

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1880.

Republican County Convention.

A Republican County Convention is here, by called to meet in Jacksonville on April 10th, 1880, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing 6 delegates to attend the National Convention to meet in Indianapolis April 21st, 1880, at 11 o'clock A. M., and to attend to such other business as may come before the Convention.

It is recommended that primary conventions be held in the several precincts on Saturday, April 3d, at 2 o'clock P. M. The several precincts of the county will be entitled to one delegate, and one for every 25 votes and fraction of eight or over, based upon the vote cast for Member of Congress at the June election, 1876, which gives the following representation:

Ashtand		3
Applegate		2
Chitwood		2
Big Butte		1
Eden		1
Flonoe		1
Foots		1
Grants Pass		1
Uniontown		1

GEO. BROWN, Chairman.
J. N. CHITWOOD, Secretary.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Spring is budding.

Buds are springing.

Every plow is moving.

Flowrets are appearing.

Merrily sings the honey bee.

Dr. Chitwood of Ashland in town Monday.

The "Albany Herald" has a new power press.

Notice the advertisement of Ficke and McMahon.

Coats, worth \$8 for \$4 50, at the New York Store.

E. H. Auterlieth returned from Portland yesterday.

Nights cold; Spring still sleeping in the arms of Winter.

14yds. of Prints for one dollar at the New York Store.

See John Orth's change in his advertisement, it is important.

The newly elected town officials entered upon their duties yesterday.

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Very little plowing has been done yet in the upper end of the valley but in almost every other locality farmers are exceedingly busy.

The Champions of Honor will meet this evening at the Odd Fellows Hall and, it is expected, will determine upon a regular place of meeting.

Mrs. Callendar and family have arrived from Roseburg and will make Jacksonville their residence. Dr. Callendar is expected in about a week.

Wm. Kreutzer will soon remove to Ashland where he intends establishing a bakery. Mr. K. is a first class baker and should succeed in his enterprise.

H. M. Thatcher of the firm of Thatcher & Worden, Linkville, returned from Portland yesterday and left this morning for home. He left Geo. Nurse in Portland.

The work of clearing for the foundation of the Foudray & McKenzie grist mill south of town has commenced. A. W. Presley is engaged in sawing the timbers at his mill on the Sterling divide.

Johnson & Hunter have opened a blacksmith shop at Manzanita. Hunter is said to have no superior as a shoer in the State, and makes treatment of corns, etc. a specialty. See their advertisement.

Clinton Schiefelin informs us that stock has, thus far, done very well down in the Foots creek section and on the range along Rogue river. A small amount of sheep have died and a very few head of cattle.

We hear it rumored that W. A. McPherson of Josephine County is soon to take editorial charge of the Salem "Statesman." Mr. McPherson is one of the most graceful and forcible writers in this State, and we hope the rumor is correct.

The "Coast Mail" relates the narrow escape of Stephen Rogers from being gored to death by an infuriated Jersey bull. Mr. Rogers was badly bruised and at last saved himself by dropping into a ditch where the animal could not reach him.

The "West Shore" for February, is at hand, containing many original articles descriptive of Oregon and much choice selected matter. It is an excellent magazine to send to friends in the East. L. S. Knapp, Pub. Portland, Oregon, \$2 per year.

When Gen. Grant was in London, talking with Lord Beaconsfield, that wily English "Statesman" said, "he wished to Heaven we had taken Mexico; that England would not like anything better than to see the United States annex it."

Postmasters are now required to stamp the date and arrival of letters on the back of the envelopes. It is then easy to tell how long a letter has been on the journey from the place to which it is mailed to the place to which it is sent.

We have seen a letter from Mr. Goodwin, stating that on J. D. Carr's feeling grounds near Clear Lake, in Modoc county, there are over 800 dead cattle out of his band of 5000. Those that could be driven have been moved towards the Lava beds.

According to the "Del Norte Record" the prices of board and lodging have been reduced at the Crescent City Hotel. Supper, lodging and breakfast, 50 cents; single meals, 20 cents; lodging, 20 cents; board and lodging per week \$4; board without lodging, \$3.50.

The second quarter of the district school will end on Monday next. Let there be a good attendance of visitors. No one need be ashamed of our school and the visits of parents encourage both teacher and pupil. We fear that this duty, which ought to be a pleasure has been too much neglected.

Pryor Eaton's stallion, "Bob Ingersol," will stand the coming season at this place at the stables of Jas. A. Cardwell. He is a finely formed dark bay, and is one of the best blooded horses ever brought to this valley, his sire being Joe Daniel's and his dam of the Belmont and Riffman stock.

We hear that in the section lying along Rogue river, from the Dardanelles to the mouth of Applegate, about one third of the usual seeding has been done. As the ground in that portion of the county is sandy and soon becomes fit for plowing, it is thought nearly the usual acreage will be sown.

We are under obligations to E. M. Waite, the efficient Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, for the list of premiums to be given at the twentieth annual exhibition which will commence July 1st, 1880, and end on July 8th. The programme gives promise of a fair worth seeing. Railroad and steamboat lines will only charge half fare to visitors.

Col. Stephen G. Whipple, of the 1st Cavalry, commanding at Fort Klamath, passed through Jacksonville on Friday last en route for Vancouver to attend a court martial. The Col. has the same warm grip of the hand that characterized him in the "early days," and his friends over in California will be glad to know that the old warrior is still in the full vigor of health although, like us all, bearing the scars of time.

Judge Day, having fully satisfied us that there was no "collusion" between him and the hospital contractor, we withdrew that charge as we have no desire to wrong any person; and do him the justice to consider the transaction as governed by the best of motives. Indeed, the question now seems to have been one of business shrewdness between the County Court and the contractor; and the latter, forcing the Court to extend the contract a year beyond the advertised time, evidently comes out ahead. We hope we may not be forced to refer to this subject again.

MINING ITEMS.

The Sterling company are at work with a fair head of water, but have not reached their rich ground yet.

English Company and "Blue Gravel" on Galice creek have light heads of water owing to freezing weather.

Miners throughout Josephine county are working with a full supply of water and there is every indication of a rich gold harvest.

The boys on Jackass creek are tearing the ground loose now, and will have the best run of water they have had for twenty years.

Sam Lackland of the Palmer creek mine is rushing dirt through the flume with a good head of water and expects a big clean up next week.

Barkdale & Cline of the Blackwell district are doing well, sluicing with a very light head of water in the vicinity of their late quartz discovery.

Kahler, McDonough & Co. of the Ft. Lane diggings have a fair ground sluice head and in rich ground. They picked up a \$15 dollar nugget on Thursday last.

Johnson and Allison, on Jackson creek are still panning with plenty of water. They have moved more gravel already this year than during any previous season.

The Star Gulch mine, Chappell & Co., now under the superintendence of Tom Gilson, has a full head of water and we hope to soon record another big clean up for them.

The case of the Coyote Gold and Silver Mining Co. vs. Wm. and Walter Ruble, appeal from Jackson county, is to be argued before the Supreme Court next Monday, 15th.

At the Dry diggings, owned by Dimick & Co., panning has not been interrupted for a single day during the past four months. The dirt prospects very well but the company have not yet made a clean up.

A fine "nugget" supposed to be worth \$45 was lately sent by Louis Knapp, of Port Orford, who had purchased it in good faith years ago, to the S. F. Mint where it proved to be "brass." Somebody had caught the purchaser "knapping."

Tom Kahler informs us that Barkdale & Co. who discovered the rich quartz noted last week have already taken out \$500. They are down six feet on the vein and the "pocket" is still showing well, being still rich in free gold. Of course its extent is not yet known, and the water interfering at present the owners will not do any extensive work for some weeks.

FARMERS BE IN TIME.—Mr. Z. T. Wright is making a short visit to the farmers of Jackson county. Mr. Wright represents the Portland Branch of the well known firm of J. I. Case & Co. of Racine Wis., manufacturers of threshing machines, engines and headers. Their machines have the world wide reputation of being the best. Parties wishing anything in this line will do well in giving Mr. Wright their orders, as they will find everything as he represents; and dealing with him you will bear in mind that you are dealing with the manufacturers direct. Mr. Wright says he will try and call on most of the farmers in the valley. He will promptly attend to any correspondence addressed to him at Jacksonville.

Israel Deitrich writes to the Del Norte "Record" as follows: "There is a route however, that a road can be built from Waldo to Smith river, inside of thirty miles which I believe to be the best route, and will save twenty miles off any route yet spoken of, and can be built for one half of the amount of money of any road yet mentioned. If there is to be a road built, this route will save one day's travel each way. You can leave Waldo in the morning, and be at Smith River valley at night. A road on this route can be built cheap, and I will go at any time they wish and show the route, and if Crescent City and Smith river farmers will unite they can build one-half of the road."

SUDDENLY CALLED.—Yesterday Chas. S. Baird, of Jackass creek, was suddenly summoned, meeting his death it is supposed from apoplexy. Two young men were engaged grinding an axe at his cabin, when Mr. Baird returned from the saw mill, where he had been settling some business. After a passing remark he unlocked his door and entered the house and the young men, hearing him fall, approached and found him speedless. Dr. Aiken was immediately summoned but Baird was past all earthly succor. Mr. Baird was well and favorably known here as a quiet and industrious citizen. He was about fifty years of age.

As it is neither pleasant nor safe to be around a kicking horse or mule, the following recommendation may be of some use to our hostlers: "For a kicking horse, fill an old sack with hay and suspend it from the loft by means of a rope, in such a manner that the horse will be able to kick it every time it swings against him. Let him kick until he stops of his own accord, and you will have no more trouble with him in that way."

Dr. H. H. Toland of San Francisco is dead. The estate is valued at \$230,000 and is bequeathed as follows: To his son, Hugh Huger Toland, Jr., all the medical books and surgical instruments; to his widow and two daughters is left the ranch in Solano county, and the house in that city to the widow.

SOCIAL DANCE.—We learn that a social party will be held at the Drake farm on Applegate March 30th on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the birthday of Dr. P. Jack. Everybody is invited—tickets, including supper, \$1.50.

IN MEMORIAM.

At a special meeting of Ruth Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 4, Jacksonville, Oregon, held March 8th, 1880, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of March, 1880, it pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in his divine wisdom to take from our midst our beloved and faithful brother Geo. McKnight by the hand of death, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in the death of Brother McKnight this Lodge has lost an honest, faithful and zealous member of our Noble Order, the advocate of right and the enemy of all that was wrong, thoroughly imbued with all the principles of our Order, Friendship, Love and Truth, the force of his example as a member of our fraternity should forever be kept green in the memory of the living members of our order; although he has passed away forever from our sight yet the recollections of the living, of his devotion to duty, his love for the principles and teachings of Old Fellowship will remain bright as long as life and memory is spared.

RESOLVED, that we extend to the sorrow afflicted family of our deceased brother profound and fraternal sympathy in their sad bereavement, never forgetting that we owe them the sacred duty of care and protection.

RESOLVED, that the Lodge Charter be draped in mourning, and that the members wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be spread in full upon the records of this lodge, and a copy of the same be forwarded by the secretary under the seal of this lodge to the family of the deceased brother.

JENNIE KENT,
MELVINE SOLOMON, } Com.
FRANCES LUY,

DEATH OF GEO. MCKNIGHT.—On Tuesday last the community sustained a loss in the death of Mr. George McKnight of Foots creek, from an aneurism of the large artery leading from the heart. The event was not unexpected, as the deceased was advised, only recently of his critical condition, by Dr. Aiken, and told that death might occur at any moment.

On Tuesday afternoon he remarked to his wife that he felt faint, but before she could render assistance he had passed away. Mr. McKnight was a native of the County Antrim, Ireland, aged 45, emigrated to America in 1853 and was nearly seventeen years engaged in mining at Weaverville, Cal. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a man of the strictest integrity and uprightness of character.

On Thursday the remains were brought to town, escorted by a large number of friends and taken to the Odd Fellows hall, he having been a member of that fraternity, where a very impressive sermon was preached by Rev. M. A. Williams. The remains were then taken in charge to the residence of the deceased, where they were laid out in the parlour, and deposited in the casket, and the solemn and impressive ceremony of the Order. The attendance was quite large although the day was stormy and as the heavy snow flakes fell on the coffin, instantly melting a pass-way thought suggested: That such life—only a snow flake for a moment on the turbulent stream. The deceased leaves a wife and one son to mourn his loss, but they have the warmest sympathy of their many friends.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.—The regular March term of Commissioner's Court was held at the Clerk's office on Wednesday last with all the officers present. The following are the proceedings:

It was ordered that the petition of J. J. Fryer and 84 others for a change in the place of voting from Brownshoro to Eagle Point be continued till next term.

The petition of W. H. Gearhart and 23 others, praying for a change in the county road leading up the West side of Evans creek, was postponed till next term.

The petition of J. M. McCall and 56 others for a change in county road leading through Ashland was postponed till next term.

Fred Otten, J. T. Rany and G. M. Savage made their reports as Road Supervisors.

John Margreiter was allowed to resign the office of Road Supervisor of district No. 23 and J. Crump appointed in his stead.

Wm. Hamlin was appointed Road Supervisor of District No. 8.

Arthur Langell, writing the SENTINEL from Langell valley, under date of March 3d, says: Snowing again, the last three days were warm and snow went off the East side of the valley fast leaving much bare ground, on the West side snow is two feet deep. Cattle are doing for want of feed. Swingle will lose half his band, Vincent will lose the most of his cattle and also a great many horses. I have lost, so far, about one hundred head, those having hay to feed through will lose but few. The snow has driven deer down on the skirts of the valley by the hundreds and hunters have a fine time killing them. One of the causes of cattle dying is snow blindness. I have found cattle in good order standing under juniper trees, and perfectly blind, and as it is impossible to move them, they would die where they stood.

We are in receipt of the price list of the Red House Trade Union of Sacramento, Cal., and wish that we could lay it before every one of our readers. It offers goods at prices not often heard of in these parts. It sends us all kinds of goods by mail, express and freight, and only those who have tried this method of buying their goods know how much it saves. The country order department of this house is now a leading factor of Pacific coast trade. They mail their price list free to all who wish it.

ITEMS FROM JOSEPHINE.

Grouse hunting.

Frogs croaking—under the snow.

Floyd has been confined to his room with rheumatism for two weeks past.

There is a Portlander mining on Althouse who is a second John the Baptist. He "preaches in the wilderness."

There has been but little loss of stock in this county up to this time. Cattle that have gone through without care are becoming very weak, however, and unless there should be a favorable change in the weather many will perish.

Very little grain has been sown in this valley. To the people here this is a matter of but small interest, as they depend on Jackson county for their flour and need but little grain. If Jackson fails this year, however, the people of Josephine will experience an elevation in the price of bread next Winter.

At a recent hunting match it was agreed that a skunk, taken alive, should count one hundred points. A member of one of the contesting parties captured a fine specimen, tied it to the end of a long pole and introduced it to the counting committee. The opposing party acknowledged themselves "skunked" and the captor had no need of eau de cologne at the ensuing dance.

So far as my observation extends it seems that the voice of the people, if it could be authoritatively heard, would favor the annexation of Josephine to Jackson county. A little wooing on both sides would soon bring about such a union. "Barkis is willin'" so far as the fair little Josephine is concerned. How is it with the stalwart Jackson? Can it be that he would be so ungallant as to repulse her tender and delicate advances?

The recent Wagon Road meeting at Kerbyville gave a true expression of the views of the people on the important subject of a road to the Coast. Josephine county will not be behind in giving aid to the enterprise when in augmented on a practical basis. Let there be a joint stock company organized by parties interested in the establishment of such a thoroughfare and let them open books for subscription. Capital sufficient to complete the work will soon be forthcoming. The incorporators should be residents of the counties of Jackson, Josephine and Del Norte. Local confidence would thereby be secured, without which the road will never be constructed.

DRIFTING.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—Next Wednesday will be the anniversary day of Ireland's patron saint. It comes laden with sorrow, not with rejoicing, and recurs, at a time when the light hearts of Erin's sons and daughters, through the sorrows of their earth, are made to people on God's earth have warmer hearts; none have truer, more tender sympathy, and when gaunt famine sits brooding like Death's horrid handmaiden, over the fairest spot in Christendom it is little wonder that heavy shadows should fall upon the Irish heart. Large as their charity has been in this land of plenty, this natal day should not be