

THE BENTON DEMOCRAT.

OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY.

SATURDAY, : : : : : MARCH 1.

FARMERS!

Remember the meeting at the Court House, at 11 o'clock to-day. Let every one turn out.

THE ANNIE STEWART.

By invitation, we stepped aboard the splendid steamer Annie Stewart, at Moffett's wharf, Portland, on Tuesday last, and made a voyage up the Willamette to Oswego and back. The boat was in charge of Captain Kellogg, with Captain Gilman, one of the owners, as directing engineer. This steamer has undergone a thorough overhauling, having been fitted with new machinery, and an immense boiler of the heaviest iron in use, having stood a test of 240 pounds to the square inch. But 60 pounds of steam was carried, yet the symmetrical craft glided through the water at a speed equal to that of any boat on the river. Every part of the machinery worked to the perfect satisfaction of the engineer, and the boat was found to handle with ease. Monday next is the day set for the trial trip of this vessel, after which she will be put on the upper river until the Governor Grover is ready to run. A number of guests will be invited on this trip, who will be sumptuously entertained by the owners. It is proposed to pass through the locks, and ascend the Willamette to Harriburg, if the stage of water will permit. Should this boat be able to reach Corvallis, its citizens should be prepared to entertain the company on shore in a befitting manner, and give an earnest of the feeling held by this community for the company who have labored so energetically in establishing an opposition to the monopoly which has so long fleeced our people by exorbitant freight tariffs. Let us give the Annie and her guests a rousing reception.

The Modoc Peace Commissioners are at loggerheads. Case, with a true conception of the matter, contends for unconditional surrender of the savage horde, with a view to the punishment of the murderers, while Meacham and Applegate favor a conciliatory policy. Meacham has sent a telegram to Superintendent Odeneal, requesting his aid in the settlement of the question, which request Odeneal was compelled to decline acceding to, as he was ordered on duty among the Nez Perces. The solution of the Modoc question is still a subject for future consideration.

RAILROAD TARIFFS.—An exchange has a table of the freight tariffs of a number of Eastern roads, showing the great difference between them and those charged by the Oregon and California lines. These rates, and those of the Oregon road are as follows:

	Per ton per 100 miles.
Boston & Albany R. R.	\$2.16
New York Central	1.75
Erie	1.56
Atlantic & Great Western	1.27
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago	1.48
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	2.20
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	2.64
Union Pacific	2.70
Oregon & California	10.40

APOLOGISTIC.—Though not particularly necessary, we feel forced to ask the indulgence of readers of the DEMOCRAT this week for any short-comings. During the greater part of the time since last issue the editor has been absent, leaving a lady friend in charge, with a competent gentleman to play the "devil." If any thing appears bordering on Woman's Rights, or wearing an air of the lower regions, let it be remembered that the "chief" is entirely innocent.

SUPERINTENDENT ODENEAL has been ordered by the Indian Department, at Washington, to proceed to the Wallowa Valley, and arrange for the peaceful settlement of the impending troubles with the Joseph band of the Nez Perce Indians, and to arrange either for their removal to a Reservation, or for their occupation of the Wallowa Valley, to the exclusion of the white settlers.

MEACHAM says Captain Jack is an honorable man, and if invited to that chieftain's camp, he will go. Report says the Indians entertain a bitter enmity toward Meacham and the Applegates, and there is not much likelihood of either of these gentlemen risking their lives. Not by hand.

MORE INDIAN TROUBLES.—Gov. Grover received a communication on Thursday last, signed by a large number of citizens of Wallowa Valley, asking for 200 stand of arms, for defense against the Nez Perce Indians.

AN INQUIRY ABOUT BENTON COUNTY.

Henry T. Wilkerson, of Mayfield, Ky., writes to a gentleman of this city, under date of February 5th, as follows:

SIR: I desire to emigrate to your State, and enclose stamped envelope, hoping you will favor me with a description of the land in your county, its productions, amount it will produce per acre, facilities for raising stock, price, timber, and in short such general information as will be of use to me in the selection of a future home. Is there a railroad in operation in your county, or a prospect of one soon? If you have a County paper please send me a copy. I enclose stamp for the same. Awaiting a reply at your earliest convenience, I am, Yours very respectfully,

HENRY T. WILKERSON.

If some intelligent farmer will favor us with answers to the above inquiries, we will publish them, not only for the benefit of Mr. Wilkerson, but hundreds of others in the Eastern States, who are seeking information concerning our young and growing State. We have sent to Mr. Wilkerson a copy of the DEMOCRAT as requested.

Scarcely a week passes that we, or some of our friends, do not receive letters of inquiry similar to the one published above. The general hard times experienced at present throughout the States, both North and South, especially by the farming community, is causing thousands of people to look to the new States of the far West for homes. Oregon, with her salubrious climate, her rich agricultural lands, her inexhaustible forests, her splendid water powers, her rich and varied mineral deposits, and her unequalled facilities for stock raising, offers inducements to the settler, which are peculiar to herself alone, and which are unsurpassed by any of the most favored portions of America.

While the people of the Northern States have been snowed under to the depth of from two to twenty feet, with ice of any desired thickness and more too, we, of "Webfoot," have seen the ground covered with snow but once during the winter, and then but for an hour or two; and have been compelled to send abroad for ice to cool our drinks. While the farmers in the Atlantic States are feeding their last year's crops to shivering, half-frozen stock, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs have kept in good condition, in Oregon, without a mouthful of food save such as they procured from pastures of nature's own planting.

With such advantages, Oregon has but to be known to receive what she at present stands most in need of—an immigration of economical, industrious farmers, who will build up for themselves homes of beauty and plenty, and develop the resources of our country and add much to the wealth and prosperity of our State.

We propose to publish all information which we can obtain, and ask our friends to assist us. Any communications will receive careful attention, and, as the BENTON DEMOCRAT has a large and increasing circulation throughout the Western and Southwestern States, no better method of communicating information can be devised, than through its columns.

THE "Heathen Chinese" has at last found his level in the lobby at Washington. We have always held the Chinaman in supreme and distant respect, but now that Fung Wing has so far forgotten his lofty standing as to appear in the House of Representatives and make a speech on the Chinese indemnity bill, our regard for the race has vanished. It is now time to let women have a chance.

OREGON BOUNDARY.—Mr. Slater has introduced in Congress a bill to make the Columbia and Snake rivers the northeastern boundaries of Oregon; in other words, to include the whole of Walla Walla Valley in this State. The bill provides that the voters of that section shall have opportunity to express their choice in the matter.

The convicts at the Penitentiary have cleared off all the stumps from the Penitentiary grounds, and have lately been employed to clear the grounds for the Orphans' Home.

Keeney, who shot Pelton, at Harrisburg, recently, is said to be at Brownsville, and will deliver himself up as soon as Court convenes.

Mr. Elkins went to Portland, this week, to charter a steamer to take a load of flour from his mill, near Lebanon, to Portland.

Linn county farmers have a grand reunion at Albany, on the 8th inst. Gov. Grover will address the meeting.

Albany students got on the war path this week, "went for" a Professor, and got into the Courts.

The European and Oregon Land Company have decided to print another book on Oregon.

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

The telegraph gives us but imperfect accounts of the workings of the Peace Commission in the Modoc country, but, as far as we can learn, Captain Jack has the best of the talk. The Commissioners are not harmonious, Meacham abjectly suing for peace, while Case thinks that the Government of the United States is strong enough to subdue a band of 150 savage murderers, and bring them to justice. Meantime Applegate devotes his time and energies to an imbecile attempt to reconstruct Gov. Grover. Meacham and Applegate claim that the object of the Peace Commission is to effect a compromise with this "honorable man," and save the expense of whipping him and his band. This is excellent sophistry, and may deceive those at a distance, who do not know that the keeping of the army inactive, is costing the Government as much as it would if in active service, since the troops are within a few miles of the headquarters of this band of cut-throats; but it will hardly go down with those near by, whose homes have been destroyed, friends murdered, and property stolen by these red devils.

The citizens of that section feel very much discouraged at the prospect. Loss of time in whipping the Modocs is death to them, as the Indians are still killing their cattle, burning their houses and keeping the people in fear and suspense for the lives of themselves and families. Judge A. M. Roseborough, of Yreka, has been appointed by the President, as an additional member of the Commission, and, as he, together with Steele and Fairchild, are claimed by Captain Jack as warm friends, strong fears are entertained that the result of the conference will be disastrous to the white settlers. They can see but little difference between Roseborough, Steele and Shack-Nasty Jim as Commissioner to treat with Captain Jack.

Were the cost of the Commission and the support of the army the only evils resulting from this arrogant humbug, we should care but little; but it is a well known fact that the Indians throughout Oregon are restless, and any concessions made to the Modocs will be construed by them, and by the Indians on all the Reservations, as so many evidences of weakness and fear on the part of the United States authorities; and will bear their fruits in insurrections and outbreaks, on many of the Reserves. Already have a portion of the Nez Perces and the Snakes on the Fort Hall and Harney Lake Reserves sounded the note of defiance, and should the Modocs now get paid for making a hollow and rotten peace, instead of being punished for their crimes as they deserve, the result will be that other tribes will follow their example, hoping for like results. We anxiously await the issue of this farce, hoping that General Gillem will be permitted to conquer a peace which shall be permanent, the terms of which shall be written in the blood of the last thiefing Modoc that has helped to make the lava beds a place of note.

FLASHES OF LIGHTNING.

The anti-polygamy bill has passed the House. Congress is rushing business, to avoid an extra session.

Grant has called an extra session of the Senate, for March 4th.

Five hundred troops have been ordered from the East to the Modoc country.

The Louisiana militia has been ordered enrolled, for apprehended emergency.

The coldest weather of the season has been experienced in New England this week.

More evidence in regard to the Fisk suicide has been unearthed. Stokes' chances are improving.

Ames and Brooks were only censured by the House. The members of that body live in glass houses, and feared, if expelled, Ames might find that little memoranda book.

The South Portland Real Estate Association has offered the N. P. R. R. Co. fifty acres of ground along the river front, in the southern limits of East Portland, for railroad purposes.

Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, of Albany, will deliver the address to the graduating class of medical students at the Wallamet University, March 4th, proximo.

C. P. Stratton, an old and highly respected citizen of Salem, died suddenly, of congestive chills, on Wednesday.

E. D. Backenstos was robbed of a package of coin containing \$171.50, in Portland, on the 25th ult.

H. H. Gilfrey, Esq., returned from Linkville, last Monday, having listed 88,771.52 acres of College lands.

Salem is giving dramatic entertainments for the benefit of destitute citizens.

STATE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

This body met at Salem on the 20th ult. The proceedings, which are reported at length in the Portland dailies, were such as to cause the blush of shame to mantle the cheek of every true temperance man and woman in the State. The Alliance organized by the election of Miles Miller, of Salem, as Secretary pro tem, Rev. J. H. D. Henderson, Vice President, in the chair. While the report of the Committee on Credentials was under consideration, a scene of discord and disturbance arose which defies description. Mrs. Duniway, who last year got away with the Alliance single handed and alone, was on hand, reinforced by a number of delegates from the "Woman Suffrage Convention" recently held at Portland. The opposition met her with a bold front, determined to vanquish her at the beginning, and therefore reported adversely to the admission of the "old hen" and her brood, upon the ground that the said delegation were part and parcel of a political organization. But they had reckoned without their host, as the following extracts from the special report to the Oregonian will show:

The report contained the following recommendation: That Mrs. Duniway, a duly accredited delegate from the State Woman's Suffrage Association, be not admitted; as in the opinion of the Committee, the Association referred to is a political party.

The adoption of the report was moved, whereupon Mrs. Duniway rose and inquired: Who, under the Constitution, are competent delegates? The Chair announced that the Secretary would read the only section of the Constitution that referred to membership. The Secretary accordingly read the following:

Resolved, That the name of the Association shall be the Oregon State Temperance Alliance; that it shall be composed of members of this Convention and other men and women who by their past record shall be known as firm friends to the Temperance cause, and shall cooperate with all Temperance organizations of whatever name and nature.

Mrs. Duniway moved to amend the report by striking out that portion adverse to Woman Suffrage Association, and inserting the recommendation that they be admitted to seats in the Alliance, and supported her motion in a few well-directed remarks.

The question being on the amendment offered by Mrs. Duniway, General C. A. Reed addressed the house in support of the amendment. He was making a gallant defense, when Mr. Tilton Ford rose to a point of order—that none but members were allowed to speak.

The Chair ruled the point not well taken, holding that until the report should be adopted, one person was a member as much as another.

Mr. Ford appealed from the decision of the Chair, arguing that none but last year's members had a right to speak and vote until after the report was adopted or rejected; then, others can be admitted to membership.

The Chair—The gentleman is correct. The chair reverses its ruling and wants things done as agreeably as possible.

Major Geo. Williams—What is the question before the House, and who has a right to vote thereon?

The Chair—The question is on the motion to adopt the amendment to the report, and no one has a right to vote thereon.

Mr. Wooden elaborated a point of order designed to prove that he had the right to vote.

The Chair—Gentlemen, the Chair erred. You have the right to vote.

Mr. Ford—I except to that ruling.

The Chair—I mean under proper limitations, (voice, "ke-rect!")

Mr. T. H. Cann said he wanted the aid of all good temperance people in these councils, but was adverse to admitting any political party. If the Democratic party should send delegates I should object just as much to admitting them.

Gen. Reed—The gentleman need have no fears that the Democratic party will ever send delegates to a Temperance Convention. [Laughter]

Mr.—I move the previous question.

The Chair—Is the previous question seconded by the House? A two-third's vote will be necessary to sustain the demand.

Mr. Cann rose to a point of order: That it was not competent to amend a report. The Chair overruled the objection.

A Voice—What is the question?

The Chair—The question is on the adoption of the report of the Committee. Cries of "No! No!" and great confusion.

Amid the babel of noise infernal that followed the decision of the Chair, Mr. W. s' haggard face shot a beam of glory straight to the dais of Agamemnon, which so illuminated the mind of the President that he incontinently doubled on his track, reversed his decision and order was once more restored. The Chair announced that the previous question was under debate (!)

Mr. Driver—Mr. President before you can pass upon this question—

Cries of "Order! Order!"

Mr. Driver—Before you can pass—

Voice—Order it up!

Mr. Driver—You must decide the law.

Voice—Who's Chairman o' this 'ere Convention?

Mr. Driver—If you'll keep quiet so a man can hear himself speak, I'll explain the law!

Voice—Dern the law!

The Chair—Has the previous question been seconded?

Mr. Thornton—The question is on the amendment.

The Chair—The previous question takes precedence of the amendment.

A vote on the previous question was had, resulting in its being ordered.

The Chair—The question is on the amendment.

At this point Mrs. D. favored the Alliance with a characteristic speech, more remarkable for strength than for beauty of diction or choice of expression, after which Maj. Geo. Williams offered a resolution declaring that Mrs. A. J. Duniway was entitled to a seat as delegate from the State at large.

Mr. Wooden furnished a characteristic speech. He was afraid Mrs. D. would "run the Alliance as she had threatened to do." He moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The President declared the motion carried.

A division resulted in ayes 74, noes 63.

Mr. D. W. Prentice called for a reading of the names on the division.

The President declared the request out of order.

Mr. Prentice said further, that many who had voted nay had misunderstood the question, and that some had uttered aye so indistinctly that the Secretary could not have heard them.

Mr. P. was summarily disposed of, the President refusing to recognize the demand.

During the afternoon session a motion to admit Miss Virginia Olds, aroused Judge Thornton's ire, and he made some allusions offensive to numerous ladies; whereupon Mrs. Duniway rose to set the matter right.

Mr. Thornton exclaimed: "I hope the President will order the Sergeant-at-arms to take that crazy woman out of the house," which remark was greeted with loud hisses.

The hasty exclamation of Judge Thornton aroused Mrs. Duniway, who remonstrated with that gentleman upon his intolerant spirit.

Several persons in the rear of the hall began a disturbance which, spreading rapidly, rendered it impossible to hear the lady's voice.

Amid great turbulence, a motion was made to instruct the Sergeant-at-arms to take Mrs. Duniway from the hall.

The motion was rushed through. The Sergeant-at-arms advanced to his task with evident pleasure written on his countenance, amid loud imprecations from one or two venerable gentlemen. Mrs. Duniway held her position, the peace officer standing at a respectful distance. When the lady concluded, she took her seat amid loud cheers.

During the morning session of the second day Dr. C. H. Hall moved to take from the table the resolution admitting Mr. A. J. Duniway as a delegate at large.

A motion to indefinitely postpone the whole subject matter was treated to a crushing defeat at the hands of 89 delegates who voted aye. The negatives summoned 72 noes; a complete reversal of last night's decision.

The motion to adopt the original resolution was amended by T. H. Cann so as to include "all the delegates from the Woman's Suffrage Association."

The amendment was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Ford rose to a point of order; that the effect of indefinitely postponing the Cann amendment was to carry the whole matter along with it.

The Chair refused so to rule.

Mr. Wooden roared a fierce roar which fell like lead upon the ears of the worthy President, who peremptorily ordered the recalcitrant Wooden to be silent. The rebuke of the President afforded occasion for loud applause.

Several other delegates whose mental calibre refused to conform to the laws of ratio and proportion met an easy death at the hands of the wearied Chairman.

The previous question on the resolution of admission was carried after a host of dilatory motions had been interposed.

The defeat of the resolution was accomplished by a clear majority of 25, the vote standing 57 ayes to 72 noes. As the result became known the irrepressible of the victorious party vented itself in long and loud cheers.

A motion to adjourn afforded the beaten delegates an opportunity to amend by adding *sine die*. This amendment was lost by an overwhelming majority.

This finished the labors of the meeting, so far as anything of practical utility was concerned, and a large number of the better and more sensible portion of the delegates, disgusted at the indecent proceedings, withdrew from the Alliance and issued a call for a meeting of the true friends of temperance, for the purpose of organizing a Temperance Union, in which gentlemen and ladies of refinement can participate without being compelled to become a party to such scenes as were enacted during the session of the Alliance. The meeting convened on Friday evening, the 21st ult., at the Good Templar's Hall, and organized by the election of Tilton

Ford, of Salem, as President, and H. C. Clement, of Albany, as Secretary. The proper committees were appointed, and the Society thoroughly organized. The next meeting is to be held at Albany, on the second Monday of June next. This Union is composed of men and woman who prefer the triumph of the temperance cause to that of any and all other issues and aims, and we believe that much good will result from it.

Oregon raises as good tobacco as almost any other State, and yet upwards of a million and a half of dollars are sent abroad every year for this article.

The Albany and Santiam Canal will be a fraction over 11 miles long. The deepest cut is seven feet. The cost of the whole will be \$25,000.

NEW THIS WEEK.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, was on the 22d day of February, A. D. 1873, duly appointed by the County Court of Benton county, Oregon, as Administrator of the estate of John Ellery, deceased, late of said county. Therefore all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them with proper vouchers, to the undersigned within 6 months from the date of said letters, at the Law Office of R. S. Strahan in the city of Corvallis, in Benton county, Oregon. WM. L. LEMMON, R. S. STRAHAN, Attorney for Administrator. February 27, 1873. 2:45w4

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Benton.

J. C. Avery, Plaintiff; vs. E. E. Taylor, Defendant. Motion for leave to issue writ of execution upon the judgment in said cause.

To E. E. TAYLOR, the above named Defendant:

IN the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the motion of the plaintiff, now on file with the Clerk of said Court, in the above entitled proceeding, on or before the first day of the next regular term of said Court following the publication of this summons, six weeks, to wit: on the second Monday, the 14th day of April, 1873. And if you fail to answer the motion of plaintiff as herein required, we will apply to the Court for leave to issue an execution against you for the sum of \$36 and also \$181.70, costs and disbursements, on a judgment, rendered and entered in said Court in favor of said J. C. Avery, plaintiff, and against you, said E. E. Taylor, defendant, on the 19th day of April, 1871, for \$275 and \$181.70, costs and disbursements, and upon which there is now due said sum of \$36, besides said \$181.70, costs and disbursements, a per cent of five years having elapsed since an execution was issued thereon, and plaintiff will ask for costs and disbursements of this proceeding against you.

Published by order of Hon. A. J. Thayer, Judge of said Court, said order bearing date of February 19, 1873. J. C. AVERY, Plaintiff. By John Burnett, Assignee. 4w6

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of John Nine, deceased, late of Benton county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Those indebted to the estate are notified to make prompt payment.

G. W. HOUCK, Administrator. February 15, 1873. 2:43w4

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of two decrees and executions thereon, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county, to me directed and delivered, against the persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to me at my office in the city of Benton county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Those indebted to the estate are notified to make prompt payment.

First—To pay John Hunt the sum of two hundred and eight, and seventy-nine hundredths dollars (\$208.79), with interest at ten per cent, per annum from the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1873.

Second—To pay Bernard Hunt the sum of one hundred and eighty-one, and eighty-nine hundredths dollars (\$181.89), with interest at ten per cent, per annum from the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1873.

Third—To pay Jehiel S. Kendall the sum of one hundred and seventy, and eighty-nine hundredths dollars (\$170.89), with interest at ten per cent, per annum from the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1873.

Fourth—To pay to Henry Tolle the sum of one hundred and seventy, and eighty-nine hundredths dollars (\$170.89), with interest at ten per cent, per annum from the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1873.

Fifth—The remainder, if any, to pay to W. H. McFarland.

Together with the costs and disbursements of this suit, I have levied upon the above described real estate, and on

Tuesday, the 11th Day of March, 1873,

I will sell the same at public auction, to the highest bidder, for gold coin in hand, to satisfy said several amounts, as by said decrees are ordered and directed. Sale will take place in front of the Court House door, in the city of Corvallis, in said county and State, between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and four o'clock p.m., of said day, that is to say, on the 11th day of March, A. D. 1873.

J. S. PALMER, Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon. 2:42w4

Administratrix' Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of John B. Henderson. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned, at her residence, about eight miles west of Blodgett's Valley, in Benton county. Persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment.

SUSAN HENDERSON, Administratrix of the Estate of John B. Henderson, deceased. Corvallis, Oregon, February 8, 1873. 2:42w4

Estray Notice.

TAKEN UP BY THE SUBSCRIBER, living two miles north of Corvallis, in Benton county, Oregon, on the 23rd day of January, 1873, one sorrel mare, with white face, right hind foot white, about fifteen hands high, and about six years old. No other marks or brands perceptible. Appraised at \$40.

JEHIAL STEWART, Corvallis, Oregon, February 7, 1873. 2:42w4

CORVALLIS LODGE NO. 14, F. & A. M., holds stated communications on Wednesday evening, or preceding each full moon. Brethren in good standing are invited to attend.

For order of W. M.