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Jas. F. Gazley, of Douglas County.

For Congress.

Joseph G. Wilson,

Of Wasco County.

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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AT PORTLAND, MARCH 20th, 1872.

The Union Republican party of Oregon, in Convention, makes this declaration of its principles and policies:

1. To the Constitution of the United States and all its amendments we pledge our unfaltering allegiance; to its authority a willing obedience; to its full and legal construction and enforcement our constant support.

2. That the success of the present National Administration in reducing the public debt, diminishing and equalizing taxation, administering every branch of public affairs with economy and efficiency, forming and improving the civil service, enforcing the laws without fear or favor, protecting the nation's wards with paternal care against the cruel avarice of speculation and fraud, and maintaining friendly relations with Foreign Powers, has been such as to command the approbation of the great majority of the American people, and justly entitle it to the confidence and commendation of every true Republican.

3. We regard the payment of our national debt, in full compliance with all legal obligations to our creditors everywhere, and in accordance with the true letter and spirit of its contracting, as no longer a question in issue, but that we may be clearly understood, we denounce all forms and degrees of repudiation of that debt, as affirmed by the Democratic party, and its sympathizers, as not only national calamities, but positive crimes, and we will never consent to a suspicion of lack of honor or justice in its complete satisfaction.

4. We adopt as the distinctions between citizens, whether of native or foreign birth; and therefore we favor the granting of full amnesty to the people of those States merely in rebellion; and we here pledge the full and effective protection of our civil laws to all persons voluntarily coming to or residing in our land.

5. We favor the encouragement of railroads by the General Government of the United States, and hold that such disposition should be made of the public lands as shall secure the same to actual settlers only, in quantities not exceeding 160 acres.

6. That while we are in favor of a revenue for the support of the General Government, by duties upon imports, sound policy requires such adjustment of those duties on imports as to encourage the development of the industrial interests of the whole country; and we recommend that policy of national exchanges which secures to the working men liberal wages; to agriculture remunerative prices; to mechanics and manufacturers an adequate reward for their skill, labor and enterprise, and to the Nation commercial prosperity and independence.

7. We believe that popular education is the sole true basis and hope of a free government, and shall ever oppose any diversion of or interference with the common school fund of this State, for any object than those legitimate purpose, and we commend the action of Government by the last Legislature whereby two hundred thousand dollars, taken from the school fund, were granted to a corporation consisting mainly of Democratic leaders, and party favorites, for the construction of a work which another corporation, entirely competent and responsible, offered to construct for seventy-five thousand dollars less; and that we are in favor of the passage by the Legislature of an efficient school law, such as shall secure to all citizens of our State a good common school education.

8. We find no terms sufficiently strong to express our disapproval of those acts of the last Legislature whereby the swamp lands belonging to this State have been taken from the needy settlers, and given without limit or proper competition in price to the land grabbers and speculators; whereby the emoluments and salaries of State officers have been unconstitutionally increased, and the taxes increased thousands of dollars by the creation of new and unnecessary offices and salaries for the purpose of providing for party favorites; and whereby the citizens of our metropolis have been deprived of and denied the right of controlling their police authority. And we equally condemn the administration of our State officers and laws as extravagant, reckless, illegal and destructive, and we equally charge all those results as the acts of the Democratic party.

9. We are in favor of the United States giving to each honorably discharged soldier who served in the armies of the United States to put down the rebellion a warrant for a homestead of 160 acres of public lands.

10. That we demand the repeal of the so-called test oath act, which was devised to support paper Democratic newspapers at the public expense.

11. That the Republican party of this State are in favor of the General Government extending aid toward building a railroad from Portland, Oregon, to Salt Lake City, and from Jackson county to Humboldt, and we hereby pledge our party representatives to the support of the same.

12. That the indiscriminate licensing of persons to sell spirituous liquors without being placed under proper responsibilities for the abuse thereof, having been found by experience to promote the growth of crime and pauperism, and thereby to seriously increase the rate of taxation, the Republican party recognizes the right and duty of the law-making power to prevent and limit the evils and abuses of such sale, so far as concerns the public good and is consistent with individual liberty, by refusing to license other than law-abiding and responsible persons, who can furnish sufficient sureties for good conduct.

13. That the Republican party of Oregon is in favor of obtaining assistance from the General Government for the construction of a wagon road from the city of Portland to the Dalles, recognizing this as a most important and necessary improvement for the State.

14. We believe that the continuance in power of the Republican party is the only sure preservation of national peace and prosperity, and for reasons therefor we point to its brilliant record in the late civil war; to a complete nationality; to a united sisterhood of thirty-seven States; to our Territories rapidly warming into State life; to a nation freed from the taint of human slavery; to an elevated and enlarged citizenship; to our national standing at home and abroad; to the work of vigorous reform in all disorderly abuses of authority or trust; to an unequaled foreign credit; to a successful and stabilitated system, and to the unparalleled peace and prosperity everywhere in our broad domain, and these are our pledges for the future.

15. We hail the "New Departure" of the Democratic party, taken by the action of their Convention in seven States, as a recognition of the principles for which the Republican party has contended for the last ten years; and in the "Pendleton Policy" of that party, already named in several of the States, we recognize an acknowledgment of their hopelessness of success in the coming Presidential campaign.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

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AGENTS ARE requested to observe that the price of the WEEKLY OREGON STATESMAN is $3 00 per year in advance. Where payment is delayed for more than six months, 50 cents extra will be charged for each six months of delay. Agents will please forward at once, any subscription money now in their hands, and hereafter as promptly as possible.

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Business Notices.

[Special advertisements under this head will be charged 15 cents a line. Liberal advertisers, in the regular advertising columns, will, however, be given local notices under this head, without extra charge.]

LOST.—A Bee-hunter—Smith & Wesson patent; either in Salem or between Salem and Ed. Cartwright's house, half a mile north of Lake Labish bridge, on the stage road. Finder will please leave it at the Sheriff's office, Salem. Liberal reward offered.

Murphy & Crossman have just opened a large stock of summer hats, which they offer to the public at low prices. Call in and examine their stock. dlw

CLOTHING—Spring Styles, at Murphy & Crossman's.

FIRST IN THE FIELD.—Spring Goods, at Murphy & Crossman's.

LATEST STYLES OF HATS at Murphy & Crossman's.

AN UNWORTHY EVASION.

The editor of the Herald has a wonderful weakness for the vanities of winding in and winding out, and seems really never better delighted than when engaged in the friskiness of artful dodging, albeit he is not altogether the least clumsy dodger we ever saw. The other day he asserted flatly that,

"No company ever offered to do such a work as is now provided for by law and is now in process of construction at the falls of the Willamette, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars."

To this we answered by publishing a copy of the offer made by the P. T. Co. in writing to do the work for $125,000, which offer contained a proposition to take the exact terms of the bill then pending in the Legislature, asking only an amendment substituting the name of the "People's Transportation Co." in lieu of the "Willamette Falls Canal and Lock Co.,

The Herald had the hardihood to copy this proposition containing the offer to construct the locks for $125,000, and "to make the offer good," in case the Legislature would make the amendment above mentioned—and then to repeat its former silly and hardy denial. Mr. McCully's communication to the Legislature, beside the proposition, contained also some explanation of the bill then pending to grant the P. T. Co. a different franchise to construct locks on the east side of the river at Oregon City. We published this part of the communication; and the Herald takes up this part only, and proceeds to prove from that alone the truth of its original denial as above quoted, entirely ignoring the existence of the plain, direct proposal of the P. T. Co. to build the locks for $125,000, and to do it under the terms of the bill which is now a law and under which the "Willamette Falls Canal and Lock Co." are doing the work. The evasion is so palpable, trifling and unworthy, that there is not a reader of even the Herald so stupid as not to detect and despise it.

PROF. S. F. B. MORSE.

In all human probability, the next issue of our paper will announce the death of the father of the telegraph—Prof. S. F. B. Morse. At two o'clock Monday morning, he was lying at the verge of death at New York City, his physicians announcing that his death might be expected at almost any moment. When he shall have passed the narrow line which divides this from the invisible world, the earth will have lost the man whose inventive genius has led to one of the grandest revolutions in the world's social intercourse, to be found in the history of either modern or ancient times.

Samuel F. B. Morse was a native of Massachusetts, having been born in Charlestown in April 1791. He is therefore gathered to his fathers in his 82d year. His father was Jedediah Morse the author of Morse's Geography. At an early age, after having graduated at Yale College, he was sent to Europe to study the art of painting. Returning home he settled in Boston but afterwards removed to New Hampshire, and thence to South Carolina. His success as a painter, however, was not great. In 1832, the idea of an electric telegraph was first presented to his mind by an account of some experiments made in Paris. His active mind seized upon this and finally elaborated the idea in 1835 into the practical shape of an electric apparatus which has been since improved to become the telegraph now in such universal use throughout the civilized world. Congress, after the delay of nearly eight years, appropriated $30,000 to enable him to construct a line of forty miles between Washington and Baltimore, and in the following year, he had this small beginning in complete operation. The invention brought him some wealth, but beyond that, fame and the honor of the entire Christian world which he more highly prized. The name of Samuel F. B. Morse will live in history while there shall remain any record of his genius.

A POSSUM FABLE.

According to Æsop who was a most wonderful inventor of stories illustrative of human nature, there was once a Possum of an observant eye and an inquiring turn of mind, which, seeing a cat engaged in carrying her litter of young in her mouth, made bold to catechise the cat, thus: "Why dont you carry your young in a pouch as we opossums do?" The cat which seems to have been a sort of Latin cat, being thus interrogated, replied: "*Non Possumus Omnes*"—we are not all possums.

History repeats itself; and we find that as in the ancient Æsopian days, we are not all possums, in this year of our Lord 1872. In Marion county the transportation pouch is still used by all good and true Democratic mother possums. In Jackson county, for instance it is, on the contrary, quite the reverse, if we may judge of the matter by the caterwaulings we hear. In Marion Democracy is possum; in Jackson it is cat. So, when the maternal Grover possum shall "want to know you know" why the Jackson Democracy don't carry on things as we do here, at the Capital, the latter will reply, of course, *Non Possumus Omnes*.

MAGAZINES.

Scribner's, for April, contains a well illustrated description of Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California, which will especially interest the people of this coast. "Curiosities of Plant Life" with handsome illustrations, shows something of the rare and luxuriant vegetation of the Tropics. "Hidden Treasures," also illustrated, treats of the wonders of the mining regions. With the usual variety and excellence of poetry and stories, this magazine maintains its well earned reputation.

The Galaxy is also received, and while claiming no advantage from pictorial display we find it contains the usual variety of solid literature and light reading. Justin McCarthy writes about Charles Reade; Nelly Hutchinson gives some discriminating reasons why women cannot lead in journalism, while showing that they are favorably employed on many leading journals and excel as correspondents. Ex-Secretary Welles contributes a historical essay about the administrations of Presidents Lincoln and Johnson.

THE STRATEGY OF THE ORGAN.

The litigant organ owned and controlled by Gov. Grover labors in travail this week, to prove that the failure of past Legislatures to appropriate for public buildings has been due to the fact that Marion county does not send Democratic Representatives to the Legislature. The design of the article in question, though artful is plainly enough displayed. The organ desires, of course, to defeat one or more of the Republican candidates for Representative on the shallow pretense that a Democratic delegation could get appropriations for public buildings which Republicans could not get. Instead, however, of considering that proposition fairly, it resorts to the usual Democratic strategy of misrepresenting and perverting the facts. It contains a libellous attack upon the character and integrity of Mr. Patton, one of the nominees for Representative on the Republican ticket. It attributes the failure to secure the appropriation of $40,000 for the Insane Asylum in 1868 directly to him, in the following words:

"One of the men now seeking to represent us—T. McF. Patton—had an unenviable connection with that secession, and that insane asylum bill. It was he who did the *trotting*, between Woods and his caucus, and who *packed that very appropriation bill to its death*."

We had supposed the organ man and his master Gov. Grover were more familiar, than this would indicate, with the testimony taken by the "Smelling Commission," inasmuch as they have had it in their possession for nearly a year. The following testimony found on page 69, Vol. II, of the "Joint High Commission's" report shows how ill-founded is this present charge in the organ. It must be recollected that Mr. Patton is the witness of the "Smelling Committee," and Gov. Grover and his organ are estopped from denial of the full force of what Mr. Patton testified. Mr. Patton on the stand:

QUES. State if you have any knowledge or information in regard to the causes which led to the disruption of the Legislature in 1868.

ANS. [By Mr. Patton.] I do not know of my own personal knowledge. I was acting as Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives when the resigning members withdrew. I have heard from members resigning that it was attributed to Gov. Woods. I was not present at any caucus, nor in his confidence, and did not know anything about it until it occurred.

Again, in relation to the "death" of the Asylum appropriation bill. The bill, making an appropriation of $40,000, was regularly passed, signed by the presiding officers and approved by the Governor.

In House Journal, page 528, session of 1868, the following entries appear:

"SENATE CHAMBER,
SALEM, Oct. 26, '68.

MR. SPEAKER: By direction of the President, I herewith transmit S. B. No. 71 for your signature.

S. C. SIMPSON, Chief Clerk."

"The speaker announced that he had signed Senate Bill No. 71."

Again, in Senate Journal, page 114, we find a statement from the President of the Senate that he had signed it.

The organ's article before us quotes from the testimony of the "Smelling Committee" to prove that Mr. Patton was cognizant of Secretary May's acts and connived thereat; but in doing so, it garbles even the "Smelling Committee's report of Mr. Patton's testimony, making him say in the Mercury's quotation quite a different thing from what he said before the Committee. His testimony before the "Smelling Committee" placed the matter alluded to in such light as entirely exonerated himself from blame; and left the wrong entirely with Mr. May. It must be thought that the organ is reduced to exceedingly low straits when it finds it necessary to descend to the garbling of the "Smelling Committee's" partisan and one-sided report in order to make a point against Mr. Patton. That Committee would have gladly made the point had there been ground for it; but it did not do it. It has remained for the organ to descend to deeper deeps of meanness than did even the "Smelling Committee."

Every now and then we see, of late, in Democratic newspapers a quasi confession that the Tammany thieves, did steal some small amounts from the tax-payers of New York. The Possum organ over the way, the other day introduced an article on frauds with the head "Rivalling Tammany." This sounds singular enough now when it is remembered that these same papers were as silent as death on the Tammany affair till the noisome stink of Tammany's corruption had filled all christendom; and singular, too, when it is remembered that Tammany was the fountain head of what Democracy there is left in the country; singular, too, when it is remembered that Democracy, in the very face of the expose, elected the chief Tammany thief to the New York Senate; singular, too, when it is known that the Tammany element is still the head and front of the Democracy of the whole country. Democracy seems to be getting sadly wanting in respect to its own natural parent.

GENS. PORTER AND BABCOCK.

Democratic Slanders Refuted.

The following is from our Washington correspondent, and was omitted from the letter published yesterday on account of a lack of room. It disposes of some slanders recently circulated by the Democratic press:

"Gen. C. Horace Porter's wealth" to which so many newspaper paragraphs have been devoted, amounts all told to an income of less than five thousand dollars a year. It needs no extended statement to show that such an amount is quite insufficient to admit of any great extravagance of expenditure in living. The fact is Gen. Porter lives in a quiet, genteel manner, gives no extravagant entertainments and is as unjustly charged with interest in "jobs and rings" as it is possible for a man to be. He is a man of great reserve of manner, strong in his friendships and is ever loyal to them. The same is true of Gen. Babcock. The statement lately made and carefully circulated by the Democratic press that he held and received the salaries of four offices rounding up an amount of pay quite appalling to the economically inclined, is false to this extent: While performing the duties of four offices, with credit to himself and the Government which he serves, he draws but one salary, that of Major of Engineers in the United States Army. While these misrepresentations have been so persistently made these gentlemen waited with quiet dignity for the opportunity which this investigation has offered—of clearing themselves, completely and satisfactorily to all minds honestly open to conviction.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Roseburg Ensign says "Democratic faces (in Douglas county) are growing longer each day." May they, like shadows, never become shorter.

We learn through a private source that Gov. Woods, of Utah, has gone to California for a while, on account of bad health. His lungs are said to be affected.

The Herald says a grand inquest is needed—yes, on the defunct Democracy of New Hamphshire and Connecticut. The "crowner's quest law" by all means.

Horace Greely after doing a great deal of gymnastics on the trapeze "Revenue Reform," has concluded that it is nothing but a "juggling phrase." Horace hits the mark, now and then, centre.

The Jacksonville Sentinel gives assurance that Mr. Wilson will get fully the entire strength of the party in Southern Oregon, and that the action of the Convention meets with hearty endorsement.

As we anticipated Wednesday morning, we have the sorrowful intelligence that Prof. S. F. B. Morse is no more. He died at New York Tuesday at 7 o'clock P. M. His spirit had already departed when we wrote the article headed with his name.

The Democracy of Union county have found a man who is so indifferent about his occupation and character as to stand up before a crowd and read Slater's speeches. Recklessness in that county was always admired, and this adventurer is toasted and benzined immensely.

The Bedrock Democrat complains that there is not a solitary copy of the journals of the last Legislature, in Eastern Oregon. Then Eastern Oregon is singularly blessed. We believe Eastern Oregon (Baker City) did, however, get some school money from the last Legislature which the State will likely never see again.

The New York World which is the Grand Red-Eye oracle of the Democratic party gives the Possums notice that they may have to support the nominee of the Cincinnati Convention, in case he should appear to have "strong Republican backing." Won't it be interesting to hear Grover, Hayden, Helm, Burnett, etc., howling in chorus through this campaign for some strongly-backed Republican?

The Portland Bulletin says: "With the prospect of a Passive platform being adopted by the Democrats at the Dalles, the faithful hereabouts are busily engaged in looking up each for himself, a convenient limb to twist his tail to and hang 'outo' until after the June election." The Possums hereabouts have been duly "curled" and "twisted" since the 23d of last month. There is nothing like being converted early.

If the Democratic temper, in general, in Jackson county, is anything near as vicious as that displayed by the Democratic Times in its last issue, there is reasonable ground to hope the members of the "Happy Family" are in such a jolly muss as will carry them clean past the June election. Let 'em

Delight to bark and bite
For God hath made them so.

In the proceedings of the Jackson Democratic convention, as published in the Times, we find an anti-Possum resolution—a full blow in the face of Gov. Miller's candidate for U. S. Senator. There is another resolution which shows how hard it is for a Bedrocker to forgive Gen. Nesmith for not being a secessionist during the late rebellion.

Why don't the Democratic press stir up the "Smelling Commission" report? Why, if it is *such* a good thing, don't they howl, according to the original programme? It cost the State about $5,000, a sum too large to be lost—wasted through Democratic intuition. Are the Democratic newspapers keeping whist, on account of orders from headquarters? Have those little transactions in school funds by the present State officials, anything to do with the general silence?

The Liberal Republican Convention at Cincinnati will meet on the first of May. According to Greeley, it will meet "uncommitted to any course of action, whether with regard to measures or men." That is to say, the sorcheads who will compose it, have no known principles and will be as likely to adopt one political code as another. The object being alone to defeat Grant, the most reasonable thing to anticipate is that these pure Republicans, *par excellence*, will make shift to be as nearly as possible, Tammany Democrats.

Now that Tammany has been busted and can no longer corruptly carry elections in the neighboring States, we see New Hampshire and Connecticut going Republican, as they would have gone all the time since 1860, but for the "scum" voters sent into them from New York City. Democrats have been so long accustomed to carrying those States with corruption that they cant imagine how they can be carried in any other way; and we accordingly find Democratic editors figuring up how they were corrupted out of their usual victories.

WAITING FOR THE WAGON.

It is a singular idiosyncracy of the Democracy that they have only the slightest degree of faith in the telegraph and that they are always waiting for the wagon. A short time ago, the Herald couldn't believe that the telegraph was correct when it reported a Republican victory in New Hampshire and it threw itself back in its great arm chair to wait composedly for the mails. The mails came and confirmed the dispatches; but we have seen in the Herald, no notice taken of the result in New Hampshire as reported by the wagon. Perhaps the editor has got his back up and is indignantly waiting for another wagon.

Now comes Connecticut, another State upon which Democracy had relied for assistance "to beat Grant," and gives Jewell, Republican, two or three hundred majority over all competitors and a plurality over the Democratic candidate for Governor, of over 1,000. This by telegraph. We suppose, now, we shall find the Herald again unable to believe the telegraph, and see it throw itself back in asinine attitude to wait again for the wagon.

The Herald maunders through a column and a half in the issue of yesterday, to convince its readers that it has strong hopes of the Cincinnati Convention, that it will devise some means to help the Democrats "to beat Grant." In another part of the same paper is published the telegraphic dispatch concerning the Connecticut election, that "the Liberal Republicans did not give much support to the Democrats." When we look on this picture and then on this, the man's drivelings appear so pitiful as to restrain the laughter that otherwise would ring out, at finding the juxtaposition of such fair hopes and such utter disappointment. While the Herald man and other Democratic editors with telescope in hand, are scanning the four quarter of the heavens for handbreadth clouds that may give promise of an anti-Grant shower, one after another, their hopes decay. The people satisfied with the integrity of Grant's administration, are moving in columns of crushing weight against all his enemies, and grinding them under feet. Even as the "Liberal Republicans" did not give much support to the Democrats of Connecticut, so they will not give much support to them in Ohio, nor in any other State. The "Liberal Republicans" being but a faction, will not have much support to give anybody. See the figures in Connecticut, and judge what hope they give of help "to beat Grant." We advise the Herald man to try his telescope in some other direction.

MAJ. BERRY, when Superintendent of the Penitentiary, paid four dollars per day to brick burners, and the Smelling Commission cut the claims down to two dollars and fifty cents, because they were held by Republicans; Watkinds, in 1871, paid four dollars per day for the same kind of labor, and that was considered perfectly right by the meddlesome Committee.

ODD FELLOWSHIP IN YAMHILL.

Mr. C. H. Walker of Dayton informs us, that last Wednesday evening was the occasion of a pleasant reunion of the members of Occidental, Lafayette and Yamhill Lodges, I. O. O. F., at the Hall of Yamhill Lodge, No. 20. According to previous request, the Brothers of the above Lodges assembled to receive the last official visit, previous to Grand Lodge, of D. G. M. J. T. Apperson. The thanks of the Brothers were tendered to the Deputy Grand Master for his earnestness in promoting the interests of the Order, and the faithfulness with which he has performed his duties; which was responded to by him in feeling terms. After a pleasant hour spent under the "good of the Order," the Brothers all adjourned to Riley's Hotel, where a collation had been prepared, after partaking of which the members returned to their several homes, carrying with them impressions which will never be forgotten, and which will help to cement the bond of friendship now existing.

At a meeting of the committees appointed by the respective Lodges, for the purpose of conferring with each other in regard to celebrating the 53d Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in the United States, it was decided to celebrate at McMinnville, with appropriate exercises, to be followed by a basket dinner. The Brothers of the Order at Dallas will be invited to participate, as will be also all members elsewhere. It is expected the Dallas Brass Band, under the leadership of Prof. G. W. Carey, will be there to enliven the occasion.

DEATH OF ANDERSON COX.

The Walla Union of the 30th, gives the following account of the death of Anderson Cox:

At the time of his death, he was on the road about ten miles the other side of Snake river, returning in a light spring wagon from Colfax to Waitsburg. He was accompanied only by his daughter, Mrs. Smith, at the time he was taken sick, and was unable to be moved, and died on the prairie, many miles from his home or any house. His ailment was billious colic, which terminated fatally in a few hours after the first attack. Mr. Cox was one of Walla Walla's oldest and most respected citizens. At the time of his death he held the office of Receiver in the U. S. Land Office at this place. He has held many other positions of honor and trust, both in this county and in Oregon, where he lived for many years prior to coming here. His funeral will take place to-day at Waitsburg, at 1 o'clock.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

[From the Chicago Postal Record.]

This office is the great depository of the ignorance and carelessness of the people.

Here may be found thousands of letters sent hither from all the Post Offices in the country, some wholly unpaid, some insufficiently paid, some with revenue stamps affixed, some misdirected, and others not directed at all.

When we consider the loss of money, jewelry, drafts, important papers, and other valuable articles contained in these letters, we are astonished at the carelessness of even intelligent men in the transaction of their business.

With this view, to save the people from these losses, and much vexation and annoyance, we deduce a few simple rules which should be observed by all.

1. Direct your letter plainly, give name of place and State, and unless addressed to a *large* city, give the name of the *county* also.

2. If a *mail* letter, (not a drop letter,) be sure to affix securely on it, *at least one 3 cent postage* stamp.

3. Don't put a 2 cent postage stamp on a letter to be sent by mail, if you do it will be sent to this office.

4. Don't put a *revenue* stamp on a letter, if you do it will be sent to this office.

5. At Letter Carrier offices, *put at least one two cent postage* stamp on a *drop* letter.

6. At all *non*-letter carrier offices, put *at least one* one cent *postage* stamp on a *drop* letter.

6. Be sure to remember and *do* these things, and your friends and correspondents will get your letters, and —not the Dead Letter Office.

FREE LOVE FRUIT.—Mr. Lowder, of Wenona, relieves his feelings in papers as follows:

Whereas, my wife, Dora L., has abandoned my bed and board without just cause or provocation, having been for many years an admirer of the free-love principles, celsen the life of mistress to C. W. Powling, a Baptist preacher, rather than the society of her friends and relatives; this is to forbid all persons from harboring or trusting her on my account.

An editor in Cicero, Indiana, on taking charge of the New Era, greets his readers with this vigorous salutatory: "It is the fashion for an editor to write a long introduction on taking charge of a paper, but as we are well acquainted with nearly every man in the county, it is only necessary to say that we intend to *do as we please*, and announce that our motto is *Two Almighty Dollars a Year in Advance*." This man evidently means business, and we have no doubt his paper will be worth its price.

STATE NEWS.

From Daily of Wednesday Apr. 3.

Stitzel & Co. sold last month $44,000 worth of real estate.

Hail fell in the northern part of this valley Monday afternoon.

Twenty-five men at Netarts Bay hunt the wild oyster for a living.

George Ritchie, aged ninety years, died at Monmouth, March 28th.

D. A. Dolph of Portland has a bill of New Jersey Colony currency as old as 1776.

T. Patterson, State Printer, has gone east to dispose of Rights in Leonard's Balance Wrench.

A pelagogue of Douglas county, named Kellogg, was fined $30 last week for girl whipping.

The steamship Pacific, with a cargo of freight, arrived at Portland at 12 o'clock on Monday night.

G. O. Burnett is publishing in the Christian (Monmouth) Messenger, a series of "Reminiscences of by-gone days in Oregon."

Mill No. 4, near Milwaukie, belonging to the O. & C. Railroad Co., is being removed to a point a short distance below Portland.

Postoffices have been established at North Bond, Coos county, and Knappa, Clatsop Co. Those at Hermansville, Coos Co., and Salt Creek, Polk Co., have been discontinued.

The Bulletin says the postoffice at Salt Creek has been discontinued because the Republicans have all left the neighborhood, and nobody remains to keep the office or read the papers.

A charivari party at Cornelius, the other night, "smoked out" a just-married couple by stopping the chimney flue at the top; all because the groom wouldn't come out when they played on their harps of a thousand strings.

The Democrats of Coos county have placed in nomination the following ticket: Joint Senator, Wm. Hall; Sheriff, G. W. Sleeper; Clerk, Wm. H. Jackson; Commissioners, W. H. Harris and B. F. Rose; Treasurer, George Camman; Assessor, W. C. Paxson; School Superintendent, J. S. McNamara; Surveyor, —Jennings; Delegates to State Convention, R. H. Lowe, Wm. Turpin and Jas. Aiken.

From Daily of Thursday Apr. 4.

A postoffice has been established at Beaverton, Washington county.

The Bedrock Democrat wants Baker City to buy a fire engine and go to squirting.

The pioneers of Jackson and adjoining counties are to have a reunion on the 5th inst.

Colored citizens will celebrate the Fifteenth Amendment Anniversary at Portland, April 9th.

A "Mackerel Brigade" has been organized at Portland. The members are all queer fish.

There was a "fist" and "boot-leather" argument among the Democracy at Roseburg the other evening.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Portland, has received and disbursed, during the year, about $1,900.

The Possum delegates to the Democratic State Convention at the Dalles are to go at children's prices—half fare.

A Columbia county boy kicked a circular saw the other day, and now his papa has got to buy him an artificial foot.

J. R. Neil has been selected by the Democrats of Jackson county to vote for all the delegates in the Democratic State Convention.

Messrs. C. O'Winzingerode, Julius Kramer and N. Gotgetten are elected to represent Minerva Lodge, No. 19, in the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., which will meet at Salem in May.

A half-breed courtezan, formerly of Marion county, named Mary Olechaw, attempted suicide by swallowing a half pound of arsenic, Tuesday evening. It is thought the attempt will be an eminent success.

An emigrant, by the name of Wm. Lentz, reached Baker City last week, who was just eight days in traveling from Ottumwa, Iowa, to Baker City. He has come to stay.

Crop prospects in Marion county are flattering. Fall sown wheat, which was thought to have been severely injured by the severity of the past winter, is springing into new life, and promises a bountious yield.

The Oregonian says a considerable addition to the population of Oregon may be expected shortly from Tazewell county, Ill. Twenty-seven men, most of them with families, and every one a "Black Republican," will start from there for Oregon this month.

A disappointed young Lothario of Clackamas county has been suing a fair, but fickle, damsel for a breach of promise. The girl says she paid him for his damaged affections $12 50 coin and a bottle of Florida water, and she thinks it too bad that he wont let her alone now.

From Daily of Friday Apr. 5.

Base ball is what ails the boys at Jacksonville.

Typhoid fever is prevalent among children in Jackson county.

Mary Weston, the courtezan who swallowed a half pound of arsenic, is dead.

Lafayette proposes to offer inducements for the railroad to cross the Yamhill river at that point.

Colonel W. J. Martin, of Galesville, Oregon, has applied for a patent for a grubbing machine.

Stages in Southern Oregon are making good time now, as a consequence of improved roads.

Thirteen out of forty-nine school districts in Yamhill failed to make their annual report. Careless clerks.

A boy named Eaton, aged ten years, fell through a wharf at Portland, Wednesday, and was drowned.

La Drew, alias Smith, an escaped prisoner from the Albany $10,000 brick sieve, has been returned to Albany.

Criminal law suits are the staple amusements of late among the populace of Skunk's Hollow, Washington county.

A son of Mr. Wm. Hall, North Yamhill, was accidentally shot in the arm last Sunday evening; not dangerously hurt.

The Courier is republishing in its columns the Report of the "Smelling Committee." Upton is not fastidious about his newspaper hash.

All the school districts in Washington county have levied a tax sufficient to keep up a school for from six to nine months during the year.

"The Oregon Real Estate Company" was incorporated at Portland a day or two since, by Ben Holladay, Wm. L. Halsey and Geo. W. Weidler.

Mrs. Victor's book entitled "All over Oregon and Washington Territory," has gone to press at San Francisco, and will be delivered in Oregon in a few days.

The building of the Oregon Central Railroad has waked the people up, and there is now a general scramble for new roads leading to the various stations along the road.

Some Yamhill people are worried about somebody's proposed amendment to the Constitution to recognize God and Christianity. "Trifles light as air" are very heavy on some people.

The Oregonian says: "Our advices from several of the agricultural counties concur in the statement that all the working force of men and teams that can be made available is employed in putting in grain. The remarkably good weather is affording great facilities for this work. Beyond doubt the breadth of grain sown will much exceed that of any former year.

Mr. Q. A. Brooks who arrived down from Jackson county yesterday, informs us that the placer mines lately discovered in Quartz Valley, between Link river and Goose Lake, are creating considerable excitement, not only in Jackson county, but throughout all Southern Oregon. He saw parties about starting from Eugene. The diggings are reported good, but it is not known how extensive the district may be.

TO THE FRONT.—We noticed long trains moving to the front yesterday loaded with railroad iron, and materials for track construction. Evidently Hallett is rushing matters, along the route. "Twas ever thus."

The way to keep your silk umbrella. Only lend your cotton one.

THE TERRITORIES.

Seattle is exporting large quantities of onions and potatoes.

The Walla Walla Fair Grounds are to be sold by the Sheriff for debt.

Rev. W. H. Stoy, formerly of Trinity Church, Portland, is stationed at Deer Lodge, Montana.

Sarah Winnemucca, "Queen of the Piutes," has thrown herself away upon a young Lieutenant, at Salt Lake City.

"Humptulops" is the euphonious name of a river which empties into Gray's Harbor. No wonder the harbor is dangerous.

It is said the women of Olympia have voted down all applications for license to sell liquor and all the saloons are consequently selling without licenses.

Anderson Cox of Walla Walla, formerly of Linn county, Oregon, died suddenly a few days ago of billious colic, aged about sixty years. Mr. Cox was well known throughout the Willamette valley.

Joe Curlew's mining claims, near the garrison reserve, says the Boise Statesman, are paying handsomely. An old channel has been struck in the hills, which prospects very rich, and is now being worked.

Olympia elected a Mayor last Monday. Gen. W. W. Miller was a candidate, endorsed by the Tribune, the Courier and the Transcript. With that triumvirate at his back, he ought to have been, if he was not, elected.

A dispatch from Salt Lake says that a call has been issued for a Republican Convention to elect delegates to the National Republican Convention at Philadelphia. It is signed by Tom Fitch, ex-Secretary Fuller, Maus, D. H. Wells and others.

The Port Townsend Argus says a move is on foot to get up a joint stock telegraph company, with a paid up capital of $25,000 to bring a line of telegraph from Seattle, crossing the Sound at Port Madison, thence down the west side to this place.

A Yakima valley correspondent of the Olympia Transcript writes: "Our winter has been very severe, but stock has done very well. I am now an honest farmer, work hard, and am happy. This is a fine country, good climate, and money can be made here."

It is probable that in a few days there will be a surveying party made up at Walla Walla for the purpose of surveying on some of the different proposed routes for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

The construction of a railroad from Wallula to Walla Walla is one of the notable enterprises to be undertaken this year. The grading for the road is all under contract, and is to be finished by the 1st of July. Mills are now in course of erection at Wallula which will saw the ties and lumber required.

The following appropriations for Washington Territory, have been made: The usual salaries for federal officials; usual annuities for different tribes of Indians; general incidental expenses of Indian service, $35,000; surveying, $70,000; assessing and collecting internal revenue, $17,000; collecting revenue from public land, $20,700.

The Boise Statesman says: "The failure of the Salt Lake, Snake River, Dalles and Portland Railroad bill, compels our people to look after and see if any other course can be taken to secure railroad connection with the Pacific railroad. Many of our people think that the most feasible route to build a railroad and obtain the connection, is to start from Winnemucca, on the Central Pacific, and come to Owyhee and thence to this place."

The Walla Walla Union says: During the month of March, business has been quite lively in the Land Office at this place. One hundred and thirty-one pre-emption claims for 17,000 acres, all but ten of which were in Walla Walla county, have been filed. Fifteen homestead applications for 1,280 acres, all but one of which claims are in this county, and eight hundred acres have been paid for under the homestead and pre-emption laws.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A gentleman in a New England town buried his sixth wife. Shortly after the funeral he met the minister who officiated, and offered him a big greenback. The minister declined to take it, saying he was not accustomed to accept pay for such services. The gentleman coolly replied, "Just as you say; but that's what I've been in the habit of paying."

A Southern paper advertises as follows: "Wanted, at this office, an able-bodied, hard-featured, hard-tempered, not-to-be-put-off and not-to-be-backed-down, freckled-faced young man to coll