

THE BENTON DEMOCRAT.

OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY.

SATURDAY, : : : : APRIL 19.

THE MODOC VICTIMS.

Brigadier-General, Edward R. S. Canby, who perished at the hands of the Modoc chief, Captain Jack, on Friday, the 11th inst., was born in Kentucky, in 1817, and was appointed to the Military Academy at West Point, from Indiana, in 1835. He graduated in 1839, since which time he has served with distinction in various portions of the Union. He received promotion, for gallant conduct, in the Mexican War, and became a Brigadier-General in 1862. In 1870 he was appointed to the command of the Department of the Columbia. He was a gallant officer, a man of proud, commanding form, and in every way the type of a true gentleman and soldier. He leaves a widow, who, it is feared, will not long survive her sudden bereavement. The funeral of the great departed took place, at Portland, yesterday. At the request of Mrs. Canby, it was conducted quietly, no military demonstration being made. Rev. Eleazar Thomas, the second victim of the Modocs, was a minister of the M. E. Church, and Presiding Elder of the Petaluma (Cal.) District. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his tragic end.

CLOSE OF VOLUME TWO.

With this issue closes volume two of the BENTON DEMOCRAT. For the past nine months we have been in charge of the paper, and have labored unceasingly in both the editorial and mechanical departments, to make a welcome and respectable visitor to every subscriber. We feel grateful for the words and acts of encouragement vouchsafed to us by our friends, and shall enter upon a new volume with redoubled energy. The permanency of the paper is a fixed fact, and in the years to come we shall consider no duty too onerous, no sacrifice too great, that will tend toward making the BENTON DEMOCRAT the liveliest, newsiest, neatest, and best paper in this section of the Willamette Valley.

With this issue a large number of subscriptions expire, and we would urge upon all the necessity of calling at once, either at this office or upon our agents, and settling up and renewing, that we may re-arrange our mail books as soon as possible. Give us your names, friends, accompanied by the cash, if convenient, and thus enable us to labor more effectually.

THE RAILROAD QUESTION.—We see it stated that on the 7th inst. Senator Mitchell argued the case of the Oregon Central Railroad before the Secretary of the Interior. The Department declines to withdraw from entry any lands to be located by the road except on the most direct and feasible route by which it can make a junction with the California and Oregon road, as required by law. The Central road wants to deflect the route to Klamath lake, and then back to make the junction. The Secretary considers this in violation of the law giving the land grant.

A NEW PARTY.—The Harrisburg correspondent of Forney's Press says that there is to be a new movement in the politics of Pennsylvania. It is proposed to form a combination of Regular Republicans, Democrats and Liberals to secure an honest election in 1874. A thorough regeneration of parties is looked to as the only means of protection against fraud.

BRIGHAM'S MOVEMENTS.—Brigham Young has resigned the Presidencies of Utah Central and Southern Railroads. He has now retired from all business affairs in order to go to Arizona, with a mission to build the Southern Pacific Railroad in that Territory. This action has weakened faith in secular operations of the Mormons.

CROWDED.—Owing to the great length of the report of the proceedings of the recent Farmers' Convention, we are unable to present as much miscellaneous news this week, as usual. Deeming these proceedings of great interest to the farmers, we have devoted our first page to that subject.

ANOTHER CHANGE.—Col. C. B. Bellinger has taken editorial charge of the Portland Herald. Mr. Bellinger promises to pursue an independent Democratic course. He is an able writer.

APPOINTED.—It is announced that General Jeff. C. Davis has been appointed to command the Department of the Columbia.

THE MODOC ASSASSINATION.

The killing of Gen. Canby and Rev. Eleazar Thomas, of the Peace Commission, by Captain Jack and his band, is the all-absorbing topic, and has aroused a feeling of deepest indignation from one end of the country to the other. Meetings of indignation and condolence have been held; extermination is demanded on all sides; military commanders have ordered a vigorous movement against the Modocs, proclaiming that "nothing short of their prompt and sure destruction will satisfy the demands of justice or the expectations of the Government." The peace-loving President, who so lately was determined to make peace with these red devils "no matter on what terms," has, the telegraph informs us, "unreservedly expressed his sanction of the severest measures now necessary to properly punish the Modocs, and his views on the subject have been fully stated to the War Department." When we read the words of Mr. Dyar, uttered but a short time before the massacre of the Commission, but after the cold-blooded and unprovoked murder of the settlers on Lost river, we can but look upon the whole movement with execration. A letter written from the Peace Commission headquarters, a few days before the assassination, by J. M. Sutton, represents Mr. Dyar as saying: "It makes no difference what the people of Oregon say or do; the Government is determined that peace shall be made, and peace will be made, no matter on what terms!" Dr. Thomas, who was murdered, was said to have strong sympathies for the "poor, down-trodden Modocs," and would accept the testimony of a "Digger Indian, rather than that of the most respected citizen of Oregon." He felt, and so expressed himself, that the Modocs, if not justifiable, were at least excusable for their outbreak. The Commission, when Captain Jack sent word that he was out of tobacco, issued a requisition, and forwarded all in the sutler's quarters, the soldiers being compelled to do without. Indians repeatedly rode into the Commissioners' camp mounted upon fine horses which they boasted of having stolen from Boddy and Brotherton, whom they murdered, and whose widows and orphans are even now in want! Blankets were furnished the Indians, when the poor soldier was suffering with a single one. Mr. Sutton says scarcely a day passed, while he remained in the camp, that one or more of these "Modoc braves" were not feasted by the Peace Commission. Here was a party of men, appointed and seconded by the Administration, insisting upon peace, at any price, after seventeen innocent settlers had been ruthlessly slaughtered. Their murder could be overlooked; but now, how changed! Gen. Canby and the Peace Commission have fallen victims to an overweening confidence in Meacham's "honorable man." The war must go on; no peace; no quarter. While we deeply deplore the loss of a gallant commander and Christian gentleman, and sympathize with those whose grief is so poignant, we cannot but feel that the lives of those murdered pioneers were as sweet to them, as valuable in the sight of God, and as worthy subjects of redress as if their possessors had been kings, generals, or holy men of God, instead of honest tillers of the soil. We opposed the appointment of a Peace Commission from the beginning, and its awful and tragic end has shown its futility and the correctness of the position assumed by the majority of the Oregon press. Yes, in God's name, let the war go on, and may another conference not be held, except it be by the light of the burning wigwam of the last murdering Modoc "that mocks the shape of man."

WITHDRAWN.—The Central Pacific Railway Co. have withdrawn their appeal to the Supreme Court. This admits the right of a county to tax the road. The motive for this admission doubtless is the fear that otherwise the State will tax the company's gross receipts. A QUESTION.—In view of the late atrocious acts of the Modocs, we would ask if this was not a fitting time for the Government to abandon its "pious policy," in the government of the Indians? They don't seem to hanker after Methodist preachers. ARCHBISHOP PURCELL, of Cincinnati, warns any Catholic who connects himself with a trade union or kindred society that makes use of an oath in its initiation, that he thereby cuts himself off from the body of the faithful. Publication of the New Northwest will be resumed in June.

FROM THE MODOC WAR!

A BATTLE WITH THE MODOCS

CAPTAIN JACK'S CAMP SURROUNDED!

HEAVY LOSS TO INDIANS!

[From the DEMOCRAT Extra of Thursday.]

ALBANY, April 17, 10 A. M.

A battle with the Modocs all day yesterday. Little loss to the troops, who stood their ground, with their lines entirely surrounding the Indians. The battle was renewed to-day, the troops steadily working in upon Captain Jack's camp.

On Tuesday night a severe battle was fought, the mortars opening at 5:30 p. m., and completely sweeping the lava beds. Col. Mason and Green, working from opposite sides of the lava beds, formed a junction between the mouth of the cave and Tule Lake, entirely cutting the Indians off from water. Five white men are killed, and 10 reported wounded. A number of Indians were killed and wounded. Lieutenant Sherwood has died of injuries received on the 11th.

The Warm Spring Indians rendered efficient aid in the fight, without which, it is stated, our troops would have got the worst of the battle.

The Latest.

The Indians made a desperate attempt, on the morning of the 16th, to break through our lines to the water. At one time, a cross fire compelled Col. Miller's men to fall back; but Miller fortified himself and held his position until the mortars opened. He lost two men, and one wounded. At 7:45 Col. Mason signalled: "Modocs on the rear and right flank, trying to get out." Mason's men advancing, the Indians were seen on the bluff. Heavy firing at 8 o'clock on Col. Green's line. A strong effort was made to unite Mason's left and Green's right. At 9 Green's whole line was moving. At 9:45 Mason signalled: "Modocs leaving the lava beds," and cavalry were ordered to pursue them. At 11:30 all was quiet, and half an hour later heavy firing was heard in the Modoc stronghold. At 1 o'clock the Warm Spring Indians reported three more Modocs killed. It is the intention to keep them cut off from water. The Indian allies fight well. It is almost impossible to see an Indian. McManus, formerly of this city, who was reported wounded, is uninjured. Five men are killed, and nineteen wounded.

FLASHES OF LIGHTNING.

Heavy floods in Canada.

Flood in the Hudson river.

The death of Pope IX is reported.

The National Tube works, Pittsburgh, Pa., destroyed by fire.

The policy of Horace Greeley's life—\$100,000—has been paid.

It is reported that Cole, of California, will succeed Low, on the Chinese Mission.

Great damage to property at Worcester, Mass., by the breaking of a dam.

It is reported that the Samana Bay colonists were fired on by natives, while disembarking.

Capt. Williams of the Atlantic is now charged with errors of reckoning, occasioning the disaster.

Gould, Tweed, and others refuse to appear before the N. Y. Investigating Committee, and a Sergeant-at-Arms is looking for them.

EARTHQUAKE.—The city of San Salvador, Central America, has been totally destroyed by an earthquake. Eight hundred persons perished and \$12,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. The earthquake was followed by a conflagration and many buildings were burned.

In 1870, according to the census report, Oregon had 13,548 persons engaged in agricultural occupations; 6,070 persons performing professional and personal services; 2,619 engaged in trade and transportation, and 8,694 in manufactures and mining. There were 162 clergymen and 194 lawyers.

The old steamboat Reliance, lying at anchor in the slough near Salem, was burnt on Friday night. It was doubtless the work of an incendiary. The bells rang out the entire population to witness the fire.

The Peoria Farmers' Club have resolved that it is the manifest interest of farmers to give their whole support to the Willamette River Transportation Company. We concur.

The State University, to be built at Eugene, will be 55x112 feet, two stories high, with basement and mansard roof. It will be constructed of brick.

A reduction of from twenty-five to fifty cents at each station has been made on passenger tariffs by the Oregon Central Railroad Company.

PACIFIC SLOPERS.

Meacham will recover.

Heavy snowstorm on the plains.

Olympia is to have a Penitentiary.

Col. Joe Meek is at Lewiston, Idaho.

Polk county voted against free schools.

Another earthquake in California last week.

The Mormons are going to settle Arizona.

Astoria had a snow storm last Saturday.

Portland had a snow storm last Saturday.

Gen. Rufus Saxton has been ordered to Detroit.

I. N. Smith is a Notary Public for Linn county.

Railroad fare from Roseburg to Portland is \$11 25.

Stock of Santiam Ditch has been increased to \$50,000.

The Grover took down 75 passengers, on Wednesday last.

Oats and barley are worth 12 1/2 cents per pound at Linkville.

It is rumored that Joe Meek will be made Indian Agent at Lapwai.

Freight trains on the O. & C. R. R. now run but three times a week.

The Grover will bring the Albany excursionists here next Saturday.

Charles Logus, of Oregon City, is shortly going on a visit to Europe.

Albany firemen will hold a grand picnic, near that city, on May 13th.

Silas Galliber and J. H. Kelleter, old settlers of Olympia, died this week.

Stages have commenced running daily between Boise City and Kelton.

A pack train of 150 mules left Walla Walla for northern mines last Monday.

Cole's Valley, Douglas county, will raise 60,000 bushels of wheat this season.

The Apache war is about ended. Gen. Crook, not a Peace Commission, did it.

A postoffice has been established at Miller's Station, four miles below Albany.

Jacksonville is holding a series of entertainments, in aid of sufferers by the late fire.

Freight on grain from Roseburg to Portland, on the railroad, has been fixed at \$7 per ton.

Fix your sidewalks, before the city has another damage suit, or a "skinned shin to pay for."

Astorians held an indignation meeting on receipt of the news of the murder of Gen. Canby.

Col. Denison has lately received a lot of Springfield rifles and accoutrements for the State militia.

Thomas Lynch was killed in a mill, at Oak Point, last Saturday, by being caught in the machinery.

Nearly one thousand Chinamen will be put at work on the Northern Pacific Railroad beyond Tenino.

Rev. J. C. Allyn, of Yambill, was thrown from a horse a few days ago. His collar-bone was broken.

Edgar Denny, a life insurance agent, of Siskiyou county, California, died suddenly, at Olympia, the other day.

The Whitley-Glaze difficulty is being agitated again, at Dallas. Whitley is accused of hiring a man to kill Glaze.

A petition is being circulated for the pardon of J. D. May, of Albany. We trust he may secure Executive clemency.

Douglas county is estimated to have 200,000 sheep from which will be sheared this year 800,000 pounds of wool.

The depot for military supplies is established at Linkville, and at the present time contains a large amount of stores.

One hundred and fifty Chinamen will shortly commence work on the Santiam Canal, running between Lebanon and Albany.

Brigham has retired from office—spiritual and temporal—and will go to Arizona. Geo. Smith succeeds him as President.

The body of a supposed passenger on the Geo. S. Wright was recently found and buried by the Queen Charlotte Indians.

The Pioneer Oil Mills at Salem have received six sacks of fine flax seed from Indiana which will be distributed among the farmers.

The next Presbytery for Oregon and Washington Territory will be held at the Lapwai Mission, commencing on the 9th of May.

The appointment of David Bushey Collector for the Port of Empire City gives great dissatisfaction among the people of Coos Bay.

Petitions in bankruptcy have been filed against E. S. and J. T. McComas, of La Grande, and B. Hamburger and Thomas Ryan, of Portland.

A San Francisco embalmer requests Gen. Schofield to permit him to embalm the bodies of the Modoc chiefs. He doesn't want the contract for catching them.

Jackson county, east of the Mountains, contains 18,000 head of cattle, 8,000 head of sheep and 2,000 head of horses, with room and range for five times as many.

A Montana paper says: All the stage horses from Ryan to Deer Lodge, to New Chicago, and Deer Lodge to Blackfoot, have the epizootic. Beyond that the horses have recovered or are not yet attacked.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

April Term, Chief Justice F. P. Prim, Presiding.

Following are the proceedings in the Circuit Court, for Benton county, up to the hour of adjournment last night:

State of Oregon vs G. W. Ballard; pleaded guilty of simple assault; fined \$50, and, in default, committed to jail for twenty-five days.

State of Oregon vs Geo. Landerking; jury trial; verdict, not guilty.

Aug. Dirking vs Louis Belais; verdict for plaintiff for \$300.

Thos. Briggs vs J. S. Palmer, Sheriff; nonsuit.

J. C. Avery vs W. B. Hamilton & James Hamilton; verdict for plaintiff for 600.

H. P. Harris vs F. E. Robinson et al.; decree of foreclosure.

H. P. Harris vs B. F. Robinson and Louisa Robinson; decree of foreclosure.

Andrew Rickard vs Andrew Montgomery and William Montgomery; continued by consent of parties.

John Kelsay et al. vs Geo. E. Knowlton and Elisha Knowlton; continued for service on Geo. E. Knowlton.

Granville Fisher vs Wm. Gird and S. Montgomery; settled.

David Blake vs Thomas M. Read; settled.

M. M. Ervine vs Geo. W. Ervine; continued for service.

F. E. Robinson & Bro. vs A. R. McConnell et al.; settled.

State of Oregon vs Luther King; verdict, guilty.

CORVALLIS PRICES CURRENT.

(CAREFULLY CORRECTED WEEKLY.)

Corvallis, Friday, April 18, 9 P. M.

Wheat 3/4 bushel..... 65

Oats 3/4 bushel..... 35

Flour 3/4 barrel..... 55

Potatoes 3/4 bushel..... 50

Butter, fresh rolls, 1/2 pound..... 25

Eggs 1/2 dozen..... 25

Chickens 1/2 dozen..... 25

White beans 1/2 bushel..... 50

Chili beans 1/2 bushel..... 50

Indian dressed deer skins 1/2 bushel..... 75

Peaches, dried, 1/2 bushel..... 50

Peaches, canned, 1/2 can..... 50

Apples, dried, 1/2 bushel..... 50

Apples, green, 1/2 bushel..... 75

Plums, dried, no pits 1/2 bushel..... 50

Ham 1/2 bushel..... 100

Shoulders 1/2 bushel..... 75

Lard, in kegs, 1/2 bushel..... 10

Cheese 1/2 bushel..... 125

Oysters, 1/2 can..... 50

Cream Tartar 1/2 bushel..... 50

Coffee, Java 1/2 bushel..... 50

Coffee, Costa Rica 1/2 bushel..... 50

Coffee, Rio 1/2 bushel..... 50

Tea, Japan 1/2 bushel..... 45

Sugar, crushed, 1/2 bushel..... 50

Sugar, pulverized 1/2 bushel..... 50

Sugar, Y. O. S. F. extra refined 1/2 bushel..... 50

Sugar, Y. O. S. F. refined 1/2 bushel..... 50

Sugar, Island No 1 1/2 bushel..... 50

Syrup, Heavy Golden 5 gal kegs..... 50

Starch 1/2 bushel..... 50

Lead, 1/2 bushel..... 50

Nails, cut 1/2 bushel..... 50

Nails, finishing 1/2 bushel..... 50

Salt, Carmen Island 100 lb..... 50

Salt, Liverpool 100 lb..... 50

Brown shoddy 1/2 yd..... 50

Bed ticking 1/2 yd..... 50

Denims 1/2 yd..... 50

Flannels 1/2 yd..... 50

Candles 1/2 box..... 50

Rice China 1/2 bushel..... 50

Rice Homolite 1/2 bushel..... 50

Tobacco, 1/2 bushel..... 50

Kerosene 1/2 gal..... 50

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FROM AND AFTER THE FIRST

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Board and Lodging, per week..... \$3 00

Board, without Lodging, per week..... 5 00

Single meals or beds..... 50

JACK ALPHIN, Prop'r.

Administratrix' Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of John Murray, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned, within (6) six months from the date of this notice, at the law office of R. S. Strahan, in the city of Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon.

MARY ANN MURRAY, Administratrix.

April 14, 1873. R. S. STRAHAN, Atty for Admrx. 252w4

For Sale or Rent.

THE FINE, TWO-STORY DWELLING house, situated on First street below the ferry landing, is for sale or rent on reasonable terms. It contains ten rooms all hard finished, and a dry, brick cellar. Apply to H. P. HARRIS, Corvallis, March 29, 1873. 2-49m1

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BARNUM LODGE NO. 7, I. O. O. F., Meets on Tuesday evening of each week, at 7 o'clock, in their Hall, Main street, south room, in Fisher's Brick, second story. Members of the Order in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the N. G. CORVALLIS LODGE NO. 14, F. & A. M., holds stated Communications on Wednesday evening, on or preceding each full moon. Brethren in good standing are invited to attend. Per order of W. M.

NEW THIS WEEK.

GUARD AGAINST FIRE!

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS!

The numerous severe fires which have occurred in our State the past year, and the late disastrous conflagrations in Portland, Springfield, Dallas, Oregon City, Corvallis, Jacksonville, should admonish property owners to seek indemnity against loss and damage by fire without delay. The

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J. A. HANNA,

Resident Agent, at Corvallis, Oregon. 2:32m