

Meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee.

The Democratic State Central Committee of the State of Oregon, is hereby requested to meet at the city of Portland, on Thursday, the 22d day of January, 1874, at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said day for the purpose of designating the time and manner of holding a Democratic State Convention, in accordance with the usage of the party, and of transacting such other business as may properly come before said committee. Said committee is composed as follows:

Benjamin Raymond, Jackson; A. Rose, Douglas; W. H. Jackson, Coos; Wm. Tichenor, Curry; A. L. Waldron, Josephine; J. C. Avery, Benton; J. H. Hackleman, Linn; J. J. Walton, Jr., Lane; G. W. Gray, Marion; H. N. V. Holmes, Polk; J. H. Upton, Yamhill; F. A. Bailey, Washington; W. L. White, Clackamas; Eugene Semple, Multnomah; W. A. Musgrove, Columbia; A. Van Dusen, Clatsop; W. H. Fawcett, Tillamook; J. M. Baxter, Wasco; H. C. Page, Umatilla; A. C. Craig, Union; I. D. Haines, Baker; J. W. Baldwin, Grant.

Should any vacancies have occurred in any of the counties, the County Committees are recommended to fill such vacancies. A full attendance of the Committee is earnestly requested. W. L. WHITE, Chairman Dem. State Cen. Com. OREGON CITY, Dec. 26, 1873.

FARMERS FOR OFFICE.

Some time since a prominent gentleman residing in this county remarked that "next spring the farmers are intending to look out for themselves in politics and they will run farmers for office. They are tired of voting for professional men." Upon this "text" we will write a short sermon. In selecting men for office, regard should be paid to their fitness for the position. The candidate should be honest and capable, and if he lacks either capability or honesty he should not be selected. It makes no difference whether a man is a farmer, a mechanic, a doctor, a merchant, or a lawyer, if he is honest and qualified for the position he seeks, his claims are entitled to consideration.

Being a farmer will not necessarily make a man honest. We find honest and dishonest men in every avocation. At the last election every man on the Democratic ticket, excepting the candidate for Coroner, was a farmer, yet they were all defeated. So far as this county is concerned, the farmers have always controlled politics, and we presume they will in the future have such matters their own way. Then why should they complain?

SCHOOL TAX.

This year the levy of tax by the county for school purposes is three mills on the dollar, and the amount of school money raised by county taxation will exceed fifty-five hundred dollars when collected. This together with the interest on the irreducible school fund will raise almost twice as much school money as we had last year.

The News says that integrity is all the capital that is now pretended to be claimed for the man whom Mr. Grant was kissed into appointing Chief Justice of the United States. The very most that all of the few papers that have spoken of the appointment with any degree of patience have been able to say has been this: "After all, he is a safe man." "He is a man of integrity." "Most of the charges against him have been disproved of." "It might have been worse," etc. The average integrity of Radical statesmanship can be judged from the fact that nothing worse has been established against Attorney General Williams than buying a \$600 private carriage, and paying for it with public money; and selling a surveying contract for a consideration in gold paid to Jake Hoffman. Mr. Williams is considered extremely fortunate by his party brethren in having nothing more serious established against him than these little irregularities, and quite likely they are right; they ought to know.

Owing to the New Year festivities, we were not out in time to catch all the mails. In the future shall try to be promptly on time.

SCOTT-PURDAM AFFAIR.

To Mr. Duckworth, the gentlemanly officer who arrived here some days since for the man Hopkins alias Purdam, we are indebted for the following particulars concerning the case:

The murder was committed near Ripley, in Butler county, Missouri, July 5th, 1873. The victim was a young man named Thomas Scott. Prior to the shooting, Purdam, in connection with other parties had rented a farm near Ripley. He had not been there long before he seduced a cousin of Scott. This, however, was not generally known and when found out by Scott, he and Purdam had some words about it. Scott had been paying attention to another young lady, and while he was attending the Missouri University, Purdam commenced keeping company with the same lady. July 4th, Scott came home; on the 5th he attended a picnic where all three met. Scott on this occasion spent most of his time in the lady's company. Purdam saw them together and remarked that he would shoot the s-b yet. Early in and soon after their departure Purdam the forenoon Scott took the lady home followed. Leaving her at home he started back the way he had come when he met Purdam and another man in the road. Purdam rode up until abreast of him and drew a pistol and shot Scott without any warning whatever. Scott was unharmed and when he found he was shot turned his horse and ran, Purdam followed him shooting as he went; Scott ran about three hundred yards when he fell from his horse dead. Purdam then rode to his (S's) uncle's house and told them he had shot Scott, and that they had better take care of him as he was lying in the road and the hogs would eat him up. That night Purdam rode over into Illinois and stopped at the house of his mother and brother; here he remained one night, there leaving his horse and saddle he took the cars and started for Oregon. His statement is: "They met in the road and that Scott rode up to him and said, 'g-d you, there has been a heap of talk going around lately and we had as well settle it first as last,' and that Scott attempted to get a pistol from his saddle-bags, but that he (P.) was too quick for him. He says that the man who was with him will swear that this is the way of it."

He is known to have killed one man in Kentucky a number of years ago, and admits to having killed two. Near the close of the war he belonged to a band of horse thieves, and as matters began to quiet down he went to Missouri. Here he was implicated in passing counterfeit money and a warrant for his arrest was issued and placed in the hands of an officer. The officer found him and said: "You are my prisoner," and commenced to read the warrant to him, when he (P.) drew a pistol on the officer, and thereby effected his escape.

ITS STRAIT.—It is said that prominent Republican Senators have expressed a decided aversion to permitting Mr. Mitchell to retain his seat, with divers felonies scored up against him; and they declare that there has been so many disgraceful developments in Republican quarters that they feel averse to bringing out any more, as long as they can help it. It has about come to that pass when all the ability, ingenuity and energy of the party in Congress is needed to keep party rascalities and scandals from getting abroad. If they can only get the rules of Congress so amended that no information can be called for and no investigations set on foot unless the majority shall first conclude that it is proper to call for such investigation, or that there is grounds for the investigation; if this can only be done, and a retroactive repeal of the Bankrupt Act be effected so as to prevent any party nastiness from coming out through the settlement of the Cookes' estate, the party may be able to shift through the session in some way, without being finally damned.—News.

THE PROSPECT.—The large levy of taxes this year will pay the county indebtedness that was run last year, and the expenses of the county for this year, and leave some money on hand unless our county jail is filled with prisoners soon. The ordinary expenses have, thus far, been light.

See how a line looks without spaces.

OREGON.

Washington county will pay \$8,898 37 1/2 State, and \$775 poll tax.

The proposed building for the Corvallis Agricultural College will cost \$75,000.

The Forest Grovers accept the challenge of the Hillsboro Literary Society and tell the latter to come on.

The Grangers at Dixie, Polk county, had a grand gathering and a general good time on Christmas day.

We learn that the wheat in Washington county has not been injured by the freeze, and still looks fresh and green.

The sawmill belonging to a Mr. Buell, on Mill creek, in Polk county, was burned down last week. It caught accidentally.

Farmers in Hillsboro, attending a meeting of their Grange last Saturday, report the rolling lands too dry yet to plow.

The officers of the University Association at Eugene, make a touching appeal to those who have not yet paid their subscriptions to do so at once.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the physicians of Linn county on January 3, 1874, for the purpose of organizing a County Medical Society.

The Forest Grove Debating Club has decided that the people of the United States should not elect all the officers. We trust the Congress of the United States will now acquiesce in that opinion of this high authority.

Mr. Mansur, who went to San Francisco after machinery for the North Bend Mill, at Goes Bay, has returned. The mill has resumed work, and is now turning out lumber in as large quantities as ever.

The schooner Enterprise, which was ashore at the mouth of the Umpqua, got off safe and made a trip to San Francisco, from which port she arrived at Empire City last week, and is now loading coal.

County orders in Washington county, buying, 97 1/2, and selling at 98c. Very scarce.

Mr. J. C. Moore, ex-Sheriff of Washington county, has been lying very ill at his farm near Greenville, but is now convalescing, whereat numerous friends heartily rejoice.

Samuel Daw, of Corvallis, has received a patent from Washington on a grain separator invented by him. The machine is said to be superior to many for the same purposes now in use.

A Farmers' Grange was organized at Monroe, Benton county, December 20th, by Deputy Simpson, with Luther Hasbrouck, Esq., as Master, and H. B. Nichols, Esq., Secretary. There are thirty charter members, the full number allowed by the rules of the Order.

The people of Empire City expect telegraphic communication with Roseburg by next July.

Six thousand boxes of apples were shipped for San Francisco, from Empire City, during the third week in July.

It is understood that E. E. Morgan's Sons, of San Francisco, are to be the resident agents of the Oregon Packing Company this year. Ten thousand cases of the next season's catch of salmon have been contracted for.

The firemen's ball on Christmas night at Astoria was a grand success.

There is already quite a settlement at Brookfield, near Astoria, and the town has not yet been laid off into lots, blocks and streets.

The Seattle Dispatch of last week says: On last Sunday morning the following notice was found posted in conspicuous places about Tacoma:

"NOTICE.—The ball opens and hold will pop! After the first of January, 1874, we, the undersigned, hereby notify the public to stop travelling on the N. E. R. R. until Montgomery's debts are paid in full for work done on the N. P. R. R. If the debts remain unpaid after the first of January, 1874, the public will be taking desperate chances to travel on the road." (Signed) MONTGOMERY'S LABORERS.

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For Holiday Goods, KELLY & SIMPSON'S. Order to show Cause. In the county court of Yamhill county, Oregon, at the court house in Lafayette, Oregon, on the 11th day of December, 1873.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sheriff's Sale. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an execution issued out of the Hon. Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Yamhill and to me directed by the Clerk of said court, in favor of Samuel Brown, Plaintiff, against John S. Cooper, Defendant, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars and 10 cents, with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 1st day of January 1873, and the further sum of eight dollars and 10 cents, I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the above named John S. Cooper, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: Being an undivided interest and acquired by being a heir of Esther Cooper, deceased, 200 south half of the Donation land claim of Joseph Cooper and wife, being notification No. 190, claim No. 33. Said claim being situated in sec. 3, T. 4, S. 10, R. 3, W. 12, in Yamhill county, Oregon.

And on Monday the 29th day of December, 1873, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the premises hereinafter described, to-wit: Yamhill county, Oregon all the right title and interest of said Defendant in and to the above described property to satisfy said execution and accruing costs.

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