

THE OREGON SENTINEL.

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TO THE EFFICACY AND PROMISES OF YOUR UNION, A GOVERNMENT FOR THE WHOLE IS INDISPENSABLE. Washington.

JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUG. 13, 1864.

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The Issue.—The National Union Committee have laid down the following distinct platform as the issue of the forthcoming Presidential contest:

"THE UNCONDITIONAL MAINTENANCE OF THE UNION, THE SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE COMPLETE SUPPRESSION OF THE REBELLION, WITH THE CAUSE THEREOF, BY VIGOROUS WAR AND ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS."

NATIONAL UNION CONVENTION NOMINEES.

FOR PRESIDENT,

Abraham Lincoln.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

ANDREW JOHNSON,
OF TENNESSEE.

For Presidential Electors,

JAS. F. GARDNER, of Douglas county.

H. N. GEORGE, of Linn county.

GEORGE L. WOODS, of Wasco county.

News Summary

The news from the seat of war this week has been deeply interesting. Grant, there can be no doubt, has met with a serious reverse before Petersburg. Fears are entertained that unless late moves should make a material change in affairs, the campaign against Petersburg will be a failure. Grant has sent one fourth of his army under Sheridan to Harper's Ferry, superceding Hunter with that officer. The object of this move is to checkmate rebel movements into Maryland and Virginia; Lee having sent a large force into that region, a battle has been daily looked for in the vicinity of Antietam but latest advices say that the rebels are again on the retreat not daring to risk a battle.

The siege of Atlanta is still progressing. It must give way to Sherman's forces soon. We have the news of brilliant victory at Mobile. Our gunboats have passed the principle forts, and captured Ft. Gaines with a garrison of 600 men and six months provisions. The Forts passed were very strongly fortified in front, but our gunboats being behind them, will no doubt soon be able, not only to reduce the Forts, but capture Mobile.

TRACHERS INSTITUTE.—This Association closed its session at Albany, on the 5th inst.

Taking it all together, says the Statesman it was a pleasant and, we trust, a profitable gathering, and the people of Albany are entitled to credit for the manner in which they entertained the comers from a distance, and also for their regular and general attendance at all the meetings of the association.

U. S. TAX.—H. B. Parker, Deputy U. S. Collector, will be in Jacksonville Aug. 26th and 27th; at Kerbyville, Aug. 30th; and at Wadsworth, Aug. 31st. To those owing taxes, our advice would be to "green back him" on sight.

EMIGRANTS.—A train of six wagons passed through town on last Wednesday. The train belonged to A. D. Russell and P. S. Glendon, from Sigourney, Keokuk county, Iowa. Their destination is the Willamette Valley.

NOTICE.—Those writing on any business pertaining to this paper, will please direct their letters to the Editor of the Oregon Sentinel.

The Sentinel office has been removed to the corner of 3d and C Streets, first block back of the Express office.

APPROVED.—These delicious melons presented by Mr. Robert Wristly at different times during the last two weeks.

DIVINE SERVICE.—Rev. M. A. Williams will preach to-morrow at the M. E. Church

The Mineral Wealth of Southern Oregon.

Although we may never expect to find any very great deposits of bituminous, or anthracite coal in Oregon, or Northern California, yet it is safe to infer from the geological indications, and from what has been discovered, that our coal fields will at some day become of considerable importance.

In 1852, quite an extensive coal bed was discovered on Coos Bay, which was opened at a cost of about \$20,000. The aggregate thickness of this bed is seven feet. The coal from this bed can be furnished on board of vessels, for four dollars per ton, in any amount.

In Jackson county, coal croppings have been found, but at no place have these beds been tested as to their thickness and extent. A bed owned by Judge Tolman, some six or seven miles east of Jacksonville, seems to be of more importance than any as yet discovered. At a distance of six or eight feet from the surface, the bed is near two feet thick.

On Sam's and Evans' Creeks many small veins are found. Some of these, however, are but the single trunk of a carbonized tree, showing on the sandstone, the perfect impression of its bark and branches.

Stonecoal is always found, when in its natural position, between the old and new sandstone. But in secondary regions like that of most of the Pacific coast, the two series are seldom found in connection. The Sandstone series in Jackson county, is almost, if not entirely, confined to the old bed or Devonian system, and as we have before stated, it is not possible to find those vast deposits of a more perfectly developed region. But there is no doubt that a proper examination by a practical geologist, would develop more than a sufficient amount to supply all the demands that will ever arise.

The coal of Southern Oregon, and I believe of the entire Pacific coast, is of the variety known as lignite, from the fact of its retaining the structure of the wood from which it was formed. Lignite coal is of more recent origin than bituminous, anthracite. Anthracite coal is never found in connection with regular coal beds.

Taken in connection with our iron deposits, there is no doubt our coal will ere many years become of great value.

Our Paper.

In the course of events, the SENTINEL is again enabled to resume a respectable size and shape, among its contemporaries. It is our fondest hope, that from this time forth, by a faithful, and undivided attention to its columns, we shall be able to furnish our patrons a paper second to no other weekly in the State. We have in the outset, a few general promises to make in regard to the future course of the SENTINEL.

First: We shall without prevarication, or mental reservation, be ever found on the side of our native land, whose proud banner we learned to revere. In hisping accents, from a grand sire's knee, as he proudly related his hardships and perils, in seven bloody fought battles of the great struggle for American Independence. To this end, we shall advocate the election of Lincoln and Johnson. Firm, tried and true, they stand the candidates of all, of whatever party, who desire the seeds of rebellion forever destroyed on American soil.

Second: We intend making the SENTINEL a family newspaper; using our best endeavors to fill its columns each week, with such varied matter, original and selected, as will interest the old and young. We have made such arrangements with the Telegraph Company as to enable us to give the latest news from the seat of war. In short, we will use every effort to the extent of our ability, to make the SENTINEL a welcome visitor to every family. Feeling satisfied that in so doing, we shall receive the support we are entitled to.

EFFECTS OF THE IMAGINATION.—The physical man is so intimately connected with the mind, that it is very seldom that one becomes diseased, without affecting the other. It is no uncommon thing for the senses to be so affected by the imagination, that the patient may see gods in the clouds, and hear thunders in the rainbow.

As a remarkable exemplification of this phenomenon, we would refer those desirous of investigating the matter to O'Meara's last spell. In a withering (?) sarcasm against the SENTINEL, in his last issue, he winds up thus:

"Dwell, that melodious voice of yours seems to speak throughout the paper."

Perhaps it might alleviate his malady, to know that Mr. Dowell does not intend the SENTINEL, and that the mysterious speaking heard by him, is probably but the effects of the imagination, superinduced by early pursuits.

POWDER MAGAZINE.—Would it not be well for the Fathers to take into consideration the necessity of erecting a suitable magazine, in some safe place, for the storing of quantities of powder, belonging to our merchants. This dry weather a fire is likely to occur at any time; when it would be hard to induce men to risk their lives, to save a building, which they knew contained any considerable amount of powder.

On the first page this week, will be found some interesting items from Col. Drew's expedition.

Father Blacchett left this week, on a pastoral tour to Josephine county, where he expects to remain two weeks.

About Mines.

ASHLAND, Aug. 5th, 1864.

Ed. Sentinel: You requested me to give you an item regarding the Northern mines, &c.

The Rockefeller's quartz mine in the Powder River country, as you have learned yet to reach the first or Union Ledge, at which time the owners of the mine expect to have a ten stamp mill in readiness for crushing the rock. Should it prove as rich at that depth, as at twenty-five feet from the surface, a wonderful yield will be the result. You will also have seen by the Portland papers, that a new ledge has been discovered in the Eagle Creek country. This ledge is also in the Powder River country, Baker county, Oregon, and is about twenty-five miles north of the above named mine, and forty northeast of Auburn. It was discovered in May last, by W. H. Rockefeller, W. C. Wilb, Isaac Knight and Mike Michelson, all of this county, in conjunction with a party of three others, from Grand Round Valley. Rich placer mines were discovered at the locality of this ledge, and it will be a matter of interest, as well as satisfaction, to some of your readers to know that Washington French was one of the discoverers. Was was fortunate enough to secure a claim in the richest part of the district. The Auburn mines are giving a good account of themselves this summer. Sixteen hundred inches of water are used daily at this place. Andy Davidson and George Carter having sold their ditch to the Auburn Canal Co., the latter controls the whole amount of this vast column of water, which they sell at the rate of fifty cents per inch per day. Quite a snug little income that, I should say. Eight hundred dollars per day. I am not now able to say what the average wages at this place are. But while some are making fortunes, and some making fair wages, and others are merely making a living. The Mormon Basin, about thirty miles southeast of Auburn, is a splendid camp. It has always paid well. The principle *modus operandi*, of extracting the precious trash at these mines, is with the rocker, on account of the scarcity of water, and I am told that water they cannot get. Clarks Creek near the basin, is another fine camp, containing plenty of water. The Cooster or Eagle Creek mines are near those spoken of as having been discovered by French. They have been worked for more than a year with good paying results. At this place, also, the want of water has been a great drawback, but since the discovery of the new mines, a project is on foot to supply both places with water. Meares, Petrie & Brooks, formerly of this valley, but more recently of Siskiyou county, California, and W. H. Rockefeller were surveying a ditch for this purpose when I left, and if found practicable, it will be completed this Fall. Continuously north of Auburn along the foot of the Blue Mountains, and on the skirts of the Powder River Valley for some twenty-five miles, and on the Grand Round River there are mines being worked to advantage.

The John Day River mines are a success in spite of its Indians, and are very extensive. These mines are all in the northeastern portion of Oregon, no other portion east of the Cascades being yet open to the pick and shovel, on account of the hostility of its dusky denizens.

The mines of Idaho, though not equal to California in the rainy days '49-'50, are nevertheless more than a success; numerous correspondents of the California journals to the contrary notwithstanding. If the steady appearance of a few disappointed individuals is to be attributed to a failure of these mines, then I suppose, of course, reasoning from analogy, that we are to account for the thousands of pounds, and even tons of gold dust, that is freighted weekly from the Boise Basin, by Thomas & Co's, Stage to Wallula, and thence by steamer to Portland, and also, the thousands of pounds weekly by private conveyance, upon the assumption that the mines are a failure.

But I am not here to induce men to go to Boise or elsewhere. I tell them plainly that Boise has already got too many people this season. A. G. B.

Resources of Southern Oregon.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column, regarding the "Wealth and Resources of Southern Oregon." This is a matter of the greatest importance to all who regard the prosperity of Southern Oregon. We ought to do something to give our great mineral resources a wider reputation, than can be done through the local press. A favorable opportunity is offered by the Railroad Company, and we are assured that their purposes in this respect will be carried out. Let every one, who can contribute information in response to this advertisement, do so at once. We shall aid it what we can by a series of short articles in the SENTINEL, devoted to the mineralogical and agricultural resources of Southern Oregon.

CHANGE OF DAY.—The Yreka Journal has changed its day of publication from Wednesday to Friday for the purpose of accommodating a large portion of its subscribers in Scotts Valley. It has just entered on its twelfth year of publication. The Journal is now on a firm foundation, both in finances and principles.

BY CALIFORNIA AND OREGON TELEGRAPH.

(REPORTED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SENTINEL.)

Thursday's Dispatch.

New York, 8th.—The Tribune's special dispatch says Gen. Ames was dangerously wounded in the charge made by the rebels, after exploding their mines. The Herald's City Point dispatch, of the 8th, says Grant and a portion of his staff, left for Washington the day previous. The Herald's correspondent from the Department of San Francisco, says: High authorities acquainted with the general situation in this vicinity believe a heavy engagement will come off at or near Sharpburg or Bonaduro, on old Antietam battle field of Gettysburg, perhaps further up. Movements of our own and the enemy's forces indicate such a result. It is supposed Longstreet commands the rebels.

Washington, 7th.—It is difficult to ascertain where the rebels are posted, but it is the impression among military men here, that a collision will take place near Mid-dletown, 18 miles from Fredericks. Gen. Hunter has been superceded by Sheridan.

Baltimore, 7th.—It is reported here that a force of rebels crossed the Potomac yesterday, beyond Hancock, going in the direction of Wheeling. The same authority early has been or is being reinforced by Longstreet's corps, and Wheeling is the point aimed at. We do not consider reports reliable.

Washington, 7th.—Charleston papers, of 3d contain Atlanta telegrams of the 1st, which says the city has been shelled every half hour. Last night the enemy was moving his forces on our left. Marion and Atlanta troops have been running regularly.

New York, 8th.—The supply steamer Transport, from Mobile, reports that the iron-clad Manhattan, with full head of steam, went close in under Land Island, to encounter the rebel ram Tennessee, which was at anchor $\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant, with three other iron and cotton clads. There were a number of our vessels off the harbor with heavy armaments. Officers and crews ready and anxious to force the entrance of the bay.

Washington 8th.—Dispatches from Gen. Butler to the President, say:

Richmond papers, this morning, have the following, dated Mobile the 5th, to J. A. Laddon, Secretary of War: "Seventeen of the enemy's vessels passed Fort Morgan this morning. The Tecumseh was sunk in passing. The Iron clad Tennessee surrendered, after a desperate engagement. Admiral Buchanan lost a leg, and is a prisoner. The Selmer was captured. The Gaines was beached near the hospital. The Morgan is safe, and will try to run up to night. The enemy's fleet approached the city, and the Monitors have been engaging Ft. Powell at Grant's Pass, all day."

[Signed] D. H. MAURY,
Major General.

New York, 9th.—The Commercial's Washington special, says great exultation over the news from Mobile. The blockade broken up. Several of our best gunboats relieved. The sinking of the Tecumseh is credited. Private dispatch says the news received from rebel sources is encouraging. The capture of Mobile confidently expected. We learn there is great excitement among the rebels at Atlanta and Richmond. It is thought Sherman will take advantage of the confusion of the rebels, and look for a battle. The announcement of Averill's victory in the Valley is confirmed. His loss slight.

Washington, 8th.—A letter from the Army of the Potomac, dated Saturday, says a party of deserters started to come to our lines yesterday, but the gunners not knowing their intentions, opened fire on them, killing several; remainder arrived at headquarters at noon. A Fortress Monroe dispatch says a terrific fight ensued in front of Petersburg, on the afternoon of the 5th, lasting two hours. Commenced by a charge from the enemy, which was repulsed with slaughter. They also exploded a mine, which did no damage to our troops or works, but killed several rebels. The fighting on our side done principally by the 9th corps, it was most desperate. A new military division has been formed, known as the middle division. Gen. Sheridan commanding, with headquarters at Harper's Ferry. The division is composed of the Department of Washington and San Francisco; Middle Department of West Virginia. No change in the heads of these Departments, but Gen. Sheridan commands in the field.

Hooker has gone to New York. Has decided the proposition to recruit a new corps to be commanded by himself.

Wheeling, Va., 9th.—The following dispatches, received from Cumberland the 5th, my force repulsed the enemy again yesterday, at New Creek. Gen. McCausland and Johnson attacked Garrison at 3 P. M. at that post, fight continued long after dark. The enemy retreated during the night, leaving their killed and wounded. Their wounded were severe, ours not heavy, not to exceed 25 killed and fifty wounded. The garrison in this most gallant defense was under command of Col. Stevenson.

[Signed] B. F. KELLY,
Brig. General.

New Creek, 5th.—I have just arrived. The enemy were effectually repulsed, and are rapidly retreating toward Moorfield. We have saved West Virginia from a scourging. [Signed] B. F. KELLY,
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CHEAP FOR CASH

Max Muller, BRICK STORE, Corner of Oregon and Main Streets, Jacksonville.

HAS just received an addition to his former large and well selected Stock of FANCY, STAPLE & SUMMER DRY GOODS

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Notice. SEALED Proposals for the transportation of (say) twenty-five tons, more or less, of Government stores from Jacksonville to Fort Klamath, Oregon, will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock M., August 30th, 1864. Said stores to be delivered in good order at Fort Klamath, on or before the 1st day of October, 1864.

Proposals shall be in duplicate, designate the price per pound, and the names and residences of two responsible securities. Payment to be made upon completion of the contract, in the funds furnished by the United States for public disbursements, or as soon after as they may be received for that purpose.

Said bids will be opened August 30th, 1864, at three o'clock P. M. Bidders are invited to be present.

Proposals to be directed to Lieut. D. C. Underwood, A. A. Q. M., Fort Klamath, via Jacksonville, Oregon, and "Proposals for Transportation" endorsed on the envelope. The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved.

D. C. UNDERWOOD, Lt. Lieut. Col., U. S. Army, Ft. Klamath, Ore., July 16, 64. Jy22-64

NEW TO-DAY. UNITED STATES TAX NOTICE.

THE United States taxes, for the counties of Jackson and Josephine, having become due and payable, notice is hereby given that the Collector will be in attendance at Jacksonville, Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th of August.

KIRBYVILLE, Tuesday, Aug. 26th. WADSWORTH, Tuesday, Aug. 31st, 1864, to receive the same and issue Licenses. Tax-payers will notice the following extract from the Excise Law:

"All persons who shall neglect to pay the duties and taxes etc., as aforesaid assessed upon them, to the Collector within the time specified, shall be liable to pay ten per cent. additional upon the amount thereof."

U. S. Collector for the States of Ore. & Id. H. B. RICHMOND, Esq., August 1st.

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IS STOCKED COMPLETELY WITH Best Cigars and Tobacco, FRESH CANDIES AND NUTS, NEW TOYS & NOTIONS, STATIONERY, FRESH FRUITS, ETC., ETC.

Mr. Kreuzer having purchased the new store out door south of the Bradbury & Wade's, calls the attention of the public to his complete stock of smoking and chewing tobacco. Also his various brands of cigars, from the famous half-punch to the most fragrant Havana. All sold at the most liberal prices. You can be best supplied with any article in his line, and save money, by giving him a call. December 18, 1863.