

The Democratic Times.

Official Paper for Jackson & Josephine Counties.

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Call for a Democratic State Convention.

A Democratic State Convention for the State of Oregon, is hereby called by the Democratic State Central Committee...

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote Count. Includes Baker, Benton, Clackamas, etc.

It is suggested by the committee that the several counties hold their Primary Conventions on Saturday, the 25th day of February...

W. L. WHITE, Chairman, Dem. State Central Committee.

Call for a Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention for Jackson County will assemble at the Court House in Jacksonville on Saturday, March 7, 1874...

The several Precincts will be entitled to delegates as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Delegates. Includes Ashland, Applegate, Big Butte, etc.

It is recommended that the precinct meetings be held on the 25th of February, excepting Goose Lake, Lost River and Chewachan...

Josephine County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention for Josephine county will meet in Kershville on Saturday, the 7th day of March, 1874...

THE PRIMARIES.

Next Saturday is the day set for the primaries. Let every Democrat be present, determined on harmony.

A POSER.

And now comes B. J. Pengra, formerly a leading light in the Republican household, and submits serious accusations against the manner in which the Radicals of this State have been carrying elections.

In an open letter to Geo. H. Williams, he narrates the conversation on a certain occasion between Williams and himself, on the receipt by the former of a telegram from prominent Radicals in Oregon...

In April, 1870, and at the National Hotel breakfast table, in Washington, you handed me a dispatch and asked me, did I think it genuine. The dispatch was from Oregon, and was signed by a resident of Corvallis and H. W. Scott...

This is a poser to the Republicans, who can't dispute the truth of it, and the contentions they indulge in upon the matter are most amusing to behold.

SOUTHERN OREGON.

We were this week shown a letter from Mr. O. B. Gerrellds, of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, to W. J. Plymale, of this Valley, asking for information in regard to our climate, soil, yield of cereals, market, facilities for stock raising, etc.

For the benefit of such as may contemplate making Southern Oregon their home, we desire to say that our climate is not surpassed, if equaled, anywhere in the United States.

It is no unusual thing for stock owners of this valley to allow their cattle to remain in the hills all winter; and unless the winter is very severe the loss, if any is sustained, is slight.

The vast quantity and superior quality of our cereals attest most unmistakably the richness of our soil.

While California has attained, deservedly, a world-wide reputation in the cultivation of the grape, Southern Oregon has given unmistakable evidence of her ability to cope even with California; and with a little energy and business tact on the part of our people we should soon be enabled to export wines not inferior to those of California.

By an examination of the circumstances which immediately affect the agricultural interests of this county, we shall find here, as elsewhere, the laws of supply and demand are not only exacting, but inexorable; and this forces us to the conclusion that a revolution in agriculture is necessary to the best interests of all concerned.

The resources of this county are so numerous, diversified and ample, that no branch of industry need be overdone. The eastern part of the county is one of the richest pastoral sections on the coast.

Our farmers have too much waste land, pay capital on too much dead capital, and employ too much labor in the production of unsalable cereals.

Though the agricultural interests of this county are the most important and enduring, we are fully impressed of the extent and richness of her mineral lands; but without water the yield of the precious metals must necessarily be limited.

With water commanding the hills above Jackson, and those around Willow Springs and Blackwell, the yield of gold would not be less than three hundred thousand per annum, and possibly half a million.

If the Grangers carry out the principles of their Order, a revolution in business is certain and inevitable.

The Apaches are at their old tricks again, murdering and robbing. Powder and lead is the only remedy for these demons.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

The largest sheep owner in the world, possessing 250,000 head, and a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, committed suicide on January 6th.

A Salem man has invented a thermometer attachment for cook-stoves, by which he claims all over-done meats, scorched cabbage, and burnt bread will be avoided in the future.

A wrestling match for \$4,000 and the championship took place at San Francisco on the 14th between Whalen of California, and McLaughlin, of the East. McLaughlin won in two straight bouts.

Nearly all the money stolen from the Kalama express box has been recovered. It was found in a boot under the porch of a house near the one in which Budlong lodged.

Thomas Hart, who died at his residence in Polk county recently, was one of the old pioneers of this country. He came to Oregon in 1845, and settled on the place on which he died, having resided there constantly for near thirty years.

Successes of the Year.

The Lynchburg News says the result of the political year is, the Democrats have regained power in Ohio, in Oregon, and in Wisconsin—a State which has been Republican since the organization of that party—and has finally established its old time predominance in historic Virginia and Maryland.

A Righteous Bill Defeated.

Col. Nesmith's bill for the appointment of a commission to ascertain the losses sustained by citizens of Southern Oregon and Northern California by Indian depredations in 1872-3, was defeated in the House on the 13th by a decisive majority.

A Curious Family.

The Sentinel, a short time ago, for very transient reasons, announced itself as an independent journal, and proceeds to dish out to its Republican readers know-nothing doctrines with perfect gusto.

GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS.

The Cubans are gaining important successes.

Tweed's counsel is busy preparing a bill of exceptions, in order to have the case reviewed.

A marble statue of Colonel E. D. Baker, to cost \$10,000, is to be placed in the National Capitol.

A gang of woodchoppers are reported to have been murdered by Sioux Indians, near Fort Rice, Dakota Territory.

Edwin Booth, the actor, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Among the unsecured liabilities is a claim of Oakes Amos' estate for \$100,000.

A bill has been submitted to Congress, providing for the payment of \$100 bounty to all volunteers accepted under the proclamation of May 3, 1861.

Active Indian hostilities are reported in the neighborhood of Forts Laramie and Fetterman; and a general raid on the Wyoming settlements is anticipated.

The Sioux have been engaged in the favorite Indian pastime of murdering and stealing, and the Quaker policy is liable to be set aside awhile in their case.

Arithmetical calculation of the annual expenditures at West Point develops the fact that each cadet at graduating represents an outlay of \$8,000 of Government money.

The First National Gold Bank of Quincy, Illinois, was robbed on the 12th of \$100,000 in currency and a large quantity of bonds and other valuable papers.

Bishop Cummins and other dissatisfied Episcopalians have organized a new sect, and positively seceded from the old organization.

Senator Kelly last Monday presented the petition of citizens of Oregon in regard to charges against Hipple, Mitchell. The petition was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Japan is now exporting wheat—a new article of export for that country. But it remains to be said in explanation that the frugal natives can't afford to eat wheat flour, but live on rice and other cheap food.

Congressmen are receiving letters from Workingmen's Unions, protesting against any reduction of the appropriations for public buildings, on the ground that it will cause much suffering and perpetuate the panic.

Kendall has introduced a bill compelling railroad companies to receive patents for their land grants, and thus put them in a position to share local taxation. In case of failure to comply the lands will revert to the General Government.

A novel claim has been presented to Congress by a Dr. Zacharie, a chiropractor, who alleges that he removed \$46,000 worth of corn from theaching feet of our patriotic soldiers during the late war.

From the Washington correspondence of the San Francisco Bulletin we learn that Mr. Nesmith has introduced a bill granting the right of way for a projected railroad and telegraph line from Roseburg to Port Orford.

An exchange says an indication of the looseness and inefficiency prevalent in the various Governmental Departments at Washington is afforded by Honorable Luttrell's discovery of over \$73,000 of vouchers, belonging to citizens of California and Oregon, for supplies furnished the army during the Modoc war.

These vouchers were carelessly stowed away in an office where they did not belong, where they were placed by mere accident, and where they would stay until Gabriel blows his horn, for all any Department official would do to put them in proper train for allowance.

GRANGE NEWS.

The Brownsville, Linn county, Grange has sixty odd members.

Harrisburg, Linn county, Grange has eighty members, and applications are still pouring in.

Hon. A. J. Dufur, who has been appointed agent for the Granges of this State, is now in Portland making arrangements to enter upon the duties of his office.

The Michigan Granges are going into practical co-operation. They have appointed agents, and are about to open warehouses for the sale of their produce.

In the National Grange, Feb. 9th, the report of the Committee on Ritual was postponed until next session.

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