

THE STATE REPUBLICAN.

The struggle of to-day is not altogether for to-day, it is for the vast future also.

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THE GRUMBLERS.

The secessionists, or the "Democracy of Oregon," as they pompously style themselves, have dwindled down to a little faction of negative, grumbling, fault-finders. When "Democracy" espoused the cause of secession and rebellion, all the intelligent and patriotic members left the party, or rather refused to follow it into the haunts of treason.

The time was when Democrats commanded respect, even from their opponents. They advocated principles, and whether they were correct or not, they evinced some ability in maintaining them.

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Failed to Connect.

It is now certain that the efforts of the Salem faction to unite with the secessionists and get up a "great Democratic party," in Oregon, will fail.

The hissing Puritan viper of the Salem Vampire finds fault with the Argus at Oregon City, for its instinctive abolitionism!

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LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Yreka Journal of Feb. 25th says that on the mountain, in the vicinity of the principal mining sections of the county, there is at present from eight to ten feet of snow which will be the means of furnishing a large supply of water for mining, as soon as the cold weather is over.

The Sierra Nevada, which sailed from Portland on the 26th ult., for San Francisco, carried away about 3,000 boxes apples.

Gen. Wright has received orders to establish a military post at Klamath Lake. Gen. Alford says that the post will be established accordingly the coming season.

The Oregonian says, that Capt. Welles of Shoalwater Bay, and a stranger from Albany Oregon, a potter by trade, name unknown, were both accidentally drowned while endeavoring to cross from Oysterville to Cape Shoalwater, on the 20th ult.

The Surveyor of the Port of San Francisco has seized \$200,000 worth of foreign goods for violation of the revenue laws. The goods belong to about ten importing houses. A system of fraud has been discovered extending back several years, whereby the Government has been defrauded of one half its revenue.

The Times of the 26th ult. says, S. A. Woodard's pack train of forty-seven mules, will leave the Dalles in a few days for the Northern mines with a full load of provisions. Their destination is Warren's diggings.

The steamer from San Francisco to Victoria will hereafter touch at Port Angeles and land the mails. An appropriation of \$24,000 has been made for that purpose by Congress.

Recently the steamer Col. Wright made the trip up to Wallula and back to Celilo without any difficulty. Navigation on the upper Columbia may be considered open for the season.

The Odd Fellows of Oregon City are fitting up a spacious hall for the use of the Order, and it is said will be a credit to the fraternality of that place.

Col. Columbus Sims, of the Second California Cavalry, has resigned his office. He had been before a Court of Inquiry, but was not censured.

The total subscription to the Sanitary Fund up to Feb. 28th, amounted to \$21,795.05.

A fire occurred, at Virginia City on 10th ult., destroying about \$30,000 worth of property.

The Sentinel says a correspondent in Josephine county rather knocks the ring out of the silver lead reported to have been discovered on Althouse creek. The copper ore, however, is the genuine article.

The Constitution on the 11th took two millions, one hundred and ninety thousand and seventy dollars treasure. More than one million of this belonged to the Government.

The commission of Senator Conness was made out on parchment, signed by Governor Stanford, and delivered on Wednesday, February 18th.

Chas. E. Chenery, of San Francisco, has been appointed Paymaster in the United States Navy.

One hundred and fifty dollars have been paid for window glass broken in Sacramento, in firing one hundred guns over the election of Mr. Conness to the Senate.

The people in Southern Oregon are up and doing, and urging the building of a wagon road to the Boise mines from Jacksonville.

The jury in the case of Portland and Milwaukee Macadamized Road Company vs. Thomas Stevens, returned a verdict in favor of Stevens yesterday, of \$11,025.—Times, 28th ult.

The schooner Alpha went ashore at Seabirds Island, about twelve miles above Victoria, on the 12th of last month, and sunk in shoal water. After considerable suffering from exposure, the passengers were got ashore the next day.

A mail line has at last been established between Waldo, Josephine county, Oregon, and Crescent City, California. The people in that region have long submitted to great inconvenience for want of mail facilities.

The Washington Standard, of the 28th ult., says that Frazer river is now free from ice, and that the Enterprise recently made a trip up to New Westminster.

The citizens of Portland have petitioned for the removal of the office of Superintendent of Indian Affairs from Salem to Portland.

The steamship Pacific, four days from San Francisco, arrived at Portland, on the 3d inst., bringing Eastern dates up to the 27th ult., four days later than had been received by stage.

LATEST EASTERN NEWS.

Chicago, 23.—In consequence of a violent storm Eastward, last night, the dispatches were meagre and contained nothing of importance.

New York, 23.—The Herald's Washington dispatch says that it is understood that as soon as the conscription bill shall have passed the House, there will be a call made for from 600,000 to 800,000 volunteers.

The Times says we have private advices confirming to some extent, rumors of trouble in Gen. Banks command, growing out of the introduction of negro troops. Some of the officers of the 133rd New York volunteers had resigned.

The Richmond Enquirer says there are rumors of the advance of the Yankees upon Middle Tennessee. Cannonading was heard Wednesday last in front. General Forest has crossed the river with cavalry and artillery.

The Texas Flog of the 2d, has account of the invasion of rebel soil by Mexican banditti, who were stealing horses. About 500 Mexicans had been raised for the purpose of plundering our frontier; their acts were approved of by the Mexican authorities.

Memphis, 21.—Advices from the fleet at Vicksburg to the 18th, furnish the agreeable information that steps have been taken for the inauguration of hostilities. On that day our mortar boats were towed to the pass, above the city, and opened, with what effect is not known. The firing was responded to by the Confederate batteries. Our position was soon found to be too much exposed for effectual operation on the rebels, and was finally changed, and the bombardment renewed. The gun boat Indianola, which ran the blockade, had three months supplies.

San Francisco, 24.—The steam tug Merrimac was captured on the bar in Humboldt Bay, on the 23d. About fifty persons were on board, but it is not known whether any escaped or not.

Washington, Feb. 23.—At the unanimous request of the California Congressional delegation, the Hon. Stephen Field, now Chief Justice of California, has been appointed U. S. Circuit Judge for that State, vice McCallister resigned.

Latham introduced a bill in the Senate yesterday to establish a branch mint in Nevada Territory. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Louisville, 24.—Authentic accounts say that the rebel army is in the vicinity of McMinnville Tenn.

New York, 24.—Gold exchange at 71. The sudden rise in gold is probably a speculative movement based on the belief that the three hundred million dollars legal tender clause will be returned in the finance bill.

Fortress Monroe, Feb. 23.—The Richmond Enquirer, of Feb. 18, says the Confederacy was duped by the recent account of the breaking of the blockade at Charleston. It says the account was untrue in every particular.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Richmond Examiner, of Feb. 21, by dispatch from Fort Hudson, Feb. 18th, announces the capture of the iron-clad gunboat Queen of the West, with her officers and crew.

Cairo, 24.—The last boat from Vicksburg says the rebel batteries on both sides of the river are not considered formidable.

New York, Feb. 24.—The steamer Pacific has arrived from Havana. A British steamer had arrived at Havana, from Mobile, with 800 bales of cotton. Sterling exchange 185; gold very much excited, closing at 72.

New York, 25.—A Washington special dispatch says Hooker has arrested thirty deserters, who have been tried and sentenced to be shot. Hooker approves and will execute the sentence, thus inaugurating a system in our army long and sadly needed.

The sudden rise of seven per cent. in gold yesterday was by the conviction in Wall st. that action on the Finance Bill was likely to result in a further issue of legal tender notes. The rise was increased by rumor of misfortune to our vessels below Vicksburg, and culminated in a combination of the leading Wall street banks to run prices up. The effect of the rise is to render a further issue of legal tender notes less probable. The prevailing belief in financial circles most in sympathy with the Administration, is that Thaddeus Stevens' original suggestion of "interest bearing treasury notes, made legal tender for their face," is expedient and most in favor with the Committee, and the gold panic increases the chances for its adoption.

Louisville, 25.—Many statements have been in circulation for the last seven days. All regard the stories as having arisen from 800 rebel cavalry, under Leroy Clark, entering Richmond, Ky. on Sunday. They staid two hours, then hastened through to Winchester, where a skirmish occurred with slight loss, after which the

rebel cavalry cleared out in the direction of Mount Sterling. Everything quiet in the vicinity of Frankfort and Lexington. No apprehensions are entertained.

New York, 25.—A dispatch per steam ship Glasgow, says that a new rebel steamer was lying at anchor in the Mersey on the 15th, and was expected to sail in a few days for the rebel rendezvous.

Washington, 25.—The Postmaster General has issued instructions to the largest Postoffices of the Country, to collect, on and after March 1st, in specie, all postage due on unpaid letters from foreign countries. The reason for this, is, that under present postal arrangements all postage on foreign letters must be accounted for by the department in coin or its equivalent.

Jefferson City, 24.—Gamble sent to the House to-day a communication accompanying certain resolutions recently adopted by the New Jersey Legislature, asking Missouri to send delegates to a National Convention, for the purpose of effecting an armistice. The Governor announced the resolution. A spirited discussion ensued. The resolutions were unsuccessfully handled by members. Resolution will neither concern nor submit to a peace without the entire submission of traitors, to any armistice without subjugation, nor to any foreign powers, and thanking the Governor for the loyal and patriotic view he expressed in his message.

Cairo, 25.—A large fleet of boats left on Sunday morning for below. One of our gunboats has passed into Lake Providence. She found the rebels with a large number of negroes falling trees in narrow passes to obstruct the passage of our boats. We are assured by officers direct from Young's Point that the health of our army is slowly improving.

Washington, 25.—The House discussed the Conscription Bill yesterday, and at midnight agreed that the debate should terminate to-day at one o'clock, to be voted on without further delay.

New York, Feb. 25.—The following is from rebel sources:

Fort Hudson, 18.—Captain Connor from Red River, brings intelligence of the capture of the Federal steamer Queen of the West, at Gordon's Landing.

Fort Taylor, Red River.—Later intelligence reports that the Confederate steamer Webb had followed and captured the Erie. The Queen of the West was but slightly injured, and will soon be in fighting trim under Confederate colors.

The Port Hudson and Alexandria Democrat contains the official report of Captain Kelsor, commanding fortifications at Red River. He saw two gunboats make their appearance in front of his position at 12 m. last night. At 2 o'clock that evening, after a brisk cannonading, the gunboat Queen of the West struck her colors. Capt. Hunter was ordered to go on board and demand her surrender. He reports thirteen officers and crew on board, the rest escaping under cover of night. There were captured one 32 pounder, three 12 pounders, besides a large quantity of side arms, a lot of quinine, two cases of amputating instruments, clothing and provisions. The victory was complete and decided.

Sacramento, Feb. 26.—The Senate passed concurrent resolutions complimentary to Col. Connor and his troops for their victory over the Indians on Bear River.

In Assembly, Collins introduced a bill to provide for taking the vote of volunteers in the United States service.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The State Treasurer paid the Assistant U. S. Treasurer \$188,606 in greenbacks on account of California's quota to the National Tax, yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Judge Watts of New Mexico, has received advices from El Paso, saying that the French had captured Guaymas, and were marching on the Capital of Sonora.

Washington, Feb. 25.—In the Senate, the Conscription bill was taken up. An amendment confining the term to the present rebellion, not exceeding three years was adopted. Colfax moved to confine to two years—rejected. Cox moved to confine the conscription to white citizens; also rejected. Other amendments were offered and disagreed to. Finally, the bill passed; ayes, 115, noes, 40.

New York, Feb. 26.—A Fortress Monroe letter states the reports of the people rendered to Gen. Vile, at Norfolk, all concur in stating that Gen. Price has been reinforced by troops under Pettigrew and Grover, giving him a force of 30,000. Rumors also come from many quarters that an attack will be made on Norfolk before the 4th of March. Price, a week ago, with drew his pickets between Suffolk and Blackwater making a circuitous route in a southerly direction; he crossed the Chowan river and turned up on the 22d in Princess Ann County, twenty miles south of our lines.

The Tribune's Washington correspondent states that the gunboats Freeborn and Dragon made a reconnoissance on the 21st up the Rappahannock, a distance of sixty five miles, and were fired on by a rebel battery. An engagement ensued, in which the battery was silenced. The gunboats received insignificant injuries, and had two or three men slightly wounded. The reconnoissance was an entire success. The expedition contained a great deal of information.

Nashville, Feb. 25.—Gen. Wheeler's command of four brigades of Cavalry is on this side of Columbia, Tennessee, and is reported carrying off all able bodied contrabands. A portion of his command was within four miles of Franklin. There is a large Federal force under Gilbert at that place. The report of the death of Gen. Forrest is not believed here.

We take the following from the Portland Times, received by the steamer Pacific, which arrived there on Tuesday, the 3d inst.

New York, Feb. 27.—A Fortress Monroe correspondent states "he learns, by private advices from Richmond received at Norfolk, that the small pox is making frightful ravages in Richmond. The disease has assumed the form of a plague, and almost every one who could was escaping from the City, which presented the appearance of a huge hospital.

The Tribune has the following: Stafford, Va., Feb. 26.—About noon yesterday Stuart's cavalry made attack on part of Averill's division of Cavalry, near Hartwood Church. A skirmish ensued, resulting in the repulse of the enemy. Our loss in killed wound

ded and prisoners was about 40. A rebel captain and lieutenant were among the killed. An other captain was taken prisoner, and a number of privates.—The rebels are now at Deep Run, about 4 miles above Hartwood Church. Firing was heard in that direction this afternoon.

Hilton head, S. C. letters of the 10th say that reports of heavy firing from the direction of Wilmington river had been heard all day. No official news of any engagement was received up to a late hour this evening, but it is supposed that the Passaic had opened upon Humbolt battery, in order to draw attention from the operations of the land forces sent to erect a battery and place obstructions in the river, in order to shut in the ram Atlantic, and relieve the Passaic from blockading duty.

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—Various rumors are in circulation respecting the rebels in Kentucky. One report is that Breckinridge is advancing on Lexington with 20,000 men. We are unable, as yet to determine how much truth there is in this. The Commercial's Frankfort correspondent says that a gentleman from Richmond reports our troops retreating towards Lexington, pressed by double their number. These reports must be taken with many grains of allowance.

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—Cluiker's rebel forces are leaving Kentucky, by way of Mount Sterling and Hazel Green, pursued by Col. Kunkel with 1,800 cavalry and infantry. The excitement in central Kentucky has partly subsided. Trains on the Kentucky Central Railroad are running as usual, and refugees are returning home.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Simon Cameron's letter of resignation is published. It contains no particulars further than an expression that in a private capacity at home he can do more good to the country than if abroad.

Cairo, Feb. 27.—A detachment of the 3d Michigan Cavalry left Lexington, Tennessee, on the 8th, for the purpose of routing and capturing a band of rebels known to be in camp at Clifton. They succeeded in completely surprising them, and captured the whole force, numbering sixty men, including one Colonel. A considerable quantity of ammunition was destroyed and the town burned.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 26.—William Wright, Democrat, was elected United States Senator to-day, for six years from the 4th of March.

New York, Feb. 27.—The steamer Augusta, with dates from Hilton Head, S. C., to the 20th has arrived. The rebels in Savannah are straining every nerve to complete their new iron clad in which they express much confidence. The rebels announce that four steamers ran the block ade in one day, viz: the Ruby, Leopard and Wagner, from Nassau. The fourth not named, was bound to Liverpool with James B. Clay of Kentucky on board.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Wilson, yesterday introduced a substitute for the House bill to raise additional soldiers. It provides for mustering in, enrolling and organizing by commanding officers in the several departments, of as many Africans, liberated by certain laws, by the President's proclamation, or by any other legal constituted authority exercised in suppression of the rebellion, as the President may from time to time deem necessary, to be armed, equipped and mustered into service, to serve during the war. It contains a proviso that no person of African descent shall be appointed to exercise authority over white officers and soldiers, or men in the army or navy.

Our old friend, R. M. Moore, writing to us, from San Francisco, under date of Feb. 23d, speaks very favorably of the resources of Nevada Territory. He has been in Virginia City, for the past year, engaged in the business of lumbering, and is now in San Francisco procuring machinery to go more extensively into the business.

\$200.—The remains of the Oregon Democrat have been dug up and galvanized into something like life, with James O'Meara (Ah! Jammy, we know you, don't we?) as editor. We hope "the printers will be secured by the first mortgage, this time." Cantux?—Washington Standard.

The Statesman says Jimmy diddle Murphey, of the Standard, out of \$800, while he figured at Portland. He is up to such little tricks.

WOOLLEN FACTORY AT FOREST GROVE.—The people of Forest Grove and neighborhood are striving in the matter of building a Woolen Factory at that place. A meeting has been held, and steps taken towards surveying the water privilege. They expect to obtain a fall of fifteen feet by digging a race three quarters of a mile in length. The citizens are in earnest about it and intend to push it through.—Oregonian.

THE Oregonian of the 28th ult., says:

We notice that the Eugene Review heads the first column of its general news with the appropriate words: "Budget of Rebel War News." We would suggest that this heading be substituted for the present name of that paper, as it would be unquestionably appropriate, besides saving the trouble of having to find a suitable head for the various treasonable paragraphs found beneath.

The steamer Relief arrived at Eugene last Saturday, three days from Oregon City. This was her second trip to this place this winter. As the river was falling rapidly, she returned on Saturday evening, with several of our citizens and a considerable quantity of freight on board.

We learn from Rev. E. P. Henderson, Principal of the Harrisburg Academy, who was in town this week, that the next session of that institution will commence on Monday, the 16th inst. The school has been very successful since its commencement, and the name of the teacher is a sufficient guarantee that it will be well attended during the next term.

PERSONAL.—Captain Noble paid us a visit yesterday (Friday) evening. The Captain is up on business connected with recruiting for the Oregon Cavalry Regiment, and looking out for Uncle Sam's interests generally.

STURGEY SAM COX, a peace shrieker, favors a re-construction of the Union with New England left out of it.