

**STATE COMMITTEE MEETING.**—The state republican committee met Wednesday in Portland at the St. Charles hotel, at 11 o'clock. All counties except three were represented and there were but few proxies. Committees on call and apportionment having been appointed, the committee took recess until two o'clock. In the afternoon the delegates, numbering 218, were, on report of the committee, apportioned among the different counties, giving one delegate at large to each county, and one delegate for each 175 votes east for Binger Herrman in 1888, or fraction over one-half. This gives Benton county eight delegates. The state convention was called to meet at Portland, April 16th, prox. An effort was made to have the convention at Salem but it failed, the vote standing Portland 14, Salem 9. The call invites all voters who believe in American markets for American productions, in the right of every voter in the nation to cast a free ballot and have it honestly counted, and in a liberal support of our common schools, to unite in selecting delegates to this convention. The utmost harmony prevailed and every member reported bright prospects for a republican victory in June.

**TOOK A TUMBLE.**—A young fellow lately from the east, while standing, with two companions, close to the edge of the bank of the river at the foot of Jefferson street on Sunday last, attempted the mash act on a certain young lady of this city, and, in attempting to make a very polite bow stepped backwards a little too far and, before he saw his mistake, was precipitated to near the water's edge—nearly forty feet straight down. Strange as it may seem, he received no injuries, but his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes were liberally besmeared with dirt and his little footsy-tootsies came in contact with the water. His companions assisted him in getting up the bank, and he then proceeded to his place of lodging to secure a change of wearing apparel. He will be more careful in the future how he acts—especially when along the water front. The girls "took a tumble" also and hid themselves home.

**A FIRE ALARM.**—A few taps of the fire bell brought the fire boys and apparatus out on Friday last about noon, but their services were not needed. A chimney had been burning out in the rear of Allen & Woodward's drug store, in the Fischer building, during the forenoon and some of the smoke had found its way between the bricks and had become so dense in the Odd Fellow's hall that it was noticed coming out of the window. Judge Bryson and others soon had the room opened and the smoke was cleared out. A bucket of water stopped further proceedings in the chimney.

**LUMBER.**—Wishing to announce that we are sole agents for the Frantz Bros., of King's Valley. We take the opportunity to say to those who contemplate building during the coming spring and summer, that we will be able to furnish first-class lumber, for less than it can now be bought in this market. HARTLESS & DAVISSON.

**A PLEASANT SURPRISE.**—On last Friday evening Miss Hattie Hanna, one of the stenographers in the Oregon Pacific office here, was tendered a pleasant surprise party. Several gifts were brought her by the guests, J. B. Walker acting as the presenter. There were about thirty friends present.

**MORE SPLICING.**—Since Wednesday, the 27th, four couples have taken out licenses to wed from the county clerk's office. They were Thos. McDonald and Mary Butler, Joshua Ballard, and Louisa Weese, W. L. Davis and Mrs. Dolly Brothers, John W. Custer and Ida Augstadt.

Political pot is simmering.

**MORE WATER.**—With the warm rain of the past week the snow in mountains has melted quite fast and, as a result, the river and creeks are beginning to boom. On Wednesday afternoon the gauge registered a little over eight feet above low water mark but yesterday at 4 p. m. the fifteen foot mark had been touched, with water still rising and just up in the building on the O. R. & N. dock, foot of Jefferson street. LATER.—This Friday morning, at 8:30 o'clock, the water has reached the 17 foot mark and yet a comin'. Capt. Raabe, of the steamer Hoag, reports the Long Tom bottoms all overflowed and also the country around Finley's warehouse. With the hard rain of last night, no doubt, by noon to-day the rise will be still greater.

**COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**—The following gentlemen were elected at the last county republican convention in 1888, as members of the county central committee: Soap Creek, R. N. Williamson; South Corvallis, J. A. Henkle; Willamette, John Whiteaker; North Corvallis, C. E. Moor; Monroe, M. T. Starr; Philomath, Wm. Jolly; King's Valley, J. M. Watson; Summit, Horace Underhill; Tidewater, J. R. Golt; Wrenn, Geo. Bayne; Lobster, L. A. Peak; Alsea, J. Polly; Newport, R. A. Bensell; Yaquina, T. J. Buford; Tum Tum, Alfred Flickenger; Lower Alsea, E. H. Baldwin; Little Elk, T. Shaw; Elk City, C. C. Mays; Toledo, W. H. Alexander. Sol. King was elected chairman.

**THE L. A. AND H. M. SOCIETY.**—The Ladies Aid and Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church held their annual meeting at the parsonage last Wednesday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. B. W. Wilson, president; Mrs. W. A. Wells, vice-president; Mrs. P. H. Irish, secretary; Mrs. John Simpson, treasurer. The society has accomplished a great deal the past year, and starts forward into a new year under the most favorable auspices. A unanimous vote of thanks was given the retiring officers who had served so faithfully and well the past two years.

**Eggs, Eggs, Eggs.**—I am now prepared to furnish eggs for setting at the following extremely low price. \$1.00 for 13 eggs; \$1.75 for 26; and \$2.50 for 39 eggs; shipped to one address, money to accompany the order invariably. From the following pure blood varieties: P. Rocks, Wyandottes, Rose and Single comb Brown Leghorns, Silver Spangled Hamburgs, and Black-Breasted Red Games; also Pekin Ducks. Write for what you want to C. B. Wells, Philomath, Oregon.

**THE NEW BRIDGE.**—The county commissioners have been holding court this week, being the March term, and, other than the usual routine of business, let the contract for a new bridge across Mary's river. Hoffman & Bates, of Portland, are to construct the same, being the lowest bidders. The cost will be \$3,025, including approaches, etc. It is to have pile piers, will be an iron-wood combination of 150 feet span. Is to be completed as soon as possible.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—Services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. The subject of the morning discourse will be "The Supernatural and Divine in Christ's Miracles." In the evening there will be an illustrated sermon entitled "The House of the Heart." A cordial welcome to all and special effort made to give every one a comfortable seat.

**LETTERS.**—Advertised for March 7th, 1890: Georgia Brown, Mrs. H. Gouldin, Alfred Hanberlie, Chas. Lucky, E. Larana, John Moore, foreign, Mrs. Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Alice Oden, S. W. Perkins, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Wood. F. A. HELM, P. M.

**NEW COASTING SCHOONER.**—A gentleman representing milling parties at Alsea Bay, is negotiating for the outfit of a new steam coasting schooner at that place. The vessel is now under course of construction, and will be built something after the same model of the little schooner Augusta, and will cost about \$8,000. The necessary boilers and machinery are being made in Portland. When completed, she will engage in the coasting trade, touching at Alsea, Yaquina, Tillamook, Portland and other points.

**DULY OBSERVED.**—At the Corvallis college chapel on last Thursday evening, February 27th, "Longfellow's day," was duly observed by a literary and musical entertainment. O. G. Hopkins, of the Chataqua society, S. T. Jeffreys, of the Dialectic, Miss Denman, of the Hesperian, all favored those present with short selections. Miss Bonnie Swann recited a piece in an extremely fine manner. The musical renditions of the evening were very good.

**OPEN THE PLUGS.**—Every one of the fire plugs in this city should be opened and the water allowed to run for a few minutes in order to clear them of the sediment of mud which has collected in them during the time of the high water last month.

#### QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.

At the Congregational church next Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "Settled Convictions," and in the evening will answer the following questions that have been sent him through the post office:

"If some infants are not eternally lost is not the doctrine of original sin in Adam interfered with? If so why the necessity for an atonement or of Christ's coming? If we begin to revise foundation doctrine where shall we stop? (Signed) Calvinist."

"Do we know enough of human nature to convince us that it is a hopeless task to try to inspire every human being with lofty motives and firm purposes? If not what are the best means to that end? (Signed) Nationalist."

#### PROGRAMME

Of the farmers' institute to be held, under the auspices of the agricultural college, at Independence, on March 13 and 14:

THURSDAY, 7:15 P. M.

Opening Address—Pres. D. T. Stanley, Monmouth.

Music.

Response—Pres. B. L. Arnold, Corvallis.

State board of horticulture and its work—Hon. R. S. Wallace, Salem.

Where we miss it—Hon. E. T. Hatch, McCoy.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Music.

The future possibilities of the American farmer—J. H. Hawley, McCoy.

Tile Drainage—Geo. Rogers, Independence.

Poultry—Prof. F. Berchtold, Corvallis.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Music.

When to sell farm products—F. A. Patterson, Independence.

Mixed farming—F. S. Powell, Monmouth.

Bee-keeping—Prof. W. W. Bristow, Corvallis.

FRIDAY, 7:15 P. M.

Music.

Horticulture in Oregon—Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, Portland.

Our boys and girls vs. our stock—Prof. W. N. Hull, Corvallis.

Silos and ensilage—H. T. French, Corvallis.

R. H. Norton, mining engineer, has kindly consented to give an illustrated lecture on "Geology"—proceeds to go toward the free reading room fund. This will be specially interesting to all students. The price of admission will be placed so low all can enjoy the lecture. Date and place of lecture will be given next week.

Ads. taken at this office.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

City and county taxes became delinquent on Tuesday last.

R. L. Taylor makes ladies' and children's hair cutting a specialty.

Several persons were united with the Presbyterian church on Sunday last.

Case's barber shop has had three more incandescent lights hung within its walls.

Samuel Case, J. R. Bailey, and C. H. Williams, of Newport, came over on Wednesday.

The new court house is to be lighted by electricity as soon as the building can be wired.

Mose S. Neugass left for San Francisco on Saturday last. He will remain four weeks.

J. M. Nolan arrived on Wednesday's O. P. train from Yaquina to look after his business here.

According to the school census lately taken Salem has a population now of over 12,000.

A number of friends gave Misses Eda and Ethel Lewis a surprise party on last Friday evening.

R. O. Hawks, book-keeper for Henkle Brothers at Philomath, made the GAZETTE a pleasant call Saturday last.

The reading and elocutionary department of the public school in Corvallis is now in charge of Miss Maud Hoffman.

Workmen are now busy putting in the new gallery in the opera house here. The new drop curtain has also been ordered.

Judge and Mrs. Holgate gave an "old people's" party at their residence on Monday evening last. It was a pleasant affair.

Wm. Stock is now in Seattle, having gone there on Wednesday last. He is now holding a position in one of that city's drug stores.

Miss Nellie Callahan, of Albany, visited a few days among friends in this city this week. She was looking after a portion of the post office.

Jesse Wilkins returned to Corvallis on Saturday last from Portland. He has been attending the Holmes business college for the past three months.

L. L. Hurd is making some improvements on his property on southwest corner of Washington and Third streets. He has two splendid lots there.

C. E. Moor was in Portland this week attending the meeting of the republican state central committee. He is the delegate from Benton county.

There is now about twenty-nine miles to travel by stage around the great slide in the Cow Creek canyon on the Southern Pacific in southern Oregon.

The grocery store of A. F. Hershner has had the ceiling and walls all nicely covered with decorated paper, and thus one more improvement can be added to the list of 1890.

There will be services, in memory of Rev. James Kelsay, in Corvallis college chapel next Sunday at 11 a. m. Friends of the deceased are invited to be present.

Mrs. Aurora Bowman, of East Portland, has been in Corvallis this week visiting relatives and friends. The GAZETTE office acknowledged a pleasant call from her.

The room now occupied by Wise, the tailor, will be used after April 1st by B. S. Harris and brother in which to open out a dry goods stock. This will give Corvallis seven such establishments.

The "peanut and news" business on the Oregon Pacific between Yaquina and Albany is now in charge of Eugene Simpson, formerly waiter in the Occidental hotel. He assumed such duties on Monday last.

Dr. J. M. Applewhite has again changed his location for his office, this time to the front room in the upper story of the L. G. Kline building. The appearance of the steps, leading up to the rooms in front of the GAZETTE office scared him out.

The furniture for the new land and loan company's office in Corvallis was all purchased in Portland. They probably failed to remember the fact that J. A. Knight has a full line of office fixtures and other furniture, mostly homemade. Patronize home industry whenever you have occasion to purchase anything.

Fourth of July is coming.

#### DECISION RENDERED.

Judge Bean has just rendered a decision in the Philomath college case, tried at the last session of the circuit court and we publish his opinion in detail:

In the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Benton County: Philomath College, Plff.

vs. J. W. Hott, George Sicafoose, J. W. Ingle, W. S. Gilbert, L. N. Price, George Mercer, J. J. Bryan, J. L. Akin, H. Sheak, and R. O. Hawks, Defendants.

The above entitled suit coming on for hearing at the regular November term, 1889, of the above-entitled court on defendants' motion to dissolve the injunction heretofore issued by the County Judge of Benton County, in this suit. The parties, by their respective attorneys, stipulated and agreed that said motion be heard on the 15th day of January, 1890, in chambers. Said motion coming on for hearing on the 15th day of January 1890, Plaintiffs appealed by J. W. Rayburn and L. Flynn, it's attorneys, and Defendants by Caples, Hurley, Allen and John Burnett, their attorneys. After hearing the affidavits read and argument of counsel, the court being in doubt in the premises reserved said matter for further consideration, and now having fully considered the same and being fully advised, it is ordered that said injunction be and the same is hereby dissolved and held for naught as to the following named defendants: George Mercer, J. J. Bryan, H. Sheak and R. O. Hawks, and be continued as to the remaining defendants, except as they or any of them may hereafter act by and under the authority of the trustees of Plaintiff, which said trustees and the following named persons: Jas. E. Edwards, J. A. Henkle, J. Wheelton, N. R. Norton, J. W. Pulley, Wm. Wyatt, John Buchanan, L. F. Watkins, T. P. Conner, J. J. Bryan, R. O. Hawks, H. Sheak, George Mercer and George Sicafoose.

It is further ordered that J. J. Finleyson, the receiver heretofore appointed in this suit be, and he is hereby directed to deliver possession of the college grounds and buildings of plaintiff now in his possession to the above named trustees or their duly authorized agents. R. S. BEAN, Judge.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1890.

Who is to be next county judge?

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