The Oregon Statesman.

Domestic Items.

SOLDIERS AID ENTERTAINMENT.—The managers of the Sanitary Aid Society will present another entertainment at Griswold's Hall on Friday evening. Shakespeare's great play, "The Merchant of Venice" is the piece selected for the occasion. Should the response of the public be equal to the efforts of the Society in behalf of the soldiers, a rousing house should greet this performance.

.... The *Onward* ran aground again last Tuesday on her return from Corvallis to this place, and did not reach here till late Wednesday. The Onward, though a splendid boat, and officered as well as any steamer on our rivers, is hardly a fit boat for the Upper Willamette, in time of low water.

The *Oregonian* says Mr. Charles Shultz took a fearful slide down the flag staff of one of the Portland fire companies, last week, from a point 150 feet high to within 20 feet of the ground, from which point he fell to the ground. He, however, escaped serious injury.

MAN MISSING.—A man by the name of Saunders, who owned and run a small schooner between the Dalles and Cascades, disappeared on Friday evening last, and has not yet been found. A man called "Mac," who had been at work for Saunders, says that they had been drinking and had a fight; that he struck Saunders with a gun; kicked him in the face, and left him on the beach where he lived, about 15 miles above the Cascades that evening. Blood was found at the place indicated, and on "Mac's" clothing.—*Oregonian.*

....We noticed on the wharf boat, the other day, thirty-six boxes of Oregon raised tobacco, put up like imported, and marked "N. L., Umatilla." It was raised near Scio, Linn county.—Several other small lots have been shipped from this place.

....One of the volunteers in the Oregon Cavalry, named Francis Ely, convicted by Court Martial of desertion, is sentenced to be shot.—General Wright has confirmed the sentence, and young Ely will have to suffer the terrible penalty. Desertions from this regiment have been very numerous and the hitherto adopted punishments have been found inadequate to prevent them. The officers composing the court martial probably agreed upon this sentence with a view of putting a check upon future desertions. It is a terrible penalty, but it is in accordance with law, and, for aught we know, may be the necessary course of discipline.

....Eureka Silver mining company filed articles of corporation, Feb. 20, 1864, in the office of the Secretary of State. Capital Stock, $414,000.—Shares 300.

....P. W. Stowe is under indictment in the Jackson county circuit court, for and assault with intent to kill. Dick Collins was indicted for murder.

....The Union convention of Josephine county is to be held in accordance with the recommendation of the State Central committee.

....First Lieutenant Garden, of Company D, 4th California infantry, has resigned his commission and is now out of the service.

....Mr. Warren, Sheriff of Yamhill county, informs us that lately the prevalent sickness in Yamhill is abating.

....The last monthly meeting of the Yamhill reorganized copperhead and coppertail democracy was composed of SIX! members, present. "Large and enthusiastic," very! The cause of the declension is said to be the tax on, and consequent scarcity of Jeff Davis, ninety-rod whisky.

....The weather has been good during the past week. The mud is drying up very rapidly, enabling the farmers to come to town and bring their "truck." The stage from Albany arrives early in the afternoon, and the stage from Portland gets here between 6 and 7 o'clock, P. M.—Miners and packers are daily passing through on their way to the mines.

LATER—Raining like blazes—mud getting gloriously muddled—stages don't get here early in the afternoon.

SANITARY FUND RECEIPTS.—From Mrs. A. Kelly, $10 80, in coin, collected by her near Zion Chapel, Multnomah county.

From D. Maxim, $6; some of the "little ones" in Zion sunday school, $1 80; Mrs. Harrer, 50c; Mary E., Puella F., and Kitty Slavin, Mary, Gusta, Willie, Lottie, Jessie and U. S. Grant Marquam, 25 cents each.

From citizens of Milwaukie, monthly subscriptions, by W. J. Bradbury, coin, $34 25.

From Mrs. E. Ainsworth, Treasurer of the Portland Ladies' Sanitary Society, coin, $94 50; currency, $26.

From Mrs. P. Masiker, Dalles, $5; W. Masiker, currency, $1, forwarded by Rev. B. C. Lippincott. A. HOLBROOK.

....A desperate fellow named Perry Vickers, who was guilty of an assault upon an old man Wilks, was arrested on Tuesday last by Seriff Olney, and is now confined in the county jail. The assault was committed in Multnomah county, and the accused will be sent to Portland for trial

....The *Oregonian* says the jury, in the case of the State vs. Dr. Noble, came to a decision upon their verdict by tossing a quarter for heads or tails—the quarter losing for the defendant. The jury was divided six and six, till the learned argument of "heads or tails" convinced the six standing for acquittal that their judgments were wrong and the divining piece of lucre, right. O, wise judges! O, excellent arbiters.

....A human hand was found last week in the river at Portland, which created considerable excitement. Little Jimmy has been talking about a hand writing on the wall—it may be that.

....Our town has fairly broken out all over with improvements since the dawn of our February summer. Quite a number of new buildings have made their initial bow to the public gaze; while repairs of old ones, new fences, fresh coats of paint, &c., are "too numerous to mention."—The world moves, and Salem is trying her best to keep up.

....Portland is now supplied with fresh, pure water from one of the mountain streams back of the town. Leonard and Green are the proprietors of the works.

....The steamer John H. Couch arrived at her wharf yesterday at 1 o'clock. She towed up the bark Samuel Merritt. She also brought up the prisoners Jack Prisch and Mrs. Edwards, charged with the murder of William Edwards, some time since. They are in charge of the Sheriff of Pacific county, W. T., and are on their way to Vancouver, where they will be held for trial. We are told that the case will reveal one of the most atrocious murders ever committed. Edwards was murdered by his own wife, and with a gun loaded by her paramour, who is a Kanaka.—*Union, 15th.*

....On the last day of January, a man named Greenwald committen suicide at Umpqua city, by shutting himself in a close room and inhaling the gas from burning charcoal. He fortified himself for the fatal deed by drinking a large quantity of whisky. He was formerly from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and leaves three children

Mr. Z. Ellsworth, of Eugene City, furnishes the following item to the *Crusader.*

"Spencer Butte," is distant from Eugene City 4 8 miles; elevation above Eugene City, 1,674 feet.

The "Three Sisters," distant from Eugene City 70 miles. Elevation above Eugene City, 6,758 feet, not allowing for the convexity of the earth. Observation taken Feb. 2d, 1864.

....We understand there is to be a Union meeting at Lafayette, on the 23d. Gov. Gibbs and others are to make speeches.

....Wm. Sykes was committed to the county jail on Thursday, upon conviction for an assault and battery upon Mr. J. J. Fetzer, on failure to pay a fine of $25. The fine was paid next day and Sykes released.

....Mr. A. H. Osborne, of Peoria, Linn county, is this spring importing a thorough-bred Maltese Jack, from Blair county, Kentucky. He stands 15¼ hands high. He was shipped from New York, January 23d and is expected to arrive in Oregon about the 1st of March.

GOSSIP.—The S. F. correspondent of the Virginia *Bulletin* says the reason of Artemus Ward's sudden departure from California, was the refusal of his "heart and hand" by Miss Sallie B. Goodrich, who is now playing an engagement with Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne, at Portland. Miss Sallie couldn't think of playing second fiddle to Betsy Jane and the twins. We don't blame her—nor Artemus either.

....The citizens of Eugene city are still engaged in efforts to open a wagon road across the Cascades by way of McKenzie's fork.

....A new paper, to be called the *Albany Journal* will be issued weekly at Albany beginning March 12th—the "Albany Printing and Publishing company," proprietors. Thomas Monteith, J. H. Foster, A. Hanan, H. M. Brown and H. N. George, are the Directors. The *Journal* will be [illegible]. We wish it all possible success.

....The *Oregonian* is now printed by steam power, on one of Hoe's power presses. This is the first application of steam to a printing press in the State.

....The first quartz mill ever built in Oregon is now being cast at the Oregon iron works in this city. It is to be used in the Boise mines.—*Union.*

....The Yreka *Union* says a company has been organized for the purpose of working coal mines in the Calapooia mountains. Specimens taken from them prove to be of superior quality, and the leads are said to be extensive.

....Mr. John Minto made a speech at the court house, Friday evening, on the subject of the Union. We were not able to be present, but learn that he made several excellent hits at modern "democracy."

....The Portland papers say Mount Hood has taken to smoking. It is a bad habit, and had supposed Mr. Hood old enough to know better.—What will the Three Sisters say? and St. Helen?

....Books of subscription to the capital stock of the Oregon City Woolen Factory, are opened at Smith & Cartwright's, Salem. We understand that books have been opened at Oregon City and Portland.

....An interesting letter from the Border, next week.

....The Seattle *Gazette* says the brig Charles Devens went ashore week before last, near Point-no-point during a heavy fog.

SANITARY FUND RECEIPTS.—From citizens of the Dalles, by Rev. B. C. Lippincott, $106 12 coin and $80 currency.

From Oregon City, by Wm. Barlow, proceeds of Social Entertainment $13.

From Ladies' Sanitary Aid Society, Vancouver, W. T., $400 in currency.

From J. P. Echler, Washington county, $8 currency.

From J. W. George, Linn county, $10 currency. A. HOLBROOK.

THE ANGEL OF PEACE.—Harper's *Weekly* of Jan. 2d, has a most excellently conceived caricature of the Angel of Peace. It is a picture of Ben Wood, Horatio Seymour, Vallandigham, or some "other man," with very sorry legs, terminating in vulture claws, a pair of huge wings that, folded up, envelope the figure like the valves of an oyster. The upper part of each wing is a vultures beak and each descending quill is a goblin finger tipped with a bird-fiend's talon. The Angel is apparently sitting down upon "State's rights," or some other modern "democratic" contrivance, and leaning his drooping chin upon his hand; he looks tired, and has upon his countenance an attempt at looking benignant, but which fails, and makes nothing but a mixture of sheepish craftiness and disappointed malice. The Angel is provided with a posterior appendage, an ornament not usually worn by angels of the better sort, but very common among the friends of Beelzebub. The tail is labeled "copperhead;" though, by the way, that was entirely unnecessary, the snake being quite recognizable. The varmint is not remarkably handsome.

☞ Two thousand, eight hundred and three votes were recently cast in the city of Honolulu for representative to the Hawaiian legislature.

☞ Live toads form a regular article of commerce in the London market. They are generally imported from France, and sell for from fifty cents to $1 50 per dozen, according to size and activity. They are purchased by market gardeners in the vicinity of the city, to protect their choice vegetables from slugs and insects, which they do very effectually.

☞ An orator of the coppertail persuasion lately complained that it was an insult to be stigmatized as "coppeheads" "coppertails," &c., for the only reason that they were bold enough to declare their principles. Well, now we suppose the Devil would claim himself grievously slandered, if anybody should charge him with having a tail!

FRANCIS ELY.—The sentence of Francis Ely to be shot for desertion is approved, by the following order of Gen. Wright:

"The proceedings, findings and sentence of the general court martial in the foregoing case of private Francis Ely, of Company A. First Cavalry, Oregon Volunteers, are hereby approved and confirmed. The sentence of the court will be executed under the direction of the commanding officer of the post where the said Francis Ely may be on receipt of this order, on the second Friday thereafter, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 4 P. M.

EASTERN NEWS.

VIA LEVINS' STATION (60 MILES NORTH OF JACKSONVILLE), AND EUGENE CITY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.

Richmond papers have the following:

LAKE CITY, Fla., Feb. 8.

Eighteen gunboats and transports have arrived at Jacksonville. The enemy is presumed to be in force.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 8.

The enemy resumed fire on the City last evening. A fifth monitor made its appearance to-day. The enemy is engaged in mounting several guns on Wagner, bearing on the channel.

A 200-pound shell exploded last week in a blacksmith shop, killing and wounding six men.

Richmond *Examiner* contains Lee's report of a Federal reconnoissance, which states that Federal's left 17 dead and 46 wounded in rebel hands. Their loss was 4 killed, 20 wounded, and one Lieutenant and 20 men captured. One Federal captain and 39 privates captured.

The *Examiner* says the authorities have taken measures to prevent the anticipated rising of Yankee prisoners at Belle Island.—The same paper urges the rigid enforcement of the conscription law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13

Six guerrillas dressed in Federal uniforms, were captured three miles beyond Harrington, last week.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 13.

A passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was attacked by guerrillas, two miles west of Martinsburg, Va., yesterday morning. The train was thrown off from the track, and the passengers robbed of 40 or 50 watches, and $40,000. No resistance was made. The robbers were dressed in Federal uniform and made off with the booty as soon as possible. They did not attempt to destroy the mails or cars.—Cavalry has been sent in pursuit.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.

The *Herald's* Washington dispatch reports that Gen. E. O. C. Ord is in town. Rumors say that he will take comand of the army to-day or Saturday.

A convention to amend the Constitution of Virginia meets to day.

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 12.

The railroad is open and trains are running to Knoxville, crossing the creek at Tunnel bridge—across Holston river at Trenton, by Ferry.

The temporary drain of the army for re-enlistments by those going home is fully equalled by receipts of recruits, and convalescent invalid regiments also begin to return.

Gen. Logan left Huntsville, Ala., some days ago, with the 15th army corps, to join General Sherman.

A cavalry expedition under Smith and Grierson, going South. It is understood that these cavalry are to act in conjunction, one to attack and the other to cut off the enemy's retreat and disperse Forrest's cavalry, now scouring the country in Northern Mississippi.

A Chattanooga telegram of the 12th, says that the army is under marching orders.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn., Feb. 12.

Reports from Knoxville represent the garrison as suffering from small pox, of which there are 700 cases; also from scarcity of rations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.

A special dispatch from Washington to the *Post* says there are over 25 millions in gold in the Treasury, and it is announced that Secretary Chase will soon sell part of it for treasury notes.

The *Republican* has authoritatively announced that communication between Knoxville and Cumberland Gap is cut off and that nearly all of East Tennessee is in possession of the rebels, are entirely untrue.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 4.

A Knoxville telegram of the 11th received by Adjutant General Shaw states that all is quiet in front. The enemy has fallen back to their old encampments. Our lines are being extended to the Virginia line. The spring campaign will be the most vigorous of the war.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 14.

Gen. Foster arrived to-day. He left Knoxville on Tuesday, at which time all was quiet, with the exception of slight skirmishing between cavalry.

CAIRO, Feb. 13.

Reports from the South seem to confirm the rebel news of fighting up the Yazoo. The gunboats participated with excellent effect.—The first fight was at Sartatia, the second at Maryesville, a short distance beyond. In both engagements our loss was 6 killed and 13 wounded. The rebels had a battery at Sartatia, which our troops charged and captured.—The rebels fled with some loss. We have a report of a fight at Highland Hills between the rebels and a part of Sherman's corps in which our loss was 25 killed and wounded. No particulars.

INFAMOUS.—One of the Chapman pirates, Harpending, refuses to take the amnesty oath, saying—

He would rather lay in jail than commit perjury.—He says he don't like the Lincoln government, and he will not support it nor swear to support it.

The *The Vaultunger*, one of the most abandoned of all the infamous secession sheets in Oregon, says of Harpending's declaration:

Bully for Harpending! If there was nerve enough in all those who don't like the Lincoln government, there would be no fears of its continuance after the 4th of March, 1865.

Hanging would be mild punishment for the man—no, *thing*—who thus applauds a traitors railings.

☞ "There is a horrible place on the Eastern boundary line called 'Damnation Canon!'"—*California paper.*

That's the head of the copperheads' Salt River.

TENNESSEE.

The Daily *Press* is the "Conservative" organ at Nashville, and has long been finding fault with military government, and calling for "reconstruction." Here is its response to

The Proclamation of Amnesty.

From all we can ascertain of the general popular sentiment, the people of Tennessee are becoming daily more reconciled to its terms, and more convinced of the liberal and conservative spirit by which it was dictated. It is much to be regretted that, even in those parts of the State subject to no rebel interference, owing to the want of mail facilities, or other means of speedy transmission, a large portion of the population will, for a long time, only hear of it through the ignorant interpretration of some, and the intended misrepresentation of others; and thus an unfair prejudice against the measure be created.

To remedy this mischief, so far as we can, we have concluded to keep the proclamation standing in our columns, at least for some days, in order that as many citizens as possible may have opportunity to read the document itself, without being reduced to the necessity of receiving the first impressions of its character through the perverting comments of ignorance or bigotry.

We feel confident that, by discussion and reflection, the President's plan is rapidly making converts in its favor, and that moderate and prudent men, comprising, we would hope, a large majority of Tennessee voters, will soon be brought to view it as an expedient well adapted to relieve them from their present anomalous and most distressful condition.

THIRD YEAR OF THE REBELLION.

Well, so ends the third year of the rebellion, if we reckon, without precise reference to days, from the beginning. This puts one in mind of a *mot* of one of our supreme court judges. On the day when we heard of the fall of Sumter before Gillmore's batteries, some one told Judge H., of it, and added the remark that "this is the beginning of the end." "I think," said the judge, "it is the end of the beginning."—The actual beginning, I suppose, was the secession of South Carolina.—perhaps the resignation of the first U. S. officer who threw up his office in Charleston, and this, I believe, was the day after the telegraph announced Lincoln's election. The rascals were prompt enough—no doubt of that. There does not seem to be much reason for despondency at the end of the first year of emancipation. If we are in no such state of exhiliration as we were six months ago, when Gettysburg and Vicksburg news burst upon us, we have a calm assurance of a victorious close of the war. A year ago it took a pretty sanguine man to prophesy with any great degree of confidence, our success. Full half the people, probably, had their doubts about it. How is it now? Not one man in a hundred has any misgivings.—This is in itself victory. There is a time in all enterprises, whether great and arduous like war and courtship, or little and unimportant like starting a newspaper or managing a caucus, when a sagacious man is able to say, I've got 'em (or him, or her, or it). That time has now come to this people; they know that we have got 'em, to-wit, the rebels, and Europe knows it too, and the rebels themselves are fast finding it out.—*Cor. Springfield Republican.*

THE LATEST.

BY THE OREGON TELEGRAPH LINE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The enrollment bill as returned from the Senate will pe acted upon by the military committee to-morrow.

Captain Porter of the 14th N. Y. cavalry arrived overland from Richmond to-day, having escaped from Libby prison a week since.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senate's special committee on slavery has decided to report a bill legalizing the President's emancipation proclamation.

The supreme court to-day refused the application for a writ of certiorari in the case of Vallandigham, on the ground of a want of jurisdiction.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Special dispatch to the *Evening Post* says the Senate military committee voted this morning to non concur in the House enrollment bill. The House committee of Ways and Means will report the following joint resolution this afternoon:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Treasury be and is hereby authorized, from time to time, to sell, at his discretion, any gold coin in the treasury above what, in his opinion, may be required by the government for the payment of interest on the public debt or other purposes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The *Herald's* dispatch from Washington says it is understood the Government is proposing to protest against the French occupation of Mexico.

A letter from Newbern says "the enemy is coming upon us—we are ready for them."

Rebel cavalry skirmish occasionally with our pickets at Manassas.

Richmond papers mention the escape of 19 officers from Libby prison, by digging a tunnel under the street. A number were afterwards recaptured; the others are believed to be secreted in the neighborhood of Richmond.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—A portion of the guerrillas who robbed the passengers on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad have been captured.

Richmond papers of Feb. 10 contain a proclamation from Jeff Davis to his soldiers, congratulating them on their past victories, and predicting the downfall of the Union armies.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A Cairo dispatch says a fight took place at Satartia Mills on the 4th with 4000 Texas troops, who fired on transports. They were finally dislodged with loss.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Over 10,000 bales of cotton were accidentally destroyed by fire at Wilmington, N. C., on the 8th.

A dispatch from Vicksburg states that Jackson and Yazoo City were in the hands of Gen. Sherman, after a slight skirmish, with little loss to the Union troops. This gives us a fine foraging country.

Gen's McPherson and Hurlbut had reached Jackson. Caters occupied Yazoo City, after a short fight, when we lost a few men. Dispatches to the *Herald* from Washington, say it is reported to military authorities here that troops from Lee's and Beauregard's armies are being sent to other points in the confederacy, probably to Mobile, Atlanta and Knoxville.—It is stated that Lee has but thirty thousand infantry on the Rapidan.

EASTERN NEWS.—See fourth page.

"MUCH OF A GENTLEMAN."—Amusing things sometimes occur in relation to serious matters. The friends of a certain Washington scrip agent will probably be able to console themselves somewhat for the loss of their money, by the reflection suggested below, by a private correspondent at Washington, writing under date Jan. 5th. As Artemus Ward would say, the allusions may be considered "sarkastikle:"

E. M. Barnum is in New York. I don't think he intends to make Oregon his future home. He will probably open an office in New York City. He was very unfortunate in his speculations, last summer, and the Oregonians will suffer in consequence. I regret it, for he is *very much of a gentleman.*

The same correspondent says, in another place:

Ex-Senator B. Stark has gone to New London, Conn. Geo. K. Shell is here. I hope he is not a fair specimen of your temperance men in Oregon. If so, I pity your regular drinkers.

EXTRAVAGANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.—One of the standing complaints against the present administration is that it is guilty of great official extravagance. Considering the war and its concomitant necessities of expenditure, we believe there was never greater economy in the administration of the government. That the authorities are sometimes practiced upon by sharpers and rogues is undeniable, but that was always so, and is by no means peculiar to this administration. It is within the recollection of all in this country that many of Pierce's and Buchanan's appointees—Indian agents, for instance—entered poor, upon their salarics of from $1,500 to $2,500 per year, and in the course of three or four years retired, wealthy. Does anybody know of a similar instance under this administration?

☞ It is stated that Daniel S. Dickinson and Reverday Johnson are coming to San Francisco this Spring, having been engaged in a great mining suit.

☞ The *Constitutional Union* published at Washington, says Emerson Etheridge is going to take the field for McClellan as the next President. Etheridge was formerly a republican, and said to be now crazy. Politics and insanity make strange bedfellows.

☞ We have the authority of the venerable Daniel S. Dickinson for saying that President Madison made ten mistakes in the war of 1812, where Lincoln has made one in the present war; yet the democrats of that day stood by him through thick and thin. Their fidelity to the administration then made their political fortunes and laid the foundation of the unparalleled popularity of the democratic party. The want of fidelity to the authorities now displayed by the falsely styled "democracy," is laying the foundation for their political damnation and infamy a thousand times more enduring than that of the Federalists of 1812.

☞ Geo. E. Cole, Delegate in Congress from Washington Territory, has been admitted an attorney and counsellor in the Supreme Court of the United States.

STATE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—This association of teachers met at Corvallis, Tuesday, Feb. 16th, without a quorum, the President and Vice President both absent. Upon assembling a quorum, Prof. J. G. Deardorff of Portland was chosen President *pro tem.* Of sixteen lecturers and essayists whose services had been promised, only five were present: Wm. Shipley, F. Stilson, I. D. Driver, Wm. Roberts, and Miss S. A. Cornell. By much effort, the exercises were continued till Thursday noon, when the Institute adjourned. The lectures of Revs. I. D. Driver and Wm. Roberts were interesting and contained useful matter. Miss Cornell's essay on "School Hours" was highly spoken of.

The association adopted resolutions thanking the citizens of Corvallis for their hospitality; the lecturers and essayists; the P. T. Co., for their liberality in reducing fare to teachers attending; and deprecating the want of interest taken in the Institute by teachers.

☞ Ex-Postmaster Parker, of San Francisco, replies to the statement that his removal was in consequence of troubling the Department with suggestions for improvements in the mail service, that he never made any communication to the P. O. Department complaining of any postal agent; that he never wrote or caused to be written any communication reflecting upon any one in relation to postal matters; that he was not removed from office upon any charge of inefficiency or want of integrity, and that at an early day the public shall be fully posted in relation to the whole matter.

THE ALABAMA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.

As the ship imperial, Captain D. F. Hutchings, from Hongkeng, was entering the port of Singapore, some time during the latter part of the month of November, the Captain discovered the Confederate steamer Alabama, about thirty miles distant, entering the same port.—The excitement was very great, as it was only a few days before that the Alabama had captured and destroyed the Contest, with a cargo of rags on board. Captain Hutchings immediately dropped his anchor, and took passage in a steam-tug for Hongkong, and there sold his ship to a British house for the sum of $10,000 less than he was offered for her a few days previous to his sailing from Hongkong. This he was obliged to do, as it was the only alternative left to save his vessel from destruction.

A letter to a gentleman in this city from Hongkong, dated December 16th, written by a passenger from this port by the ship Helois, says: "The only occurrence of note on our passage was the speaking of the British bark Santon, who reported the Alabama as being on the coast and the destruction of two vessels, the Winged Racer and Almedan, both with cargoes, and since then she has destroyed the Contest, on her way from Manila to New York.

☞ The *American Flag*, Sonora, California, says:

Wm. J. Beggs, who was here awhile, last summer, has been delivering comic lectures at San Juan. The truth is that Beggs has got more real wit than Artemus Ward usually displays.

☞ All notices of marriages or deaths sent to us for publication must have a responsible name attached, or they will not appear in our columns.

MARRIED.

On the 31st of Jan. 1864, at the residence of Mr. Colbert, in Brownsville, Linn county, by Rev. T. B. Sanderson, Mr. John C. Lewis and Miss Ann Maria Lapham.

An irresponsible citizen of this place sent a notice to the *Statesman*, which appeared in the number bearing date Jan. 1st, 1864, that the above-named lady was united in marriage by me to John Davis, which is false. I forbear to give his name to the public, as he has acknowledged his fault, and prays for pardon. T. B. SANDERSON.

Brownsville, Jan. 29, 1864.

[The above was received nearly a month ago, and, by an accident, mislaid.]

In Wasco co., 16th inst., Louis Scholl and Miss Lizzie Fulton.

In Lane co., Feb. 17, W. M. Dougherty and Jane E. McDaniel.

In Dallas, Feb. 8, Joseph Morrison and May Rowland.

In Brownsville, Feb. 7, Saml. M. Kees and Elizabeth Coyle.

In Linn co., Feb. 11, Eli Walker and Sarah Denham.

DIED.

At Salem, Feb. 16, 1864, of congestion of the brain, Alisee Hirsch, aged 27 years, wife of Leopold Hirsch.

San Francisco and New York papers please copy.

In Marion county, Oregon, Feb. 8, 1864, Rachel Cleaver, wife of Benjamin Cleaver, aged 55 years and 9 months.

Alton (Illinois) papers please copy.

On Beatrie's Island, on the 13th inst., oldest son of C. H. Bain.

In Jacksonville, on the 2d inst., Louis Ransom, son of W. C. Ransom, aged three years and eleven months.

In Jefferson, of brain fever, M. L. Coker, aged 32 years.

At her residence in Marion county, Jan. 28, 1864, Nancy Hibbard, aged 50 years, 2 months, and 25 days.

Illinois papers please copy.

In Lane co., Feb. 5th, of scarlet fever, Minerva A. Knox, aged 25 years, 1 month, and 28 days.

In Eugene city, Feb. 18, Albert P. Lemley, aged 1 yr. 28d.

In Lane co., Frances B. Newcomb aged 5 months and 29 da.

In Benton co., Jan. 27, Mary Jane Aiken, aged 26 years.

In Oregon City, Feb. 13, Imogen L. Francis, aged 18 years.

Union Conventions.

Union State Convention.

The Union voters of the various counties of the State of Oregon, who are in favor of the continued and vigorous prosecution of the present war to the complete and final suppression of rebellion and extinction of treason, and in favor of hearty and efficient support of the authorities of the General Government in their efforts to protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States, and preserve and perpetuate the Union, and who are willing to combine for the election of men of like principles to all offices in this State, are respectfully and earnestly invited to hold conventions according to usual custom for the election of delegates to a State Union Convention to be held at ALBANY, in Linn county, on the 30TH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1864, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Representatives in Congress and State Printer, electing delegates to the National Union Convention, and providing for the election of candidates for Presidential Electors, and transacting such other business as the Convention shall deem proper.

We respectfully recommend the holding of County Conventions on the 12TH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1864.

We also respectfully recommend the holding of conventions of delegates from the various districts at the time and place of holding the State Convention for the nomination of candidates for Supreme Judges and Prosecuting Attorneys in the several districts where vacancies shall exist.

The several counties will be entitled to delegates in the State Convention as follows: Benton, 8; Clackamas, 9; Clatsop, 1; Columbia, 1; Coos, 1; Curry, 1; Douglas, 8; Jackson, 10; Josephine, 5; Lane, 8; Linn, 12; Marion, 12; Multnomah, 8; Polk, 5; Tillamook, 1; Wasco, 10; Washington, 4; Yamhill, 6; Umatilla, 9; Baker, 3.—Total, 112.

By order of the State Central Union Committee.

JOHN H. MOORES, Chairman.

A. G. HOVEY, Secretary.

Salem, Jan. 4, 1864. 1d—45

Marion Co. Union Convention.

The Union men of Marion county, Oregon, are respectfully requested to meet in their several precincts on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1864, for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the county convention to be held at Salem, in said county, on the 12th day of March, 1864, at which county convention twelve delegates are to be elected to the State convention, and a full county ticket nominated to be supported at the next general election. We recommend the apportionment of delegates from the several precincts as follows: Salem, 12; North Salem, 8; Mill Creek, 9; Silver Creek, 7; La Dish, 5; Fairfield, 9; Northern, 9; Southern, 7; Howell Prairie, 5; Abiqua, 5; Champoeg, 5.

(Signed) J C Peebles, C M Parmenter, L E Pratt, E N Cooke, L Heath, S Headrick, D McCully, Preston Hamilton, Geo A Eden, W Shannon, R C Geer, Cal. Geer, D Wolford, Al Coolidge, C M Cartwright, John J Murphy, J Engle, Samuel Brown, T B Allen, H P Jackson, L H Poujade, J C Cartwright David Simpson, J Lawyer, Paul Darst, A C Keene, Wm M Case, John W Grim, H L Turner, J D Boon, Willis Dunagan, John Downing, C N Terry.

Polk County Union Convention.

The Union voters of Polk county, Oregon, who are in favor of the continued and vigorous prosecution of the present war to the complete and final suppression of rebellion and extinction of treason, and in favor of hearty and efficient support of the authorities of the General Government in their efforts to protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States, and preserve and perpetuate the Union, and who are willing to combine for the election of men of like principles to all offices in this State and county, are respectfully and earnestly invited to hold precinct meetings in the several precincts to elect delegates to a County Convention to be held at Dallas, on Saturday the 12th day of March, 1864, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention, to nominate candidates for county offices, and to transact such other business as may legitimately be brought before the convention. It is recommended that the precinct meetings be held on the 5th of March. The several precincts are entitled to delegates in the county convention as follows: Dallas 5, Bethel 4, Bridgeport 3, Luckiamute 3, Lane 3, Monmouth 5, Rola 5, Salt Lake 2, Jackson 4, Douglas 4. By order of the County Union Committee.

I. M. BUTLER, Chairman.

THOS. PEARCE, Sec'y.

Yamhill Co. Union Convention.

The Union voters of Yamhill county, Oregon, are hereby notified that there will be a county convention held at Lafayette, in said county, on Saturday, the 12th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, M., of said day, to appoint six delegates to attend the Union State Convention to be held at Albany on the 30th day of March, 1864. It is recommended that precinct meetings be held at the usual places of voting in the several precincts, on Saturday the 5th day of March next, for the purpose of electing delegates to said county convention.

The several precincts will be entitled to delegates in said county convention as follows: Lafayette, 4; Dayton, 4; Willamette, 1; Amity, 3; South Fork 4; McMinnville, 6; No. Fork, 2; East Chehalem, 2; West Chehalem, 2.

G. H. STEWARD.

Mem. Union State Committee for Yamhill Co.

Douglas Co. Union Convention.—The loyal voters of Douglas county, whose patriotism, superior to former party preference, disposes them to unite for the purpose of supporting our national government in the suppression of the present diabolical rebellion designed to effect the dismemberment and ruin of our country, are requested to meet in their respective precincts, on the 27th day of February, inst., for the election of delegates to represent them in the Union County Convention which is to be held at Roseburg, in said county, on the 12th day of March, 1864.

The apportionment of delegates to be elected in the several precincts, is as follows: Cow Creek, 2; Coffee Creek, 1; Canyonville, 5; Winchester, 3; Ten Mile, 3; Mount Scott, 2; Looking Glass, 2; Myrtle Creek, 2; Cole's Valley, 2; Calapooia, 4; Deer Creek, 10; Calapooia, (Umpqua county), 2; Yoncalla, 5; Gardiner, 2; Elkton, 3; Scottsburg, 2; Green Valley, 5; Smith's River, 1.

The business to be transacted by the County Convention is the nomination of county officers and members of the legislature, the choice of delegates to attend the Union State Convention at Albany, on the 30th day of March next; and whatever else may be deemed requisite and proper.

F. R. HILL,
T. LIVINGSTON,
J. TURNER,
County Central Committee.

Roseburg, Douglas county, Ogn. Feb. 3d, 1864.

Lane County Union Convention.—The Union voters of the various precincts of Lane county are respectfully invited to meet at the usual place of holding elections, in their respective Precincts, on the 12th day of March, to appoint delegates to meet in county convention, at Eugene City, on the 19th day of March, a.D. 1864, for nominating, or providing for the nomination of a State Senator, three Representatives to the State Legislature, and the necessary county officers; and likewise for the purpose of appointing eight delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Albany on the 30th day of March, next; and a Union county committee.—Precinct meetings to be held at 1 o'clock and county convention at 11 o'clock on the days appointed, respectively.

The several precincts will be entitled to delegates in the county convention as follows:

Eugene City, 10; Coast Fork, 6; Spencer, 3; Camp Creek, 2; Pleasant Hill, 3; Richardson, 2; Springfield, 5; Mohawk, 2; Brice's, 5; Long Tom, 3; Siuslaw, 3; Lost Valley, 2; Fall Creek, 2; Willamette, 8.

B J Pengra, A A Skinner, A Small, A C Edmunds, M W Mitchell, R E Stratton, D M Risdon, A A Smith, W W Bristow, F B Dunn, T J Brattain, A S Patterson, J G Gray, J L Brumley, M Blanding, W H Smith, A W Stowell, W T Osburn, C Hackshaw, T Chase, H Parsons, O S Parsons, J M Stephenson, R Alexander.

Multnomah Convention.—The legal voters of Multnomah county who are in favor of loyalty and union, instead of treason and disunion; who are in favor of a republican democracy instead of a monayed aristocracy, or a slave oligarchy; who are ready and willing to support the present Federal Administration in the measures it has employed to preserve the Union and put down the rebellion; in fine, all good, sound, unconditional Union men, are requested to meet in their several precincts, at their usual place of voting, on Thursday, the 3d of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend the county convention to be holden at the court-house in Portland, on Saturday, the 12th of March next. The several precincts will be entitled to the following number of delegates: North Portland 19, South Portland 20, Sauvie's Island 3, St. John's 1, Willamette 2, Sandy 2, Powell Valley 3, Multnomah 2, Multnomah No. 2, 2.

By order of the Committee.

A. J. DUFUR, Ch'n.

Clackamas County Convention.—The Union men of Clackamas county are requested to meet at their several precincts on Saturday, the 5th of March, 1864, at 1 o'clock, P. M., to elect delegates to the County Union Convention, to be held on the 12th day of March, at the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M., at the court house in Oregon City. The several precincts will be allowed a representation as follows: Oregon City 18, Milwaukie 4, Rock Creek 2, Young's 2, Spring Water 2, Harding's 2, Beaver Creek 2, Upper Molalla 4, Marquam's 2, Lower Molalla 3, Union 3, Pleasant Hill 2, Tualatin 1, Linn City 3.

JAS. WINSTON,
Ch'n Clackamas Co. Union Committee.

Linn Co. Union Convention.—The Union voters of Linn county are requested to hold their several precinct meetings on Saturday, the 5th day of March, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention at Albany on Saturday, the 12th day of March, there to elect twelve delegates to attend the State convention to be held at Albany on the 30th March, 1864. The several precincts will be entitled to the following number of delegates—Albany, 3; Brownsville, 3; Thurston, 3; Lebanon, 3; Burlington, 4; McDonald's, 4; Franklin Butte, 4; Center, 3; Orleans, 3; Peoria, 3; Ray's, 3; Syracuse, 2; Brush Creek, 2.

By order of the Co. Committee.

JNO. CONNER,
J. R. FOSTER.

Albany, Feb. 18th, 1864.

A MEETING of the stockholders of the Union Gold and Silver Mining Co. will be held at their office in Salem on Tuesday, March 1st. Business of importance to transact. I. R. MOORES, Pres.

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