

Served by Carrier, per week..... 25 Cents
Sent by mail, per year..... \$3.00
Sent by mail, six months..... \$1.50
Subscriptions by mail or express must be paid in advance.

WEEKLY OREGON STATESMAN

VOL. 26.

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 18, 1876.

NO. 1-2

TERMS:
Per year, by Mail or otherwise..... \$3.00
Six months, by Mail or otherwise..... \$1.50
Subscriptions, in every instance, to be paid in advance.
Advertisements inserted at reasonable rates.

NEWS DEPARTMENT.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Very Latest News Reports.

Editorial Convention - Patent Outlets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—In the Interior or Press Convention yesterday and last evening, resolutions were adopted denouncing the system of patent outlets, and supplementing a resolution refusing, after three months, to exchange with papers printed in that manner. The resolution was tabled after a sharp debate. Some discussion took place regarding the matter of establishing facilities for collecting and transferring telegraphic news.

Two Men Shot.

UTAH, Cal., February 14.—At about 7:30 this evening, a disturbance commenced in a saloon kept here by Ben Chambers, between Chambers and his two brothers-in-law, Ham Briggs and Jim Bostric, which resulted in the death of the two latter, Chambers shooting them both with a double-barreled shot-gun. The cause of the quarrel is not yet known. The affair causes great excitement.

Babeock Trial.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—Judge Porter, in concluding his argument against the admission of telegrams in the Babeock trial, occupied nearly all the morning session today. His conclusions were that they were writings, and whether proven to be what they purported in origin and destination it was still a question whether they could be admitted as evidence. He did not by any means admit this proof and identification had been shown. To the great majority of these telegrams there were produced no answers at all. Such were merely hearsay, merely letters relating to facts admitting inquiries which did not convey the slightest hint of conspiracy, but none of these, whatever, might be shown to them, were admissible as testimony.

Action of the Democratic Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—At the Democratic caucus to-night at the Capitol about 100 members of the House and 12 or 13 Senators were present. Many short speeches were made on the financial question. Finally resolutions were adopted for the appointment of a committee consisting of nine members of the House and four Senators to whom were referred the pending proposition of Representative Landers for the repeal of the specie resumption act, and that of Representative Payne for the gradual resumption of specie payment, and the committee were instructed to report a financial platform at an adjourned meeting of the caucus on Thursday next. More than usual care was taken to prevent a disclosure of the proceedings, but it is known that the majority who spoke counseled conciliation and harmony, it being absolutely necessary that the Democracy should present, if possible, an unbroken front on the financial question, and frame a platform which they could present to the entire country. Instead of members of the party in different States separately, attempting to establish a financial principle for the entire party.

Democrats Confident of Being Able to Hold the Finances.

The Democratic members, in conversation to-day, say they don't think there will be much difficulty in framing a financial plank, as a conciliatory spirit prevailed the caucus last night. The opinion was generally expressed that it would be impracticable to resume specie payments on the 1st of Jan. 1879, as provided by the act of Jan. 19th, 1875; therefore that that provision should be repealed and measures be taken for a gradual resumption of specie payments by requiring the national banks to retain a percentage of the gold received by them as interest on the bonds deposited with the Treasurer of the United States as security for their circulating notes, and also requiring the Secretary to retain a certain percentage of gold as part of the sinking fund, for the purchase or payment of the public debt. This, the Democrats say, will be the basis of action of the committee in their report to the adjourned meeting of the caucus on Thursday next.

Final Adjournment of Congress.

The Democrats in their caucus discussed at some length the time of final adjournment. Since then several leading Democrats have conferred upon the subject, and have decided to introduce a resolution fixing the time of final adjournment, between April 1st and April 15th. This move contemplates the passage of the appropriation bills and a finance bill as the only legislation. Randall says the appropriation bills can all be passed by April 15th. The Democrats feel the bad political effects of Congress, and desire to prevent debate on national affairs.

Statement of Cash in the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Secretary of the Treasury sent to the House of Representatives to-day, in response to a resolution of January 21st, a detailed statement showing the actual amount of cash on hand in the Treasury, the several deposits, and the amount of the 23d of January, 1875. The total amount is \$100,778,644. The Secretary says that as legal tender notes received for the redemption of national bank notes do not belong to the United States, their amount is not in any way embraced in the monthly statement of the department. The amount of 5 per cent. bonds sold to October 21, 1875, in obedience to the resumption act, is, however, included, \$15,795,875. The silver purchased by the Treasury Department has been paid for with the proceeds of the 5 per cent. bonds sold, and the balance of the proceeds of said bonds, together with

the revenues of the government, has been applied to the redemption of legal tenders, as provided by the specie resumption act.

Out for the Black Hills.

CHEYENNE, Feb. 14.—One hundred and fifty men left here to-day for the Black Hills. A party who came in last night reports that during the eight days of his trip from Custer he counted 185 wagons en route for the hills. Two hundred more are outfitting here now and will start this week. The incoming trains bring scores of gold seekers daily.

Aid to the N. P. R. R. from Montana.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Both branches of the Montana Legislature have passed a bill giving three and a half million dollars aid to the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad from Bismarck westward.

Corner in Coffee Continuing.

The big corner in the American coffee market is still pending, but barely sustained. Prices are tending downward and no heavy sales are possible except at a deduction from the present prices.

Large Demand for Postage Stamps.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—During January the demand for postage stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes reached the unprecedented amount of three and a half million dollars worth. These figures are considered indicative of the rapid revival of business throughout the country.

Indian War and Outrages.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Information has been received that Bear Wolf, a Crow chief, had been at Fort Pease, at the mouth of the Big Horn, and that he had a battle with the Sioux, killing 6, and that 40 or 50 Sioux are around Fort Pease, killing inhabitants at every opportunity. Five persons having already been wounded.

Scottish Rifle Club.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Scottish Rifle Club has finally decided to send its own team to the international contest at Philadelphia next summer.

English Grain Markets.

The frost has checked the downward movement of prices in Mark Lane. Trade has become less desponding; wheat quiet, but firm. Some of the markets in the eastern counties have recovered a shilling per quarter. Oats, barley, beans, peas and four have been dull and are unchanged in price. Maize commanded a low rate, but in Scotland values tended toward a recovery. The imports of wheat and flour into the United Kingdom last week were 225,000 quarters. There is a full supply of English wheat. The deliveries were 415,319 quarters—rather under the average. To-day, at Mark Lane, the market was deserted, the dense fog and extreme cold driving factors into the subscription room, where sale by sample is not permitted, but cargo buyers offer rather more for wheat and six cents higher for maize. Oats firm at about 3d advance from Monday; demand steady. Flour quiet. The port of Odessa is again ice bound.

Destructive Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A fire broke out this evening at 125 Grand street, which proved the most destructive yet. The fire burnt through the entire block bounded by Grand, Howard, Broadway and Crosby streets, altogether about thirty buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$4,500,000. One firm, Cashin, Brundetter & Co., lace dealers, estimate their loss at \$1,500,000. Five buildings on Broadway were saved, and all on Grand street except No. 128, where the fire broke out. Two firemen, David Clute, foreman, and John H. Bush, assistant, were killed, and several others were injured by falling walls. At one time it was feared the heart of the city would be burned. The fire was completely under control by half-past 10 o'clock.

James Parton Marries his Stepdaughter.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—There is quite a sensation in Newburyport over the marriage of James Parton, the author, to his stepdaughter, the same being forbidden by the statutes of this State. The bridegroom learned his status this morning, after the wedding, and to prevent further scandal, left his house in charge of his wife, and took rooms for himself at a boarding house. He will apply to the legislature for a special act sanctioning the marriage.

Sale of Timber Lands.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The Senate Committee on Public Lands has agreed to report favorably on Kelly's bill providing for the sale of timber lands in California and Oregon, and the Territories, and a great system of internal improvements is to be attempted.

Receiver of Stolen Bonds Arrested.

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—Gifford White, a lawyer of this city, has been arrested and placed under \$10,000 bonds, the detectives having traced to his possession \$80,000 of bonds stolen from a gentleman in New York about a year since. White purchased them for 10 cents on the dollar, and had put them up as collateral for a loan of \$80,000. He claims to have had no knowledge of their true character.

Telegraph Rates Reduced.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—It is stated that the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company will to-morrow reduce rates to all points 20 to 30 per cent.

Death of a Bride.

Commander Garrison's youngest daughter, who died yesterday at St. Louis, was married only ten weeks ago. The funeral will take place here to-morrow.

Pleaded Guilty of Murder.

BREVIERE, N. J., Feb. 15.—John Ritzy, who murdered his two children in Hackettstown in October last, pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to the State's prison, at hard labor, for 20 years, on each indictment.

Colorado Constitutional Convention.

DENVER, Feb. 15.—The Constitutional Convention, after two days of earnest discussion, adopted a chapter on the elective franchise, which provides the State Legislature to provide by enactment for the

submission of the woman's suffrage question to a vote of the people. This is regarded as favorable by the advocates of the measure. They claim a powerful constituency in Colorado, whilst in Wyoming the experiment has justified the privilege; in Kansas woman suffrage exists as to all school offices.

Consultation at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—This morning the President and Secretary Bristow had a consultation which, by direction of the President was not interrupted by any other callers. Secretary Fish and the Attorney General were also in consultation with the President this afternoon. Col. Cook, of counsel for Gen. Babeock, had an interview with the President in his course of which he stated he had received from St. Louis encouraging telegrams concerning Babeock's case, which he said he would defend with all his power.

Appropriation Asked For.

The Secretary of War has submitted a request for an appropriation of \$500,000 to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for the payment of troops from June 15th to 30th, 1875. It expresses the hope that this will be done before the regular deficiency bill shall be passed. About 2,200 original measures have been introduced in the House during the present session.

Gen. Ord Before the Military Committee.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A Times' Washington special says Gen. Ord was before the Military Committee in regard to the transfer of Indian affairs to the War Department and he was inclined to think the project not advisable. Gen. Sheridan is going before the committee today, having been requested to come to Washington and have a council of war with Colonels and Generals of the Military Committee. Sherman and Hancock are also coming and quite a reunion will be held in the city.

Arrest of Winslow, the Forger.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Winslow, arrested here to-day, was formally arraigned at the Bow street police court and remanded for one week.

Boston, Feb. 15.—The Herald's special from London says Winslow when arrested asked to be sent to America immediately. He said all the money in his possession was his wife's, amounting to \$8,000. Nothing was recovered. He asked that his wife should be let alone. He said he left everything in Boston in the hands of his attorneys, and appeared to go to Portugal or Brazil. He denies having any cash or bonds, and says nearly all of the newspaper accounts are erroneous.

Heavy Storm in Illinois.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—A Commercial Goecanda (Ill.) special of the 14th says: Sunday's storm blew down several houses and barns near there, and capsized a sailboat in the river, drowning five or six of the occupants. The only survivor was rescued by parties in a skiff four miles below.

Turkish Outrages on Christians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 15.—Foreign ambassadors lately complained to the Porte of the recent outrages against Christians at Broussa and Angora. The Grand Vizier replying to the complaint disavowed the conduct of the governors of Broussa and Angora. The governor of Angora has been dismissed and will be prosecuted. The assistant governor has been ordered to remedy the abuses. Musselman and Armenian commissioners have been nominated to investigate the circumstances.

Terrible Hurricane on the Atlantic.

Sailing vessels arrived to-day from the United States report that they experienced a terrible hurricane in the latter part of January, and suffered much damage. The bark Northwind encountered the Italian bark Enrico Merello, from Philadelphia, Jan. 15th, off Queenstown, with her decks swept and five feet of water in the hold. The captain, mate and five seamen had been washed overboard and drowned. The captain of the Northwind put on board the Enrico Merello his mate, one man and a boat.

European Grain Market Review.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Mark Lane Express weekly review of the British corn trade says: Apart from the question of improvement in prices lately, some moderate reaction may be looked for. In consequence of the low prices ruling during the recent cold weather, and in fact owing to the hopelessness induced by long continued bad trade, millers have not kept up their stock and are now running short. The firmness of the Paris market, in spite of a large stock and our discouraging advices, is significant. There is an average rise of 2 francs on all grades of flour.

New Title for Queen Victoria.

In the House of Commons this evening, Disraeli moved a bill enabling the Queen to take the title of Empress of India.

Earthquake Shocks.

WINNEMCCA, Feb. 14.—This morning at half past nine, two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at this place. The shocks continued for the space of a minute and a half; houses were shaken, chairs and furniture thrown down, and crockery and glassware considerably jostled. Oscillations extended from east to west. The people for a short time were very much excited.

The Great Four-Mile Race on the 25th.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The sale of reserved seats on the grand stand for the great four-mile running race, next Tuesday begins to-day. It is now stated that the pool-selling will begin on Wednesday evening.

Death of General Pico.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—Gen. Andreas Pico, issued as a gallant officer under the Mexican government at the time of the acquisition of California by the United States, died here to-day, after a brief illness.

ness. He was noted for his loyalty and kindness to his American fellow citizens.

The Babeock Trial.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—Upon opening the United States Circuit Court this morning, ex-Attorney General Williams addressed the jury in defence of Babeock. He devoted considerable time to the argument of the probabilities of the case, and to the criticism of the evidence for the Government, assuming that what the Government had offered was competent evidence which was by no means admitted. Gen. Williams said the case might present some suspicious circumstances, but by no means a ground on which to base conviction. He then proceeded with some explanations which would throw a different light on the communication between Babeock and the King. At that time he said, Joyce and McDonald were trusted officials, men of influence, and possessing confidence with good people. Babeock, on the other hand was a warm-hearted, confident, generous man, who did not give up a friendship once commenced for the whisper of calumny. Everything presented by the prosecution was incomplete, and could not but have a painful uncertainty in every mind as to whether it was to convey proper suspicion, or to simply indicate weakness of judgment, to which everyone was liable. The quality of the evidence, said Williams, avails nothing. He then traced Babeock's military career from West Point, which he enjoyed as the place where honor and honesty were inculcated and [not] where thieves and robbers were educated. He told how he rose to be the Chief of Engineers in the Ninth Army Corps, and then afterwards became Aid to Lieut. Gen. Grant with the rank of Brevet Brigadier General. A good deal of attention was given to his relations to the President and the confidence reposed in him as private secretary to the President. In one sense, Williams said, he became a part of the executive; his official delinquencies would more or less reflect upon and degrade the Chief Executive of the nation. No heart could be as black as his if he would bring dishonor on one who had put such confidence in him.

Bill to Transfer the Indian Affairs to the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The bill reprinted from the committee on military affairs to-day for the transfer of the jurisdiction and control of the Indian Bureau from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of War, provides that the act shall take effect on the 1st of July next. The Secretary of War is required to detail an officer below the rank of colonel to take charge of the office, under such regulations as he may prescribe. Army officers are to act as superintendents, agents, sub-agents, etc., thus abolishing all the civil machinery of the Bureau. Provision is made for the continuance of the Indians through army officers, and the Secretary of War is required to cause an enumeration of all Indians to be taken. The report of the committee was unanimous.

Bill for the Relief of Settlers.

Senator Doolittle's bill for the relief of settlers on California public lands, provides that the lands now occupied by settlers, within the railroad limits between Goshen and Hollister, shall be sold to them at \$2 50 per acre, and the proceeds held by the government to be paid to the railroad company after the completion of their entire line.

Cost of the Breakwater at San Luis Obispo.

In response to the resolution of inquiry requesting estimates of the amount of money required to construct a breakwater at San Luis Obispo, the Secretary of War reported he has ordered the engineer in charge of the construction of the breakwater at Wilmington, California, to transmit at an early day the whole estimate of cost.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Luttrell in the House and Booth in the Senate presented the joint resolution of the legislature of California asking for the passage of a law authorizing the transfer of the management of Indian affairs from the Interior Department to the War Department; referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Luttrell presented the memorial of 200 settlers against the passage of the bill to confirm the Albuqui grant title to the parties represented by ex-Governor Haught. No action will be taken on the bill until all parties can be heard.

Favorable Report on Texas Pacific Railroad.

The Chicago Times' Washington special to-day the committee on Pacific railroads will take action on Scott's scheme, and from a careful canvass of the committee there is no doubt that the committee will report favorably on the bill; rumors to the effect that the committee will tie on the question, being far from true; there will be a majority of three, at least, of the 15 members.

Papal Dispensation to Marry.

ROME, Feb. 16.—The Pope having granted a dispensation for the marriage of the daughter of the sculptor Story, a protestant, with Commodati Perazzi, a Catholic, and brother of the Syndic of Florence, the grant is mentioned as a remarkable exception to the rule never before broken during the pontificate of Pius IX, and some extreme ultra-montanes are highly displeased.

Excursion Across the Sierra Nevada.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 16.—Gov. Stanford, through E. Curtis, invited the members of both Houses to take part in the excursion trip across the Sierra Nevada on Saturday. A special train leaves Sacramento at 1 P. M. In the evening a ball will be given at Summit and on Sunday the train proceeds to the State Hotel, affording an opportunity to visit Donner Lake, returning to Sacramento by Sunday evening.

Severely Arizona Week.

POINT ARIZONA, Feb. 16.—The schooner Arizona was wrecked at Point Arizona, and the crew are supposed to have left for sea in a boat, as they are no where to be found in the neighborhood. She was not loaded.

Scow Captized.

STEWART'S POINT, Feb. 16.—The scow Susie, partly loaded with lumber for Chas. Dingley, San Francisco, captized here last night and now lies bottom up in the bay. Crew safe.

Good Weather.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—The weather the past three days has been quite warm and vegetation is growing rapidly.

No Further Indebtedness Wanted.

A petition is being generally signed here praying the Legislature to grant this county no further power to increase its bonded indebtedness, except for school purposes and the construction of a new jail.

OREGON STATE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

Fifth Annual Session.

PORTLAND, Feb. 16, 1876. Oregon State Temperance Alliance met in Good Templar Hall at 10 o'clock A. M. and was called to order by the President, Hon W. R. Dunbar.

Officers present—W. R. Dunbar, President; Jacob Conser, Vice President; A. G. Walling, Secretary; Mrs W. P. Jones, Treasurer.

On motion, Jacob Conser, Q. T. Doane and G. A. Dyson were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, Capt O. C. Applegate, J. H. Frush and G. W. Dimick were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

Alliance adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

At 1 o'clock the President called the members of the Alliance to order. The Secretary, A. G. Walling, being absent it was moved that C. H. Whitney be elected Secretary for the session, pro tem. W. P. Robinson was elected Assistant Secretary.

The Committee not being ready to report the President read the Constitution of the Alliance for the information of those present.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report of delegates entitled to seats as follows:

DELEGATES—FROM GOOD TEMPLAR LODGES.

Multnomah, No. 12—Mrs Emma Kellogg, C. H. Kellogg, A. G. Walling, J. B. Garrison, A. E. Ellis, Mrs M. A. Howe, Mrs Mary Schroeder, J. A. Smith.

Nonpareil, 86—Mrs S. T. W. Stearns, C. H. Whitney.

Morning Star, 41—A. M. Smith.

Independent, 199—D. P. Porter, Quinn T. Doane.

Yamhill, 202—Wm. Ball, A. D. Rannels, Mrs G. M. Bunnell.

Lalish, 136—L. E. Fisher, W. D. Claggett, Brooklyn, 115—Mrs S. Reid.

for sea in a boat, as they are no where to be found in the neighborhood. She was not loaded.

Scow Captized.

STEWART'S POINT, Feb. 16.—The scow Susie, partly loaded with lumber for Chas. Dingley, San Francisco, captized here last night and now lies bottom up in the bay. Crew safe.

Good Weather.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—The weather the past three days has been quite warm and vegetation is growing rapidly.

No Further Indebtedness Wanted.

A petition is being generally signed here praying the Legislature to grant this county no further power to increase its bonded indebtedness, except for school purposes and the construction of a new jail.

OREGON STATE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

Fifth Annual Session.

PORTLAND, Feb. 16, 1876. Oregon State Temperance Alliance met in Good Templar Hall at 10 o'clock A. M. and was called to order by the President, Hon W. R. Dunbar.

Officers present—W. R. Dunbar, President; Jacob Conser, Vice President; A. G. Walling, Secretary; Mrs W. P. Jones, Treasurer.

On motion, Jacob Conser, Q. T. Doane and G. A. Dyson were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, Capt O. C. Applegate, J. H. Frush and G. W. Dimick were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

Alliance adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

At 1 o'clock the President called the members of the Alliance to order. The Secretary, A. G. Walling, being absent it was moved that C. H. Whitney be elected Secretary for the session, pro tem. W. P. Robinson was elected Assistant Secretary.

The Committee not being ready to report the President read the Constitution of the Alliance for the information of those present.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report of delegates entitled to seats as follows:

DELEGATES—FROM GOOD TEMPLAR LODGES.

Multnomah, No. 12—Mrs Emma Kellogg, C. H. Kellogg, A. G. Walling, J. B. Garrison, A. E. Ellis, Mrs M. A. Howe, Mrs Mary Schroeder, J. A. Smith.

Nonpareil, 86—Mrs S. T. W. Stearns, C. H. Whitney.

Morning Star, 41—A. M. Smith.

Independent, 199—D. P. Porter, Quinn T. Doane.

Yamhill, 202—Wm. Ball, A. D. Rannels, Mrs G. M. Bunnell.

Lalish, 136—L. E. Fisher, W. D. Claggett, Brooklyn, 115—Mrs S. Reid.

Mitwaukee, 57—John Packer, Jas Keller, A. W. Lambert.

Harrisburg, 221—M. Fuller.

Valley, 155—B. H. Allen.

Marion, 43—S. Hatch, L. Thomas, G. W. Dimick, M. A. Emick.

Lone Star, 94—M. E. Mills, W. A. Mills.

Brownsville, 250—G. A. Flynn, H. R. Powell, B. Hatfield, W. E. Ross.

East Portland, 69—M. C. George, J. H. Frush, D. A. Whitney.

Rosa, 99—Mrs E. M. Vandervoort, W. H. Vandervoort.

Lafayette, 34—Dr J. W. Watts, Mrs C. Watts, G. P. Dorris.

Amy, 258—J. C. Cooper.

Capital, 11—Mrs Ira Erb, Miss Jennie Vandewalker, Mary McDaniel, John Dennis.

Silver, 36—E. P. Smith, L. F. Mescher, W. Cranston, Renee Denny, Alternates—Orpha Cranston, A. Leonard, Sarah Ransley, John Hicks.

Portland, 201—J. W. Gamble, H. S. Shaker, Thos. B. Freeman, M. B. Rhodes, Mrs M. E. Sutherland.

E. C. E. C. ENCAMPMENT.

Jefferson, 14—Mrs S. Smith, H. Smith, W. T. Riggdon.

O. R. C. ENCAMPMENT.

Harmony, 4—Mrs G. A. Whitney, Mrs C. A. Colburn, A. F. Johnson, G. H. Deland.

CHURCHES AND SABBATH SCHOOLS.