

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

A Peace Commission has been appointed by the authorities at Washington for the purpose of inducing the Modocs, if possible, to stop slaughtering the whites. The Commission is composed of men of renown and acknowledged ability, and we suppose that the affair will be attended with great formality. The gentlemen who compose that Commission are men of at least equal ability with those placed upon the Joint High Commission to settle the Alabama affair, and the country ought to expect results equally satisfactory.

The policy of establishing this Commission is quite another thing. We are fully satisfied that the policy is bad, and will produce far greater amount of harm than good. It seems by a letter written to the Bulletin and from other evidence, that the idea originated in the fertile spongy brain of E. L. Applegate who has recently established himself at the National Capitol as Oregon's immigration agent. Mr. Applegate, it seems, represented to the authorities that he knew all about the Indians. No doubt he does, for having been reared up with and among them, his opportunities have been excellent for that kind of knowledge, and this in all probability accounts for his great sympathy with them. He also represents that the Modocs have been badly treated by the whites, and, consequently, they are not so much to blame for the outrageous murders which they have with impunity committed among the white settlers of Southern Oregon. This representation we are inclined to believe is wholly untrue, and has no foundation in fact. We do not know as we ought to complain, however, if there was no other way by which Meacham and others could be rewarded for the great and bloody battles they have fought as Grant's immaculate soldiers, and perhaps if an appropriation of a half million dollars, including Dowell's claim for lost stock, will satisfy these worthies for their past valuable services in assisting to perpetuate the most corrupt administration ever known to civilized man, it will be the cheapest way the country will ever get rid of it, even if it does cost the lives of a hundred poor but honest toiling men and women of Oregon. Meacham you know, must be taken care of for he belongs to the Mitchell-Holladay ring; and he has fought, bled and died as a Granite, but now by the help of Lish, he is resurrected, resuscitated and reinstated, and with the Modocs, backed up by Grant, is on the war-path against the whites.

We are pleased to notice the nerve displayed by our worthy Governor against this great outrage and wrong; and we hope for the sake of the good people of Oregon and of humanity, he will disregard the diabolical plot to encourage and countenance arson, robbery, rapine and murder, perpetrated upon our citizens in open day-light, and with a high handed impunity seldom, if ever before witnessed. The Governor in our opinion, should send force enough at once to exterminate or bring to justice the Modocs, drive them back to their reservation, and there keep them under rigid discipline, even if Simpson has to be reappointed agent. Lish represents to the General Government, that hostilities against the Modocs ought to cease at once, and our soldiery placed over the white settlers as guards to keep the Modocs from murdering them, until they can be coaxed to desist by the High Commission. The truth is, Lish Applegate has done more harm to the best interests of Oregon by this one act, than he will ever do good, by all the monkey shines he can cut up in Europe and America, as immigration lecturer, for the next fifty years.

The Bulletin wants all the newspapers in Oregon to represent to the people of the Atlantic States, that everybody, including Ben Holladay and the Mitchell ring, is honest, and that there are no rascals in Oregon. Where such check is unblushingly put forth in open day-light, there need be no fear of trouble from His Satanic Majesty, the father of liars.

HOW TO GET OFFICE.

We once knew a man who gave his personal attention to seeking office, and he won. He was troubled, like yourself, with impecuniosity. He was the editor of a daily and weekly newspaper, and he wanted to be a Collector of Customs. So he went to some of his friends and told them that if he could only get to Washington City, he could, he thought, beg an office at the hands of the Government, but that he was poor and had a large family and could not afford to pay his way to Washington. He therefore implored them to take up a collection, to which each of them might contribute a small sum, and that they would solicit others to join them, and thus help him along to the place whence official "pap" comes. His friends contributed, each giving a little, and they went about the city and solicited assistance until the requisite amount was raised. \* \* \* \* \*

That's funny. We knew a man who obtained an office under circumstances precisely like those, and his initials were Harvey W. Scott, and if we mistake not, the individual who circulated the subscription paper to raise the money, was Scott's Captain of the Mercenary Brigade.

There is a bill before Congress the object of which is to wipe out polyanu. The bill provides that free suffrage shall be restricted to males, and it is said that it is approved by General Grant and Attorney General Williams. Considering the fact that women vote in Utah under present laws, this may be considered an indication of the manner in which the Granites intend to observe their pledges to the noble women of this country, made hypocritically in the Philadelphia Platform.

THE BULLETIN IS WORRIED. HEAR IT.—Many Oregon newspapers are pursuing a course which is mischievous and unjust to our State; they are continually asserting that the business of the country is in the hands of rascals and rings who are swindling the farming community, and that the producer has no chance at all. The shipping business of the country is declared to be under the control of a set of sharpers, leagued together, who oppress the producer and make fabulous sums of money by proceedings no better than downright robbery. The entire business of the State is asserted to be in the grasp of a gang who are combined to extort from labor the last cent it can possibly pay. Even in Portland there are newspapers which give countenance to these assertions, if people in other States who are looking toward Oregon should see it stated in these journals that Oregon is cursed with rings and monopolies which swallow up all the laborer's substance, they would probably think it a good country to stay away from.—Bulletin

We assert that the state of things spoken of by the Bulletin exists here, and has ever since the Holladay ring was formed; and it is literally true, that the people are robbed of their hard earnings by just such monopolists as the Bulletin's master—old Ben. Suppose for a time, it will injure Oregon to tell the naked truth, yet it is better that it should be told at all, so that the people may awake to the situation and put down these cursed institutions, then it will be time enough to solicit immigration; but let the thieves be run out first, and the rings be routed.

CREDIT MOBILIER.—The Credit Mobilier fraud which existed for two years past, takes in nearly all the prominent Granite Congressmen. We wonder if our Republican friends will still say that the LIBERAL REPUBLICAN was exaggerating, when it declared that the most gigantic frauds ever perpetrated upon a free people would be disclosed during the second administration of our modern Caesar. "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

WELL DONE

The House has reported in favor of the expulsion of Oakes Ames. This even, is better than we expected. This was done simply because Ames compelled them to expel him by admitting that he had been corrupting members of Congress for years. But where are all the balance of the gamblers and blacklegs who were operating with Ames? Are they to retain their seats in the Congress of the United States? Are they to sit in the halls of our national capital steeped in corruption, and the people compelled to remain still and look calmly on, and witness the consummation of their foul schemes, against the rights and liberties of the American people.

CONGRESSIONAL.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, February 16.—The President has signed the Pension and Indian appropriation bills. The Deficiency Appropriation bill will soon be reported, and other appropriation bills are so far advanced that many of them will be passed this week. There are on the Speaker's table seventy-five Senate and House bills, with amendments, awaiting action, and the Senate is similarly crowded, having in addition to other bills of importance, the House bill for the distribution of the Geneva award. Although only two weeks remain of the present Congress the time is considered sufficient for the transaction of all requisite public business.

The Special Committee of the House has made a report exonerating Assistant Treasurer Hillhouse, of New York, from any responsibility in the defalcation of Johnson, late in charge of the Stamp Department, and recommending the passage of a law relieving Hillhouse from pecuniary loss.

SENATE.

Washington, February 17.—Morton reported the testimony in the Caldwell case, with a resolution declaring that he was not legally elected.

Logan indicated his dissent from the report. The report of the Committee in the Caldwell case is very voluminous. The Committee say they have no doubt that money was paid for votes in the Legislature, and it was discussed in committee whether the measures of Caldwell's guilt demanded expulsion or that his election be declared invalid. A majority of the Committee favored the latter view, and a resolution is reported accordingly for action by the Senate. The Committee think that Caldwell is as much sinned against as sinning. He was a novice in politics, and was in the hands of men who encouraged the practice of carrying elections by money.

The Committee in the case of Pomroy had a secret session this morning, and took a recess until three p. m. when the examination of witnesses will be publicly commenced.

The Committee on Military affairs this morning were unable to agree on the Grant Island bill, and voted to report it to the Senate to-day or to-morrow without recommendation. The Wilson Committee received a physician's certificate that John J. Caseo was unable to appear. The Committee will give General Dix an opportunity to be heard, should he so desire. There is no probability of General Dodge being produced. His whereabouts is unknown.

L. P. Morton, a banker of New York, testified before the Credit Mobilier Committee to-day, to finding in his safe an envelope with Senator Patterson's name written on the outside by one of their clerks, containing twenty shares of Credit Mobilier issued by him indorsed to Patterson or Morton & Co. They had never had any transaction with Patterson touching the Credit Mobilier, and could not tell how the envelope came in the safe. He had an impression that Ames handed the stock to the firm.

HOUSE.

The Committee on appropriations to-day heard Secretary Fisk on the subject of running the northern boundary between the United States and the British possessions, and afterwards agreed to appropriate \$125,000 to complete the survey.

No action was taken on the amendment to hold the General Appropriation bill withholding payments from the Pacific railroads.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Mr. Poland presented a report of the Committee of the Credit Mobilier, which the Clerk proceeded to read. Mr. Cox occupied the Speaker's chair. The galleries were crowded, and intense interest was manifested. The report is very voluminous. The Committee, after stating their views on the question of the jurisdiction of the House in the premises, say "That they are of the opinion that the acts of members not in the present House should be treated nevertheless as within the jurisdiction of the present House. In relation to Mr. Ames, he said to members Credit Mobilier stock at par, when it was worth double that amount, with a corrupt purpose. The facts as to Mr. Brooks show that he used his influence as a congressman and Government Director in the Union Pacific Railroad to get possession of stock." The reading of the report occupied one hour and a quarter, after which Mr. Poland said that no action was desired until after the report was printed and each member concerned had an opportunity to examine it; neither was it desired that any day be named for a consideration of the report.

Mr. Brooks said that the report was partial and unjust; it made no mention of legal proceedings by Mr. McComb against the Credit Mobilier.

What length should a lady's crinoline be? A little above two feet.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Yreka, February 15.—From parties who arrived from the front this evening we learn that General Gillem had established his headquarters at Dorris ranch.

The company of artillery from Fort Stevens arrived at headquarters.

All was quiet awaiting the arrival of the Peace Commissioners.

Yreka, February 16.—Parties who arrived from the front this evening report that on Friday a scouting party of Modocs burned the house of Dennis Crawley. General Gillem seeing the smoke sent a detachment of cavalry to ascertain the cause. They found Indian tracks, but the Indians had gone. It being nearly night the cavalry could not follow them.

Hon. A. B. Meacham, one of the Modoc Peace Commissioners, arrived here this evening from Washington, and will proceed to-morrow to Van Bremer's, where he will meet the other Commissioners.

Salt Lake, Feb. 18.—The irrepressible conflict still goes on. All the papers, Mormon and Gentile, are loaded down with matters concerning the Utah question. Money in abundance is sent to Washington in payment for the services of Tom Fitch and kind in behalf of the Mormon cause. Ex-Territorial Secretary Fuller acting Governor Mann and various other renegade Gentiles are working like beavers to prevent the dreaded legislation.

Paid special dispatches are sent by the Desert Telegraph to various papers east and west, which depreciate the President's policy, setting forth that conservative Gentiles think his special message will materially injure business and is based on wrong information. Every unprejudiced and truthful business man in the community who does not yield allegiance to Brigham Young, testifies to the utter falsity of these Church telegrams. Many opportunities to secure Eastern and foreign capital for the development of our mineral resources have within the last year been lost or deferred by fear of not having sufficient security under the Mormon law. There are letters here now containing the refusal of capitalists to invest until they could depend upon the protection of the Federal courts and laws. To-day employees of Church leaders are again canvassing for signatures to a petition for Commissioners to some here and investigate the matter instead of Congressional action of any nature now, which it is urged, would be premature.

Another breeze was raised by the refusal of the Clerk of the United States District Court to accept to the request of the representative of the Mormon Territorial Attorney to issue a venire for a grand jury.

The Aves, the chief organ of the priesthood, glories over an argument which Tom Fitch addressed to the House Judiciary Committee in answer to a memorial from the Bar of Salt Lake, and asks what signers now recant?

STATE NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Bowers announced to deliver a lecture in Salem on "The Geology of this Continent."

The State University fund in the hands of the Board of school Commissioners is stated at \$49,683.92, coin.

Mr. T. H. Cann, agent for the Board of School Land Commissioners, has made out deeds for school lands to purchase as follows: J. W. Murray, Multnomah county; William Loeck and Thomas Juddins, Lane county; William McGee, Rowland county; James Fulton and L. L. Rowland, Wasco county; and J. W. Burnett, Yamhill county.

The Salem Statesman understands that the prospective opposition company on the Willamette are making direct propositions to the people at the several warehouses and shipping towns, to carry freight at reduced rates in case they can make engagements with shippers for a stipulated length of time. At some of the points along the river, these propositions have stirred up quite a commotion, and we hear that public meetings are to be held to consider the matter.

Roseburg is to have another school. Fifty teams are employed in freighting from Roseburg to Liakville.

Says the Roseburg Plaindealer: The County Board at their last meeting formally accepted the grants made by the last Legislature for the building of a bridge across the North Umquica and repairing the road from Wilbur to Green's shop. The County Treasurer was instructed to apply for the same. The appropriations were made from the proceeds of the sale of the swamp and tide lands of the State, which will shortly yield a considerable sum if the land is not all given to Mr. Lo for a reservation.

A man named Cox, residing near Butteville in this county, was brought before Judge Watt last Saturday, and adjudged to be insane. He was taken to the asylum on the same day in charge of Deputy sheriff Hedges and City Marshal Richardson.—Enterprise.

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