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## Law Concerning Mewspapers.

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23 On the outside this week will be found some original articles on temperance and the State question. Here is a field open for discussion, and we invite the lancebreakers into the arena.

We think that A. G. H. may safely double his estimate of expenses under a State government; at least the three thou sand office-seekers who will support a Convention in hopes of getting an office, would was to be reduced to such a figure.

There is, we notice, much talk among politicians about the matter not coming as a "party question." By this we understand that they mean to say that the people are left free to vote just as they think best, that morracy, and enthrone whiggery and Know Noth is for the highest good of the Territory .- ingam? The idea is also carried, that if it was a "party question," the people must obey the orders of the wire-workers of the "parties, and vote the party ticket. right or wrong thus not only ancrificing their personal liberty, but the pecuniary prosperity of the whole Territory. Now this is the principle of demagogues, whose interest it is to keep the party herd together, in order to live off tle. This doctrine is as anti-republican and anti-democratic as Romanism, or Aus trianism. Whenever measures are presented for the approval or rejection of the people, they ought to open their eyes, look at it for themselves, and after carefully and impartially weighing the arguments pro and con, it is their privilege and duty as freemen to vote just as they think for the good of their country.

Let no set of demagogues deceive you, by calling this, that, or another measure, a Democratic, Whig, or Know Nothing measure. By this policy, the people in Oregon have unwittingly been led to support men who are fast steering our financial and social interests into a whirlpool of bankruptey and ruin. Our seat of government has been carted and wheeled from this place to that place; the state house fund has, under out among favorites, and gradually frittered down, till what was loft standing at Salem to show for some has been overtaken by the judgments of Heaven, and licked up by fire to drive out the unclean birds who polluted its walls last winter. The University fund, under a similar management has been reduced to a vast extent. After a large quantity of material had been accumulated at Corvallis for the building, the University was wheeled off to Jacksonville, the material knocked off under the hammer for a trifle, and the people's money may now be looked after in the pockets of a few party favorites. The Penitentiary fund is probably lesking out a good deal faster than the walls are going up, and according to the reports of the Legislature a year ago to less than six hundred dollars of the fund slipped anto the pockets of certain managers, at one time, for which the Territory has nothing very plainly, what we may expect when we are taxed from our hard eagnings, provided

virtue-killing principles, advocated by it, refusing but a few days ago, to let the people vote upon the temperance question, and thrusting the petitions of the people back in their faces, as requesting things

that are at war with the principles of Oregon democracy, and unsuited to the brutal appetites of two-legged, democratic decanters. Roads have been laid out in every direction with little else to mark their lo calities than the blazes on the trees, while our heavy taxes are absorbed by other meant, than that of public improvements; our road laws, school laws, and probate laws, are botched and bungled in a style admirably adopted to draining the pockets of the people and filling those of the pettifoggers who make their living off of demo-

covering the body politic with a spotted moral and tiary, a warm debate sprung up between Mr. our rulers and partyism has at last sided with the savages, by lashing the Governor down upon his ongaged in defending their country from the inbeen aroused by the flames of burning houses on our frontier, and by the screams of females perish-

Religion, temperance, virtue and enterprise reeive no fostering care from their hands, but millaw, wither, and die under their dy-nasty.

Yet in view of all these things, strange there is now and then a good, honest man in the country who wants "nothing to do with politics."-The fact is, Oregon can never become anything, and occupy a position that will render her respectable abroad, and insure the prosperity of her citizens at home, until her politics are changed. The Cauc vilest sinner" never needed a "change" in order to fit him for Heaven more than the politics of Oregon need regeneration to give her a respectable character. Good men of all parties, persuasions, and creeds, doctors, lawyers, mechanics, farmers, to very sorry to think that the public pile and preachers, ought to take hold of this matter, and devote much of their time to it till they bring about a radical reform. We need such a reform before we are clothed in habiliments sufficiently respectable to take rank among the States of the

But, says one, do you propose to break down de-

Not by any means

"Well then what do you propose? Show our way clear and we are with you in the refor-

Our article is already too long for that now, br we propose to speak of this matter hereafter-and

PENITENTIARY BILL-"A bill to provide for the its re-introduction, and its passage was !hus defeat ed. We hear the members of the Assembly, with extremely few exceptions, regretting the supposed abstraction, as they considered it certain that the abstraction, as they considered it certain that the effactment of the bill would have saved not less than three thousand dollars to the Territorial trea sury during the coming year in the management of the penitentiary.—Statesman.

It is certainly a matter much to be re gretted that the bill was stolen from the Council and its passage defeated, for several reasons. One is that you and "the gentleman from Linn" had decreed that it should pass in order to create a new office and feather a nice little nest for Pat Malone as "superintendent," in order to reward him for his services as your personal page, and for other little party jobs, the "dirt of which enters the soul," such for instance as trying to kill off the Seandard by plunging his slanderous steel into the vitals of his wife's the management of the party, been divided character. After the "democratic caucus" of the Legislature had decided to reward him for it, in accordance with your instructions, it was cruel in the Council to defeat the measure. Besides, we think that the fact that Pat Malone was superintendent of the Penitentiary would have given many a poor thief such a dread of the place that he would have reformed his life rather than to have run the risk of being placed under Pat's tutorship. The iden of saving \$3,000 a year, by having Pat go round town with a wheelbarrow picking up offal, and buying damaged provisions, to feed a dozen convicts on, is ludierous As he has lost the place, however, couldn't you do him a favor, and "save" yourself something annually, by

Prof. Newell gives a concert of vocal to show. Now all this money although Steele's Drug Store, next Wednesday night. one of their own party who refuses to sup- and connecting it with the Willamette by

the same chaps are allowed the handling of dollars as we stated last week. This will and a multitude of others.

Democratic Caucus.

arrylle nequiescence to the demoralizing Caucus convened in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday evening, January 29, in pursuance of provious adjournment, for the purpose of nominating the residue of the Territoria officers to be elected by the Legislature in pursu ance of the provisions of law.

Mr. Straight of Clackamas was called to the chair, and Mr. Elkins (Clerk of the House) wa where secretary.

Whereupon the caucus proceeded to nominate
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of vote for candidates for the several offices

which vote resulted in the nomination of the following gentlemen for the several offices, to wit: For Brigad'r Gen'i, Jno. K. Lamerick, Dr. M. C. Barkwell, Gen. M. M. McCarver ner to audit war Philo Callender,

Claims, Philo Callender,
Penitentiary Commissioners, Messez, Weath
erford, Fitch and Doland,
Qr. Master Gen'i, Dr. J. W. Drew,
Keeper Penitent'y, F. A. Collard,
Sup't "Patrick J. Makene,
Pilot Masters, Messez, Tichenor and

Mr. Boise, chairman of a committee appointed at a previous meeting for that purpose, reported an able and cloquent address to the people, as a pre-amble to the bill resubmitting the question of a state During the nomination of officers of the peniter

D. contended that the gentleman nominated by S. ought to have applied to him; and Mr. S. savages, by lashing the Governor down upon his sisted that the penitentiary, though located at marrow-bones before the main-spring of the last Legislature, and plunging its recking blade into the backs of some of our best citizens who have been engaged in defending their country from the in-

ing under the tomahawks of the red man, this "party" has been busily engaged in laying plans by which it might secure all the "glory" and effectually kill off the last man whom they had any speeches and acts of the members of the causonwhoming, had published a card in the Jack-sonville paper, evidently with the Dr.'s knowledge, for the purpose of praising Dr. McIteeny, which had been followed by a letter from Dr. M. to Dr. Belt, endorsing the knownothing surgeon already appointed, and another to Gov. Curry, asking for the appointment of Dr. Greer, the second—that there was a complicity between them all, evidence by the little "you tickle me and I'll tickle you

> nunciation of such conduct by the gentleman nom-inating him, warmly approved by the body of the After the nominations were completed, the cau general, be informed that the condition of his elec-tion as chief of the commissary department is, that he shall not employ in his department S. E. May, or any other person of like knownething political

> Character.
> On motion of Mr. Smith of Line, a committee of three were appointed to call upon Gen. McCarver, and inform him of the conditions of his election. Mosers. Grover, Fulkerson and Officer, were ap-

pointed said committee.

On motion the caucus adjourned sine die.

SPECTATOR. -Corvallis Statesman.

We publish the above in order to show our readers the kind of spirits we have to deal with in our efforts to prosecute the present war. We will state, however, that ported by the Statesman in the above, were olution. not adopted by the "caucus." At least we are told so by authority that ought to know.

better regulation of the penitentiary," not finally acted upon, was taken from the pensession of a Council committee on the morning of the adjournremoved.

> Col. Kelley also informed us that Dr. Barkwell assured him that he should make no political-creed a test in selecting his medical staff. Dr. Greer, we are informed by our correspondents from Rogue river, is the most untiring and efficient surgeon in the whole southern service. His labors have venture to say that he has performed more together. The monthly reports published that knows him (except demagogues) as a

gentleman and thorough practitioner. Dr. McIteeny is the last man that we should have thought would have fallen under the ban of the "clique." But if a man happens to de disliked by the Statesman eded up in a garb similar to that anciently hear." placed upon condemned hereties, and then labeled with "know-nothing," and the tools fall in to pelting him with mud and stones preparatory to taking his head off. Their whom he had power, who voted against lam qui vult vitare Charybdim."

Lane at the last election. Now they say that the petition only contry as have supported them in their meas- This company has been chartered for the

for the stability of our free institutions.

those who are worse fees to us than the In- doubtful whether it would come in compe ments should carry out the instructions of could always get full loads down from the the clique, and remove all men from office upper country at double these rates. who voted against Lane, it could be hardly wondered at if every white man in the army should shoulder his gun and return home leaving the tory party and the Indian party to fight it out as a "party war," little care ing which whips. But we are confident that the people of the Territory are not yet sufficiently sunken in depravity, and bereft of all magnanimity and honorable principle to endorse the action of their Legislators, whom they sent there to represent their interests, instead of the interests of the renegade who edits the Statesman .-We are consequently led to believe that these heads of the departments will listen to the voice of the people, which is being now so universally expressed in condemning the last Legislature with some honorable exceptions, as the weakest, silliest and most servile set of asses, that ever disgraced a civilized government.

27 The Advocate has at last complied with our oft-repeated request, and given its renders the resolutions of the Conference play go ng on. This direlesure instantly produced the withdrawal of Dr. Melteeny's name, and a deon Slavery. This was probably done for the benefit of the General Conference is the States, which is about to assemble, to which Mr. Pearne is a delegate. The last paper continues the biographies of the saints, by giving a short history of the members of the Assembly. The biography of "the gentleman from Linn" would have been particularly interesting, had it followed him through all his political and theological transmutations and tergiversations as a pettifogger, editor, gambler, theological "gouger," envoy under Tyler, contributor to the Boston infidel Investigator, and at last a tool of Bush to carry out the principles of a elique, the most corrupt, anti-republican and anti-democratic, that has probably ever existed since the disbanding and breaking up of the tories that sympathized with the the instructions to Gen. McCarver, as re- British and Indians at the time of the Rev.

We feel very sorry that "bro. Pearne' did not see fit to send us the last issue of his through the gratings, and from what we could see of it, we think it has assumed pretty much the policy of President Mahan of Oberlin College, where the Advocate says "the gentleman from Linn" got his educa-

A farmer with whom we stopped for the night, in the vicinity of Oberlin, in 1844, related to us the following anecdote in relabeen truly Herculean, demanding his watch- tion to President Mahan: The President fulness by day and night. His hospital happened into his neighborhood to preach has been constantly crowded, while others After the services were over, a wag stepped have been comparatively empty, and we up to Mahan, and asked him when he intended to favor them with another sermon. real service than all the rest of them put Mahan replied that he didn't know, but it the people wished, he would pay them anby him in the Sentinel, one of which we other visit. The wag assured him that he publish to-day, show that he has not been had never heard a man preach before who idle. Besides he is respected by everybody suited him so well, and he should be extremely happy to hear him again. This excited the curiosity of the President, and thinking the man was probably under conviction, he pressed him for his reason for liking him so well. "Well, Mr. Mahan." says the wag, "when you preach, you meditor, he has only to intimate it to his tools, die with neither religion nor politics, and and the unlucky fellow is immediately dress- that's just the sort of preaching I like to

The Advocate, probably at the suggestion of "the gentleman from Linn," has have been subdued in 1849 in half the time least scared from his propretty much quit "meddling with religion or polities." It seems to be trying to steer be. they were then much more numerous, than K. N. petition called upon the Governor to tween Scylla and Charybdis. It may yet at present, and we were much weaker. The remove every man from the service, over find the old proverb true—"Incidit in Scyl- Statesman's correspondent is puffing Lim-

## Important.

and instrumental music in the hall over Dr. ures. Whenever the organ falls out with purpose of improving the Tualatin river, do his bidding, and as we have assurances being less than half what it could be hauled will probably need.

that they will not do it, we are disposed to to Portland for upon a plank road. This wait and see whether they will do it or not. medium of communication would drain a Whenever toryism becomes so rampant, large section of the choicest agricultural free bridge across the Yambill river at that that under the cover of such a name as dem- country, which produces its tens of thousocracy, it proposes in time of war to create ands of surplus grain annually. It strikes across the same stream near McMinville, or valousies and divisions among the people, us that this is truly an important move, and by kicking every man out of office that does stock taken will yield a fair permanent divnot support the party, we think that a crisis idend, as nothing can successfully compete has fully arrived where there is no security with the company in prices of transportation. If they should get a Railroad from We can hardly be expected to fight for Portland to Corvallis next year, it is very dians. If the heads of the militia depart- tition with this Company, so long as they

### That Memorial.

The "Memorial to stay the Superintend ent of Indian Affairs," &c., passed the House, and will be sent to Washington as a House memorial, the Council all refusing to adopt it, excepting Huber and Fulkerson. Boise, in discussing it, said that the members of the lower house were "fresh from the people," and were "supposed to be the more perfect reflex of the wishes and desires of the sovereign people" than were the members of the Council. We presume that nobody will deny that the great majority of the last Assembly was as "fresh" lot of men as ever went to the Legislature in Oregon. But that they will be sustained by the people in relation to this memorial. we have many indications is incorrect.

Huber it seems, although he was in the Council, was "fresh enough to support the memorial, after having voted for Bush as Territorial Printer, and signed the petition for removing all officers from the army who voted against Jo Lane.

He is decidedly a "fresh" subject, notwithstanding "bro. Pearne," in writing the biographies of the saints, says that he has "attained to considerable eminence (!) as a lawyer."

The vote on the final passage of the me norial stood as follows : Yeas, Boise, Buckingham, Brown of Linn, Burbank, Callender, Cozad, Gates, Grover, Hale, Harpole, Harris, Harrison, Hutson, Jackson, McAlexander, Moores, Officer, Risley, Robinson. Smith of Jackson, Straight, Tichenor, and the gentleman from Linn"-23.

Nays, Messrs. Briggs, Johnson, and Brown of Multnomah-3.

Absent, or not voting, Barkwell, Grant, Shuck, and Fred Waymire.

## From the South.

Latest accounts represent matters to b a horrible condition in Rogue River and Umpqua Vallies. The Indians are said to have blockaded the road leading through the Canyon, and thus cut off all means of communication with Jacksonville. The express s said to have been driven back by a large body of Indians, although it was escorted by ten men. The Indians stopped the express just beyond the Canyon. Even in Umpqua valley the Indians are said to have pepetrated as far as Cow creek, and are now burning the settlers' houses and laying waste the country with fire brands and tom-

The newly elected Brig. Gen., J. K. Limrick has made a call for four new companies, to be raised in Linn, Benton, Douglas, and Linn counties, to supply the places of the companies already in the Southern field, try." "We look upon every man who did whose term of service is about to expire .--What the southern regiment has been about country, and we believe the people generalthe past winter is more than we can divine. ly look upon him in the same light : There is great complaint made of those who There is great complaint made of those who have the command, but they may have done has forgotten that it is a mere pampered parasite. the best they could under the circumstances. and regards itself as a natural mem The Indians at all events have had the ing that it had taken sides with the Indians againbest of it so far, and if Col, "Bill Martin" best of it so far, and if Col. "Bill Martin" rass the efforts of the country to prosecute the war had belonged to any other than that of the Capt. Smith felt that he could not help to put pa Sham Democracy, every locofeco press in Oregon would have been denouncing his course in the most unqualified terms. course in the most unqualified terms.

It is positively a disgrace to Oregon, that our southern friends are not relieved, and that immediately. These Indians could we have been tinkering with them, although erick, as just the man for the emergency.-This, together with his past history, gives employing him as "superintendent" of your and not of Whigs. The petition itself late Legislature styled, "An act to incorpo- fore we either praise or blame. If he carns the name of Jo Lane as a candidate for the us rather a poor opinion of him, but we ject to his wearing them.

appropriated by Congress, is just as precious The popularity of his efforts hitherto in port it in its onslaught upon the Governor means of a canal, rail or plank road, or othto us, as though we had earned it at hard this city and other places will doubtless and others, besides voting it the public erwise, as they may see fit. We believe it fully in a sham communication, for publishing printing, he is immediately singled out as a is in contemplation to connect the basin the indecent advertisement of Dr. Czapkay. Know Nothing and proscribed by this jour- above Moore's mill-dam with Linn City by A tender of a few dollars has caused The The Phrenological and Water-Cure Jour- nal. Witness, for instance, its attack upon means of a plank road. The Tualatin is Statesman to alter his views very materially. nals will come at one dollar instead of two Gazley, Leland, Waterman, Palmer, Brown, said to be navigable in the winter as far as He now sees that the advertisement is exenable us to furnish Tux Anous, Life It. The long and short of the whole matter freight passing down the river to five cents sheet, that advocates the licensing of es-Forest Grove. The bill limits the price of ceedingly appropriate for his "democratic" Besides this, the party in order to keep lustrated, and both Journals at \$6,00 in is, that although the Legislature has yield- a ton (measurement) per mile. This would tablishments that create a demand for the up the vile sheet, which they recognize as advance, instead of \$7,00 as we before ed to the dictation of this sheet, and placed bring the cost of transportation at about Doctor's medicine. His readers are now tag, paying it heretofore ten times the states The Argue, and Life Illustrated, will be partments as they had assurances would do or about \$2,60 a ton through to Portland, Dr. Czapkay, which the majority of them such men at the heads of the military de- \$2 a ton from Forest Grove to Lien City, treated to over a column of information from

### Improvements in Yambill.

The citizens of Dayton are building place. Another free bridge is being erected Newby's mills. We understand that M. Newby is the principal mover in this matter These bridges will be of great benefit to the traveling public on the west side of the Willamette river. We are also informed that Mr. Newby, with the assistance of a few of the neighbors, has erected a large building at McMinville for the purpose of establishing another University there. Me-Minville is one of the lovely spots of Oregon, and its proprietor, Mr. Newby, is one of the most energetic and untiring men in the country, and in making efforts to improve his own fortune, he strikes out in such a direction as to improve the country around him, and benefit the community more than he benefits himself. Such men. although they may be occasionally grumbled at as speculators, are really among our most useful citizens. Success to Mc Minville, and its enterprising proprietor.

### Monmouth University.

We notice the passage of a bill by the last Legislature for chartering an institution of learning in Polk county to be called the Monmouth University. The site of the village which it is contemplated to build up around the institution is on a beautiful rolling prairie, in the neighborhood of Davidson, Murphy, Lucas, and Mason. We are informed by Mr. Butler, that the enterprising gentlemen who have embarked in this educational measure have already erected a comfortable house in which a normal chool is now in successful operation. We believe it is proposed to lay off the land already donated into lots of a suitable size to ecommodate those who may wish to move there in order to educate their children .-The location is surrounded by a community of enterprising farmers who are amply able and we believe willing to use their means in rearing and perfecting an institution of a high order. We also see notices of a bill to establish a school on La Creole, Will our friends tell us more about these institutions? We are not posted up.

II. A. Hogue, Esq., passed through this city last Sunday on his way home to Albany, from the volunteer camp at Walla Walla. He informs us that the news of Maj. Chinn's recall by Gov. Curry created a reaction in Chinn's favor, in the feeling among the volunteers. He says that the report published in the Portland papers, that Hembree saw 2000 Indians beyond Snake river is doubtless a mistake. Henbree's party reported upon their return to camp that they saw a few Indians in the distance herding stock, but knew nothing of the number of warriors they could command. They guessed there were from 1700 to 2000 of them.

### The Sentinel's Views of a Traitor. The following from the Table Rock

Sentinel of Jan. 26 shows the estimation in which southern democrats, hold the States wan. Capt. Smith was exactly right in feeling that he "could not help put patronage and power into its hands without involving himself in the guilt of betraying the coun-"help to do" this thing, as a traitor to his The Statesman was put to the pap of the Treas

ith this view, voted for Mr. Taylor. Thereupon the Statesman, like a very little dog with a great deal of dog in it, defending its bone makes on Capt. Smith a furious demonstration of white teeth, but by which, we suppose, that gentle country who voted with him, we omit. The friend ship of the Statesman has sunk good men in Jack. We would save our friends both from the venom of its hate and the pollution of its lep rous caresses. The members from this county need a defence against that press, only leaf it "love them to death.

gives the lie to this assertion, unless they rate the Tualatin River Transportation and any laurels, we shall be the last one to ob. Presidency. The young man tells us that it is not done because he has ceased to love Jo Lane, or appreciate his towering worth; but the name was "omitted as a matter of typographical taste."

By the same rule of "taste" we suggest another improvement, by your hauling down your own name as "editor," and substituting that of Wiggins or Pat Malone.

Wiley, the editor of the Pioneer & Democrat, who expected to be elected as Territorial Printer in Washington, was beaten by Col. Wallace, of the opposition-The Statesman drops a tear for Wiley, who went off the stage, sobbing,

My loos brothren here below