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THE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

The Temperance Alliance has met and fallen; no other result could have been reasonably expected. No organization of a political nature can ever amount to anything, without keeping up and maintaining a separate identity on all occasions. The temperance organizations in the State have heretofore kept up their existence only during the inactivity of all other political organizations, and as soon as a campaign is commenced between the two prominent parties in the State, the temperance cause is hushed, and many stump orators would declare that they are very strong temperance men, but would add that nothing be said about the temperance question until after election; for say they, we might lose a few votes you know, and that we cannot afford to do; as in the last election for instance, it was the whiskey vote that saved our dear General Grant. It has resulted in Oregon, as it ever will under like management, that the temperance cause has gone down to the great amusement and prosperity of the advocates of anti-temperance.

A new temperance organization has been formed, and the old one still declares its determination to maintain itself as before. A house divided against itself cannot stand. The temperance cause was strangled by its own refusal to maintain its identity during the last election, hence the modern bable that transpired at Salem last week. Whiskey is King!

Meacham and Lish Run the Government on the Indian Peace Commission.

From a lengthy article in the *Statesman* it appears that Meacham and Lish were in Washington at the time the late Peace Commission was appointed; that the persons first appointed were Meacham, Odeneal and Wilbur; and that through the contri vance of Meacham and Lish, Odeneal and Wilbur, the only good men on the Commission, were removed, and old Jesse and Case placed thereon in their stead. It also appears from the clear and extensive showing of the *Statesman* that Meacham has been telling some very naughty lies on Odeneal to accomplish his removal. It also appears from a letter written from Southern Oregon to the *Bulletin* over the star signature, that Lish's statement, to the department, upon which the commission was raised, was false in every particular. Lish and Meacham are both shinning stars in the gallaxy of Grantites, and we admire the frank admissions of the *Statesman* of the corruptions of its own household, Go after them, brother Crandall, independence commands the admiration of your friends and effectually exposes the rottenness of the organization you have labored so hard to perpetuate.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

It is now stated upon, high authority that all parties implicated in the disgraceful Credit Mobiler affair will be retained in their seats, as it turns out, that if all the guilty members were turned out; Grant's Congress would be left without a quorum; consequently it is considered that the best and only thing that can be done to save Grant's abdication, and the total destruction of the present corrupt administration, is to pass a resolution of censure, at a fixed time in a joint Convention of both houses of Congress, against all the member, which convention shall be considered a love feast, in which each member shall confess that he is a great sinner, has yielded to the tempter in the Credit Mobilier business, or has followed the example of his wife who did yield; promise by the help of Providence, they will never do so any more, and then have a general time of rejoicing because things are no worse.

SPAIN A REPUBLIC.—While France and Spain have learned from the American Constitution, and vigor of the American people how to shake off the galling yoke of monarchy, the Government of the United States which gave them the example, is tending directly to anarchy and despotism.

BEN HOLLADAY'S ADMISSIONS UNDER OATH OF ALL THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST HIM AS A SWINDLER AND CORRUPTIONIST.

It will be remembered that Holladay's tools in Oregon, such as Mitchell, Dolph, Moores, Crawford, and others who have been leading the Republican party in Oregon for the last few years, have constantly resisted the charge that Ben Holladay, as such, was guilty of the wrongs and injuries perpetrated upon this people, and have contended that Holladay himself, was a high toned gentleman, and that so far as he could, was working for the best interests of the people, and was honest and pure in heart; that whatever of wrong has been suffered by the people, was the fault of a soulless company which Ben and his attorneys could not control. Let it also be remembered that long before Ben figured in our railroad matters, the Oregon Central Railroad was organized on the west side, and the immense land grant by Congress was awarded to it by the Legislature of Oregon. As to who was the sole manager of this railroad swindle, let Mr. Holladay answer. Here are his own words under oath.

Q,—How much stock did you take in the Oregon and California Railroad Company?

A.—I can approximate, but I cannot tell exactly. I think I took about—I should think—I do not know—$14,500,000.

Q.—At all events, you took a majority.

A.—Yet,r si; O yes, sir. I took a great deal of stock.

Q.—You, yourself, in your own name, subscribed this fourteen and a half millions?

A.—Yes, sir; yes, sir, in my own name; that is what you want to get at.

Q.—What amount of stock has continued, from that time, to stand in your name?

A—Just about—well, something less; there have been some transfers made

Q.—But about the same?

A.—About the same.

Q.—Always a large majority?

A.—Yes, sir; a large majority.

Q.—[*Mr. McAllister*]. This stock, I understand you, also stands in your name?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—State who drew the article of incorporation of the Oregon and California Railroad Company, and when they were drawn.

A.—They were drawn in Portland, by J. H. Mitchell, an attorney at law.

Q.—Was he your lawyer?

A.—Yes, sir; he was not my lawyer at that time, he has been since.

Q—By whom was that lawyer employed to draw those articles?

A.—He was employed by the persons who were going to form that corporation.

Q.—Did you employ him?

A.—I presume I did. I was the the principle one in forming the corporation.

This settles the question who dictated and controlled the whole business and his legal advisor. It is not so much out of the way then to say, that whatever plans Ben has laid against the best interests of Oregon, he has been assisted by this legal advisor who has naturaly and finally brought up in the United States Senate, simply a transfer of his services from Portland to Washington city. One other proof that Ben constituted the company alone, is the fact that in this deposition appears the orignal article of incorporation, and the names appended thereto are Ben Holladay, C. H. Lewis, I. R. Moores, J. C. Hawthorne and Medorum Crawford. This ought to be sufficient to satisfy the most incredulous.

In the second place Holladay has always denied having anything to do with the dissolution of the Oregon Central Railroad Company, and his ring has denied for him, and upon that subject we give his deposition, and the reader can see how much hard work it cost to compell him to make the acknowledgment. He also confesses in the same deposition, his intent in procuring that dissolution, and the people of the West Side can now see the first step taken by this corruptionist to deprive them of their just rights. Here is what he says:

Q.—By whom was the so-called dissolution of the Oregon Central procured—was it by yourself.

A.—No, sir; I had nothing to do with them. They did it themselves.

Q—Did you not instigate or request it to be done?

A.—I do not recollect that I did. I probably may have suggested it I do not recollect that I had anything to do with it.

Q.—Do you mean to be understood as saying that you did not, or that it was not at your instigation and request that the Oregon Central Railroad Company was dissolved?

A.—I say I may have suggested it.

Q.—I asked you if you did. I want to get at the facts whether it was not entirely your plan and contrivance, the dissolution of the Oregon Central Com-

A.—The only reply to that is, that I suggested it. and proposed they should do it.

Q—With what intention, as to the ultimate constrcting that road, did you procure that dissolution?

A.—The change was made for the reason we were advised by counsel that the organization was not legal—that there was another Company on the opposite side of the river, of the same name—"Oregon Central Railroad Company"—which was of an older date than ours, and a law suit was then pending against us by the other Company for the name.

This proves beyond question that Holladay alone has instigated every move which has been made in these railroad matters since his connection with them.

In the next place Holladay discloses how he euchred the Germans, selling them ten millions of Bonds before the Oregon and California company had an existence. The act of incorporation is dated and took effect on the 16th day of March 1870, as shown by the copy produced in this deposition; in relation to that contract he says:

Q—How did you raise the money with which to pay off this indebtedness, and what security did you give?

A.—By sales of the bonds of the Oregon and California Railroad Company.

Q—Did the sales of the bonds of the Oregon and California Company take place before the payment of this indebtedness?

A,—Yes, sir; the sales did take place before. The bonds of the Oregon and California Railroad Company were not delivered; they advanced me so much money on contracts—on an agreement.

Q—At what time was this proposition for the sale of the Oregon and California bonds made to parties in Germany, and accepted by them?

A—I cannot tell the exact date, but it was made in the month of January, 1870, and accepted, I think, in February, 1870.

Q—By whom was that proposition made?

A—Made by me.

Q.—Made by you by telegraph?

A.—No, sir; it was made by a written proposition; I received a reply by telegraph.

Q—Where were you when you received that reply?

A—I was in New York, sir.

Q.—You are certain about the date of that—that it must have been in February? it was before March, 1870.

A.—Yes, sir; it was before March 1870?

Q.—Who drew that proposition?

A.—I think I prew it myself, sir; I would not be positive about that

State as near as you can, the contents of that proposition.

A.—Well, I reckon the contents of the proposition were to sell the bonds of this railroad from Portland to the line of Oregon and California—the south line of Oregon, about 360 miles, or something like that—mortgage bonds at 30,000 a mile, bonds to run 20 years at 7 per cent. This contract was made I think, with Sulsbach & Co., for the sale of the bonds.

Q.—At what rate?

A,—Sixty cents on a dollar—gold coin.

Q.—How many bonds?

A.—Ten million and a half, I believe I think that is about the amount.

Q.—Did you not form the Oregon and California Railroad Company in such a manner as to have complete control over it its action?

A.—I did.

This shows that months before the organization of the present east side road he contarcted in Germany for the sale of ten and half millions of bonds; and this is a specimen of this immaculate who has been running the dominant party in Oregon.

Ben next shows in his deposition where a portion of the money went, out of which he bilked the Germans, and confesses that it was used in and about the Oregon Legislature, and at our national Capital. Here are some of his answers to questions upon that subject.

Q.—How much money, if any, has the Company spent, on purposes other than in the grading, tying, ironing, equipping, etc?

A.—Well, you mean the entire company since its organization. I do not know; we may have expended—Let me see—there has been some money expended in the Legislature of Oregon, and some in Washington.

Q—Lobbying you mean?

A.—Yes, sir.

This proves that he has used money to corrupt, if possible, the people's servants sent for his own benefit, and that he has spent his money also at Washington for the same purpose, and taken together with the balance of his deposition proves, also, that in this business he had the co-operation of the ring and the advice of the feminine immaculate Mitchell, who with Laura D Fair ought be run over Jorden in the same boat with Pomeroy and Caldwell. We shall next expose his swindle in the railroad land matter.

STATE NEWS.

From the Roseburg *Plaindealer* of Feb 21, we clip the following: "Mr. J. O. Rountree, of the firm of Rountree & McMullin of San Francisco, has just returned from a trip to Coos bay. The continued rain and snow has caused some slides in the Coos bay road which renders travel impossible for wagons at the present time. These will be removed as soon as the weather permits, when Mr. Rountree thinks the road will be the best mountain road he ever saw. Eight vessels were in the Bay when he left; the mills and coal banks were being worked to their fullest capacity. He predicts a promising future for Coos county, the resources of which are only beginning to be developed. The Marshfield mill has been sold to E. B. Dean of Chicago, a practical lumber-man, who has already commenced the necessary change requsite to put it into active operation, an event that will mark a knew era in the prosperity of the Bay."

From W. R. Baker, who recently returned from Willow Creek, Wasco county, the Corvallis *Democrat* learns that, owning to large importations last season from Texas, beef cattle will be quite low in Eastern Oregon next summer. Good stock sheep are in good demand at $4 per head mutton sheep are selling in that vicinity for $3. Mr. B. thinks sheep raisers will continue to realize good prices for the next year, large numbers of persons embarking in that business having a tendency to keep prices up

The convicts at the Penitentiary having grubbed all the stumps on the Penitentiary grounds, have lately been employed to grub and clear off the Insane Asylum and Orphans' Home grounds. It is said that they have "slicked" up these premises nicely.

Sunday afternoon the sailor on Board of the Cariboo were granted liberty to go on shore and received money from the Captain to enjoy themselves. One of these men during his rambles strayed upon second street into that delectable region known as the "Court of death." He strayed (or, according to his statement, was enticed) into one of the notorions low dens of infamy and vice with which that place abounds, by the smile of one the syrens and of course had to treat the persons in the house to liquor. One glass followed another and soon the man became stupified and was pushed out upon the sidewalk. He wandered about for several hours and was finally found by an officer on front street, raving and foaming at the mouth, taken on board his vessel and medical aid summoned. Dr. A. C. Kinney responded to the call and waited upon the sufferer, whom he found suffering from the effect of some violent narcotic poison. Emetics were promptly administered and the man placed out of danger. No reason except robbery can be assigned for the act.—*Hearld*.

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