

"A BAD SYSTEM"

Under this caption the Oregonian reviews the inequities of our present system of assessment and taxation, and says: "In Oregon there are a great many men worth \$20,000 and upwards who pay little or no tax. If a man is actually worth \$250,000 he may pay nothing, for his property is assessed at only one-third or one-fourth its value, and he has debts that make an offset and wipe this value completely out. If the people of the rural districts of Oregon would only see that this method is against their interests and consent to reformation of it, we could get a fair system of valuation for taxes."

There is nearly if not quite as much politics in the papers since the election as before. Between the civil service and office-seekers and cabinet-makers there is considerable hubbub. It is very evident that the Hoosiers as a class do not take kindly to the civil service. This was plainly exhibited by the democrats upon the election of Cleveland and Hendricks, and there was a cleaner sweep made in Indiana than in any other state. Now another Indiana man has the office at his disposal, and it will take some time to keep republican Hoosiers out.

Eastern Oregon republicans are claiming that Dolph's successor must come from that section. Oh, ye near-sighted dupes, have you not so much as learned that the "bosses" in Portland have long since settled that question? Dolph will be his own successor. You Eastern Oregon fellows had just as well be dogs and bay at the moon as to claim a United States senator. Albany Democrat.

The fact has come to light that Secretary Whitney is the only man in President Cleveland's cabinet who opposed the tariff reform message last December, and he only opposed it on the ground of policy. He is a tariff reformer, but thought the message not just the thing at that time.

The appointment of Elijah W. Halford, managing editor of the Indianapolis Journal, by President-elect Harrison as his private secretary, is a fitting recognition of the newspaper profession. Col. Daniel Lamont, President Cleveland's secretary, was also a newspaper man.

A director of the Newport and King's Valley railroad, in a communication to the Register, says if the people will take the matter in hand the road can be completed in time to remove the next crop. Subscriptions to the stock is what the company wants.

Gen. Harrison has often been pressed since the election to give some expression as to what the South may expect from his administration. In a letter to a South Carolina editor, he wishes it understood that he is not unfriendly to that section.

Every newspaper, no matter where it is printed, is opened at the frontier offices in Russia and carefully looked over before being sent to its address, and objectionable matter is stamped out.

There is still some doubt which party has a majority in the national house of representatives. Chairman Quay now claims nine majority for the republicans.

The San Francisco Examiner, the leading democratic newspaper of the Pacific coast in an editorial headed "Let them come in," says: "One of the duties that congress cannot put off much longer is the admission of most of the remaining territories as states. The matter has been treated from a political point of view too long. It is a simple question of justice, and no other consideration should have any weight. It is time to consider whether we may not at once get rid of almost our whole territorial system. Washington, Dakota, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming and Idaho have at least 100,000 inhabitants each, and they have resources which make it certain that they will never be rotten boroughs."

At the auction sale in Washington of the personal effects of Lord Sackville recently a funny incident occurred: A writing-desk was put up, a handsome piece of carved wood, but the bidding on it was very slow. The auctioneer did his best to raise the figure to a reasonable sum. Pretty soon he whispered to his assistant, who disappeared. In a moment the rumor, started in some mysterious way, ran through the crowd that it was upon this desk that Lord Sackville penned his famous letter to Mr. Chisholm. At once a large price was offered for the desk, and bid-after-bid followed in quick succession, until the article was finally sold at an exorbitant figure.

The Northern Pacific Railroad company during the week bought of the Tacoma Land company 43 acres on the tide flats at the head of the bay for \$142,323, for the erection of extensive machine shops, round-house, etc. A well-known capitalist recently told a reporter that "there are some great enterprises soon to be developed in Tacoma, which will open the eyes of the people in Portland and Seattle. In fact the City of Destiny during the next six months will out rival the busy scenes at Kansas City and Omaha in the palmiest days of their boom."

The railroads of the world are today said to be worth from \$25,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000. This probably represents one-tenth of the total wealth of civilized nations and one-quarter if not one-third of their invested capital. It is doubtful whether the aggregate plant used in all manufacturing industries can equal it in value. The capital engaged in banking is but a trifle besides it. The world's whole stock of money of every kind—gold, silver and paper—would scarcely purchase a third of its railroads.

About two years ago a lady of Atlanta, Ga., cut the hair from the little two-year-old child, and saved one curl about an inch and a half in length. A few weeks later the child became ill and died. The other day the lady opened the box in which she had laid away the little ringlet, and was astonished to find that it had grown to be two feet in length. No one had touched the box, and the lady is certain that the curl is the same one put away two years ago.

The presidential electors of each state will meet at the state capitols January 14, 1889, and cast their votes for president and vice-president. Under the old law they met for that purpose December 6th. The returns of the electoral votes are opened and counted the second Wednesday in February, by the president of the senate, in the presence of both houses of congress. Senator J. J. Ingalls, of Kansas, is president of the senate.

There is a report that President Cleveland will be elected president of the Ohio & Baltimore railroad company. If he should be, and he makes as good a president of the company as he did of the United States, he will be re-elected. Railroads don't make the mistake of "bring" their competent servants.—Benton Leader.

A man in Topeka, Kansas, died of jim-jams, and his wife being a very practical woman, had a mass of writhing snakes carved on his tombstones, with the inscription "Died of Delirium Tremens."

There is about as much reason or consistency in calling a high license party an anti-saloon party as there is in calling tariff-reform free trade.

The Astoria Transcript following the suggestion of the Register, has placed Hon. C. W. Fulton in nomination for United States senator.

REPUBLICANS MUST WAIT. The Indianapolis Journal, which is supposed to quote the sentiments of Mr. Harrison, gives the following: "Justice to the incoming president demands that he should not be overwhelmed by office-seekers, his time consumed and his strength exhausted, to the exclusion of more important matters. It is an unseemly sight and a great injustice to the president. Not only is reasonable time required to do these things properly, but many of the desired changes cannot be made at once. The tenure-of-office law and the civil service law must be observed in spirit as well as in letter. Officials commissioned for four years from the date of their appointment, who are competent and efficient and who have given no cause for their removal, will probably be permitted to serve out their terms. The new president cannot be expected to make sweeping removals in such cases. At all events, those who do expect it will likely be disappointed. As to classified department clerkships and places embraced in the civil-service law, while they are subject to permanent removal, appointments to them can only be made under the law."

LET THE STATE BUILD THEM. There is but one thing left us to do concerning the Cascade locks, and that is to have the next legislative endeavor to get the general government to allow the state of Oregon and territory of Washington (which we hope will be a state by that time) to complete them. A tax of one dollar per ton on the grain shipped from the Inland Empire in two years would pay for them. J. N. Dolph poses as a friend of the people, and yet this gray-headed old, artful dodger was the prime mover in having the locks enlarged from a width of 35 feet, at which they could have been easily completed to a width of about 100 feet. This was done in the interest of the O. R. & N. Co., and was for the purpose of delaying their construction as long as possible.—Wasco Sun.

RARE CONFEDERATE COINS. We have seen a Confederate silver coin belonging to Roberts & Collins, of this city. It is dated 1861 and is one of four issued by the New Orleans mint before the mint was closed. The other three have been heard of—one in Meriwether county, in this state; one in Louisiana, and the other was sold long since in New York city at auction for \$800. A Brooklyn man coming this way offered Messrs. Roberts & Collins \$200 for their curiosity, but they refused to take it. They paid \$15 for it. The coin is a half-dollar, has the Goddess of Liberty on one side, on the other the wreath is a stalk of cane and a cotton stalk, the bars and stars of the Confederacy in a coat of arms, with a liberty pole through it and liberty cap on top of it.—Carterville (Ga.) Courier.

PATENTS GRANTED. To citizens of the Pacific states during the past week, and reported expressly for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent office, Washington: Oregon—A. C. A. Perkes, Portland, paper file; Andrew J. Pickard and G. Melson, Eugene City, car coupling, Washington territory; G. O. Wartman, Montesano, smoking pipe. California—J. M. Bryan, San Francisco, ore crusher; A. Schillmoller, San Francisco, button fastener; E. B. Thomas, San Francisco, heating stove; A. Gauthier, Grass Valley, plate amalgamator; J. G. Kenyon, Fort Kenyon, vehicle.

Peter A. Day, who was elected November 6th to the office of railroad commissioner in Iowa, is the first democrat to be so honored since 1857. He owes his election to the jobbers of the state and the Farmers' alliance. He has been the 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 50 years old and lives at Iowa City.

Senator Colquitt has been re-elected by the legislature of Georgia for six more years.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 1888. Mr. Cleveland's last annual message to congress is looked forward to with much interest here. I am informed by a gentleman, who knows, that it will be a very short document, and that it will reiterate the main points of his celebrated tariff message of last December.

Secretary Fairchild has found it necessary, owing to the impudence of the jubilant, hold-over republican clerks in the treasury department, to issue an order forbidding the clerks in that department talking politics. I have been hunting ever since Harrison was known to be elected for a Washington republican who does not expect to hold office under the next administration. He has not yet been found, and it seems unlikely that he ever will be. If the local republicans of this city are to get all of them, what is to become of the fellows who did the voting in the states?

The republicans in the departments here, who have been the loudest shouters for a non-partisan civil service under the present administration, are now vigorously clamoring for a "clean sweep" after the 4th of March. Such is the price of keeping these fellows in office years after they should have been discharged. When the democratic party gets control of the government again it will know better. A fact has just leaked out here that if known before election would have probably re-elected Mr. Cleveland. I allude to an expected addition to the Cleveland family some time in next May. Every lady who hears this news at once exclaims: "Too bad! and, just after they leave the White house; isn't it a shame?"

Dudley and Quay have come to Washington in order that they may manipulate the scheme whereby they hope to secure control of the next house of representatives for the republicans, notwithstanding the fact that the returns show a democratic majority of two. The democratic managers are fully alive to the situation and are fully confident of their ability to thwart the republican schemes and to organize the next house.

"The treasury has been robbed" was the startling announcement a few mornings ago. Imagination ran riot for awhile with the amount stolen, but it was soon ascertained to be only 1,500 silver dollars, which had been removed from two boxes containing \$2,000 each, somewhere between the U. S. mint at New Orleans and the treasury in this city. Lead was substituted for the stolen silver. When or where the theft was made is still a mystery.

The U. S. supreme court rendered an important decision this week in regard to life insurance policies. The court holds that a policy made payable to a man's wife or children can under no circumstances be attached by the creditors of the deceased.

Senator Kenna, of West Virginia, has telegraphed here that the legislature of that state is certainly democratic, which insures a democratic senator. Members of congress are arriving slowly for the coming session. It is not thought that the republicans of the senate will try to pass their tariff bill this winter.

Owing to the large number of candidates who expect to go into the cabinet it is thought Mr. Harrison will have no end of trouble in making it up, and that whoever he may select he is certain to make many enemies. Harrison's southern policy is also likely to give him trouble. If he follows his own inclinations it will be very conservative, but there are quite a number of influential republicans that favor a radical policy. Many think Harrison has backbone enough to shape things to suit himself, and that he will endeavor to win friends in the south by good appointments to the federal offices there. A good deal will depend on the men he selects for postmaster-general and secretary of the treasury, those two officials controlling most of the appointments in the south. One thing seems to be pretty certain, no attempt will be made to put the negroes in the front. To tell the truth, most of the republicans seem to be disgusted with the negro anyway. It would be a happy thing if he could be eliminated entirely from politics.

Secretary Endicott's daughter was married yesterday to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, a member of the English parliament. He was also the English commissioner who negotiated the fisheries treaty last spring.

NEW TO-DAY.

Executor's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the court of Yamhill county, Oregon, of date November 23, 1888, in the matter of the estate of Elmira Oida, deceased, the undersigned, executor of said estate will, on Monday, the 7th DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1889, duly sell at public auction, for cash in hand, on the premises, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, the following real estate of decedent, to-wit:

An undivided (7) one-eighth interest in all that portion of the south half of the donation land claim of Road Oida and Elmira Oida, deceased, in Yamhill county, Oregon, not so divided, and being bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southwest corner of a tract of land owned by Robert Stewart, which is 31 3/4 chains north of the southwest corner of the donation land claim of Road Oida and Elmira Oida, claim No. 70, notification 1,548, in 1 1/2 s. r. 4 w. Yamhill county, Oregon; thence east along south boundary line of said Stewart tract 22 1/4 100 chains to its southeast corner, thence north on east boundary of Stewart tract 10 1/2 100 chains to the division line between the north and south halves of said claim; thence east on said division line 54 97 100 chains to east boundary of claim; thence south on east boundary line of claim 7 1/2 100 chains to its northeast corner of a tract now owned by F. Jemstedt; thence west on north boundary of said Jemstedt tract 31 2 1/2 100 chains to its northwest corner; thence south 31 62 1/2 100 chains to south boundary of claim; thence west 45 97 100 chains to southwest corner of said claim; thence north 31 3 1/2 100 chains to the place of beginning; containing 188 37 100 acres. Deed at expense of purchaser. Dated November 16th, 1888.

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