

The voters of Linn county will please bear in mind that the Democratic party has had full control of the county for ten years, and during that time they have reduced the county indebtedness only about \$2,600, all the time levying a heavy tax. Ten years ago Linn county owed between fifteen and sixteen thousand dollars; now, according to the showing of the present officials, the debt is only some thirteen thousand dollars. Under a Democratic administration (even if it done as well as it has in the past) it would take sixty years to wipe out the indebtedness of the county, at the present high rate of taxation, and the people will have been compelled to pay ninety thousand dollars as interest. Doesn't this sound like an economical and strictly honest way of managing our county affairs? Do the taxpayers of Linn like this kind of economy? If they do, of course they will support the "ring" candidates; if they wish the county debt paid, taxation decreased, and the county affairs generally managed honestly and in the interest of the people, they will vote for the Independent candidates, who are not only capable and honest, but are not bound in the slavish chains of rings and cliques, and who will be guided in their duties by an honest purpose to economize and reform existing evils.

According to the Salem papers the Grover ring has been busy "colonizing" Salem. On all the public works the hands have been doubled, regardless of "taste or expense," and no man who was not ready to swear by Grover & Co. has been employed. The old guards at the Penitentiary have been paroled and new men employed to fill their place until after election; and every expedient to employ new men—votes for Grover—has been seized upon, no matter at what cost to the State. What do the taxpayers think of this kind of rascality?

Voters will remember that the four years of Grover's administration has cost the Taxpayers of the State two hundred thousand dollars more than was necessary; and if re-elected he says he will "follow the same line of policy I pursued in the past."

The newspaper publisher, of Olympia have formed a publishers association, and agreed upon a uniform scale of prices.

The Mayor of New Orleans telegraphs that unless \$1,000,000 is appropriated for their relief, thousands must perish of starvation in Louisiana.

The Philadelphia wool market is quoted as strong with an advance in price. Pacific coast quoted at from 25 to 30c.

Tim Davenport is chronicled as making an excellent canvass in Eastern Oregon.

Nellie Grant was united to Mr. Sartois on Thursday, or else the telegraph is mistaken.

The steamer Trojan, 40 days out from London, is given up as lost.

Eaton (Democrat) has been elected U. S. Senator from Connecticut.

The war in Spain still continues, with no decided results.

A number of small Salem hoodlums are said to be on the "rip."

The charge made by Grover, et al., that among others, Hon. W. W. Thayer and Richard Williams, at that time law partners, had made application for 100,000 acres of swamp lands, is pronounced false by Mr. Thayer. In a communication to the Bulletin of the 19th, Mr. Thayer says:

Now I desire to say that I never made any application for the purchase of swamp lands, and that if such an application appears among the papers of any of the departments of State it got there without my solicitation or knowledge. Neither do I believe that Mr. Williams ever made any such application, for I should certainly have known something about it if he had. Besides, I am informed that he denies ever having made any application of that character, and I should want better proof than has yet been furnished before I would disbelieve him. I have known Mr. Williams intimately for the last twelve years, and know that an election to the office for which he is a candidate, and a fee-simple title to all the swamp lands in Oregon besides, would not induce him to lie. And for parties who claim to know Richard Williams, to haggle over such a question, is simply a trap. A more truthful man never lived, and the proposition to submit a question regarding Mr. Williams' veracity upon any question of fact, is an insult to the good sense of the people of Oregon who know him. The people will answer upon election day, "who has lied," in a voice that will return Mr. Williams to Congress by an overwhelming majority. Even in this county, the stronghold of the Independent party, it is predicted that he will have three hundred majority, and there is but one opinion all over the rural districts, and that is as I have indicated. I am no special champion for Mr. Williams' election, but I have some regard for the truth, and believe upon, under the circumstances, to state facts as I believe them to be.

So far as we are concerned, we intend to deal fairly by all opposing candidates; and believing the charge in this case made against Mr. Williams to be untrue, we insert the above denial from the man who really did know whether Dick made such application.

**Pacific Slopers.**

Tacoma former contains 177 white men over 21 years of age.

The La Grande Grange is in running order.

Pendleton school children have been picnicing.

The mines in Eastern Oregon are paying handsomely.

Pack trains perambulate the trails of Eastern Oregon.

Eggs are 25 cents a dozen, and butter from 30 to 35 cents per pound at Tacoma.

Music lovers of Portland are talking of importing an opera troupe.

Michael Harney had one of his legs amputated at Portland, recently.

Salt Lake City has five miles of main gas pipes and about 100 street lamps.

The La Grande Sunday School is well attended, and is doing much good.

Discovered, a few days ago, a chalk mine one and half miles from La Grande.

Tacoma wants a graded school. It would be easier to establish a school on the grade.

J. H. Taylor was accidentally killed in the machinery of the Gold Hill mill, Idaho Territory, on Tuesday night, May 5th.

A La Grande school quarrels over the use of a "croquet" set which was purchased for the pupils. An attempt to ride a wild mule through Pendleton was the cause of a young fellow's head resembling a map of the world.

Next Tuesday, persons desirous of visiting Seattle can go through on that day, a distance of 180 miles.

Mr. W. T. Barnes has been elected Commissioner of Walla Walla county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of S. L. King.

Governor Grover has appointed Charles Knoblesdorff a Commissioner of Deeds for Oregon, to reside in Chicago, Illinois.

A Benton county school teacher wrote to the Directors asking to have his salary "razed." He was accommodated.

Grand Ronde valley is fast becoming a butter making region. If the products of the dairy could be marketed it would be large indeed.

Numerous improvements have been going on in Pendleton for the past two months in the way of building and repairing houses and building new houses and new fences.

The Spiritualists in La Grande form a circle every now and then and communicate with their departed friends, some of whom hustle the furniture about very lively.

The Coos Bay (Oregon) Coal Company organized in San Francisco, May 8th, by the election of M. J. McDonald, President; Delos Lake, Vice President; G. M. Pinney, Treasurer; T. P. Beach, Secretary.

The La Grande Times says: A couple of gentlemen were in our office Saturday, stating that they wished to purchase land; they also stated that a large emigration from Kansas would arrive here soon.

The steamer Tenino is running between Wallula and Lewiston twice per week. Steamer Yakima from Celilo, connects. The Celilo is running as a freighter to Wallula. This arrangement is only to last but a short time.

Fifty-five passengers—the largest number that ever went from the Sound on one train—left Tacoma last Saturday morning, for Kalama. About twenty of them were from the Northern mines.

Hon George A. La Dow is still sick at his residence in Pendleton. He was first attacked with dumb ague, but is now suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia, in the head, and rheumatism and a general debility of the system. As soon as his head gets well the next serious ailment will be in the other end—defeat.

A correspondent of the Tacoma Tribune, writing from Steilacoom, says: The Tacoma war, which was unnecessarily transferred to this place at a great cost to the county, through the failure on the part of certain officers to do their duty in the start, is progressing in a manner that illustrates the old adage that "great bodies move slowly." Every trivial question is argued by the attorneys as though of more moment than the fate of an empire. The most bitter personalities are indulged in to such an extent that the justice has several times been compelled to order the attorneys to take their seats.

The parties arrested as rioters have been fighting their way by all legal technicalities for change of venue.

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and "countinances," with the exception of Chapman, who demanded from the start an immediate trial. His demands were refused, and Wilson's case was taken up, and after three days, was found guilty, and bound over to appear at the District Court. In default of bail, he has taken lodging with the Sheriff.

Saturday last, Mr. D. Grizzle and son found a den of coyote wolves near the residence of Mr. T. Wright, in Yamhill county. The neighborhood was soon on hand with implements to dig them out, and they succeeded in capturing ten of the young brutes. The men and dogs had a lively chase with the old wolf, who became desperate and was about to "hole" the entire train of men and dogs, but finally let them off with only a severe bite in the finger of one of the men.

Says the Olympia Courier of the 16th: "The steamer Isabelle, Capt. Daniel Morrison, returned to Victoria from Fort Wrangel last Wednesday morning, bringing nearly 100 passengers, most of whom had gone up on the same boat, and learning discouraging news, evinced true wisdom in turning back. Many of these passengers came over on the North Pacific yesterday. They say the Stikine mines are the worst bijk ever gotten up on the Pacific coast; hundreds of men are in the mines without a dollar or a pound of provisions, and that great suffering must consequently follow. Fifty men at Wrangell unable to obtain passage down on the Isabelle, and are waiting the return of the California."

A letter from Washington brings the intelligence that a Supreme Court of the United States has just decided that the code practice in the Territories was right all the time, and the practice under the old equity system all wrong. The opinion will be printed in a few days.

William Goodwin, of Logan, Cache valley, Utah, was cut off from the Mormon Church recently, for keeping Gentile boarders, and refusing to act as a home missionary and sending his children to the Episcopal school.

"Who is Territorial Marshal?" is a conundrum that now bothers the Saints and Gentiles of Utah. Gov. Woods nominated one man and the Legislature confirmed, or, rather, elected another. The question is before the Courts.

Judge Thornton, when writing for the newspaper, locks his office door, places a copy of the Bible, Shakespeare and Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws before him, and pitches in. When short for an idea he goes a fishing, and always gets one, from one of those books.

Fifty Saints were cut off from the Mormon Church last week and turned over to the buffetings of Satan for refusing to turn over to Enoch and the Prophet.

Half the length of the Olympia and Tenino Railroad has been graded.

Panwater sent a delegation of 20 to work on the Olympia and Tenino Railroad on Tuesday last.

Passengers leaving Portland in the morning, by a new arrangement, reach Seattle at 11 P. M. the same day.

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Chicken-thieves are raiding on the Shaghtins at Jacksonville.

The La Grande paper says the spring rains have insured full crops.

Operations on the Southern Oregon Wagon Road will soon commence.

The Willamet above the mouth of the Santiam would hardly float a skiff.

David Sexton, of Jackson county was fined \$25 last week for blockading a bridge.

About \$6,000 coin was paid to employees of the Salem Woolen Factory last Tuesday.

The Independents are going to have a grand blow up at Salem Saturday.

Robert L. Nevin, of Salem, has been tried on a charge of perjury and acquitted.

A Salem convict attempted to desert his haunts, a few days since, but was unsuccessful.

The Willamette Woolen Manufactory has suspended work for one week, to make needed repairs.

Ninty thousand dollars coin arrived at Salem, on the 18th, for one of the manufacturing establishments.

The iron for the Springfield bridge is being sent up, and work will be pushed as fast as timber can be obtained.

Some of the night owls of Salem, spend their Sunday afternoons in certain stables playing "pedro," which is very wrong.

A little son of John Martin, of Salem Prairie, last Sunday, went fishing near Swartz mill and captured thirty-eight fine large trout in about two hours.

The sum of \$9,000 has been subscribed to aid in building a bridge across North Mill Creek on Church street, Salem.

The youngsters up the valley are playing truant from school in large numbers. Strawberries is "what's the matter." to know a mountain.

The G. R. Jockey Club races will be run over the Fair Ground Race Course, near La Grande, commencing Wednesday, May 27th.

Mr. D. L. Riggs, of South Salem has received a patent from Washington bearing date May 2d, for his model for mending cracked bells.

A Lane county lumber mill is filling an order for 100,000 feet of lumber to be used at Junction, all of which shows that Junction is growing.

Information is wanted of Benjamin Swigut, who left Montana for Oregon in 1896. Address Theodore Swigut, Mt. Holly Springs, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

From the Assessor's returns for 1878 it appears that there was assessed in Marion county that year 4,771 head of horses, 10,808 head of cattle, 31,173 head of goats, and 4,778 hogs.

Governor Moses and ex-Treasurer Lambert, of South Carolina, have been indicted by a Republican Grand Jury for breach of trust with fraudulent intentions, and for grand larceny. Warrants for their arrest have been served, and the County Solicitor declares his intention of prosecuting them vigorously.

The La Grande Sentinel says: "Burt Wood and Wm. Ownby were indicted at the late term of Circuit Court for the larceny of a mare and gelding. The animals had been levied upon by the Sheriff at the suit of Sommer & Bear, and by him placed in Swackhammer's pasture. When wanted, the horses were gone. Wood & Ownby were indicted and the warrant placed by the Sheriff in the hands of Billy Wilson for service. Billy found his men on Trail Creek, a few miles from Camp Canon. One of the parties proved a little refractory and the officer found it necessary to present one of those little jokers invented by Samuel Colt, Esq., which brought him to time. They are now confined in the county jail."