

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CALL.

There will be a meeting of the Benton county republican central committee on Saturday, February 27, 1892, at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp, at the court house in the city of Corvallis, for the purpose of fixing the time of holding primaries and county conventions; also rate of representation for delegates.

NAMES OF COMMITTEE.

- S. L. Shedd, North Corvallis. Sol King, South Corvallis. R. N. Williamson, Soap Creek. W. L. Dwyer, Fairmont. Ben Jolly, Monroe. B. T. Harris, Philomath. John Whiteaker, Willamette. James Watson, Kings Valley. Wiley Norton, Wren. W. M. Galloway, Summit. Scott King, Tum Tum. I. F. Eddy, Little Elk. F. A. Thompson, Big Elk. E. M. Mays, Elk City. Bert Dedrick, Toledo. George E. Bushnell, Yaquina. R. A. Bessell, Newport. J. O. Stearns, Lower Alsea. D. W. Cornal, Tidewater. A. L. Clark, Alsea. L. A. Peck, Lobster.

BRIEF LOCALS.

The First National Bank, of Corvallis, Oregon. Wall paper, wall paper, wall paper at L. Welker & Co. Ladies' and children's haircutting a specialty at Taylor's. For furniture and undertaking go to L. Welker & Co. A full line of lamps and table cutlery at lowest prices at Hersher's. The Galley Slave is billed for the 29th of this month at the opera house. Miss Anna Schlosser, of Albany, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Fish. A. F. Hersher makes no extra charge for delivering goods outside the city limits. Organs and pianos cleaned and repaired at J. W. Will's. Prompt attention to all orders. We don't give taffy, but we sell it at Small & Son's. Try our taffy, made fresh every day. Take your watches to U. B. Vogle, practical watch maker, next door to Rose's cigar store. Mrs. C. Elton Blanchard, was called to Albany Tuesday to the sick bed of Mrs. D. H. McCullough. Call and inspect the furniture, wall paper, picture frames and undertaking stock of L. Welker & Co. The regular social dance will take place at the opera house to-night. All are invited to come out. Doctors and Mothers, read the journal "Good Health" and save money. U. G. LeRoy, Agent, Corvallis, Oreg. Now is the time to get your sewing machines and children's carriages repaired at J. W. Will's. All work warranted. Now is the time to trim your trees, and many of the shade trees in the various parts of the city are being trimmed up. Stoek left for San Francisco last week to purchase a full line of dry goods and clothing for the spring and summer trade. Curry county paid into the state treasury last Tuesday \$1200, her portion of the state taxes, being the first county in Oregon to remit. WANTED.—One or two ladies to do inside work in tailor shop. Steady employment and good wages. Experienced hands preferred. F. ZIRKEL. Anyone wanting a monument before next decoration day would do well to see E. W. Achison & Co. at once as they are selling at a ten per cent. discount to all who purchase within sixty days. W. T. Peet, formerly a resident of this city, but who is now cashier of the First National bank of Eugene, has tendered his resignation to take effect April 1st. The city marshal gives notice that in the future no cows will be allowed to be staked out within the city limits. Owners of cows will govern themselves accordingly. The Roseburg electric light company have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state; J. E. Hurd, Otey Boon and L. L. Hurd incorporators; capital stock \$20,000. F. Zirkel has opened a tailoring parlor two doors south of the postoffice, where he is prepared to give the best of satisfaction in fitting. Cleaning and repairing also done in the most thorough manner. If you want a beautiful granite monument set up before next Decoration day order at once before the quarries close for the winter. Drop a postal card to E. W. Achison & Co., at Albany, Or., and they will call on you and show you samples and lowest prices.

James Dixon, Chas. Skaggs and Solomon Datta, three prominent ranchers of Elk City are in the city looking after the interests of their ranches. The cash value in the policy of the Mass. Mutual makes it a collateral loan at any bank or with the company, at 6 per cent, after two payments. Compare with other companies and you will find no cash value, and a liability to lose all you pay in, in case of misfortune. The republican county central committee has been called to meet at the court house on Saturday, February 27, 1892, for the purpose of fixing the time of holding the primaries and county convention; also fixing the rate of representation for delegates. No one can foretell the future. Every one wants life insurance. Is it not better to insure where you are absolutely safe against loss, than to run the risk of entire loss? The Massachusetts Loan gives you the greatest protection. Hunt it up. Write to H. G. Colton, 33 Stark, St. Portland. The members of the Christian church are taking active steps toward the erection of a church edifice in this city to cost from \$2,000 to \$3,000, just southwest of the old college, on lots 5 and 6 in block 10. It will be built by popular subscription and the building will be a credit to our city. The farmers' institute opened last night at the court house and will close this evening. It is given under the auspices of Corvallis Grange, but is open and free to all and everybody is invited and urged to attend and take part in the discussions. A number of prominent farmers from different parts of the state are now in the city to attend the institute. Last Sunday afternoon Ralph Terrell, a student at the agricultural college, while skylarking with some companions at the dormitory fell from the fire escape to the ground, a distance of about forty-five feet. Strangely enough, he escaped with nothing more than a severe shaking up and scare from what might have been a very serious accident. Now that the holidays are over and matters are settling into their accustomed channels, it will be well to remember that when you want anything in the line of watches, jewelry, silverware and plated ware, the best place to look for it is at Ed. Greffor's store where there is a fine and complete assortment of everything of that kind at prices that defy competition. Mary A. Castell of this county was taken to the asylum this week by Sheriff Mackay. This is her second commitment, having been discharged from that institution about two years ago. She has had three attacks of insanity since her discharge and her friends concluded that the asylum was the safest and best place to keep her. A Sidney, Washington, paper has the following to say about an old and well known former resident of Yaquina bay: Mrs. Charles Kiddell, the Kitsap county woman arrested last Friday, charged with poisoning her husband, has been acquitted. The trial at Port Madison lasted three days and attracted a great deal of attention. Mrs. Liddell was ably defended by J. R. K. Irvin, of Sidney, who although not a practicing attorney at present, was at one time famous on Yaquina bay, and for his forensic powers and his skill in criminal practice. Frank Williamson and Fred Blumhart have completed their little pleasure boat, Escort. Last Tuesday evening the boat was taken across the river and launched at the ferry landing. On her trial trip she exceeded all expectations, behaving perfectly and developing a good rate of speed. After a few alterations she will be ready for active service, being capable of carrying about a dozen passengers. The motive power is supplied by a two-horse power gasoline engine. The little boat is a model of beauty, and nobody realizes this more thoroughly than Captain Williamson. Ci Plunkard and his hoosier band would not be in it as compared with a country brass band that furnished discords for a picnic in the Alsea country last summer, says a resident from that section. We use the word "brass," for, judging from the description of their makeup, they possessed more brass than talent. The leader is the same individual that was in town last fall and paid twenty-five cents for an almanac; but the novel plan by which he invented music racks for the occasion is something new to most musicians. After drawing his band up in a double line he placed forked sticks in the ground for the front row, and the ones pinned their music to the backs of the front row, while the bass drummer tucked his music up in the forks of a neighboring tree. Perhaps here is where Ci obtained his original idea of a "hoosier band."

REMINISCENCES OF A PIONEER. PAPER NUMBER SEVEN. The Alsea bay is navigable for a distance of about six miles, at present. The upper river for a distance of about thirty miles forms a first class carrier for the products of the valley situated in the basin at the head of this stream, thereby placing men of energy within easy reach of the San Francisco market, without the expense and labor of hauling out over mountains. While this section is to a great extent still, and probably will be for many years to come, sparsely settled, it is a very good location for any parties wishing to engage in stock raising or dairying or mixed husbandry. In this section, similar to the Yaquina valley, and all of the valleys on the western slope of the coast range, the codlin moth and other similar fruit pests have not and will not for many years to come, make their appearance. The climate in these localities is much more even, the soil more prolific, the returns for the labor expended much heavier than in the larger Willamette valley, while the markets are not perceptibly more distant from a financial standpoint. The Alsea valley proper which is located near the southern boundary of the county, midway between the Willamette river and the Pacific ocean, was principally settled about thirty years ago under the donation law, since which time the majority of the ranches have been taken under the homestead and pre-emption acts, principally by men of families who went there broke, with a view of building up a home for themselves and families. While they have not the advantage of a railroad, they have much more available, tillable land easy of access, which counteracts the lack of transportation facilities. Lying directly south of this Alsea valley, partly in Benton and partly in Lane counties, lies what has been known as the Lobster and Five Rivers countries, which for many years has been the popular rendezvous for valley hunters, but which during the past five or six years has been entered upon and settled by an actual legitimate colony of bona fide home seekers. In this vicinity for many years there has been rumors of gold bearing placer mines formerly worked by the native Indians, and while a few erratic wandering white men have attempted to discover the location of these mineral deposits, and have failed, it is still possible, that there may be discovered in this broken basin country, deposits of placer worth working. As the settlement has come forward, the game has retreated into the wilds in the neighborhood of the Table and Kickiat mountains. From the Alsea valley one crosses the summit of the coast range, which at this place is nearly imperceptible, into the Willamette valley proper, finds himself at the northern extremity of what has been popularly known for many years as the Long Tom. The Long Tom river or creek, heads within about one mile of the head springs of the Alsea which empties into the Pacific ocean, and Muddy creek, a tributary of Marys river which empties into the Willamette at the county seat. The Long Tom then runs along the foot hills in Lane county a distance of twenty-five or thirty miles, then doubles back, running nearly parallel with itself to its junction with the Willamette river. This loop formed by the river, has an average width of about four or five miles. The nature of the country is such that a great part of the land traversed by this stream is for a great part of the year of a swampy nature, thereby causing great quantities of vegetation to appear at seasons of the year when the hills and plains in other parts of the valley are turning brown from the summer's sun. This natural effect, makes this section of the country particularly well adapted for stock raising and handling. The fact of there being no reasonable means of transportation through this section has delayed the settlement and improvement of what is really one of the best sections of the western Willamette valley. Still those parties who have hung on to their land, and accumulated more, and have allowed their stock to grow while they slept, have acquired such quantities of land, stock and money, that, though they are not rich, enables them to live decently, in fact luxuriously, if they are so disposed, with a good deal of the same independence which we read of in that good book where one man worked fourteen years for two wives. (To be continued.) Mr. J. M. Nolan, who has a branch establishment of his dry goods and gent's clothing business at Yaquina City, returned from a business trip to that city a few days ago, and reports local merchants and the people in general as looking forward to a bright and prosperous season for the bay country. Luke O'Brien, who has charge of his business at Yaquina, has just returned from San Francisco with a complete invoice of dry goods and clothing.

WHAT IT COSTS UNCLE SAM.—To maintain the present efficient postal service in Oregon and Washington costs Uncle Sam a large sum of money in round numbers. In Oregon there are a good many small star routes, which, in the aggregate, cost considerable money to maintain. These routes cover 5240 miles, and the cost of carrying the mails per year over these routes reaches \$152,875. The total length of all the routes in Oregon, including railway, steamer and star routes, aggregates 7464 miles, and the yearly cost of carrying the mails is \$392,092. The total number of miles traversed each year is 3,565,632 miles. While in Washington, the total number of miles covered by the star routes is 2231, and the cost of carrying the mails per year is \$96,642. The total length of all the routes in that state is 7172 miles; cost of transporting mails per annum, \$367,625; total number of miles traveled during the year, 3,589,914. COLLEGE CONFERENCE.—To-day will begin a conference of college students and professors at Salem to last until Sunday evening. It has been called by the executive committee of the Y. M. C. A., to confer on religious work, and will be managed under the able guidance of John R. Mott, international college secretary, who has come from New York to do this work on the Pacific coast. There will also be present S. M. Sayford, another international man, Harry Hillard, California college secretary, James A. Dummett, general secretary of Oregon, and others. This promises to be a wide awake, enthusiastic, rousing convention. The men mentioned above are eloquent, able and inspiring. It would pay those who can attend these meetings to do so. BORN. STEWART.—On Sunday, Feb. 14th, to the wife of Lefe Stewart, a daughter. Weight eight pounds. BELKNAP.—On Wednesday, Feb. 17th, to the wife of Ed. Belknap, a son, weight 8 1/2 pounds. Mother and child are doing well and it is thought the father will survive. DIED. ALEXANDER.—February 12th, 1892, at the age of 82 years, 1 month, 14 days, Joseph C. Alexander. Mr. Alexander was one of the early pioneers of Oregon, coming to Benton county in the year 1849, and resided in this county from that time until his death. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him for his integrity and social qualities. He was generous to a fault to all immigrants applying to him for help and will ever be remembered for the kindly deeds he rendered to the needy in those early days. He received the commendation of his fellow citizens by being elected to fill many offices of trust, among which were representative to state legislature, sheriff of the county, etc. He donated to the Masonic fraternity the ground for the Masonic cemetery near Corvallis. All honor to the noble pioneer. Let his memory be cherished. ALEXANDER.—At his home in Kings Valley on Monday, February 15, 1892, T. H. Alexander, aged 45 years. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. T. H. Alexander was well and favorably known throughout Benton county having lived here all of his life. He was a son of the late J. C. Alexander, who died near this city on the 11th inst. His remains were laid to rest in the Kings Valley cemetery on Wednesday. PURDY.—On Thursday, February 11, 1892, at this city, Andrew Purdy, aged 61 years. The deceased was one of the early pioneers of Benton county and during his life was always known as an upright and industrious man. His death was sudden, he having been in his usual health until a short time previous. He was working on his farm a short distance from this city and while there alone met with an accident in some manner, which culminated in his death. His remains were interred in Crystal Lake cemetery. MILLER.—At the dormitory of the agricultural college on Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock, of pneumonia induced by a gripe, Ernest Miller, aged 22 years, 7 months and 25 days. Mr. Miller was a member of the present graduating class, having been a student at the college nearly four years. His residence was at Gervais, Marion county, where his remains were taken for burial yesterday. His father, George I. Miller was with him the last two days of his sickness and every attention that medical skill and kind nursing could give was given him by Mrs. Clark and the students. He was very much thought of by the teachers and scholars of the college. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Thompson in the college chapel on Thursday morning at nine o'clock; all classes at the college having been dismissed for the day. THE USUAL PIGGISHNESS. CALIFORNIA TRIES TO STEAL THE PRESTIGE OF AN IMPORTANT OREGON ENTERPRISE. It is characteristic of California to arrogate to itself the possession of everything worth having on the Pacific coast. This has been the case for years, and Oregon has suffered among Eastern people from that evil disposition of our neighbor. So much so that there are many people yet who think that Oregon is some little settlement or county in the state of California. The latest exhibition of cheek in this line appeared in a recent number of the San Francisco Examiner. A short time ago a branch Keeley Institute was started in one of the California towns and in speaking of it the Examiner uses the term "Pacific coast branch of the Keeley Institute," and conveys the impression that it is one of only three Institutes in the United States, the others being in Illinois and New York respectively. Now, as a matter of fact, Oregon has had a Keeley Institute for nearly a year, more than six months longer than California. This Oregon Institute was located in Portland until the beginning of the new year and did a remarkably large business in the cure of the liquor, opium, morphine and tobacco habits, but its managers wishing to secure more pleasant surroundings, a greater degree of privacy and more of home suburban life, concluded to move to Forest Grove and permanently locate at that beautiful town. It is there now, and the utmost satisfaction is reported from there. The patients have kept coming from all portions of the state, and no failure of cure is reported in any case. No town in Oregon is more favorably situated for such work than Forest Grove, where charming scenery, health giving air and wholesome spring water freely abound, and where pleasant social life and genial sympathies always greet the worthy sojourner. California may be a great state, but she cannot monopolize Oregon's Keeley Institute.—Forest Grove has that.

BILLS ALLOWED. The following bills were allowed at the February term of the county court, for the county of Benton, state of Oregon: Corvallis E. L. & P. Co., light, \$25.50. H S Lewis, janitor, 35.00. J P Phillips, repairs to jail, 5.00. H Sargent, 2 loads wood for jail, 3.00. Geo W Bigham, stationery, 3.00. W E Yates, sundries for school, 7.60. Geo D Barnard & Co, supplies sheriff, 4.30. J O Stearns, jury list, 15.00. Wm Mackay, attending jail, 9.95. W W Hill & Son, Pauper Griffith, 3.00. J A Wood, " Forest, 15.00. S L Kline, " supplies, 7.50. A L Porter, estab. sec. cors., 16.50. G C Peck, supervisor dist 52, 14.00. James McDonald, " 32, 6.00. T W B Smith, " 21, 12.00. W L Fowers, " 35, 2.00. W L Davis, printing, 24.00. C A Savage, supervisor, 8.00. B T George, " 14.00. Chester Skeels, " 10.00. C P Hodges, " 14.00. John M. Closskey, " 28.00. L W Mulvany, " 10.00. T F Lewis, " 8.00. C M Vanterpool, " 18.00. Peter Mayers, " 10.00. George Gates, " 14.00. Arthur St. Clair, guard, 12.65. E Skipton, expense equalization b'd., 4.50. Henry Chambers, bridge spikes, 10.00. Thomas Ezlin, paupers, hauling, 3.00. Daniel Parker, 5 coyote scalps, 50.10. E W Darkeo, Pauper Goecker, 8.00. Geo W Houck, rent Pauper Bond, 5.00. J D Clark, supplies court house, 5.70. R C R Young, relief taxes, 46.65. E Emreck, pauper account, 129.74. E Stocker, road work, Delaney, 15.00. Wm N Rees, bridge work, 16.00. N Counts, " 6.00. J C Corbas, " 6.00. F Countryman, " 3.00. P Anderson, " 3.00. Gus Brooks, " 3.00. J Paddock, " 3.00. Geo Kendall, " 3.00. W C Rees, " 3.00. F J Chambers, commiss'oner, 20.60. S A Logan, " 24.90. A liquor license was issued to W H Haulsackery. Pauper account presented by Edna J Ditley, rejected. E & O Ex. Attest, B. W. Wilson, Clerk. By L. Y. Wilson, Deputy. Robt. Huston, who has made Albany his home for the past two years, has returned to Corvallis to reside permanently. He has purchased Mr. Bogue's interest in the old and well known hardware establishment of Simpson, Bogue & Co., taking possession of his interest last Monday. Bob has many friends and acquaintances in this city who wish him success in his new venture.

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