

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, JUNE 25, 1875.

The Portland Election—Its Lesson.

The city election occurred at Portland last Monday, and resulted in a kind of victory for the People's ticket, they having elected all the tickets except the Mayor and one of the Councilmen. There were but two tickets in the field, the People's and straight Republican, and consequently there was no funeral of ours in the defeat of either ticket.

We cannot but think that the people of Portland showed poor sense when they defeated Henry Failing with such a neglige as Dr. Chapman, who but a year ago tried to sell out the Democracy. There were two reasons which conspired against Mr. Failing, to-wit: That he had declined to accept the proffered contributions from the people of the Union in aid of those who had burned out in Aug. 1873, and that he vetoed an ordinance which reduced the whiskey license from \$100 to \$50. The first was used against him with good success by demagogues, while the latter was a power against him among the saloon keepers, and the two combined caused his defeat. If we should pick out any one meritorious act of Mr. Failing's during the past two years, we certainly should take his action in regard to the proffered aid. He refused to make the people of Portland beggars when they were not in need and amply able to help themselves. We saw that all were provided with food, became personally responsible for them and gave \$1,000. This is more than his competitor did or would have done. But these are matters which belong entirely to Portland, and had not Mr. Failing's opponent been a traitor to the Democracy at the time he held the position of chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, a position which he solicited, we would take no stock in the issue whatever. But we are sorry, as the case is, that the people of Portland have endorsed treachery and political treason, and shown themselves in favor of countenancing such conduct. Being successful in his treason this time, there is no telling how soon he will betray the party which has now honored him.

The result of this election is an important lesson to the Democracy of Multnomah county and of Portland. For a number of years the party managers have become dead and appear to think that all they must do is to lay down and let the Radicals or dissatisfied members of that party walk over them. Now we propose to show them that they owe a duty to the State at large and to themselves, and unless they wake up and do that duty they are unworthy the name of Democrats. The first thing to be done is to heal the dissatisfactions that have existed in the past, and then secure united and harmonious action among all its members. Don't tell us that a half loaf is better than none. Not in politics. What good is an independent to the Democracy in the Legislature when he acts either with the Radicals or goes to the no organization termed Independents. In our view of the matter, it is better to have straight Democrats or straight Radicals, than the people know what to depend upon. We are opposed to backsliding in anything, and especially in politics. A party never gains strength when it is for the simple spoils of office. If principles have nothing to do with the matter, it becomes only a squabble for spoils, and then it makes but little difference who gets them. To show that the Democracy of Portland would be successful if they maintained their organization as Democrats should do, it is only necessary to state the fact that every Democrat on the city ticket last Monday was elected, and while Chapman got six majority, Jo. Bachman, on the other ticket, a soundly honest and positive Democrat, got 183 majority, and Jo. Wiley got 279. Now we propose to take the vote for Mayor and we will try and keep strictly within the probabilities of results. In 1873 there were cast for Mayor 2,016. Last Monday there were polled 1,596 in all. This shows a decrease on the vote of 420. This vote was about 700 short of the vote cast in Portland at the June election only two weeks before, so it is safe to calculate that at least 900 Democrats refused to vote for city officers because their party leaders failed to give them candidates to vote for, and they did not care who got the spoils, thus we have 720 votes unrepresented last Monday. Then it would be doing Portland an injustice to say that her vote has not increased at least 400 during the past two years, so we have 1,120 votes unrepresented, and these were all dissatisfied with the course pursued by the party leaders, and did not care to follow either the *Oregonian* or *Bulletin* crowds. But it is also safe to calculate that two out of every three votes cast for Mr. Failing last Monday would have been cast for a Democrat, and more cheerfully and with more enthusiasm than they were cast for him, so you can add another 400 to the unrepresented side, beside

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

When you have finished this letter, no doubt you will say to yourself, "Because in Hawthorn's 'Twice Told Tales' there is a pleasantly written little essay on 'Old News,' that is no reason why you should attempt it." Exactly; so if what I send you has "an ancient and fish-like smell," consign it to the tomb of aspiring poets—the waste-basket.

Joaquin Miller is the representative to our Centennial Exhibition of a London publishing house. Did it ever strike you how England tries to make idiots of us all, by snubbing our statesmen and lionizing our lunatics? They say, however, that the "Oregon Byron's" passport into London society was not his doggerel, but his top boots and "broad acres"—that; not his brain, but his "cheek."

Cardinal McCloskey charges only \$500, cash, for trying a nuptial knot. Inducements like this, for our young men to marry, are coming in every day. Appropos, Phil Sheridan married General Rucker's young daughter, Irene, on the 3d inst. They "committed matrimony" in the Roman Catholic Church. Colonel Mike Sheridan, though educated for the priesthood, and capable of giving the *Ave Maria* with real Jesuitical twang, did not officiate as Mr. Hyman. With characteristic "dash," Philip gave unto his wife a carriage, a pair of "thoroughbreds," and a pair of solitary diamond ear-rings. Business at Long Branch interfered with the Great Bear Grant's attendance, though many of his satellites were there in full blaze. I suppose that in the delirium of the moment the great Winchester equestrian forgot that he was the son of an Irish hod carrier and the blood-thirsty ass who proposed treating some of our Southern brothers as banditti.

In the midst of a dispute between Rutgers and Princeton colleges as to the ownership of an old cannon mounted in the "campus" of the latter place of education, some of the Rutgers boys suddenly put an end to all argument by carting off, in the dead of night, and successfully hiding the disputed prize. *Lex talionis* persuading the Presbyterians, a body of twenty Princeton students made a raid on Rutgers' college armory, and escaped with about twenty muskets. A flag of truce and exchange of arms soon followed, when the greedy general government made known its intention of appropriating this coveted howitzer to itself as the property of the United States.

All the college crews are hard at work practicing for the Saratoga races. There will be fourteen colleges represented, Harvard and Yale the Favorites. The "girl of the period," this summer, must be "well up" in college slang, know the difference between a "shell" and a "spare man," and wear the colors of her favorite college. The night after the race the crews are to give a grand ball, and our Italian friend, Pat Gilmore, of "Boston Peace Jubilee" fame, is to brandish the *cotton* before a hundred musicians. All the dignitaries of the country are invited to attend—by some blunder in the mails my invitation has not arrived yet, very strange. Gilmore has fitted up Barnum's Hippodrome as a concert garden, and is now in active rivalry to Theo. Thomas, at Central Park. The beautiful ladies, the Cascades, the fountains, the thousand of different colored lights, the sweet music, and—last, but not best—the "bitchal beach," make it a most enjoyable place for an idle hour. Barnum lost money on his hippodrome, sold out, and is now carrying out his temperance proclivities as Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.

On the 5th of this month the American Rifle Team started for Europe. The members are all amateurs, yet their practicing average is very much better than any foreign company of shooters, so we are all confident of a Yankee victory, but—well, I'll finish this sentence when the "returns" come over the cable.

The Indians could come to no satisfactory arrangements with our Washington diplomat concerning the Black Hills, so they have started west with the understanding, however, that they are to treat during the summer with commissioners. Grant gave "Sitting Bull" a silver mounted Henry rifle—it would be sweet to die by this weapon! They were offered only \$25,000 for the Black Hills property, which would be but fifty cents apiece, too little, they say, even to get drunk on.

One hundred and seventeen last week died of the small-pox, but would it be news to say, among that number was *not* Tom.

INCREASE OF IMPORTED GOODS.—The report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics for four months ending April 30, 1875, shows an increase in the imports of all the principal articles of British and Irish products and manufactures from the United Kingdom to the United States, as compared with the corresponding period of 1874.

Did I.—Dr. Chapman was elected by just six votes last Monday as Mayor of Portland. This result was probably from the votes in the Surveyor General's office, so you see the Radicals had an eye open to even the city elections when they moved the office to Portland.

Interesting Letter From Marion County.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

STATTON, June, 19th 1875.

FRIEND NOLLNER—You will doubtless be surprised to receive a letter from me; having but little to do and being rather lonesome, thought I could not do better than drop you a line. I am left in charge of a stock of goods belonging to Mr. Friendly, now in the hands of the U. S. Marshal, whose representative I am at this time.

This little town is owned by a Mr. Stayton a very nice man; the town consists of thirty families, most of whom are members of Mr. Stayton's family, or related; they have a splendid water power which is brought from the Santiam, about a quarter of a mile distant; they have running a carding machine, furniture factory, sash and door factory, a large saw mill, and a large grist mill ready for the machinery, two stores one blacksmith and wagon shop, one gunsmith and two doctors, and no whiskey or beer in the place (visible). They have a nice school house enclosed with a good fence and a block of ground for the play-ground, good wood shed and other conveniences and the school house well seated, much better than our city schools; it is used for public meetings of all kinds, church &c; they are making great preparations for the Fourth of July. I must not forget to mention the band, for they have favored me with some sweet music; the band is composed of nine members and is quite a respectable one for the time they have been practicing; I believe only a few months; they play every other evening, and the rest of the evenings they pitch horse shoes, a game I take hand in myself, and sometimes make a ringer—not a clothes wringer. I must say they are a very happy people, and you will be pleased to hear that with two exceptions are good bedrock Democrats, some of them having fought with Price in Missouri, and I have listened with much pleasure to the recital of some of their exploits with the Yanks; they say Lyons was a brave man but they don't think much of Fremont.

This is a great place for strawberries; one man here having several large fields; the folks go and gather them, and by that means get them for 25 cents per gallon, and sometimes without charge; but they are not sweet here, not enough sun. I have been here two weeks, and it has rained most of the time, and cold, but the crops look fine. I expect you will think me long winded, so will stop; hoping the friends in the "crack" are all well and prosperous. Resp't yours, W. W.

Rather Not.

The editor of the *Oregonian* wants us to make up our verdict on the action of some New Hampshire Democrats on what he has published in regard to the matter. We would rather be excused, as we have long since made up our mind not to give credence in regard to Radical testimony, even when it is sugar-coated with Independent gum. We want better evidence than this and for the satisfaction of the editor of the *Oregonian* we will say this, if he has stated the case correctly, we give him the privilege to abuse the Democrats of New Hampshire as much as he pleases, and he can't do them justice. But we at the same time say this, that the Democratic party will not endorse the acts of these officials (provided the case is as stated by the *Oregonian*) hence the party can not be held responsible for the acts of a few men. The Louisiana outrage was endorsed by the President and the entire Cabinet, so Fish telegraphed, and hence it became a party measure. The same is true of the Oregon Radicals in regard to the Grant county frauds, the Clackamas county frauds, Sam May's stealing and Woods' corruption. The party endorsed and tried to exculpate them. Individuals of a party may do wrong, but that does not become a party measure unless the party to which they belong sanctions such wrong.

NOT FLATTERING.—Dr. A. J. Chapman was elected Mayor of Portland last Monday by six majority. He received 801 votes. Two years ago Col. John McCracken was defeated and received 998 votes, or 197 more than what elected Chapman this time. If the Dr. thinks he is in full fellowship with his Radical friends, these figures could certainly undeceive him. Radicals do not like a renegade much better than the Democracy do. Besides, the Dr. should remember that the Portland vote has increased at least four hundred the past two years. This is not very flattering to him.

DEATH OF FATHER KELLY.—The Rev. Mr. Kelly, an old pioneer of Oregon, and whose name has become so familiar that he was generally known as Father Kelly, died at his residence in East Portland last Friday morning. He was a good man universally beloved by all who knew him. He was the father of Hon. Pam Kelly, a member of the last House of Representatives. The Portland papers say it was the largest funeral ever had in the vicinity of that place. Father Kelly came to Oregon in 1847 and has resided on the place where he died, ever since. Peace be to his honored and respected remains.

POLITICAL NEWS.

COLUMBUS, June 17.—The Democratic State Convention to-day was the largest ever held in Ohio. The following speakers were nominated: Governor, Wm. Allen; Lieutenant Governor, S. F. Carey; Supreme Judge, J. O. Ashburn; Auditor, E. M. Green; Treasurer, J. Schriver; Attorney General, T. E. Powell. The following platform was adopted: Sacred attention to the principles of the Government put in practical operation by the fathers of the Republic; protection of all citizens without regard to race or color; that the President's service should be limited to one term; that national bank circulation be permanently retired and legal tenders issued in their place; establishment of a system of free banks of discount and deposits; denounce the Republican platform as an insult to the intelligent people of Ohio, and a last appeal to sectarian prejudices.

AGUSTA, Me., June 22.—The Democratic convention met to-day. Present, 631 delegates. General Sam J. Anderson was chosen permanent chairman, and committees were appointed.

In the afternoon session of the Democratic State convention, resolutions were read and adopted embodying the following declarations: The constitution is the people's only safeguard; the rights of the people and States must be sacredly preserved from the touch of military or Congressional usurpation; civil supremacy of all men under the law; sound currency, coin or its equivalent; tariff for revenue only; government economically administered; honest preservation of public faith in the administration of the Government in national, State and municipal affairs; unnecessary offices abolished and reduction of salaries; one term for the President, with salary of \$25,000. The resolutions argued the Republican party for abandonment of principles, profligacy and corruption, and condemn the administration in strong terms for the responsibility of the Louisiana usurpation and the attempt to suspend habeas corpus by the last Congress, and for the attempt to no longer safe to trust the reins of government in such hands. The administration is pronounced responsible for the present depressed condition of the country's commerce, for the crippling of the ship-building trade and driving of the American merchant marine from the ocean, and for the ports of Maine suffering under the burden. They appeal to all men, without regard to party or past differences, to unite with them to secure a triumph. The effort made to incorporate the financial and political reformers into a Democratic convention failed. General Thos. N. Roberts, of Bangor, was nominated for Governor, and the convention adjourned.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

BOSTON, June 17.—At the celebration to-day, the first marked feature was a review by Gov. Sargent of the entire body of militia. Major Gen. B. F. Butler commanded the review. The State troops were well received, but the general enthusiasm was reserved for the visiting soldiery, especially the Philadelphia regiment, New York seventh, Maryland fifth, and Charleston light infantry. The review lasted over an hour, and it is estimated that 20,000 troops were in line. Among the distinguished guests were members of the diplomatic corps, Vice-pres. Hendricks, General Sherman, Burnside and Hawley, Chief Justice Supreme Court, and Governors and Congressmen from several States.

CHICAGO, June 17.—A Tribune's special says the trial of Hinds, the mail contractor, charged with corrupting Government officials, is making rapid progress. Indications are that he will escape conviction on technical grounds. The officials of the postoffice department doubt whether there is any law covering the case, and the local prosecuting officers have not been very vigorous in the prosecution. Hinds threatened to resign if convicted, and says he will not go behind the bars alone.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—The cathedral was crowded to-day on the occasion of conferring the pallium upon Bishop Wood, and raising the feast of St. Andrew. A number of archbishops and bishops were present. Archbishop Hailey conferred the pallium after receiving it from the hands of the pope's legate. About 300 clergymen were in the process of ordination. The New York, June 19.—The cargo of the ship *Champion* was valued at half a million. Her cargo is a growing and county and Tillamook on ledges, and is to exist in the banks of the Nehalem, and is being put into the ocean south of Clatsop Plains.

Mr. Humphrey Long, an old citizen of Marion county, fell dead on Monday evening at 7 o'clock after two minutes' complaint. He was growing with a bad cold, but not considered otherwise ill. He was an estimable man and a good citizen.

The circuit court of the second judicial district has decided against the validity of the assessment that refuses to deduct indebtedness of the order.

There are six candidates for graduation in the medical department of the Willamette University this year.

A sash, door and furniture factory is about being erected at Lafayette, and excavations for the buildings are now in order.

The rains of the past few days will, says the State Journal, be of incalculable benefit to the growing crops—and many a dollar in the farmer's pocket.

One hundred barrels of salmon oil, shipped here on the last trip of the J. L. Stephens, previous to this week is valued at 40 cents in the San Francisco market.

The Dalles Mountaineer says: Mr. Joseph Beechey informs us that his fishery is in full blast, and that his fish are running in the Dalles "in millions." One Indian caught 500 salmon in two days with a dip net, the fish weighed at all the way from twenty to thirty-five pounds each.

Since the beginning of the season about 90,000 cases of the Columbia river salmon have been sold in the San Francisco market, at an average price of \$1.30 per dozen for export. Booth & Co. have ordered for the month of June, orders for several lots for New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Baltimore, and other cities in the east. B. Keeley, St. Paul, Minnesota, is a heavy buyer.

W. R. Dunbar has reappointed R. J. W. Watts, of Yamhill county, and H. C. Giddings, of Clatsop county. Other appointments of State and District Deputies will be made and announced in a few days.

Mr. A. W. Farman and two of his sons are building the bridge on the section of the Sandy and Dalles wagon road. We understand the work is progressing rapidly.

We understand says the Mountaineer, that the Columbia River Improvement company has commenced suit against the State for the right of way through the Cascades for the purpose of building the proposed road.

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