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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

There will be a Republican Convention of Delegates from all the counties in the Territory for the purpose of nominating come before the Convention. The Convention will be held on

FRIDAY, THE SECOND OF APRIL, At Balom, Marion County.

The Republicans are urgently requested to organize in every county where an organization was not made last year, and send up Delegates to the Convention.

The committee would suggest that the fellowing apportionment be adhered to in electing Delegates :- Curry 1, Coos 1. qua 2, Lane 6, Linn 6, Benton 4, Polk 4, Yambiil 4. Marion 7. Clackamas 5. Washington 2, Maltnomah 4, Columbia 1, Clatsep 1, and Wasco 1.

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Feb. 6, 1859.

Republican Convention.

In this paper will be found a call for : Territorial Convention of Republican delegates at Salem, April 2d. Our friends who have written to us from different parts of the Territory urging the pecessity of a convention, will be glad to see that the committee, though tardy, has moved at last. We hope that an early response will be made to the call by all the counties .-Let meetings be held to elect delegates, and let us have the reports of such meetings at an early day. We shall have a meeting in this county soon, and we hope other counties will not be much behind us. Meet together, take counsel, and send up good men to represent your wishes, so that the counsels of the convention shall be marked by wisdom.

The present is a crisis in the history of this government that requires every true patriot, and every man who believes in a wholesome, judicious management of its affairs in harmony with the Constitution and the principles of right, to be awake and bestir himself. There are really but two great political armies in the field, arrayed against each other upon principles that smoke and dust of side issues. All little squads of outside skirmishers, like fragments of drift upon the ocean, must eventually be drawn to one or the other great centers of political attraction.

The great issues that divide the contend- blackguard." ing hosts are the rights of man, natural and conventional, as enunciated in the Declaration of Independence and guarantied by the Constitution of the United States. on the one hand, and an effort to overthrow these rights, establish a despotism upon the soil of some of our Territories by means of standing armies, by forcing governments upon the people such as are abhorrent to them, besides a trampling upon the constitution by such false, parry, and sectional constructions of it by a corrupt judiciary, as drag down the pillars of State sovereignty and sweep away every barries thrown around the most flourishing, populous, and wealthy States of the Union, against a degrading competition of inefficient slave labor with that of the hardhanded, honest, and free white yeomanry. who have hewn down our forests, improved our water power, digged out our mines, and built up our cities, besides whitening the ocean with the sails of a commerce that already reaches into every port of entry in the world, and is pouring into our lap the exhaustless treasures of Europe, Asia, and Africa, as well as the spicy isles of the great deep. To build up all these interests, as well as to support a moral, economical, and just government at home, is the policy of the Republican party; while to drag them all down, and institute a system of plumder, a reign of terrorism, and to rob the people one by one of constitational rights by adopting a false, fireeating construction of the Constitution that makes that instrument worse than a nullity. is the palpable, inevitable tendency of that treasonable "Junta" which, by the favor often wondered why the "democratic parof a minority of American citizens, has ty," unlike every other party that has had been inaugurated at Washington under the an existence, should especially delight in misnomer of "National Democracy."- picking up some uncouth and unlettered The recent developments that have been made at Washington in constraing squat. policy would seem to indicate the need of a ter sovereignty to be a license by the party to force an obnexions constitution upon a Territory, after having been elected upon a platform of "leaving the people perfectly tolerable at least to the community, to enfree to regulate their own domestic institutions," as well the late position of Buch anan's organ that all the free State consti tutions are unconstitutional, ought to starthe every patriot in the Union, and cause as an American citizen. Does the interest him to pause, and resolve to retrace his of the party require a postoffice to be filled steps before he follows this treasonable

Fellow citizens of Oregon, are you willfor two "national democratic" Senators, to " national" candidates for office can be the first water.

potism, to which it is fast drifting.

go to Washington there to be harnessed to found without making a call from the ranks the Juggernaut of "national democracy" of the unlettered, unwashed and uncouth as your representatives to lick the dirt rabble who, being "sound and reliable." from the feet of fire-enters, and have the are always preferable to intelligent Recar on which such men as Atchinson, Cal publicans because they make excellent houn, and Jo Lane are seated, waving a bloody flag in one hand and a sharp stick Republican papers, and begging for subthrust through a bunch of wool in the other. while two hundred and fifty-seven hired becofoco editors get on their marrow-bones and cry-" Lo the konkrin eros cum ?"

If we are national democrats, and if we candidates to be supported at the election have ostrich stomachs, that can digest next June, if it be thought proper, and of anything, let us go in-go heartily-detransacting such other business as may termined to eat all the dirt that is set before us, without making a wry face.

> If that is not our character, let us go to work in the Republican party, which is bound to succeed, and that before many

Give the Devil his Duc.

The bill we spoke of last week in rela tion to advertising, which was introduced by Mr. Rees of this county, and passed the House, we are told, with only one dissenting vote, was defeated in the Council by Jackson 4, Josephine 2, Douglas 4, Ump- the influence of the "Salem Clique."-This is one good thing the clique has done. and we give it credit for it. We wish we knew who the man was in the House who voted against the bill. He is a man of sense, who wer he may be. The bill was expected to operate against the Territorial Printer, but it would have operated to the injury of the community at large much more. It would require more space than we can spare this week to show up the tangled, jumbled hotel-potch that it would have thrown legal advertising into, and the gross injustice it would have wrought to the community at large. The people never ought to be sacrificed in order to break down a particular individual. The old law serves the interest of the business community best as it now stands; and, whatever the motive may have been for defeating the Clackamas botch, it was really a genuine democratic stroke of legislation, and we applaud the act, if it did come from the " Salem Clique."

Personalities. The Journal of Commerce save that Wood would have been beaten much worse for Mayor of New York if the N. Y. Tribune had not indulged in such "brutal personalities" against him. The Tribune replies that its " brutal personalities" consisted in proving Wood to be a "swindler and a consummate rascal." Whenever a Republican journal has occasion to tear the wask off of one of these rotten demagogues and exhibit him in his nakedness cannot be lost sight of by the temporary the locofoco editors are seized all at once with a holy honor of " brutal personalities," There is many an ass who thinks the moment an editor walks right up and thrusts his stick into a nest of political vipers he is dreadful "personal," if not a "great

Post-Office Matters.

The New York Tribune, in speaking of the intolerable nuisances which this Administration has forced upon the people in many sections of the Union in the shape of Postmasters, very properly remarks:

" The functionary who receives and distributes the mails is a man of whom civil. ity and accommodation are required, especially in country towns, just as much as they are required of the butcher or the general store keeper. Being generally the sole Federal officer in the hamlet, he is also he very one in whose selection the people without distinction of party should have a voice. But the policy of the past administration which appears to have been heartily embraced by the present, would fire upon the rural districts, Postmisters with no qualification except that of democratic loyalty-those whose personal character repelled the personal contact of worthy inizens-those who could not obtain i he post towns upon which they are obtrud d, a single vote for the most petty and least honorable office. .

"Sometimes a sober man has been turned out to make room for a confirmed inchriste, who forthwith established the United States quarters in a low grocery. into which no respectable gentleman would venture to send his girls or boys. Sometimes fellows have been appointed who

were utterly unable to read or write." It would seem from the above that the people of Oregon are not the only ones who have had a taste of " national democ racy" in the distribution of offices by the Postal department. As complaints have been poured in upon us for the last three years of the locompetency and mismanagement of some of our postmasters, we have scullion and installing him in office, where man of tolerable qualifications at least, as well as one possessed of enough breeding and suavity to render himself sufficiently able a white man to transact business with him without being exasperated to an inclination to knock the puppy down every succeed, time he had occasion to demand his rights by a man who is not qualified to keep the party to the ultimatum of a European des- books of an Indian salmon peddler, and whose accomplishments in the way of good breeding would not give him a passport ing to sacrifice all principles, to stiffe the into the society of those who still adhere to

tools for suppressing light by destroying scribers for such sheets as are black outside and in with treason and falsehood?

We see no reason why a man should try to be an uncouth and ungentlemanly clown because, by the grace of Buchanan, he has come in possession of a small office, to which he could never have been elected. We can mention several postmasters in Oregon who (strange as it may appear) are gentlemanly and courteous, and give general satisfaction, notwithstanding they are "national, Union saving" locofoco offiin this city, who we believe intends to do his duty, we might also instance the Sa lem, Lafavette, and Butteville postmasters, besides many others, whom we are bound to respect for their attention to duty and their regard for good breeding, although a "bad scald." they should never show us a favor by way of extending our circulation. We ask no odds of a democratic postmaster other than a discharge of his duty like a man. Don't steal our money, an I don't lie to our subscribers by telling them "there is no Argus for you," when you have either given it away to some stingy locofice who wants to read it, or used it yourself for wrapping

Just hand our papers out, and they will out their way among all the locofoco papers you can jam into the pockets of your "democrats," from the Washington Union down to Jo Lane's pigtail whistle at Port-

Salem Charter. Since the Salem people have decided in favor of the charter, by a majority of fifteen votes, the caucus organ has ground out a whining editorial, promising that the courts will set the charter saide. The ground is taken that, because there was only a majority of fifteen out of 149 voters. the majority was too light to entitle them to rule. Eighty-two voted for the charter, and sixty seven against it. The doctrine taught is that the 67 voters ought to rule the 82. This is precisely what black demoeracy is, and we are glad the caucus organ has brouched it. Let it be understood then that democracy interpreted means

" The misority shall rule, and the majority shall not only be ruled but they shall have their windows knocked out by a drunken mob."

France.

Look out at the next June election for frands as great as those in Kansas, Minnesots, and Philadelphia, not to say anything of the " Jackson county returns."

The clique has broached the doctrine that the minority shall rule, and we look for an effort to retain the offices at all hazards. Stick a pin there, and see if it don't turn out so.

An Incident.

An old gentleman, who lives down the river toward Portland, came into our office last Wednesday, and, after paying us \$10 for Mr. Moore of Marion county, opened upon us thus:

Gent.-What do you charge for this

Ed. - 93 50 in advance.

Gent .- Well, I've been wanting to take it a long time. So, here's your money. Ed .- Have you ever seen enough of it to know whether it will spit you?

Gent,-I've had the reading of my neighbor W.'s Argus a long time, and my wife has been urging me to take it. I sub scribe for her. I don't like the paper

Ed .- What are your politics ! Gent .- Old Line Whig.

Ed .- Well, you ought to be a Repub

Gent .- Of course, I am.

Ed .- What objections have you to the

Gent -Well, I like a paper that quar rels more than yours does. You don't quarrel enough.

Ed .- Some people think I do too much.

But what paper suits you best? Gent .- The Oregonian. I like the way he pitches into Bush and Hibben. [11 Ed .- Yes; but some think I notice them rather more than they deserve. Gent .- Oh, no; you don't hold your own with them. I don't think you walk

into the rascals as Dryer does, Ed .- But the women generally like The Armal

family paper. We took the \$3.50, entered the name

Gent.-Oh, mightily, It's an excellent

on our books, and consoled ourself, after our subscriber went out, with the reflection that if the ladies are on our side we shall

"Though Earth and Hell oppose."

Washington Territory.

The Standard learns by a private source that the Indian Leschi is to be executed on the 19th Inst., also that Gov. McMullen recently caned Kendall severely at Olympia. Kendall is a lawyer, and it was probvoice of conscience and smother down your the cardinal principles of etiquette? Or is it ably necessary to "subdue" him, as govhumanity, and hold your breath long because in some districts as in many de- ernment officials are in the habit of subduenough to go down into the stinking arena liverys in the States, every respectable ing people in Kansas. A man who will be of political gladiators, and cast your vots man has joined the Republicans, and no whipped or caned by another is a coward of this city last Monday evening, at Mr. At-

One of the Ways.

The half breets in the French Prairie nave a way of their own of doing things. Instead of binding their grain with a band of straw, each bundle is tied up with a ha zle withe, which is brought from some adjugent thicket and carefully twisted before it is wanted for use, "Hog killing time" is also a season that taxes the dull geniuof the psitkum Psuoux to dodge the expedients resorted to by the inquisitive, labor aving Yankee. In passing through the French Prairie on our last trip to Salem, we noticed a lusty half-breed, at a short distance from the road, bending over and tugging away at what appeared to be the corpse of a black democrat. Upon approaching him, we found that the object of our eurissity and his solicitude was only cials. To say nothing of our postmaster the curcass of a huge black hog, which was as rigid in death as though it had been slaughtered the day before. He had al ready consumed nearly balf a wagon load of straw in singing the hair off, but it looked to us as though it had had decidedly

The following dialogue will give the eader all the information we gathered a the time regarding the reason for the halfbreed modus operandi of making bacon:

Copa nica-Halloo, old fellow! is tha ne of the unwashed I Psyoux-Wake cumiux.

Cops-I say, is that the corpse of bushite ?

Psyoux-Wake nica cumtux. C .- Clonas okoke Salem tillieum mici

P. Clooking up much surprised, and open ing a mouth which favored that of a huge ath-h) - Wake tillicum! Cushaw okoke!

C .- Clonas mica climnawhit. P.-Wake elimnawhit nica ; mica nan

C-Nowwitka, nica nanage kawqua Sa

em tillicum; spose minulused. P. (taking hold of one of the fore legs of the hog, and directing our attention to it by gesturing with the other hand)-Close mica nanage! Tillicum most teow-it-wake klone!

C .- Ah! chee nica nanage te-ow-it. Lateet kawqua bushite. Cloi-hai-um, o'x.

The Weatherand Crops.

We have had the coldest weather th veek that we have had this winter. Lust Sunday and Monday nights we had a heavy white frest, and a barrel of rain wa. Umpqua river Jan. 20. ter standing in the open air froze ice an eighth of an inch thick. Some people have plowed their gardens and commenced gardening. We hope our farmers will endeavor to get in all the grain they possibly can during the dry weather this month. We might just as well as not ship grain, bacon, and fruit enough every year to bring in two millions of dollars into the country This would make money very plenty with out that four million was debt being paid but if it should happen to be paid, the , with money plentier than it was in 1849.

Let every farmer who reads this article put in at least one sere more of grain than he intended to, and that will pay for his paper several years. Such a man will take a paper. He will grow rich, while the Hoosier has been placed on the Tualshis neighbor who practices only on what tin in place of it. The crift is not yet out his father taught him will be basely " get ting along."

What Does It Mean?

We notice that nearly one-half of the wheat brought to this market is so smurry that it is worth but little more than half what a good article brings. Much of this wheat is mised by the half breeds in the French Prarrie, while a good deal is raised by Americans who strive to imitate half- pale, trembling office seekers, have made breeds about as closely as they can. Now, regular pilgrimages to this Mecca of the the fact is, i' costs no more to produce a bushel of fine grain, free from some, that God, what an "ism!"), and the debates is worth \$1.25, than to produce a bushel of smurty wheat worth only 75 cents. every man will take pains to save his nigest heads of grain for seed, and then soak his seed wheat in blue vitriol, he will raise beautiful wheat, if his land is clean.

The fact is, it is just as easy to be rich became a little communicative under the as poor, and much pleasanter we are sure. influence of three or four brandy smashes. Shiftless management is what keeps most and as many cocktails, that the floor of the men back. Suppose you try to reform by caucus room is covered about three inches cultivating less land-doing your work better-and raise the best article, if you per containing fractions of resolves, proporaise a little less of it.

A good article always sells readily, while a poor one requires a deal of peddling to get it off at an indifferent price.

DALLES, Feb. 1st, '58. FRIEND ARGUS-The Rev. Mr. Miller has been doing good service in behalf of

temperance here. He has organized a di vision of the Sons, which has commenced under flattering auspices. We are gaining ground. Our place is improving, and times are good. Quite a number of children have been carried off here this winter with the croup. Yours, We have long known friend Miller as a

thoroughgoing, working, consistent temperance man. If the temperance vine doesn't flourish under his administration it will not be for want of watering and being dug around. We once saw him assaulted by a mob of drunken border ruffians for his opposition to doggeries. He took one of them down and choked him till he cried their slumbers by the rattle of broken win

We go our pile on all such men as Mil.

TEMPERANCE .- Mr. Taylor of California delivered a thrilling temperance lecture in kieson's Congregational Church.

Line upon Line.

It seems as though a thing had to be citerated as many as three hundred times before it got through the heads of most men. Although we have stated a dozen imes or more that Czapkav's agent had refused to exchange with us for many months past, and had often sent back our paper marked " refused," which we sent to Salem long after he stopped exchanging, we found two Salem democrats in this city this week who said they never knew it before, and their eyes stuck out like pullets' ggs thrown against a mud wa'l when we informed them of the fact. We left them damning him as "a puppy who acknowl edged by the set that he was whippedbesides being no part of a gentleman."

Bold Surgical Operation.

We learn by the Elinburg Advertiser hat Professor Syme performed a critical urgical operation on the 8th of December ast, by cutting out a man's torigue at the oots. The tougue, which had a cancer on it, was removed as follows; The skin covering the chin was first opened and the over law was sawn through at the symphasis. The jaws being divided the ongue was cut away at the roots, close to he hyaid hone. The patient was able to walk out of the room after the operation, and is doing well.

We recollect of having heard of an operation nearly as difficult which was performed in Onio. A boy's jaw bone which had a large bony tumor on it, was removed by sawing it open at the chin and unjointing it. The patient recovered and is now healthy man. The surgeon who performed the operation was Dr. Hutchins, who now lives at Lafavette in Yambill

Reported Murder of Wm. C. Mckay.

The Indians have brought in the report o the Dalles that Wm. McKay of this city was killed by the Indians near Utilla river, as he was going to Walla Walla. We trust this report may prove incorrect. The Indians say that Bigelow who was with McKay was not molested.

Drawned.

Czapkay's organ says that Samuel Johnson was drowned Jan. 25th, in trying to cross the Callaponia river. Brown, Hunter, and Leser were also drowned by the upsetting of a boat while going down the

Those who would like a steel plow as good as May's best, can get one in this city. Mr. Lewis has turned out some specimens we should like to follow in a furrow, if we were not compelled to wear ourself out for the good of the country in editing a paner,

THAT CHARTER.-The company which was chartered by the late Legislature to navigate Pudding River, have, after a careful survey of the stream, abandoned the project as impracticable, from the fact that such is the fall at the non h of the river that it is not a navigable stream.

Exchange.- The steamer Swan which was built at Moore's Mills for the Tanistin trade has been brought down to Casemah never complain about being too poor to to be fitted up for the Yami i I trade, and of the Tualatio, but it is i tended to cor rall it along the banks of the river so that boats can run

SALEM, Feb. 9, 1859.

FRIEND ADAMS-The terrified democracy of the careus-sovereign school have kept this " city" buzzing of late like a great beelive at drone killing time, Spies, messengers, runners, whippers in, and mothey worshipers of "Czapkaism" (my that have been held in the underground caucus niche have eclipsed anything on record since the discordant hosts of Hell held a "coucus," and, according to Milton, determined to drag down the pillars of Heaven. I have it from "one of 'em." who deep with tobacco quids, and seraps of pasitions, and pronunciamentos, while the corners of the room are set off by huge piles of democratic furniture, consisting of champague cases, cob-corked demijohns, and broken bottles, with now and then a piece of an uld shirt and a lock of hair, which latter are rather strong indications that harmony and brotherly feeling have not altogether characterized the deliberations of this " association of gentlemen." The walls of the room have been used for a blackboard, and give indications of having been made to grind up two saddlebagfuls of chalk in ciphering about the apportionment, the changes for the U. S. Senate. and various matters in which the leaders

The liquor-sellers of course are reaping a golden barvest, while praceable, sober citizens are occasionally awakened from dow panes, the crash of bottles, and the out is and blasphemies of the champions of caucus sovereignty, intermingled at regular periods with hiccoughs and belching .-What " coarse" they have decided upon, if any, I am not able to learn definitely. The policy of the more sober of the ambitious

terested.

among them seems to lean strongly toward a compromise with the Softs, so as to save their own throats from being cut, by giving one or two prominent Softs a buit that will stop their mouths, while they take what is left. They seem to argue that half a loaf is better than no loaf, and the clique had better give one or two Sofis, or even Knee Nothings, or abolitionists, a chance at the pap, rather than see the whole Salemlitter driven squealing away. This providing for one's self, is really what democracy means, after all, and as the Printer, Nes mirb, Boise, and Deady are already provided for, it is thought to be cruel in them to insist upon a line of policy which will put the razor to the throats of st ch as have been climbing for years for the golden apple, but are now shaking in their boots for fear of coming down like the Hard Shell's Picapalion- ker-flummux." The disposition on the part of others is to do or die -show the Softs no favors, but to shorten the Procrustean bedstead still more, if any thing, and whip the people into girling them everything, or nothing. If ther make any advances toward the Softe is must be so shaped that a trop shall be so ingeniously laid that it will look so much like a "compromise platform" that Kells will go into i', and, like the fox who came out of one of those contrivances minus his mil, he will come out beautifully sold, and a laughing stock for the clique and every, body else.

I am no prophet, but you may look out down there for some shrewd management that will take the wind out of the sails of the Softs, if possible. You need not be surprised if the Eugene City Convention on the 8th of April should be swamped before it comes off "Democrate" are mighty uncertain, as you have some eris dence in the fact that Jeffers, who was elected as a Soft, came up here and sold out the Ciatsop folks bag and baggage,-Your four members from Clackanas all (except perhaps Rees) voted the caucus icket, not exc-ping Bush, not withstanding they were elected as anti-bushites, and the chique has not to day a more humble deretec then your Councilman. These men all sny they did what they thought best, Indmit they did, and that they are all honest, ... but their history shows the me gical influence of the word "democracy," even when stuck to such villains as compose the clique, and that, notwithstanding their diatribes about "caucus sovereignty," the binding influence of enucuses has been so thoroughly beat into their heads by their past associations that even the elique concus, like a viper, charmed them with its name (a democratic snake) that the fint thing they knew of themselves there was othing sticking out of the viper's mouth but their boots from the ankles down. Yours, in baste, for the

PORTLAND, Feb 6, 1858.

Ep. or Augus-1 notice that since you sailed that charge to Jo-Lane's "Hamlet" e has nothing or sav. Your proof of his having charged the Pierce Administration with bribery and corruption, was conclusive and overwhelping, and would have had any. The democrats here believed your statement before you made the proofs and your tr umphant vindication of your tatemen has really inspired the locolicor with some a spect for The Argus, although they are not willing to acknowledge itproduct you will not be troubled with Peter's successor again soon. Peter himself says that the Hamlet letters did not ontain half of the abuse of poor Pierce's deministration that was sent to him for publication. He says he suppressed much stronger passages than those you published, and refus d them as unfit for a democratic paper. By the way, why doesn't Hibben rive Peter a cathauling for not taking the limes ! Hibben's editorials are read by nobody but himself. He reads them to him-elf with every variety of tune, gesture, and inflection, some twenty times, besider nearly as in my times to the Printer's Devil before they are put in type, with such ha errogations as- Now i-u't that cute!" Don't that cut?" &c. &c. His weekly liarrhoea of uplatto bombast and silly ef forts at wit, besides his original method of outing a tail to every little item of news, is made him a perfect bore in these parts and if you wish to see a blash of s offuse a loen's face just stick the Time into it. That paper is really doing good service for the soft wing of the democracy

y its " course." The Softs are up and doing. What ere he Republicans going to do ! Yours till death,

OF Governor Weller urges upon the egislature the importance of reducing the expense of the State Prison, but give no delinite plan to be adopted. Johnson alludes to the same subject, and advises that the whole system be abolished and each county have charge of he own criminals. The latter suggestion is ill-atvised. Proper fond and necessary care for he health of the prisoners would make the State Prison a paying institution, instead of an expense to the State. Honest and capable officers would ensure their being properly supplied with food, and an appr printion of a few thousand dollars for purchase of the Graeforberg Family Medcines would be a sufficient guarantee for their health, if the remedies were proper administered.

MARRIED:

In Grand View, Boone county, Misseri, No. 25th, 1857, at the res dence of H. W. Sneed, M. DANIST RESPRO. aged 19 years, to WALLER, aged 68 years. of the Union-saving party are slone in-

CANEMAH HOTEL

CANEMAH, O. T. HAVE opened the above House in Canemah, where I will be most happy wait upon my friends and the public nerally. ROBT. CONNOLLY.

To Up Country Merchants. I AM new selling of a heavy lot of merch date in my fine, ar cour. consisting of a variety of CIGARS & TOBACCO of the cost brands—also, rires, marcure, &c., Those who want a bargain will call immediate J. DUNNEN BAUM.

Oregen City, Feb. 13, 1858.