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KING CAUCUS.

The Portland Dispatch condemns the anti-Dolph element for bolting the caucus nomination.

"Men of honor, who participate in a party caucus," says the Dispatch, "would have carried out the verdict of the majority, or refuse to go into the caucus."

This may be good old-time democratic doctrine, and we presume it is, coming as it does from an ancient war-eagle of antebellum democracy, but it does not correspond to the modern ideas which prevail among self-respecting and independent men of all political parties.

The statement made by the veteran editor of the Dispatch brands the bolters by implication as not being "men of honor."

We do not accuse the Dispatch of flatly saying this, it is too courteous to be so grossly brutal, but it is a logical inference from the language used.

The political caucus like the political convention, is simply an assemblage of men of one common political belief associated together for the purpose of selecting the most available man or set of men to act as their party's standard bearers.

Usually the minority acquiesces in "the verdict of the majority," but not always. The caucus is simply a means to an end, and, when honorably conducted, its decisions should be binding upon the members.

There is no question as to that.

But who shall be the judges as to whether the caucus was fairly and honestly manipulated, except the members participating in the proceedings?

If unscrupulous means are employed, if the "machine" rides roughshod over the wishes of the minority and forces its way with a high hand, then the minority have a moral right to revolt, and they would not be honest, independent and self-respecting men if they did otherwise.

It frequently happens that "men of honor" do just the opposite of the very thing that the Dispatch says they should do, for to do otherwise would be sycophancy and cowardice and they would be branded as destitute of the instincts of true manhood.

The deadlock at Salem is no funeral of ours, and it is not our intention to pose as an apologist for the minority, except that very small minority known as the democratic contingent.

We speak in general terms and our remarks are simply in defense of the right of the minority to a hearing, and against the contention that the despotic sway of King Caucus should be paramount under any and all circumstances.

Our republican friends over at the legislature have our sincere condolences, for like our democratic brethren in congress, although overwhelmingly in the majority, they know not what to do.

Our querulous contemporary, the Dallas Observer, has been eating our grapes and set its teeth on else. It says "The Independence Enterprise favors the McGinn bill, introduced at the legislature, which regulates the publication of all legal 'ada.' in one paper, selected by the county court and published at the county seat."

Now the sober truth is we said no such thing, and it is not possible for the ingenuity of pervariation to torture our language into something we did not say.

We criticized the bill, but as our language was decorous and parliamentary it is not surprising that our bilious contemporary construed our remarks into an endorsement.

All fair minded people who may have read the article will know better. But the Observer was not content with misstating our position; it also went out of the way to ascribe motives to us which are as foreign to our mind as the spirit of fairness and candor is from its criticism of our remarks on the McGinn bill.

We mentioned two serious objections to the bill, and could have mentioned a dozen more, but did not consider it worth while to do so, for there is little probability of senate bill No. 68 ever becoming a law.

In the future, if the Observer really wants to score a point against us, it should use argument instead of innuendo and state facts instead of falsehoods.

This Salem Statesman very properly says: "The present boundary lines of Polk and Marion county should not be disturbed." We presume the Statesman has in mind the agitation going on in the northeastern portion of this county, where a few citizens are asking for annexation with Marion county. It is hardly probable the legislature will

seriously consider the proposition. Of course the Polk county delegation will be solidly against any such move and their influence should control the action of that body. The people of the Spring Valley region have nothing to gain by annexation to Marion county. It would not lessen taxation or in any way improve their road facilities. They already have the benefits of a free bridge to the Salem markets, and the only argument they can offer in favor of their scheme is that it would bring them nearer to the county seat, but this is not sufficient grounds for annexation. There is nothing in it.

In our brief summary of the president's message last week we inadvertently said the first bond issue of 1894 was in November and the second in January. Of course this slip of the pen made us say an absurdity. The first issue was in January and the second in November. During the ten months intervening between the two bond issues there was withdrawn from the treasury \$103,000,000, and from November to the date of the president's message there had been withdrawn \$30,000,000, making a grand total of \$133,000,000 within the last twelve months.

Now that the Oregonian has made it so plain, "a wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein," that the Hofers and Bakers of the legislature "are fighting something more formidable than a senator, a newspaper or the money power," those factions and stuppily inconsiderate gentlemen should at least have sense enough to see the absolute folly of their actions. "They are fighting nature," says the Oregonian, and if this is so they are simply butting their silly heads against an adamant wall. Nature has no pity, not even for the ignorant.

The legislative assembly over at Salem, in its lucid moments while resting from the strain of the deadlock embrace, should enact a practical road law. The question of good roads is now being agitated all over the country and public sentiment largely favors an improved road system. The Willamette valley is in need of good roads and we could have them with very little extra expense if the legislature would only act promptly and intelligently in the matter.

The bank of France has accumulated during the past year almost as much gold as the United States has shipped to Europe. The bank of England ranks second in the accumulation of gold. It is clearly apparent that the great money centers of Europe are hoarding gold. European financiers are preparing to successfully meet the financial crisis which appears to be inevitable in the near future.

All of California is rejoicing over the defeat of the Reilly Funding bill which gave to the Pacific railroads an extension of 50 years time to pay their indebtedness to the government. The people of the Pacific Coast are indebted to Judge Maguire, more than to any other man, for the defeat of this bill.

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Itemizer.)

The Rock Creepers want a postal route from Falls City through their country to Norton on the Northern Pacific.

Our John Woods is now a resident of El Paso, Texas.

Hon. E. T. Hatch and T. J. Graves, of McCoy, and John Cosper, of Dallas, are holding down legislative clerkships.

A city tax of 5 mills has been levied, which, together with the 2-mill special school tax and the 13-mill state and county tax, makes 20 mills all told for Dallas people.

Burchard Young has paid out \$100 for slasting this winter and had considerable done last winter. He will use 100 pounds of orchard grass thereon, and expects to sow 200 pounds next fall. It would be well for more farmers to follow his example.—Lewisville Cor.

Dr. Johnson has received a government appointment at Oklahoma, and we will be minus a physician. We have a good drug store and this is a fine point for some able practitioner to settle.—Perrydale Cor.

(Transcript.)

We hear from good authority that Dr. Stanley will return home in about two weeks. 'Twere ever thus. When a man has once lived in Oregon, you couldn't get him to stay away.

Born—Sunday, January 28th, near Dallas, Or., to the wife of Ilios. Tatom, a daughter.

The people who had wheat in the Pickreall mills met at that place Saturday to see what they could do toward recovering their wheat. After considerable discussion the meeting appointed a committee of three to see into the matter.



Only a Scar Remains

Scrofula Cured—Blood Purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.: "It is with pleasure that I send a testimonial concerning what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for my daughter. It is a wonderful medicine and I cannot recommend it too highly. Sarah, who is four-and-a-half years old, has been

Afflicted With Scrofula ever since she was one year old. For five years she has had a running sore on one side of her face. We tried every remedy recommended, but nothing did her any good until we commenced using Hood's Sarsaparilla. My married daughter advised me to use Hood's Sarsaparilla because

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

It had cured her of dyspepsia. She had been troubled with that complaint since childhood, and since her cure she has never been without a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla in the house. We commenced giving it to Sarah about one year ago, and it has conquered the running sore,

Only a Scar Remaining

as a trace of the dreadful disease. Previous to taking the medicine her eyesight was affected, but now she can see perfectly. In connection with Hood's Sarsaparilla we have used Hood's Vegetable Pills, and find them the best." Mrs. MARIA GRIFFIN, Xenia, Illinois.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. Sold by all druggists.

(Observer.)

Judge J. J. Daly is in San Francisco on business this week.

Rev. Starr is conducting revival services at the M. E. church in this city. The meetings are largely attended.

The populists are smiling at the republican family row that is being enacted at the legislature over the election of a senator.

Economy with a vengeance: 13 more clerkships given out already than there were during the former term of the legislature.

Mighty is a republican majority in the name of reform.

Rev. H. W. Lave, who will be remembered as pastor of the Christian church at Monmouth, in the years '88 and '89, writes County Clerk Mulkey from Colfax, Iowa, that his wife is in very poor health, and that he will remove her back to Oregon.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Right Arm Paralyzed!

Saved from St. Vitus Dance.

"Our daughter, Blanche, now fifteen years of age, had been terribly afflicted with nervousness, and had lost the entire use of her right arm. We feared St. Vitus dance, and tried the best physicians, with no benefit. She has taken three bottles of Dr. Miles' Nervine and has gained 31 pounds. Her nervousness and symptoms of St. Vitus dance are entirely gone, she attends school regularly, and has recovered complete use of her arm. Her appetite is splendid."

Mrs. E. H. MILLER, Brighton, N. Y.

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Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at 40¢ a bottle for 50¢ or it will be sent prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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Any pair of goods in my stock at first cost and freight.

Goods are all new and bought at lowest prices. Now is the time to buy.

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Manufacturer of Sash AND Doors
For Everybody.
Prices reasonable and work guaranteed.

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Promptly and neatly done by
H. A. FULLER,
The Cash Blacksmith.
Horseshoeing
A Specialty.
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—OF—
VAND VENESS & WILLCO,
[Successors to J. M. Vanduyne.]
WILL CONTINUE ALL NEXT WEEK.

Dress Goods	Ladies' Wool Hose
Trimming Silks	Misses' Wool Hose
Selicias	Children's Wool Hose
Flannels	Men's Wool Hose
Muslins	Ladies' Underwear
Ginghams	Ladies' Combination Suits
Calicos	Ladies' Kid shoes
Skirtings	Men's Shoes
Table Linens	Men's Hats
Towels	Storm Rubbers
Handkerchiefs	Cotton Pants
Corsets	Umbrellas
Silk Mittens	Clothing, 1/2 off
Wool Mittens	Men's Underwear
Kid Gloves	Macintoshes
Silk Alines	Duck Coats
Ribbons	Gloves

Just received A NEW line of Men's fancy bosomed White Shirts. The proper style for evening wear.

Our New Stock will be Complete by the first of March.

Two Questions

Are just now agitating the minds of the people of Independence. The first is:

Who will be elected Senator?

The second question is where to get the best

Bargains in Groceries

The future alone will decide the first question. The second is being daily decided by

DOUITY & LOCKE.

The bargains we are offering right along are the best you'll find anywhere, and the goods cannot be excelled.

Headquarters for Strong's Bakery.

New Year's Proclamation.

THE people of Polk county will take notice that during the year 1894 the BANNER CASH GROCERY led the procession with fine groceries and low prices. This year they propose to put a still greater distance between themselves and all competitors. They will sell goods at bottom prices.

J. P. IRVINE,
GROCER

A Few Pointers:

HAVE you ever considered that the appearance of the stationery used by a business man has a great deal to do with the opinions formed of him by those with whom he corresponds?

You have doubtless learned long ago that

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To make a good job of printing. So is conscience. A job made without skill and honesty is no good.

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