

"EDUCATION BY THE STATE."

For some time the DAILY DEMOCRAT has been protesting against the passage of Condon's bill to give the State University additional aid by levying a tax upon the people of the state to pay for the tuition of such students as enter the literary department of that school. The Oregonian of 14th inst. in an article under the heading of "Education by the State," ably and pointedly seconds our protest to its passage. The bill has passed the House but we hope yet to see it defeated in the Senate. In the name of all that is fair and honest between citizen and citizen, why should the people of the whole state be taxed to pay the tuition of the comparatively few students whose parents are able to send their boys and girls to that school. The tax proposed by this bill is 1-7 of a mill, which would realize about \$12,500 annually. This would pay the wages of one hundred district school teachers for three months at \$40 per month. Why should not this money go to the country school districts, the people of many of which are poor and unable to maintain school but a few months in the year? Every one knows that but a very few can go to that school even if all in the state were able to send their children there and pay their board and other expenses. We hope every Senator will carefully consider this matter before committing the state to the policy of attempting to furnish university education to the children of the rich at the expense of the many poor who receive no benefit whatever from the taxes thus imposed upon them.

DO NOT RESIGN.

The St. Louis Republic, Dem., advises democrats holding federal offices not to resign. "Every democrat who resigns," it says, "either declares himself unfit for office by reason of charges that might be proven against him, or he consents to the republican theory that by reason of its majority in the electoral college the party has a right to reinaugurate District of Columbia bossism and use the public patronage as the private property of the bosses." There is another reason why democratic officeholders should not resign after March 4. It is conceded by every one that President Cleveland has done more to advance the cause of civil service reform than was done by all the presidents who preceded him. But because he made some bad appointments, because he could not raise the civil service to the ideal standard assumed to be reached by the civil service statutes, he was constantly abused by certain republican papers and especially by those that notoriously have no sort of sympathy for the reform they profess to defend. It has lately been announced by those who claim to speak advisedly, that Harrison is an ardent civil-service reformer; that he fairly dotes on it and that the cause will be given a start that will put to shame all that Mr. Cleveland has done or has professed to do. Democrats who are in office should give Mr. Harrison an opportunity to verify the predictions by remaining in office until removed under and pursuant to the civil service laws. Let us see if any postmasters or other government officials will be removed to make place for "hungry and thirsty" republicans, simply because they are democrats. Let us see if Harrison will "come up to the lofty and sounding phrase of the manifesto."

The Baker City Democrat talks in this sensible way: "The cigarette evil is becoming alarming, not alone in Baker City, but in all other towns, and the Legislature should be petitioned to enact a stringent law to prevent their sale. Young children carry about with them the low and obscene pictures which go with each package. These pictures which are getting louder and louder each month are placed in each package to lure young boys to purchase. The cigarettes are made of the refuse of tobacco shops, and ruin hundreds of young men who smoke them. The streets of Baker City are filled with poor wrecks of boys, who in the flush of youth look like men of fifty, bent with the cigarette dissipation, hardly able to walk, eyes bloodshot, complexion dirty, and the spirit all knocked out of them. It is extraordinary that reputable dealers will sell these things to anybody for the paltry profit there is in them."

The Peoples Cause is the title of a new monthly sixteen-page journal which succeeds the Millon. It will be devoted to the cause of tariff reform, ballot reform and civil service reform. Of course it has taken up heavy tasks, but the fact that such an enterprise is readily entered upon at this time is the best possible proof that the tariff question has not by any means been settled for a generation to come. There is deep significance in the opening sentence of its salutary. "The longer tariff reduction is put off the more sweeping and radical will be the change its present beneficiaries must face."

Baker City is now lighted with gas and the people of that thriving town rejoice thereat.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

We understand that in case Senator Dawson's Railroad Commission Bill should become a law, Hon. T. J. Black's name will be presented to the Legislature as a candidate for Commissioner. No better selection could be made. Mr. Black has that energy, ability, readiness of conception of facts, and concentration of mind that peculiarly fit him for the duties of that office. We hope to see him elected.

The contested election for a seat in the present Congress between Smalls, colored republican, and Elliott, democrat, from one of the South Carolina districts has been decided in favor of Elliott.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING—Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school District No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1889, at the hour of 7 o'clock, p. m., of said day, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the Directors and Clerk, and to levy a tax for the support of the school for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds of said district, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors. L. FLINN, Chairman Board of Directors. C. G. BUNKHART, District Clerk. February 15th, 1889.

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