

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

Melville Weston Fuller was born in Augusta, Maine, on February 11, 1833. His father was Frederick A. Fuller, his mother Catherine Martin, daughter of Chief Justice Nathan Weston. Melville W., fitted for college in Augusta and graduated at Bowdoin in the class of 1853, his classmate being E. J. Phelps, now minister to England. Mr. Fuller, after leaving college, began the study of law at Bangor. After attending lectures in the law department of Harvard University he began the practice of his profession in Augusta in 1856. While waiting for clients he acted as editor of the *Age* and won his spurs in journalism. Feeling that his true field of work was the law, and realizing that his native city did not afford that scope for effort which he stood in need of, Mr. Fuller went to Chicago. There he did not have to wait long for practice. His ability was speedily recognized and properly rewarded. For thirty years he has enjoyed a lucrative practice and has won distinction among the foremost of the Illinois bar. In 1861 he was elected a member of the state constitutional convention. In 1862 he was chosen to the legislature, and, although a democrat, running each time in a strong republican district, he was victorious by large majorities. He was a delegate to the democratic national conventions of 1864, 1872, 1876 and 1880. In 1860 he was selected by the citizens to deliver the address of welcome to Stephen A. Douglas. In 1858 Mr. Fuller married Calista O. Reynolds, and, after her decease, Mary Ellen, daughter of the distinguished Chicago banker, William F. Coolbaugh. He has eight daughters. In his practice in the supreme court of the United States Mr. Fuller has repeatedly come in contact, both as a colleague and as an opponent, with Messrs. Edmunds, Thurman, Hooley, Ingersoll, and other admittedly great lawyers, and has never failed to hold his own against the greatest of them.

I recommend an enlargement of the free list, so as to include within it the numerous articles which yield inconsiderable revenue, a simplification of the complex and inconsistent schedule of duties upon certain manufactures, particularly those of cotton, iron and steel, and a substantial reduction of the duties upon those articles, and upon sugar, molasses, silk, wool and woollen goods.—Message of Chester A. Arthur, the last republican president.

The press of Oregon without prominent exception, commended the action of the Pacific coast senators on the Chinese question. Now the republican papers are excusing and endorsing Harrison's action on the same question, which was diametrically opposed to the position taken by our senators and citizens generally.

An Indianapolis dispatch of the 28th ult. says: "Gen Harrison's four successive days of speech making and hand shaking have had a very perceptible effect upon him, and it does not require the practiced eye of a physician to detect that he is not well. He has complained to his friends of the strain upon him."

The rumor that John M. Gearin, late democratic candidate for congress, had removed to San Francisco is denied.

They are calling it the "Q" ticket now. It's so Chinese, you know.—*Alta*.

Our republican friends have been calling the attention of democrats to the large number of recruits to g. o. p. The tables are turned, however, by the following former republicans who are supporting Cleveland: President Elliot, of Harvard university; Professor Perry, of Williams college; Professor Sumner, of Yale; James Russell Lowell, George William Curtis, the Rev. Dr. Storrs, the Rev. Dr. Cuyler, and others of that class.

We want reduction of the tariff. We are taxed on every interest; blood is not only extracted from the larger veins of the body politic, but it is bound hand and foot and covered all over with gallinippers who are allowed to suck blood from every vein.—General John A. Logan, *Congressional Globe*, April 28, 1870.

In another column of this paper will be found the order and opinion of Judge Boise in the matter of an injunction on the court house. The case will now rest until the September term of the circuit court after which it will probably be appealed to the supreme court.

Portland is fast becoming a noted city. Last week a \$10,000 express robbery was reported, the money recovered and the thieves locked up. This week they have a \$1,500 blackmailing case on hand, with a prospect of two or three participants going to the penitentiary.

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