

ROBERTS THE MORMON.

Without in any way defending or upholding polygamy it must appear to any unbiased mind that congress has set a bad precedent in refusing to seat Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah. The precedent established is nothing more nor less than that a majority in congress may refuse, at any time, to seat a member against whom "charges" have been made either in due form or by public clamor.

Under the constitution and the laws, congress has the power to expel, by a two-thirds vote, any member who is proven to be a law breaker, but it is likely that if this power was exercised in all cases in which the laws are broken by members, in the way of adultery, bribery etc., there would be many vacant chairs in congress.

No less an authority than Senator Edmunds holds that while no man should be permitted to hold a seat in congress who is proven a law-breaker, neither can any man who fills the constitutional requirements be lawfully denied his seat, pending an investigation of charges against him.

Roberts should have been seated and the charges against him should have been thoroughly investigated and, if proven true, he should have been expelled, but to refuse a seat and voice in the House to a man who has been duly elected by the people of a sovereign state is to establish a precedent that is dangerous to the republic.

It must be admitted that Roberts' defense is able and open, and while his polygamy is obnoxious and nauseating to right thinking people, to his credit be it said, that he gives to his three wives and their children his name, his protection and his support, while it has been openly charged—and never disproven—that many members of congress who pose as shining lights in the affairs of state, who mouth morality and prate of virtue, keep more "women" than Roberts does, without the shadow of an excuse save their own licentiousness and lust—keep them to be cast aside when they fail to please, cast off in their shame and their helplessness, to go from garret to gutter and on down to a dishonored grave.

Yes, my son, there are two sides even to the Roberts case.

GOVERNOR GEER DENIES.

The Union Scout publishes a letter from Governor Geer, and addressed to the editor of the paper, in which the accusation of Plummer is stoutly denied. The governor explains why he has not sooner denied the charge by prefacing his letter thus:

"Your urgent request, in a recent issue of the Scout, for a word from me regarding the alleged 'receipt' for the sale of an office, under this administration, has reached me, and, coming from my boyhood home, where my friends are not merely limited by political lines, has persuaded me to change my mind and do what public men can not and need not often do, take notice of calumnies, that few of them ever escape."

He then goes on to brand Plummer as a rascal and the receipt, which he claims to hold as a forgery. The people of Oregon will be glad to learn that the governor has had the manhood to stand up and defend his character, though they cannot but censure him for delaying the matter to this late date, and will insist upon his prosecuting Plummer for criminal libel and thereby fully vindicate himself before the world. If Plummer has vilified the governor and thereby cast a reflection upon the state, he is guilty of a crime for which he should suffer. Let the governor prosecute him in the courts and thus forever silence him. If he does not, Plummer will continue asserting the genuineness of the accusation, and the matter will then rest upon the veracity of the two men.—Times-Mountaineer.

A simple denial is hardly enough in this case Governor. The good

name of the state of Oregon, as your own, has been sullied and the people demand a thorough sifting of this affair in the criminal courts, and in case of his guilt the placing of Plummer in the penitentiary. Cincin him Governor, cincin him if he's guilty, and have done with the nasty mess or the people will cincin you, politically, if they ever get an opportunity.

"The pathetic story of maternal anxiety, solicitude and gentle protest on the one hand, and of youthful infatuation leading to disobedience and ending in death on the other, now being rehearsed by a court in this city, is one to arouse pity and sympathy and still the voice of thoughtless censure. There is a degree of infatuation which renders a sensitive, imaginative young girl wholly unable to take proper care of herself in the presence of subtle temptation, and too frequently causes her to chafe at and throw off parental restraint. It is the pity of humanity when a nature of this kind loves unwisely, since such natures give to the world, under fortunate conditions, the most devoted and loyal wives and the tenderest, gentlest of mothers. Pity stands with downcast, tender eyes before the story of this heartbroken mother, and censure, shamed into silence, places its hand over its mouth and retires from her presence. It is not the province of the public to judge—certainly not to prejudge the case in which this story is an incident, but it may, in all humanity, and without jeopardy to justice, give a full measure of sympathy to this mother—the most pathetic sufferer from the Cycle Park tragedy.—Oregonian.

CHEAP FREIGHT RATES.

From one who has made an investigation of the Paul Mohr transportation enterprise, contemplating a railroad from Spokane, westerly to the Columbia and thence transportation by boats down the Columbia to the sea, the following statement come, and it is an interesting presentment of one view of the case:

"Propositions were made some time ago by prominent men in Astoria to the Central Navigation & Construction Company for the establishment of the terminal warehouses, docks, etc., of the company, but the time was not ripe for a decision, it being deemed advisable to delay any action of a public or quasi-public nature before a point was reached where the matter could be safely taken up. This subject will, I am assured, be taken up within a few days. The company, all things being equal, will certainly prefer the mouth of the Columbia river to Portland for its terminals, on account of the economies involved.

"I have taken some trouble to investigate the proposed methods of transportation of this company. They will be entirely modern. Instead of carrying the tonnage on board the steamers themselves, barges and powerful towboats, such as are used on the Ohio and Monongahela rivers in the East, will be used, with the exception that special improvements will be employed adapting these barges and towboats to the difficult waters of the Snake and Columbia rivers. The towboats will carry no freight themselves. In this manner, a very light draft is practicable. The barges are specially designed for rapid unloading at terminal points. The unloading will be accomplished by means of steel apron conveyors operated by electricity, which will carry anything from a grain of wheat to the largest package of merchandise, which will be almost automatically conveyed from freight barges to cars and from cars to barges. The cost of transferring will by these means be the minimum. By reason of their cheapness, the equipment in barges will be sufficiently large to permit keeping a sufficient number of them at all shipping points for loading, while the towboats are taking the loaded barges to their points of destination. The cost of a barge capable of carrying 500 tons of wheat will not exceed \$2,000. The investment is therefore, to be exceedingly small as compared with a train of cars capable of hauling the same tonnage, the investment in which will be over 20 times as much.

The company's line of railway from Spokane to the Columbia river will have but one adverse grade, immediately out of Spokane, after which exceedingly light grades in favor of traffic will extend to the

Columbia river. It will be equipped with the heaviest and most modern cars and locomotives, and will be capable of carrying freight at a cost not to exceed 4 mills per ton per mile whereas the transportation on the river divisions will not exceed 1 1/4 mills per ton per mile provided a minimum tonnage of 125,000 tons per annum passes over the line.—Oregonian.

LONE ROCK.

A light snow storm swept over the foot hill country first of the week but soon went off with a warm rain.

Dr. Nott, of Fossil, is in our village this week.

J. M. Williams and Jerry Vickers went over on the north fork of the John Day after some of Mr. Williams' horses this week.

Miss Emma Vickers, of Fossil, has been visiting relatives here for the past few days.

The young folks of our burg are making ready for a blow out in the way of a Christmas tree. Mr. Jesse Stewart is general manager and we look for a grand good time.

The whiskey element is trying the second heat for an open saloon in our town. The temperance folks are after the measure with a renouance.

Our school teacher, Mr. Frank Stewart expects to spend Xmas holidays with his home folks in Hillsboro.

Notice.

To Whom it May Concern. Notice is hereby given to all persons that I have lost one promissory note made at Condon, Oregon by George B. Dukek on the 23d day of July 1895 in favor of S. D. Rice for \$700.00 due on or before the 1st day of January 1901 with interest after date until paid at the rate of ten per cent per annum. Both principal and interest payable at Condon, Oregon in gold coin of the United States. Interest payable annually and in case suit should be instituted to collect the said note then the maker agreed to pay such sum as the court might adjudge reasonable as attorneys' fees in said suit or action. This note is secured by a mortgage executed July 23d 1895 on land in Gilliam county, Oregon, and has never been endorsed or negotiated by me and I am still the owner of said note and entitled to all moneys due thereon. All persons are therefore notified not to negotiate, endorse, buy or sell said note or to lend any money on the same. Condon, Or. Dec. 5th 1899 S. D. RICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., DEC. 6 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before H. N. Fraser county clerk of Gilliam county, at Condon, Or., on Friday, January 19, 1900, viz:

TOLIAS THOMPSON, of Clem, Oregon. Hd. E. No. 3311 for the sec 1/4 nw 1/4 and lots 2, 3 and 4, sec. 19 T22S R22E W4.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. A. Danneberg, James Larch, and W. R. Boyer, of Clem, Oregon, and John J. Wasson, of Condon, Oregon. JAY P. LECAS, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, in the matter of the estate of Samuel Slater, deceased, that the undersigned was on the 9th day of September, A. D. 1899, appointed by the County Court of Gilliam County, Oregon, the administrator of the estate of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the said estate must present the same to me duly verified at the office of Hendricks & Bowerman, my attorneys, at Condon, Oregon, or to me at Mayville, Oregon, within six months from the date and first publication of this notice. Condon, Oregon, G. B. DUKEK, Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Slater, deceased.

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Land Applications, Proofs and Abstracts. H. N. Fraser, County Clerk, gives special attention to abstracts of title, and is also prepared to receive U. S. government land filings and proofs, as well as applications for the purchase of state school lands, at his office in Condon, Or.

Treasurer's Notice. All county warrants registered prior to March 1, 1898, will be paid on presentation at my office. Interest ceases after this date. S. B. BARKER, Treasurer of Gilliam county, Oregon. Dated at Condon, Ore., Sept. 15, 1899.

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