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With the last number of the REGISTER Rev. J. W. Van Cleave closed his connection with this paper as its editor. Our best wishes go with him.

State Convention.

The Republican State Convention meets in this city on Thursday (tomorrow), at two o'clock P. M., for the purpose of selecting a candidate for Congressional honors. In connection with this nomination quite a number of gentlemen have been named, any of whom, doubtless, would fill the position of Representative in Congress with honor to themselves and the constituency which sent them. But the point to be considered is, which of them can poll the full vote of the party. It is useless to attempt to disguise the fact, that the man selected as standard-bearer of the party in the coming campaign, to be successful, must not only have the brains to fit him to fill the position with honor, but he must be in full accord with the people, and possess their entire confidence and esteem. Party ties are not to be relied upon in the future. Men who have voted the ticket straight in former years, without a question as to fitness, only demanding that the candidate be an uncompromising Democrat or Republican, can not be counted upon hereafter to so vote. A radical change has taken place, and voters now require that the man or men who receive their suffrages shall possess other qualifications in addition to those of party. It will be the duty of our delegates to canvass thoroughly and in the fullest manner the character and standing, as well as the ability, of those who offer themselves as candidates for Representative in Congress. That they will do this, we have no doubt, and that the man so selected will be elected by a handsome majority, we honestly believe.

Among the names mentioned as probable candidates for the honor of representing the people of Oregon in Congress, brought more prominently before the public within the last few days, none stand higher in the estimation of his fellow-citizens, at home or abroad, than our fellow townsman, Dr. E. R. GEARY. His ability is undoubted, his character spotless, and he possesses in a high degree that personal magnetism which attaches to every successful public man. Should Mr. Geary receive the nomination at the hands of the Republican Convention on Thursday, he will be endorsed by the people of Oregon by an overwhelming majority.

The cant and hypocrisy of Democracy is glaringly apparent in the cry of "stop thief" it sets up concerning Republicans who took "back pay," when not a whimper does it make concerning Democrats who did the same thing. Every Democratic Congressman in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada and all the Southern States pocketed the back pay. Even Oregon's Representative, Mr. Slater, took it. These would-be reformers don't say anything about these facts, though, but try to convey the impression that Republicans were alone guilty of that offense. The people of Oregon are not so easily gulled. Another thing: But two of these Democrats have as yet returned it.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that an insurance company cannot cancel its policy on an insured property, when a fire is approaching that property, or it is in impending danger.

The Madrid Ministry has again resigned.

"But let it be remembered that while it tried to destroy the Constitution which Jefferson wrote with his own hand."—ALBANY REGISTER of 22d—its own.

We did not know before that Mr. Jefferson "wrote with his own hand" our Federal Constitution—did not know that he was even a member of the convention that framed the constitution; thought he was at that time representing the United States near some foreign Court. We have heard something about Mr. Madison being the author of the Constitution. We must read ourselves up in history again—we seem to be retrograding—Democrat.

Now, neighbor, don't be so "sarcastical" over our inadvertent mal entente. Too much big shame you make us. But you are not "retrograding" in your knowledge of history. No, no. You "seem to be" progressing like a singed cat. You claim Mr. Jefferson as the father of Democracy and its principles as derived from the Federal Constitution. As the former lived and taught before the latter had a being, therefore he must have made it. Don't you see it? So look out. It may be a serious point in the eyes of your party to deny that Mr. Jefferson wrote anything. If you keep on progressing that way, first thing your readers know, you will fall in with that class of "smarties" who are denying that Mr. Jefferson was the author of the Declaration of Independence, giving the credit to Patrick Henry. Heretofore, however, you have tried as a party to saddle all of your inconsistencies and follies, in the way of "departures," upon the devoted shoulders of Mr. Jefferson. Have you as one of the mouth-pieces of that party concluded to be more just in the future? If such has been the influence of our mistake upon you, give us your hand, we are glad we made it. Go in peace and sin no more.

Authorized Text-Books.

ALBANY, Sep. 9, 1873.

Directors and Clerks of School Districts in Linn county are hereby notified that the following text-books have, in pursuance of law, been adopted for exclusive use in the public schools of the State for four years from October 1st, 1873.

Thompson's New Graded Series of Arithmetics, (including New Mental for primary classes—New Rudiments and New Practical,) and Brooks Normal Mental, (for advanced classes,) Monteth's Introduction to Manual, Physical and Intermediate Geographies, Clark's Beginners and Normal Grammar, Barnes' Brief History of the United States, and "Peter Parley's" Universal History. Spencerian penmanship and copies.

FOR SCHOOLS OF ADVANCED GRADES.

Robinson's Progressive Higher Arithmetic, Brooks' Algebra and Geometry, Anderson's General History, Hart's Composition, Steele's 14 weeks in Physiology, Steele's 14 weeks in Natural Philosophy, Steele's 14 weeks in Chemistry, Wood's Botanist and Florist, Bryant and Stratton's Book-keeping.

The selection of Readers and Speller will take place about the 15th inst., when due notice will be given.

The law under which these books have been selected, requires that they shall be introduced into all the public schools of the State on or before the first day of October, 1873; but the State Board of Education has concluded to take the responsibility of extending the time, so as to secure their gradual introduction without working a hardship upon Districts so situated that they can not obtain the books immediately. Hence, though it will be expected and required that all the public schools shall begin in good faith to introduce said books on or before the first day of October, 1873, yet they

will be allowed until the first of March, 1874, to complete the introduction. It will be the duty of Directors and Clerks to see that these books be obtained as soon as possible. The importance of attending to this matter will be more fully appreciated when it becomes generally known that no district (except such as may not have had a school taught between the first of October, 1873, and the first of March, 1874) that fails to report at the close of this school year, the complete introduction of the authorized text-books, will be permitted to draw public money for the year following.

Teachers are requested to use their influence in introducing these text-books, for the purpose of carrying into effect the law on this subject.

T. J. STUTES, Co. School Supt.

ALBANY AND SANTIAM CANAL.

The Albany and Santiam Canal Company would respectfully call the attention of the public, and especially the Capitalist, and those desiring to engage in manufacturing, to their gigantic water power and water privilege. Sixteen thousand cubic feet constantly flowing every minute, equal to 800 horse power, with from 8 to 30 feet fall, sufficient for the most extensive machinery, with ground on which to erect the necessary buildings, etc. The Company deem it but proper that the public should know more fully the locality of this great water power, its facilities and surroundings, in order that those unacquainted may form some estimate of its value.

The city of Albany is the county-seat of Linn county, located on the south-east bank of the Willamette river, about 100 miles south of Portland, by river, and 90 miles by railroad; south of Salem 45 miles by river and 39 miles by railroad, and north of Eugene City 45 miles.

Albany is located in a prairie of the same name, which is the great agricultural center of the Willamette Valley, and it is believed that upward of 500,000 bushels of surplus wheat will be received at that point, the present season. The most of it will find its way to foreign markets, either by boats or railroad to Portland, and from thence upon the ocean. The Willamette river is navigated by beautiful steamers, carrying from 80 to 300 tons, running as far as Albany some ten months in the year. Also, the O. & C. R. R., with its beautiful locomotives, is passing through the city daily. The city of Albany is located upon a high, rolling prairie, with the Calapooia, a beautiful creek, flowing into the Willamette river on the west, the water of which is used in driving two large flouring mills, situated on the bank of the Willamette river. The city is about one mile in length, running east and west, and from one-half to three-fourths of a mile in width, and is laid off with streets of good width.

The Canal, which is the subject and object of this communication, receives its waters from the South Santiam river, which heads in the great Cascade mountains, some 75 miles east of Albany; thence running westerly through a valley of the same name, to Lebanon, a village located near the west bank of said river, 13 miles east of Albany. The Canal receives the waters from the Santiam river at that point, thence running west to its terminus at Albany. The main Santiam flows northward, and empties its mountain waters into the Willamette river 10 miles northeast of Albany. The Canal is brought from Lebanon through a beautiful prairie for a distance of 12 miles, and empties into the Willamette river, forming on its way and in the city some of the finest water powers for manufacturing purposes found on the Pacific coast. There are but few, if any, points in the State which surpasses Albany now, for manufacturing facilities. Cheap water power and easy of access, and convenient transportation, either by water or railroad, and the location beautiful and healthy.

The Canal Company offers liberal inducements to persons desiring to engage in the business of manufacturing, and will furnish water power upon the most reasonable terms. Manufacturing of all kinds is needed in Oregon, and could be made profitable. The Canal Company will agree to furnish, within sixty days, any water power needed, from a button factory to that of a locomotive.

Immigrants and others are earnestly invited and requested to visit Albany and examine for themselves. Real property can yet be procured on very reasonable terms, both in and out of the city. Our people compare favorably with the rest of mankind, morally, socially, politically and financially.

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L. ELKINS, President. D. MANSFIELD, Secretary.

At Butler's headquarters in Boston on the 6th, the figures stood: Delegates to State Convention for Butler, 316; for Washburne, 233.

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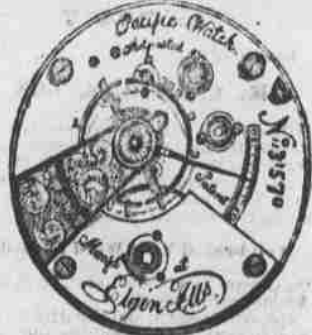
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