

Oregon Sentinel.

W. G. T'VAULT, EDITOR.

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San Francisco Agency. THOMAS BOYCE, corner of Washington and Montgomery streets, is our authorized Agent in San Francisco, to receive subscriptions and advertisements for the SENTINEL.

Notice. We would call the attention of the former patrons of the SENTINEL to the recent change of proprietors, and urgently request that all those who are indebted to us before the 29th of May, 1857, to make immediate payment, and those having accounts against the office prior to that date will please present them, as it becomes necessary that the books of the firm shall be settled up as early as possible.

W. G. T'VAULT, ALEX. BLAKELY.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, L. F. GROVER,

Subject to the will of the Democratic Convention.

Editor Sentinel:—Please announce the name of GEN. A. L. LOVEJOY,

As a candidate for Governor, subject to the decision of the Democratic State Convention, and oblige

MANY VOTERS. of Jackson County.

APOLOGUE.—The editor started on Sunday to Kerbyville on legal business, intending to return home by Wednesday, at latest, but he has, no doubt, been detained by the impossibility of crossing the swollen streams. His compulsory absence will account for the small amount of editorial matter in to-day's paper.

The mail from the North which was due here on Wednesday, has not yet arrived, and will not until the streams recede. The inclement weather has also prevented the express coming over from Yreka; so we have received no news from any quarter this week. If the storm continues during next week, we shall probably have to draw upon McCormick's Almanac for copy.

COKE AT LAST.—Rain has been falling almost constantly during the week. No miner can now complain of the scarcity of water. There is a sluice-head in every little gulch; enough to float a steamboat in every stream that has respectable pretensions to the name of creek; and Rogue River and Applegate are "chock full and running over." Well, it is a "God send" for the country. The miners' hopes had been deferred until they had almost despaired; but the rain has come at last, in abundance. The great fall of water may have done some damage in the way of carrying away bridges, fences, &c., but we may safely calculate that the people of this county will make a round sum from this week's storm, after paying all damages and losses.—The storm commenced by snowing all day Sunday, and the rain has come down almost incessantly during the week.

HEAD BROKE.—Two miners in the vicinity of Evansville, named John Snyder and Frank Budde, had an altercation on Sunday last, in which Budde received a blow on the head with a pick handle, inflicting a severe wound. A surgeon was called, and pronounced the wound not fatal.—Snyder was arrested, and examined on Wednesday, before Justice Arundall, who fined him fifty dollars and costs.

CAPTURED AGAIN.—We learn from Mr. Arrington, of Crescent City, who arrived here on Saturday last, that Bill Judd, who escaped from the jail at Crescent City a few weeks since, had been captured on the Klamath Reservation and brought back and lodged in jail again, where it is hoped he will be safely kept until he is ordered to Point San Quentin.

BALL ON THE 22d.—Don't forget the Ball at Davis Evans' on Monday evening, the 22d. It will be one of the best ordered and most pleasant fetes of the season. The host and hostess have made ample preparations to please the most fastidious, and will be pleased to greet their friends and guests. Attend, and take your partners.

PRECINCT MEETINGS.—On Saturday last the Democratic voters of this county held their Precinct meetings, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Democratic County Convention, held in this place to-day. We publish elsewhere the proceedings of Precinct Meetings.

Our paper has been delayed several hours to get proceedings of the Convention.

L. SCOTT & Co.'s REPRINTS of Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine and the British Quarterly have been welcome visitors to our table during the past year. These are the standard works of English literature, and we would commend them to the patronage of our readers. The new volumes of the North British Review, Edinburgh Review, London Quarterly, Westminster Review, and Blackwood commences January, 1858, and consequently the present is a favorable time to subscribe.

TERMS.—Blackwood or any one of the Reviews, \$3 a year. Blackwood and one Review—or any two Reviews, \$5. The four Reviews, \$8. Blackwood and the four Reviews, \$10.

In England, the subscription of the above works is \$31 per annum. Address L. Scott & Co., Publishers, 54 Gold street, corner of Fulton, N. York.

Correspondence of the Sentinel.

Friend T'Vault:—In this communication I propose to inquire into some of the reasons why it is that the General Government, and General Scott at the head of the War Department, refuse to recommend the raising of Volunteers from Oregon and California.—Have we not here as good men as any on the Atlantic side? I think on this point there can be no doubt. Are not our miners as ready to volunteer as other men? Most assuredly they are. Are not they as brave and as much used to danger and hardships as any other class of men? Of the truth of these assertions none will attempt to deny. Why then, I ask, is it not practicable to raise a volunteer force on this coast? How then is it that volunteers cannot be sent from California with as good a prospect of success as from the Atlantic States? Los Angeles possesses advantages over any other place, for the following reasons: First, it is but little over four hundred miles from ship navigation to the Southern Mormon settlements. This route is passable during the entire year. The obstructions to this route are far less, there being no large rivers to cross, and no rugged mountain chains intervening, and no narrow canyons or defiles to pass. Supplies are as cheap as at any Eastern point, and horses and mules can be had for less than one-half. Why, then, I ask, is it that we are denied the opportunity of furnishing our share of men and supplies in subduing this Mormon rebellion?

Respectfully, yours, B.

Queries.

ASHLAND, Feb. 6, 1858.

COL. T'VAULT:—I wish to know, first, if there is any difference between the pro-slavery and the free-State Democrats; or if there is a difference, I wish to belong to that class of Democrats that is farthest from affiliating with the Abolitionists or Black Republicans.

I have thought that the Abolition Black Republicans voted with the free-State Democrats on the slavery provision in the Constitution, and that they agreed at least upon that question.

I also wish to know, if the ownership and possession of personal property is an individual right secured by the Constitution of the United States; and if so, why has your neighbor a right to say, by his vote, you shall not own?

These are important questions to me, and I would be glad if some person would give me a satisfactory answer, as there are at the present time political organizations going on. There seems to be a preference given to the free-State organs over those that advocated slavery.

In the event you can answer me the above questions, please address me a private note; if not, please publish the foregoing, and oblige

AN OLD HICKORY DEMOCRAT.

We give the above an insertion for the purpose of seeing what the answer to the inquiries will be. Should any person be disposed to answer, we will publish the same if forwarded to us.—Ed.

THE NORTHERN TELEGRAPH.—The Yreka Union learns from Mr. Hubbard that the early completion of the telegraph line to Yreka is no longer an open question. "The work is completed between Shasta and Red Bluffs, and is pronounced by competent judges to be fully equal, if not superior, to any telegraph ever constructed. Before Mr. Hubbard left Shasta the posts were set forty miles of the distance between Red Bluffs and Oroville, and all the posts were on the line between the top of Trinity Mountain and Oroville except about six hundred and fifty which had been saved in the mountains, and their delivery retarded by the snow."

Proceedings of Precinct Meetings.

MANZINETA, Feb. 13, 1858.

Pursuant to notice, the Democratic citizens of Manzinetta Precinct met at Plymouth's School-house on Saturday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the County Convention to be held at Jacksonville, on Saturday, the 20th of Feb. 1858.

On motion, Thomas Hopwood was called to the Chair and James Kilgore was chosen Secretary.

Whereupon the Chairman explained the object of the meeting, in a neat and appropriate manner.

On motion, James Kilgore, John S. Miller, and Thos. Beall, were elected delegates to the County Convention to be held at Jacksonville.

On motion of Thos. Beall to appoint a committee of three to prepare a preamble and resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting, the Chair appointed Thos. Beall, J. S. Miller, and Hyman Fairchilds, said committee.

During the absence of the committee, the Chair again entertained the meeting with some very appropriate remarks on the subject of the organization of the State Government and a thorough organization of the Democratic party.

The committee then reported the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The citizens of Oregon are about to undergo a permanent change of government, it is important that the Democracy should bestir themselves to effect a sound and thorough organization of the Democratic party on a liberal basis.

1. Resolved, That the delegates from this Precinct are instructed to exert their influence, in the County Convention to elect delegates to the State Convention to be held at Salem, to exert their undivided influence for a re-organization of the Democratic party on sound and liberal Democratic principles.

2. Resolved, That we are politically and morally opposed to proxy voting in all future County Conventions, and in favor of a permanent Democratic County organization.

3. Resolved, That we endorse the Oregon Sentinel as a Democratic paper, also the Jacksonville Herald.

4. Resolved, That the delegates of this precinct be, and they are hereby instructed to support the following named gentlemen for delegates to the State Convention:—Thomas Beall, James Hamlin, Jonathan Sampson, Col. T'Vault, Charles Williams, and Capt. Barnes.

5. Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and be published in the Oregon Sentinel and Jacksonville Herald.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

THOS. HOPWOOD, Ch'n. JAMES KILGORE, Sec'y.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 13, 1858.

The citizens of Jacksonville Precinct in accordance with previous notice, met at T'Vault's Hall at 11 o'clock a. m., when Wm. Burke was appointed Chairman, and Richard Williams, Secretary.

On motion, the meeting adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the meeting was called to order.

Mr. T'Vault stated the object of the meeting, and moved that Wm. Hoffman be elected as a delegate to the County Convention. Elected.

On motion of Gen. Lamerick, Henry Klippel was elected.

On motion of Mr. Green, G. R. Alcorn was elected.

On motion of Thos. Pyle, William Burke was elected.

Whereupon, W. G. T'Vault and J. K. Lamerick made short speeches, expressing their views on the rights and duties of Democrats, and the duties devolving upon the delegates to a State Convention.

On motion, the meeting adjourned sine die.

Wm. BURKE, Ch'n. R. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

STERLING, Feb. 13, 1858.

At a meeting of the Democrats of Sterling Precinct, held in Sterling on Saturday Feb. 13th, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention, to be held at Jacksonville on the 20th inst., the meeting was organized by calling R. Armstrong to the Chair, and appointing James Wood, Secretary.

On motion, Messrs. B. Bozarth, D. Crowley, P. Bowen, and Jas. A. Van Nest, were elected delegates to the County Convention.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted: Resolved, That we instruct our del-

egates to vote for no citizen of Jackson county as a delegate to the State Convention, who is not within the County at the time of the meeting of the County Convention.

Resolved, That each of the Jacksonville papers be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion, adjourned.

R. ARMSTRONG, Ch'n. JAS. T. WOOD, Sec'y.

EVANSVILLE, Feb. 13, 1858.

At a meeting of the Democrats of Evansville, held on the 13th day of February, pursuant to a call of the Democratic Central Committee of Jackson county, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the County Convention, to be held in Jacksonville on the 20th inst., the meeting was called to order and proceeded to business by appointing D. F. Fisher, Chairman, and Benj. Haymond, Secretary.

The meeting elected the following gentlemen as delegates to attend said Convention:—Lafayette Gall, D. F. Fisher, and Marion Dildine.

The following resolutions were presented, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our delegates to the County Convention be instructed to vote for none others for delegates to the State Convention, than such persons as are now in the county, so that they may receive the instructions of the County Convention, and also be acquainted with the wishes of their constituents.

Resolved, That we endorse the Oregon Sentinel as a good, reliable Democratic paper, and any effort to destroy confidence in that paper, while it advocates the same Democratic principles, we look upon as anti Democratic.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Oregon Sentinel.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

D. F. FISHER, Ch'n. BENJ. HAYMOND, Sec'y.

ASHLAND, Feb. 13, 1858.

Pursuant to notice, the Democratic voters of Ashland Precinct met for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic County Convention, to be held at Jacksonville on Saturday, February 20th. Patrick Dunn was chosen Chairman, and A. M. Shonta, Secretary.

On motion, the delegates were instructed to use their influence in Convention to have the delegates from Jackson county to the State Convention instructed to vote for Gen. Lane as first choice for Representatives to Congress, and for Hon. M. P. Dady as second choice.

On motion, the delegates were further instructed to use their influence to secure to Hon. Geo. L. Curry, the nomination for Governor of the State of Oregon.

By unanimous vote, the delegates from this Precinct were instructed to vote in County Convention for no person who endorses the 5th and 6th Resolutions of the Salem Platform, for delegate to the State Convention.

On motion, carried by vote, the meeting endorsed the Oregon Sentinel as the true exponent of Democracy in Oregon.

On motion, ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Oregon Sentinel.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

P. DUNN, Chairman. A. M. SHONTA, Secretary.

EDEN PRECINCT.—We have not received the proceedings of this precinct; but we learn that Messrs. N. D. Smith, J. P. Burns and Wm. J. Allen were appointed delegates to the Convention.

STAR GULCH, Feb. 13, 1858.

Pursuant to notice, the Democratic voters of Star Gulch Precinct met for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic County Convention, when William Carberry was chosen Chairman, and U. S. Hayden, Secretary.

On motion, Messrs. Wm. Carberry, T. L. Linkawiler, and G. B. Davidson were elected delegates to the County Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Oregon Sentinel.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Wm. CARBERRY, Ch'n. U. S. HAYDEN, Sec'y.

APPLAGATE, February, 13, 1858.

Pursuant to notice, the Democratic voters of Applegate Precinct met for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic County Convention.—Daniel Newcomb was chosen Chairman, and Casper Kubli, Secretary.

On motion, Messrs. Daniel Newcomb, John O'Brian and Jas. P. Barnes were elected delegates to the County Convention.

On motion it was Resolved, That the delegates from this precinct be instructed to vote for no person as a delegate

to the State Convention, who is not within the County at the time the County Convention is held.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Oregon Sentinel and Jacksonville Herald.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

DANIEL NEWCOMB, Ch'n. CASPER KUBLI, Secretary.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 20, 1858.

The Delegates from the different Precincts of Jackson county, met in Convention to-day, for the purpose of electing Delegates to represent said county in the Democratic State Convention, to be held at Salem on the 16th day of March ensuing. On motion, James Kilgore was appointed Chairman, and Wm. Hoffman and W. J. Allen were appointed Secretaries.

On motion of Capt. Thomas Smith, the credentials of Delegates were presented.

On motion of Capt. Thos. Smith, a committee of three was appointed to examine credentials of Delegates.—Capt. Thos. Smith, Capt. John S. Miller, and Wm. Burke, were appointed said committee, and reported the following Delegates, to wit:

Ashland—Thos. Smith, Geo. Good, Wm. P. Swager.

Eden—Jas. P. Burns, Jas. Hamlin, W. J. Allen.

Sterling—B. Bozarth, Dennis Crowley, Perry Bowen, J. A. Van Nest.

Jacksonville—Wm. Hoffman, Henry Klippel, E. R. Alcorn, Wm. Burke, Benj. Haymond, D. F. Fisher, Lafayette Gall, Marion Dildine.

Applegate—John O'Brian, Capt. Jas. P. Barnes, D. Newcomb.

Maximista—James Kilgore, John S. Miller, Thos. F. Beall.

Dardanelles—D. F. Fisher, Lafayette Gall, Marion Dildine.

On motion of W. J. Allen, the Convention proceeded to elect Delegates to the State Convention, prior to which the following motion was adopted:—That no Delegates be elected to the State Convention who are absent from the County. Also moved and carried, That the election be by ballot.—After nominations having been made and the election held, the following was the result:

Henry Morgan received 92 votes; W. G. T'Vault, 23 votes; Thos. F. Beall, 17; E. R. Alcorn, 16; James Hamlin, 15; Thos. Pyle, 14; John S. Miller, 14; W. J. Swager, 14; Wm. Burke, 14. Thos. Pyle asked to withdraw his name, which was agreed to.

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The Steam Wagon.

An occasional correspondent at Sacramento, who is familiar with the subject, writes as follows to the San Francisco Bulletin: So many contradictory statements have, during the past nine months, appeared in the papers in regard to the Steam Wagon; and the public have been so often disappointed, that it may not be uninteresting to the readers of the Bulletin to learn what is the condition of affairs pertaining to it, and what the prospects of ultimate success. A few days ago I noticed a paragraph in a Sacramento paper, stating that it would be ready for trial on the race-course in a few days. I am sorry to say that the author of that statement, like that of other newspaper promises, is mistaken. In order to fully satisfy myself that the Steam Wagon was not a myth, but an actual tangible reality, I yesterday set out to find it. After various enquiries I succeeded, and for the benefit of those who may be in doubt as to its existence, or who may not have an opportunity of seeing it, I send you a brief description of the apparatus. I may mention that it could be completed in a week or two, but at present the work is suspended for want of funds. A heavy frame bed, supported by strong springs attached to a neat but very strong wagon, supports two engines, of three-horse power each. The boiler, which is a small tubular upright one, with a great deal of heating surface, stands in the centre of this frame or bed, with a cylinder on each side. The connecting rods are attached to the cranks on the ends of a shaft, on which is a cog-wheel that drives the cranks to which are attached the legs or levers for propelling the machine forward over the road. On the rear end there is a tank somewhat similar to that connected with a locomotive, for carrying water to supply the boiler. The question is often asked, "Will the steam wagon succeed?" Judging from my knowledge of the results of similar experiments, and from a close examination of this machine, I have no hesitation in saying that it can be made to operate, but that the expense attending its construction and use will not admit of its general employment—in other words, "it won't pay." The ingenuity, industry and perseverance of those engaged in the construction of this steam wagon are worthy of a much more profitable and honorable fate than that which evidently awaits them; and it is to be regretted that they have not employed their money and talents in a more practical direction. In this utilitarian age it might be thought how much ingenuity may be displayed in the construction of a machine, it will not be appreciated unless its practical results can be fully expressed in dollars and cents. That the mechanical devices which form the leading distinguishing features of this machine will at some future day be successfully applied to a wagon for common roads, I do not pretend to say; but it cannot be done until after the discovery of a motive power much less dangerous than the common boiler and engine.

CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON.—The California Legislature recently sent a committee to examine into the affairs of the State Prison. We make a few extracts from the report of the committee:

The Prison rolls called for 515 convicts under sentence, of which number the Committee found 506, leaving nine absent. The whole number of convicts that have been received since its establishment, amounts to 1,297. The number of convicts who have escaped since April 1st, 1856, is 91. The condition of the prisoners is represented as being extremely bad, being badly provided for in every respect, and subjected to intolerable suffering. The Committee declare the contract to be entirely void and of no effect, and that the lessee has violated the contract.—The Committee recommends the appointment of a Warden or State Agent to take charge of the Prison and prisoners immediately.

The Los Angeles Star of the 30th January says: "A rumor has been current in town for some time, to which we did not at first give credence, that two young men, Thomas and John Aiken, formerly of this neighborhood, and who had been confined in Salt Lake City, were murdered on their way to California. A party of four started from the City. They procured guides and interpreters, but when about two days' journey west of Ogden City they were set upon by Indians, and the whole four killed. The interpreters were not molested. We hope this may prove untrue. The Aiken boys were well known in this city, and very much respected. Since they left for Salt Lake, we had previously repeatedly heard of their death. This time it comes to us on the authority of a man who had the narrative from the interpreters."

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