

Mr. MIBAM SMITH, of Harrisburg, has been nominated by the Republican Convention for Congress, and the Hon. J. W. NESMITH by the Democratic convention. The two platforms we give in this issue, and of the merits of these gentlemen we shall have something to say hereafter, and shall also give our views of the platforms next week.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Mr. Dolph, Chairman of the committee, read the platform resolutions, as follows:

1. That we look with pride and satisfaction upon the peaceful and prosperous condition of our country at the natural result of its application of the principles controlling the Republican party, to the administration of national affairs, and that we reaffirm the principles of the party as heretofore enunciated in its conventions and declare that their practical enforcement is essential to the welfare of the country and the maintenance of the rights and liberties of the people.

2. That the Chief Executive of the Nation has, our unabated and unqualified confidence in his ability and enlightened patriotism in the administration of the duties of his high office.

3. That we point to the discordant and chaotic political elements which oppose the Republican party to-day, to the grand advances made by our Government in its political standing, financial credit, commercial importance and the material development of the resources of the whole country, as the direct, natural and inevitable result of the enlightened policy and principles of the Republican party.

4. That we denounce the recent act of Congress known as the "Back Pay Bill," and the voting, pay for or receiving increased pay for services already rendered.

5. That we denounce all "Credit Mobilier" transactions, whatever their form, and we heartily approve of the action of the late Congress in exposing and punishing official corruption.

6. That we favor retrenchment and reform, and rigid economy in the expenditure of the public money in the State and National Administration, and the reduction of taxation as rapidly as consistent with good government and the maintenance of the public credit.

7. That we cordially welcome to our shores the oppressed of all nations; and remembering that our adopted fellow citizens have always proved loyal to the flag of the Republic, we demand for them the fullest protection of the laws, and we favor increased facilities of naturalization; but we condemn the coolie trade and all forms of involuntary servitude, and affirm that the safety and perpetuity of free institutions demand more stringent laws to prevent such traffic.

8. That the interest of this State demands, in its commercial relations with the other States of the Union, both present and prospective, will warrant a liberal expenditure on the part of our National Government in the improvement of our harbor and river channels; and it is the true policy of our people that they should be so represented in Congress as shall the most effectively secure this result.

9. That true economy in the management of the public lands of the United States as well as the settlement of our vast domain and the development of its resources, demand liberal grants of the public lands to aid in the construction of railroads and other public works, with such limitations and restrictions as will secure the ultimate sale to actual settlers.

10. That we are in favor of Congressional grants of the public lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Portland in Oregon, to some point of junction with the Central or Union Pacific Railroad, in Salt Lake Valley; of a railroad from the Rouge River Valley to a junction with the Central Pacific Railroad.

11. That the interests of commerce demand the construction of a break-water at Port Orford in this State, and an appropriation by Congress for that purpose.

12. That the protection of the commerce of the Columbia River demands the placing of a steam revenue cutter with all necessary appliances at the mouth of said river.

13. That the producing, commercial and industrial interests of the country, should have the best and cheapest modes of transportation possible; and while the capital invested in such means of transportation have a reasonable remuneration, and these interests should be fully protected, the facilities for transportation should be adjusted so far as possible to the wants of every part of the State; with no unjust discrimination as to any section, person or class, that as capital and labor are inseparably connected and mutually dependent, the resources of the State will be best developed and the best interests of all classes promoted by mutual concessions and accommodations between labor and capital and between the producer and carrier.

14. That we are opposed to the setting apart of the Willowa Valley for an Indian Reservation, and the candidate of this convention is hereby pledged to use his influence to secure to white settlers the land in said valley; that the Modoc murderers of citizens on Lost River and Tule Lake, in November last, should at once be delivered to the civil authorities of this State, so that they may be dealt with according to law; that we are in favor of a humane peace policy toward peaceable Indians. But that full and complete protection should at all times be given to settlers on our frontiers against the depredations of hostile and refractory Indians.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The following is the Democratic Platform passed by the Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic party of the State of Oregon in Convention assembled do declare:

1. That we recognize and support the legal and constitutional authority of the Federal Government, but insist upon the strict construction of the Federal Constitution as necessary to the preservation of the rights of the people; that we oppose centralization as the most insidious enemy of popular rights, and will continue to denounce it in every guise in which it may appear; that the several departments of our government Legislative, Executive and Judicial, are independent in their respective spheres under the Constitution, and any attempt by any one of them to usurp authority is destructive of the Constitutional rights and independence of the others, and should be rejected as dangerous to civil liberty.

2. That justice demands a revision of our tariff laws, with a view to secure revenue alone, and not to tax the community in general for the benefit of particular interests and to the detriment of the laboring classes of the community.

3. That the wealth of the country is the product of labor, and that we heartily favor such legislation as has for its object the protection and support of the producing and laboring classes. Capital protects itself, while labor in its diversified forms needs, and must have the fostering care of prudent and skillful legislation, and particularly is this true at this time, when the profits of production are being swallowed up in extortionate rates of transportation.

4. That all corporations are subject to legislative control; those created by Congress should be restricted and controlled by Congress, and those under State laws be subject to the States creating them; and all corporations should be so controlled as to prevent them from becoming engines of oppression; and also the property of all corporations should be assessed and taxed at the same rate as the property of individuals.

5. That we view with great apprehension the wide-spread corruption and dishonesty that has recently marked our public service, and considering as shameful and iniquitous the recent act of Congress granting an increase of salaries, we demand its immediate repeal, and we denounce every member of Congress, Democrat or Republican who supported the measure, and also the President of the United States, by whose approval the infamous act became a law.

6. That the act of the President in setting up by the bayonet a government in Louisiana not desired by her people, and having no title whatever to rule them, was a flagrant violation of her rights under the Federal Constitution.

7. That every department of the Government being in the hands of the Republicans they are justly responsible for the evils and wrongs in legislation and administration of which the country complains.

8. We are opposed to granting by the General Government of subsidies to steamship lines to import Chinese slaves to our shores, and we demand such a modification of the Burlingame treaty with China as will effectually cut off this stream of Chinese emigration.

9. We demand of Congress and additional appropriation for the removal of obstructions to the navigation of the Willamet river, and such aid by appropriation or otherwise as will open the Columbia river to free navigation, by means of a canal and locks at the Cascade portage, and the proceeds of the sales of alternate sections of the public lands to aid in the construction of the Portland Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad.

10. That as the vast extent of our coast, embracing in distance near one thousand miles in extent, is destitute of any place of resort for vessels in stress of weather, and vast amounts of property are lost yearly thereby, together with a great many valuable lives; therefore be it resolved that we require of our representatives in Congress to use every honorable effort to secure an appropriation for the harbor of Port Orford; first, as being adapted to an improvement of the kind, and also for the improvements of all places in the State that may contribute to our commercial prosperity.

11. That we most cordially invite all who favor retrenchment and reform in every department of the public service and restoration of the Government to its former purity and efficiency, to assist us by their votes and influence in the attainment of objects so important and desirable.

The following is a resolution passed by the above named convention.

Resolved, That the high crimes and revolting misdemeanors of J. M. Hipsalis John H. Mitchell, meet with our most emphatic condemnation, and, in common with all good men, we demand his resignation or his expulsion from the United States Senate.

The California Legislature will stand about as follows: 48 Republicans, 52 Democrats and the Independents 18.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEN AND THINGS.

"He hung a while on a spar of misty vapor then slowly ascended up the base of the dying sunset, scattering down the golden horizon autumn leaves of glory, which shriveled and circled through the dazzling space till they finally rested in a hold of glory around the elastic brow of the conquering hero of that gigantic enterprise 'Feeling Doves'."

We are creditably informed that there is not a single business house in Independence that can command a thousand dollars or upwards that will subscribe a single cent to the great "North American, receiving, shipping, bridge steamboat and warehouse company" (Cox President) But this need not impede the progress of this great enterprise for with the \$8000 wanted out of the county and the \$25,000 which we are informed that "Tom Chinamen" subscribed on the spot, we anticipate the rapid and solid completion of this famous enterprise, one thing we do know north of the La Creole and that is we get to pay our regular share of the \$800 do you like it, Farmers.

REX.

From a letter written from Baker county, we learn that times are good, better than for several seasons past; all the mines are being worked and pay good dividends. Men are wanted at \$65 and \$80 a month to drive teams. But, says the letter, no "sooners" are wanted (that is men who would sooner loaf around and drink whiskey than work.—Oregonian.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Portland (Me.) Sept. 8.—Portland gives Dugley (Rep.), 1,571 votes for Governor; Titcomb (Dem.), 926; Williams, (Liberal Rep.), 114; scattering, three. Sixty-three towns give Dingley 13,864; Titcomb, 9,127; Williams, 488. Majority for Dingley, 4,249. This indicates a majority of about 12,000 in a vote of about 80,000. Returns are still too few to judge fairly. Republicans have elected their Representatives. Lack of interests in the election makes returns meager.

Boston, Sept. 8.—The Republican State Committee chose Alex H. Bullock to preside over the Republican Convention. He has accepted. Delegates to the Convention, according to the Journal's returns, stood at 11 o'clock to-night as follows: Washburn, 549; Butler, 358, doubtful 41.

Springfield (Mass.), September 9.—Caucus results received by the Republican up to 1 o'clock this morning render Butler's defeat by a decisive majority in Wednesday's Convention absolutely certain.

New York, Sept. 8.—Broadwell, alleged defaulting tax receiver of Newark, has given bail for his appearance before the grand jury. The defalcation is thought to amount to \$75,000.

Springfield, (Ill.), Sept. 8.—U. S. District Attorney Wilson has been authorized by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to offer a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of John T. Harper, defaulting Collector of this District.

Richmond, Sept. 8.—A special telegram from Warrenton to the Dispatch says a special agent of the Post-office department is there investigating the charge that Republicans have used official postage stamps for franking political documents.

Salt Lake, Sept. 6.—Highway robbers stopped a stage near Plessen Valley, Idaho, coming south, to-day. They took the treasure of Wells, Fargo, & Co., and escaped.

Elko, Sept. 9.—An Englishman named Frank Gratton, last night discharged a Smith & Wesson navy revolver in his room, at a lodging house, while lazing under the influence of liquor, and shot a rancher from Ruby Valley, who was asleep in the adjoining room. The ball first passed through the partition, and then entered the right side of the rancher's neck, a little below the right ear, passing entirely through the neck. Little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Boston, Sept. 8.—Several fugitives from Shreveport arrived here this evening. They report the yellow fever to be on the increase at that place. Everybody is leaving that can get away. Of three telegraph operators at that place, one is down with the fever, and another has left, leaving but one to do the work.

New York, September 9.—A cable dispatch from Liverpool says that the British Bark Prospero from Liverpool, June 9th, for San Francisco, was wrecked off the coast of Bahia, Brazil. A portion of the cargo was saved.

While the seventy-first regiment was parading through Fourth street, Williamsburn this morning a balcony crowded with spectators suddenly broke down and all were precipitated to the side walk. One person was killed, and fifteen more or less severely injured.

It is stated that a number of suits inspired by Jay Gould will soon be brought against the Erie Railroad Company and its Directors personally for illegal action in connection with the recent declaration of the dividends.

New Orleans, September ninth.—The President of the Howard Association at Shreveport, telegraphs here that the yellow fever is on the increase and is an epidemic and asks for nurses and physicians.

There is about 50,000 pounds of cheese manufactured in Umatilla county every year.

Mr. W. R. Canady, who was burned so severely about ten days ago at Oakland, died last Saturday at that place.

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