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As the time is drawing near for the meeting of the county central committee that shall fix the time for and apportion the delegates to the county convention it is well for those interested to discuss the question as to what will be the best policy. There are arguments for and against a large convention, though the PLAINDEALER is inclined to favor the latter proposition as best calculated to free the action of the convention from the charge of clique rule. Another rule might be advantageously adopted, that of allowing proxies to be held only by bona fide residents of the precincts from which the proxies come.

There may be a chance ere long to witness the destructiveness and prove the warlike qualities of the modern fighting machines known as battleships. There has been no war between civilized nations since the invention of the modern iron-clad and those interested in the science of war will watch the outcome, if there is a "scrap," with keen interest. The conflagration of warships in Chinese waters indicate a friction between Russia, England and Germany over the occupation of Port Arthur and Shang Tung, and the administration of affairs in Corea. Western nations may fight over Eastern affairs.

The November earnings of 101 railroads whose reports have been presented to the interstate commerce commission are more than twenty per cent in excess of their November earnings last year. That means twenty per cent increase in the volume of the country's business. Still there are some people who persist in saying there is no improvement. Railroads, since it has been determined that they being quasi-public institutions, and under government control, do not report any more business than they are actually doing.

It is pretty certain that if the campaign of the fall of 1896 was to be fought today Douglas county would record a different verdict. It would not now give a majority for the vagaries of the Chicago platform. The object lessons presented since then have opened the eyes of many who thought a change might be an improvement.

It is a little amusing to read in the news columns of the popular press evidences of returning prosperity and then find calamity editorials in the same issue. In one the other day was a statement of increased ability of the people to buy, causing the improvement in beef, but its editorials were of the calamity order just the same.

The republicans need not be alarmed at the proposed union of nullifiers and Adullamites. All that is necessary is to meet it with a union of the friends of good government, of law and order, and the honest payment of an honest debt, and for keeping the money of the Americans equal to the best in the world.

The silverites want Gage removed from the cabinet, it is said. And why, pray? The secretary is opposed to the silver lunacy, but his position is believed to be correct by the majority of the people of these United States. Gage is the right man in the right place.

Judge Rogers of Arkansas, a federal judge, has handed down a decision to the effect that civil service rules have not the effect of law but are merely administrative regulations. That the rules laid down by one president do not bind his successor.

If the report is true that the city board of charities at Portland offered toys to a starving family and sent books where bread was needed, someone responsible for such thoughtlessness should be held up to public scorn.

The Portland Tribune and certain of the country "fusion office" press have resolved themselves into a mutual admiration society.

We are under obligation to Congressman Thomas H. Tongue for a daily copy of the Congressional Record.

The Ohio legislature meets next Monday. "There'll be a hot time in the old town that night."

A man may be almost anything and be a democrat.

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As the weather grows colder we wish to draw your attention to our line of Blankets and Comforters, in which department we show values which allow no competition. They must be seen to be appreciated.

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In this department are assembled the combined products of the best manufacturers in the United States, including the old reliable Salem Woolen Mill Goods.

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We show a line of Capes and Jackets which exceeds anything ever shown here heretofore, from the very cheapest to the very best, including the best values in Plush Capes in the country.

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Although the tariff has advanced Dress Goods from 20 to 40 per cent, we have maintained our old figures with the exception of one or two items. We show the largest selection in the city.

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We make a specialty of our Boots and Shoes, and we sell the old reliable Hamilton-Brown Shoe, which is guaranteed to give satisfaction.

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In the Ladies' Department we present a line of the latest styles in Hats. In the Trimming Department we have able workers who guarantee style and quality.



The man who supposes that the people's party intends to join in and help to elect a lot of dead democratic could-beaders to office under the democratic banner is off his base.—Monitor-Miner (pop.).

The Miner has the situation sized up about right. The leaders of the Union movement are a job lot of cast off politicians, mostly democrats, who will have no use for union only so far as it may further their personal interests.

A proposition comes from the Mitchell republicans in Multnomah county to the republicans to divide the judges and hold one primary election, one side to take one judge and one clerk in one precinct and the other two judges and one clerk, and in the next vice versa, and so on. It looks from this distance like a fair proposition and may produce harmony.

One would think from the yawns of the calamity press that there never was a delinquent tax sale advertised till this year, when as a matter of fact they have been of annual occurrence from "time out of mind." Slang is reprehensible but the calamity howlers produce a "tired feeling."

The adoption of the title "reformers" by the Oregon fusionists is calculated to make those acquainted with the leading spirit of the "reform" movement smile a little. A more unscrupulous set of spoils politicians could be gotten together in the state.

It was reported Tuesday that Secretary Gage had resigned. The report was promptly denied. It is to be hoped Mr. Gage will not be bothered by a pack of howling silverites.

The warships of England, Russia, Germany and Japan are congregating in Chinese waters, and the British squadron at Esquimaux is within easy reach.

It is hoped that the recent earthquake in Mexico will not be charged to the visit of Mr. Bryan to that country.

NEWS NOTES.

Gladstone was 88 years old yesterday. Meade D. Betweiner, the big Elk, is in Portland.

General Russell A. Alger, secretary of war, is seriously ill.

An army pack train, now at Cheyenne, is ordered to Alaska.

The Russians have occupied Kichan, north of Port Arthur.

England claims to be feeling no alarm at the situation in China.

Influenza in a severe form is spreading alarmingly in Berlin.

The Christmas business in Portland is reported the largest in years.

The Vatican espouses the cause of Spain against the Cubans.

Prairie fires were raging in Texas last week in the "Panhandle" region.

Dyea has a little excitement of its own. Gold has been discovered near that town.

Affairs in China are likely to hasten the annexation of Hawaii by the United States.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, of the American Volunteers, is dangerously ill in New York.

A raft containing 5,000,000 feet of lumber is to be started from Portland for San Francisco.

The Portland police have undertaken to put a stop to the street parades of the Salvation Army.

The postmaster at Oregon City has been relieved of his office, because of "irregularities."

Gus. Wachlin has been sentenced to be hanged at Hillsboro for the murder of John D. Ledrick.

The Bengal chamber of commerce has urged the government to adopt the gold standard for India.

Tony Ferradi was killed in a logging camp near Olympia, Wash., the other day, by Jack Cronin.

Two Spanish commissioners sent to propose peace to the insurgents have been hung by the Cubans.

The Chestnut Street National Bank at Philadelphia closed its doors last Thursday.

Horace C. Bart, of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, has been chosen President of the Union Pacific.

In the football game Saturday between the Multnomah and Stanford teams, the former were victorious by a score of 10 to 0.

Peter French, the cattle man of Eastern Oregon, was shot by a man named Oliver. It is said to be a cold blooded murder.

Jack Dalton, the famous Alaskan, says horses, not reindeer, are the animals to be used in Alaska for transportation purposes.

The Tenka, a steamer now loading at Portland, is the largest vessel ever in that port. She is 410 feet long, 48 feet beam and 20 feet deep.

The amount of business, both freight and passenger, handled by the Western lines thus far in the holiday season has

been at least 60 per cent above that of last year.

A railroad from Klamath, just over the state line into California, to Klamath Falls, is among the possibilities of the near future.

A Wisconsin firm wants to erect the sugar factory at La Grande, but they are too late. Baker City capitalists have undertaken the work.

Commissioner Evans wants to publish the pension lists in order that it may be determined how much truth there is in the cry of pension frauds.

A Spanish mob at Barcelona cowed the American consul and he directed the master of an American vessel to haul down "old glory" to prevent a riot.

General Lee has sent word to Gomez, the Cuban leader, that they need expect no American sympathy if they continued to permit firing on flags of truce.

The draw of the steel bridge at Portland was closed a little too soon yesterday morning and caught the steamer Bailey (Gatzert), which was passing through. The boat was badly damaged but no lives were lost.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The prospect is that the present shortage, which began under the late administration, will soon be abolished.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Willamette University has bestowed upon Chief Justice F. A. Moore, of the Oregon supreme court, the degree of doctor of law. In short, the title becomes the man.—East Oregonian.

If anybody has any doubt about the effect of the "reform" movement on the United States made in the election of last year, let him compare the holiday conditions of 1897 with the holidays during the past four years.—Herald.

U. S. Commissioner Orvil Dodge and W. W. Endicott went up the Middle Fork the first of the week to secure titles or contracts for right-of-way for the C. B. & N. railroad. They returned home Tuesday evening and report the right-of-way now practically clear all the way to the county line. Now let our Douglas county neighbors bear themselves a little and thus hasten the construction and completion of the road.—Enterprise.

Chairman Cooper says of the union movement: "The one great idea is to get all the Bryan forces together on one platform and in support of one ticket. That is precisely what was done at the November election in '96, and it lost them the country. We doubt very much if the 'Bryan forces' number as many into several hundred as they did at that time. The people have had some powerful object lessons. When law goes up and silver down, Prosperity has come back to the country without free coinage.—Yamhill Reporter.

The Cantata.

The cantata, "The Birth of Christ," given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. E. at the Opera House on Tuesday evening was very nicely rendered and all the young people taking part therein acquitted themselves well. The solos and choruses were excellent and it would be difficult to say which was best. The effect of the "angel chorus" was splendid in announcing to the shepherds the birth of the Christ at Bethlehem. The representation of "Faith, Hope and Charity," and the final crowning of Charity by a group of children and the crowing of the rooster, was a very pretty scene. The putting of the little tots to bed after the hanging up of the stockings, and the subsequent appearance of Santa Claus with the gifts, interested the little folks. Altogether it was a success and netted the convention fund about \$65.

Fresh taffy, fresh cream, and the boss hard candies are to be found at the Kandy Kitchen daily. Look inside and see for yourselves.

BORN.

KOHLHAGEN.—In Roseburg, Dec. 29, 1897, to the wife of Geo. Kohlhaben, a daughter.

MARRIED.

HANSBROUGH-BACHER.—In Jacksonville, Dec. 27, 1897, J. M. Hansbrough of Douglas county, and Miss Clara Bacher of Jackson county.

RUMMAGE-YOUNGER.—At the home of E. J. Stroud in this city Dec. 25, 1897, at 11 a. m., Mr. C. M. Rummage and Miss Annie L. Younger, Rev. Frank L. Moore officiating.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Rummage took a carriage for Christmas dinner at the home of the bride's mother in the country.

STRAWN-HYLTON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hylton, Dr. J. E. Strawn, J. E. Badger, Stephen B. Strawn and Miss Nora B. Hylton.

A daily number of relatives and friends were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves. After they were pronounced husband and wife, and congratulations were over, an excellent supper was served in which all present seemed anxious to do their part. After supper about forty or fifty of the young people of Dr. Strawn gave them an excellent serenade, which was appreciated.

The ladies were treated to cake and the gentlemen to cigars. After the serenade some selected music was rendered by the Spalding sisters.

The happy pair received a number of very nice presents. May success and happiness ever be their lot.

DAVIS-MILLER.—At the residence of the bride's parents near Yoncalla, by Rev. A. H. Mulkey, T. E. Davis and Ida M. Miller.

Oakland.

Mrs. McKechnie went to Portland Monday to visit relatives. She is accompanied by Geo. Langenberg, of Roseburg, was in town Sunday and Monday calling on friends.

Miss Maud Russell came up from Corvallis last week to spend Christmas and New Years.

The entertainment given by the Sunday school at the M. E. Church, Saturday evening, was well attended and appreciated.

Edward, Dave and Elmer Parker came up from Drain last Thursday to enjoy the blessings of their home during the holidays.

Miss Emma Withers left Saturday in company with Mr. and Mrs. Emory to spend Christmas and New Years day at her home near Eugene.

Marshall Hogan is to be upheld in his attempt to preserve order within the city limits, and we hope he will succeed in getting all of his men next time.

James Underwood and family, of Roseburg, came over Saturday to partake of the good things prepared for Xmas at his father's home in English settlement.

Miss Minnie L. Hawthorn, of Weiser City, Idaho, arrived here Tuesday and is the guest and old schoolmate of Mrs. S. J. Jones. Miss H. will probably remain all winter.

Christmas services were held at the Episcopal Church, Saturday at 10:30 a. m. The church was handsomely decorated which was admired and appreciated by the audience.

The entertainment that was given by the Junior Endeavors, Christmas eve at the Presbyterian church was largely attended and a decided success. The Juniors and leaders deserve a great deal of praise for such an extensive entertainment.

Miss Lora Page, who is attending school at Albany, returned home last week accompanied by Miss Ada Morris, who resides at that place, and is attending the college also. The young ladies will return next week to resume their duties at school and graduate next June.

Miss Gertrude Courtright gave a social party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brown Wednesday evening, called an old maid's party, those present were only the young ladies of this community. A splendid time was reported, and the ladies were not at a loss to know what to do to make the time go swiftly by. We hope they will continue to have more parties of the same kind and as successful.

Drain Items.

The training school at the normal is a perfect success. The critic, Prof. Barzee, is always around and the school is prospering.

Prof. W. T. Van Scoy of Ashland spent a few days with us since Xmas. He has gone to Portland to attend the state teachers institute.

At the Drain Normal Xmas Santa Claus gave the little ones candy and nuts, and in the evening the older ones an oyster supper. Everybody was well pleased.

On the night of Dr. Hawkin's wedding some one done him a contemptible trick. His wife and son went down to tell pay the water and gas bills, and as they were returning to get ready for the overland some one in the dark threw a pail of soft mud on him and his wife. Dr. soon got his pistol and looked for the unknown enemy but did not find him or her. Such doings are not liked by the respectable part of our community.

Jorr.

From Alaska.

Frank Brundage returned from Alaska last night. He is direct from Dawson City, and says there will be no suffering for lack of provisions. There are about 6000 people there and the town is quiet and orderly. On the 27th of October a public meeting was called and those short of supplies advised to go down the river to Fort Yukon. One Sullivan took in two snowloads of whiskey and took out all who wanted to go for \$20 a piece and those who had no money, free. There were four in the party that Mr. B. came out with and Dr. Bradley was one. Each pulled a hand sled with two hundred pounds of baggage. The journey from Dawson to Fort Selkirk on shore ice. There the gorge compelled the abandonment of the sleds and all but what could be carried. About 20 inches of snow covered the trail but that wasn't as bad as the river. Of the Roseburg boys, Henry Burke is helping build a sawmill, Jim Callahan working in the hospital, Kellner in a mine and Cartwright is putting up a cabin for himself intending to prospect.

Dr. Bradley has gone to Victoria to pass a medical examination as required by Canada in law and will take in a stock of drugs.

Reports of the gold finds have not been exaggerated. Gold dust is handled with a grocery store scoop. He will return in the spring.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Laue's Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor.

Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed at A. C. Marsters' Drugstore.

Riddle.

Early sown grain is looking fine. John Fullerton of Days creek was in town last week.

John M. Jackson and wife paid Canyonville a visit Monday.

Attorney Ira B. Riddle and wife of Roseburg spent Christmas at Hotel Riddle.

Iva Dean and family spent Christmas at Canyonville, visiting with Mrs. Dean's parents.

Alfred Cornout came in from the Green mountain mine last week to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Wyn Hackler and daughter, Mrs. T. D. Gilmore, came down from Ashland Thursday.

The ladies of this vicinity are going to give a basket social Friday night, January 7, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Riddle spent Christmas in Grants Pass with Mrs. Riddle's parents.

J. Frank Gladley and S. M. Pardee shipped a carload of prunes from this place Saturday.

Miss Emma Bealmen of Canyonville was in attendance at the Christmas tree here Friday night.

John James and Thos. Dyer were purchasing a prospecting outfit at John M. Jackson's Monday night.

E. W. Riddle and Steve Weber came down from the Cracker Jack mine last week to spend Christmas.

A force of men are at work on the nickel mines and we may look for some interesting developments soon.

Miss Ethel Riddle is home again, having finished a very successful term in the primary department of the Canyonville school Friday.

Christmas was celebrated at Canyonville with a tree and dance afterwards. Those who attended from here report having had a good time.

Among those who had Christmas trees at their homes were: Hon. G. W. Riddle and family, W. G. Brown and family, A. Riddle and family, G. K. Quine and family and Thos. Mayes and family.

The Christmas festivities are over with. The tree at Jackson's hall Friday night was loaded full with pretty things, and a nice programme was well rendered. A large crowd was present and everyone had a good time.

The Old Year said as the New Year came, "My poor life was only a year's duration."

But the New Year laughed and made "I'll live two years and startle all creation."

SKETCH.

Christmas is past. Ira Rhodes is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Will Hattel has a new watch charm.

R. C. Hutchinson was in town last Friday.

Mr. Estes went Roseburg to spend the holidays.

Mr. Will Benedict lost a valuable mare not long ago.

Several of the boys are talking of going to Alaska in the spring.

Johnny Woodson was in town last week. The girls were glad to see you, Johnny.

The plow-boys have been busy turning the fields "upside down" during the nice weather.

The Misses Mae and Tolitha Roberts of Drain spent Xmas with us. Come again, girls.

Dallie and Lester Bell of Iowa Hill went to Roseburg to spend Christmas with their sisters.

C. Hacker of Scottsburg has been in town considerable of late. I wonder what's the attraction?

Our Christmas tree exercises last Friday night went off very nicely. The presents were arranged with taste and simplicity, and the effect was something beautiful. The thanks of the community are due the members of the various committees for their kindness in preparing the tree.

Encourage Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Cascarets, the great cathartic, cures constipation forever. 10c. 50c. H. C. C. Co. All druggists refund money.

BABY'S SMOOTH, FAIR SKIN

A Grateful Mother Writes this Letter— Tells all about Her Troubles when Baby Broke out with Scrofula Sores.

"At the age of two months, my baby began to have sores break out on his right cheek. We used all the external applications that we could think or hear of, to no avail. The sores spread all over one side of his face. We consulted a physician and tried his medicine, and in a week the sores were gone. But to my surprise in two weeks more another scrofula looking sore appeared on baby's arm. It grew worse and worse, and when he was three months old, I began giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. I also took Hood's Sarsaparilla, and before the first bottle was finished, the sores were well and have never returned. He is now four years old, but he has never had any sign of those scrofula sores since he was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, for which I feel very grateful. My boy owes his good health and smooth, fair skin to this great medicine." Mrs. S. S. Whorton, Farmington, Delaware.

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