

LAFAYETTE COURIER.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1874.

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 Haymond, Jackson; A. Ross, 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. Faucett, 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 Con. OREGON CITY, Dec. 26, 1873.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The State Central Committee meets in Portland on next Thursday. There will come before this body business of importance to the party, and, therefore, the party has a right to expect at the hands of the Committee, its agents, such action as shall ultimately in promoting the success of the great principles for which the Democratic party is ever battling.

There being no schisms in the party to heal and patch up, the work of the Committee will be comparatively plain and simple. No trading should be resorted to in the interest of any person or locality. The party cannot afford in the hour of its prosperity to hazard an indefinite future success on the die of an "idea."

The Republican party, so-called, is considered by internal dissensions; the would-be dominant wing, composed of federal appointees, is insolvent and exacting; the independent wing seems little disposed to yield.

Let Democrats but do their duty and there will be an end of the monopoly power in this State. That power will make one desperate effort and then permanently subside.

TAXES.—Why are the taxes so high?

Why are the taxes so high? is a question that has been asked frequently of late. This question is answered by another one. Why were so many criminals in this county to feed, guard and try during the last fiscal year? Prior to 1872 we had only two terms of Circuit Court each year and they lasted only one week each, making in all only two weeks of Circuit Court in a year. Last year we had seven and a half weeks of Court and had the jail full of prisoners who had to be fed. The expense of trying Coxon alone was nearly three thousand dollars. We may not have another such a year for years to come. Our taxes are very high; but are lower than they are in Marion County.

REDUCTION OF THE DEBT.—Previous to the last Presidential election, there was, somehow, figured up each month, a considerable reduction of the national debt.

Most people looked upon this as a mean subterfuge to aid in Grant's re-election, yet no one was in possession of the data upon which to successfully refute the figures. But murder will out. Each "monthly statement" now shows an alarming increase,—that for December being near nine million dollars!

The Yamhill river is to be improved during the coming season, just how much, we are not prepared to say. The Oregonian says: "By instructions from Washington, the channel of the Yamhill river will soon be carefully surveyed from the mouth to the highest navigable point. This will be done with special reference to the improvement of the channel."

Calob Cushing will not be confirmed as Chief Justice. Next.

COL. NESMITH'S BILL ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

From the News we get the following: The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald gives a rather favorable notice of the bill introduced by Col. Nesmith to transfer the charge of Indian Affairs to the War Department. The bill provides that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall be selected from the army not below the rank of Brigadier General, and that the Superintendent and Agents shall also be officers of the army, detailed for that purpose, thus doing away entirely with the present organization, including the Board of Peace Commissioners. It is estimated that this will effect an immense saving to the Treasury, as the management of the Indian Affairs at present costs between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 yearly, and under the new organization it is estimated that \$3,000,000 could be made to more than cover all the expenses.

Col. Nesmith's theory is said to be accepted by the army officers, and all those having experience in Indian Affairs. The incapacity and dishonesty that has characterized the Indian service is pointed to with confidence. And the experience of the Government in this respect is daily becoming more suggestive. If the War Department had had charge of Indian matters, we may be sure that the Modoc business, with its Peace Commission, its farces ending in tragedies, and its crimes would never have taken place. This trouble was precipitated in the first instance by the incapacity and blundering of those having charge of Indian matters in this State; once begun, it was kept up by the ignorance and weakness of the Interior Department and the crowd of Aminidab Sleeks to whom the Government had surrendered itself, in respect to the matter.

The rascalities that pervade this branch of the public service have become proverbial. The utter and reckless extravagance and rank corruption that prevails in it could not be better or more conclusively shown than in the attempt of Attorney-General Williams to make Jake Hoffman Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Washington Territory. "Where the eagles are gathered there is the carcass."

We sincerely hope that Colonel Nesmith's bill may become a law, and that a return to the policy, once feebly attempted, of managing the Indians through the military may be made. There can be no change for the worse in this respect. Public feeling, as expressed in the columns of leading papers in the East, seems to favor the change, and it is therefore not impossible that Colonel Nesmith may effect the reform which he is urging.

Notes and News.

Wheat in Liverpool—club, 13s. 9d a 14s 3d.

Woods Household Magazine comes to us his week filled with best of reading matter.

The Corvallis Gazette is worried lest the Grangers shall, in the main, oppose the monopoly-Republican party in this State next June. It knows that all sensible people ought to lend a helping hand at thwarting the monster, hence its travail.

A petition is before Congress asking that that body make Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, a National Holiday. The petition is from citizens of Buffalo, N. Y. The citizens of Oregon have had about enough Holladays.

UP THE COLUMBIA.

The latest telegraphic intelligence from east of the mountains indicates that the weather is still moderating. Up to six o'clock last evening the state of the weather was as follows:

- Dalles—Weather cloudy; light wind from the south; thermometer 30 degrees.
Umatilla—Cloudy; thermometer 35 degrees.
Wallula—Cloudy; thermometer 34 degrees.
Walla Walla—Weather foggy; thermometer 33 degrees.
Cascades—Cloudy and cool; thermometer 34 degrees.

Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt.

OREGON.

Linn County has paid in her State taxes.

A literary society has been organized at Roseburg.

Eggs have dropped to 25 cents per dozen in the Albany market.

The M. E. Church South have been holding a revival meeting at Corvallis.

Settlers in Nehalem Valley are building a school house—the first one there.

During the year 1873 fifty-nine marriage licenses were issued in Douglas County.

The Baptists have been holding a revival meeting at Oak Grove, Douglas County.

The Protestant Churches of the Dalles have been holding union prayer meetings.

A Grange has been organized at Yoncalla, with a membership of twenty-six persons.

A Grange has been organized in Alsia Valley, Benton County, with eighteen members.

Taxes come in slowly in Jackson county this year, and the Sheriff is losing his temper.

The Marion County Court at its session last week, allowed bills amounting to nearly \$4,000.

The Linn County jail now holds four prisoners, two for incest, one for assault and one for manslaughter.

James A. Miller, formerly a publisher of the Jacksonville Times, is now publishing a paper at Athens, Ohio.

The Eugene City Post Office since August last has issued money orders to the amount of \$11,092 25.

Captain A. C. Farnsworth, an old citizen of Astoria and widely known, died on Sunday last, aged fifty years.

The new steam saw mill at Gardiner, near the mouth of the Umpqua, belonging to Hinsdale & Co. is nearly completed.

During the year 1873 there were thirty five deaths in Jacksonville. It was the healthiest year in the history of town.

During the week ending on Wednesday last the cars took from Eugene City and Halle's Station thirteen hundred tons of wheat.

Officers of all organized Granges in Lane County are requested to meet at Eugene City on the 20th inst., to transact "business of importance."

The Good Templars at Dallas have a movement on foot to secure the delivery of a course of lectures at that place during the next two months.

The bell belonging to the Methodist Church at Baker City, valued at \$100, was stolen a few nights ago, and has not been recovered.

Daniel Clark, Master of the State Grange of Oregon, has started for St. Louis, to be present at the session of the National Grange, which opens February 4th.

At Gale's Creek, Washington County last week, six persons were added to the membership of the United Brethren. The Methodists have also been holding a protracted meeting at Hillsboro.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Guardian's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, sole guardian of Dan Hann Perkins, a minor, will, by authority of an order of the County Court of Yamhill county, State of Oregon, duly made and entered of record on January 12, 1874.

On Tuesday, the 17th day of February, 1874, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House door, in Lafayette, in said county and State, sell at public auction to the highest bidder of the right, title and interest in law or in equity, present or expectant, which said Dan Hann Perkins has in or to the following described parcels of real property situated in Yamhill county, State of Oregon, to-wit: Blocks, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, and lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in block No. 9; and lots No. 1 and 5 in block No. 24. All of said parcels being situate in the town of Lafayette in said county and State, and being fully described on pages 331 and 335 of Volume 24 of records of deeds of said county. Said property to be sold for U. S. gold coin, the money to be paid at time of sale. DANIEL JOHNSON, Guardian. Lafayette, Jan. 15, 1874.

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