



If any man attempts to haul down the American Flag, shoot him on the spot!"

—Gen. Dix.

The Oregon Argus.

W. L. Adams, Editor.

OREGON CITY:

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1862.

Freedom of the Press.

"Justitia Flit" has been permitted, on the outside of to-day's paper, in his own way, to review a previous article in our paper written in the "editorial style."—We have admitted the article, because it presents the subject of a free press in a somewhat different aspect from that presented by our "would-be editor," and because we are sometimes willing to publish unnecessarily radical views, as well as to admit, "in the editorial style," articles taking extremely conservative views of the great question agitating the public mind. In times of peace we are decidedly in favor of the largest liberty of speech and of the press—and we are also in favor of allowing traitors to say just what they please, and print just what they please, against Abraham Lincoln, against the Government, or against the Constitution, in time of war.—We are in favor of permitting the editor of the Corvallis Union to print all the venom and treason that he desires to, and issue his vile, rotten sheet just as often as he pleases, and we believe that every member of the Administration is just as liberal as we are—but we are not in favor of requiring the loyal members of the Government to furnish conveyances to carry these dirty organs into every section of the country traversed by mail routes. We cannot agree to carrying their productions thirty miles from the offices of publication, free, any more than we can agree to give free passage in our mail coaches to the editors, provided they want to go a similar distance to make treasonable stamp speeches.

After this war is over, and the Government is safe, we are in favor of permitting the publication and transmission through the mails of any and all notions regarding the policy of the Government, and even its merits—a privilege which none of the States now in rebellion has ever accorded to us—but while our fathers, brothers, and sons are pouring out their blood like water in a conflict with rebel savages who scalp our dead and murder our wounded, we are not willing that the hired spy of these rebels shall be permitted to encourage and strengthen these traitors through their presses, unless they do it at their own expense.

SECESSION LITERATURE.—The Corvallis Union, a sheet which usually dives deeper in the foul pool of treason, and comes up dirtier, than any sheet we have yet seen, rages and roars more than usual, in its last issue, under the impression that its time is short, and that it is necessary to get all the filth off its stomach that it can before it is denied mail privileges. In an article devoted to it, it uses such classic expressions as "nose rag," "hair-goose," "nigger nose rag," "nigger breech-clout," "Parson Billy," "white nigger," &c., &c. Of course even the poor debased editor of that sheet doesn't expect us to put ourself on a level with him by replying in like kind. The specimens of literature we give above—revolting and disgusting as they are to respectable people—are in good keeping with all the principles advocated by the Corvallis Union, and serve to show to what a depth of besotted infamy treason can sink a man. We have no doubt but that the editor must blush in his sober moments to look over his own paper, if indeed a secessionist can blush, at any act of villainy.—We have almost made up our mind that the rebels are possessed of devils, and meaner, dirtier, and more dishonest devils, too, than we supposed the old father of lies himself would keep to do the dirty work of the bottomless pit.

THE FIVE-TO-ONE-STICK.—Since the rout of the rebels at Somerset, the taking of Fort Henry, and the brilliant victory we achieved at Donelson, as well as the almost simultaneous news of our successes at Roanoke, the chivalric cohorts of Jeff Davis seem to have been generally weak in the knees. The fact is, a panic seems to have seized the rebels everywhere, and the last that was heard of them they were making two-forty time from Manassas, Nashville, and other points toward the Gulf of Mexico. We have no idea where they will make a stand next, if indeed they stand at all. We are inclined to think that if McClellan, Buell, and Grant had each closely followed up their retreat, the rebels would have imitated the example of their devil-possessed prototypes in Scripture, who "ran violently down into the sea."

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Sunday last, while some little boys were playing near the lower landing, one of them, a son of W. C. Dement, (Frank), fell over the precipitous bank into the river, and would have been drowned but for the exertions of Robert Gammill and Peter Wilson of the "Rival."

RETURNED.—A. Holbrook, Esq., after an absence of more than a year in the Atlantic States, reached home in this city on last Wednesday—great part of which time he spent in the city of Washington.—He is in fine health and spirits, and confident that the rebellion will soon be snuffed out by the Government.

REPAIRING.—The side-walks on Main Street that were damaged and washed away during the freshet last winter, are being put in proper trim, and in a few days the street will be in as good a condition as before.

THE LAND OFFICE.—The Land Office in this city will soon be removed to the lower story in the Masonic building, which is being fitted up for the purpose.

DRAVING.—See notice of Barstow & Frazer in another column.

The weather, we are glad to say, promises well at last. We have had the most disagreeable, gloomy winter ever known on the coast. Since the great flood in December, which ruined hundreds of our citizens, there has been little else since than a continued series of cold snaps, driving snow-storms, and cold rain, with occasional hail. These storms have killed more than half the stock in the Willamette Valley, and many cattle are still dying.—As we came up the Columbia river last Monday, the adjacent hill-tops on either side of the river were in many places covered with snow. The air was chilly, and we had occasional snow squalls that whitened the tops of the evergreens on the river banks. Wednesday was indeed a gloomy day, the snow falling in large flakes so thick as to give the whole country the appearance of midwinter. The grass, which is generally fine at this season of the year, has started but little, though we learn from a gentleman from Polk county that the grass has sprung up enough to enable steers and young cattle to commence thriving. Cows that are just coming in are still perishings. The people generally have done little or nothing toward gardening, the ground being too wet and heavy to allow of being stirred. The weather promises better now, though a blazing fire is comfortable yet.

THE CORVALIS UNION.—The editor of the Corvallis Union raves and gushes his teeth like a mad man at us for calling him a "whisky-soaked editor." He denies that he is an intemperate man, and says he so wrote to this office. We assure Mr. Malone that we are above doing him or any other human being injustice knowingly. His treason to his adopted country—a crime of a much deeper and blacker hue than drunkenness—is certainly enough for him to answer for, without being charged with aberrations of which he can truly plead not guilty. We have never seen the letter referred to by the Corvallis Union, as it must have miscarried in the mail—but we take this opportunity to state to our readers that Mr. Malone denies ever having been an intemperate man. We have always heard and believed the contrary, and it seems even now in something very strange to run against a *temperate* scoundrel.

We have conversed with many of the most enterprising immigrants that are now coming from California in vast numbers, and we find that a general sentiment prevails that much of the capital, enterprise, and bone and sinew of California is being permanently transferred to this section of country. Millwrights, mechanics, lumbermen, artisans, merchants, and land speculators are directing their attention thitherward, with an eye to making permanent locations.

"THE POSY."—The Pacific brought up from San Francisco to Portland last Monday a steam engine for the railway track at the Cascades. The engine was built in San Francisco, and is built for power, and not for speed. There are two similar engines behind, which will soon be brought up for the track between the Dalles and Deschutes, which are not as powerful as the "Pony," but which are calculated for much greater speed.

GROUNDS ARRANGED.—We learn that Mrs. Robbins, of Portland, has secured the services as Assayer, of our young townsmen, William Abernethy, Esq., Mr. Abernethy is a graduate of the Scientific Department of Yale College, and immediately after leaving the Institution was elected a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.—His scientific knowledge and business-integrity are such as to commend him to the confidence of all needing the services of an assayer.

THE UNION COUNTY CONVENTION.—The proceedings of this body will be found in another column. The Convention, we are pleased to say, conducted its business throughout with the utmost harmony and good feeling. The secessors evinced a good deal of interest in the proceedings, but appeared considerably flabbergasted on discovering so many prominent members of the old democratic party taking part in its deliberations.

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Clackamas Union Convention.—This body met pursuant to the call made to the Union men of Oregon, in the Court House in Oregon City, on Saturday, the 29th March, 1862, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Hon. A. L. Lovejoy was elected temporary chairman, and W. C. Johnson temporary secretary.

On motion, James M. Moore, Septimus Huelat, and J. W. Ladd, were appointed a committee on credentials. After a short absence, they returned, reporting the following named gentlemen as entitled to seats in the Convention:

Oregon City Precinct—D. P. Thompson, A. L. Lovejoy, J. K. Blingman, Septimus Huelat, W. W. Buck, I. F. Beals, A. Holcomb, W. P. Burns, Wm. Dierdorff, A. H. Steele, W. C. Johnson, W. C. Dement, A. Warner.

Linn City—Samuel Miller, D. D. Tempkin, J. M. Moore.

Pleasant Valley—J. W. Ladd, R. V. Short.

Carey—Wm. Barlow, James Barlow, Young's—W. N. Wade, B. F. Soullies, Upper Molalla—Maxwell Ramsay, Asa Saunders, George Rees, E. T. T. Fisher.

Marquam's—Alfred Marquam, George Coggan, John M. Drake.

Springwater—Abel Mattoon, Lewis A. Lacy.

Milwaukie—Geo. Wise, R. J. McWilliams, John T. Keras.

Lower Molalla—J. S. Vinson, C. O. Boynton, M. Patterson.

Rock Creek—Jos. T. Young, James Ingram.

Tualatin—Henry E. Hayes.

Beaver Creek—T. W. May, Joseph T. Wingfield.

The temporary officers of the Convention were continued permanently in their positions.

Noted that all selections of delegates to State Convention and candidates for county officers be made by ballot; and Septimus Huelat and James Barlow were appointed tellers.

Delegates were elected to the State Union Convention as follows: A. L. Lovejoy,

W. C. Johnson, W. C. Dement, Maxwell Ramsay, John T. Kerns, Septimus Huelat.

The following ticket for County officers was then selected:

Representatives—F. A. Collard, Maxwell Ramsay, John T. Kerns.

County Judge—Septimus Huelat.

Co. Clerks—Wm. Barlow, Samuel Miller, Co. Clerk—John W. Winston.

Sheriff—Wm. P. Burns.

Co. Treasurer—Thomas Chapman.

Assessor—R. V. Short.

School Superintendent—N. W. Randall.

Surveyor—E. T. T. Fisher.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the delegation from this county to the State Convention be authorized, if any vacancies occur in their number, to fill the same with any citizen of this county who may be present; and if no one be present, then the remaining delegates to cast the six votes to which this county is entitled.

James Winston, Joseph D. Lacey, W. W. Buck, A. H. Steele, and D. P. Thompson, on motion, were appointed County Committee.

The Union papers of the State were requested to publish these proceedings.

The Convention gave three cheers for the ticket, three cheers for the chairman, three rousing cheers for the Union, and three awful groans for the traitor Jeff Davis, and then adjourned.

A. L. LOVEJOY, Chmn.

J. W. HUELAT, Secy.

MARION COUNTY UNION CONVENTION.—

The following are the nominations made by the Marion County Union Convention, held at Salem, on Saturday last.

Delegates to State Convention—E. N. Cook, Geo. A. Edes, I. R. Moores, S. M. Case, Wesley Shannon, Joseph Magone, J. W. Grimm, A. Bush, E. Williams, Samuel Brown, P. Davis, B. F. Harding, Senators, J. W. Grimm, Wm. Greenwood, Representatives, I. R. Moores, Jim Minto, C. A. Reed, Jos. Engles, County Judge, J. C. Peebles, County Clerk, G. A. Edes, Sheriff, Samuel Headrick, Treasurer, J. H. Moores.

On motion, the Secy. was requested to furnish copies of the proceedings of the Convention to the Union papers of Oregon for publication.

JOSIAH HAMILTON, Chairman.

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C. A. Reed, Jos. Engles, County Judge,

J. C. Peebles, County Clerk, G. A. Edes,

Sheriff, Samuel Headrick, Treasurer, J. H. Moores.

WASCO.—The Union men of this county have nominated the following ticket: For Representative, O. Hammon; Clerk, Bigelow; Sheriff, White; Judge, Hazards; Pros. Atty., Olney; Treas., Waldron; Assessor, M. M. Chapman; Coroner, Dr. Bell; Co. Comr., W. C. Laughlin, J. M. Crooks; Supt. Schools, Fitzgerald; Co. Surveyor, L. F. Cartee; Central Committee—Wm. Logan, Olney, Reynolds, Mays, Crooks, and N. Coe.

The delegates to the State Convention from Wasco County, are J. H. Wilbur,

Donald, Wm. Logan, and Jas. A. Odell.

YAMhill.—The delegates from Yamhill

County to the State Union Convention,

were Messrs. Joel Palmer, Sanders, Condon,

Breyman, Bean, and Daniels.

BENTON.—The Union Convention of

Benton County, nominated A. G. Horvey,

for Senator, and A. M. William and C. P. Blair Representatives.

MULTNOMAH sends, Messrs. A. M. Starr,

Judge Williams, Pearne, Watkins, Shaw,

Powell, Corbett and Smith.

From Washington County, come Dr.

Bowby, Florence Hall, Adcock, and Hin-

man.

THE WORK OF ONE MONTH.—From the

19th of January to the 16th of February,

or exactly four weeks, the Federal army

has been at work, with the following glo-

rious results:

Victory of Mill Springs.

Victory of Fort Henry.

Victory of Rosemont Island.

Capture of Edenton, Hereford, and Elizabethtown, N. C.

Springfield, Mo., cleared of the rebel

army.

Bowling Green and Hopkinsville, Ky.,

evacuated by the rebels.

Victory of Fort Donelson.

After organizing, by electing Samuel T.

McKean chairman and John W. Gearhart

secretary, it was voted that all who desired