

Johnson. The former are about 60,000 strong, and the latter number about 50,000.

Later advices from Mexico state that Corwin, U. S. Minister, has made no treaty with the Government of that country.

Ex-President Miramon is at New York on his way to Mexico from Europe.

Gen. Kelly is driving the rebels before him near Winchester, Virginia.

Dec. 29.—The following is a resume of recent military operations in Missouri, obtained from a reliable source within the past two weeks:

The Union army has captured 2,500 rebels, including about 70 commissioned officers, 1,200 horses and mules, 1,100 stand of arms, two tons of powder, a great number of wagons, an immense amount of commissary stores and camp equipage, and the large foundry used by the rebels for casting shot and shell at Lexington. In Missouri, more rebel craft, including four gun boats have been captured or destroyed and a pretty clean sweep has been made of the whole country between the Missouri and Osage rivers. Gen. Price has been cut off from all supplies and recruits from Northern Missouri. Price is in full retreat for Arkansas, with his whole army, having passed Springfield on Monday last.

Our loss in accomplishing these important results in Missouri has not exceeded 100 men killed and wounded. These are the results of the brilliant strategical combinations of Gen. Halleck, which have been ably executed by Gen. Pope, Prentiss, and McLean, Col. J. C. Davis of Ft. Sumter, Steube of the 11th regular infantry and the brave officers and soldiers of our army, regulars and volunteers. Price's emissaries to stir up rebellion in Northern Missouri, and simultaneously burn railroad stations and bridges, and destroy stock, on the 20th Dec., according to plans prepared from rebel camps, were foiled by the energy of Gen. Halleck, and the activity of our forces, which were kept in constant motion notwithstanding the severity of the weather.

The damage to the North Missouri Railroad, has been much exaggerated. Repairs are rapidly being made, and both the railroad and the telegraph will be in working order to Westville to-night. Several bridge burners have been shot, and 50 are in close confinement, to be summarily dealt with under Gen. Halleck's stringent orders in a few days. It is expected our major columns will as effectually break up bridge-burners in Northern Missouri, as the rebellion has been crushed south of the river. No mercy will be shown to the scoundrels. Gen. Halleck's emphatic orders with reference to all bridge burners, are to shoot down every man caught in such an attempt.

A flag of truce took a large amount of clothing from Fortress Monroe down to Norfolk yesterday, for Federal prisoners.

Dec. 29th, a battle took place in Boone County, Northern Missouri, between the Federals and rebels. The Federal troops numbering 400 under Gen. Prentiss, attacked the rebels who numbered 900 men. Prentiss' forces killed and wounded 150 of the rebels, captured their horses and arms, and took 40 prisoners. It is thought that this signal defeat of the rebels, will make an end of bridge-burners in Northern Missouri.

Philip St. George Cook, recently appointed a Brig. Gen., committed suicide on Thursday last—[Dec. 26.]

Commission stores were destroyed on the 22d of Dec. in Nashville Tenn. by fire; loss \$1,000,000.

384 prisoners were exchanged for an equal number sent to Richmond last week. They are expected tomorrow.

Gen. McClellan is recovering from a severe cold, caught while out attending to important business. He will be out in a few days.

On the 16th of Dec., the Spanish fleet appeared off the castle of San Juan de Ulua. The Mexican troops stationed there retired without firing a gun. The Spanish forces immediately occupied the fortress.

Gen. Santa Anna and Gen. Miramon have both returned to Mexico.

Gen. McKinstry has been released from imprisonment. No charges have been preferred against him.

Brig. Gen. Sigel has resigned his command at Sedalia. He is succeeded by Gen. Curtis.

Gen. Lane, of Kansas, is not a doctor of laws, but if he had been, he could not have defined with more exactness than he did, in a late speech at Leavenworth, what the duty of military officers under existing laws, executive instructions, and the resolutions of Congress: "We march to crush out treason and let slavery take care of itself." The nation has not yet determined upon a general emancipation as a means of quelling the rebellion, but it has determined that the army shall not turn slave-catchers for the benefit of traitors. If the slaves of such escape into our lines, they are not to be given up, and if the progress of our armies should show slavery, that is a consequence which traitors have brought down on their own heads.

Rhett, of South Carolina, said in the South Carolina Secession Convention: "Gentlemen, you may talk about slavery being the cause of this secession movement, but don't put it in the documents that are to live in history. It is simply the consummation of a plan formed twenty-five years ago."

At the President's dinner to Prince Napoleon, Gen. Scott entered the reception room leaning upon the arm of Gen. McClellan. It was six feet four leaning upon five feet eight! Seventy-five upon thirty-five! History waiting upon prophecy—memory upon hope!

MINES FROM NEVADA.—A letter to one of our citizens from Virginia City, says that five hundred miners will leave that neighborhood for the Salmon River mines, as soon as the weather will permit.—Oregonian.

A magnificent horse, valued at \$600, which was to be presented to Col. Baker on the very day on which he was killed, has been sold to the Duke de Chartres, of Gen. McClellan's staff.



...MANY MEN ATTEMPT TO HANG DOWN THE AMERICAN FLAG, SHOOT THEM ON THE SPOT!—Gen. Dix.

The Oregon Argus.

W. L. Adams, Editor.

OREGON CITY:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1862.

Union State Convention.

The qualified voters of the State of Oregon, who are in favor of the suppression of the present wicked rebellion, of a vigorous prosecution of war so long as necessary to frustrate the mad schemes of armed traitors—who are opposed to any peace other than the honorable one sure to come when rebels and their sympathizers submit to the constitutionally elected and qualified authorities and legally enacted laws of the Government; who think more of country than of party prejudice and individual preference; who are in favor of supporting the general government in its endeavors to defend the Constitution, execute the laws, and preserve the Union, and who are willing to unite for the election of a ticket upon such a basis at the coming general election, without reference to former political associations, are respectfully requested to meet at the places of voting in the several precincts in the various counties of the State on SATURDAY, THE 22D DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1862, to choose Delegates to County Conventions to be held in the respective counties of the State, at the county seats thereof on SATURDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1862, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to a State Convention to be held at Eugene City, Lane County, on WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 1862, for the purpose of nominating a Union Ticket for State officers and members of Congress, as follows:

COUNTIES.	NO. DELEGATES.
Jackson,	10
Jesse, phone,	6
Douglas,	8
Curry,	1
Cookes,	1
Umpqua,	2
Lane,	8
Benton,	5
Linn,	10
Polk,	5
Yamhill,	6
Marion,	12
Clackamas,	6
Multnomah,	8
Washington,	4
Columbia,	1
Cascoop,	1
Tualatin,	1
Wasco,	4

We recommend the holding of Precinct and County meetings at the hour of one o'clock P. M. and the meeting of the State Convention at eleven o'clock of the day named.

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S. G. Bent, A. C. Daniels,
A. C. B. Shaw, H. M. Thatcher,
David Powell, E. Williams,
A. B. Hollister, J. W. McCully,
Jos. H. Lippins, David McCully,
H. J. Gore, Thomas Straugh,
S. J. McDermick, L. E. Pratt,
A. L. Lorrey, H. Jankofsky,
D. P. Thompson, H. R. Buckley,
J. S. Richardson, T. B. Buckley,
L. P. Carter, J. Jones Show,
R. P. Rose, William Graves,
C. N. Terry, Jos. Magone,
Lucius Heath, B. J. Pengra,
B. F. Harding, James Smith,
J. R. McBride.

To the Republicans of Oregon.

The undersigned were instructed at the last State Convention to convene the Republicans of the State at their next meeting at Eugene City.

Events that have transpired since the meeting of the last State Convention could not then be foreseen, and issues are now presented to the people, paramount to all issues that have heretofore divided political parties.

Will we claim no right to dissolve the Republican organization, nor do we see any cause to resent any political principle heretofore held by us, yet believing that the vital issue now before the people is the preservation or destruction of our institutions, we are unwilling to do anything to distract the Union sentiment in the coming canvass, and therefore have deemed it unsafe to call a party convention with a view to the support of a distinctively Republican ticket.

In taking this course, we have been guided by the expressed wishes of Republicans throughout the State, and an honest desire on our part to avoid any barrier to the hearty support of a Union ticket by the loyal voters of the State without regard to former political differences.

History verifies the fact that the Fathers of our common country supposed that they are only traitors who have now attempted to overthrow it; we therefore call upon one and all to help support the principles

of inheritance bequeathed to us by the founders of this Republic. He who neglects for any trivial cause at this time, to testify his devotion to our country, to a Government which has made us the most prosperous and highly favored nation on the face of the globe, is not worthy the name of American Citizen. We therefore trust to the intelligence and patriotism of the loyal people of this State, to show by unanimity at the coming Convention and Election, their abhorrence of secession and treason, their love of Country, its prosperity and purity.

We therefore earnestly recommend to the Republican voters of the State, that, without regard to party, they should in the coming canvass heartily unite in nominating and supporting a ticket composed of Union men who stand the test embraced in the call which is here-with published.

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PORTLAND, Jan. 8, 1862.

RAILROAD AND CANAL.—The City Council on last Monday evening, took up the applications for right of way for a railroad and canal respectively, and granted a right of way to certain gentlemen in the Upper Country for a canal, and right of way to W. C. Dement, Gen. Lovejoy, and D. P. Thompson, for a railroad to be laid on the grade of Main Street—ground to be broken in six months, and work finished within two years. Mr. Carter, who alone appeared for the parties in interest of the canal project, expressed great confidence that the work would not only be undertaken in an early day, but that it would be carried through to a successful consummation.

It was intimated that the State Convicts would be brought to bear as furnishing more regular and economic labor, by which the work could be accomplished. It does seem that while so immense and so available a means of productive industry and wealth has unproductive and comparatively valueless, that the question of its improvement should be a public one, and that it should not be lost sight of or neglected. Water power is manifestly a cheaper agent for manufacturing purposes than any other; yet while almost every town in the State manufactures and profits by steam power, Oregon City since the loss of all her valuable machinery by the flood is left out of the question almost, as a site for the investment of capital.

In the manufacture of anything for shipment, this point offers several advantages, and if Portland capitalists do invest as we understand in contemplation, in extensive steam flouring mills, surely Oregon City with her cheaper power should not neglect her own interests though neglected by foreign capital.

We hope some of our good friends, whom we have tried to act the Christian part, in the way of long suffering for the small sums they owe us at least, will then remember that other who some day mention to "Owe me no man anything," and in turn his to render his accounts, will prevent his visiting the different collectors, and waiting on the delinquents. A word to the wise is said to be sufficient, and in this case, we hope it will be so.

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FROZEN TO DEATH.—Mike Mitchell, the minister and jig dancer, was caught out on Sunday night last, and when found in the morning, was past recovery. Mike was a capital dancer, and barin' the drink, a gentleman. Alas, poor Yorick!

Geo. Rose who committed the murder assault upon a lady in Portland on Saturday, in default of bail is in jail, waiting his trial at the March term of the Circuit Court.

A tract was read showing of what poisons liquors are now manufactured.

These awful disclosures are made by a chemical inspector of liquors, and the tracts are on hand for distribution.

It was added that special pains are taken to draw our young men to the Billiard Room, for the sake of their custom at the Bar.

Such was the interest manifested that a vote was passed unanimously, to hold a second meeting at the Court House Tuesday evening, Jan. 21st. Fathers and Mothers, Brothers and Sisters, All interested, are invited to attend.

THEFT IN YAMHILL COUNTY.—On the night of Jan. 7th, the harness shop of Mr. Ferguson, of Lafayette, was broken into, and property to the value of \$2000 abstracted. The thieves, three in number, were next morning tracked out of town a half mile, where the property was found concealed. They had returned to town and were next morning made acquainted with the sheriff, who arrested them while discussing a beef steak at Wolf's hotel, and two of them, unable to find bail, were condemned to durance vile. One of them who resided in the vicinity, found security. After three days' confinement, the two condemned in making their escape, but were recaptured, and will be tried by Judge Boise, who will hold a special term of court for the purpose.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THIS STATE, at its late term, decided in the case of Oregon vs. Multnomah county, for the recovery of State tax, that the sums of money assessed and charged to the several counties of the State, constitute an actual fund to be paid in full by the treasurers of such counties; that neither the counties nor the treasurers can deduct anything therefrom for per capita or commissioners; that the counties respectively are solely liable for the commissions upon the State tax; and that the Secretary of State, ex officio auditor, has no authority or right to pay commissions to the county treasurers upon the State tax.—Statesman.

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