

THE EVOLUTION OF NATIONS.

When our national government was established the most far-seeing statesman knew little of what was before them. They possibly foresaw our territorial expansion, and dreamed of a time when a hundred million of people should dwell under our flag. But they had never seen a steamboat, a railroad, a line of telegraph poles strung with a single wire, to say nothing of a dozen. They had never heard of coal oil, or lucifer matches, or reapers, mowers, gang plows or sewing machines. They would never have believed a fast mail train could cross the continent in five days, nor the lightning flashing under the Atlantic ocean on nine cables. If the fathers of the revolution could look down on this country to-day the great corporations with their immense wealth and power would no startle them half as much as the appliances and men managing the executive department of the United States government. Their confidence in Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Franklin, was so great that they thought it wise to put all the executive power of the government into the hands of the president. He was to choose all his advisers, assistants, helpers, or clerks, called a cabinet subject only to the approval of the senate. Nobody could have foreseen the present condition of the various departments of the executive government. The cabinet officers were not provided for in the constitution; they are only the president's hands to do his work. And yet, the fact is, to-day from long usage, each department has become an immense power, an every cabinet officer is a ruler of almost unlimited authority. In theory he is subject to law; in fact he often disregards and overrides the law. The rules and rulings of the department are regarded as higher than law, and if they are shown to be contrary to law, so much the worse for the law. The people submit to the arbitrary rulings rather than appeal to the courts. Litigation is expensive and tedious, most men prefer to submit rather than fight. So powerful has all the mass of rules and usages become that the president's power has become a by-word. Even Grant said he had very little influence with his administration. But presidents and cabinets come and go while the departments go on forever. The rulers are the old barnacles who stick and control all the affairs of every department. Presidents and cabinet officers cannot do otherwise than refer all matters of executive government to the underlings, and in many instances they have made beautiful messes of it. The stories brought back by men having business with the departments, from time immemorial, have been of the most extraordinary nature. The circumlocution office has secrets more astounding than those of the inquisition. The same old conspirators from Jackson's time down rule the national executive departments, and they are the wonders of the nineteenth century.

A GOOD POINT.

Lucy Stone, in the Woman's Journal, says the whole northern country is shocked that in Copiah county, Miss; a ppi, and in Danville, Virginia, and many other parts of the south, legal voters are systematically deprived of the exercise of their right of suffrage. That this is an outrage that destroys the very foundation of free government, by the people and for the people. It flouts the doctrine of the fathers, that all just government is founded upon the consent of the governed. Then she very pertinently asks how much better is it in Suffolk county, Massachusetts? There more than one half of the governed have never been permitted to assist in choosing their rulers. No violence has been used in Suffolk county, to suppress the woman vote. The shot-gun has not become a familiar argument, simply because it has not yet been made necessary. If the women should rise and demand their rights, there is no telling what might happen. So far there has been peace, because half the voters have quietly submitted to the outrage, and have demanded their right of franchise only by arguments, reason, logic, and sweet words of persuasion.

BORN.

At Jewell, Oregon, May 23, 1884, to the wife of T. S. Loughery, a son.

NEW TO-DAY

Picked up. ON SATURDAY, MAY 24, ONE PIECE of net containing about 120 fish, mostly small, was taken by Mr. J. H. Gray, near the wharf. The net was owned by Mr. J. H. Gray, and was used by him for catching fish. The fish were taken by Mr. J. H. Gray, and were sold to him by Mr. J. H. Gray. The fish were taken by Mr. J. H. Gray, and were sold to him by Mr. J. H. Gray.

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CAUSE OF PROSPERITY.

No one will deny that all the necessities of life—its comforts, its conveniences, its wealth—all that contributes to life's development or lissipation, its protection or destruction, are the results of labor; that they are the direct effect of the employment of man's mind and muscle, and can be obtained in no other way. It is equally clear that it is by the general use and consumption by man of all his varied products that the necessity for exchange and trade is created—that the avenues to wealth are opened to the non-producing classes; and that it is only by means of labor that all these things can be effected. It then follows that the amount of the consumption, by a community or nation, fixes the amount of its exchange and trade, and that the amount of employment of the people necessarily becomes the measure of their consumption; that as the employment and compensation of the people increases so will be the increase in their demand for the necessities and comforts of life, and the trade that comes of prosperity. But that, on the other hand, as employment falls off and idleness increases, with decreasing compensations, their demand for and use of the necessities of life must correspondingly diminish, and trade becomes reduced and demoralized. Manifestly, if these primary principles are sound, it necessarily follows that the prosperity of all interests depends upon the full employment of all, and that idleness is a cancer that will destroy the vitality of every people that permits its growth.

GENERAL BUTLER is thus far ahead in the presidential race. The anti-monopolists are the only party which has held a national convention, and so is the nominee. This is a great advantage over all the other candidates, but there is still considerable work before the ex-governor of Massachusetts. The anti-monopolists are numerous and enthusiastic, but they lack a majority of the voters of the country. The total vote four years ago for president was 9,219,947. Supposing there are 947 anti-monopolists. General Butler will be still several millions behind. He is, however, fortunate. He has received what Mr. Blaine has never succeeded in obtaining—a nomination. He should offer chronos for anti-monopolists.

A CLEVER ESSAY

A CLEVER essay in the San Francisco Argonaut argues that in this country no man should be allowed to have more than \$500,000. So that is his limit. Probably if the man that has half a million were to fix the limit he would place it a million, the millionaire at ten millions; the gentlemen who by the sweat of his and other people's brows has accumulated \$10,000,000 would call the game at twenty million, and so on. A man's pile can usually be sized by the limit of the ante he proposes when the first deal is being made.

THE SURVIVING MEMBERS

The surviving members of the convention of 1854, at Worcester, for the formation of the republican party, propose to have a reunion this summer. The twenty-fifth anniversary was observed at Worcester five years ago, when Hon. Stephen M. Allen, one of the presiding officers of the first convention, wrote an historical address for the occasion.

UNIVERSAL DEPRESSION

UNIVERSAL depression of trade is reported in the English towns devoted to shipping. Steamers representing a capital of £120,000 are laid up in a single Scotch port, and over 120 ocean-going steamers lie idle on the Tyne and the Wear.

THE SAD FATE OF SUNSET COX

The sad fate of Sunset Cox should be a warning to public men who assume the role of humorists. He feels that he might have been elected speaker if he had never made a joke. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make funny.

THE FACT THAT EL MAHDI

The fact that El Mahdi, the false prophet, sleeps during the day and transacts all his business at night gives rise to the suspicion that El must have been either a burglar or a chicken capturer at an early period in his career.

A BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED

A BILL has been introduced in the senate providing for a tenth judicial district, to consist of the districts of California, Oregon and Nevada, and that the judge of the present ninth circuit shall be judge of the tenth circuit.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.



- FOR CONGRESS, BINGER HERMAN, of Douglas Co. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUDGE L. LINN, of Linn Co. FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, D. P. THOMPSON, of Multnomah. J. C. LEASURE, of Umatilla. WARREN TRUITT, of Polk. FOR JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DIST. F. J. TAYLOR, of Clatsop. FOR PROS. ATT'Y, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, T. A. McBRIDE, of Clackamas. Clatsop Co. Republican Ticket. FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE, (From Clatsop and Tillamook Counties) J. H. D. GRAY. FOR SHERIFF, GEO. P. WHEELER. FOR COUNTY CLERK, J. O. SPENCER. FOR COUNTY TREASURER, A. W. BERRY. FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, D. K. WARREN, H. E. PARKER. FOR ASSESSOR, J. F. WARREN. FOR SURVEYOR, GEORGE F. PARKER. FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, H. SLOOP. FOR CORONER, J. C. ROSS. Astoria Precinct. FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, N. E. GOODELL. FOR CONSTABLE, J. E. CHRISTIE. Shively Precinct. FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, J. W. WELCH. FOR CONSTABLE, O. NELSON.

REGULAR Democratic Ticket.

- FOR CONGRESS, JOHN MYERS, of Clackamas. JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, W. W. THAYER, of Multnomah. FOR JUDGE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT A. S. BENNETT, of Wasco. FOR PROS. ATT'Y FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, W. E. DILLARD. Clatsop County Democratic Ticket. FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE, (From Clatsop and Tillamook Counties) C. LEINENWEBER. FOR SHERIFF, W. G. ROSS. FOR COUNTY CLERK, C. J. TRENCHARD. FOR TREASURER, ISAAC BERGMAN. FOR ASSESSOR, C. W. SHIVELY. FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, JOHN HOBSON, F. BARTOLDES. FOR SURVEYOR, N. D. RAYMOND. FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, J. E. HIGGINS. FOR CORONER, B. B. FRANKLIN. Astoria Precinct. FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, C. R. THOMSON. FOR CONSTABLE, S. G. INGALLS.

ANTORIA, OREGON, May 23, 1884. TO J. F. HALLIBORN, EDITOR ASTORIAN.—DEAR SIR: You will please publish in your paper, the Democratic ticket as hereto attached, and state by authority of the undersigned. C. H. PAGE, Chairman. A. H. STONE, Sec. JOHN ADAMS, Jr. (Proxy.) R. J. MORRISON, Jr. (Proxy.) JOHN HOBSON, (Proxy.) Democratic County Committee for Clatsop county, Oregon.

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