

Meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee.

The Democratic Central Committee of the State of Oregon is hereby requested to meet at the city of Portland on Monday, the 8th day of January...

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF LINN COUNTY.

In view of the fast approaching State and National elections, and of the necessity of a successful organization of the Democracy for those moments...

This call is made at the urgent request of many Democrats.

M. V. BROWN, A. PARKER, A. W. STANARD, Democratic Central Committee of Linn County.

GOV. GROVER'S LETTER.

We publish to-day a letter written by Gov. Grover to the Secretary of the Interior in relation to the Swamp and Overflowed Lands in Oregon.

The Radicals are attempting to make a terrible hubbub about these Swamp Lands, but it is done for the purpose of throwing dirt in the eyes of the people...

BOOTH AGAIN.—It is stoutly asserted that J. Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, was seen passing through Fort Wayne, Ind., last month, on the cars.

THE WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS OF OLYMPIA are not idle.—New Northwest.

THE SALEM STATESMAN positively claims Oregon for the Radicals next year—but what that paper would claim isn't worth having any way.

NO TELEGRAMS.—Telegraph communication between Oregon and the Eastern States has been entirely suspended for over a week past, hence we are unable to give our readers the usual synopsis of late eastern news.

HOW SHALL WE VOTE?

Among the many measures for legislation which should come before our next Legislature we believe none are more important than that of regulating a voting system which shall be more in conformity with the freedom and enlightenment of the present age...

Previous to the assembling of the last Legislature we urged that body to effect a change to the ballot system and if such change had then been made a difficulty which has since arisen and which is likely to create trouble would have been obviated.

We allude to the Force Bill, passed by the last Congress, declaring that all elections for Representatives in Congress hereafter be by ballot, and all votes cast in any other way shall be of no effect.

As this Congressional enactment directly conflicts with our State law in regard to the manner of voting, it is difficult to see how the matter can be properly adjusted so as to render our Congressional election in June legitimate and valid.

An eminent statesman once characterized the ballot "as one of the most sacred rights belonging to free institutions and regarded everywhere as the palladium of liberty."

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THE VIOA VOCE SYSTEM has outlived its usefulness, and we hope to see it thrown among the rubbish of the past, and the poor man's friend, the BALLOT, inaugurated in its stead.

GREAT STORM IN EASTERN OREGON.

The Walla Walla Statesman of last Saturday contains the following account of a most unprecedented storm in that country:

During the past week we have experienced the coldest weather we have known for years. From all parts of the Valley we hear of the loss of stock. On the Lower Walla Walla a number of heads have died, not so much from starvation as from exposure.

PERSONS who have arrived here from Unstilla county report the weather as being unprecedentedly severe. Our informant states that he knows of the loss of 900 head of sheep, all from exposure.

NEWS FROM OTHER QUARTERS.—From another quarter we hear of the loss of 500 head of sheep from the same cause. Along all the roads leading out from town sheep are reported as dead and dying, and in all cases their condition is attributed to exposure and not lack of feed.

LETTERS FROM GOV. GROVER TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SALEM, November 9, 1871.

Sir—I beg leave to call your attention to the right of this State to hold the swamp and overflowed lands within her borders, not disposed of by the United States before March 12, 1860.

In relation to all the swamp and overflowed lands in Oregon not "reclaimed, sold or disposed of," by the United States on March 12, 1860, the position of this State is, that by virtue of the Acts of Congress recited, a complete grant and indefeasible title were vested in the State.

Pursuant to these views and in default of any action on the part of the United States tending to facilitate further acquisition of the right of this State to these lands, the Legislature at its last session passed "An Act providing for the selection and sale of the swamp and overflowed lands belonging to the State of Oregon."

You will observe that by the act of Sept. 28th, 1850, the first step vital to the complete investing of the title of these lands in the State is to be taken by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is also provided by the act of March 12, 1860, that the selection of these lands in districts the surveys of which should be made "within two years from the adjournment of the Legislature of each State at its next session after the date of this act; and as to all lands hereafter to be surveyed within two years from such adjournment at the next session after notice by the Secretary of the Interior to the Governor of the State that the surveys have been completed and confirmed."

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PACIFIC COASTERS.

City debt of Eugene, \$451. Gervais has an iron foundry. Portland has a comb factory.

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Corvallis College has graduated 9 students. Portland is to have a Dramatic Chronicle.

A hog weighing 1,138 lbs. is now in Portland. A Portlander boasts a foot 10 1/2 inches long.

Montana has an Indian war claim of \$513,000. A 12-acre vineyard is started at Jacksonville.

Passenger trains run from Portland to Hillsboro. Multnomah county had 141 marriages last year.

Mrs. Victor has issued another book on Oregon. East Portland has a beautiful female cigar maker.

Portland has lost the toiletinal 23rd Infantry band. The Sisters' Fair at Yreka, last week, netted \$1,400!

The Sacramento valley is flooded by the recent heavy rains. Pat Smith, of Portland, has gone to the States for fast stock.

Paget Sound has more snow than has been known for ten years. The Baptist church at Eugene will give a concert to pay for its organ.

Five members of a Laue county family have died of typhoid fever. Capt. Wm. Kelly, of Portland, died at Denver, Colorado, last Saturday.

New mines have been discovered in the mountains around Goose Lake. Jesse Ward, a soldier of 1812, died near Salem on the 27th ult., aged 76.

Mrs. Carrie F. Young was lecturing on temperance last week at Dallas. St. Marian T. Vault, of Jacksonville, has been sent to the insane Asylum.

Three individuals of Portland gave \$1,200 for charitable purposes last week. At Eugene the other night the head light of a locomotive caused an alarm of fire.

The Democratic State Central Committee meets at Portland next Monday. Rev. C. A. Huntington lectures against women suffrage rosters at Olympia.

Mr. Herry, a cattle drover, froze to death in a late snow storm near Cheyenne. A land slide at Oregon City, last Friday, covered the railroad for several rods.

A Penitentiary convict had his leg amputated last week, by Dr. Carpenter, of Salem. The new theatrical company of Portland is reaping rich encomiums from the metropolitan public.

Heber C. Kenabill, the great Mormon Bishop, has buried 48 of his children and only has 13 living. A Portland Justice adjourned his court to receive congratulations because he had just been married.

Sam. May has been arrested at Salt Lake and is now on the way to Salem in charge of Mr. Foulray. A Chinese wedding was the last Portland sensation; John said he had married a "belly good woman."

A Denver gentleman, for fear of freezing to death in a snow storm, blew his brains out with a revolver. One Jacksonville editor is called a seducer of an angelic young girl, and the other is called the ditty of an Indian maiden.

Ben. Holladay exacts 25 cents per month from every man in his employ, to be used as a fund to keep up a railroad hospital. A young lady, who was married on Applegate last week became insane the next day, and is now suffering from mental derangement.

The only female "contortionist" of Portland contorted her husband's face with the butt of a pistol and now languishes in prison. A young man named Geo. Ramage, of South Yamhill, while out hunting last week got lost and died from a night's exposure in the woods.

A lady's balmaral skirt was the latest theft from a Portland store by a man who is expected to steal a woman to fit in a few days. \$24.75 in coin were found in a dead cow's stomach in Jackson county last week. Her calves are worth double what they were before this discovery.

If Benton county farmers were more industrious they wouldn't now have to pay \$1.80 per bushel for California potatoes. How is it in Linn?

Luke Quinlan, of Virginia, Nevada, is the lucky winner of the \$50,000 prize in the Louisville lottery. He was a poor miner, but has "struck it rich" at last.

Joe Wilson will doubtless be the Radical nominee for Congress. Whenever the Radicals of Oregon can't do any better, they always "Jump-up Joe."

Wm. B. Fish, of Walla Walla, was so badly kicked by a horse in his field that he could not get to the house, and perished from cold by lying out all night.

A little boy after watching the burning of the school-house in Virginia City until the novelty of the thing

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY FOR THE YEAR 1871.

LIABILITIES JANUARY 1, 1871. Amount of note to J. D. Price, \$500 00 Interest on same, 128 00 Outstanding city orders, 1,238 46 Total, \$2,866 46

PAID FOR THE YEAR 1871. To J. Parker & Co. for lumber, \$137 92 To G. Walker, City Marshal, for street work, 328 33 To M. V. Brown for printing, 28 33 To Col. Vanels for printing, 28 33 To pay of night watchman, 213 50 To N. B. Humphrey, City Recorder, 50 00 To E. B. Parson for assessing city, 63 00 To J. B. G. for building city jail, 280 00 To G. Patterson for building city jail, 280 00 To J. D. May for building engine house, 1,247 50 To J. Long for building engine house, 412 50 To pay expenses of Fire Company, 128 00 To pay for city's stove furniture, 66 00 To F. M. Westfall & Co. for work on street crossings, 164 00 To H. Carrer, City Recorder, 280 00 To judges and clerks of election, 19 00 To S. A. Freshaud for books and stationery, 26 25 To J. H. Jones for building city jail, 19 00 To D. Prumme, rent of council room, 45 50 To Willamette Iron Works for lamp pipes, 207 00 To freight on coal, 16 85 To freight on small bills, 19 08 Total, \$6,066 26

AVAILABLE ASSETS JANUARY 1, 1871. Amount of note on N. S. De Bole (since paid), 600 00 Interest on same, 32 23 Cash in Treasury, 242 60 Collected in taxes during the year, 148 23 Collected in licenses during the year, 65 23 Sale of extra boys by Marshal, 8 00 City dog tax during the year, 123 25 Amount of city taxes for 1870, 5,640 00 Amount of delinquent tax list for 1870, 10 10 Amount for providing sidewalks for 1870, 3 10 Total, \$6,320 90

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