

Oregon Sentinel.

W. G. T'VAULT, EDITOR.

JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

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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 20th 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 at as early a period as possible.

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

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES, Nominated at Salem, March 16, 1858.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS,

L. F. GROVER,

Of Marion County.

Governor—**JOHN WHITEAKER,**

Of Lane.

Secretary of State—

LUCIEN HEATH,

Of Polk.

State Treasurer—**J. D. BOON,**

Of Marion.

State Printer—**A. BUSH,**

Of Marion.

District Judges—

M. P. DEADY, 1st District;

R. E. STRATTON, 2d District;

R. P. BOISE, 3d District;

A. E. WAIT, 4th District.

Jackson County Democratic

Ticket.

For Senator,

A. M. BERRY.

For Representatives,

H. H. BROWN,

DANIEL NEWCOMB,

W. G. T'VAULT.

For Sheriff,

L. J. C. DUNCAN.

For County Judge,

WM. J. BEGGS.

For County Clerk,

WILLIAM HOFFMAN.

For Coroner,

JAMES HAMLIN,

For Treasurer,

DAVID LINN.

For Assessor,

B. BOZARTH.

For County Surveyor,

SEWAL TRUAX.

For Probate Judge,

N. D. SMITH.

For County Commissioner,

PAT. DUNN.

Supt. of Schools—**J. O. RAYNOR.**

Col. of Militia—**G. W. KEELER.**

Douglas County Democratic Ticket.

For Senator, or Councilman,

HUGH D. O'BRYAN.

For Representatives,

JAMES D. BURNETT,

THOMAS NORRIS.

For County Judge,

STEPHEN F. CHADWICK.

For Sheriff,

THOMAS WHITTED.

For County Clerk and Auditor,

JAMES M. PYLE.

For Treasurer,

GEORGE HAYNES.

For Assessor,

CURTIS F. STRATTON.

For County Commissioner,

DAVID MARKHAM.

For County Surveyor,

JOSHUA A. BURNETT.

A. J. OWENS, who was tried at the late trial sitting of the U. S. District Court for this county, for the crime of burglary, was sentenced by the Court to five years imprisonment in the Penitentiary, but his term of service does not commence until the first Monday in June next. OWENS will remain in the Jackson county jail until after the next trial sitting of the District Court for this county, which will most likely commence the third Monday in May.

O. J. HART, who has been figuring rather conspicuously in this county for some time past, and one of the parties implicated in the murder of Dr. Sisson at Ashland Mills, was visited the other day by Sam. Fair, the indefatigable Sheriff of Siskiyou county, Cal., and taken to California to answer to a charge of murder. It is reported that a reward of fifteen hundred dollars was offered for his apprehension.

ELMUS RUDDS, who was charged with an assault with intent to kill, and tried at the late trial sitting of the Court for this county, and found guilty of an assault only, and fined \$150 and costs of prosecution, has gone out to collect money to pay the same.

The Stage from Yreka arrives every other day a little after 4 o'clock in the evening, and leaves about 5 o'clock in the morning—much travel on the road—Stage crowded with passengers.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The delegates from the several precincts met at McCully's Theatre, in this place, today, Saturday, May 1st, and appointed Thos. Pyle temporary Chairman, and J. R. Peters Secretary, when the following preliminary proceedings were had:

On motion, Ben. Haymond, F. M. Strickland, P. Dunn and James Hamlin were appointed a committee on credentials.

On motion, H. H. Brown, W. F. Songer, G. B. Davidson, Thos. Hopwood and J. Tatum were appointed a committee on resolutions.

On motion, A. Carter, Jas. Barnes, J. S. Miller, S. D. Van Dyke and H. H. Brown were appointed a committee on the order of business.

On motion, the convention adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The committee on credentials reported the following persons as delegates:

Ashland—Clairburn Neil, P. Dunn, W. F. Songer.

Applegate—John O'Brien, Jas. Barnes, H. H. Brown.

Butte Creek—J. Tatum, John Nichols, J. Swingle.

Doreville—Ben. Haymond, D. Courtney, M. Biddle.

Eden—Jas. Hamlin, S. D. Van Dyke, Alex. Carter.

Evans Creek—John Music, Philip Griff, Lewis Miller.

Forest Hill—James Ringold, W. T. Kelly, Thos. Stewart.

Jacksonville—Harvey Morgan, Wm. Hesse, R. C. Moore, J. R. Peters.

Mansanita—J. S. Miller, Thos. Hopwood, Thos. Beall.

Perkinsville—Wm. Fiburn, Chas. Burton, Jas. Boss.

Steering—Perry Bowen, F. M. Strickland, Chas. Donaldson, Dennis Crawley.

Sam's Creek—Joseph Satterfield, A. J. Molton, J. M. Sutton.

Siskiyou—R. T. Brickley, J. W. Rigeby, James T. Saltmarsh.

Star Gulch—John Goldsby, G. B. Davidson, Basil Bozarth.

On motion, the convention was permanently organized by appointing Thos. Hopwood President, James R. Peters Secretary, and H. H. Brown Assistant Secretary.

The committee on resolutions reported the following, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved, That a democratic form of government is of necessity a government by organizations created to carry out measures as shall most conduce to the benefit of society, and that no member of the community can consider himself independent on subjects of social importance and general government, and be either a good citizen or a sound Democrat.

2. Resolved, That we do not recognize the right of Democrats to vote and act in opposition to the principles of the organization of which they are professed members, and still maintain their standing in the party.

3. Resolved, That we endorse the platform laid down at Salem, March 16th, 1858, as embracing the principles and policy of the Democratic party in Oregon.

4. Resolved, That the eminent patriotic course of the Hon. Joseph Lane, our Delegate in Congress, and his untiring devotion to the interests of Oregon, commend him to the respect of all good citizens and endeavor him to the Democracy of the country, and that our Senators and Representatives be and they are hereby instructed to use their best endeavors to secure his election to the United States Senate, as our first choice for Senator, to represent the new State of Oregon.

5. Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives to the State Legislature, be requested to co-operate with the Democracy of Northern Oregon in the election of a second national Senator, who will know no North, no South,—but who will act in all things for the good of the whole country.

6. Resolved, That we will ourselves, and we recommend to the Democracy of Jackson County, to use all honorable means to secure the election of the nominees of this Convention.

On motion, the convention proceeded to nominate candidates, voting *via voce*.

[For the nominations made by the convention, see "Jackson County Democratic Ticket," in preceding column.—Ed.]

INDIAN WAR AT THE MOUTH OF ROGUE RIVER.—We learn from a gentleman lately from the coast, that about a week or ten days since, some thirty Indians attacked three men in a cabin, where Ben. Wright was killed during the war of 1855-6, and killed one named Taylor, the others making their escape. The settlers are again compelled to leave their houses and property and seek protection in forts. On the coast, all the houses—eight or ten—have been burned, and some of the inhabitants are missing. We hope to be able to give reliable details from there next week.

C. N. THORNTON, Esq.—This gentleman left in the Stage this morning with his family for Yreka, Cal. Mr. T., during his short residence at this place made many warm friends. His gentlemanly course toward all is sure to be rewarded—may success attend him.

Surely it is much more pleasant to meet our fellow-men on equal terms of friendship, always upon that reciprocity of exchange that gives no advantage to the one or mortification to the other. This cannot be unless the mind is capable of appreciating that parallel which all honorable men should occupy.

L. SCOTT & Co.'s reprints of *Blackwood* and the *British Quarterly* are regular and welcome visitors to our table. The intelligent reader will very soon discover the value of these works.

REMOVAL.—The Post Office has been removed to the Express building on California street, opposite the Union Hotel. This is an excellent arrangement, and will accommodate the public.

The Legislature of California passed a law repealing the Gaming Law, but Gov. Weller vetoed the Bill; consequently the Gaming Law of California remains as it was.

MR. HILLMAN, the gentlemanly bar keeper of the "El Dorado," will accept the thanks of the "Sentinel" of this office, for "refreshments for the inner man."

JACKSONVILLE, May 1st, 1858.

Col.—Permit me to say through your columns that "Q. V." in his communication of March 24th, to the *Oregon Statesman*, has told a most infernal falsehood.

L. S. THOMPSON.

Important Decision.

At the trial sitting of the United States District Court for Jackson county, Miles Wakeman and Martin Murphy were indicted for breaking a dam which had been erected across Lane's Creek for the purpose of turning the water into a ditch for mining purposes.

Considerable anxiety was manifested as to rights of parties taking water from its natural channel and using it for mining purposes, if at any subsequent time mines should be discovered in the natural channel. Many contended that those who wished to use the water in its natural channel had the right over those who had previously turned the water and were using it. The ruling of the Court in the following case settles the question:

DISTRICT COURT—TRIAL SITTINGS FOR JACKSON COUNTY—DEADY, Justice.—April 21st, 1858.—Territory of Oregon vs. Miles Wakeman and Martin Murphy; indictment for breaking and destroying a dam.

Held, That whoever first appropriates the water of a running stream for purposes of mining, either by using it in the natural channel or by turning it into a ditch, has the exclusive right to the use of such water to extent of such appropriation, as against all persons who do not claim title to the land from the general government. It is a crime within the meaning of the 34th Sec. of Chap. 4 of the crimes act to destroy a dam by which the water is turned from its natural channel into a ditch for mining purposes, although the person so destroying the dam may have a right by prior appropriation to have the water, or some portion of it, thus diverted to run in the natural channel. The party who considers himself aggrieved by the dam may proceed by injunction to have the dam removed or modified, if, upon the hearing, it shall appear that he has the better right to all or a portion of the water by having first appropriated the same.

Proceedings of Precinct Meetings.

JACKSONVILLE PRECINCT.—Pursuant to notice, the Democratic citizens of Jacksonville Precinct met at the Court House, on Saturday, the 24th of April, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the County Convention, to be held at Jacksonville, on Saturday, the first day of May, 1858, to nominate County officers.—The meeting was called to order by Wm. J. Beggs, and organized by calling Thomas Pyle to the Chair, and appointing J. B. Sifers Secretary.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Gen'l J. K. Lamerick, James H. Peters and Wm. J. Beggs, was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting;—whereupon said committee submitted the following resolutions for the consideration of the meeting:

Resolved, That we endorse the principles embodied in the platform adopted at the Democratic State Convention held at Salem on the 16th of March, A. D. 1858, and that we will support no man for office who does not adhere to those principles.

Resolved, That our delegates be instructed to use their influence in the County Convention to procure the instruction of the Democratic candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives to support Gen'l Lane, as our first choice for United States Senator.

Resolved, That we will use all honorable means to secure the election of the entire State ticket nominated by the said late Democratic State Convention.

Resolved, That our delegates are instructed to use their influence to secure the nomination for County officers, of such men as are known to be sound and reliable Democrats, and who stand upon the platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention, convened at Salem, March 16th, 1858.

On motion, said resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the meeting then proceeded to the election of delegates, by the *via voce* system, which resulted in the election of James R. Peters, Wm. Hesse, R. C. Moore and Harvey Morgan, as said delegates.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of the meeting be published in the *Oregon Sentinel* and in the *Jacksonville Herald*.

On motion, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

THOS. PYLE, Ch'n.

J. B. SIFERS, Sec'y.

APPLAGATE PRECINCT.—Pursuant to notice, by the Democratic Central Committee of Jackson County, a meeting was held at the house of Daniel Newcomb, on Applegate Creek, at which the following proceedings were had:—

On motion, Daniel Newcomb was called to the Chair, and H. H. Brown was chosen Secretary.

The Chairman briefly addressed the meeting, and stated the object of the call to send delegates to a County Convention to be held at Jacksonville on Saturday, May 1st, 1858.

On motion, the meeting proceeded to the election of delegates.

H. H. Brown, John O'Brien and Capt. James Barnes, were unanimously elected.

On motion, the delegates were instructed to support Wm. Hoffman, Esq.,

for any office for which he may be a candidate.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to furnish copies of the proceedings to the *Oregon Sentinel* and *Jacksonville Herald* for publication.

On motion, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

DANIEL NEWCOMB, Ch'n.

H. H. BROWN, Sec'y.

EDEN PRECINCT.—At a meeting of Democrats held at Edenburg, on Saturday, the 24th day of April, 1858, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the County Convention, to be held at Jacksonville, on Saturday, May 1st, to nominate County officers, on motion, S. D. Van Dyke was chosen Chairman, and N. D. Smith, Secretary.

The object of the meeting being stated, the meeting proceeded to elect delegates.

S. D. Van Dyke, James Hamlin and Alexander Carter, were chosen said delegates.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the delegates from Eden Precinct are instructed to support no man who does not endorse the late Salem Democratic Platform of 1855.

On motion, the proceedings of the meeting were ordered to be published in the *Oregon Sentinel*.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

S. D. VAN DYKE, Ch'n.

N. D. SMITH, Sec'y.

BUTTE CREEK PRECINCT.—Pursuant to previous notice, the citizens of Butte Creek Precinct met at the house of F. Westgate, on Saturday, April 24th. John Nichols was called to the Chair, and N. Langell appointed Secretary.

On motion, the following named persons were chosen delegates to attend the County Convention to be held in Jacksonville on Saturday, May 1st, 1858, to nominate County officers:—J. Tatum, John Nichols and Joseph Swingle.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we deem the success of the Democratic party important to the well being of the new State of Oregon in her primary organization, and to that end, the Convention which is to meet at Jacksonville, should select the best men of the party, consulting honesty and ability.

Resolved, That in the Hon. Joseph Lane we recognize a faithful servant of the Democratic party; that he has rendered able and efficient services to the people of Oregon, and we would therefore instruct our delegates to vote for no man for Senator or Representative, who will not pledge himself to use all honorable means to elect him to the United States Senate.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN NICHOLS, Ch'n.

N. LANGELL, Sec'y.

Correspondence of the Sentinel.

CURRY CENTRE, Curry Co.,

March 27th, 1858.

Friend T'Vault:—Since our interview at Roseburg, I have been favored with the regular receipt of the *Sentinel*, for which favor I thank you kindly, and hoping that the following communication may prove interesting to your readers in a small degree, I now sit this late and perhaps neglected moment, avail myself of the opportunity to comply with your request.

The subject matter to which you directed my mind in that request, if I rightly remember, was the agricultural, lumbering and mining interests in Curry county.

Our first duty then in fulfillment of our promise, is to make known where and in what part of Oregon, Curry county is located. Curry county is situated on the coast of the Southern part of Oregon, commencing on the California line and extending Northward about one hundred miles, and Eastward from the coast on an average of about sixty miles.

It is a fact but little known, and perhaps less appreciated, what amount of available lands, and those, too, which are susceptible of a high state of cultivation, that constitute a large portion of the county of Curry.

In passing along the coast in the Steamer or by any other conveyance, a very imperfect idea can only be formed of this locality, from the fact that the view had from a distance, presents nothing but a rough and mountainous appearance, yet in traveling over the face of the country, a person will be agreeably surprised at the extensive prairie lands and other available localities which lie hidden among the mountains, that present so hideous an aspect from a distance. These facts have but recently become known to the agricultural and stock grazing communities of other portions of Oregon. The accessions to our population of this class, during the year past, has more than doubled our tax list, which fact alone of itself is sufficient to convince a credulous mind of the truth of our statements, and that Curry county comprises something more attractive than a rough and mountainous country. There is a natural range in this county, and that too, without any improvement of an artificial character, for the permanent maintenance of many thousand head of stock, and judging from the opinion of Mr. Daniel Waldo, of the Willamette valley, whose

attention has already been attracted to this quarter, Curry county furnishes sufficient range for fifty thousand head of stock. The grass in the vicinity of the coast, and in fact for several miles back in the interior, never becomes dry and parched up as it does in many other portions of Oregon, but remains in a green and flourishing state during the entire year.

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