

The Enterprise.

OREGON CITY, THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1878.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

- Senator, J. T. APPERSON. Representatives, CAPT. H. WILL, E. FORBES, R. BRADLEY, W. A. STARK WEATHER, County Judge, J. K. WAIT, Sheriff, JOHN PILSBURY, Clerk, W. H. H. FOUTS, Treasurer, F. S. DEMENT, Commissioners, JACOB BAUER, ALBERT WALLING, Assessor, JOS. BARSTOW, School Superintendent, N. W. RANDALL, Surveyor, N. O. WALDEN, Coroner, W. C. GREAVES.

The Democratic State Ticket.

The Democrats have put their State ticket in the field. Dick Williams' law partner, W. W. Thayer of Portland, is the Democratic candidate for Governor. He has lived a long while in Oregon, and this is the first time he has been thought worthy of recognition. It is more than likely he would not now have been "dug up" had it not been for the fact that a certain quiet but energetic man, since all the acknowledged leaders (seeing defeat ahead) declined to run. The nominee for Congress is that perpetual office seeker John Whiteaker of Lane county. Whenever the Democrats have a Gibraltar they want to capture, poor old Whiteaker is trotted out and made to do the war-paint, and no Christian martyr was ever tried to the stake with more willingness. One Reames from Jackson county aspires to the office of Secretary of State, but he will find that all his Reamesian "foolscap" and that he will be considered "no brains" than he is at his command. A. H. Brown, the present incumbent, is willing to sacrifice himself for another term as State Treasurer at the paltry remuneration of \$800 per annum. As the Mercury said a few weeks ago, the people want a new deal, and Mr. Brown will be elected to stay at home, while his successor will look after the school fund and only draw one salary. A. Noltner, candidate for State Printer, we have spoken of in a previous issue. He deserves well of his party, and will probably make a good run in this county where he has many friends—but they will hardly be enough of them to elect him. The Democrats have placed the name of Prof. Jos. Emery, of Corvallis, on their ticket for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. He is said to be a cultured man—but then he can't be the next incumbent, for we need that office in the Republican party with the rest. Taken altogether it lacks considerable of being a strong ticket, and it will be easily beaten if we put a good ticket in the field against it.

America at Paris.

The American exhibit at the Paris Exposition will far exceed anticipations first entertained as to the extent of our show at the great International Exhibition. Many feared a fair representation of American products and industries would not be made and therefore the enterprise was not encouraged with as much zeal and spirit as it otherwise would have been. The result however has been very satisfactory, and the American display will be very creditable. Commissioner McCormick has devoted himself incessantly to the work of preparation, and much has been done in the short time since he assumed the important place. Upwards of 2,000 tons of exhibits have been received. Five government vessels have been appropriated to supply the Constellation, the Wyoming, Portsmouth and Constellation. Independent of these vessels, the Commissioner has found it necessary to contract with the French mail steamers to take the residue of exhibits not shipped on the above named vessels. This vast amount of stuff does not include all of our exhibit, for much will be sent on the French mail steamers during this month at the expense of the exhibitors themselves, who have allotted space provided for them. Scarcely two-thirds of the persons, who desired to make exhibits, could be accommodated with space. The Commissioner therefore chose to give space to those who could and would give the best and most comprehensive display. A great success is anticipated. The Oregonian has perched itself on the fence waiting for the parties to put their candidates in the field, then the "fat incubus" will jump down and let us know whether the "only paper" is a Republican, Democratic or Greenback organ. Our readers will remember that \$3,000 out of Tilden's bar! bought the influence of the concern one, and it need not surprise anyone if it took a queer turn in this campaign. Prof. Emery, of Corvallis, publishes a card in yesterday's Standard declining to sacrifice himself as the Democratic candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

What Will the People Do?

Recent dispatches show that at Republican caucuses in Washington, the feeble objections to the Administration offered by Senators Howe and Sargent, and Clerk of the Senate, Gorham, have been completely overridden, and President Hayes almost unanimously endorsed. This doubtless is a bitter pill for such quasi-Republican papers as the Oregonian, but it is good news to all honest people who have the best interests of the country close at heart. President Hayes is trying to administer the Government in precisely the way that every intelligent citizen has been saying for years that it ought to be administered. The only tenable ground for criticism on his administration is that now and then its acts do not agree with its avowed purpose. The ground upon which it is assailed by machine politicians is that it makes its acts accord too closely with its professions. They are angry because the costly methods known as "Grantism" are not employed by the executive branch of the government. The malcontents are to-day contending for that kind of administration which kept the country in a continual broil and in no way improved our standing among the nations of the world. This is a plain and true statement of the case. The actual nature of the dispute can not be disguised or rationally disputed. The demagogic assaults upon Secretary Schurz for doing his whole duty as an officer of the government illustrate fully and accurately the moral rottenness of the partisan opposition to the President. He is opposed by the machine politicians, not because his administration is bad for the country, but because upon the whole, and regarded in its administrative aspects, it is very good for the country. We are told by one of the mouthpieces of the group of self-seeking politicians that "there is no doubt of the complete annihilation of Mr. Schurz." This remark is, of course, the expression of a desire and not the announcement of a fact. The Oregonian never loses an opportunity to run a stilette into Mr. Hayes, and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat hacks him with broadswords from the beginning of the week to the end. Both sides are virtually appealing to the country, and we feel satisfied we know what the people will do when this question gets out of Congress and comes squarely before them.

The Assessor.

The Yamhill Reporter last week gives us a hint concerning the execrable law regulating assessing property in Oregon, and we hope our legislators will give the subject their most careful consideration in the fall. The American assessor is an arbitrary tyrant, if by the opinion of the average property holder is to be taken as a standard of judgment. He is more closely connected with the tax-eating fraternity in the public mind than any other member of that costly and interesting brotherhood. It is he who decides the amount of value upon which a man shall be compelled to deliver his decets for the preservation of good order, the protection of property, and the support of the fortunate individuals who are born to earn their bread by the sweat of their forefathers' brows. He is the interpreter of the laws enacted for the purpose of raising municipal revenue, and when left to obey the dictates of his own sweet will, is apt to be as reasonable and just as an ordinary highwayman. We do not mean alone the individual assessor, who seems around at stated intervals, seeking whom he may devour, but include the whole machinery of assessment. Ordinarily safeguards are erected by legislative bodies to curb and correct the assessor. These laws are often cumbersome and difficult of application, but they have a beneficial effect in the main. The assessor is a painful necessity in a country where property is made to provide the public revenue, and he must remain a part of our governmental machinery. As we predicted some time ago, the Salem Record—ostensible greenback organ—has "sloped" over into the Democratic ranks, and endorses their State ticket. We cannot help feeling that Hall has been a little premature in this, for had he kept toying with the deluded greenbackers, leading them on by degrees, he might possibly have carried some of them with him into the Bourbon camp on the occasion of his change of party; but as it is, the desertion of the Record has been followed by no one except poor old Hall as chief mourner. The Standard, in some badly shattered English, wishes its readers to understand that the hard sense ascribed by the Enterprise to our candidate for legislature, Bradley, is of that very hard kind that will not develop, owing to its being imbedded in a thick skull. Those who know Mr. Bradley will laugh at the sacrifice to truth the Standard has made in an awkward attempt at being funny, and will console themselves with the thought that he has at least an advantage over the Standard man in not having his brains increased in a soft covering. The Beecher-Tilton scandal has received another impetus by the confession of Mrs. Tilton. She says the charges brought by her husband of adultery between herself and Rev. H. W. Beecher was true. It is said that Tilton and his wife have become reconciled, and that she has influenced her to make this confession.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 29, '78. The most uncertain portion of masculine gender in the House is Ben Butler. Senator Davis, who invariably tries to carry water on both shoulders whenever a vote is to be taken on any important measure, is the incarnation of certainty when compared to Ben Butler, for none can ever indicate in advance what line of action he will pursue. We always know that Mr. Davis will try to "split the difference." But Mr. Butler won't do anything he is expected to do. He is worse than Paddy's pig for contradiction. In the House yesterday the Democrats seated Dean over Field in the contested Massachusetts case by a party vote, with the aid of Ben Butler, for without his vote Dean would not have succeeded, and yet a dozen Democrats would not sanction the outrage with their votes, for Dean had no real claim upon the seat. He has it, however, thanks to Mr. Butler, and we presume the Sage of Essex feels better at this break thrown by him at the Republicans. He is a kind of a boomerang in the Republican party, as he more often returns to strike the thrower than he injures the person aimed at. Polk, the door-keeper of the House, is just as beastly as his brethren, for, in all human probability, if Polk be ousted, his successor will be a ten times worse man in all respects. We have heard several of our party say that the Republicans should have nothing to do with the resolutions, and should rather abstain from voting, letting the Democrats preach their own funeral. Polk is a good fellow, and is personally liked by all who have official intercourse with him, excepting those who want his place. It is not his fault that he has been unjustly inclined to pitch into the administration whether or no, and have been trying to make a tempest in a teapot through the nomination of Mr. Schofield, of Pa., as register of the treasury. It is not his fault that he has been so much inclined to the opinion that in their advances when seeking to secure the nomination of their friend they were guilty of an offense, and in response which the dispenser of official patronage so happily uses to an applicant. All concerned are old politicians and seem sore because they have just found out for the first time how it is. Why Harry White, of Pa., is swearing with oaths as big as Falstaff's that he and his friends were promised the succession of the deceased register, yet we feel assured that they accepted the nomination of their friend in good faith, and that they are not to be considered as having been deceived by the higher powers as unrequited pledges of appointment. Mr. Schofield seems the man for the place. He has nothing to do but sign his name to the papers laid on his desk, and unless we are deceived by appearances, we know he will do his full duty. An automaton could do the same thing, yet we should of course have in preference a man of brains and great ability. The fishing season has just opened on the Potomac with rather flattering prospects for the fishermen. Prime shad have been for sale in our markets for several weeks; the past fair weather and open river having started them toward their spawning grounds nearly four weeks earlier than last year. Our temperance people are hard at work, though Murphy is gone, and are keeping their agitation at a white heat. One of their most efficient speakers is Charles Nye, a son of ex-Senator Jim Nye, and his speeches are marked by the same vein of wit, drollery and oddity which characterized his father while in the Senate. A matter of painful interest recently occurred here, the result of which was four persons taken violently ill with all the symptoms attending metallic poisoning, but no lives were lost, as the physicians were able to save all attacked. The cause of this sickness was traced to the eating of some cream puffs made by a prominent confectioner, but when subjected to chemical tests by our experts, failed to exhibit the slightest trace of any known poison. But the fact remains that none were taken sick who had not eaten of these cream puffs, and we are therefore left to conclude that there are poisonous substances capable of injuriously and dangerously affecting the human system which cannot be detected by chemical science. This was the position assumed by our old professor of chemistry at college, who, to show the imperfection of chemical analysis, would instance an egg, which, in so far as humanity could determine, contained no lime, and yet the young chicken hatched from it had perfect bones, composed chiefly, as all know, of lime. There are natural transmutations beyond human ken, and this recent wholesale poisoning seems one of them, as no person previous to the case was taken sick, and it is not generally known that the English walnut tree grows to perfection in this country. There are trees of this variety in this city which bear abundantly every year, one, in particular, in the yard of one of our wealthy citizens, bore last year over 10 bushels of the finest quality walnuts, and yet we are importing these nuts from England and Europe, thousands of dollars worth annually. It is a wonder, therefore, why we rely upon a foreign country when we possess the means within ourselves of growing them in unlimited quantities. The tree is a vigorous grower, and its beautiful foliage and form render it nearly equal to any ornamental soft maple for ornamental purposes. Real estate begins to look upward here, and there is every reason to believe, from present indications, that we are entering upon an era of rapid improvement. Real estate values are very active, quite as much so as at any time since 1867; hence our conclusion that the city is rapidly recovering from the panic's depression. Mrs. Van Cott says there will be more women than men in heaven. That's rough on us, considering that Eve is responsible for a good deal of the trouble.

Democratic State Platform.

The Democracy of Oregon, in Convention assembled, make the following declaration of principles: SECTION 1. That a simple government, honestly and economically administered, confined in its operations to the administration of justice and preservation of the public peace, is the only safeguard against the abuse of power to which persons in authority are prone, and a corrupt and lavish appropriation of the public funds to corporations which has characterized a national administration for the past seventeen years. SEC. 2. That we heartily approve the action of Congress in remonetizing silver. That we believe that all money made or issued by the government should be of equal value and that we are in favor of paying all the obligations of the government in greenbacks so-called when the pecuniary interest of the people is promoted thereby, except where otherwise expressly provided. SEC. 3. That we regard the forced redemption of specie payments as greatly aggravating the depression and distress consequent on a long season of inflation and extravagance. We therefore favor the repeal of the act requiring redemption of the same. SEC. 4. That we believe that the twenty million dollars now paid the national banks by the government is simply levying tribute upon the people for the benefit of the capitalists. We therefore favor the repeal of the law under which they are authorized, and the issue of currency by the government of currency receivable for all public dues, sufficient to supply the place of the present bank note circulation. SEC. 5. That we heartily endorse the proposed act of Congress to reduce our present tariff list to a strictly revenue standard. That the interests of the great mass of the people of the United States lie in the paths of unrestricted commerce. SEC. 6. That we favor continued agitation on the subject of Mongolian immigration to this country till the federal government is moved to modify our treaties with the Chinese Empire so as to prohibit it, and thus save those of our fellow citizens who depend upon labor for a support from unjust and degrading competition. SEC. 7. That the eighteen years of misrule of the Republican party is in itself a sufficient and final proof no longer to be trusted. That much of its legislation in Congress has tended to make the rich richer, and the poor poorer, and we arraign that party before the people for its classed legislation, for having favored an unjust and unequal, its repeated efforts to overcome the voice of the people by an unjust and unconstitutional use of the military arm of the government, and for forging and perpetrating under its official sanction, the abuses growing out of compensation for extra services, and will limit the pay of officials to a single salary; secure the prohibition of all perquisites, that fruitful source of corruption whereby the public interest is sacrificed to the private gain of individuals, and that those in public employment are frequently doubled; the elimination from public affairs of that species of dishonestly known as favoritism, whereby personal friendships are awarded and personal enmities are punished; and will prevent the abuses growing out of compensation for extra services, and will limit the pay of officials to a single salary; 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