The Democrat.

FRIDAY.....MARCH 5, 1880.

LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A Democratic Convention for Linn County, Oregon, will be held in Albany, on

Wednesday, March 24, 1880,

at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing fifteen delegates to attend the Democratic State Convention, and for the nomination of a full county ticket, as follows:

One State Senator, 6 Representatives, County Judge, 2 Commissioners, Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Assessor, School Superintendent, Surveyor and Coroner.

The various Precincts of the County will hold their primaries on Saturday, March 20, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing Delegates to the County Convention, and to nominate candidates for Precinct offices. Precincts shall be entitled to representation as follows:

East Albany	1	Liberty	2
West Albany	2	Brownsville	6
Lebanon	6	Orleans	2
Brush Creek	3	Syracuse	2
Center	3	Scio	5
Fox Valley	2	Shedd	3
Franklin Butte	4	Santiam	3
Harrisburg	7	Sweet Home	3
Halsey	5	Waterloo	3

Total number of delegates.....75

By order of the Linn County Central Committee.

MART. V. BROWN, Chairman.
W. R. BILYEU, Secretary.

Linn County Republican Convention.

At a meeting of the Republican Central Committee of Linn county, held at Albany, February 28th, it was ordered that a Republican County Convention be called to meet at the Court House in Albany on Wednesday, March 31st, 1880, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of selecting 11 delegates to the State Convention to be held at Portland, April 21st, 1880, nominating candidates for county officers, and the transaction of such other business as the said County Convention may deem necessary. It is recommended that the several precinct meetings be held on Saturday, March 27th, 1880, at 2 P. M., for the purpose of selecting delegrtes to attend the County Convention. The several precincts will be entitled to delegates as follows:

East Albany	7	Lebanon	4
West Albany	6	Liberty	1
Brownsville	3	Orleans	2
Brush Creek	1	Syracuse	1
Center	2	Scio	2
Franklin Butte	1	Shedd	3
Fox Valley	1	Santiam	1
Hard Scrg	3	Sweet Home	1
Halsey	4	Waterloo	2

W. M. KETCHUM, Chairman.
N. BAIRD, Sec.

Flour for Liverpool.

During the past few weeks quite a lot of flour from the mills of Albany has been shipped from Portland for Liverpool. The Linn County Mills, owned by Ballard, Ison & Co., have afloat already 2,000 barrels on the *Mersemjiee Prompte*, which crossed the bar on her way out on the 24th of last month, and are putting about 2,000 more on the *Melanchton* which is now taking in cargo at Portland. Thos. Monteith, proprietor of the Albany City Mills, shipped about 8,000 barrels on the *Aberguelch Castle*, which crossed the bar on her way out on the 23th of last month, and will shortly follow it with another large shipment. J. H. Foster, proprietor of the Magnolia Mills, has already shipped some to the same point, and at present is putting several thousand barrels aboard the *Kinros*, which is now lying at Portland. From a private Liverpool market report, kindly furnished us by Mr. Foster, we learn that Oregon flour rates higher in that marken than that of any other State in the Union, of which fact our people may justly feel proud. We hope all our millers may realize handsome profits on their venture.

Good Weather Coming.

There is no use talking, we are bound to have good weather along the latter part of this month, for don't the old women tell us that the ground hog and the lion and lamb business just effectually gets away with all other prophecies. It's just this way according to their belief: The ground hog comes out of his hole on the second of February, and if he can see the shadow of his tail he goes back and holes up for six weeks, and at the end of that time he finds good weather. This year on February 2d he saw his shadow. Besides this infallible rule they say "If March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb," and also that spring opens with Easter, which occurs this year on the 28th of March. You will see at once that all these rules coincide with each other, which shows conclusively that the old ladies have the "bulge" on the weather this spring anyhow.

Two More Unfortunates.

Yesterday morning's train brought to this city Mr. H. K. Schooling, who, after being examined by Doctors Boughton and Davis, was adjudged insane and was taken to East Portland at noon. The old gentleman's insanity is of a mild type, and he has been an inmate of the asylum once or twice before. He was brought down from Harrisburg by his nephew, Hon. Jas. P. Schooling, of that place.

Chas. Levis, an old resident of the upper end of the county, became partially demented a year or so ago, and being treated for it, almost entirely recovered, but he has again lost his reason and was brought down yesterday from Harrisburg by Jas. Riley. He also was examined by Doctors Boughton and Davis, and will be taken to the asylum today.

The Randall Harrow.

While rambling through the lower part of town last Friday we dropped in on Mr. Putnam, at his new shop near the twine mill, and found him hard at work putting up a lot of the celebrated Randall harrows. He purchased all the irons which belonged to the harrows burned at the Mammoth Warehouse fire and is fitting them up again. Those who have tried them say that the heat has not damaged the discs in the least. He will sell them at a lower figure than they were originally held at and will still make good wages.

Going to Seattle.

Clement Esmonin, the gentlemanly Frenchman who for the past year has been running a coffee and spice manufactory in this city, started this week for Seattle where he expects to open out in the same business. He understands his business thoroughly, and would have succeeded well here if our population had been larger. The people of Seattle will find Mr. Esmonin an honorable man to deal with and we hope they will give him a liberal patronage.

Presbytery of Oregon.

The Presbytery of Oregon will convene in this city on the 16th inst.

Circuit Court Docket.

Following is the docket of the next term of Circuit Court for this county which reconvenes next Monday:

1—John W Moore vs C E Wolverton, administrator. Equity.
2—E N White vs W B Helm, et al. Equity.
3—C O Barnes vs M V Brown, et al. Equity.
4—Thomas Daniels vs Agnes Daniels. Divorce.
5—Hodges & Wilson vs Silver Hill Mining Co. Equity.
6—Andrew McCalley et ux vs Sophia Briggs. Equity.
7—John McKinney vs T S Summers. Equity.
8—Coos Bay Wagon Road Co vs the County of Coos and County Court of Coos County. Writ of review.
9—Duncan McPhee vs J M Beach. Appeal from Justices Court.
10—D A Carter et al vs G B McKinney et al. Equity.
11—J S Berry vs Ad Elgar. Appeal from Justices Court.
12—Jacobs Bro's vs McCalley & Andrews. Equity.
13—P Wasserman vs McCalley & Andrews. Equity.
14—John Conner vs Philip Grigsby. Action to recover money.
15—H A Davis vs John Teters et al. Action to recover money.
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17—Amanda Layton vs F M Layton. Divorce.
18—A McCalley vs Elizabeth Ritter. Suit in equity.
19—A McCalley vs the Albany Farmers' Co. Suit in equity.
20—Phil Cohen vs Philip Grigsby. Action to recover money.
21—J H Mullen vs the City of Albany. Writ of review.
22—Corbett & Failing vs J Thompson & Sons. Action to recover money.
23—Smith, Brassfield & Co vs Thos T Wilson. To foreclose mortgage.
24—Sarah A McMahan vs Jas McMahan. Divorce.
25—Damon Smith vs J A Wilson. Action to recover money.
26—Murphy, Grant & Co vs J Thompson & Sons. Action to recover money.
27—Adam Grant vs J Thompson & Sons. Action to recover money.
28—Adam Tripp vs R McCalley. To foreclose mortgage.
29—Adam Tripp vs S Luttrell et al. To foreclose mortgage.
30—Geo H Hines vs W H Rowland et al. To foreclose mortgage.
31—W S Strong vs W E Payne. Action to recover money.
32—Edward Lee vs A J Lee and Thos Smith. Suit in equity.
33—W E Newhouse vs R L and M T Applegate. Action to recover money.
34—R S Strahan and N B Humphrey vs Luther Elkins. Action to recover money.
35—J E Holt vs Sam H Horton. To foreclose mortgage.
36—John Wolverton vs John W Cleaver. Confirmation of sale.
37—J B Henderson vs John Jackel. Same.
38—David Young vs Jas McMahan. To foreclose mortgage.
39—Alonzo Ames vs J H Taylor. Confirmation of sale.
40—Sternberg, Senders & Co., vs E G Michael. Same.
41—G F Crawford vs Henry S Gore. Same.
42—W L Vance vs W J Millhollen. Same.
43—T B Allen vs A A Settlemier. Same.
44—W L Vance vs Farlow Mulkey. Same.
45—J J Ainsworth vs M V Brown. Same.
46—Mary Kees vs Farlow Mulkey. Same.
47—A McCalley vs C C Kuhn. Same.
48.—Board of School Land Commissioners vs A Wiley. Suit in equity.

Jury List.

Following is a list of persons drawn for the grand and petit juries for the next term of Circuit Court, which convenes next Monday:

Joseph Pearl, merchant, Halsey.
P L Wallace, farmer, Lebanon.
J B Henderson, farmer, Brownsville.
H B Sprenger, farmer, Shedd.
John Meeker, farmer, Syracuse.
Allen McDonald, farmer, Center.
Wm Hawk, farmer, Harrisburg.
G W Sperry, farmer, Brownsville.
Jos Nixon, farmer, Santiam.
A P Nye, farmer, Liberty.
A H Baltimore, farmer, East Albany.
J N Swank, farmer, East Albany.
B W Cundiff, mason, West Albany.
D G Clark, merchant, East Albany.
J M Bland, farmer, Lebanon.
J B Cornett, farmer, Shedd.
J B Galbraith, farmer, Brownsville.
Rob't Foster, farmer, West Albany.
H N Derthick, farmer, Santiam.
C P Bishop, merchant, Brush Creek.
J N Rice, farmer, Brush Creek.
W F Hendrickson, farmer, West Albany.
Jos Harrison, farmer, Brownsville.
B F Brattain, farmer, Halsey.
R C Miller, farmer, Lebanon.
G W Young, farmer, East Albany.
Jas Crabtree, farmer, Santiam.
A Compton, farmer, Lebanon.
W D Hockensmith, farmer, Halsey.
Olney Fry, jr., farmer, West Albany.

The Weather.

Following is a summary of the meteorological observations of our fellow-townsman, Mr. John Briggs, during the past month:

Highest barometer, 30.66; lowest, 29.50; mean, 30.07.

Highest thermometer, 54; lowest 28; mean, 36.59.

Prevailing winds, south; maximum velocity, 4.

Total rainfall, 5.31 inches; number of rainy days, 10; number of days on which cloudiness averaged 8 in scale of 10, twenty-two.

Snow fall, 3.5 inches; number of frost days, 16.

A Rare Event.

Wm. Rambaugh and wife, of this city, were married on Sabbath, February 29th, 1852, and although they never have a wedding anniversary but once in four years, last Sabbath was the first time that it has occurred on the Lord's day since they were joined in wedlock. They observed the event in a befitting manner, as well they ought to, for it will be sometime before they get another such opportunity. We have an invitation to attend his next celebration, and if we can't attend ourself we will send a grandchild.

Chance for Speculation.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that John A. Spangler will sell at public sale on Saturday, March 20th, a lot of farming implements, household effects, stock, etc., and if you want anything in that line you should by all means attend the sale. Read the list of things that he expects to put up for sale. The sale will occur on the old Luper farm, about six miles south of this city.

It

is an interesting study to watch the rise and progress of anything that has a tendency to benefit the human race. As a general rule, "Patent Medicines are looked upon with doubt and suspicion, and if any have risen to eminence at all, it has been by a slow and tortuous course, but not so with Dr. Hyde's Golden Blood Search. It seemed to leap into public favor at once, in every part of the world. And now it has become as familiar as household words; supplies every class of society.

Rev. Wolfe's Subject.

Rev. T. J. Wolfe will preach in the M. E. Church next Sabbath, both in the morning and evening. In the evening the theme will be "Cards, Chess and Billiards." The public is cordially invited to attend.

RAILROAD TO LEBANON.

A Company Incorporated—The Building of the Road Assured.

The much-talked-of branch railroad from this city to Lebanon is no longer a myth—the company to build it was organized last week at Portland and engineers will be here in a few days to locate the road. Wm. Reid, President of the proposed narrow gauge, ridicules the idea of this company building the railroad, but the following items taken from the Portland press lead us to believe that the iron horse will make his entry in Lebanon before next harvest:

Articles of incorporation have been filed by Hon. J. N. Dolph, J. Brandt, Jr., and Paul Schulze in the offices of county clerk and Secretary of State for the Salem and Silverton Railroad Co.; capital stock, $200,000, divided into 2,000 shares.

Articles of incorporation have also been filed by the same gentlemen for the "Albany and Lebanon Railroad Company."

The object of the corporation is to construct and maintain a railroad and telegraph line from Albany to Lebanon in Linn county.

The principal office will be located in Portland; the duration of the same unlimited; capital stock, $200,000; divided into 2,000 shares.—*Oregonian.*

Yesterday (Saturday) afternoon articles of incorporation of the Salem and Silverton, and the Albany and Lebanon railroad companies were filed in the office of the Secretary of State, at Salem, and also at the office of the County Clerk, in this city. J. N. Dolph, J. Brandt, Jr., and P. Schulze are the incorporators of both routes, and directors of the two roads. J. N. Dolph has been elected president and Joseph Simon, Esq., secretary of the companies. The engineers start out in the field to-morrow to locate the two roads and both will be in running order and fully equipped in ample time to move the grain crop of next summer. The prospects of the additional railroad service, now an assured fact, is a source of general satisfaction among the farmers of the valley, and with the increased facilities a much larger acreage will be put under cultivation.—*Standard.*

Assistant Engineer of the Oregon & California railroad, John A. Hurlburt, with the necessary aid, leaves next Monday to locate the proposed branches of road at some convenient point near Salem and Silverton, and from Albany to Lebanon. The officers of the company in this city propose to push this matter, and get these branches in operation as soon as possible. These roads will pass through an excellent section of country, and be the means of supplying transportation to an extensive wheat producing country.—*Standard.*

As Mr. Reid says, this may mean nothing at all, but we have no better evidence that his proposed road will be built. The old O. & C. R. R Co. have generally kept the promises made to them to the people, and we are confident that they now intend building a branch of their road from this city to Lebanon. It will open up a large and fertile section of our county and will be a paying investment from the day of its completion. We are satisfied that the people of Lebanon would rather have it than Reid's narrow gauge, as it would give them direct and rapid communication with this city, but they could not object to having both. If they had the narrow gauge alone they would be completely at its mercy, while on the other they would ship their grain direct to Portland, or could ship it to this city where there is competition between railroad and river transportation. But, nevertheless, they want a railroad out there, and the one that reaches them first will be the favorite.

A Premium to Anglers.

In a copy of the sporting paper, *Afield and Afloat*, sent us a few days ago by the publishers we observe the following notice marked especially to attract our attention:

The *Afield and Afloat* offers the following premium to anglers for the fishing season of 1880, to be awarded Oct. 1st:

For the largest brook trout caught in the wild waters of the United States *with a fly*:

A trout outfit of the best material and approved make. It will comprise a six split bamboo rod, with reel, line, three dozen flies, fly-hook, creel and three nine foot leaders.

This is a splendid premium, and it is our opinion that some of our anglers can get away with it. We have seen brook trout taken out of the Santiam that we think would compare favorably with any that can be caught in the East. By the way, if any of our readers wish to subscribe for a paper devoted exclusively to hunting, fishing, aquatic sports, etc., they cannot do better than to take the *Afield and Afloat*. It is a 16 page paper, and can be had for $2. The address is 50 N Seventh St., Philadelphia.

Read This.

Even in these hard times you cannot well get along without the grocer. So if you have any cash to spend you will do well to take it to Hallenden Bro.'s who are selling goods just as low as they can be honestly sold. They keep a splendid stock and you can rest assured that you will be fairly and honorably dealt with. Notwithstanding the great advance in canned goods, they are still offering them at old prices and though the price is low the quality cannot be excelled. If desired, their agent, Mr. J. Tyler, will call upon you and take your orders every morning or at any time and thus save you the trouble of going down town. Think of it. Give them a trial.

A Grand Horse Sale

Parties down from Halsey inform us that during the past ten days or two weeks a gentleman from Portland has been there engaged in buying up work horses for the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, to be used in the work of grading their new railroad in Eastern Oregon. It has created considerable excitement in that community, and there has been as many as three hundred horses in town at one time. The prices paid range from $80 to $140 per head, and several thousands of dollars have already been paid out and some eight or ten car loads of horses forwarded to Portland.

An Old Landmark Gone.

Who is there that ever lived in Linn county that has not seen the lone tree on "Lone Tree Butte?" Very few, if any. It has stood on that Butte for ages, and has been a prominent landmark with our people ever since they first entered the Willamette Valley, but now it is gone. The heavy wind storm we had on the 9th of January broke it off about one-fourth of its length from the ground, and now all that is left standing of this once beautiful tree is an unsightly stump about 30 feet high.

Postoffice on Soap Creek.

The dispatches from the East inform us of the fact that a postoffice has been established at Wells Station on the West Side Railroad, near Gingles' School House, and that Jas. Gingles is the postmaster. This office will be of great benefit to the people of Soap Creek, and a more accommodating gentleman could not have been found to take care of it.

Ranches in Wasco.

P. H. Raymond, J. K. Weatherford, and others, who went up to Wasco county a couple of weeks ago to get land, are now dropping in one by one. They all succeeded in finding good land and have each taken up at least a half section. Their claims lie between Willow creek and John Day river, about 60 miles from the Dalles.

NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Spring Millinery—New Material—Novelties in Costumes.

SPRING MILLINERY.

Shapes in new Spring bonnets are so different that every one can have something to suit. The poke bonnet, also called the Sara Bernhardt, has the brim pinched at the back, while the front brim is turned up against the crown. Then we may see the Marie Christine, which shows the front brim cut open, and this also is to be turned back against the crown. Other hats come with soft, wide brims, and these are turned up, down, backwards, forwards, or any other way, just as the milliner may fancy. The "Cashmere," or Oriental ideas as to coloring and pattern, which I alluded to in my last letter as about to penetrate everywhere, are notably manifest in straws, which we see dyed in all sorts of shawl like colors and designs. During the winter, we had "Cashmere" silks and ribbons, but now we find as has been said, the entire bonnet imbued with Eastern fancies. Of course there must be contrast somewhere, and so we find rich ribbons and silks in plain colors—both dark and light, and these will be used as shadings to relieve what would otherwise be a picture all too bright. Furthermore, as the gold shades are extremely prominent in Spring goods of every kind, we observe heavy importations of Tuscan and other yellow straws. They are at all prices and degrees of fineness, while clips are constantly dyed in old gold colors. Then we have straws in braids of alternating colors. There is a great run upon this latter style; some being dark, others light; others dark and light combined, while again we see straw bonnets entirely red, blue or garnet, for the different garnet shades will continue very fashionable. More expensive bonnets are made of lace like braidings; transparent of course, and needing to be lined, or again the bonnet is composed of these straw laces united with something heavier. Small turbans for general wear, are largely brought out and probably will be much worn by those young ladies who have adopted the same s'ape this winter. Flowers are in wonderful profusion and beauty. They are both large and small, placed in pronounced bouquets or in trailing and fairy like vines and sprays; the latter styles being especially appropriate for those rough carelessly shaped hats which will be seen at watering places. Variety is farthermore given by the introduction of feather bands and fancy wings, which will be used for serviceable hats and bonnets. Many are dyed in Cashmere hues, but again we observe bright bands of natural feathers, as well also as breasts and head of birds. Birds likewise will be employed, but of coure not extensively.

SPRING MATERIALS.

New Merino cloths are covered with palm leaves and other Eastern fancies, the same may be said of new lawns, jaconet, and indeed the whole family of cotton goods, both of high and low degree. But invariably we find plain lawns etc., to match, and this of course is a broad enough hint that plain goods must be combined, in order to give effect of shading. Light woolen goods are likewise devised in cashmere patterns; summer silks are beautiful in their shawl like semblances; new satins are similarly wrought; new velvets as well, and thus it becomes apparent that these Oriental ideas extend throughout the entire range of dress. But it must be remembered that extra stylishness brings corresponding expense, and therefore all these new goods are considerably higher price than those which have been longer in the market, or which are less pronounced in character. Belonging to the former class, the jardiniere, or floral pattern may be mentioned, they however being still looked upon as quite fashionable, while in the latter category, we find the family of small checks, stripes etc., which are always in vogue.

NEW DESIGNS.

Short walking costumes will be quite as much worn as ever. In this style, the Narcissa is very tasteful, and adapted to all new wool or silk materials. For a demitrain, though allowable with a short costume, the Hernicone overskirt is novel and quite pretty, while embodying opposite ideas, we find the Alisa overskirt which is adapted to a walking costume only. The Alina is a new polonaise which combines the effect of a panier basque with an overskirt, but requires a trimmed skirt below. The Alison basque is an excellent design of light spring woolens or silk while for a spring street jacket, nothing newer or more jaunty than the Frederica could be found.

LUCY CARTER.

United Workmen.

Hon. T. B. Odeneal, Deputy Grand Master, A. O. U. W., returned from Southern Oregon last week. While out there he organized a new Lodge at Jacksonville with thirty charter members. Following are the names of the officers: Past Master Workman, T. G. Reames; Master Workman, H. K. Hanna; General Foreman, W. J. Plymale; Overseer, T. B. Kent; Recorder, Frank Krause; Financier, Chas. Nickell; Receiver, K. Kubli; Guide, E. B. Watson; Inside Watchman, Fred Lay; Medical Examiner, Dr. G. H. Aiken; Lodge Deputy, E. H. Autenrieth; Trustees, J. A. Wilson, N. Fisher and Fred Grub.

Also Home Lodge No. 24, A. O. U. W. was organized by him at Oakland, Feb. 26th, with the following officers: P. M. W., Geo. T. Russell; M. W., James Dearling; Foreman, E. J. Page; Overseer, Alex. Gibson; Guide, W. T. Fisher; Recorder, Eugene Muller; Financier, W. H. Moore; Receiver, W. H. Kruse; L W., E. Hartsock; O. W., T. W. Winniford; Medical Examiner, Dr. F. J. Page.

Struck it Rich.

The *Standard* tells us that Mr. Jas. H. Miller, who resides one mile from Scio, has suddenly dropped into a fortune of $25,000, by an offer and the sale of a marble quarry and iron ore, on a flat of poor land in Virginia. A railroad recently finished from the coal beds, which passed near his marble and iron ore, with the active demand in the iron trade, caused the attention of capitalists to be drawn to his property, which was formerly regarded as worthless. Twenty-five thousand dollars is not bad to take.

Another Railroad to Yaquina.

Wallish Nash, Esq., of Corvallis, informs us that Wm. Reid says he will complete the West Side Narrow Gauge to King's Valley this season, and in less than two years he will extend it to Yaquina Bay. This news will be gladly received by the people of Benton county, who have been anxiously looking forward to the building of such a road for years. It will also give the people of Portland an opportunity of cheap fare to a seaside resort that is far ahead of any now patronized by them.

Baptist Social.

The next regular monthly social of the Baptist Church will be held at the residence of the pastor, this (Friday) evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. The usual refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

Our School Meeting.

The annual meeting of this school district was held at the Conrr House last Monday evening, and was well attended.

L. Bilyeu was made chairman of the meeting, and presided in a manner which gave satisfaction to all.

After the object of the meeting had been read, the Clerk, J. H. Burkhart, was called upon for his report, which was as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Public money	$1,895 09
Assessment for 1879	1,316 08
All other sources	129 98
Amount of receipts	3,341 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Debt of 1878	661 24
Teachers during 1879	2,249 16
Incidentals	415 49
Amount of disbursements	3,325 89
Balance on hand	15 67
	3,341 66

This report was on motion received and placed on file.

The Directors then rendered their report, the financial portion of which was substantially the same as that before read by the Clerk. They also reported that the probable cost of running the schools during the current year would be about as follows:

Present indebtedness	$ 815 89
Five teachers for 9 months	2,610 00
Wood	125 00
Stoves, brooms, chalk, etc	75 00
Incidental expenses	100 00
Clerk's commissions	90 00
Total	3,815 89

To meet this expense the district would receive public money to the amount of about $1,800, which would leave a deficit to be raised by taxation of a little over $2,000. It was their belief that to raise this amount by taxation would require a levy of 2½ mills.

On account of the present stringency in money matters they recommended that the people should not take any action towards making a change in buildings. Their report was received and placed on file.

L. Flinn then made a short speech in which he stated that he thought it better to only make a levy of two mills, and come out slightly in debt next spring than to put it at 2½ mills and have money taken out of circulation and laid up in the clerk's hands for several months. In conclusion he moved that a tax of two mills be levied upon all taxable property in District No. 5 for the purpose of maintaining free schools in said district for the current year.

After it was seconded, J. L. Cowan moved to amend by adding—"provided, that none but the common English branches shall be taught."

This amendment was accepted, and the question then being put on the original motion as amended, it carried by a vote of 97 to 56.

A motion to adjourn then prevailed.

Our New Road Districts.

Editor Democrat:

Allow me space in your paper to ask a question in regard to the change made by our County Commissioners in the Road Districts of this county. How are we farmers to know in what district we reside? When the voting precincts were changed the boundaries of the new ones were given; has any such action been taken in regard to the road districts?

By answering these questions you will confer a favor on me, and probably enlighten a great many of your subscribers.

C. P. R.

We have conferred with our county officials on this subject and learn from them that each new Road Supervisor has been furnished with a description of his district, and if our readers wish to ascertain in which they reside they will either have to wait until they are called upon by the Supervisor, or else come to Albany and look at the records. The boundaries of the new districts have not been published. We will add for the information of our correspondent and other readers that the boundaries of the new road districts have been made to conform as nearly as possible to those of the voting precincts, but in several cases this made the territory too large, and then the precinct was given two districts.

Didn't Starve to Death.

Week before last we published an item from the *Oregonian* stating that a little child belonging to Levi Backus, in Nehalem Valley, had starved to death while the father was away after food, and we are glad to learn that such was not the case. Thos. S. Wilks writes from Greenville, Washington county, to the *Oregonian* as follows:

In your issue of the 21st inst. I noticed an item regarding a little daughter of Mr. Backus having died of starvation. I have the word of two men from Nehalem, viz: Mr. Weed and Mr. Knight—both neighbors of Mr. Backus—that the statement is false in every particular. The facts are as follows: On the day of the storm Mr. Backus was in Washington county, and he started home two or three days after. He experienced much difficulty in getting over the road and was over two days making the trip. His family were not destitute, as was stated, nor did he go to St. Helens, for he would have to pass through the settlement to get to St. Helens. His child died of some disease resembling a congestive chill.

A Weak Insurance Company.

From the Portland papers we learn that the Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance Company has at last ceased to exist. It was first what is termed a "mutual" company, but as that did not seem to work very well it was a few months ago changed into a stock company, and now has gone under altogether for the reason, as the managers say that our State is too sparsely settled, and that there are so many large foreign and eastern companies in the field that small home companies must go to the wall. That is not the whole secret. Men who insure largely and have consequently investigated the matter, are perfectly aware of the fact that a small company which has all its risks in only one or two States cannot afford such perfect security to its patrons as can a company which has its risks scattered all over the Union or all over the globe. The greater the field of operations the more security is afforded to patrons.

Y. P. C. A. Announcements.

The annual business meeting of the Young People's Christian Association will be held at the hall next Monday evening, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come up. Members should not forget this.

A gospel temperance meeting will be held at the hall next Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock. Text—Romans 14:21.

The meeting on Wednesday evening will be under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church.

And Don't You Forget It.

L. R. Blain's spring stock of gents' clothing, hats, furnishing goods, and a special line of boys' clothing, arrived in Portland on the last steamer and will be opened out at his store about Thursday of next week. If you want a fine suit of clothing, a "fair to mid dlin" suit, workingman's suit, or anything else in that line, he can fit you out in shape, and at very low prices for cash.

[Advertisement.]

A Candidate for Surveyor.

B. Chapman, candidate for County Surveyor, subject to the action of the Democratic County Convention.

Home and Abroad.

Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

Circuit Court convenes in this city next Monday.

The fair ground was rented last Monday to J. A. Crawford.

Considerable railroad talk can be heard on our streets now.

This week we have been having March weather in its purity.

Pay up your subscription and get the *Chicago Weekly News* for a year *free*.

The regular montly meeting of Albany Engine Co. No. 1 occurred last evening.

E. L. Bristow came up from Salem last Wednesday and spent a day or two in this city.

Don't forget it! You can get the *Chicago Weekly News* and the DEMOCRAT one year for $3.

Good brooms can be had at the Albany Broom Factory for only three dollars per dozen.

We don't go so much on the beautiful snow as we used to; it is becoming altogether too common.

Geo. C. Blakely, H. J. C. Averill and Mr. Jack, of Brownsville, were all in this city a few days ago.

Capt. Mathews was buried yesterday. He leaves a large family in almost destitute circumstances.

Rescue Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 meets to-night in regular session. Members should not forget this.

His Honor W. S. Newbury, ex-Mayor of Portland, was in the city this week looking after his interests up here.

For genuine, whole-souled hospitality commend us to mine host Matthews of the Chemeketa Hotel, Salem.

The *Herald* office started up their new press last Monday afternoon, and served up refreshments to callers.

Some say that beer is only a summer drink, but the Star Brewery beer is just as healthy now as in the hot weather.

All kinds of tin work and repairs done at Tweedale's stove store. A. C. Layton has charge of that department.

Mrs. Crawford, formerly Mrs. Ford, died at Seattle last week and was brought to this city last Tuesday for burial.

It is very likely there will be considerable responsible button-holing done during the coming session of Circuit Court.

Our county jail has no occupants, and it looks now like Linn county would at this term of court have no criminal cases.

Dr. E. O. Smith, formerly of this city, has just got back to Portland from California, where he has been on account of ill health.

Veal and fat cattle can always be sold to Hartless, at the Central Market. He pays the highest cash price for anything in his line.

Several more new candidates heard from in different parts of the country. No lack of people this year who want to be public servants.

March came in more like a "bear with a sore head" than a lion, and from indications now will go out more like an old bell-wether than a la

Linn Engine Co. No. 2 held their regular monthly meeting last Monday evening, but on account of the school meeting they adjourned at an early hour.

J. H. Surles has moved his barber shop into the room two doors below Sorbin's and has fitted up a real neat shop. He has worked into a good paying business.

Remember that you can get the DEMOCRAT and the *N. Y. Weekly World* for one year for only $3 25. This is a splendid opportunity to get two papers for the price of one.

Wallish Nash, of Corvallis, made us a very pleasant call last Wednesday. He is a wide-awake, enterprising gentleman. We only wish we had more like him in our State.

When a sweet, little child skips up carelessly and rests its molasses-smeared fingers on your light cassimeres, it is well enough for you to remember that of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Mr. Guild wrote a very newsey letter here which appeared in the *Bee* a few days ago, but his head seems to have been turned a little by a couple of our girls smiling at him through a barber shop window.

At the last meeting of Linn Engine Co, they expressed their preference for the Crawford lot upon which to build their engine house. This lot is on the east side of Lyon, between First and Second streets.

Isn't it about time that the Ladies' Aid Society was giving another festival? We answer "yes" every time we remember the quality of the provision we tucked away under our vest at their last "blow-out."

We understand Thos. Monteith is talking some of erecting a two-story brick building on the corner now occupied by Hartless, Purdom and Baum. If it is erected it will occupy the entire space from the Gradwohl brick to the street.

We have heard some say they would be in favor of free schools if it was a State institution. Our advice to them is to keep it as it is as long as possible. As soon as it becomes a State law the tax would be ten mills instead of two.

We are promised a "seed time and harvest," but if this weather holds on much longer they will come so close that there will be danger of seed-sowers and self-binders colliding with each other and knocking things into eternal smash.

We received a communication from Scio this week that was altogether too personal for us too publish. If we had published it we would of had three or four rows on our hands. Besides that, the name signed to it was unknown to us.

The net receipts of the festival, fair and lunch given by the Ladies' Aid Society last week was $116 15. This was a very fair profit considering the fact that Dr. Simms had been looking at faces for $5 a "whack" for about a week before hand.

You can't fool an Albany girl. When her fellow takes her to a seat at a festival and says he must "go out a moment to see a man," she dazzles him with one of her most reliable smiles, and pulling him back with the remark, "I brought some with me," coyly slips into his hand a pinch of cloves or roasted coffee.

During the past week or two we have noticed Jos. Nixon, of Santiam, Jos. Liggett, of Brownsville, W. H. Countess, of Harrisburg, and other gentlemen in our city. We noticed that their style of shaking hands resembled that of about nine-tenths of the people of Albany, consequently we set them down at once as candidates.

Our readers should remember that by speaking to Hartless, at the Central Market, they can have a man call at their house every morning to take orders for meat. This arrangement is a great convenience to those who do not wish to take time to run around to the market every morning, and the beauty of it is there is no extra charge connected with it.

Fire at Lebanon.

Last Monday evening a fire broke out in a small dwelling house at Lebanon owned by F. M. Miller, Esq. It was discovered in time to allow the citizens to extinguish the flames before they had done much damage.

LAYING ON OF HANDS.

That mother's heart went quickly up,
That mother's hand went down
For he was placed exactly right
To feel a parent's frown;
And she did smite him hip and thigh,
She did the job up brown.

His inclination then she changed
To forty-five degrees—
He saw the stars from heaven fall,
Fierce lightning smote the trees,
And traveling up and down his spine
Along with swarms of bees.

The thought of that wrecked rocking-chair
Nerved up her hand once more,
And such a "laying on of hands"
That boy ne'er had before,
Whilst he yelled, "Mother! I'll be good
And won't do so no more."

[Advertisement.]

For Assessor.

HARRISBURG, Linn Co., Ogn., Feb. 21st, 1880.

To the Democrats of Linn county greeting. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Assessor, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

WILLIAM D. PORTER.

[Advertisement.]

A Candidate for Clerk.

SCIO, Jan. 15th, 1880.

Editor Democrat:

Having been encouraged and assured of the support of many Democrats, I have determined to allow my name to be brought before the Linn County Democratic Convention for the nomination to the office of Clerk of the Court, subject at all times to the action of said Convention.

JOHN F. BROWN.

[Advertisement]

A Card to the Voters of Linn County.

Unbiased by patriotic motives, but having formed an opinion favorable to myself, and with a single eye to an easy job at fair wages, for the next two years, I most respectfully submit my name for your favorable consideration as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Linn county at the next ensuing election, subject to nomination by the Democratic County Convention in whose action I shall cordially acquiesce.

Very respectfully,
tf ELI CARTER.

Letter List.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the Post Office, Albany, Linn county, Oregon, March 4th, 1880. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which they were advertised.

Boyd, Malcolm	Herren, Wm
Cox, A W	Moor, W M
Clark, Mary M	Myers, Mrs Maggie
Davis, C A	Reese, Joseph 2
Reed, Hommon	

Miller, Samuel or Freddie

P. H. RAYMOND, P. M.

Coffins and Caskets.

Fred Dunning wishes us to inform our readers that he has just received a magnificent stock of coffins and caskets, and hereafter he will sell them at prices never before heard of in this community. To give some idea of the prices, he authorizes us to say that they will range from $3 up to $30, and for the latter price one will be furnished that has heretofore cost fully $75. He means business.

Farmers Should Read It.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to an article which appears on the first page of the DEMOCRAT this week entitled "Amber Cane." We believe it could be grown successfully here, and if so, it might prove very remunerative to our farmers. Who will send on and get enough seed to give it a trial?

Fine Lumber for Sale.

Ike Conn has made arrangements with S. Nickerson to do all his planing, and a large stock of flooring, rustic, furnishing lumber, etc., will be kept on hand at the planer in Lebanon. Flooring and rustic will be sold at $20 and $21 per thousand, and other lumber in proportion. Our readers will remember that the lumber from Conn's mill cannot be excelled anywhere.

Boots and Shoes.

Hard times has always been the cry in Oregon, but now it is hard times in reality, and money is as scarce with me as a hen's teeth, so you who have an interest in my welfare please step to the front. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Very respectfully,
ENOCH BOYLE.

Wanted.

The public all to know that a safe remedy at last been discovered for the cure of diseases of the Kidneys and Bladder, made out of Oregon grown herbs. It is no less than the OREGON KIDNEY TEA. For sale by all druggists. Directions accompanying each package.

Exchange of Pulpits.

Next Sabbath Rev. Jos. Emery, of Corvallis, will preach at St. Paul's M. E. Church in this city, and Rev. M. C. Miller, the regular pastor, will fill Rev. Emery's pulpit at Corvallis.

BORN.

GRAY.—In this city, on Tuesday, March 2, 1880, to the wife of L. E. Gray—a son.

MARRIED.

BOWMAN—WHEELER.—At the residence of James Wheeler, by Rev. J. Bowersox, Mr. Reuben Bowman and Miss Joanna Wheeler, both of this city.

ARMSTRONG—WINDON.—At the residence of Mr. Wm. Davis, near Halsey, by Rev. T. J. Wilson, Mr. R. F. Armstrong and Miss Annie Windon, both of Linn County.

DIED.

McDONALD.—At Malheur Agency, Feb. 16, 1880, of bilious remittent fever, Mrs. E. J. McDonald, daughter of John Nye, of this city—aged 31 years and 3 months.

MATHEWS.