

### THE BUCKEYE CANDIDATE.

Reminiscences of Cronin and "Goble."

The nomination of Judge Hoadly on the Democratic ticket for governor of Ohio serves to recall some incidents in his career. He was a protegee of the late Chief Justice Chase, and was, of course, in early life an ardent Free-soiler, sympathizing in all the views and plans of his illustrious patron. Like Stanley Mathews, he made a great many turns in politics, and always had a keen scent for the main chance. His early promotion was largely due to Chase, the latter helping him to a judgeship. In later years Hoadly has been a Democrat, and rather a prominent politician. He has been aspiring to the office of governor of Ohio for at least twenty years. He has finally obtained the nomination. The *Commercial Gazette*, of Cincinnati, in a recent reference to the memorable contest between Hayes and Tilden, freshens the recollections of the party which Hoadly took. Oregon had chosen Republican electors. One of the three was a postmaster, who was voted for, and although he resigned the office for the purpose of removing the disqualification, and did remove it, by that act, he believed that the Democratic House of Representatives would raise some objection to his qualifications. He therefore resigned the office of elector. The *Commercial* further refers to that episode in the political history of the country.

"By the law of Oregon the disqualification of the man who had received the majority of the votes vacated the office. By the law the other two electors could fill the vacancy. But the time was turbulent; the Tilden-Pelton cipher telegrams were flying about; their emissaries were hurrying forth to attend to the canvassing boards and to the electors; the election had got so close, that with the vote of Louisiana for Hayes, a single Republican elector converted to a Tilden elector would elect him; it was in the air that a single vote might make a poor man rich beyond the dreams of his fancy. Oregon had a Democratic governor, who, with Cronin, a candidate on the Democratic electoral ticket, plotted to fabricate the Democratic electoral vote for Tilden. This was the time and this the great cause in which Judge Hoadly leaped to the front as the great Democratic lawyer, first by writing two letters to Governor Grover, counseling him how to work the thing, and then by publishing a long law opinion to prove Cronin an elector of the President, although the people had not elected him."

Hoadly furnished the law to Governor Grover. Cronin was a mere cat's paw to pull the chestnuts out of the fire. Tilden's nephew was alert. There was a great deal of telegraphing from near Tilden's office to an officious helper in California. The latter telegraphed that a certain sum of money was necessary—a round one—in order to bridge over the gulf. Tilden's man promised to pay the money, but was slow in handing it over before he had the electoral vote in hand. "Grover expected to carry out the plot by means of having the returns of the election of electors in his hands, and giving them to Cronin, but this was thwarted by the secretary of state, who gave certificates to the men that were elected."

These electors met and chose another in the place of the one who had resigned and the electoral vote of these three were finally counted by the commission. Cronin and the two commissioners he had appointed proceeded to vote in the electoral college. The votes were sealed up and formally indorsed by Governor Grover. Hoadly appeared before the Electoral commission and argued for the admission of the Cronin electoral votes. Leading Democrats had admitted that these votes were

fraudulent. The electoral commission heard Hoadly patiently argue his law position. But it decided that the votes could not be admitted. The three Republican votes were admitted as the legal ones, and this decision made Hayes president. As a fragment of political history it is of some interest just now, when the chief law adviser in Tilden's interest is the Democratic candidate for governor of Ohio.

The *Oregonian* learns that the Kalama branch is being pushed with great rapidity, and is quite as far advanced as the engineers and the contractors hoped for it at the start. The work of grading and bridging is first-class. Two locomotives and two trains of fifteen cars each, have been landed on the grade; one at Columbia City and the other at Richard's landing, a few miles above. They are well equipped with track-laying tools and appurtenances, and the work of track-laying will probably begin this week. Plans for inclines near Kalama, and for the terminus on the Oregon side, have been finished, and work will begin without delay. The chief engineer of the Oregon and Transcontinental company, also the terminal company said that he was using every effort to have arrangements for transferring trains across the Willamette and across the Columbia at Kalama completed before the last spike of the Northern Pacific is driven. Transfers will be made temporarily upon barges. He hopes to be able to take the train bearing Mr. Villard and party, with transfers over the two rivers, through to Seattle. The great ferry for Kalama is due about the middle of October. The contractors, Smith Bros. & Watson have six months time in which to put her together.

A San Francisco dispatch of the 16th says: Hon. Geo. W. Bullis, one of the most extensive lumber dealers of Michigan, who owns a vast forest near Marquette, returned this morning on the steamer *Oregon* from Puget Sound where he has been inspecting the timber belts. Mr. Bullis says that rain is an absolute necessity in that region, as extensive fires are now playing havoc with the forests. He represents that the country about the Sound as not only one of vast timber resources, but inexhaustible mining and farming wealth. He predicts a speedy settlement in both Oregon and Washington Territory, and with the best class of citizens. At Portland, Astoria, Seattle and Salem, the rush is unprecedented, and every available acre is being rapidly picked up.

Reports from Sonora, Mexico, are to the effect that Apaches are raiding the districts of Montezuma and San Hariba, committing murder, stealing cattle, etc. A special from Oposura states that a band of twenty savages attacked the hacienda of Parepia, six miles south of Oposura, killing three men. The intelligence is brought that Colonel Bandola, stationed here, who started in pursuit with thirty Mexican troops, found the bodies of three men, and kept on the trail. It is positively known that twenty murders have been committed by Apaches in the neighborhood of Oposura since Crook took their families from the Sierra Madros.

It is now stated that the long tunnel at Cow creek will be finished by the 20th of August, and as all the other grading is nearly completed to Ashland, the people of that town have hopes of the steam engine and trains to their town by December. The crossing of Rogue river will be a very expensive piece of work. The engineer of the Oregon end of the work and the engineer in charge of the California part met not long since and together they selected the point of meeting of the two roads. It is about two miles south of the state line. Men are now actively engaged on both ends of the Siskiyou tunnel.

**Iowa.**  
It will surprise many to learn of the singular changes the state of Iowa has undergone. Originally, by virtue of the discovery of Marquette, Iowa became a possession of France. Afterward it was transferred to Spain by secret treaty in order to prevent it falling into the power of England. By the treaty of St. Idefonso in 1800 Iowa became French soil once more. Then in 1803 came the Louisiana purchase by which the United States gained title to the great tract of land west of the Mississippi and including the present state of Iowa. A temporary government was immediately formed, and what now constitutes Iowa was part of a district placed under the jurisdiction of Indiana. Afterward Iowa passed through various changes, being first a part of the territory of Missouri, then of Michigan and lastly of Wisconsin. In 1838 Iowa was first organized as a territory.

Charles H. Stratton, better known as "General Tom Thumb," died at his residence at Middleboro, Mass., on the 15th, of apoplexy. He had been slightly indisposed for a few days, but nothing serious was anticipated. Deceased was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on January 4, 1838. At the age of 14 years he entered the service of P. T. Barnum, and ever since then has been before the public. He leaves a wife who has been on the stage with him since their marriage in 1863. His wife is also a dwarf, whose stage name is Minnie Warren.

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