THE WEEKLY COURIER. W. JOHNSON.

TUESDAY, FEB.

I hold that this Government was made on the WHITE basis by WHITE men, for the benefit of WHITE men and their posterity forever, and should be administered by WHITE men, and NONE OTHERS I do not believe that the Almighty mede the negro capable of self-government .- Double.

Democratic State Convention

orratie Central Committee, convened at I'm and on the 16th day of January, 1838, the Democratic State Convention will be heil at the city of Portiand aforesaid.

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19th, 1868,

at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for member of Congress, electing six delegates to represent Oregon in the coming National Demoeration the nomination of three candidates for electors of President and Vice President, to be supported at next November election.

By order of said Committee representation in said Convention was based on the vote cast for Democratic candidate for Governor at the last general election, giving each County one delegate therein for every seventytive votes so cast, and one delegate for every fraction of said number of forty or over, but federated States of America were logal allowing each County at least one delegate therein, which rule of apportionment we give to the several counties the following number of delegates, to wit,

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The time for holding the County Convention to elect delegates to the State Den.ocrat. people and by the law of nations ar ic Convention, was left by the Committee to the several County Committees, whose duty it will be to provide therefor,

The Committee would respectfully urge prolapt action on the part of the Democracy of the several counties,

L. F. GROVER, Chairman, GEO. R. HELM, Secretary.

COUNTY CONVENTION

By virtue of the action of the Central Committee of Yambill county, the Convention for the purpose of selecting seven Delegates to attend the State Convention, to be held in Portland, March 19th 1868, is called to meet at LaFayette,

MARCH 1868 14 t b, and the Precincts are requested to hold their meetings March 10th., for the pur said County Convention. A County Convention for the purpose of nominating andidates for the various County officers to be filled at the next election, is called to meet at La Fayette,

8 6 8; APRIL 4TH. and the precints are requested to hold their meetings, Saturday, March 31st, 1868, for the purpose of sending delegates

to said convention. The ratio of aportionment is fixed at one delegate for every ten votes cast for County Judge in 1866, and one for every fraction of five votes, which will

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REFUSES TO PAY .- We stated lately that Mr. Nixon, Treasurer of Linn. had paid the tax of his county into the State Treasury, but it seems that the county court of Linn refused to pay the balf-mill tax ordered by the State to meet the interest on the soldiers' relief bonds, which if not disputed by any other county. The county court of lains seems to consider the act authorizing that levy as not bindiag. The time during which counties can pay their taxes, has not yet expired; when it does; if the county is delinquent, it will be the duty of the Secretary of State to commence a suit against the county Treasurer for the amount .- Record

The Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic has ordered a convention of that secret order residing in California, to be held in San Francisco. February 20th .- This organization has over only to the States) may each time the p members enrolled.

ARE THE STATES DEAD?

The, great strong hold by which the "secesh" party claim to sustain Congress n establishing Military Despotisms over the South is, that the States-the political corporations are dead.

No one can deny that the political cor poration is the creature of the law; and must follow that while the law is in existance the corporation has vitality but not one moment longer. Again a law once made in accordance with the requi site forms remains of vitality until it He virtue of the action of the State Dem- legally repealed, or becomes a dead letter, that is to say, no one will ever again at tempt its enforcement. It is also an undisputed proposition that an illegal body or a collection of persons meeting i defiance of law, or even unauthorized by law, has no legal authority to amend, repeal, or legally affect any law made b cratic Convention, and to take into consid- a legal body. And to recognize the les legislative acts of a body of men as legal is to recognize the legality of the source

from which they denied their authority. Therefore, if the legislative bodies of the political organization attempted to b set up in the South and styled the Con bodies they could repeal or amend the the laws of their sections, but if illegal bodies, their acts were but the resolutions of an organized mob, and could not affect the States, so far at least as the law is con serned. To be legal legislative bodies the secession ordinances under and in pursuance of which they held the tenure of their offices and conformed their enactments must be legal.

It follows, therefore, that if the Sec- they can but fat ession Ordinance, were not contrary to the Constitution of the United States, and therefore good law, the State legally seceded, formed a new Government, the Confederate States of America and w having made war upon that new power and expunged it may take its territory and bound for its indebtedness, but the States would be dead. But if the Secession Or dinance, were unconstitutional, then of course, all proceedings under, by virtue and in pursuance of them were null and void in law, hostile alike to the Legal (our) States and the United States. And all the officers of those States of the Union having withdrawn from office, (and some, if not all of them assuming office under : hostile and illegal regime,) there would be the State Constitutions and the laws made in pursuance thereof, so far as they were not in conflict with the Constitution of the 'United States, unrepealed and unamended from the time the various offipose of electing delegates to attend the cers vacated their places as officers of the States of the Union and assumed offices it out, he may hurt you. under new States by them or their people created. This would leave a vecancy in all the offices, recognized as offices by United States authority.

The question then presents itself DOES A VACANCY OF AN OFFICE KILL

THE OFFICE?

The offices and not the officers constitute the government. The officer, but hold the powers, perform the duties and exercise the functions of the office, and those powers, functions and duties remain unchanged, whether John Doe holds the place or lesigns or serves out his time and Richard Roe is elected or appointed to fill the place. Each successor simbly may hold the same powers, exercise the same functions and perform the same duties of his predecessor.

Indeed so accustomed are we in seeing no difficulty except in this, that we fre- tion price. quently have many friends well qualified for a position, who are aspirants, all of whom we cannot accamodate. It would indeed be a strange doctrine that every vacancy that should occur in an office accepted, would either drive us to making following : offices inheritable or loose the government every time its of ficers resign or their time you admit there is not a legal government party as any other in the State: in the United States, or that the general government (should this doctrine apply ouly to the States) may each time the would allow a note such as I now write, bled by the following vote: Ayes, Bingham, Legislature will elect a successor on Toesday, of fices of a State becomes vacant, (which without a formal or informal introduction. Berman, Payne and Hamilton, Republicans, Feb. 18th-

is every two to six years) r admit or re. I was so well pleased win your frank and and Brooks and Beck, Democrats: gress after its general electons, for at each general election its o vacant and are filled by other persons.

then, establish military Despatism over each State when its of fices become vacant? is the proudest jewel in the crown of an editor, If this be true, in the name of reanso, why were our forefathers and those who have truth." held office under the general government, so great fools, or so secretly, maliciously vile that they could thus permit their friends and relatives to slumber in un thoughted insecurity upon a crater that was liable to at any moment explode to their destruction? And why are all, except those moved by selfish motives, unable to see in such a proposition, either law or reason ?

one State if it have not the power to ex punge another for the same cause. Has she then the power to expunge, and refuse to recognize Verginia, for that, HER OFFICE WERE FOR A TIME VACANT? It pose to prevent Stanton from assuming the State for the same reason, that HER OFFI-CES ARE FOR A TIME VACANT? this vacancy has in the short existance of clearly see the fallacy of such false tions as our Rad friends are compelled to concealed your desings from the President, take to ever make a pretense of a showing to sustain their positions.

the Legal Right of Secession, and in this

The State Press.

Our enthusiastic co-laborer in the great cause of constitutitional liberty-the Dem ocrat, has resumed publication, having received a supply of paper from Salem. We you said to the President, this is the proper as over us. if you will do so, your own rate are sorry the "freeze" deprived us for a

more right to thouble the Democracy with too "secesh," ticket, for by their folly they might drive more than two votes away.

Dry up your "kat phite," gents ! - You both wield pens that are powerful for good, and the party has the excluive right to Democratic newspapers.

The Unionist and Record are making a the Herald, like a disaffected pair of galtle ones, if you do hit Beriah, and he finds

The Guard contains a column article on "Diversion" vs. Phantom," in which The letters appended are from the Secretar- After some amendments providing for the a spirited article on "Out of the Union."

The Corvallis Gazette is after "gambling again," and favors a Railroad from that consequence of the former's reorganization Washington, Feb. 10 .- In a special meaplace lo the "broad Pacific."

The Albany Journal of Nov 4. 1867 has but just come to hand. Are you running the "underground" Bro. Picket, or has some "Umatilla" Post Master an "honestly differ" with you.

The Advocate contains the usal amount of matter, with a leader favoring prohibi-

The new "chiel among us," the Investigator is detected to "Insurance."

The Bulletin sparkles with an occasionoffices vacated by one person and filled al flash of wil; and is among the few neuby another that to an American it presents tral papers that are worth the subscrip-

> The Oregenian is troubled about a question of veracity between the man it worships - Gen Grant and the President, when distinctly communicated.

The Heraid contains many valuable would destroy an office, which doctrine, if and ably written articles. We clip the of Lieut. Gen. Sherman to be a General by questions of the committee, and they not

candid editorial of the 14h just, that had it not been that the gentleman who occupies an office with me takes year Paper, I would worth and Boutwell to meet him and take es become [immediately have sent you the price of it. other steps on the subject.

there is any thing I would be willing to ing the States to tax shares of National May the Congress of the United States, worship, it is the paper that does not fear to Banks. speak right out the trutt, and condemd a falsehood no matter by whom uttered. This olution to admit Senator Thomas of Mary-I believe there is enough of good in mankind to involuntary bow to the sovereignty

Telegraphic. COMPILED FROM THE HERALD. President Johnson's reply to Grant.

Washington, Feb. 11.-The President to day transmitted his reply to Grant's letter of the 3inst, including the statement of five members of the Cabinet, present on the occasion of Grant's conversation with the President, on January 14th. The President's letter is quite long and pretty bitter against Grant. It says Grant admits that from the time he accepted the War Iffice ad interim. Legally the Congress may not expunge he intended to circumvent the President. It was to carry out that intent that he accepted the appointment, and not in obedience to the orders of his superior, as hereto fore been supposed. The President says: 'At the time you assumed the duties of the office you knew it was the President's puroffice of Secretary of War, and you intended part of them colored. so, may she not by the same rule expunge to defeat that purpose. You accepted the of 1,500, was held to-day, in favor of the or refuse to recognize Oregon or any other Juffice, not in the interest of the President, but of Stanton. If the purpose so intended minority Convention. A colored delegate by you had been coafined to yourself-if, the majority delegates. Some in the crowd And when you accepted the office, you had done so cried to burn them. The portion claiming with a mental reservation to fustrate the to be the majority will probably assemble our young State occurred twice, and soon In the eyes of some persons such a course is allowable, but you cannot stand from upon New York, Feb. 10.-The result of the true Union men—Democrats who can your connection with this transaction, as clearly see the fallacy of such false. written by yourself, places you in a different reduced the white vote. predicament, and shows that you not only but induced him to suppose you would carry gone against the Constitution. The vote out his purpose, to keep Stanton out of office by retaining it yourself after an attempted thousand against the Constitution, The There only show for Teason is to prove restoration by the Senate, and thus require white vote thus far reported does not reach Stanton to establish his right by a judicisi one hundred and fifty in the whole State. decision." The President proceeds to quote! Grant's language, admitted that he a reed loyal voters being frightened off by threats. to hold to the office until the court adjudi- Gen. Meade will probably order a special cated upon the matter, or to surrender it to election in these counties. the President before Stanton was reinstated. | Catell presented a memorial, signed 17 He says: "At the date of this conversation, over 1,000 citizens of Alabaina, protesting you did not intend to hold the office with against negro control, and praying the conthe purpose of forcing Stanton into Court, tinuance of military government over the but you did hold it then, and had accepted State. It sets forth many alleged grievan it to prevent that course. In other words, ces. and concludes as follows: "Contincourse, and said to yourself, I have accepted by the sword; send down among us honortime, of an able warrior; and trust Bro. course. The President goes on to animad race to which we actually belong: and un-Abbott may not be again 'caught napping.' vert upon Grant's direct refusal to the only gracious, and contrary to our sinke and to order directing him not to recognize orders the policy and institutions of the country. The Chronicle and Tocsin have little issued by Stanton. He quotes Stanton's and tyranessas it will be, no hand will be letter of the 4th., admitting ne had received raised among as to resist by force their seno orders from the President, nor held any thority. But do not, we implace you, abelsenseless quarrel, than they have to vote communication with the Executive. He adds: jeh white role over us by transferring us to It thus seems that Mr. Stanton now dis- the blighting, bratalizing dominion of an charges the duties of the War Department alies and inferior race which has never without any reference to the President, and shown administrative capacity for governwithout using his name. My order to you ment, and which in all ages has farnished had only reference to orders assumed to be slaves to all the races of the earth." issued by the President. The President's order purporting to be made by the direction of . A dispaich from Hontgemery. Alabama. their undivided help while you conduct him for approval. You reply, you have re by over 15,000. seived the President's order, and will not obey it, but will obey an order purporting to be given by his direction, if it comes from introduced. Psine offered a resolution de-the War Department. You will obey no di-claring that the Seat of Government neght fussy, buzzing attack upon the editor of rect order of the President, but will obey to be removed to the valley of the Mississipbis indirect order. If, as you say, there has pi, it was rejected - ayes, 77; pees, 97. been a practice in the War Department to Stevens saked leave to offer a resolution linippers attacking an old "grizzly." Lit- issue orders in the name of the President that the evidence taken regarding the imwithout his direction, the President does have requested and received, will change with leave to report at any fine. Brooks reproaching Grant for insubordination. rules.

> meeting on Jan. 14th. Chicago, Feb. 13.-Some difficuly has occurred between Hancock and Grant, in ferred from what is said that Grant has di- lister to Greece. rected Hancock to revoke the order. The Justice Nelson said the Supreme Court has tendered his resignation.

> Washington, Feb. 11 .- Grant's reply to struction bills. the President is brief. It relates only to the Treasury and Postmaster General. He The Convention will adjourn on Thursday. concludes again by disclaiming any intention of disobering the President's orders

At the meeting of the Reconstuction Com- adjourned. To show how "loyal men may differ," we mittee to-day, Stevens submittee a resolution. The President will nominate Gen. Moceived some months since from a gentleman correspondence between the President and The President's raply to Grant contains expires. And admit this as correct and who stands as prominent in the Republican Grant, that the President had violated or the endorsements of Secretaries Well, Brownintended to violate the previsions of the ing, McCalloch, Seward and Randall, of the "I have not the honor of a personal ac Tenure of Office act, and is consequently allegations made by the President against quaintance with you, but perhaps custom guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors and Grant on the score of veracity. and the common convenience of men situa- ought to be impeached. The resolution was Louisville, Feb. 11. Senator Guthrie

* You and I differon politics, but if The President has signed the bill allow-

The morning hour baving expired, the reeland came up. A substitute was offered that Thomas cannot be permitted to take the oath of office because he allowed his minor son to enter the rebel army, which was giving aid and comfort to the enemy Summer opposed the admission of Thomas

Trumball favored his admission, denying

that there was any evidence of the disloyalty bafore the Senate. Yates, Sherman and Corbett opposed his

Backalew rose to speak but gave way to an adjournment in the House. Raleigh, Feb. 7 .- The Conventoin bas

adopted a report in favor of applying to Congress for the removal of disabilities from all personr who supported the Congressional policy of reconstruction, and has rejected the resolution making negroes or persons unable to read and write ineligible to the office of Governor.

Tallahasse, Fep. 8 .- The minority Convention held three sessions t-day in secret. Five more signed the Constitution, many signed reluctantly, believing they had been proceeding regardless of law. The Convention nominated a full ticket of State officers.

irom North Alabama says that section has for the heavy negro sounties gives eleven In some counties no election was beld.

this office and now hold it to defeat this able men of your own people. and of the

the President until you have referred it to says the Constitution has not been defeated

Washington, Feb. 10 -- In the House a large number of bills and resolutions were Stevens asked leave to offer a resolution peachment by the Judiciary Committee be not know it. The present order, which you referred to the Reconstruction Committee the practice." The President concludes by objected. Stevens moved to suspend the

ries of State, of the Interior, the Navy, and some one about the size of an apple gate the Treasury, and the Postmaster General, and directing the General of the army to printing of 50,000 copies of the testimony is assesalted on the Railroad question, and sustained the President's statement of the send to the House a copy of the last letter conversation with Grant in the Cabinet received from the President, the objections were withdrawu and the resolution was

> of the New Orleans City Council. The tel- sage to-night the President nominated egraph does not give the details. It is in Charles J. Tuckerman of New York as Min-

> latter declined and has laid the facts before were apanimous in their opinion regarding the President. It is reported that Hancock the Georgia case. The decision is regarded as virtually settling all similar cases before the Supreme Court arising under the recon-

the charge of insubordination is refusing LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 11 .- The Convention to obey the orders issued by Stanton. He has adopted the Costitution as a whole withsaid he did not propose to disobey any le- out being printed after a five hours debate. gal orders of the President, but only gave It provides for twenty Senators and eighty an interpretation of what he would regard Representatives. Executive officers are to as satisfactory evidence of the President's elected for fore years. The people are to sanction to orders from the Scoretary of elect four Supreme Judges. The governor War. He encloses a copy of an order from shall appoint a Cheif Justice for a term of the Senretary of War directing him to far- eight years. It compels three months' atnish an escort for public trassure from the tendance at school annually without distinc Rio Grande to New Orleans, issued on ap- tion of color; enfranchises the negro and plication of the Secretary of the Treasury to disfranchises all who vote against the Conhim. showing the recognition of Stanton as stitution, and prevides for an election for the Secretary of war beth by the Secretary of adoption of the Constitution on March 30th.

The House committee has resumed conideration of the charge against Judge Field. Washington, Feb. 13, -Among the nom- The editor of the paper in which the statehaving power to commit him for contempt.