

THE INDEPENDENT.

ROSEBURG, SATURDAY, SEPT. 9
THE LABOR QUESTION.

At no previous period in the history of our country, has there been so many persons voluntarily refusing to work; in other words, so large a number of usually industrious people engaged in the unprofitable business of strikes. What is the cause of these strikes? The demand for an increased amount of wages is based upon the fact that the workingman finds himself unable to support himself and family with the wages he is receiving. While this just demand is made by the workmen the employers will not concede it and urge in their own defense that they are unable to do so. Whether this be true or not, it is still a palpable fact that capital and labor are now arrayed in hostile camps. This condition of affairs cannot long exist. Some remedy must soon be found and the statesmen of the country must find it or be responsible for the gravest results.

We have no pretensions to statesmanship, but we think the remedy is easy. Release the productive energies of the country from the load of taxation, which is already too heavy to be borne, and the conflict will cease at once. Few of our citizens are aware of the enormous taxes they pay indirectly, to the General Government. According to Pig Iron, Kelley, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House, there was a yearly surplus of \$137,000,000 under the present rate of taxation; and we are informed by the dispatches to the Associated Press that since Congress adjourned the receipts at the United States treasury are at the rate of \$1,500,000 per day. The federal taxes from which this immense amount of revenue accrues, are all taxes upon consumption. They come in an insidious form and are not perceived; and yet the workingmen of this country eat nothing, drink nothing, use nothing which does not pay a tax into the National treasury. As long as the party in power refuses to reduce taxation, while the United States treasury is overflowing with a surplus that cannot be applied to any useful purpose, so long will those who work for their daily bread be unable to make both ends meet. It is only requisite that the infernal revenue tax system, which pays a spy for every man's house, shall be abolished; that the tariff be properly adjusted to relieve the producer and the result will be, as sure as sunshine follows rain, that strikes will cease and the country be happy. This result can never be attained as long as the Republican party is in power, but as the workingmen begin to see the real cause of their suffering their voices will be heard in too decisive a manner to remain unheeded.

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICANS.

The Republican State Convention of California met at Sacramento, on August 31st. The associated press dispatches give us a very imperfect account of the proceedings, but from them we learn that M. M. Estee was nominated for Governor, on the first ballot, as was A. R. Conkling, of Inyo, for Lieutenant Governor. W. W. Morrow and Henry Edgerton were nominated for Congressmen at large, by acclamation. Secretary of State F. A. Pedlar, of Yolo; C. F. Davis, State Comptroller; Chief Justices of the Supreme Court, John Hunt, Judge of the Superior Court of San Francisco; and J. C. Denson, Judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento. For Congressmen—First District, Paul Neuman; Second District, Horace F. Page; Third District, John J. Dehaven, of Humboldt county; Fourth District, George L. Woods, late of Oregon, now of Santa Clara.

The Convention was evidently well set up by the majority, as all their candidates were nominated on the first ballot or by acclamation. The true inwardness will be disclosed when we receive the official report. The fight over the platform is said to have been exceedingly fierce.

The airy manner in which some public officials vote away immense sums of public money is well shown by the following brief dialogue in the House of Representatives, between a Republican and a Democrat:

Mr. Herr: It seems to me that this whole question of whether an appropriation is ten cents more than it was last year or not is all bosh, and that we lower ourselves as Representatives to be higgling about any such question. And if the amount is \$5,000,000 more than last year, and if that sum is necessary, what is the use of talking about it?

Mr. Cox of New York: The excess is \$75,000,000.

Mr. Herr: Suppose it is \$75,000,000. Suppose it was \$300,000,000, if that was necessary. What I rose to ask was: Why this anxiety about a few dollars more or less being appropriated, as compared with last year?

Need we say which is the Republican and which the Democrat?

PORTLAND LETTER.

PORTLAND, Aug. 31, 1882
ED. INDEPENDENT: Your editorial upon the subject of a "Registry Law" should meet the approval, as I believe it does, of all intelligent and honest men who wish for fair dealing in political as well as other matters.

At this time it appears proper to refer to a little political history upon that subject. While Addison C. Gibbs was Governor of the State he called the attention of the Legislature to the importance of preserving the purity of the ballot box, and recommended a registry law. At the time John H. Mitchell was a member of the State Senate, and opposed the passage of the bill prepared and introduced by Mr. Wakefield, of Multnomah, and by his influence united with others then opposed to a registry law, defeated the bill. Whatever his object may have been, certain it is that since that time Mitchell has been a notorious leader of a gang of manipulators of primary meetings, bribers and repeaters at elections.

So notorious had it become in Portland that the Mitchell-Holliday ring was engaged in importing votes from other counties and Washington Territory and voting there early and often, that it was known and talked of in the streets by the most casual observers. It was done in such an open and defiant manner that the United States District Judge deemed it his duty to bring the subject before the grand jury, which he did, in his charge to them, and several indictments were found and convictions had in said court. Ex-Governor Gibbs was then United States District Attorney and was engaged in prosecuting these offenders, as in duty bound he was sworn to do. For this reason Gibbs was turned out of office and a man put in his place to prosecute persons indicted, but he could find no evidence and the balance of the cases were, on his motion, ultimately dismissed. George H. Durham was at the time State District Attorney and did his duty also, in having repeaters indicted and punished; for which he too has fallen into disfavor with this Mitchell ring, and the primaries in this city have, since that time, been so manipulated that Durham could have nothing, though many of the best Republicans and taxpayers would have been glad to see him in the State Senate or Secretary of State. Since that time bribing and repeaters in Portland has been a common thing at every election. It ought to have been stopped in Portland by continued prosecution: If this had been done then as it ought to have been and would have been but for the conduct of the Mitchell ring in stopping the prosecutions by removal of and proscribing men who were doing their duty, we would not now have to suffer the humiliation of knowing that the vote of a man of character and one having a family and large interests to protect, is canceled by a little whisky and money from a man belonging to the ring and kept in office by it, from year to year, to the exclusion of better men.

There is great need of reformation, by prosecution of offenders against the law, and by the enactment of a registry law that will prevent this ring and all others from thwarting the will of the people by these vile means. A people that will not protect their liberties do not deserve them. The subject is important and the fact that other parts of the State are waking up to it, is certainly encouraging to the better element of both parties in

MULTNOMAH.

With such Democratic nominations as that of Stephens of Georgia, and that of Patterson of Pennsylvania, the New York Mail and Express (Rep.), observes, it becomes Republicans to inquire how they are to adjust themselves to the coming encounter with the progressive Democracy. Certainly not by "vindicating" Robeson and Keifer.

If the average Congressman does not go for economy and civil service reform, it must be admitted, remarks the Chicago Times, that he invariably goes in for an appropriation and a re-election with an unbounded enthusiasm.

In discussing the Senatorial question in favor of the election of Mitchell, the "Polaris" makes the astounding statement, especially for a minister of the Gospel, that neither Mr. Mitchell nor any other man in Oregon, could go to Heaven on his past record. We do not wish to discuss a religious question with any one, but we are forced to remark that Mr. Acton or any other man who believes the above, should lay down the lively of Heaven, for what would become of our friends who meet with a terrible and sudden death?

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Douglas—

Rosy Sutton plf. vs. Wm. W. P. Sutton.

Suit in Equity for a Divorce.

To Wm. W. P. Sutton.

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you by the plaintiff, Rosy Sutton, in the above entitled Court and suit, on or before the first day of the next regular term of said Court, to wit, the third Monday the 18th day of October A. D. 1882; and if you fail to so answer the said complaint the plaintiff will take judgment against you for want of an answer; and will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to wit, for a decree dissolving the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and defendant and change of the name of the plaintiff to that of Rosy Kincald and her costs and disbursements.

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