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BUTLER'S IDEAS.

Ben Butler has written a letter accepting the nomination for governor of the National Greenback Labor party of Massachusetts. Their action, he says, affords him much pleasure as a mark of their appreciation of his labors in behalf of the Greenback party, and the laboring man. The greenback, he says, has become absolutely the currency of the United States in the several different forms in which the government issues its money. Every silver and gold certificate and every postal note is essentially greenback; that is, paper currency based on a guarantee of the nation's good faith. If all the gold and silver uselessly piled up in the vaults of the treasury were taken away, still the notes of the United States will be just as good. Upon that question the Greenbackers have won their fight, after a long and severe struggle, commencing in obliging and ending in victory. He attempted, he says, in what he wrote to the officers of the convention of the Greenback party last year, to pay this compliment. But his and their enemies took advantage of the language in which it was couched, to twist it to their nefarious purposes. He trusts he has now made plain what he meant. The party still has a higher and nobler mission before it of establishing relations between labor and capital which shall be just and profitable to both, and of restraining lawless monopolies, such as the transportation of freight and passengers with it—the purposes for which they received the sanction of law. Organizations under the forms of law which give any undue advantage by which the rich are made richer, and the poor poorer, ought to be strongly dealt with. A few years ago our currency and our public debt were such contrivances. Let us abolish all other contrivances, such as watering stocks, bogus mortgages on railroads and fictitious valuation of the property of incorporated companies, by which money, without proper equivalent for it, is taken from one and given to another. We are not enemies of honest capital—we are its true friends; because if capital suffers itself to become the oppressor of an educated, intelligent and true people, such oppressor will be surely swept away, and who shall say that in such case it ought not to be?

The pacing record has been carried past the best trotting time for the fourth time in the history of the turf by a horse with the romantic name of Johnston. Old Pocahontas first put the paces ahead by distancing Tacony to wagon in 2:17, and the first trotting horse to beat this time was Dexter, who went to saddle in 2:17. Then Billy Boyce paced to saddle in 2:14, and he was in turn outtrodded by Goldsmith Maid, in 2:14. The trotting record then reverted to Rarus in 2:13, and afterward to St. Julien in 2:12, but these were soon beaten by the pacer Sleepy Tom, who lowered the fastest mile time to 2:12, which was unbroken until Maud S. trotted in 2:11. Now the same mare's 2:10 is left behind by the pacer Johnston's 2:10, and next season the great task for Maud S. and Jay-Eye-See will not be so much to win laurels from each other as to bring the trotters once more in the van by beating this pacer.

An exchange says that "R. B. Hayes is making pumpkin pies in Ohio." Hayes—Hayes; who is Hayes, any how?

No Demand for American Wooden Ships.

Attention has already been called to the fact that the ship-building industry on the Pacific coast is not as prosperous as it has been and that ship carpenters are the only class of mechanics whose services are not in good demand. There is one cause connected with this stagnation in the trade which is both instructive and interesting, because it shows how great the preference is which is given to foreign over American, and to iron over wooden ships. The general public is, perhaps, already aware of the present season has been and continues to be an unprofitable one for deep-water vessels, which has forced many of them into idleness at this port. It is not necessary here to point out the effects of this condition of things upon the ship builders' and repairers' trade. The facts which are of more interest to the reader concerned in the welfare of the American merchant marine are that there are in the port of San Francisco at this moment 117 deep-water vessels, of which 45 are under engagement and 72 are disengaged. Of the former number 34 are iron vessels and 11 are constructed of wood, 32 sail under the British flag and only 9 under the American flag. Of the disengaged fleet, on the other hand, but 8 are iron vessels and 64 are wooden ships, 54 are American and 16 belong to Great Britain. Nothing could more strikingly demonstrate the preference which is given English iron over American wooden ships than these figures concerning the California wheat fleet now in the port of San Francisco. They certainly are not encouraging to American ship builders and owners. Some of these American ships have been in port since December last, and been a steady drain upon the purses of their owners. One of them has been here for nearly two years, for the owners are stubborn and refuse to charter her below a rate which they think she ought to bring. On the other hand the earliest date of arrival of the disengaged iron ships is August 6th. The difficulty is not the American owners are more unwilling to accept the prevailing charter rates than the English iron vessels. The latter are given the preference by the exporter even as the sailor will give vessels of that nationality the preference, because he receives better treatment when sailing under the flag of Great Britain.—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE ASTORIAN complains of California packing establishments using Columbia river brands on inferior packages of salmon, and recommends as a matter of self-preservation that some steps be taken to prevent this dishonesty. It is well known that Columbia river salmon is the very best in the world, and the packers on the Columbia have an honorable pride in putting up the fish in the very best manner, whether it be salted or canned. Mr. Schwatka, when in Baltimore, years ago, saw some fine Columbia salmon as he was walking through a market building—and glad we suppose to see anything to remind him of Oregon—said to the man in charge, "Fine fish that?" "Yes its California salmon, caught in the Columbia river." So with our best flour, it has been found re-labeled with California brands.—Willamette Farmer.

The Washington Territorial legislature has divided Spokane county. The new county has been named Sprague, and Assotin is designated as the county seat.

A Washington dispatch says: Commissioner McFarland, of the general land office, is continuing the vigorous crusade inaugurated against what are known as land cruisers. Upon the report of special agents thirteen entries of public lands in Washington Territory were yesterday held for cancellation. The commissioner says all the parties in these cases appear to have combined in the commission of the frauds, the combination even extending to the notary who witnessed the papers. All the entries upon confirmation were transferred to one individual.

A Post's Washington dispatch says on good authority that General Hancock favors the nomination of an old Democratic presidential ticket, but does not want the ticket to be too old; in fact, he would be really glad to have Hancock and English renominated. This may account for the recent anxious and reiterated denials of his reported serious illness, which have come from Governors Island.

David Davis, during his stay in Washington, always lived in a second-class hotel, and was beyond doubt the closest man ever in public life. It is said that he would dispute with the applewoman in the senate hall over the price of an apple.

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