

THE POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER.

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Some Good Advice.

The testimony of the recent investigations develop the fact that the Polk county delegation is a cause of special solicitude to the friends of Mitchell. Besides that evidence, we hear continually from various sources that it is expected that certain of the delegation will eventually join the Mitchell forces. We hope, nay, believe it is not true. These gentlemen are our neighbors and friends. We beg them to listen to some disinterested advice. Mitchell is no better now than he was when the "eighteen" threw down the gauntlet to his supporters. If he was had enough to justify them in cutting loose from their party and resisting the discipline of the organization to which they all owe their election, he is too dead to be elected in any event. We are not saying anything about Mr. Mitchell's character. We are simply taking what the "eighteen" have said, some of them in words, all of them in their acts. They must have had a good reason, sufficient unto their own consciences, for their action. That reason still exists. It is impossible to give a satisfactory excuse for reversing their position. We have heard two excuses suggested. One is that it is better to elect Mitchell than a Democrat. Such an assertion would only prove the insincerity of the one among the eighteen who asserts it, an insincerity either in his first opposition to, or in his subsequent support of, Mr. Mitchell. It is too contemptible to be refuted. It is fol de rol. The other excuse is that it is better to elect Mitchell than to suffer a vacancy. The objections to Mr. Mitchell rest upon the assumption that he will do us harm, for it is admitted that he will be active in some direction. If so, such an excuse will not satisfy the people. Better stay with it.

Senate Bill No. 59, introduced by Mr. Clow, is much like the bill that was introduced by him, upon the same subject, at the last session. It provides for the interchange of traffic among common carriers. The object of the bill is to prevent the wealthy or powerful railway or steamship corporations from discriminating against smaller competing lines as to render the latter powerless. The O. R. & N. company left no means untried to defeat the measure two years ago, and succeeded. It is a measure of particular importance to this valley, and the valley representatives are expected to support it. We have no manner of doubt that the bill will pass if it is not killed by improper influences. The lobby against it before was active and powerful.

The eighteen are likely to remain solid to the end. The revelations that have taken place lately at Salem, must prevent any one of them who has a regard for his reputation, from ever yielding his position. To vote for Mitchell now would be fatuous madness. It is said that these have already hurt their chances for political preferment in the future. If that be so, such a situation is infinitely better than to suffer the imputation which a vote for Mitchell would place them under.

The nomination of Folger gives great dissatisfaction to many of the New York Republicans. General Woodford, United States District Attorney, denounces the nomination as having been obtained by fraud and forgery. A Republican meeting in Brooklyn has "resolved" that official patronage and influence have overcome the will of the people. There will no doubt be a warm contest, and the Democrats may carry the day.

The attempt to lay out our representatives with a paltry post office is bad enough, but to make the payment to the Marion County delegation, would be unbearable. It is time our delegation should strike for the "control" of something; if it only be the Boia post office.

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Legislative Work.

Senate Bill No. 79, introduced by Mr. Clow, amends the present law so as to make the personal as well as real property of incorporated companies taxable in the counties where such property may be located. Also it provides that "cash value" in assessments shall mean the amount at which the property would be appraised if taken in payment of a just debt from a solvent debtor; and that no deduction shall be allowed on account of indebtedness, unless secured by mortgage on real estate, in which case any unpaid balance on the mortgage shall be assessed to the owner thereof, in the county where property is situated, and if the mortgagee fails to pay the tax, the mortgagee shall be entitled to a deduction for what he may have paid on the notes.

Senate Bill No. 65, introduced by Mr. Clow, amends the law in relation to foreign corporations doing business in this State, so as to require of such corporations an annual license of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and making the deposit of U. S. bonds now required by law liable for the payment of such license.

House Bill No. 48, introduced by Mr. Tritt, is for an act to regulate the business of warehousemen, and define their duties. It provides that warehousemen shall give receipts for grain, showing from whom received, the number of bushels or pounds, the condition or quality of the grain, together with the terms and conditions upon which said grain is stored. It provides that any warehouseman who shall issue such receipt except upon the actual delivery of the amount and quality of grain thereby represented, shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary from one to five years, or by fine from fifty to one thousand dollars. The bill further provides the same punishment for any warehouseman who shall ship wheat from his warehouse, except upon the return of such receipt, or proof that the same is lost, but permits persons to make other contracts in relation thereto, provided the substance of the contract be stated in the receipt.

House Bill No. 49, introduced by Mr. Tritt, provides that foreign corporations or companies engaged in the business of banking, brokerage or loaning money in this State, shall pay taxes on the capital employed in the State. To effect this, Assessors are to take the securities recorded in their counties as prima facie evidence of the amount of money employed by those holding the securities. Any corporation failing to pay its taxes, loses its right to do business in the State.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate in which the County Courts are empowered to examine the emolument returns of the Sheriffs and Clerks of their respective counties, and three months prior to a general election to determine therefrom the amount of fees the Clerks and Sheriffs shall charge, fixing a certain per cent. of the statutory fee bill. Notice of the fees is to be published one month, and no change is to be made during two years succeeding the general election.

The investigating committee in the Ford-Nichols bribery investigation make a report, exonerating Mitchell, censuring Ford and commending Nichols. Bob will hereafter curb his joking propensity when around the virtuous Capitols.

Captain Waters didn't go to the head center of influence. He supposed that Andy Gilbert controlled the Polk County delegation. He hadn't inquired who controlled Andy. Mrs. Gilbert is evidently a potent factor in the pending struggle.

If Mitchell is really innocent of implication in the matters recently investigated, he is no doubt ready to exclaim: "Deliver me from my friends."

Pendleton Tribune: Wm. Hastings shot and killed Wm. Baxter, at Silver City, Idaho, on the 25th. Baxter was going to work at the Morning Star mine, and it appears Hastings had some claim to the ground. As Baxter approached the mine, Hastings fired from behind some rocks, about 50 feet distant, lodging fourteen buckshot in Baxter's body.

A Plain Duty.

Mr. Mitchell has lost his battle. The opposition to him is not going to yield, while his own support is weakening. The loss of Dr. Plummer represents more than his single vote. His defection carries with it a moral weight, as he is known to be a man of high mind and conservative judgment. Mr. Eakin, of Lane, is possibly the first of several who will follow the "bell wether" away from their erewhile shepherd, to new pastures and other leaders. If Mitchell can see the result as plainly as it appears to others, there is only one course open to him. He must get out of the way while there shall yet remain some grace in the act. The "thirty-six" may remain true to him, and receive support in it; the "eighteen" may stand solid, and obtain praise; but the cool deliberation of the people is not going to hold him guiltless if he pushes his energy and firmness, not to say persistence, to the point of a fruitless obstinacy. It may be fairly contended that it is the duty of a member, having participated in a caucus, to stand by the caucus nominee. It never can be justly contended that that nominee himself should claim the allegiance of his followers when their loyalty can effect no good to him, and only harm to themselves, their party and their State. Whatever doubt may exist as to the duty of any member, none at all can exist as to the duty of Mr. Mitchell. He should step down and out. If he wants to carry the matter of his candidacy to the people, that is his privilege two years hence. For the present, the most graceful act he can do is to make his bow and retire.

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Oregonian: It will be remembered that some months ago the Independent Order of Chosen Friends of Oregon and California organized a separate jurisdiction, which prompted the grand lodge of the United States to issue an injunction restraining them from the payment of about \$3000, set apart as a benefit fund. The grand lodge of the United States in San Francisco announcing that the injunction had been dissolved, which, temporarily, at least, establishes the new jurisdiction.

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STATE AND TERRITORIAL.

Hon. Wm. Galloway, of Yamhill County, has purchased the noted stallion Hambletonian Membrino.

Young Hook, who was arrested in Lane county, charged with abduction of a young girl, has been discharged.

Evert Arnold, an Albany lad, "played circus" last week and in consequence had his arm dislocated.

Wm. Taylor, a longshoreman, quarreled with a deck hand at Astoria last Sunday and was seriously stabbed by the latter.

George Holers, of McMinnville, is under \$100 bonds for his appearance before the Grand Jury, on a charge of keeping a gambling house.

A fire occurred in Portland Monday morning in which four frame buildings were burned, with a loss of about \$9,000, mostly insured. Several persons were hurt by a falling awning.

Miss Hattie Patterson, daughter of Hon. L. Patterson, of Washington County, and a niece of Hon. Frank Patterson, of this county, died on the 28th of September of congestion of the brain. She was about seventeen years old.

Hon. T. W. Davenport, one of the original eighteen, publishes an address to the people in the Oregonian of the 3d inst. There appeared in the Statesman of the 2d an editorial in exactly the same words. Here is great unanimity of sentiment.

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ANOTHER BRIBERY SENSATION.

The House committee of investigation, on Monday evening heard the testimony of A. N. Gilbert, who testified that on the 26th of September he received a note from Senator A. W. Waters, inquiring, "when and where can I see you?" He (Gilbert) wrote on the same sheet of paper: "At my house at 6 P. M." Senator Waters called at Gilbert's at the appointed time, and immediately commenced a conversation in regard to the election of Senator, and in that conversation, as an inducement for Gilbert's support and for the support of another member of the Legislature whom Waters named, offered Gilbert \$2,500 and the Salem postoffice. Gilbert had another conversation with Waters the previous week, in which Waters tried to convince him he was making a mistake in the position he had taken on the Senatorial question. The interview at Gilbert's house lasted about fifteen minutes, not to exceed twenty.

Cross-examined. Col. Knight then cross-examined Gilbert, who testified that he was one of the eighteen Republicans who refused to go into caucus, and has since refused to support the caucus nominee. He was asked if he had any communication with Waters after the caucus. He said he had no communication with Waters after the caucus. He said he had no communication with Waters after the caucus. He said he had no communication with Waters after the caucus.

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