

The Oregon Statesman.

THE UNION STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
are requested to meet at Salem, on Thursday, the 15th of February next. Where vacancies may occur in the Committee, the County Committees are requested to fill them, as it is desirable to have a full attendance at that time.

I. R. MOORES.

Chairman Union State Central Committee.

Salem, Oregon, Jan. 1st, 1865.

DOMESTIC ITEMS.

THE STORM.—Another very severe storm visited us during the past week. Rain commenced falling in torrents last Sunday one week, and continued almost without intermission until Wednesday evening, when it suddenly changed, and snow fell to the depth of about eight inches in the valley. The river rose rapidly, and soon spread over the lowlands opposite the city. Everybody expected another flood like that of 1861, but the snow and cold weather prepared us a great freshet, which we should certainly have had if the weather had not changed in temperature. We understand the telegraph line is down everywhere, and that on Scott's Mountain, where the stage road crosses, the snow still last long, while that many sheep and cattle will perish for want of food and shelter. Such storms as these should be lessons for the future.

P.—Since the above was in type, snow fell to the depth of three or four inches more. On Saturday it began raining, and by Sunday morning the snow in the valley had measurably disappeared.

SEALED WEIGHTS.—The Secretary of State has received, during the past week, from the Treasurer of the United States, sealed standards for weights, running from a one-pound weight to a fifty-pound weight. The standards are very handsome, and all they have cost the State of Oregon was the postage on the letter containing the requisition. Merchants, dealers in produce, and others, can now have their weights "sealed" and properly stamped, by application to the State Treasurer, so as to give and take upon the exact standard set up by our venerable Uncle Sam.

LAFAYETTE COURIER.—This new paper, published at Lafayette, Yamhill county, has come to hand—Upton & Bowman, publishers, and J. H. Upton editor. He says he is constitutionally predisposed to democracy, but that the paper shall pay ample attention to the local interests of Yamhill county. The latter idea is certainly praiseworthy, and we would suggest that the less it says about democracy, the better for Yamhill. The editorials are spicy, in a "democratic" way, and, leaving out the politics of the concern, we should be glad to see the paper flourish.

IMPROVEMENTS AT EOLA.—The enterprising citizens of Eola are taking steps to add greatly to the importance of their town, by bringing in a water-power from the Rickell. They have recently had a civil engineer to make a survey for them, and he has ascertained that a dam about four feet high will give them a head of water from the above-mentioned stream, and twenty-eight foot fall, for manufacturing purposes. Eola is an important point for trade, and almost any kind of manufacture would do well there.

CALIFORNIA AND OREGON RAILROAD.—The Union of the 1st inst. in speaking of the Northern Railroad and of railroad connection with Oregon, says "the California Central Railroad was completed in 1862, and connects Folsom with Lincoln, length 18 miles. Its chief owner and manager is C. L. Wilson. This road connects at Lincoln with the Yerba Buena Railroad, which is now in process of construction from Lincoln to Marysville. Frank M. Pixley is President of this company. The ties and iron are all purchased for the whole distance, 22 miles, and it is graded to within about four miles of Marysville. This road will doubtless be completed early in the coming Spring, and will command the entire northern trade and travel, as it will connect at Maryville with the Northern California Railroad, which is completed and running to Oroville, a distance of 29 miles. It is to the extension of this road to which our people look for railroad connection ultimately with Oregon. Its course will lead directly up through the Sacramento Valley, and crossing through passes into Trinity and Scott mountains, traverse Scott Valley in Siskiyou county, and so on into Oregon."

CATTLE DIVING.—We learn from the Oregonian that 140 head of Mr. Major's cattle, recently "the plains across," with mining machinery, have died at Boise. We shall be most agreeably surprised if large numbers of cattle all over Oregon and Washington, as well as Idaho, do not die for want of food and shelter during this last storm—a sad sequel to the impudence of their owners.

AN ELQUIN MINISTER.—Rev. P. S. Knight, of Oregon City, preached three sermons at the Congregations church during the past week, which very generally attracted the attention of the people, and even surprised Mr. Knight's most sanguine friends. Mr. K. is at home in the pulpit, and is rapidly rising to a high place in public estimation. His sermons are not only eloquent, but full of logic and original ideas.

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AT THE ROMANS.—Rev. B. C. Lippincott is announced to lecture in Portland, and give the reasons against becoming Roman Catholics. D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation contains enough to satisfy any one on that point.

FROM WALLA WALLA.—About \$75,000 worth of flour was manufactured in Walla Walla valley during the past year. The surplus of flour in the valley, for next year is estimated at 25,000 bbls.... The Statesman is agitating the project of lighting the streets of Walla Walla; and also the project of constructing a woolen factory in Walla Walla.... The superintendent of schools reports 1657 school children in Walla Walla county, and \$3,338 school money.

THE MARKETS.—The great "Homestead" well, at Pitts Creek, Pennsylvania, has ceased to flow, though it recently yielded five hundred barrels per day. The Philadelphia Herald wickedly says: "It was the well in which Wilkes Booth owned a thirtieth part, and it is barely possible that he tapped it at the other end."

M. HOOD.—The Mountaineer says that early in the morning of Jan. 11th, until night, dense volumes of smoke were seen rising from the south east side of Mount Hood, near the summit. We may soon expect to hear of another terrible earthquake in San Francisco, with perhaps the destruction of millions of property and hundreds of valuable lives.

CITY FINANCES.—The Committee on Finance of the Common Council have found the following to be the financial condition of the city, on the 14th day of December, 1864:

Amount in the treasury at the commencement of the year, ending December 4, 1864, in gold coin..... \$ 923.00

In legal tenders..... 30.00

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" " " " sale of stray logs..... 7.50

Total received by Treasurer..... \$ 619.42

Amount expended, cash..... 238.88

Remaining balance..... 380.54

Amount of cash remaining in treasury..... 1023.54

Amount of legal tenders remaining in treasury..... 169.54

Amount of 70 cent gold..... 84.00

Indeficiency of city in excess of cash in the treasury..... \$ 790.85

ACCIDENT.—The P. T. Co.'s steamer Reliance, on her upward trip last Wednesday, became entangled in drift wood near Rock Island, and had a hole stove in her hull, causing her to sink to the bottom. The Fannie Patton went to her relief, and towed her back to Camas. Damage inconsiderable. The Reliance will be running again shortly.

NEW STEAMER.—The Willamette Navigation Company have just finished a new steamboat, to run between Portland and Oregon City, in connection with the steamer Arctic on the upper Willamette. She is named the "Alert," cost \$25,000, and carries 17 ton. She will be offered as follows: Capt. James Slauson; Purser, H. Johnson; Engineer, Edward Fellowes; Chief Officer, Jerry Driscoll.

THEATER.—Ward's Theatrical Troop are now playing at Griswold's Theater in this city, to highly pleased audiences. This company contains some of the best talent on the coast, embracing Fanny Morgan Phelps, Estelle Potter Macmillan, Mrs. A. R. Phelps, and others. To night will be produced "Court and Studio." "The Youngest who ever was a Woman," and "Toadies." Admission, Dress Circle \$1; Pit \$0.50.

REMOVED.—The Telegraph Office has been removed from its old quarters to the room on State street next door to Gray & Co.'s store. The Express Office will be removed to the same quarters this week; and then the two offices will be joined, and Charles of the Telegraph, will do the lightning and express business on the most reasonable terms.

THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The managers of this Society are requested to meet at the room of the State Library on Salem, on the 1st of February next. Important business will be brought before the Board. See advertisement in another column.

DISASTERS.—A very worthy young man, named John McMillan, near Portland, accidentally shot and killed himself, while loading his gun preparatory to going hunting.

THE ROCKIES.—The steamer Sierra Nevada has at last got off the rocks above St. Helens, after having stuck there fifteen days.

HAMMER & HATCH.—A very curious and interesting religious revival is now in progress at the Congregational Church in this city.

HAMMER & HATCH, GENERAL INTELLIGENCE AND COLLECTING AGENTS.—Moore's Block, Salem.

REFERENCES.—Moore's, H. & R. Moore's, Heath & Co., J. B. M. Hinckley, Salem, Crawford, and Co., J. W. Chapman, Portland, and Co., Vancouver; Dr. W. H. Watkins, Portland; Hon. O. N. Denby, Dallas City.

The Santiam Quartz Mill will get to grinding rock in about two weeks.

THE COMMITTEE FROM POLK.—W. C. Whiston, Esq., has been appointed to fill the Polk county vacancy on the Union State Central Committee. We are highly pleased with the appointment, as Mr. Whiston is one of the best informed men in the Union. He is a member of the Polk county bar, and has a record of service which cannot be equalled by many others who would lead.

DR. J. S. HENRY.—President, and Mr. Whiston, secretary of the California Steam Navigation Company, have both died within the past four weeks. They were both men of large wealth, and active among the business men of San Francisco.

FORE PACKING.—The Albany Democrat says: So far this season about 1000 tons have been cut up and disposed of in sides, hams, shoulders, etc., in the packing houses in this city. At Cowen's large brick packing house, below town, nearly 1000 hams have been cut up and the work still actively continued.

HENRY WARREN, ESQ.—Secretary of the Land Office at Oregon City, has been appointed United States Deputy Surveyor in place of Mr. Mathews, resigned. He has entered the required bonds and entered upon the duties of his office.

MEYER'S GIRLS.—A dispatch has been received at Seattle, stating that Meyer's girls sailed on the 27th last month.

DRUMMOND.—Gen. Sweeney, a Brigadier in the U. S. Volunteer army, has been dismissed the service, on account of his active participation with the Fenians.

AGENTS.—Hostetter, Smith, & Dean, San Francisco.

MARRIED.—At the house of Dr. Sawyer, J. P. James Smith and Mrs. Olivia J. Duluth, of Mill Valley, Calif., were married on New Year's Day, 1865, by H. A. Johnson, Esq., Alex. Fisher of Idaho, and Miss Lucy F. Laycock, of Marion county, 11th, by Thomas Pease, Jr., L. S. Leonard Livermore and Miss Seirra, James Alfrey, in Portland, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, by Rev. Dr. Bush, Edward Kahn, and Miss Ada May, of Philadelphia.

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STATE OF OREGON.—Portland, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1865.

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