

The Democratic Times.

Official Paper for Jackson, Josephine & Lake

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 1887.

The Roseburg "Review" has a new press operated by steam and will enlarge its size this week and issue a holiday number, under the management of Fred Floss. It is an excellent paper and we are glad to learn of its success. Long may it prosper.

The Senate committee on finance held its first meeting on the 14th, and referred a favorable report on the Mortill bill to refund to States direct war taxes imposed by the act of August, 1861. The aggregate is about \$15,000,000. This bill was before congress last session.

The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago Tuesday, June 19th. This will be hardly necessary, only to keep up the organization, the G. O. P. for future emergencies. President Cleveland will surely be re-elected, in spite of everything the politicians may do.

The Secretary of the Treasury supplements the President's message with a report urging the great and immediate necessity of a reduction of revenue from taxation. He also agrees with the President that whisky and tobacco should be taxed. The Democratic majority in the House must attend to this surplus matter, and agree something.

SOUTHERN OREGON is receiving much attention from immigrants. According to the report of the Secretary of the State Board of Immigration, the 71 reduced tickets which were recently issued are divided, according to counties, as follows: Jackson, 21; Josephine, 12; Douglas, 2; Lane, 6; Marion, 15; Linn, 1; Benton, 7; Polk, 5; Yamhill, 2.

SPKING of the land office vacancy, recently, the President said: "I want a young man who will discharge the 800 cases now pending in the land office. I want the accumulated business cleared away." My Cleveland is full of business and allows no cobsweb to gather in any of the departments. He is clearly one of the best old executives the country has ever had.

The forthcoming Christmas number of Harper's Magazine will be the most princely descendant of its royal line with the noble blood of many kings of thought throbbing its arteries, and richly decked in sumptuous attire of illustrations. In point of attractive reading and luxuriant drawings it takes the palm even from the previous holiday numbers of "The Giant of the Monthlies."

HON. SAM CAREY, of Ohio, in speaking of the tariff, said it is possible to stimulate a trade too much. An industry is just like an individual. Give a man a few drinks of good Democratic whisky and he is rich as Croesus, and can sing "Home, Sweet Home," without a home. He can kick his weight in wildcats. Keep the thing up a few days and he is as weak as a child and poorer than the last heir of Lazarus.

ALTHOUGH T. R. Sullivan is well-known as a successful playwright, it is only within a year that he has gained a reputation as a writer of short stories. These have appeared exclusively in "Scribner's Magazine," the Christmas number of which will contain another entitled "The Tinture of Success." It is said to show that same strength of imagination which characterized "The Lost Rembrandt" and "Condor."

SENATOR MICHIGAN, of Oregon, intends to make another determined effort to get his Chinese bill through Congress this winter, which provides total prohibition of Chinese immigration, the only practical way of stopping it from coming within our borders. He introduced the same bill at last session, but gave way to the restriction bill introduced by Congressman Merrow in the House and senator Fair in the Senate.

LIKE the East Oregonian, we note that several anti-slavery Republican papers are already trying to make it appear that the President, in his message, especially and almost solely attacked the tariff on wool. This is not true. He naturally used wool as an illustration, and as an extreme example of the benefits of protection, if any benefits could come from a high protective tariff on anything. His argument only amounted to this: A protective tariff on wool is not the blessing it is claimed to be, much less a high tariff on many other things.

THERE is no free-trade party in this country, but there is a party, whose leader desires it wishes when he recommends that taxes which bring into the U. S. Treasury and take from the people and their business \$100,000,000 annually more than the Government needs, should be reduced. That party is the Democratic, and the laws that are drawing the people's wealth into the treasury are Republican, every one of them, and have been sustained by the votes of Republicans in Congress. Hugo Hermann, for one, having voted against even considering tax reduction, says the "Guard."

GENERAL STEPHENSON, of Framingham, of the Southern Pacific Company recently sold that road so he now owns the earth in the newly-built roadbed of the California & Oregon that it has been impossible to lay track. Operations were suspended for several days on that account. A soaking rain descended four or five days, making the roadbed very "muddy." It was not raining in the northern part of California the forepart of the week, and if the weather continues good the roadbed may be sufficiently dry to permit of the laying of track to close the gap between the two lines. It may be necessary to postpone the celebration of driving the last spike till after the holidays. This will be done if the road is not laid by then.

ON Monday afternoon of last week a steamer Yachima City was sighted off the bar at Yaquina bay and the tug Columbia went out to bring her in. When near the government jetty coming in a heavy sea struck the ship and broke the steering gear. The auxiliary gear was put in operation but broke, and the rudder fouled with the wharf and left the steamer at the mercy of the waves. She drifted on shore below the jetty and stranded. At 8:30 P.M. the crew were safely landed and next day the removal of the cargo was commenced. A gale has been blowing constantly since, rendering it impossible to relieve her. Monday the steamer broke into and there were nearly a total loss. The larger portion of the cargo was saved.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY NEWS.

Wm. Bybee of Jacksonville has been in this section of late.

The excursionists will be at Grant's Pass either Saturday or Sunday.

Several of our miners are at work, but the majority of them need more rain.

T. L. Knox, an old and respected citizen of Applegate, is quite ill, we are sorry to learn.

Prayer meetings are now being held regularly in the Presbyterian church at Gold Hill.

Miss Mary Urlings has located a land claim on Lost river and is now engaged in improving it.

J. Smith, attorney, and H. C. Perkins, surveyor, both of Eugene city, paid this section a visit recently.

Mrs. W. J. Nichols has finished giving music lessons at Linkville and returned to Crook, Cal., not long since.

The Farmers' Bank will open soon on the different bodies of water in this section, but not enough for good skating.

The farmers are busy making preparations for next season. Much plowing and seeding is being done.

The veterans of the southern Oregon Indian wars will meet at Grant's Pass tomorrow to form an organization.

The company owning what remains of the original townsite of Grant's Pass has advanced prices nearly 50 per cent.

The Old Fellows' Christmas ball at Grant's Pass will no doubt be a grand success. Much preparation is being made for it.

OSCAR TOPPING of Williams creek, the expert mechanic, was in Jacksonville not long since and sold a quantity of fine lumber.

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