

A HUMILIATING CONDITION

Republicans are waiting in great suspense to know what Mr Blaine is going to do. It is said that if Mr Blaine is not nominated, then Harrison will be. This is probably true, if Mr Blaine does not decline until the convention meets. If however, Blaine should decline within a month and make it known emphatically that he would not accept under any circumstances, then Harrison could not be nominated. Harrison is an unpopular man. With Blaine out of the way before the state conventions are held to elect delegates to the Minneapolis convention, it would require but little effort to defeat Mr Harrison. At this very time Mr Blaine is doing Mr Harrison a very great personal service. True, this service partakes largely of the dog-in-the-manger kind, for his course operates to keep all antagonizing candidates out of the field. In this sense the great premier serves his chief faithfully and well. Whether this situation can be maintained up to the day of the convention remains to be seen. One thing is evident. Many self-respecting republicans are growing impatient and restless over this state of things. No such state of things could exist long in the democratic party. A sensible republican in Washington says the condition is a humiliating one.

WHAT WE NEED.

The effort now being put forth to educate the people up to the point of at least consulting that the assessors of the several counties in this state shall assess all property in this state at its actual cash value as required by law is a commendable one and should, and we think will, meet the approval of every honest tax-payer. Let horses, sheep, mortgages, cattle, lands and all kinds of property be put this year at its cash value. It will hurt no tax-payer except those whose property has heretofore been undervalued. It will increase the taxable property of nearly every tax-payer in the state, but the increased valuation of the taxable property of the state will make necessary a corresponding reduction in the tax rate. It is just as easy to pay a 5 mill tax on \$2000 as a 10 mill tax on \$1500. What we most need are fearless assessors who will go forth to do their sworn duty with an approving public sentiment behind them. Our present law would operate fairly well if it were duly executed in letter and spirit. Under the present condition of public sentiment in this state no law could be framed that would give satisfaction. Honesty among the tax-payers is just what is needed at this time. There was a time when an open tax dodger was regarded with no greater respect than a sneak thief but not so now.

BOISTEROUS TOO.

The Telegram gives a long account of the meeting at Portland on Thursday of the state convention of republican clubs. It says: The G. O. P. has blood in its eye this morning. The recent democratic gathering held to perfect a state organization was not a circumstance in confusion and turmoil to the state convention of Young Men's Republican Clubs held today. Columbia hall never witnessed a more stormy meeting than this republican assembly. Two or three motions were continually before the house and numerous speakers were every moment trying to be recognized.

The course pursued by Multnomah county in reference to the tax and assessment question will not contribute to allay the deeply seated belief in the "cow counties" that that county is determined by hook or crook to dodge their just proportion of taxes necessary to maintain the state administration. It is nothing short of dishonesty to attempt to reduce their assessment on mortgages from 100 cents on the dollar to fifty cents on the dollar while other counties in the state are assessing mortgages at 100 cents on the dollar. Portland should have been the last in the state to make a breach in the due execution of the findings of the state board of equalization. What every man who believes in fair dealing in bearing the burdens of taxation, should do would be to labor to have property assessed at its true value. And when property is assessed at less than its value, seek to raise that to its true value, and not to bring that down that has been assessed at its cash value.

The fight for congressman in this district is on among the republicans. Hermann, H B Miller, of Grants Pass, a blatherskite in Marion known by the name of Geer, and C E W. Swerton of this city are candidates. But then, gentlemen, the democrats will shortly take the floor and have something to say as to who shall represent this district in the 52nd congress.

At the same time and place of holding the national democratic convention will be held a convention of democratic clubs of the Union. This will make the largest, most important and most influential gathering of democrats ever held in the country.

Two men who will be talked of very extensively between now and the 21st of June—Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania and Governor Biles of Iowa. Keep your eyes on them.

The same cause that would defeat Hill in his race for the presidential nomination would likewise defeat Governor Fair.

The Examiner in a lengthy review of the course pursued by Harrison in the Chili matters says:

For the sake of the dignity of the United States, which has already suffered much by the mismanagement of the president in dealing with the whole unhappy business, it is to be hoped that Chili will not give new occasion for offense by an ill-tempered or a defiant reply to the ultimatum dispatched to her on the 21st instant. That ultimatum might well have been delayed until the public and congress had had an opportunity to read and digest the correspondence. But Mr Harrison did not wait to hear from the country. He took time by the forelock, and, counseling with his desire to play a great and warlike role, built another fire for the production of more hot and confusing smoke.

But people of the United States have no desire to humiliate or trample upon Chili. They recognize that each government is naturally biased in favor of its own view of the terrible events of October, and before wishing to proceed to extremities they have the willingness of a civilized and fair nation to remain calm until the exact facts shall be proved beyond question. Congress, in both its branches, is controlled by men of a very different measure and spirit from Mr Harrison. His recommendations, when they may not be supported by inevitable inferences from facts, will have little weight with them. They will, independently of the suggestions of his small intellect and large ambition, form their own judgment on the correspondence at last so reluctantly laid before them.

It is apparent, now that we are in possession of the facts, that there is nothing beyond remedy in the situation. Whether it would be in accordance with diplomatic usage or not to withdraw Minister Egan, as Chili has requested, is a point aside from the main question. No matter whether he has been altogether judicious and blameless or the reverse, the fact is indisputable that he now is a cause of friction. With a powerful nation we might be excused for standing on punctilio like a duelist, but with a republic of Chili's proportion—she with her scant three millions of population against our seventy millions and boundless resources—we can't but elevate ourselves in the world's esteem by evincing magnanimity. Had we at Santiago a man who should at once be personally agreeable to the government and people there, and in the enjoyment of his country's confidence in his purpose and discretion—a statesman unfettered by a sense of personal injury, one as broad-minded as his nation is strong, and solicitous only for peace with honor, there would be no more danger of hostilities with Chili than there is of war between the United States and Hawaii.

The democratic county central committee met in this city to-day and fixed March 8th as the day of holding the county convention and March the 5th as the day of holding the primaries. The utmost good feeling was manifested all around and the usual victory in the county is confidently predicted by all. From every point comes the word that many republicans are lukewarm in consequence of the passage of the McKinley bill and the general exploits of the billion dollar congress. Democrats every where in the county seem eager for the coming fray.

Democrats of Wisconsin do not hesitate to assert that they will carry that state for president in November.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Call at residence or office of Dr G W Maston.

MONEY TO LOAN—Home capital to loan in sums to suit on Albany and Linn county real estate or good personal security. W E McPherson, First Street opp. Masonic Hall, Albany, Or.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Building and Loan Association will be held on Friday, February 19th, 1892, at the hour of 7:30 p m of said day, in the Bank of Oregon in Albany, Linn county, Oregon, for the election of nine directors, to serve for the term of one year next ensuing from said meeting, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and to transact such other business as may come before the association. Done by order of the association this 15th day of January, 1892. JAY W BLAIN, Secretary. C H STEWART, President.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows Hall Building Association held at their office in Albany, Oregon on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1892, at the hour of 7 o'clock p m of said day, for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may come before said meeting. This the 25th day of January, 1892. W C TWEEDALE, President. E A PARKER, Secretary.

BUY THE BEST THE DIAMOND FARMING TOOLS EVERY TOOL WARRANTED For sale by STEWART & SON, Dealers in GENERAL HARDWARE Albany, Oregon. FOSHAY & MASON Druggists and Booksellers.

Advertisement for Farming Tools, Stewart & Son, Foshay & Mason, and Druggists and Booksellers.

Advertisement for Parker Bros. Grocers, featuring new cloaks, hats, and various goods.

Advertisement for SICK Head-Aches, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the symptoms and treatment.

Advertisement for Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla, describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for DEYOE & FROMAN BROS, featuring an illustration of a man and text about their stock of goods.

Advertisement for CITY DRUG STORE, listing various medicines and supplies.

Advertisement for Pfeiffer Block, featuring the name Stanard & Gusick.

Advertisement for 2nd Store, listing furniture, stoves, tinware, and other household goods.

Advertisement for FISH, POULTRY, GAME, and other fresh goods.

Advertisement for MRS. GRAHAM'S Cucumber and Elder Flower Cream.

Advertisement for MRS. GRAHAM'S Face Bleach, describing its benefits for skin care.

Advertisement for W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 SHOE CENTREMAN, featuring a portrait of a man and text about the quality of his shoes.

Advertisement for L. E. BLAIN, featuring a portrait of a man and text about his business.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. NOTICE is hereby given that I, or my Deputy, will meet the tax-payers of Linn county, Oregon, at 9 o'clock a m and remain until 4 o'clock p m, at their respective places of voting in the several precincts, at the following times and places for the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year of 1891:

- List of precincts and dates for tax collection: Rock Creek, Monday, Feb 15, 1892; Fox Valley, Tuesday, Feb 16, 1892; Jordan, Wednesday, Feb 17, 1892; etc.

Advertisement for CHOICE MEATS, featuring Emerick & Baker.

Advertisement for Wall Paper, Drugs, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc., featuring J. A. Cumming.

Advertisement for ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR ASK THE PEOPLE OF LINN COUNTY, featuring a portrait of a man.

Advertisement for G. W. SIMPSON'S, featuring a portrait of a man and text about clothing and dry goods.

Advertisement for Julius Gradwohl's Bazaar, listing various goods and their prices.

Advertisement for ALLEN BROTHERS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERS.

Advertisement for CIGARS TOBACCO, AND CHOICE FRUITS OF ALL KINDS IN LARGE OR SMALL QUANTITIES IN THEIR SEASON.

Advertisement for MATTHEWS & WASHBURN, featuring a portrait of a man and text about hardware and stoves.

Advertisement for BLACKMAN & HODGES, LEADING DRUGGISTS, ALBANY OREGON.

Advertisement for Albany IRON WORKS, featuring a portrait of a man and text about iron and brass castings.

Advertisement for FORTMILLER & IRVING, featuring a portrait of a man and text about machinery and iron works.