

SIX-PAGE EDITORIAL

MAINE.

The Republicans Elect and Inaugurate a Governor.

Augusta, January 17th.—The Republican members of the Senate and House of Representatives, who organized on Monday last and adjourned until to-day, reassembled accordingly. Senators and Representatives called to order by President Locke of Portland.

Senator Atwell, of Penobscot, and one or two other Fusionists, occupied seats in the rear of the chamber, but not the desks to which they are entitled.

Half a dozen spectators in the gallery presented a striking contrast to the crowd in the House. Rooms of cheering from the House occasionally reached the Senate chamber, and disturbed its stillness.

After prayer by the Chaplain the journal was read.

A committee of seven on Senatorial votes was appointed, on motion of Hawes of Cumberland, and a committee of five on gubernatorial votes.

The answers of the Supreme Court to the questions of the Republican Legislature were read.

The names of Daniel F. Davis and Dion Bradbury were received from the House, as the gentlemen selected for Governor.

When the vote was taken for Governor 19 votes were thrown, and for Davis 10 votes were declared by the President legally chosen Governor of the State.

Several Fusion members were present, but not participated in the announcement which was followed by applause.

At 7:45 both branches of the Republican Legislature adjourned until Monday at 11 A. M.

JOINT CONVENTION—DAVIS ELECTED GOVERNOR.

A Joint Convention was then held for the election of seven Executive Councilors, resulting in the choice of the following gentlemen by 102 votes: First, George W. Bowers; Second, Frederick Robie; Third, Joseph T. Hinkley; Fourth, William Wilson; Fifth, James M. Bowers; Sixth, Lewis Barker; Seventh, Samuel N. Campbell.

Samuel J. Chadbourne was chosen Secretary of State, receiving 105 votes. Afterward Chadbourne and Barker, Bowers, Penfield and Wilson of the House, and Davis of the Senate, at 6:45 P. M. another Convention was formed. The people had packed for this, not a man moving from the densely-packed hall.

A committee representing both branches waited upon Governor-elect Davis and soon reported he would attend upon the Convention to take the oath of office. He entered the hall attended by the Council and great applause. After quiet had been restored, Governor Davis in his own name, and in the name of the people, delivered an address, as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives: For nearly sixty years ago your fathers have assembled to deliberate upon the wants of the commonwealth, and since that time have been the safeguard around a representative government. They have proved strong enough to carry our government through the darkest days of our history, and strong enough to meet and organize the Legislature, a body defined by the people, and elected by the people, and dignified by the people.

The organization of the Legislature has for that reason been a subject of great interest to the people. It has been a subject of great interest to the people. It has been a subject of great interest to the people.

Cherishing followed the address, which did not subside until the gubernatorial party took their departure.

DAVIS TO CHAMBERLAIN.—The following orders were promulgated this evening: To Major-General L. Chamberlain, you are hereby elected to the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief, and you are to perform the duties of that office. In common with all citizens of this State, I have watched with interest the progress of the election, and rejoice with you in the result. I have confidence in your ability to discharge the duties of the office with honor and to the satisfaction of the people.

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A FARMER'S OPINION.

PROSPEROUS TIMES FOR CALIFORNIA IN THE YEAR 1880.

A Very Hopeful and Cheerful Glance at the Agricultural and Commercial Situation.

MERCED, Cal., January 6, 1880.

From every source, and particularly from the Eastern papers, we learn the cheering news that business in all its varied branches is steadily improving. To all appearances this revival in trade and manufacturing promises well. It appears to be an outgrowth of such favorable circumstances and substantial surroundings that its vitality is almost unquestioned. Redemptive, economy in both private and public affairs, and an increasing exportation of produce and manufactured goods to foreign countries is bringing this country to its feet again; while the gradual yet certain transfer of political power from a party whose principles seem somewhat sadly out of joint with the times, into the hands of a party which the people can trust, is giving capital confidence and labor encouragement. But the question that most interests us—residents of the Pacific coast—is:

Will this prosperity reach us? Are we, in this distant part of our domain, to reap any share of the great harvest already being gathered? In my opinion, most assuredly we shall. With unbounded resources for producing wheat, wool, wine and fruits, to say nothing of a score or more of other productions, why should we not already be there? A strong, steady undercurrent of prosperity, not yet seen on the surface, which, in due time, will make its appearance? In proof of this, I need only refer to the year 1879, a year ago hundreds of land-owners in this State were anxious to sell their lands at a low figure. To-day they are holding them (with occasional sales) at fully one hundred per cent. advance.

FEW ARE EAGER TO SELL. At any price. A year since sellers were very numerous; now buyers outnumber them at most two to one. In any new country the demand for and price of its lands is a good criterion by which to judge of its business and prosperity. Doubly true in this State like California, with its millions of acres of arable land. The advance in the price of wheat to a figure that promises the producer something more than the ordinary rate of a living, is an incentive which farmers in California have not been slow to appreciate. The present season is the most favorable, thus far, of any for years.

DEBARED OF. Before in this (Merced) county. (I judge the same to be true in a measure in other parts of the State). Almost every available section is being seeded to wheat. Both small and extensive farmers are nearly doubling the area of their grain fields, while town people and traders are buying and planting wheat on their farms, and are cultivating wheat. Should the season prove to be a favorable one the amount of grain that will find its way to the seaboard from this county will be simply immense. Many a man outside of the stockholders will then better appreciate the benefits of the grain trade to this country. I have for some days I have talked with quite a number of the

LEADING FARMERS. Of this county, such as H. Huffman, M. D. Atwater, Cressy Bros. and others, all of whom have already put in their thorough crops of wheat, and are looking to the prospect for a good crop and fair prices is so firm that they will each add a thousand or two more to their already extensive crops. With this activity among the farmers, the trades and manufacturing interests are beginning to keep step to music. Merchants are increasing, and to increase in activity through their stocks of goods. Commerce is beginning to spread apace, and as prosperity in the land necessarily follows property in the soil, the people will take care of themselves. Were it not for this article, which I intended should be brief, I am already formidable in length—I would write more of an enterprise planned and completed by a few energetic

FARMERS OF MERCED COUNTY. Whereby a large stream of water is taken from the Merced river and distributed through a large ditch and numerous branches to and beyond the Southern Pacific Railroad, over a large scope of country. This is a most important and profitable enterprise, and smaller ones are undergoing similar changes. With this new departure, instead of an extensive field of wheat or other crops, we have now a large number of houses, with patches of corn, potatoes, hops, alfalfa, and even buchah, will soon meet the eye along this canal, as new settlements are being made in the locality, and new enterprises in hand and stout hearts to carry them out. It is the settled determination of the owners of this ditch (Farmers' Land Company) to set up a large and profitable business in the production of the products here may, in variety and quality, be in keeping with those of other portions of prolific California. Eso.

BRIEF GLANCE. About Contemporaries and Notes of Newspaper Change and Progress.

John L. Ginn has editorial charge of the *Boyle Standard*.

The *Apprentice* issued a very handsome Christmas number, with a full page vignette on the cover.

The *Trinity Journal*, a sterling, trustworthy, manly paper, has entered upon its twenty-fourth volume.

The *Reo Journal*, for January, was a beautiful issue, with a full page vignette, filled with local and other slight matter. It was a credit to the publishers and compilers.

The *Los Angeles Journal* has entered upon its seventh volume. It is an active, well-conducted and straightforward daily paper—one of the best in all Southern California.

The *Merced Herald* has entered upon its seventh volume. It is a large, well-filled journal, conducted with vigor and an eye single to the advancement of the great valley in which it has being.

The *Reese River News* has entered upon its fourth volume. It is the oldest paper published in eastern Nevada. It is active, well-filled with local news, outspoken and independent, a good and growing daily paper for its distant locality.

The *Amador Times*, a near neighbor, a good interior paper, a new local journal, has entered upon its fourth volume. It has changed hands many times, but has always been a credit to its publishers and compilers.

We have received the prospectus of another new paper to be started at Lakeview, Oregon, by Watson Brothers of the *State Line Herald*. It will be a semi-monthly, at \$1 per annum, called the *Pacific Champion*, and devoted to temperance, good order and education.

The *Marysville Daily Appeal*, a valued, able and leading journal of the coast, entered upon its forty-first volume on the 1st instant. The *Appeal* is a dignified, vigorous and influential paper, published upon an elevated plane, and representative of one of the best communities in the State.

The *Colusa Sun*, a newspaper of the first rank among country journals of the United States, has entered upon its nineteenth volume. The *Sun* is bold, outspoken, practical, has opinions and vents them, and they are always of a character worthy of attention. It is a credit to its publishers and compilers.

Augusta, January 17th.—Wm. Sargent has declined the appointment as Governor Smith's Staff, being a straight Democrat and unwilling to indorse the Governor's green-back opinions.

A VOICE FROM SHASTA COUNTY TO THE HOMELESS.

EDS. RECORD-UNION: I desire to write for the SACRAMENTO DAILY RECORD-UNION a brief article on a subject dear to many a heart, and one on which many similar articles have been written, many of which, I fear, were for deceptive purposes—articles to settle in sections uninviting, and where a comfortable living could not be made in the pursuit of agriculture and stock-raising. I know that there are on this coast thousands of poor families languishing in the ashes of poverty who would willingly emigrate to any portion of an uninviting California, were they satisfied that they could find land to claim as homestead or pre-empt, on which by industry they could make a comfortable living. It is to this class I speak. I am familiar with the Pacific coast for a distance of 900 miles—with Nevada and northern California, and I know there is plenty of land, pre-empt and to purchase in Tehama, Shasta, Trinity, Humboldt and Siskiyou counties. In my opinion the chances for a good living are better in Shasta and Tehama counties than in any of the other enumerated counties, because the marketing facilities are better. The soil in this county (Shasta) is of two kinds—late and granite alluvia. The granite deposits of course are of a deep living one, a great basin or northern extremity of San Francisco bay. Its width is from the foothills of the Yuba range to the foot of the Siskiyou range—a distance of about 45 miles. The granite and gravel range lies in the northern extremity of the county, more in the shape of a narrow strip. On the slate range the soil in places is dark, and in other places red. On the granite range the soil is generally a deep living one, and is adapted to agriculture, and stock raising; and as to fruit, I look upon Shasta county as being one of the best natural fruiting counties in the State. 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