OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1884.

Pay Your Taxes.

A misunderstanding of the effect of Judge Deady's opinion on the mortgage tax law says the "Oregonian" is likely to get many persons into trouble about paying their taxes. It is evident from the slowness with which taxes are being paid and from numerous other incidents that the supposition is very prevalent that no tax can be lawfully collected, and in particular that taxes cannot be collected on mortgages or on notes secured by mortgage. But in fact the new mortgage tax law does not change the old law except as to the definition of real estate; and as mortgages were always taxable, so they are yet. On the tax roll of this county the mortgages stand assessed in bulk mainly, as "mortgages and other liens on real property," as heretofore. Under the old law, therefore, the tax is still collectable; and even granting that the new law is void, the sheriff has the right and it is his duty to make a sheriff's assessment of all mortgages. and to proceed against the property of the mortgagee for collection of the tax. Of course the sheriff will use in making his assessment, the information obtained through the inquisitions of the new mortgage tax law, all of which is matter of record; and he can also garnish for payment of the tax any debt which may be due to the taxpayer. It is plain, therefore, that those who do not pay will only make costs for themselves. The foreign money lenders send their notes out of the state, and in most of the counties they probably have no personal property that can be reached; but when the notes come back for payment (the dates upon which they fall due being matters of record) they can be garnished also for the taxes under the old law. The result, so far as the foreign money lender is concerned, will be that he will have to pay the taxes assessed against him, or the legislature at the next session will pass a law forbidding him to do business in the state. The "Oregonian" as is well known, thinks it bad policy to tax credits; but the temper of the people throughout the state is unmistakably for such taxation, and they will not be trifled with.

It is probable that all legislation looking to the admission of new states from the northwest during this congresss doomed. On Tuesday Senator Harrison of the committee on territories, attempted to have a day set for consideration of his bill admitting Dakota, when, to everybody's surprise, the Democrats drew the party lines, and every one of them, except Garland and Jones of Florida, voted against it. This was hardly expected, as the bill admitting Dakota has been stripped of every objectional feature, including a provision that would have allowed the new state to vote at the Presidential election this year. The Democrats, however, are said to believe that Dakota would, if admitted, send two Republican senators to congress, and for this reason they oppose it. The vote, 33 to 22, shows the hopelessness of further agitation. Almost the same thing may be said of the bill admitting Washington territory, and the bill admitting part of that territory and Idaho, under the name of Tacoma. Neither of those bills, nor the measure of Harrison, even if it should pass the senate, will ever be reported from the house committee.

We clip the following list of surviving Confederate generals from one of our exchanges: Two of the five Confederate generals are still living—Joseph E. Johnston and P. G. T. Beauregard. The Confederates had twenty-one lieutenant generals, and of these nine are still living: James Longstreet, Wade Hampton, John B. Gordon, D. H. Hill, S. D. Lee, A. P. Stewart, Jubal Early, S. B. Buckner and Joseph E. Wheeler.

The Morrisonites got away with the Randallites at the Democratic caucus in Washington on Tuesday evening, March 25th. The caucus wa wa did not succeed in unifying the Democratic elements on the tariff bill. It looks squally in the Democratic camp now, with a good prospect that further discussion by the house on Morrison's tariff bill will further intensify and divide the Democratic party.

The total number of votes in the Republican national convention will be 820, necessary to a choice 411. The Democrats require a two-third majority, but the Republicans never have. Eighteen of these votes are cast by territories, including the District of Columbia, and 300 by the southern states, or enough within ninety-three to nominate.

A Warning.

The surface of local politics in Jackson county is calmer than "a painted boat upon a painted ocean." Such a calm is most unusual at a time so near the nominating convention, but there are several obvious becalming influences to credit with the cause. Jacksonville has been the center and hotbed of local political schemes in the past, and this year Jacksonville naturally feels delicate about assuming anything like a dictatorial attitude. Jacksonville fought its battle last year and gained its point, anyhow, and hasn't much interest in the coming election. By trickery and the necessary amount of wire-pulling, the political leaders there succeeded in driving the taxpayers into the court house trap—and that is a victory that should satisfy them for a few years. In fact, they appear to have reached the philosophical conviction that if it does not satisfy them they will be left unsatisfied, for they have eaten their slice of the cake—and a large slice it has been too. The court house is built, and the direct fight upon it cannot enter into the next election, but he who thinks the people have forgotten the men who maneuvered the court house business, and those who aided in thwarting the popular will in the matter, is profoundly ignorant ot the feeling upon the subject among the taxpayers and voters of the county. The conventions that put out the tickets to be voted upon next June will of course pay due heed to this feature of the situation, and, instead of the outside precincts receiving just offices enough to make the Jacksonville ticket acceptable in the back precincts, it will be a problem this year whether the ticket will bear any Jacksonville men at all—certainly no man who was prominent in the court house grab can be elected, whether nominated or not.—"Tidings."

We suppose the above warning refers to our Democratic brethren as the Republicans of Jackson have no show for county officers when there is a standing majority of 300 against them. As the issue has been made, however, and we know of several Democrats in this section who look for some of the loaves and fishes, we look for those of this locality to strike back and make a lively fight for a portion of the ticket. Gentlemen, we are disinterested spectators and we will stand back and watch the show.

Murat Halstead, editor of the Commercial Gazette, Cincinnati, reviews the riot in that city in the following dispatch to New York: The number of persons killed and wounded in the riots thus far is about 200. The last fatal shot fired in anger up to this time, was fired between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning, though a poor soldier boy was killed last evening by the accidental discharge of his gun. The court house is not an utter ruin, as it was at first supposed to be. A large proportion of the valuable records were saved. The money that was in the treasury is all safe. The vaults, which were very heavy, are mainly good. We have confidence there will not be a repetition of the three nights that will be so memorable here, but only the overwhelming force of State troops prevents further disastrous demonstrations. The determination to lynch a gang of murderers, in prison, and release a crowd who have been made prisoners, is something terrific. Secret meetings were held yesterday that would mean mischief if there were not thousands of rifles and several batteries at hand. The excited people had real grievances to begin with, for the administration of criminal law has been damnable, and the influence to shield criminals in public affairs alarming. That which has happened we may hope will make irresistable influence that will lead to better ways.

The Helena (Montana) "Independent" goes through Joaquin Miller's nonsense in this way: "Joaquin Miller says the Mormons are 'cranks and Guiteaus.' He thinks education the best remedy for all the evils of Mormonism. But education they will get through the Mormon Church, and history has no instance where a church has educated its people into some other faith. The worst people among the Mormons are the best educated, their leaders and priests."

Ex-Congressman Pierce of Indiana says there is no doubt about Blaine's popularity in his State, or his ability to carry it and New York also. Republican prospects in Indiana, Mr. Pierce believes, are better now than they were in 1880, because the tariff issues will be brought forward earlier in this campaign than it was four years ago.

Eight hundred and fifty railroad trains arrive and depart from Chicago daily—more than any other city in the world, it is said, London only excepted. This number is made up of 218 suburban, 278 regular passenger, and 162 freight trains and extras.

W. A. Stillwell was convicted of mail robbing before Judge Deady and sentenced to hard labor for five years. He was only seventeen years old and feeble minded, and confessed the fact.

Interesting To Farmers.

ROCK POINT, Jackson Co., Or., Jan. 26th, 1884.

D. M. Osborne & Co.

Portland, Oregon:

Gentlemen.—I bought one of the Osborne No. 11 Twine-Binding Harvesters for the harvest of 1883, and I take pleasure in recommending it to all farmers, for it gives perfect satisfaction in cutting and elevating the grain, and in binding it. It is the "boss." The more I use it the better I like it. The expense of harvesting with the Osborne No. 11 is less than heading or reaping.

Yours truly,

G. W. LANCE.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 25, 1884.

D. M. Osborne & Co.

I bought one of your No. 8 Independent self-rake Reapers this last harvest. It did the best of work I ever saw done with any reaper. I cut some green oats hay, which was the heaviest work I ever saw done with a reaper. I raked off bunches that would weigh a hundred pounds.

Yours, truly,

BENNETT MILLION.

F. Hubbard, agent for Jacksonville, Medford, Rock Point and Grant's Pass, will sell this year, the 7-ft. Harvester and Twine Binder for $250 here. The Boss Machine will cut nicely wherever a plow can run; also, mowers for $90. Miller & Co., Ashland, are also agents for Osborne machines.

WARRANTY.

"All our machines are warranted to be well built, of good material, and capable of cutting, if properly managed, from ten to fifteen acres per day. If, on starting a machine, it should in any way prove defective, and not work well, the purchaser shall give prompt notice to the agent of whom he purchased it, and D. M. Osborne & Co., Portland Oregon, and allow time for a person to be sent to put it in order. If it cannot then be made to do good work, the defective part will be replaced or the machine shall immediately be returned to the agent from whom it was purchased, at his place of business, and the payment of money or notes returned. Keeping the machine during harvest, whether kept in use or not, without giving notice as above, shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the machine fills the warranty." Surrender of notes or cash shall be deemed full satisfaction to party of the second part for all damages.

LAST CALL.

Taxes for 1883 are now due and will soon be delinquent. Percentage and mileage will be charged after the

First of April.

To be paid in all cases by the delinquent tax-payer.

Please don't forget this, as the law in regard to their collection will be strictly enforced.

A. S. JACOBS,
Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Collector
of Jackson county, Oregon.

Jacksonville, March 15, 1884.