

**THE RACE FOR THE SPOILS.**

When the democrats came back, after wandering twenty-four years in the wilderness, they exhibited an appetite for office that was not altogether unnatural under the circumstances. But it was nothing to the hunger and thirst that less than four years of abstinence have developed among the republicans.

One of the striking features of the present political situation is the unanimity with which the idea of civil service reform has been abandoned. It seems to be agreed that all such new-fangled notions have been voted out, and there is not the least pretense in any quarter that the spoils do not belong entirely to the victors.

It may be interesting, about next March, to recall some of the observations made four years before on the subject of removals from office, to say nothing of the utterances of party platforms meanwhile. But this interest will be rather historical than practical. It is now conceded that the offices belong to the saints and it must be acknowledged that the saints are not backward in coming forward to claim them.

History relates that the elder Harrison succumbed to the office seekers in a month, finding his only escape in death. If the grandson proves better able to stand the pressure it will be because he is not without experience in the distribution of patronage. And yet the pressure of 1840-41 was not a circumstance to that which already confronts the President-elect.

Peter A. Dey, a democrat, by whose election as Railroad Commissioner, the list of republican state officers of Iowa, unbroken since 1857, was shattered, owed his election to the jobbers of the state and the Farmers' Alliance. He has been Railroad Commissioner since 1878 by successive appointments. The railroads opposed him this year. He is considered the most competent judge of railway matters in the state. He was employed by the Union Pacific Company as an expert to make estimates of the cost of building that line. His figures were too low to enable the managers to bleed the Government to the extent they desired, and he was asked to raise them. He refused and was discharged. He is about fifty years old and lives at Iowa City.

An old man named John Kaufman, who died in Brazil, Ind., the other day, had a most peculiar monomania. His desire to steal women's shoes was uncontrollable, though he was never accused of stealing anything else. A few years ago he was arrested, and forty or fifty pairs of women's shoes and slippers recovered. He had buried them on the commons. He was sent to the penitentiary for a short time for this offense. His wife got a divorce during his term in prison, and he has ever since lived alone. The day he died over sixty pairs of women's shoes and slippers were found in his hut. He was a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars.

An English correspondent gives as a reason for possibility that the English language will become the "world speech" the mental slowness of the Anglo-Saxon race in learning two languages. They traverse the globe unaffected or undismayed by its eccentricities of speech. The English speaking countries have an area of more than one fifth of the whole habitable globe. English is the language of the high seas, and is spoken in every maritime port. What demand can there be for Volapuk?

The *Labor Signal*, published at the home of Mr. Harrison, says: "The *Signal* is fully vindicated in its cause by the fact that Harrison, in his own county, where he is best known, runs over 600 behind Blaine four years ago, and in his own precinct is four votes behind the state ticket. This is sufficient to prove that had the people of the United States known him as well as did the *Signal*, and his other neighbors, no boodle or ignorance on the tariff could have elected him."

It will not be long before the shoemaker can add to his stock of raw materials a waterproof leather. The process, which has been recently perfected, is not only of service on the uncut leather, but can be used in rendering worthless leather valuable by plumping, stiffening and waterproofing it for insoles, counters, box toes, etc. Every part of a boot or shoe can be "waterproofed" either before or after it is finished.

There are said to be half a dozen republicans who are patriotically anxious to warm the seat of collector of customs now so competently and satisfactorily filled by John Priest at Yaquina Bay. Van Cleye is said to have set his heart on the place but rumor says fortune will land the prize in the lap of R. A. Bensall. It is said Mr. Bensall is opposed to making a change until Priest's time is out.

**FOR SALE CHEAP.**—Cook stove, only used two or three months. Call at this office.

Alexander Dumas is one of the few modern authors possessing enough of this world's goods to live handsomely. He has a charming chalet near Dieppe, which is mantled by ivy and filled with pretty furniture and valuable pictures. Then he has a splendid house in Paris, which contains marvelous treasures of art. Dumas is now a strong and vigorous man, who bears his sixty four years well, and with his keen eyes twinkling with wit and malice, his short brush-light mustache, robust appearance and erect stature, he gives one an impression that he is either a General on half pay or a retired planter.

The type writer, which is so universally used to-day, is the outcome of 150 years of thought and experiment. The patent for a writing machine was granted to one Henry in 1714. It was not until a few years ago that the type-writer became practicable. Now, it is said, there are about 50,000 in use in the United States.

**REMOVAL.**—Misses E. & C. Howard have moved their millinery store into rooms in the Pearce block over J. J. Dubrull's harness shop, where they invite old and new customers to call on them.

Try our mince meat in glass, its fine.

**WIDE INDIGO PRINTS.**—A large invoice of the above goods has been received, and will be sold at reduced prices. They are desirable patterns and are a bargain.

If you want a clean and fine smoke ask for J. Joseph's home made white labor cigars. For sale by most cigar dealers and at J. Joseph's factory.

**WE WANT.**—Your butter and eggs and will pay you either cash or trade for it.

**SUPERIOR.**—That is the name of the stove at G. W. Smith's attracting so much attention. It is a splendid cook stove.

A fine line of holiday goods for our crockery department and marked very low in price.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Call at A. B. McIlwain's and see the ladies' kid and pebble goat shoe, for \$1.50, former price \$2.50. A DEMOCRAT man has seen the shoe and can pronounce it a remarkably cheap shoe for the former price.

**CLOTHING.**—A large and complete line of gents' clothing and furnishing goods at A. B. McIlwain's. In the clothing department he has a large line of pants, regular value, \$5, which he will sell during the coming week for \$2.50.

Monteith & Seitenbach's great closing sale will enable all to buy any line of goods fully 50 per cent. less than any other store in the valley.

**BE THANKFUL.**—Leave your orders at Sloan & East's for turkeys and fowls generally for Thanksgiving.

**CITY DRUG STORE.**  
**DRUGS, PAINTS, OILS,**  
**ETC., ETC.,**  
**DR. GUISS & SON.**

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**Rubber Coats and Boots, Shoes**

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**OVERCOATS,—Fine Assortment,**

**Pea Jackets—Chinchilla, Astrachan**

**Full Line of Duck Suitings,**

**ALL GRADES WOOLEN OVER SHIRTS**

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**ALL WEIGHTS LEATHER BOOTS AND SHOES.**

**UMBRELLAS, HATS, ETC.**

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**L. E. BLAIN.**

**FALL ANNOUNCEMENT.**

In making my announcement for the Fall I beg to call attention to the

**Following Departments :**

**DRY GOODS.**—In this department my stock is unusually large and complete. Dress goods in all the leading styles; good shades for Fall and Winter goods selected from the best Eastern and Foreign importations. The latest novelties in trimmings and buttons, shawls, blankets, some extra good values in white blankets, table linens, towels, etc.

**CARPETS.**—My enlarged facilities for showing carpets has enabled me to make large purchases in this department. I can show a fine line of Ingrains at low prices, some choice patterns in Body Brussels and Tapestries. I am making carpets a leading branch of my business.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—I carry the latest line of Boots and Shoes in the city and have paid special attention to getting the goods best suited to this trade and I can show a fine line of goods. I keep in stock the best makes in the country, and have endeavored to get a line of low price goods that I can guarantee to give satisfaction. Anything in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers for men, women and children can be found in this department. It is in fact a shoe store of itself.

**GROCERIES.**—I am giving special attention to keeping a full line of Staple Fancy Groceries, uncolored teas, roasted and ground coffees, canned fruits, the latest specialties in breakfast goods etc., can all be found in this department. Pure, fresh goods and good value for money is my aim.

I would especially call the attention of parties laying in their Fall supplies to my large stock of

**FALL AND WINTER GOODS!**

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**Growing Demands of Linn County,**

—AND THE—

**City of Albany,**

And ask a thorough inspection of my stock.

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**BARGAINS!**

First-class goods at bottom prices is what the public wants. These I have at my store in this city. Bought at Bankrupt sales I can sell my stock of

**General Merchandise**

consisting of dress goods, gents' furnishing goods, clothing, etc.,

**AT COST.**

cent counters all contain many articles worth examining

Cash or goods will be paid for all kinds of country produce.

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Dealers in all the latest improved Pianos Organs, Sewing Machines, Guns. Also a full line of warranted Razors, Butcher and Pocket Knives. The best kind of sewing machine oil, needles and extras, for all machines. All repairing neatly and reasonably done.

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**ALBANY- OREGON.**

**STOCKMEN AND FARMERS**  
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I hereby certify that Dr. I. N. Woodlee has successfully operated on my riding horse,

For further reference in regard to ridings inquire of Wm. Peterson, Dave Peterson, Lebanon; John Hardman, Alfred Wolverton, Albany; Sam Gaines, Solo; Wm. Foster, Prineville. I practice veterinary medicine in Albany and country surrounding. Office and residence corner 8th and Washington Sts.  
**I. N. WOODLEE,**  
 Veterinary Surgeon.