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THE REAL ISSUE. The real question which is before the people, whether the Union shall be preserved as it is, or whether it shall be reconstituted, is not a question of expediency, but a question of principle.

There, voters of Oregon, is the real issue of the campaign which is now opening in this State, and which is to be decided, so far as Oregon is concerned, at the next June election. That is the issue, and it is a "living issue."

During the rebellion the Democrats endeavored to conceal the real issue and keep it away out of sight, by raising a multitude of side issues, such as the constitutionality of suspending the writ of habeas corpus, the right of the executive to make arbitrary arrests, the division of Virginia, and the emancipation of the slaves; and now, after the rebels have been coerced into submission to the Constitution and the laws, these same Democrats will endeavor to obscure, put away and cover up the real question, by raising other side issues, such as taxing United States bonds, negro suffrage, and the status of the unoppressed rebels.

On the 14th day of February, the Democratic State Union Convention met and nominated Gen. Jos. R. Hawley, of Hartford, for Governor. Resolutions expressive of their confidence in President Johnson, and pledging their hearty support and likewise confidence in the Union majority in Congress, were passed.

On the 8th of February, the Democratic State Convention for the State of New Hampshire met and nominated J. B. Sinclair, of Bethlehem, for Governor, and G. H. Price, of Dover, for Railroad Commissioner. The resolutions adopted endorse the President in his endeavors to have the Southern States re-accepted, and his disavowal of any amendment to the Constitution.

Now, what is to be done? What will the State Rights Democrats say to this? Will they permit such treachery in the party to go on any longer? If the Democracy do not stop this, it will soon be that the Democracy will be carrying the stars and stripes, and in other ways so deporting themselves that we cannot tell them from regular Abolitionists.

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MEETING OF THE UNION STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SALEM, Feb. 15-19, 1866. Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Union State Central Committee met at the Representatives Hall, and was called to order by the Chairman.

On motion, W. C. Whitson was elected Secretary of the Committee. Upon examination of the credentials, and also of the proceedings of the last State Convention, the following named persons were found to be entitled to act as members of the Committee:

For Baker County—Daniel Chaplin vice John H. Stephens, absent. Benton—B. R. Bidde. Clatsop—Joseph D. Lacey. Clatsop—E. N. Cooke, proxy for C. Olney. Columbia—T. R. Cornelius vice B. D. Stevens, absent.

On motion, it was resolved that the Union State Central Committee be organized on the 14th day of February, 1866, at the City of Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of holding a State Convention.

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By TELEGRAPH. The Freedmen's Bureau bill has finally passed both Houses to-day concerning in the Senate's amendment yesterday. This is the most important measure yet passed.

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STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. Pursuant to published call of the Corresponding Secretary, the Board of Managers for the State Agricultural Society met at the State Library in Salem on last Tuesday.

At the evening session, the Finance Committee, to which were referred the reports of the Treasurer and Recording Secretary, reported that said reports had been examined and found correct; and that all the money which passed through the hands of the Recording Secretary was derived from licenses during the State Fair of 1865.

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NEW FIRM. HAVING purchased what was known as the Pacific Store, we take pleasure in saying to our friends and the public in general, that we will keep our stock WELL ASSORTED.

FOR the benefit of the located and traveling public, C. L. Worthington will now sell his Tremendous Stock of Dry-Goods. Immense Lot of Clothing! HUGE SUPPLY OF HARDWARE!

Notice to Lumber Men. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of J. H. Moore, in Salem, until 1 o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1866, for the furnishing of the following materials...

Notice to Wood Men. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of J. H. Moore, in Salem, until 1 o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1866, for furnishing upon the grounds selected for Penitentiary purposes...

Notice to Hardware Dealers. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of J. H. Moore, in Salem, until 1 o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1866, for furnishing upon the grounds selected for Penitentiary purposes...

Notice to Builders. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of J. H. Moore, in Salem, until 1 o'clock p.m. on FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1866, for furnishing upon the grounds selected for Penitentiary purposes...

STOLEN. \$25 REWARD. As stolen from the undersigned, on March 1st, 1866, a pair of silver watch fobs, one of which is a watch fob, and the other a chain fob...

Resident Lots. I HAVE surveyed one hundred and seventy-eight acres adjoining the City of Salem on the South, and have divided the same into lots...

Administrator's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late J. H. Moore, in Salem, Oregon...