

**Albany Register.**

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1874.

**Meeting of the Republican State Central Committee.**

The Republican State Central Committee has been called to meet in Portland, on Thursday, February 19th, 1874, at 7.30 P. M., to arrange for the approaching State election, and for such other business as may be deemed proper. A full attendance of the members of the Committee is desired.

Mr. James Finlayson writes to the Oregonian advising farmers not to look to Congress for an appropriation to improve the Willamette river, as it takes all the time of these worthies to devise ways to rob the treasury for their own benefit, but to go to work and raise the necessary funds themselves. He says the farmers of Benton and Polk could raise \$50,000—a matter easy of accomplishment, as it would be but five per cent. on their million bushels of wheat—and by doing this they would probably get fifteen cents more on the bushel for their wheat, by opening the river from Corvallis to Astoria. Linn and Marion, he asserts, will raise another \$50,000—a total of \$100,000, which will open the river to commerce. The W. R. T. Co. proposes to donate \$1,000 toward the enterprise, provided the sum above named is put up by these four counties, and to give bonds in \$200,000 that the river will be cleaned out and in good boating order, from Corvallis to Astoria, by the coming harvest. This Company also proposes to carry wheat from Corvallis to Astoria for seven cents per bushel. In view of this state of affairs, Mr. F. asks the farmers of the four counties to assemble in mass meeting, sometime between now and the first of March, in this city, and take steps to secure the opening of the river. We second the motion.

Sheriff Brennan, of New York, and his deputy, Shields, have received the severest punishment inflicted by the law for permitting "Prince" Harry Genet to escape—\$250 fine each, and thirty days in the county jail. This is, doubtless, a novel situation for the High Sheriff of the first metropolis of America to be in, and no doubt is as great a surprise to him and the country. It is a deserved degradation, however, and was probably needed to bring him to a full consciousness that the great and wicked political power to which he has so long been allied has been entirely and completely broken up and destroyed. He was an active member of that great political ring so long controlling the destinies of New York, robbing its treasury of millions of dollars. Tammany had no more devoted friend than Mart. Brennan, and he stood "hand and glove" with Boss Tweed and the rest of that detestable crowd in the days of their prosperity; and when adversity overtook them, he seemed not to be able to realize the fact, and when called upon by the duties of his office to do so, he could not ignore the claims of old-time friendship, but strained his authority to the utmost to favor Tweed after he had been convicted and judgment pronounced upon him. In the same manner he favored Ingersoll, giving him the chance, which he eagerly seized, to escape. He acted in bold defiance of the law, and is now receiving nothing but his just deserts.

The Legislature of Louisiana has adopted the Constitutional amendment limiting the State debt to \$15,000,000, and taxation for all purposes to twelve and a half millions, guaranteeing the principal and interest of the new consolidated bonds to be used in runding the debt, and providing that the revenue each year derived from taxation shall be devoted solely to the expenses of that year. The Funding Bill has also passed the House.

The ship Panther, from Nansaimo to San Francisco, was lost a few days since at Tilly Point. All on board, including Captain Balch and wife, were lost.

**Agricultural Monopoly.**

According to an Eastern journal, America, in the time of Mr. Madison, held the agricultural monopoly of the world, but this same journal now confesses that it is rapidly passing from us, as nearly all our great staples are rivaled by the production of other nations. Up to the time of our civil war, as is well known, the United States monopolized almost the entire cotton trade, and our Southern States amassed great wealth in the enjoyment of its exclusive culture. The closing of Southern ports during the rebellion compelled manufacturing countries to look elsewhere for this great staple, and as a consequence we now have as rivals in the production of cotton, India, Egypt, and the South Sea Islands. The vast revenue once enjoyed by South Carolina in the cultivation of rice, is now shared by Patna and Rangoon. Louisiana sugar plantations are now brought into sharp competition with the West Indies and Manila. Turkey and Austria now compete with Virginia and Maryland for the tobacco trade. And in our great staple, Wheat, we are undersold in the markets of the world by vast quantities shipped from the Danube, the Vistula, from Peru, Bolivia and Chili. The great corn fields of the "American Bottom" are rivaled by the productions of Trieste, Genoa and Barcelona. Canada undersells us in lumber; and Pennsylvania finds competition for her petroleum from the Caspian and Wallachia. And even the superiority of our cheese is disputed by England, and Orange county is brought into sharp competition by Cheshire. In fact it would seem that the great staples of our country were on a par with our shipping interests and the carrying trade.

W. R. Waite, of Toledo, Ohio, is the last nominee for the office of Chief Justice. The nomination created a general surprise. Mr. Waite is a lawyer of 38 years standing, and is a son of the late Chief Justice Waite of Connecticut. He has seen fifty-eight summers. He was one of the counsel for the United States in the Geneva arbitration. He has been a resident of Toledo, Ohio, for the past thirty-six years, and is the present President of the Ohio Constitutional Convention. On motion of Caleb Cushing, about a year since, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. As so little is known of the man, it is likely he will be confirmed.

The Iowa Grangers have commenced practicing their precepts. The State Grange at a recent meeting purchased the patent right for a harvester, and have inaugurated measures for starting a manufactory of their own. The Grange also adopted resolutions refusing to purchase, hereafter, agricultural implements from the Illinois rings, and denouncing in severest terms the acceptance of railroad passes by members of the Legislature.

Thirty-five is the number of "salary repeal bills" which are now before Congress—only thirty-five! What the balance of our Congressmen are doing that they have not each and all, ere this, have offered bills for the repeal of the salary grab, is conundrum which baffles the wisest!

Colonel Espanada, commanding Spanish forces, got whipped in a fight with Cuban insurgents at Los Melones. The Colonel's nose was shot off—rather a close shave. Espanada claims to have had but 650 troops while the insurgents numbered 1,800. Private Cuban dispatches say he had 1,200, and only escaped with 250.

The prominent Democratic candidates for State Printer are M. V. Brown, Thompson, of the Mercury, and Noltner, of the Enterprise. As Brown is "hand and glove" with the Grover ring, his nomination will depend upon the success of said ring.

The contest for U. S. Senator in Texas increases in interest. There are but five candidates reported—Throckmorton, Reagan, Damore, Macey and Smith.

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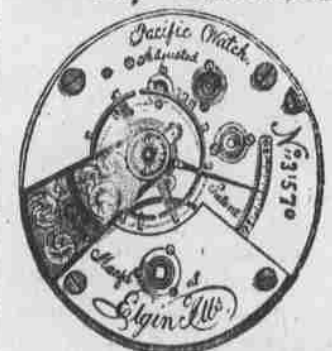
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