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THE Centennial celebration to be given at Portland on the 4th of July next promises to be a grand affair.

THE Capital Guards will probably go to Portland to the Centennial 4th of July Celebration.

SHOULD Mr. Grover get the Chief Justice-ship, who will be the Democratic favorite for Senatorship?

It is reported that Judge Bonham has consented to have a photograph of himself pasted on that Centennial map.

BUTTER and cheese, necessary to supply the people of the Willamette Valley, will soon be shipped from Eastern Oregon.

If Judge Hayden could get enough such men as General Nesmith elected to the Legislature, he would have a sure thing on the Senate.

We are in receipt of numerous letters of inquiry about our "climate, soil," etc., which we cannot undertake to answer.

THE tax-paying public should go and see that five hundred dollar picture of Governor Watkinds, just before it is shipped to the Centennial.

Gov. WATKINDS' organ, the Mercury, gives a left handed defense of the executive. It does not attempt to defend the manner in which our school funds have been handled.

A BRIDGE builder of California will be in Salem in the course of a few weeks, and make the citizens of Marion and Polk counties a proposition to build a bridge across the Willamette at this place.

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GEN. BROWN'S Democratic primaries in Linn county passed off to his entire satisfaction on Saturday last.

BRIGADIER GENERAL BROWN of the Albany Democrat has been sitting as a jury in the Belknap case and has hatched out a verdict of "guilty of stealing in the first degree."

There are very few men who don't "need" a United States Senatorship, or some other lucrative position, and it is very common, distressingly so, indeed, to hear it mentioned as a reason for voting for some particular man for office.

SHARP SHOOTING.

The Governor's organ says: "Brigadier General Waters is exercised in his mind because he has no gun.

The captain of ordinance of this Department reports that 643 of the improved Springfield guns have been issued to Oregon militia since 1870.

POLK COUNTY NOMINATIONS.

The Democratic County Convention which assembled at Dallas last Saturday, the 8th inst., made the following nominations for County officers:

A QUESTION OF PLACE.

It is indeed curious how many forms and shapes modern Democracy can assume.

We desire, in this connection also to state that the Democracy of Connecticut made the fight on a hard money platform.

VERY SUSPICIOUS.

The nomination of Judge Hayden in Polk county looks like a general scoop of General Nesmith.

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SENATOR DALY of Polk county met his enemies and he is their meat.

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THE gallant Capt. McComas has subsided since the Wallowa war. His company has dispersed and the needle guns are reported "out rabbit hunting."

"LET no guilty man escape," is a Republican motto and watchword.

A LARGE amount of surplus wheat remains in the State, because of the low prices offered by mill owners and shippers.

THE Independent convention held at Roseburg recently resolved against the present rate of cost for taking care of our insane.

THE Jacksonville Sentinel advertises for a good lawyer to edit the sheet.

IN the list of funds paid out for the Deaf mute School in 1872, there is an item of \$15 paid to Col. Gilfrey.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

For the election of Delegates to the Republican County Convention will be held on Saturday the 15th instant, at one o'clock p. m., as follows:

The apportionment is as follows: North Salem..... 4 delegates East Salem..... 14 " South Salem..... 4 " Salem..... 11 "

Let every man who desires the success of the Republican party be on hand and assist in selecting delegates who will give us a ticket that cannot be beaten.

OUR COLFAX LETTER.

COLFAX, W. T., March 27, 1876. ED. STATESMAN.—The Polouse country is one of the best on the Pacific Coast, and thousands of acres of good tillable land now lie uncultivated.

In consideration of the above facts, I write at this time to give the many readers of the STATESMAN some idea of the condition, as well as the natural resources of this rich country.

All of the settlers who came here direct from the east, I have not heard of any who are dissatisfied.

There are many living here who condemn Oregon unceasingly, while we know that Oregon is as good as any country on the Coast.

Any person feels a delicacy in recommending a country, as perhaps by others his judgment might not be considered good.

The climate is genial and healthful, the soil rich and easily cultivated, and the rich bunchgrass which grows very profusely makes it well adapted to the raising of stock.

We will, however, state that no man need expect to raise sheep or cattle successfully without shelter and feed for them during the severest part of the winter.

Horse raising is more remunerative than the raising of any other kind of stock. Perhaps for the reason that they can stand the cold better and are in other respects more hardy than either sheep or cattle.

No v. having a fertile soil, pleasant climate, numerous water-powers, and convenient as outlets as Snake River, I see no reason why this country should not be sought after by those in quest of homes.

Our country is being settled by as intelligent and enterprising a people as you will find in any community, who furnish their children good school privileges.

Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Intemperance is a crime against manhood and against society. It is a violation of both natural and moral law.

Therefore, Resolved, that the intemperate are unworthy the suffrages of an enlightened and moral people, and that we will not, at the polls, in the June election, support for office any man known to be of this character.

Our steam saw mill charged hands last week. It is now in charge of Beach & Woodard, and we think that under their skillful management the mill will be run in splendid style.

Major Chapman, of Portland, has received the following dispatch, which speaks for itself:

WASHINGTON, April 7, 1876. To the Hon. J. A. Chapman, Mayor: The Senate committee on transportation route to the sea board agreed to-day unanimously to pay bill appropriating \$150,000 toward the construction of a canal and locks at the Cascades of the Columbia river.

OUR WATTSBURG LETTER.

WATTSBURG, W. T., April 4, 1876.

ED. STATESMAN.—The question of most vital interest to our people at the present, the one that causes the most discussion and the one that has the most influence on the sentiments and determination of all classes of our citizens, is the high rates charged by the Walla Walla and Columbia River Railroad Company.

The O. S. N. Co. has long sustained the unenviable reputation of being an unprincipled, grinding monopoly, which has grown rich and powerful off of the earnings of this people.

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The prospect for abundant crops of grain, fruit and vegetables of all kinds was never better than at the present in view of which the freight question is one of particular importance.

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THE HOLLOW TREE.

BY J. P. VEATCH.

"I stood beneath a hollow tree, the wind, it hollow blew, and moralizing on the world, I found it hollow too."

I found the lawyer, at the bar, was hollow through and through; The judge, upon the justice seat, was often hollow too;

The doctor, in his daily rounds, gave pills for all to swallow; When questioned on a serious case, I found, he too was hollow.

The preacher, in his solemn style, gave precepts we should follow; But in his daily walks of life, was often very hollow;

What matters it when I am turned to dust, when all who love me have departed; No word of blame can reach, no word of praise?

And yet, even then, although it matters not, Truth, standing by my grave, I trust, will say, Honest he was, and faithful to the last.

Above low frauds, striving for lofty ends; Friend of the gods, and also friend of man, Doing his work with earnest faith and will.

Not wanting what he had, but knowing well perfection is impossible in art; Receiving with humility the praise The world according, wishing well to all, And never envious to his brother's fame.

ANTOIR SCANDAL.

A New York correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle has the following: "The missing leaf in the history of the Astor family, one much sought for to elucidate the scandal leading the late William B. to disown one of his sons, has come to light through a lawsuit, brought by Joseph Ash, as guardian of his infant child, to recover damages for the permanent disabling of the girl through the violence at the hands of Henry Astor.

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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

A Republican State Convention is to be called to convene in the city of Portland, Wednesday, May 3d, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m., to select six delegates to the National Republican Convention, candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court in the second, third and fifth judicial districts, for prosecuting attorneys for several judicial districts, three presidential electors, and a candidate for Representative in Congress, and for the transacting of such other business as may come before the convention.

It is recommended that primary county conventions in the several counties be held as follows: Primary convention on Wednesday, April 19th, and county conventions on Wednesday, April 20th, at such other times as the county committees may appoint.

The following is the apportionment of delegates in the said convention upon the basis of the Republican vote for Representative in Congress in 1875.

- Baker..... 11 Benton..... 11 Clackamas..... 11 Clatsop..... 11 Columbia..... 11 Coos..... 11 Curry..... 11 Douglas..... 11 Grant..... 11 Jackson..... 11 Josephine..... 11 Lake..... 11 Lane..... 11 Linn..... 11 Marion..... 11 Multnomah..... 11 Polk..... 11 Tillamook..... 11 Union..... 11 Umatilla..... 11 Wasco..... 11 Washington..... 11 Yamhill..... 11 Total..... 111

In making this call for a Republican State Convention, the State Central Committee realize the fact that too much importance cannot be attached to preliminary operations. This being a "government of the people, by the people, for the people, the agents or officers of the government should be in accord with the people.

According to the general accepted plan of selecting candidates, the first steps are taken in our primary, county and State conventions. These form the ground work of political organization upon which the whole superstructure must stand or fall.

In view of these considerations and of the important interests at stake, we earnestly appeal to all legal voters who are in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party, regardless of personal likes and dislikes, to rally at the primaries and see to it that none but true men are entrusted with the business of preparing for the coming political campaign.

It is unnecessary at this time to reiterate in this call the principles of the Republican party; its glorious record is still fresh in the memory of an enlightened people; it is sound upon all the great principles affecting our national existence; it is the party of progress and development; it expels corruption wherever found and inflicts punishment upon conspirators, fearful and sudden, without respect of person or position; it favors the universal enlightenment of the people without trammeling of creed or sect; and its banner is found in the van leading on the hosts of reformers in all that tends to higher civilization and enlarged freedom.

L. S. SCOTT, Chairman. J. C. MORELAND, Secretary pro tem.

REPUBLICAN UNION NATIONAL CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The next Union Republican National Convention for candidates for President and Vice President of the United States will be held at Cincinnati on Wednesday, the 13th of June, 1876, at 12 o'clock, noon, and consist of delegates from each State, equal to twice the number of Senators and Representatives in Congress, and two delegates from each organized Territory and the District of Columbia.

In calling conventions for the election of delegates the committees of the several States are recommended to invite all Republican electors and all other voters, without regard to past political differences or party affiliations, who are opposed to reviving sectional issues, and desire to promote friendly feeling and permanent harmony in the country by maintaining the constitutional rights of every citizen, including the full and free exercise of the right of suffrage, without intimidation and fraud; of the continued prosecution and punishment of all official dishonesty, and of an economical administration of Government by honest, faithful and capable officers; who are in favor of making such reform in the Government as experience may suggest; who are imposed to impairing the credit of the nation by depreciating its obligations, and in favor of sustaining in every way, with faith and financial honor; who hold that the common school system is the nursery of American liberty; and should be maintained absolutely free from sectarian control; who believe, for the promotion of these ends, that the direction of the Government should continue to be confided to those who adhere to the principles of 1876 and support them as incorporated in the constitution and laws, and who favor recognizing and strengthening the fundamental principle of national unity in the centennial year of the Republic. (Signed) E. D. MORGAN.

Chairman of the Republican National Committee. W. CHANDLER, Secretary.

New York has excluded the study of German from the public schools. That beats the dutch.

Many a man who would fall as a street-car conductor could take hold and make a first-class foreign count.

General Garibaldi has accepted the Presidency of an International Arbitration Congress to be held at Rome.

There were 321 more deaths than births in New York last month.