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THE CHANDLER THROAT OF HAYES

The following story told of Zach Chandler will show what that well known Republican leader thought of R. B. Hayes of Ohio. Hayes, it will be remembered, was defeated for the presidency by Samuel J. Tilden, but owing to the machinations of Chandler, Sherman and others, was allowed to occupy the executive chair and draw Mr. Tilden's salary for four years.

Onis Fuller, editor of the St. Johns, Mich., Republican, was a cousin of Zach Chandler. In a group of Michigan editors, at their recent Grand Rapids meeting, Mr. Fuller told of a visit to Chandler during an exciting Senatorial contest at Lansing. As the talk went back over the exciting times of 1876 Chandler professed from some share the rage of the picture from the "Republican" as standing on a rock pulling desperately at the tail of an elephant marked "Hayes." Underneath the picture was: "If the tail holds out I will land him yet."

The grin of Senator gazed at the picture with the greatest satisfaction. "If that was the only copy to be had I wouldn't take \$1000 for it," he exclaimed.

"They say I made the Presidency for Hayes in 1876," he went on, "but if I did, no court in Christendom could ever have convicted me of anything but petty larceny."

The fight on the Civil Service law which is being made in the departments of Washington got rather personal, the other day when some inquisitive newspaper man while coming around at the War Department found a copy of an order issued in 1863 dismissing Civil Service Commissioner Lyman from the Army. He sent it to his paper as a special and it was telegraphed back to a local paper.

It is very unfair to make such attacks. Had the man who found the order made any inquiry at the department he would have learned of the existence of the second, but that would have spoiled his sensation. To the credit of the most prominent opponents of the Civil Service law, be it said they oppose all such methods as that adopted by this sensation monger. They are fighting the law, not the gentlemen who are Commissioners under the law.

Roseburg is pushing rapidly to the front, and no town in the state is enjoying a more steady, permanent growth. The county seat of one of the largest and richest counties in the state, the business center for a large and rapidly increasing population, the possessor of a fine and ample water power, it is destined to become the leading city of Southern Oregon. This is not mere talk, because there can be no mistaking the substantial character of Roseburg's improvements.

The Democrats of Montana have composed all their differences and put a strong ticket in the field. As a delegate from the Territory Mr. Maginnis not only served his constituency well but made a National reputation for ability. His nomination for Representative should strengthen the ticket. Montana belongs in the Democratic column and the wide-awake leaders of the party there mean to keep the new state in line.

There will be a short but lively campaign in Washington territory this fall. The tickets nominated are both strong and they seem to be a determination to win on both sides.

Devilish means "one who lies at the door." It is not proper to call a returned German a Devilish, for he begins it as soon as he gets on the ferryboat.

COMRADE TANNER ENDORSED

Pension Commissioner Tanner has been criticised, not exclusively by the opposition press, either, for the papers of his own party have been as free as any in their comments. The G. A. R. thereupon proceeded to personally endorse and vindicate him. To that there is no objection. He is a comrade, and if looking for defense, where shall he go but to his comrades? But General Black, a soldier, wounded as grievously as his gallant service as Tanner, was Pension Commissioner. The New York Tribune and Republican press generally, from the beginning to the end of his term in the Pension Office, abused and lied about him. The Tribune was proved a falsifier again and again by the records, but this merely increased the venom in its fangs, and it struck and struck again to the very last, like a sneaking snake, and the G. A. R. never lifted hand or voice in defense of Comrade Black.

Every pension agency in the country is full of letters from pensioners uttering their gratitude to Black and his appointees for their promptness and devotion to the interests of the old soldiers. Under him the Pension Bureau was prompt and efficient in its administration of the law. He dispensed hundreds of millions of dollars to the pensioners without the loss of a penny to the Treasury. But the G. A. R. let partisan malice gnaw him for four years and follow him to disquiet an honorable retirement, without an effort to defend him. Why? Was it because he is a Democrat, and does Tanner's politics make the difference between the two cases? If so, we are at a loss to know how the G. A. R. can acquit itself of the charge of partisanship. Its members know that the partisan abuse of Black was an outrage. They know that if this abuse were true, instead of appearing with General Sherman and his peers last week at Milwaukee, wearing the badge of the G. A. R. and the loyal Legion, General Black should be expelled from both, and yet the organization has never to the smallest degree done him justice. We are not degrading the endorsement of Tanner. That must go upon whatever merit it has, but we do object, if that right belongs to an outsider, to a purely partisan use of the vindicating function of the G. A. R.—Alta.

In 1884 the tonnage of the American merchant marine in the foreign trade was 1,276,982; now it is but 912,302. Thus it is that the cheap ships built upon the Clyde in Scotland are driving American ships off the ocean. Not only is there an exorbitant tariff on ship material, but an American is absolutely prohibited from bringing a ship on the Clyde and sailing it under an American register.

The other day Queen Victoria showed her grandson, the Emperor of Germany, a section of her navy fifteen years long. It was built to protect British merchant ships in every part of the world—ships that sustain English commerce and lay the world wide under tribute to the beggarly little old island. When will America become brave enough to assert herself and claim what is her own. In this connection the following from Abraham Hewitt is pertinent: "That is all that hinders us now that foolish tariff, but that is only temporary. Another generation will see it removed. I believe. The American people will get tired of stewing their own fat and I believe every tub ought to stand on its own bottom and that the United States is abundantly able to do it—it has the facilities for being the greatest exporting country on the earth and it ought to be. The sooner duties are abolished the sooner it will become so. Now that food, cotton and petroleum from the land of our exports, we ought to export very largely of manufactured articles."

It is right we suppose to "be all things to all men," at different times and under different circumstances. German to this text, have you not noticed of late that the Oregonian now says "Senator Mitchell," when it used to say "Hipple Mitchell." This is wonderful, but not strange. The wind is blowing fair from Washington, and hence the respectable address "Senator Mitchell."

The New York Herald proposes to hang in the court rooms a sign, "Don't shoot the judge. He is doing the best he can."

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ACROSS THE LINE

Dear Review.—The ten days vacation for health and pleasure which brought me to Sissons have been truly spent in regaining one and enjoying the other. The time has however been in the same swift manner as of old and brings to mind the only Latin proverb I know, "Hoc tempus fugit!" These ten days have been spent in a succession of sorrow and the weary quill driver has been at post, likewise the wicked has ceased from troubling. I hope to be with you ere this is in print, refreshed in mind and body, and take up the thread of business where I have dropped, in an earnest endeavor to make THE REVIEW a welcome visitor in every home in Douglas county. But years of constant drill in the newspaper field will run the gray matter in a man's head into as congealed a mass of clotted nonsense as Bill Nye exhibits at the Paris Exposition. The habit of running off into obscure musings is a dangerous one, and old Mt. Shasta looms up in distinct outline through the smoke stains like a monument to bring us to a realization of every day events.

THE FIRE HERE THROUGH THE FERTILE VALLEYS of Southern Douglas, and the Rogue river is enjoyable, as showing a country upon which God has smiled. After striking the Siskiyou the road is a continuous letter S unless it occasionally is sharp and becomes a Z. The scenery of the Siskiyou is the awe-inspiring of all mountain ranges. The road circles near the summit bringing you through a tunnel and a half hour later through another one just above the first. The feat of engineering is a very skillful one, but any army would understand the principle and puts it into operation in the climbing of hills.

In this dreary waste, the towns of Eggers, Montague and Edgewood and several other hamlets. At Eggers is the stage line to the Shovel springs where the rheumatics of the Pacific Coast meet and congregate. Just as the train pulled out I noticed leaning up against the front of the store building, Will Van Buren, with a smile on his face, just as though old rheumatism had not given him many a painful twist and turn. This section is an unbroken Sahara until Sissons is reached.

THE DAY WE CAME, as we were nearing Sissons, and after the hotel runner had passed through the train distributed circulars, with the remark, "Chicken dinner at Sissons," the train came to a dead stand still and soon we knew that one of the immense wood piles was on fire and a relief train would be necessary. Sissons was three miles away and everybody hungry and in prospect of being fire-broiled for several hours. J. M. Chang, a former Roseburg and co-director of the construction, and a repair train shortly arrived and informed Mrs. Mashek and myself that our friend Dr. Flett would be out with a carriage for us. The work of repair was undertaken and orders given to dock the train to Edgewood when the doctor arrived just in the nick of time, and we were safely on our way to Sissons.

HERE I'VE BEEN ever since, in the delightful Strawberry valley, where the ice cold water flows in a thousand rills from Shasta to the sea. A half mile from Sissons is the famous big spring, where gushes in a perfect torrent from the mountain side the head waters of the Sacramento river. A hundred yards further is an iron spring and the rocks touched by its bubbling waters are coated with yellow. I have not time to describe the many pleasant sights in the vicinity of Sissons, but Dr. Flett takes me out for a constitutional every day in a buggy, as he answers his numerous calls, and is showing me all items of interest.

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