

THE OREGON SENTINEL.



"TO THE EFFICIENT AND PERMANENT OF YOUR INTEREST, A GOVERNMENT FOR THE WHOLE IS INDISPENSABLE."—Washington.

JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 16, 1864.

Rev. M. A. Williams will preach at the M. E. Church, to-morrow, at the usual hour.

G. R. Warren, State Controller of California, has been found delinquent in the sum of \$12,000, and fled in disgrace from the State. California has plenty of honest patriots to fill such positions, but it is too seldom that class seek and receive office.

FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED NAME OF JESUS.—To-morrow, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Name of Jesus. High mass at 11 o'clock A. M., as usual. The sermon will be directed against the vice of profane swearing.

We transfer to our columns, from the *Sacramento Union*, an excellent article on the subject of our overland mail. Our people are becoming alarmed at the prospect of losing their daily mail and the services of the California Stage Company. We shall have something to say on this subject next week.

The proceedings of the meeting of the Union State Central Committee, held at Salem, Jan. 6th, will be found in this paper. We heartily endorse the action of the meeting and commend its report to the attention of all Union men of the State. The State Convention is to be held at Albany on March 30th, and it is recommended that County Conventions be held on March 12th.

THE WAY TO SAY IT.—The National House of Representatives have decided, by a vote of 84 to 24, that any proposition from, or attempt at, negotiations with rebels, ought to be rejected. They will have to terms with Richmond traitors. Oregon's Representative, Hon. J. R. McBride, we warrant voted with the eighty-four.

The Yreka *Union* says of Lemuel Pruitt, who died in this place last week: "Pruitt was a bad man. He caused the death of several men in his time, and finished his own career at the hand of a fellow man."

Why not also tell his virtues? He was an uncompromising friend of J. Davis and the "Constitutional Democracy," and was so violent in his denunciations of Lincoln Abolitionists, that he threatened to shoot one of them. In him the Democracy has lost a loud champion.

THE PORTLAND DAILY UNION is the title of a new daily paper published at Portland, by seven or eight printers, under the firm name of Gale, Mayfield & Co. Mr. Gale, formerly of the *Eugene Republican*, and the well known and popular W. Ira Mayfield, formerly proprietor of the *Yreka Journal*, are prominent members of the company. It could not be otherwise, under their management, than a true-blue Union paper, and we hope it may win the success it deserves.

APPOINTMENTS—RAILROAD.—The Washington special of the *Sacramento Union*, of the 9th, says:

"Leander Holmes, of Olympia (W. T.), has been appointed Commissioner of the Board of Enrollment for Washington Territory; and Dr. William Warren, of Salem, Oregon, has been appointed examining Surgeon."

"D. C. Haskin, of Marysville (Cal.), is in town, with a new scheme to lay before Congress, asking the aid of the Government in building a branch railroad to Oregon, connecting with the Pacific Railroad. The plan has not yet been laid before the California and Oregon Delegations."

Meeting of Union State Committee.

Pursuant to notice, the Union State Central Committee met at Salem, January 6, 1864.

John H. Moore, Esq., of Marion county, Chairman, called the Committee to order. On motion of Mr. Pengra of Lane, Mr. Hovey of Benton was chosen Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Huntington of Douglas, a committee on credentials was appointed, viz: Messrs. Huntington, Pengra, and Monteth. The committee reported, after examination, that the following named counties were represented by the persons stated:

Jackson—E. F. Russel, by W. C. Johnson, proxy.

Douglas—G. E. Briggs, by J. W. P. Boise, proxy.

Lane—H. J. Pengra.

Benton—A. G. Hovey.

Umpqua—W. H. Wilson, by W. H. Reuter, proxy.

Linn—Thomas Monteith.

Marion—John H. Moore.

Polk—Isaac M. Butler.

Tillamook—Geo. H. Steward, by J. H. Moore, proxy.

Clatsop—C. P. Thompson.

Multnomah—T. H. Pearne.

Wasco—Wm. Logan, by Geo. H. Williams, proxy.

Columbia—John W. Watts.

Clatsop—James Taylor, by Thos. Monteith, proxy.

Tillamook—C. H. Davidson, and that the following counties were unrepresented, to wit: Josephine, Curry, Umatilla, Baker, and Washington.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Judge Williams a committee of three was appointed to report the order of business. The Chair named Messrs. Williams, Boise and Johnson.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Committee on order of business made the following report, which was adopted.

The committee report the following order of business:

1st. Time of holding State Convention.

2d. Place for the same.

3d. Basis of apportionment for delegates in State convention.

4th. Ratio of representation in the same.

5th. Subject of call for State convention, and designation of nomination to be made and business to be transacted.

6th. Miscellaneous business.

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS,

R. P. BOISE,

W. C. JOHNSON,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pengra, it was voted that the time for holding the State convention be fixed on the 30th day of March, 1864.

On motion of Mr. Reuter, it was unanimously resolved that the convention be held at Albany, Linn county.

Mr. Pearne offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the popular vote of the State at the last general election be made the basis of representation in the ensuing Union State convention.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the ratio of representation in the State Convention be, one delegate for every 100 votes cast, in each county, at the last general election, and one additional delegate for every fraction of fifty votes or upwards, and that Baker county be entitled to three delegates, Umatilla two, and Tillamook one.

On motion of Mr. Pearne, a committee of three was appointed, to make a computation of delegates to which each county is entitled, under the apportionment. Chair named Mr. Pearne, Mr. Monteith and Mr. Butler.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, a committee of three was appointed to prepare and report a call for the State Convention. Chair named Messrs. Huntington, Williams and Boise.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on apportionment of delegates to counties made their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be embraced in call for State Convention.

The committee on call for State Convention reported a draft, which was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and furnished to the Union papers of the State, with the minutes of these proceedings for publication.

On motion, adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN H. MOORE, Chairman.

A. G. HOVEY, Secretary.

DENTAL.—Dr. Hearn is in town and will remain for one week, to attend to all who may call upon him for dental services.

Union State Convention.

The Union voters of the various counties of the State of Oregon, who are in favor of the continued and vigorous prosecution of the present war to the complete and final suppression of the rebellion and extinction of treason, and in favor of hearty and efficient support of the authorities of the General Government in their efforts to protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States, and preserve and perpetuate the Union, and who are willing to combine for the election of men of like principles to all offices in this State, are respectfully and earnestly invited to hold conventions according to usual custom for the election of Delegates to a State Union Convention to be held at ALBANY, in Linn county, on the 30th DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1864, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Representative in Congress and State Printer, electing delegate to the National Union Convention, and providing for the selection of candidates for Presidential Electors, and transacting such other business as the Convention shall deem proper.

We respectfully recommend the holding of County Conventions on the 12th DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1864.

We also respectfully recommend the holding of conventions of delegates from the various districts at the time and place of holding the State Convention for the nomination of candidates for Supreme Judges and Prosecuting Attorneys in the several districts where vacancies shall exist.

The several counties will be entitled to delegates in the State Convention as follows: Benton, 5; Clackamas, 9; Clatsop, 1; Columbia, 1; Coos, 1; Curry, 1; Douglas, 8; Jackson, 10; Josephine, 5; Lane, 8; Linn, 12; Marion, 12; Multnomah, 8; Polk, 5; Tillamook, 1; Wasco, 10; Washington, 4; Yamhill, 6; Umatilla, 2; Baker, 8.—Total, 112.

By order of State Central Union Committee. JOHN H. MOORE, Chairman.

A. G. HOVEY, Secretary.

Salem, Jan. 6th, 1864.

Daily Mail to Oregon.

From 1849 to 1860, the people of Oregon and Washington Territory were furnished with mail facilities which were inferior to those enjoyed by the people in other sections of the Union. Between the dates mentioned the Eastern mails, with those of California, for Oregon and Washington Territory, were collected in San Francisco, and from there dispatched twice a month by steamer to Portland, Oregon, and from that point distributed to the interior Post Offices in the State and Territory by contractors, who performed the service with a single horse. As no effort was made to connect regularly on the various one-horse routes, the result was that the people in the central and southern portions of Oregon received their letters and papers about once a quarter. Letters from California were sometimes received in twenty-five days, and sometimes in forty, while those from the Eastern States came to hand at dates which ranged from six weeks to three months. The way mails, which the steamers were expected to deliver at ports along the coast, were landed if the weather was favorable; if it was not, they were carried up and down the coast until a fair day for running in presented itself. The condition of the service was such that the people of Oregon and Washington Territory were fully justified in the declaration that their mail accommodation were worse than could be found in the United States. So universal were the complaints of a deficient mail service, that various plans for improving it were suggested in Oregon and Washington, but none of them were acted upon until 1860. Attempts had been made at Washington from year to year to bring California and Oregon into more direct mail communication, but they all failed, mainly through the influence of the steamship companies, until the matter was taken up by the California Stage Company. This company was then running their coaches from Sacramento to Jacksonville, Oregon; the company proposed, if a route for a daily mail were established between Sacramento and Portland, they would, for a fair compensation, undertake to carry it. The matter was introduced into Congress by the delegations from Oregon and California, and an Act passed which authorized the Postmaster General to enter into a special contract for carrying a daily mail in four-horse coaches between Sacramento and Portland, at a compensation which

should not exceed \$200,000 a year. There was then but one party in the State engaged in staging able to confidently enter into a contract of such magnitude, and that was the California Stage Company. To this company, which was then carrying the mail daily to Yreka, and weekly to Jacksonville, the contract was awarded for four years from September, 1860. It will expire in September next, and unless re-let as an entire route, the overland daily mail between this city and Portland will cease to exist. The contract was to carry the entire letter and newspaper mail, including the way mails, and also all the mail matter for Washington Territory. From April to December (eight months) the service was to be performed in seven days; from December to April in twelve days. The contractors stocked and commenced running the route on the 15th of September, 1860, and it is due them to state that up to this time they have performed the service, under difficulties the magnitude of which can only be appreciated by those who know something of the mountains and rivers to be crossed on the line, with a promptness and regularity truly surprising. The weight of the mail, too, has been very great most of the time. Through a large portion of the route in Oregon the country is new and sparsely settled, and the roads in their natural state, while rain falls along that end of the line, on an average, five months in the year. The route, by Post Office calculation, from Sacramento to Portland, is 697 miles. It runs through the counties of Sacramento, Placer, Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Shasta, Trinity and Siskiyou in California; the counties of Jackson, Douglas, Umpqua, Lane, Benton, Linn, Marion, Polk, Clackamas and Multnomah in Oregon, and supplies thirty-one Post Offices in California, and twenty-five in Oregon. From the offices in Oregon, weekly and semi-weekly one-horse routes are established, which supply the people who do not live immediately on the line. The vast importance of this daily line to the people of Oregon may be approximated when we take into the calculation the fact that it runs from the California line through the heart of the State, passing through ten of the nineteen counties, and ending within a few miles of the Columbia river, which is its north line. It supplies nearly the whole State, as well as Washington Territory, with postal facilities, and its abandonment would prove a real misfortune to the people. This mail route is to Oregon and Washington Territory what the Overland Mail route is to Nevada and California. It may, in fact, be justly considered as a continuation of the great Overland Mail up the coast after it reaches Nevada and California. It would be as unjust to deprive the people of Oregon and the Territory beyond of the mail facilities they have enjoyed from this daily line to Portland, as it would be to deny to our people the benefits flowing from the great Overland Daily Mail. The Oregon line is a part of the same mail system. It is also a reasonable expectation that on the Pacific side mail facilities will be increased rather than decreased—will advance rather than retrograde; but, to the surprise of those interested, the Post Office Department advertises for proposals which will cut the Overland Mail to Oregon into seven different routes, and increase the schedule time from seven to fifteen days from Sacramento to Portland. This is a retreat which is not creditable to the Department. It is even intimated that bids for carrying the mail tri-weekly will be received and may be adopted, if those for carrying it daily on a schedule of fifteen days are not satisfactory. The routes now advertised, the bids upon which are to be decided on the 10th of March, 1864, are: From Sacramento to Folsom; Folsom to Lincoln; Lincoln to Marysville; Marysville to Shasta; Shasta to Yreka; Yreka to Oakland; Oakland to Corvallis; Corvallis to Portland. Such a letting will destroy the completeness of the daily line, drive off the four-horse coaches, increase the schedule time, and greatly disappoint the people most interested. Under the present contract the mail has been carried in coaches in the Summer and wagons and sleighs in the Winter, and for the past two years at a heavy pecuniary sacrifice to the contractors from their being paid in legal tender notes instead of gold coin. Nevertheless they have continued to take the mail, and for nine months in the year have delivered it at each end of the route from eighteen to forty-eight hours earlier than schedule.

The contract was entered into on a gold basis, and were strict justice administered the Department would make its payments equivalent to gold coin. By making its payments in legal tenders, the Department is subjecting those contractors to an annual loss of not less than thirty thousand dollars. The continuation of this daily mail route to Oregon is a matter which will commend itself to the attention of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Oregon and California, for their constituents are deeply interested in having at least their present postal facilities continued. Those constituents have a right to expect that their mail service will be increased rather than diminished.—*Sac. Union*.

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice.

THE Board of Trustees for Jacksonville, will meet in regular session, on Tuesday, January the 26th, inst., at the Town Recorder's Office, at the hour of 7 o'clock P. M. H. KLIPPEL, President. Jacksonville, Jan. 15, '64. jan16w2

Spondentix Wanted.

THOSE indebted to Smith & Brown, of Phoenix, Oregon, are hereby notified that their notes and accounts are placed in our hands for collection. Please call and settle immediately, and save costs. JACOB & RUSSELL, Jacksonville, Jan. 14, 1864. jan16w1

IN the matter of the estate of Wm. P. Hawkins, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Wm. W. Judd, administrator of the estate of Wm. P. Hawkins, deceased, has this day filed in the County Court, for the county of Douglas, Oregon, his accounts, and prays that the same be allowed, and a final settlement had. It is therefore ordered that the settlement of said estate be made at the March term of this Court. R. H. DEARBORN, Clerk of Douglas Co., Ogn.

By A. R. FIAT, Deputy. Roseburg, Jan. 6, 1864. jan16w4

IN the matter of the estate of Jesse Roberts, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that L. F. Mosher, administrator of the estate of Jesse Roberts, deceased, has this day filed in the County Court, for the county of Douglas, Oregon, his accounts, and prays that the same be allowed, and a final settlement had. It is therefore, ordered that the settlement of said estate be made at the March Term of this Court. R. H. DEARBORN, Clerk of Douglas Co., Ogn.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Douglas county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of the late Malissa Packard, deceased, of the county and State aforesaid. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit them within six months from this date, with their proper vouchers, to said administrator, living near Canyonville, Douglas county, Oregon.

ROBERT THIMBLE, Administrator. Roseburg, Jan. 6, 1864. jan16w4

HORSES STRAYED

—or—

STOLEN.

ABOUT four months since, a roan mare with a bald face, hind-feet white, and heavy mane and tail—no brand; and a medium-sized sorrel horse, with a white stripe in the forehead, collar-marked—no brand—strayed, or were stolen, from Farmer's Flat. A liberal reward will be paid by the undersigned for the return of either or both the animals, or for such information as will lead to their recovery.

PATON FORD.

Farmer's Flat, Jackson Co., Jan. 15, '64.

COUNTY OF JACKSON, ss.

STATE OF OREGON.

Notice to Delinquent Tax-Payers. THE delinquent Tax-list of 1863 having come into my hands, I will, on and after Monday, the 15th instant, be prepared to receive the said tax, at my office, next door to the Clerk's office, in said county. Delinquents will save mileage by paying up before the 15th of February next. W. H. S. HYDE, Sheriff, of Jackson County, Oregon. Jacksonville, Jan. 16, '64. jan16w5

List of Letters

REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE R at Jacksonville, Ogn., Jan. 15, 1864.

Ashmead J	Oliver W
Adams Boney	Preston H
Barnes J T	Pratt F H
Brown Mrs. Cenina	Salisbury
Bourner C F	Stark John
Dean Z H	Stark C T
Durbin Joseph	Stark Tom
Grey J B	Tibbitts R A 2
Griffith E B	Tidwell T H
Herbert G W	Taney John
Hargrove John	Walker T
Hearley Isaac	Walker Jackson
Kendall G B	Wagner Isaac
Kennedy C W	Whitzel H
Mathews Wm	Wilson E D
Overton E D	Yates Thos 4 36

Letters will lay in the office one month only, from date of advertisement. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they are advertised. S. E. HAINES, P. M.

FINE TEAS at BRADBURY & WADES.