

# The Liberal Republican.

DALLAS, SATURDAY, APRIL 26.

## VIRTUE IN PUBLIC MEN.

Mr. Garfield, one of the most eminent members of the House of Representatives, has been requested by a public meeting in Ohio from which State he is sent, to resign his seat. The Hon. James W. Patterson, Senator from New Hampshire, has published a card protesting his entire innocence of any intentional wrong in the matters for which he has been arraigned before the country. The reception of Mr. Colfax by his neighbors and friends has been widely mentioned with various degrees of approbation and censure.

Public opinion is divided, and well it may be, on the question of the culpability of these and other public men. We think Judge Poland's committee went to far, or not far enough in its report. The public has a right to expect a complete investigation with a clear verdict, in the case of every man whose conduct the committee attempted to investigate. To stop short of this after opening the subject, was to bring the character of public men into suspicion, and to leave them there without the possibility of a future exculpation. It thus becomes a question for the newspapers to discuss, and no decision is accessible. Party is apt to govern the judgement. Men will see that a political opponent has done a great wrong, when a number of his own party might have done the same thing without censure. But the country ought to have representatives legislators, rulers, of whom it is impossible even for malice to speak evil. We are of those who do not believe that the members of Congress who took the bait on Oakes Ames' hook supposed they were doing wrong at the time of nibbling or biting. They did not fully realize the nature of the transaction, and were frightened when they saw that their ownership of the tainted stock would subject them to the charge as they should, and being involved in the bad business after a worse attempt at deliverance, they have not succeeding in re-establishing themselves in public confidence. It is painful that men whose integrity is such that no one who knows them would doubt their word for an instant are yet under such a cloud of popular disfavor that they cannot hope to regain public confidence. They will find friends at home who know and trust them; while the public, who judge them only by the results of the investigation, will believe that they have not been exonerated.

Is this judgement of the public severe or unjust? In the popular verdict that has with wonderful unanimity condemned the action of the late Congress in voting to themselves, and actually taking, "back pay," we find cause for hope and gratulation. It was for his vote on this affair that Mr. Garfield was requested to resign his seat. And if this spasm of public virtue which asserts its consciousness in the case of the suspicious stock and back pay, would become a chronic affection of the whole body politic, so that legislators would not be tolerated in stealing, directly, or otherwise we would expect to behold a return to the better days of the republic. If now their constituents would challenge members who vote for bills that put money into their own pockets by way of subsidies or grants of any description, which benefit individuals and not all the people alike, then would we see a purer and better state of things in Congress and in the country at large.

It has been common for Christian men preachers and writers, when bewailing the degeneracy of party politics, and the corruption of the times, to disclaim the desire of seeing a new party formed, as the reform of existing parties is more hopeful than the organization of another that shall have elements in it of success. But the time has fully come for good men and true, the honest men of all parties, to ask themselves if there is not a common ground on which they may at least temporarily unite to restore the country. Look at the Senate of the United States. Look at the House of Representatives. Look at the Legislature at Albany. In this city a party of reform, of a union of good men of all parties,

rescued the public treasury offices from the band of thieves, and the same union is necessary to preserve the city from being again seized by the banditti who have been driven from power. The same union ought to be formed in every Congressional district, in every State. When bad men conspire, good men must combine. And there was never a more favorable juncture for the combination of all the virtuous forces of the community into a solid phalanx of reform, than at this moment, when corruption in high places has startled the nation.

It is but a week or two ago we had every reason to fear that all we had accomplished by the revolution of last fall in this city, was about to be lost, by the subtle machinations of a few stealthy politicians who were preparing to fasten upon the city a charter that would enable them to perpetuate the reign of the Ring. The outcry that we raised might, to the citizens of other States, have seemed needlessly fierce and loud. But the danger was imminent and no time was to be lost. We believe the city was saved by the earnest remonstrances against the threatened outrage. This is the salutary power in the concentrated efforts of good citizens. Bad men are the noisiest, and the most numerous. But the good are the most intelligent and influential, and carry with them multitudes who (not being wise or good) prefer to follow the lead of those whom they can trust.

We are not therefore of those who take a despondent view of public affairs even in the dark days of this winter. Things have looked very badly. The foundations seemed out of place. Those in whom we trusted did not stand fast to their integrity. But the great heart of the people is sound. It will respond when the note of alarm is sounded. Good men, full of faith and prayer, ministers of God, the teachers of the people in the press of the land, will still believe that a free government like ours cannot survive the decay of public virtue. And now, that things have become nearly so bad that toleration has ceased to be a virtue, let us hope that the reaction which has set in will increase in volume and force till it makes the nation regenerate and safe.

Let us have virtue enough to hang murderers, and put honest men into office. So shall the God of our fathers be ours, and the land shall be his delight.—N. Y. Observer.

**FORCED GENEROSITY.**

Nothing is more curious than the way in which men are, by irresistible laws forced to work for each other, whether they will or not; and this truth gains in force with every improvement in civilization which binds men together, and fuses even different nations into one whole, in a higher sense than ancient civilizations could dream. The telegraph wires, the railroad tracks, the lines of postal communication, the vessels which restlessly come and go—are like the ropes with which the Swiss guides bind together themselves and the travelers whom they lead. Individual safety and danger thus become common. A man may work for his profit in making an invention, but once made, it enriches his neighbor as well. The scholar, the scientist, toil at their respective tasks for their own pleasure or good, but the whole level of humanity is lifted thereby.

Even the most superficial thinking cannot fail to see the truth of the words we have said. Why is it that teachers are so often jealous of each other's success, so unwilling to communicate to each other their best thoughts, their successful plans? When one rises all rise. The Success of one is the success for the advantage of the whole body. Justly paid labor in any one case insures equitable comprehension to all. It is not only the maxim of the Christian.—Journal of Education.

Strawberries.—The first consignment of strawberries came to hand March 12 from the garden of S. F. Ross Santa Clara. There was only sixlbs in the invoice which sold readily at 150 per lb. The first Strawberries last season came in on 18th March, and sold at \$150 per lb.—Resources of California.

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NOTICES HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL

whom it may concern that the under-

signed administratrix of the Estate of J. J.

Riggs lately deceased of Polk County, Oregon,

has filed her final account in said estate and

that Monday, the 24th day of June, A. D. 1873,

at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day is

the time set apart by the County Court of

said county for the hearing and the settle-

ment of said account of which all parties

concerned will take due notice.

Bulah Riggs,

Administratrix said estate.

Dated this 22d of April A. D. 1873.

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ADMINISTRATORS SALE.

By virtue of an order of the County Court

of Benton County, Oregon, made at the April

term 1873, of said Court to the undersigned

Administrator of the Estate of Peter Grounds

deceased. I will on SATURDAY THE

24TH DAY OF MAY, 1873

At the Court House door in Dallas, Polk

County, State of Oregon, at the hour of one

o'clock P. M. of said day, sell the following

described premises at Public Auction to the

highest bidder to pay the debts of the deceased

to wit: Lot No. 5 in block No. one (1) in the

town of Buena Vista, Polk County, State of

Oregon. Terms of sale—cash down on day of

sale.

Drury R. Hodges,

Administrator of the Estate of Peter

Grounds deceased.

A 12 1w April 14, 1873.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for

the county of Polk.

Wm. F. Clingan plaintiff, )

Summons.

Ursula Clingan defendant. )

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are

hereby required to appear and answer the

complaint of the plaintiff filed in the above

entitled cause against you with the clerk of

said court, on or before the first day

of the next regular term of said court to

be begun and held at Dallas, the

county seat of said county. On MONDAY

the 12th DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1873. You are

further notified that if you fail so to appear

and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff at

said time will apply to the court for a decree

dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing

between you and Plaintiff and for such other

and further relief as may seem just and

equitable to the court. Publication ordered by

B. F. Bonham Judge

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Hayden & Myes

Pls. Attys

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Samuel H. Tetherow has been appointed

Executor of the will of Benj. L. Grimsh,

deceased. All persons having claims against

the Estate of deceased, will exhibit the same

with the necessary vouchers, within six months

from the first publication hereof, to J. L. Col-

lins, my Attorney, at his office, in Dallas

Polk County, Oregon.

Dallas, March 8, 1873.

SAMUEL H. TETHEROW,

Executor.

J. L. COLLINS, Atty.

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they are ready for the submission of Plans and

Specification for the construction of a perma-

nent and durable STATE HOUSE for said

State; and to that end they hereby request

Architects, who desire to submit to them such

Plans and Specifications, to do so by forward-

ing the same to the office of said Board, at

Salem, Oregon, on or before the 1st day of

April, A. D. 1873.

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