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LINN COUNTY.

The Independents of Linn county have done well, having elected four of the nine members of the Legislature—one Senator and three Representatives. The candidates for Sheriff, J. S. Morris, Independent, and L. C. Rice, Democratic, received the same number of votes, and are therefore a "tie." A great number of Republicans voted for Fred. Hill, Democratic candidate for Clerk, enabling him to get away with the office by a good round majority. It was a closely contested election on the part of our foes, who left no stone unturned to elect their ticket. A noticeable feature of the election was that a few Republicans voted for Grover, while a few Democrats refused to swallow Grover or "any other man" for Governor. There were but nineteen tickets out of over three hundred cast at one of the polls in this city that were not "scratched." The Independents elect are—T. P. Goodman, Senator; J. Wasson, J. Lane and Frank Shedd, Representatives. Goodman and Shedd were formerly Democrats; Wasson and Lane were formerly Republicans.

RESULT IN THE STATE.

There seems to be no doubt that the Democratic ring have succeeded in getting away with all the State offices, even to Superintendent of Schools. Grover, Chadwick, the two Browns, and Dawne seem to be the fortunate men. A sick hombre who dwells in Eastern Oregon, yecept La Dow, beats Williams, Republican, and Davenport, Independent, for Congress. Hereafter it will be in order for the man who wishes to go to Congress, to remain at home after receiving the nomination, and swear that he is "down with rheumatiz." The probabilities are that the Independents have elected a majority of the Legislature, and will thus be enabled to hold the executive in check. Thank God for this much.

The ship *Sontus*, from Italy for New York, sprang a leak and sunk on the 6th of May. The Captain and crew took to the boats. The one containing Captain Devries and five others was picked up by the schooner *Clara*, after they had been out nineteen days. For three days they had neither water or provisions. On their arrival at Staten Island, three of the men were sent to the hospital. Two other boats, commanded by the first and second mates, have not been heard from.

Another horror is related in New York. A Mrs. Devine, of Brooklyn, on the morning of the 2d, struck her husband, Michael Devine, on the back of the head with an adze, and while he was having his head dressed, killed her three infant children by pounding their heads to pieces with a flat-iron. She was thought to be crazy—the effects of a protracted cooper's strike, in which her husband was engaged.

The new steamer *Welcome*, now building at Portland, will not be ready for her trial trip until July.

Vic. Woodhull is lecturing in California on the social evil.

Santa Barbara, California, has voted against license.

Platt's Hall, San Francisco, was crowded on Tuesday night, to hear Woodhull.

Donald McKay and his Warm Spring Indians are greeted by full houses in California.

The shore end of the new Atlantic cable was landed at Cerry Head on Sunday morning.

John Mason has been nominated for Surveyor General of Arizona by the President.

The bill granting \$50 a month to the widow of General Canby, has passed the U. S. Senate.

San Francisco merchants have protested against the repeal of the Pacific Mail subsidy, which it is thought will materially lessen the probability of its repeal.

In London on the 1st inst., as the Prince of Saxweimir was leaving his residence, he was fired upon by an unknown assassin, who escaped. The Prince was unhurt.

George Bushby, on trial at Marysville, California, on charge of the murder of Brady near Smartsville on the 25th of March, was acquitted by the jury on the 1st.

The *John L. Stevens*, last week brought to Portland a small pox patient, a little child, which was taken to the pest house. It is getting along well there.

The Grand Chapter A. F. & A. M., convened in Portland yesterday. On Monday the Grand Lodge of Oregon and Washington Territory convenes at same place, in Masonic Temple.

A Little Rock, Arkansas, correspondent says that Baxter is endeavoring to break up the Republican party in that State by intimidating and imprisoning prominent members of the party.

The blight has attacked and destroyed many hundred acres of potatoes back of Mission and from there to Half Moon Bay, says telegrams from San Francisco, which causes apprehensions of a short crop and high prices during this season.

Daniel Drake is the name of the man who was killed by Dora Cushman at Corvallis on the evening of the day of the election. Whisky was the cause of the affray. Cushman fled at once, and at last accounts had not been arrested. It is reported that he staid Monday night at Lebanon.

On the 1st inst., the public debt statement was as follows: Total debt, \$2,261,091,027; total interest, \$33,364,093. Cash in Treasury, coin, \$81,956,979; currency, \$11,177,703; special deposits, \$56,050,000. Total, \$149,186,683. Debt less in the Treasury, \$2,145,268,498. Decrease during the past month, \$4,456,838.

The immense wharf boat that was swept from her moorings at Wallula, W. T., on the Columbia, last winter, during a violent gale, and carried a few miles down the river where it sunk, has been raised, repaired and towed back to its old place at Wallula. The wharf boat is 150 feet long, 80 feet wide and 7 feet hold.

At Hamilton, Nevada, on the evening of the 2d, occurred one of those terrible shooting affairs. As Pat Casey, watchman at the Eberhart mine, was going to his work he met his foster brother, Tom Casey, crazy drunk, who, without provocation, drew his revolver and commenced shooting at Pat's dog, and turning suddenly upon Pat, who stood a few feet distant, fired two shots at him, one shot hitting Pat in the left side, just above the hip, and lodging in the groin. Pat fell, but remarked, "Come help me up, Tom; I don't think I am badly hurt." Tom replied, "I am too mean to live anyway," and putting the pistol to his head, blew out his brains.

Sir Henry Thompson, one of the most distinguished of English living physicians, said in a recent speech that all men of action, whether educated or not, require a foil of some kind to their hours of blank toil, and went on to say that if you take away liquor from the workingman you must put in its place some agent of amusement which will give the elevation of spirit and buoyancy of heart furnished by alcohol. He holds, therefore, that on all days, and especially on Sundays, coffee houses, reading rooms, libraries, museums, and picture galleries should be thrown open to laborers.

A lawsuit is going on at Naples, the incidents of which would form a good theme for Charles Reade. A young girl was placed by her family in the Lunatic Asylum. She was a millionaire, and was destined to be married to her cousin, that her fortune might be retained in the family. She refused to marry the man provided for her, having chosen some one else, and the next thing known of her she had been shut up in the private asylum of a certain Dr. Flourens, at Capodichion. The young man to whom she had promised her hand, and other friends, insisted upon the matter being inquired into, and it was discovered that she was perfectly sane. Of course she was released. She married according to her own desires immediately, and has instituted legal proceedings against the physician who caused her to be shut up, a factotum of her family.

In Virginia City, Nevada, an "Independent" organization has been formed, and A. B. Elliott, Corresponding Secretary thereof, has issued a call for the election by independent voters in the several counties of delegates to meet at Virginia City on June 6th to form a State Central Committee "for conference, consultation and organization of the Independent party of the State of Nevada." The call denounces grasping monopolies, dishonest officials and the "Heathen Chinee," and invokes all who favor a reform of State and Federal administration of government to cut loose from both the old parties and come into the new movement. It is to be hoped that the Independent party will do something toward purifying Nevada politics.

It is now ascertained that the famous century plant, so beautiful in bloom, and yet so rare, buds and flowers every sixteen years, instead of once in a hundred years, as has been long supposed. The question is, why is it called the century plant?

It is reported that a Scotch company will put up the money to erect a bridge across the Willamette at Portland.

When is a young lady like a music book? When she is full of airs.

The Senate Committee on Transportation is now taking its turn in wrestling with the fares and freights question, as presented in a bill introduced by Senator Sherman. This bill does not attempt to fix any arbitrary schedule of rates, nor can it apply to any roads except these which cross State lines or conduct a business of transportation between States or to or from any foreign nation. Its provisions are, in brief, as follows: Section 1 prescribes that there shall be no discrimination in rates or charges; Section 2 that in every depot and station shall be conspicuously posted a classification of freights and rates of charges per mile and a complete table of distances between terminal points and each and every station, such posted table to absolutely fix all charges; Section 3 provides for prosecution of companies violating this law and collection of penalties from them in any United States District Court; Section 4 reserves to citizens the right of recovery of damages for violation of the provisions of this law, independent of the prosecution in the name of the United States.

The coming transit of the planet Venus is a matter of great importance to the scientific world. The phenomenon will occur on 8th of December next, and extensive preparations are being made for the observation of the passage of that planet across the sun's disk. The last transit visible from the earth occurred in 1869, and there will not be another till the year 2004. By the knowledge we now possess, as a basis for calculation, it is impossible to ascertain the earth's distance from the sun within 300,000 miles. When the total distance is about 91,480,000 miles, as slight a matter as the distance above mentioned would seem to be of no practical importance; but a variation of forty times the earth's diameter renders computations too uncertain to suit astronomers. It is expected that the observation, which will be taken next December, will leave a margin of only 50,000 miles open to doubt. As the transit will occur in the winter, the base of observation must be located south of the equator. Great Britain will have special stations in the Sandwich Islands, and in seven other localities. The United States will have eight parties in the field. France will occupy three stations, Russia four or five, and Germany five. The problem is simply the familiar geometrical process of constructing two sides of a triangle in order to determine the third.

The more we con over the election returns, the more we are convinced the Independents had the strength to have carried the election by sweeping majorities had they have been better organized. The People at heart are right, and will hereafter speak for themselves. It will not be a question of policy hereafter with the People, but a question of right, honesty and justice. Politicians and political rings have gained their last victory in Oregon, we hope and believe.

The funded debt of New York city in May increased \$1,500,000, making an increase of over \$11,000,000 in two years and three quarters under the reform government.

John Owens, a saloonist at Sierra City, Cal., on the 1st suicided by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver.

Bristow has been confirmed Secretary of the Treasury by the U. S. Senate.

The Judicial Election.

From the meager returns before us we gather that E. D. Shattuck is elected Judge of the 4th district, with H. Y. Thompson as Prosecuting Attorney. They were the candidates of the Peoples' Committee.

In the 5th district Humason, Independent Democrat, is doubtless elected Prosecuting Attorney.

In this district, 3d, Whitney probably gets away with the Attorneyship—a Democratic gain.

In the 2d district, Burnett, Independent, is elected Judge, and Fitch, Democrat, Attorney.

The petition to throw the Union Pacific Railroad into bankruptcy has been decided adversely by Judge Lowell, of Boston.

The waters of the Columbia and Willamette are rising rapidly, and First streeters, Portland, are getting alarmed.

The Western Union Telegraph Directors have just declared a quarterly dividend of two per cent., payable July 13th.

Richardson was confirmed Judge of the Court of Claims by a majority of three.

S. J. McCormick has been confirmed as Pension Agent at Portland, Oregon.

Harvey W. Scott has been nominated for Collector of Customs at Portland.

A statistical table has just been published, showing the influence of intemperance on the churches. According to the judgment of the author, at least seven-eighths of all the offenses requiring discipline, for the past twenty or thirty years, have originated directly or indirectly from this cause.

Among the Pennsylvania Germans there is a religious sect called the Schwenkfelders. They go behind even the famous "Prayer-book of 1785"; for their principal book is entitled, "Catechisms; or, First Instruction in Christian Doctrine; Needful and Profitable for all Christian Disciples, Young and Old, to Exercise Themselves Therein." Printed at Philadelphia, 1768.

The *Woman's Journal* asks: "Why should not women be more generally instructed in the principles of civil government and matters of business?" There are some husbands, replies an exchange, who believe that their wives are sufficiently instructed on points of government (civil or uncivil) already, and that they know more about some matters of business than is altogether agreeable to the husbands aforesaid. That's why.

We would be glad to know what Venus thinks about all these preparations for observing her transit. If she is anything of a modest female, it must be extremely embarrassing to her feelings to be squinted at through spy-glasses from all corners of the earth. Suppose you had a transit Mrs. Gruidy, wouldn't you grumble at this sort of thing? We have private and personal reasons for believing that Venus is preparing to inquire whether she has any rights which astronomers are bound to respect.

The Temperance mass meeting in Seattle resulted in the formation of a County Alliance auxiliary to the Territorial, with J. H. Hall, President; John Webster, Vice President; D. B. Ward, Secretary, and Mrs. Emory, Mrs. Dr. Wood and Miss Freeland, Executive Committee. Forty-three names were given.