement as among the best of our exchanges.

WE FEEL AWFUL.

Not many days since an old subscriber to the REPUBLICAN returned his paper with the following written there on, "When I want your paper I will let you know." Now we feel awful for the sufferings of this poor fellow, for we venture that he will borrow the REPUBLICAN, and read every issue as carefully as he has done since it was founded. There is no great loss, it is said, without some small gain. We do recollect that the individual ever paid us a cent for the paper.

LIFE LEASE OF THE PRES. DENCY.

The Commercial Reporter at Cincinnati, publishes an article, purporting to come from one of Grant's army of military appointees, which undertakes this early, to prove that Grant ought to be perpetuated in office a third term at least if not for life. This is the legitimate results of the theory upon which Grant was elected to his second term, and we have no doubt but that his worshippers will insist that he shall continue to govern this people.

The Albany Democrat has the following:

"It is reported that Geo. H. Williams is making a manful struggle against the nigger who is trying to oust him from his Attorney Generalship. For the sake of the good name of Oregon we trust the nigger may not prevail."

"Hold on Mart. The 'good name of Oregon' is not what troubles us. The 'nigger' might be an improvement on the present Attorney General, and as a good many of our George's friends have had so much to say of the 'intelligence of the nigger' we cannot object to a practical application of their own theory—that a 'nigger' is better than a white man any day. We'll take the 'nigger' in preference to allowing Flaxbrake to remain and further injure the 'good name of Oregon' by a continued exhibition of his ignorance."—Mercury.

We agree with the Mercury with regard to the Williams' muddle, and suggest an amendment to the proposition of the Democrat as follows, strike out the word "not" between "may" and "prevail."

The Canal and Locks at Oregon City are about ready for the passage of boats. We hope the enterprise will prove beneficial to the State without loss to those enterprising gentleman who have accomplished the work.

The residence of Perry Watson, was destroyed by fire a few days since, in Marion county nearly everything was destroyed in the building. We understand that there was an insurance of eighteen hundred dollars in the Phoenix.

An earthquake shock visited the city of Portland on last Saturday. The shock was slightly felt at Salem also.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The President has sent to the Senate the appointment of J. H. Fairchild as agent of the Siletz Agency, Oregon.

Washington, Dec. 12.—In the Senate, in Executive session, the following nominations were confirmed: Jas. L. Ott, of South Carolina, Minister to Russia; Julius White of Illinois, Minister resident of Argentine Republic; Alexander Knowels, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Montana; James K. Bonfiet, Surveyor General of New Mexico; H. G. Struve Secretary of Washington Territory.

Washington, December 13.—Senate.—Mr. Pomeroy introduced a bill to organize the Territory of Oklayama, and to consolidate the Indian tribes and carry out the provisions of treaties with certain tribes. Referred.

Mr. Chandler introduced a bill to promote immigration to the United States, and creating a Bureau of immigration, providing for the comfort and protection of immigrants in many ways which aboard ship and after landing Referred.

Mr. Cragin, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported a substitute for the House bill authorizing the construction of six steam vessels of war.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of the following Indian Agents: Benjamin M. Thomas, for Southern Apache Agency, New Mexico; J. H. Wilbur, Agency of Washington Territory; L. G. dyer, Klamath Agency, Oregon; W. D. Mother, Moquis Pueblo Agency, Arizona; James Wright, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Montana.

Washington, December 17.—The Senate confirmed the following nominations as Indian Agents: For the Sioux at Grand River, J. E. O'Connor, for Blackfoot, W. T. Esquig; for Round Valley, Cal., E. J. Burchard; for Hoopa Valley, Cal., E. K. Dodge; for Wichita, Indian Territory, J. Richards; for Seminole, Henry Brenner, for Sioux, at Cheyenne River Agency, H. W. Bingham; for Peoria, Dakota, Chas. P. Burckett; for Navajo, New Mexico, W. J. Hall.

Registers of land offices: Geo. B. Nourse, Linkville, Oregon; John R. Lockwood, Susanville, Cal.; Wm. N. Kelly, Prescott, Arizona.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Seattle, December 15.—Last night about twenty minutes to ten o'clock the citizens of this place were suddenly startled by the heaviest earthquake ever felt as far north on the coast as this. With the exception of the earthquake at San Francisco in 1865 it is doubtful whether so violent and long continued one has been felt for years on the entire coast. No damage was done, but frame buildings swayed to and fro like a small craft at sea. There were three series of shocks. The first was of about two minutes (?) duration, and the other two, soon after, but of a few seconds each. They seemed to proceed from the north east to the southwest.

Victoria, December 15.—Last night at twenty three minutes to ten o'clock this city was shaken by a sharp shock of an earthquake, which rock houses violently and drove several families into the streets for safety. The movement was from east to west. In some instances door bells were rung and crockery knocked from the shelves. The shock lasted ten seconds.

Japan, December 15.—There are about 300 foreigners employed by the Japanese Government in the interior of which the Americans number 41, English 170, French 69, besides other nationalities.

Louisville, December 15.—Phil Arnold, whose property was recently attached at the instance of Wm. W. Lent on account of the recent California diamond swindle, publishes a long account in the Courier-Journal denying the charge, and saying that he never sold a dollar's worth of property to Lent, had any contract with or received money from Lent at any time. He denies that the fields were sold by him, but alleges that the discovery was honestly made and that the transactions in regard to it were all between himself, Slack, Harbending and G. D. Roberts, and were all fair, and after full investigation by all parties. He charges them with being in a powerful unscrupulous Ring and guilty of many improper mining transactions privately.

Arnold says he has discovered silver mines in Kentucky worth 300,000,000 and has bought for \$9,000,000 all the property in the locality of the mine. William Wilson, a prominent lawyer of Harling county, where Arnold resides passed through the city, en route to California, yesterday, to bring a libel suit in behalf of Arnold against the parties connected with the charges of swindling made against him. Wilson says he has been prospecting with Arnold, and knows he has made the discovery of a silver mine and the purchase of property.

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