

WATCH THEM.

The San Francisco Bulletin declares that the late Republican convention in that State, have put in the field a railroad ticket, that is to say, pledged to the interests of the railroad monopolists, and against the rights of the people. That's just what the Republican convention will do next month in Oregon, and we fear the Democratic also. We shall see, if either one of the Conventions to meet in September, shall exercise their sovereignty sufficient to compel their nominee, to stand up like a man among men, and openly declare that he will fight railroad monopolies, by opposing all further donations of land; by voting and working to establish permanently in our government, the principle that the sovereign people of a State possess the right to regulate tolls on these as well as all other public thoroughfares, and also men who are not afraid to denounce thieves in high places and who will pledge themselves to labor for the repeal of the infamous part of our late Congress, including Grant's salary bill, and to bring back the government to its primary simplicity and establish it upon the principles of honesty and economy.

POLITICAL.—The Democratic State Central Committee has met and fixed their convention on the 9th of September at Portland and have recommended their primaries and county conventions to be held on the same days recommended by the Republicans. The people now have a chance to nominate and elect some honest capable man for Congress, and if they will make the effort by commencing in the primaries and see to it, that none but men of their choice is selected as delegates to the county or State Conventions, instructed to vote for a certain man or class of men, they will succeed, otherwise they will be cheated. If the people of both the present political parties will pursue this course we shall have a good man to represent us in Congress no matter which party wins, but if the people are cheated in their nominations and political demagogues succeed, then the plain duty of the people will be, to call a convention at once, nominate and elect a man of their own choice, without reference to party name or ties.

THE DUTY OF THE PEOPLE.

The Republican State Central Committee have called a convention to meet at Albany for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress, and if the people desire to put some one in the field of their own choice, a man on whom they can rely, an honest capable man, and a man whose name they know; they must turn out generally and attend the primaries. If they stay at home and permit office seekers to choose for them, they will put a bad man in the field. The only security for the people, is for every voter to attend the primaries and send such men to the county conventions, as will be sure to send good men to the State convention, with instructions to vote for no man except he is known to be one of the people, not for a demagogue and political office seeker who by his mammoth bump of self esteem is removed far from the people, but one who is a practice substantial man, a solid sober man, not a drunkard, not a thief, a gambler, a trickster or mercenary man. The people have plenty of good men in their midst from whom they can select, take a man who abhors clicks and rings and who stands square upon his independence and is of strict integrity, and you are safe; otherwise you will be cheated, defrauded, deceived and disgraced by your servant, while at midnight, he sits in secret conclave with his brothers in crime, spending your substance reveling in the halls of your national capitol, squandering your money without your consent in rioting, debauchery and general profligacy; and when you shall complain of his tyranny, he will laugh at your calamity and mock when your fear cometh.

AT HOME.—Hon. Jas. K. Kelly arrived at Portland last Wednesday, accompanied by the family of the late Congressman Wilson. The many friends of Col. Kelly will be pleased to see him.

Ben Butler defends the late salary steal. Ben is the best man in America to do that thing, because he long since convinced himself, that when a man was stealing the peoples' money, he was doing God's service. The Grantites will all support him.

The Spirit of the Times, San Francisco, radical, don't like Governor Booth because Booth refuses to be run by the railroad ring, it don't like the Republican Platform or the candidates, because they are anti-railroad. Wilson said while making the last canvass in Oregon that he would, if he could, give every foot of vacant land in Oregon to railroad monopolies, and the Grantites screamed until they were hoarse. What will they do in the coming convention and canvass on that subject?

HOW STRANGE.

But a short time ago, when the Union party began to degenerate by its radicalism and change of name, and when its leaders become drunk by corruption and political debauchery, and opened the floodgates of naturalization and citizenship to all Africa and invited that horde of barbarians to come here and assist us in the great experiment of self-government, and actually extended the elective franchise to those of that race who were here, the great majority of the little politicians, whiffets and demagogues of that party of, "progress never goes backward," together with a majority of its members all said:—We don't think its right, we are sure the principle is wrong, we agree with you, it should never have been done, and we would not stand it at all, if Senator Williams hadn't declared it necessary to create a loyal element in the South, but now the thing has become a "fixed fact" and we might as well acquiesce because we can't change it, because they argued, to denounce what our immaculate Congress has done, and what has been sanctioned most solemnly by our Republican President, would be equivalent to a disbandment of this glorious party of progress, that is destined to rule or ruin during the next quarter of a century.

The last Congress committed another blunder, in magnitude but small its true, compared with the first, in the passage of the salary bill, which also was cheerfully acquiesced in and signed by the President, but the howl now goes up from even the worshipers of Grant that, this law was passed by a band of thieves, and they cry on every corner of the street for its repeal, and the apologists of our modern caesar whisper, he is willing it should be repealed, *at but his salary.* The very soil of America to-day, wears a hideous blush, for the infamy of her degenerate sons. Why is it that the first and greater wrong was patiently born, and the last and lesser one so violently denounced? The answer is ready; because the political villains who perpetrated both, found in the former case, their experiment was not too great for the gullibility of the masses of their worshipers, while in the latter, they soon discovered the elephant was too large and hence their howl. If the righteous are scarcely saved, where will the sinner and the ungodly appear.

INTEGRITY.

The perpetuity of our institutions depends on the integrity and intelligence of our people. If we, the people, are the custodians of the government, and if those we elect or appoint to office are but our hired servants, it is our privilege and our duty to watch them in all their public acts with "eternal vigilance," lest they go wrong and imperil our interests and our liberties.

If we nominate, elect, and appoint only honest and capable men to office, there can be no danger, and we may rest assured that our Democratic Republic will continue to rise and shine. But if, on the contrary, we permit notorious thieves and swindlers to have the management of affairs, we may foresee, with certainty, the day of our doom. When such bad, ambitious men as Ben Butler are permitted to take the helm of our great Republican ship, we may know our ruin is near; and when we permit such tricksters as Barnum the showman to be elected to Congress, we may hang our heads in humiliation, shame, and despair. The former was sent to New Orleans during the war to render such services as were re-

quired, and, by efficient measures, effected his purposes. He stumped the country in the interest of the Union. He has been amply honored and amply remunerated for his services. We owe him nothing. He aspires to the leadership in Congress. Weak members would make him their bell-wether. He sees an opportunity to make a nice grab on Uncle Sam's greenbacks, and avails himself of it, carrying with him others of similar cast of mind and moral obliquity. The Nation cried out, "Thief, thief!" but he only laughed at reproaches.

It is but a few years ago that the ambitious showman from Connecticut attempted to break into Congress. He failed, though another fellow of the same name, his competitor, succeeded. If one was only a blatant trickster, the other was worthless as a legislator. The State gained nothing from his services, and the Nation, we presume, paid his salary.

A few years ago an industrious tailor became an alderman in the village in which he lived. Being a fluent speaker and successful debater, he was elected to Congress. By accident he became President, to fill a vacancy. His willfulness and obstinacy were the cause of a costly trial for impeachment, ending in its failure, and he served out his term and then subsided.

An energetic shovel-maker, of Massachusetts, made considerable money, and because of this was invited to become a legislator, which he was foolish enough to accept. Seeing only the interest of the shovel-maker, instead of the interests of the nation, he "went in" for self-aggrandizement, and became notorious. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, or ten millions of dollars, by corrupting members of Congress, and lose his own life?" Because one is a good soldier, tailor, shoemaker, showman, or shovel-maker, it does not follow that he will make a good statesman. Here is where Americans lack discrimination. We glorify success, no matter what in now how attained. If one excels as a pugilist, that is reason enough why he should be sent to Congress! And we have here to-day, in our State and National Legislatures, some very poor, crude, and rotten material—fungus, which ought to be at once cut off to preserve the health of the body politic. How many brainless, though noisy, upstarts, pot-house politicians, whisky-guzzling drunkards, and corrupt peddling traffickers in a nation's honor and liberties there are!

Now, we appeal to all good citizens who wish well to our country to lend a hand in correcting these abuses. What are our best citizens doing in the matter? Are religious men praying and working in the interest of their Government and their homes? or do they "let these things slide," and keep to their money-making? "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

Let us select for places of honor and of trust only good, honest, and intelligent men. Then let us elect and sustain them.—Phrenological Journal.

STATE ITEMS.

Harrisburg dealers are offering 75 cents per bushel for the new wheat crop.

Willie Humphrey, of Albany fell from the loft of a barn and was knocked insensible.

Washington county is averaging from forty to fifty bushels to the acre in most instances.

John Russell, the convict who escaped from the State Penitentiary a few days ago, has been captured and returned to the prison.

The settlers on Goose Lake have petitioned the Jackson County Commissioners for a road to their valley.

The crops in Baker county look better this year, than they have for a number of years. Harvest will be about two weeks later than common. Our farmers are new in the midst of their haying.

The first load of wheat stored in Linn county this season was taken to the Farmers' warehouse.

The Kalama Beacon will soon be removed, to Tacoma, and its name changed to the Northern Pacific Head Light.

The State Rights Democrat says Already Oregon has twenty five granges instituted, with many more awaiting the organizing officer. Judge Garretson, of Iowa, Special deputy of the National Grange, reached this place last Monday evening. On his way to us he organized the State Grange of California, and he is now among us to do a like work for Oregon; but for the present will assist in organizing subordinate granges, when desired to do so by his brother farmers.

Henry Ankeny, esq., of Marion County, has stowed away in his barns this year two hundred and sixty five tons of hay. He has more in the field, and expects to cut from his farm over three hundred tons.

The La Grande Sentinel estimates the number of bushels of wheat, oats and barley, produced in the valley this year at 750,000 bushels, of which 500,000 will be the surplus. Of the sum total of the first mentioned 550,000 will be wheat, 150,000 oats and 50,000 barley.

A gentleman residing not a thousand miles from Lafayette, while visiting his lady love, was somewhat taken back at about 11 o'clock in the evening when one of her sisters commenced singing "Put me in my Little Bed." He left; but he has been anxiously inquiring ever since where the man lives who composed the song.

The New Northwest says a barefoot Chinaman who was compelled by a member of the Emmet Guards, on the day of the fire, to run through a burning street at the point of a sabre, although the poor fellow, who could not speak English, protested as well as he could against the outrage. When he got across the street he fell upon the sidewalk, quivering in every nerve with pain. Some gentleman carried him, to the shade of a tree, bound up the charred mutilated feet in oil and flour and putting him in the wagon with one of his countrymen, sent him away to be taken care of.

Mr. Newby announced from the cars at Hillsboro, last Friday, that a side-track would be put in the most convenient point at Hillsboro, and that he would commence the erection of a warehouse within ten days, and to tell the farmers that he would buy grain at Hillsboro.

TELEGRAPHIC.

A dispatch from Steilacoom this evening states that J. Dudley was shot at a dance house in Tacoma this afternoon by a man named Pleury. Immediately after the shooting Pleury rode to Steilacoom and gave himself up to the Sheriff. He told the Sheriff that three men were after him with knives and pistols when he shot Dudley.

The steamer Vanderbilt arrived tonight from the scene of the Wawaset disaster, with six more dead bodies. Five of them were recognized as those of George W. Cook, groceryman, of Washington; Richard Murray, a colored passenger; George Tibbs, colored, deck hand; Mary Blackwell, colored, passenger; and a little girl, about 12 years of age, supposed to be the daughter of Mrs. Lucinda Grant. The sixth body was that of a colored woman, not yet known. It is said to-night that the total number of bodies so far recovered is 36, although not over 20 have been identified. Another steamer went down to-night, and it is reported will be back to-morrow with more bodies. Many of those recovered to-day had been partially eaten by crabs and were badly disfigured.

St. Louis, August 14.—John Brown and George Thomas, two farmers living in Osage Township, Jackson County, got into an altercation when Brown stabbed and killed Thomas.

Indianapolis, August 14.—At Alamo, Montgomery County, Indiana, last evening, John Campbell, while drunk had words with John Little, with whom he had heretofore been friendly, and fatally stabbed him. Little died in about fifteen minutes. Campbell was arrested.

Albany, N. Y., August 14.—Peter Brown, of Bath, and Thomas Quinn had a fight last night. Quinn killed Brown by a blow from a chair. Quinn was arrested.

New York, August 14.—The storm continues, accompanied by light rain. Last night, in the crowded cellars in the older parts of the city the poor had to stand and battle with rats driven from the sewers by the flood. Their wretched beds were surrounded by water. There has not been any serious derangement of the mails. Dispatches from the East report the storm prevailing in that section. The rain made necessary the postponement of the races at Saratoga. The storm broke so unexpectedly on New York that ship masters and freighters had a busy time making secure their vessels and goods exposed on the docks. About midnight several canal-boats broke loose and drifted helplessly about, but only one was lost. The Jersey City ferry-house was sunk and it is thought that some of the crew were drowned.

New York, August 14.—A Washington dispatch says the Secretary of the Treasury late last night sent by special messenger to Collector Arthur, of this port, an order for the immediate removal of nearly a hundred Custom House officers, some of them occupying responsible places, on charges of fraud and corruption. The dismissal of another lot of dishonest officers is expected in a few days.

Minneapolis, August 14.—The editor of the Farmer's Union, who has just returned from a tour of inspection through the State, says wheat threshing commenced a week ago to day, and all the machines are now at work. The yield in most all instances turns out better than expected. The oldest inhabitant has never seen so uninterceptedly favorable a harvest season as we have enjoyed this year.

Halifax, August 14.—The first piece of baggage for the Pacific Coast leaves Halifax for San Francisco to-morrow. Number of check, 4,196, representing mileage from Halifax to San Francisco.

London, August 14.—The clipper ship La Espee, which sank in the Mersey last Tuesday, has been raised.

FROM BAKER COUNTY.—By private letter from Baker we learn that the County Convention of that county, which met last Saturday, endorsed the course of "Hon. James H. Slater in Congress, and most emphatically declared him to be the first choice of the Democracy for the nomination.—Enterprise.

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