

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...

Said Committee is composed as follows: J. R. McLean, Chairman; J. W. Ballou, Secretary; J. W. Ferguson, Treasurer; J. W. Ballou, Secretary; J. W. Ferguson, Treasurer; J. W. Ballou, Secretary; J. W. Ferguson, Treasurer...

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. Starnard, 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.

Great Storm in Eastern Oregon. The Walla Walla Statesman of last Saturday contains the following account of a most unprecedented storm in that country.

Loss of Sheep in Umatilla County. Persons who have arrived here from Umatilla county report the weather as being unprecedentedly severe.

News from Other Quarters. From another quarter we hear of the loss of 500 head of sheep from the same cause.

Report from Dix Creek. From Mr. W. T. Barnes, who came from the head of Dix Creek yesterday, we learn that the cattle in that part of the valley are doing well, and that the stock-owners, as a general thing, have enough feed to carry them through the winter.

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."

Although more than eleven years have elapsed since this State has been entitled to a segregation of the swamp and overflowed lands within her borders, currently as the surveys have progressed, yet nothing has been done to the knowledge of the people of our country.

The vicia 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.

During the past week we have experienced the coldest weather we have known for years.

Persons who have arrived here from Umatilla 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.

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.

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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, therefore, appreciate the propriety of my soliciting that you cause instructions to be issued to the several Land Offices in Oregon requiring of them to take no action which will involve adverse possession of any of the swamp and overflowed lands, and to suspend all action in cases where any adverse occupancy has been allowed by them since the date of said Act of the Legislature of October 26, 1870.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, the man who fought and won the battle of Fair Oaks and Bull Run, and the master retreat on Atlanta, is preparing a history of his campaign for the press.

General Johnston, even by the worshippers of the name and fame of Lee in Virginia, of which both were honored sons, is held next in rank to this illustrious soldier.

General Johnston's publications will be the more valuable, because they will be the production of a great man, who does not know how to tell anything but the truth.

THE Salt Lake Review says it is reported on good authority that Brigham has chosen his hiding-place in a gorge in the mountains, in the South-western corner of Utah, within a radius of fifty miles of St. George.

CHARLES O'CONNOR, in his letter to certain citizens of York county, South Carolina, who applied to him as counsel for defense in the forthcoming trials under the Ku-klux law, says: "One man cannot do everything and be everywhere."

PACIFIC COASTERS

City debt of Eugene, \$451. Gervais has an iron foundry. Portland has a comb factory. Brigham Young is in Arizona. Typhoid fever in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Times is now a yearling.

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 toiletical 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's 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. Kenabell, 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 Walls 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 had ceased, started down the street, saying: "I'm glad the old thing's burned down; I didn't have my jogyty lesson, no how!"

A little son of J. Himes, of Eugene, fell into a tub of hot water and was so badly scalded that the skin came off from one-half its body. The child will probably die. The loss of two toes from a Portlander's foot will always hereafter remind him of his foolishness in trusting his pedal extremity into the revolving machinery of a steamboat.

On Christmas night, at a place called "Arkansas," seven miles east of Ashland, a man by the name of Carlin beat Billy Taylor until his life is despaired of. Carlin is under arrest. The snow is 2 1/2 feet deep at the Cascades of the Columbia, and is supposed to be still deeper at the Dalles. There is no mail communication between the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon at present.

It is rumored that Meacham has been removed from the Oregon Indian Superintendency and Bent, Odenal, of Corvallis, appointed in his place. Also that Dyer has been superseded by a Unatilla saloon keeper. The editor of the Oregon City Enterprise says somebody is entirely too familiar with his wood shed, and adds: If you hear of somebody's stove being blown up with a charge of powder, you may consider it is our wood in somebody else's stove.

WEEKLY PRICES CURRENT

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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, 12.50. Outstanding city orders, 128.46.

Assets JANUARY 1, 1871. To J. Parker & Co. for loan, \$137.92. To G. Weller, City Marshal, for street work, \$338.33. 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. Pardon for assessing city, \$63.00. To J. Patterson for building city jail, \$280.00. To J. D. May for building engine house, \$1,347.50.

To J. Long for building engine house, \$412.50. To pay expenses of Fire Company, \$128.00. To pay for city's stove furniture, \$66.66.

To F. M. Westfall & Co. for work on street crossings, \$164.60. To H. Carter, City Recorder, \$280.00.

To judges and clerks of election, \$19.00. To S. A. Freshaud for books and stationery, \$26.25. To Johny for printing, \$19.00.

To D. Proum, 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, \$8,066.26. AVAILABLE ASSETS JANUARY 1, 1871. Amount of note on N. S. De Bole (street paid), \$600.00.

Interest on same, \$32.25. Cash in Treasury, \$242.60. Collected in cash during the year, \$148.23.

Collected in bills during the year, \$65.23. Sale of extra logs by Marshal, \$8.00. City dog tax during the year, \$133.23.

Amount of city taxes levied for 1870, \$5,640.00. Amount of delinquent tax list for 1870, \$10.10. Amount for providing sidewalks for 1870, \$16.85.

Total, \$8,320.90. Amount due the city from the O. & C. R. R. Co. for repairing streets at railroad crossings, \$60.00.

Amount due from repairing streets in 1871, \$17.00. Total, \$8,397.90. Amount of city liabilities Jan. 1, 1872, \$8,066.26.

A true copy from the original exhibit filed Dec. 30, 1871. E. L. CARTER, City Recorder.

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

100 TON ISLAND MEAT, JUST RECEIVED FOR SALE CHEAPER THAN EVER BEFORE OFFERED IN THIS MARKET. Every body is respectfully invited to come and "interview" me, as I feel confident of my ability to give thorough satisfaction.

It is a fact which is significant of the dignity of the Russian naval service, that when the Svetlana was boarded by the New York pilots, the Grand Duke Alexis had just come off watch as lieutenant under the Russian Admiral. He appeared as "that tall young fellow there, with a blue coat and gold buttons."

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