

CLEVELAND AND PENNOYER.

THE Tomahawk, a weekly democratic paper lately started in Portland, in its issue of January 20th, gives a supposed interview of Cleveland and Pennoyer, based upon the Governor's letter to the President.

It starts off with the President cordially shaking the hand of the Governor and addressing him as Sylvester, expressing great pleasure in seeing him, but very sorry because of the Governor's gloomy appearance, which the Governor explains by stating that his appearance could not be otherwise than gloomy, when two-thirds of the laborers of his State (Oregon) were wanting work, in destitute circumstances and their homes being sacrificed at a small per cent of their real value to satisfy the claims of creditors.

The President expresses great concern at such condition of affairs and asks that something be done to alleviate their suffering?

The Governor replies that it is and of his power to redress the wrongs of the suffering people but he [the President] is the responsible party and redress can only come through him, and further states to the President that such distress could not exist had he (the President) stood by the Chicago platform upon which he was elected and which he should respect, but had failed to do so, claiming his utter disregard for that part of the platform relating to the remonetization of silver viz: "use of both gold and silver as standard money without discrimination against either metal"

The President insisted he had done what he believed to be his duty and acknowledged that prosperity had not followed the repeal of the Sherman law, but excused himself by saying if the Sherman act had not been repealed the U. S. would be in a much worse condition Pennoyer then accuses the President of evading the question and asks him, why he did not stand by the platform and finally tells the President he did not, in his judgement, act honestly towards the people.

The conversation continues until the President becomes irritated and accuses Pennoyer of wanting to make political capital and notoriety.

At this, we would infer from the Tomahawk, Pennoyer began to weaken and acknowledged it would secure him some free advertising and even went so far as to beg the President to say nothing for fear the people of Oregon would suspect his "little scheme."

Now we like the Tomahawk in the main very well, but the editor should bridle his little hatchet, and not like famous George Washington, cut everything in his path, but stick to facts. We have no idea that Governor Pennoyer, when he wrote that letter, thought anything about notoriety but it was simply an effusion of the writer on the same plane of political action for which he has been noted in his public career. We believe the Tomahawk, conscientiously speak-

ing, and knowing the writer well, if compelled to write truthfully and honestly would verify our opinion. A great many newspapers besides many people, call Pennoyer a "crank." The word crank seemingly has many definitions and in this case it means an individual who fearlessly writes and speaks his opinions regardless of public opinion or comment, is a crank.

Such a man would never waltz in the presence of the President or any other man. Pennoyer was never known to waltz at any time and while he has made a good Governor and done many good things and his enemies cannot successfully establish any serious mistake of his in public life, unless it is his fusion with the people's party, we believe that move of the Governor to be wrong and certainly think his work in the line of reformation would bear more fruit had he remained with his party.

SOME time since Oregon's distinguished Attorney G. H. Williams was in San Francisco on legal business. While there he was interviewed by a call reporter and gave some reminiscences succeeding the first several years of the close of our civil strife, in which he figured largely himself, which will be new and interesting to our readers.

In December 1871 Mr. Williams was appointed Attorney-General by President Grant. Two years later he was nominated to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, but through the efforts of Senator J. W. Nesmith of Oregon a personal enemy of Judge Williams, such an opposition was aroused as to make his confirmation doubtful and his name was withdrawn.

His service as Attorney-General was during the reconstruction period. President Grant trusted him fully and implicitly upholding every action of the General.

Mr. Williams while in the Senate was the author of the reconstruction bill, by which the Southern States were restored to the Union. Though after going to the Senate his bill was amended to suit the demands of New England. The original bill when reported back by the sub-committee passed the House by an overwhelming majority. In the Senate Wilson and Sumner of Massachusetts fought persistently for an amendment providing for negro suffrage and finally Wilson won his point by one or

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