

Albany Register.

ALBANY, OREGON, JAN. 9, 1880.

Republican State Central Committee. A meeting of the Republican State Central Committee of the State of Oregon will be held in the city of Salem on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1880, at 2 o'clock P. M. A full attendance is requested. DAVID FROMAN, Chairman. JOSEPH SIMON, Secretary.

Colonel Granville O. Haller, recently restored to the army, has been assigned to the command of the 23d Infantry, by the war department. The regiment is stationed in the Indian territory.

One of the consequences of the industrial crisis in France has been a complete revolution in the embroidery trade. The Americans, the largest buyers, now buy direct of the Swiss manufacturers, thus doing away with French agents and middlemen.

Private letters recently received from Sicka state that Commissioner Beardslee had withdrawn his prohibition for the manufacture of hockpouch. He has modified his instructions in regard to the seizure and destruction of stills, and now permits certain stills to be manufactured and consumed here. Further details are expected by the Santa Fe steamer. It is said that Capt. Beardslee has made a report to the department in justification of his course.

Salem is developing inventors almost daily who rise to the surface with something new, novel and neat. The latest is a new drill to be propelled by either water, steam or compressed air. The novel principle involved in the application of the power directed to the drill, connecting without pulleys or any complicated machinery. The drill can be used with as much freedom of direction as can the nozzle of a hose to a fire engine.

London, correspondent of the Edinburgh Statesman, says he has on good authority that the attention of the English government has lately been directed to the project of disarrangement put forward by Prince Bismarck; that despite the recent qualifying statement, Prince Bismarck has projected a scheme for gradual disarrangement, but Austria is the only continental power which has not given absolute assent to the scheme. In diplomatic circles, the correspondent says, it is expected Bismarck will make a declaration on the subject shortly, but there does not seem to be much confidence felt in the integrity of his motives.

"Just now, in at Smith's," said Jones, his face flushed with the proud consciousness of a good deed done, "my honest hand laid a severe strain. A fellow went out just as I came in, and I noticed he left half a dollar of his change on the counter. My first thought was to pocket it. Sorry to say it, boys, but it is a fact. I didn't though, thank heaven! No; I just put my fingers near it, when Smith lauded me my cigars, and by a curious coincidence, it was just the right change. Seemed sort o' providential, didn't it? Yes," he continued, "there's no doubt about it; honesty is the best policy."

From the Salem Statesman of the 1st, we learn that at the special term of the Circuit Court for Marion county, Harding, Judge, commencing December 29, 1879, it was ordered by stipulation by the parties in interest that the suits of the State against Grover, Chadwick and Fleischer and Grover, Chadwick and Brown, and also against Chadwick and Brown, were referred to Judge Dealy, of Portland, as referee; and in the suit of the State against W. H. Watkins, as Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Watkins was given till the 7th of January to file his replication.

On the evening of the last day in the old year, Edison threw his laboratory open to the public, for the purpose of affording proof of the complete success of his electric light. Among those present were a number of gentlemen interested in gas companies, who subjected the apparatus to every test they could devise, all of which were triumphantly endured. The exhibition seems to have proved a complete success in every respect, though skeptics on the subject may perhaps attach some significance to the fact that the inventor remarked, in answer to the question of a reporter, "the light could not be shown in New York for some time to come." Adding that so long as the Electric Light Company was satisfied that the light was a success, he cared little for hostile criticism.

According to the Portland Board of Trade, the entire exports of Oregon, for the year ending August 1st, 1879, amounted to \$12,282,047 in value against \$14,614,973 for the year ending August 1st, 1878, and \$11,571,355 for the year ending August 1st 1877. The decrease from last year's exports is \$2,332,926, a fraction over 16 per cent. This decrease is in part accounted for by the sharp steamship competition, which enabled shippers to secure uncommonly low freights from Portland to San Francisco, the latter taking a considerable per cent. of the exports which would otherwise have cleared from Oregon. Another reason for the decrease is found in the decrease of the salmon catch, stagnation in the lumber trade, rusty wheat in one or two counties, etc.

The Yield of Precious Metals. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s annual circular, giving the product of precious metals west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia (and receipts in San Francisco) by express from the west coast of Mexico) during 1879, shows an aggregate product as follows: Gold.....\$92,530,920 Silver.....38,423,812 Lead.....4,185,760 The gross result is less by \$5,806,121 than for 1878.

California shows a total falling off of \$13,184,235, yield from Comstock being only \$8,820,592 as against \$21,255,043 for 1878. The product of Eureka district is \$5,820,261 as against \$9,951,495 for 1878. Utah shows a falling off of \$958,751. Colorado shows an increase of over \$8,000,000, chiefly from Leadville district. It has been exceedingly difficult to arrive at the actual production of Leadville, two of the most reliable reports varying more than \$2,000,000. The report adopts an average.

Dakota shows an increase of \$993,183. One of the largest of the dry goods stores of Paris was visited in one day recently by 64,921 persons, and the money taken amounted to 1,136,972 francs 80 centimes.

The Skagit Mines. I. S. Stevens, who arrived on the 1st inst. at Seattle from the Skagit gold mines via Mount Vernon and LaConner, states that snow was from four to five feet deep over the route from the portage to Ruby creek. Large numbers of men are constantly arriving and leaving claims. No work, however, has been done in the mines since the 1st of November, with the exception of a little drifting. Several rich quartz leads have recently been discovered, one of which is located at the portage at the head of navigation, Mr. Stevens and a party of four others have taken up 400 acres of unsurveyed government land on the beach half a mile below the portage for a town site, to be called Portage City, on which they propose to commence the construction of a wharf and buildings next week. The steamer Calista is expected to leave here Monday, taking up the necessary tools and materials. The Skagit river, at the time Mr. Stevens left, was entirely free of ice for 100 miles above the month. Active operations will be commenced in the mines, he states, by the 1st of March. Arrangements are being made at Port Townsend to secure a commodious steamer to meet ocean steamers on their arrival from California and take passengers from this place direct to the head of navigation on Skagit river. By this arrangement parties desirous of visiting the newly discovered gold mines will avoid unnecessary delay and loss of time, as the distance to LaConner on the north fork of the Skagit river is only 52 miles, making this the shortest route for California by one-half.

Oregon Railway News. The New Northwest of Philadelphia, a journal devoted to railroad interests in the December number, says: We have informally heard from New York that negotiations were pending, and nearly concluded, between the Oregon Navigation and Railway Company and the Northern Pacific Company, for the construction in joint account of a standard gauge railroad down the Columbia river on the south side from Wallula to The Dalles—the road eventually to be extended to Portland. The plan substantially to be agreed on is said to build under the Northern Pacific charter, to use the Northern Pacific's land grant, each company to own the right to half the use of the road—the Northern Pacific to issue its land grant and of construction, the Oregon Company to pay the entire interest on those bonds for two or three years, and after that both companies to pay the interest equally, in the meantime the Oregon Company to have entire use of the road; the rails to be steel and 5 1/2 pounds, the Northern Pacific to build to the mouth of Snake above Wallula, where the new road begins, and after the expiration of the two or three years' term mentioned, both companies to operate the road and share its profits equally. A division of the business coming from territory nearly common to the two, is said to have been secured. But it is distinctly understood by the representatives of the Oregon Navigation & Railway Company that the Northern Pacific will not touch its land grant to pay its main line across the Cascade mountains from the mouth of the Snake or thereabouts straight to its terminus and so forth on Puget Sound, Tacoma, and the public can so understand it. Capt. J. C. Ainsworth, president of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., regarding the above negotiations, states that the negotiations had not been concluded, and probably would remain in statu quo for some time to come. A legal difficulty in the way which could seriously obstruct the grant of the Northern Pacific requires that only American rails be laid, and the Oregon R. & N. Co. have purchased their rails in foreign markets. However, there will be no delay in the construction of the Oregon R. & N. Co.'s standard gauge line from Celilo to Wallula next summer. The company will build a branch from Texas Ferry to the Palouse country, a distance of thirty or forty miles. The present programme is, after the track will have been laid for two or three years, to take up the foreign rails and use them for narrow gauge roads which will clear the country for the light through several rich districts now almost unsettled and nonproductive on account of the absence of transportation facilities. The Columbia river line will be carried with American rails under the Northern Pacific charter.

Pacific Slopers. The Owyhee mine has been sold to parties in Silver City representing eastern capitalists. The price to be paid for the property is \$60,000. A single mill is wanted in the Wallawa valley. This valley contains 1,500 inhabitants and raised 25,000 bushels of grain last season. Things begin to assume an air of business again about Ainsworth. The track is graded for about thirty-four miles above that point and ready to receive the iron. Timothy Gray is selling in the Wallawa valley at five dollars per acre, or a rough estimate at twelve and one half dollars per thousand; best—delicious beef, at 2 and one-half to four cents per pound. Within fifteen miles of the Columbia, upon the east side of the Umatilla river, during the past season there have been located upon, mostly by homestead and preemption, some 50,000 acres, most of which is now being plowed, and in the Spring will be planted with wheat. The Weston Leader gives an account of a couple of Indians on the Umatilla reservation attacking and driving off some whites who were encamped at the foot of the Blue mountains, threatening to kill them. The Weston says: W. G. Piper, Esq., has succeeded in getting a portion of the money owing to the railroad lands by Ward, the absconding contractor. Mr. Dolph, however, got the biggest end of the swag for his Chinese client. The snow was 14 feet deep, and the thermometer 24° below zero in Grant county on the 27th ult. The Grant county News says that if the weather continues six weeks at 20,000 head of cattle will die in that county of starvation. As an evidence of the settling of Wasco county, the Inland Empire publishes the following list of lands entered at the land office in the Dalles, for Wasco: Total acre homestead entry, 18,280; total acres pre-emption, 34,400; total acres, timber act, 8,531; grand total, 61,211. The Weston Leader reports that four men, encamped near the foot of the Blue mountains, were recently driven from their camp by two drunken Indians with knives. The men returned after a while, but before arriving at their camp, bearing Indian yells, ran away the second time. They returned next morning with some other men and found the Indian gone. There are 20 Indian taxpayers in Yakima county, 33 in Clarke county, 50 in Thurston, and 155 in other portions of this territory. These taxes are paid mainly on land.

"RICHMOND," THE BOSS RANGE. Over ONE THOUSAND in Use in Linn County. FOR SALE BY Albany, Oregon. MCFARLAND & HARVEY. There is not a house for rent in either Forest Grove or Hillsboro. There is a good opening for some one to burn brick at Hillsville, Polk county. W. B. Blanchard, formerly of Oregon city Woolen Mills, has returned to his old place in that mill. A \$1,400 Clydesdale stallion, the property of John R. Sawyer, of Hillsboro, died Tuesday week. Maj. Bruce, who sold his farm last year near Hillsboro, has taken the same back, and has moved on it again. R. M. Garrett brought into the Southern Oregon recently a handsome nugget of gold mixed with quartz, about the size of a hen's egg and worth \$100. The Salem Statesman has heard Hon. W. A. Starkweather's name mentioned for the nomination of State Senator, from Clackamas. The taxation valuation of Wasco county is \$2,332,570. Rumor has it that The Dalles is to have two daily papers. Weston Leader: Look out for a real hot republican paper in Baker City, soon. Wards, at Wallawa, valley, a store at which one can get for cash a fair article at a reasonable price. Mining is almost suspended in southern Oregon. The thermometer got to 6° below zero at Jacksonville last week. Fred Birdsley, of Jackson county, lost 100 head of sheep, they being snowed in and lost. The Jacksonville races which were to come off on the 24th and 25th ult., have been postponed until May 13, 14 and 15th. The youngest child of M. W. Dillon, of Jacksonville, a girl of about three years, narrowly escaped death last Saturday week by poisoning from matches that were left open on the mantel-piece, and which she reached by means of a chair. Henry Kelsa, of Washington county, was bound over in the sum of \$200 to the sheriff, to keep the grand jury on a charge of seduction. Phelix Plour lost 600,000 feet of logs by the breaking of a boom on Little Skookum bay. Amos Brown's logging camp, near Olympia, was burned a few days ago by catching from boats about the chimney; loss, \$800. Around Boisfort prairie and on Lincoln creek, as well as at various other points on the upper Chehalis, there is room for many settlers, where they would be with in twenty miles of a railroad, and a few miles of navigable water on that river, as soon as it is opened to navigation by the removal of the jams. The following officers were elected in Spokane county at the recent election: Sheriff, N. F. Tappen; auditor, J. M. Nosler; treasurer, A. M. Cannon; probate judge, J. E. Labrie; commissioners, John Roberts and T. E. Jennings. Hindus who were detained in Calcut report that a reign of terror existed there from the 15th until the city was abandoned by the rebels. Every shop and house was gutted except those belonging to Mahomedans. Women were publicly stripped and men were shot in the streets. Many an animal that is starved in life gets stuffed with straw after its death. So many a man who is kicked from his grave to his grave, gets after death a monument of marble. A German radical philosopher has said that a man is what he eats, meaning that his body and his brain are built up out of his food; and are, therefore, coarse or fine, according to what he takes into his alimentary canal. "Land and Water," asserts that Sir Creswell Crosswell, late divorce judge, observed that the feminine petitioners in his court nearly always were blue-eyed, while the naughty respondents at most always were light gray or black-eyed.

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