

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

A Democratic State Convention is hereby called to convene in the City of Salem on Wednesday, April 20th, at 11 o'clock A. M. to select six delegates to the National Democratic Convention...

The following is the apportionment of delegates in the said Convention: Baker, 6; Lane, 7; Benton, 4; Linn, 7; Clatsop, 4; Multnomah, 5; Columbia, 3; Tillamook, 3; Clatsop, 3; Union, 4; Douglas, 3; Washington, 4; Jackson, 3; Wasco, 3; Josephine, 3; Clatsop, 3; Lake, 3.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Democratic Central Committee met at this place last Saturday and called the County Convention to meet on the 22d and the primaries on the 15th of April.

It was very correctly decided by the Committee to be necessary to have only one Convention this spring. The State Convention meets very late and to have primaries and a County Convention in May would be folly.

The County ticket will be nominated on the 22d of April and the people will have sufficient time to canvass their qualifications and fitness for the positions they seek, and if their records and acts will not bear investigation, then they should be defeated.

Let every Democrat remember the primaries and County Convention, and from this time on take a lively interest in the selection of candidates. Let the canvass be made by Democrats before the convention so that no blunder may be made in nominating improper or unpopular men for office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The members of the House are complaining of the foul air of the hall in which they meet at Washington, and some of them attribute it to the want of proper ventilation.

The amount of caucusing here of evenings among Republicans is immense. They are trying, no doubt, to find some persons who are willing to run for clerk and sheriff.

The Oregonian is silent in regard to the removal of Malarkey and Cap. Crawford. The Corbett Ring are trying to arrange matters so that they can carry the primaries in Portland and nominate a set of Corbettites of their own kind.

It is reported that Samuel Hannah, recently appointed Collector of Customs, will not accept, because he can not afford to quit his present business in Union county and go to Portland, when in all probability he would not hold the office longer than to March 4th, 1877.

We learn that the Republicans are going to have two county conventions this Spring, one to elect delegates and the other to nominate a county ticket.

Last campaign the Independents in this county resolved that none but sober men should be elected to office. This time they will not put out a ticket but will select their ticket from the other tickets, and we presume they will not go back on their former resolution in favor of none but temperate men for office.

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GRANT AND BELKNAP.

Many of the meager utterances of President Grant have been frequently repeated by his obsequious followers. In his letter accepting the nomination for President, he declared in favor of having "peace."

This saying is thought by some to be remarkable. If it is taken in connection with his conduct in the Babcock case and in accepting the resignation of his Secretary of War, the utterance is very remarkable, because it shows that he takes one way and acts another.

A few days ago the whole world was startled at the developments of the bribery and corruption of W. W. Belknap, Secretary of War.

Now, what was the motive that prompted Grant to accept that resignation in such hot haste and notify the committee of his action? Was it his pretended desire to let no guilty man escape? Evidently his object was just the reverse of that.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any intelligent and candid mind that Grant accepted Belknap's resignation to prevent his being impeached and disgraced.

Grant has thrown himself in the way of the impeachment of his secretary and the country will hold him and his party responsible therefor.

The Statesman publishes the platform of the Polk county Independents, and says it is unobjectionable excepting as to a few utterances.

The President has nominated Abner Waters U. S. Marshal for the district of Oregon.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FROM THE PORTLAND DAILIES.

The New York Tribune shows that the prime facts of the Belknap scandal in connection with the Fort Sill tradership were traced by its correspondent to the door of the War Department in 1872, and deduces from the failure to investigate the facts the President's responsibility; but the public sense of national humiliation generally seems deeper here than a disposition to make party capital.

Counterfeiters Arrested. CINCINNATI, March 10.—The Gazette's Terra Haute special says: D. Miller, John Kirk, James Saunders, John Davis, James Daley, and Henry Sanders, counterfeiters, heretofore operating in this section of the State, were arrested to-day.

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clear; the sun shone, and only floating clouds were visible at the time—two P. M., March 3d. Quantities of the flesh have been preserved. That which was brought to Louisville was given to Prof. Lawrence Smith, a well known scientist, who says there is no doubt that it is animal flesh. He proposes making an examination to-morrow.

QUINCY, Ill., March 11.—The Whig has reports of the effects of the storm in Missouri last night. The hurricane came from the southwest and struck Elizabethtown, on the M., K., & T. R. R., about 4 o'clock. Some seventeen houses were prostrated, five persons killed and several wounded, some fatally. At Hanson, on the same road, three dwellings and the railroad depot were blown down, and three persons killed. Withers' mills, near Hannibal, Mo., were blown down, but no one injured. The damage to timber and fences was very great. It is thought that further reports will show a much greater loss of life in neighborhoods not yet heard from.

DUBUQUE, March 10.—The latest intelligence from Hazel Green, Wisconsin, reports these facts: The storm struck the village between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon on the west side sweeping through the entire village, leveling to the ground some 25 buildings, and killing outright some eight persons, besides seriously wounding 12 or more others.

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The Willamette Valley produces about seven-eighths of the oats raised, while two of the counties, Linn and Marion, raise about two-fifths. The census return taken last year gives the yield in 1874 at about 2,900,000 bushels, of which over 2,500,000 bushels were produced in this valley. Last year the yield was not so large, but nevertheless, a very large surplus for export was had. The number of acres

placed in cultivation during the Fall of 1874, and the Spring of 1875 was about equal to that put in for like times in 1873 and 1874, but the unfavorable weather in the latter part of Spring, and during the fore part of Summer acted against an average yield.

In Yamhill county and as for that in favored spots in many parts of Eastern Oregon, the cultivation of oats can be as successfully carried on as in this valley, but the transportation question operates against more being grown than to meet the local consumptive demand; farmers, as heretofore shown by us, pay more attention to the cultivation of wheat. Of the quality of oats grown in Eastern Oregon, we are not acquainted, therefore cannot speak from personal knowledge, and, as for that, from reputation or hearsay. We are inclined to think that they are not so plump or of so good quality as that raised in the Willamette valley, unless it be that which is produced on the foothill lands.

In the coast counties the oats raised are of superior quality for feeding, but we are informed they are of darker color, and therefore not so acceptable to the trade except at lower values than rule for the bright oats of this valley. But in the coast counties but little is grown, and that little finds a market almost entirely at home.—Sunday Welcome.

The Portland Bee man is in this city, [Albany] canvassing for his paper. Considering that he only values it at \$1.25 a year, that Bee must furnish a poor article of beeswax instead of rich honey. Will the Oregon papers pass him around?—Democrat.

Did the agent state that the Bee would be enlarged to the size of the Oregonian, as he did at this place? Such misrepresentations as were made here don't take very well. The Bee has its stinger elevated and won't X with us.

It is rumored that Geo. H. Pendleton, Thos. A. Hendricks and Samuel J. Randall, are of some kind of corruption. After an investigation is had, we opine there will be nothing to condemn. "Let no guilty man escape."

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Sheriff's Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue and authority 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 Jacob Sears, plaintiff, and against Jane Armstrong, defendant, for the sum of \$750 in United States gold coin, I am compelled to make the sale of 57 1/2 United States gold coin on said judgment, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 24th day of May, 1875, and the further sum of 8 cents, I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the above named defendant, Jane Armstrong, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

All those certain tracts of land situated, lying and being in Yamhill county, Oregon, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Notation Number 1394, surveyed and designated on the maps and plats of the United States as claim Number 72, being parts of sections 33, 34 and 35, in T. 4 S., R. 4 W., and claim Number sixty-one, being parts of sections 2, 3 and 4 in T. 4 south, range 4 west, being bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point north 83 degrees east seven chains and thirty links distant from a point 13 chains and 30 links south of the most easterly corner of the southeast quarter of section 34, in T. 4 S., R. 4 W., and running thence south 89 degrees west 100 chains and fifty links; thence south 18 degrees east 39 minutes east 24 chains and 20 links; thence east 25 chains and 30 links; thence south 25 degrees and 40 chains; thence 72 degrees east 42 chains and 40 links; thence north 73 degrees east 71 chains; thence north 23 degrees and 30 minutes west 64 chains and 30 links to the place of beginning in the District of land subject to sale at Oregon City, Oregon, containing 640 and 34-100 acres.

And also the following described premises, to-wit: Lots numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the northeast quarter of section 34, fractional north and south west quarter of section 33, in T. 4 south, R. 4 west, of the Willamette Meridian, containing one hundred and fifty-nine and 53-100 acres.

And also land claim No. 57 lying within the following metes and bounds, on south bank of the Yamhill river and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the south east corner of the District of East and Margaret Booth's claim, running thence west 21.80 chains to stake on the line between C. B. Lawley and said Booth's claims; thence south on a line between said Lawley's and Booth's claims 2 chains; thence west on south line of said Booth's claim to the center of said Yamhill river; thence following down the meanderings in the center of said Yamhill river to where said Booth's east line crosses said river; thence south on said east line to the place of beginning containing 42 1/2 acres more or less, all lying in sections 34 and 35 in T. 4 south, R. 4 west.

And also the following described real estate, to-wit: Beginning at the south east corner of claim Number 72, in township 4 south, Range 4 west of the Willamette Meridian; thence north 23 degrees 30 minutes west 19 chains and 50 links; thence north 75 degrees 30 minutes east 11 chains and 40 links; thence S. 4 degrees 30 min west 39 chains; thence north 53 degrees 30 minutes west 27 chains and 60 links; thence south 4 degrees 30 minutes west 5 chains; thence west 79 chains and 48 links; thence north 32 chains thence east 27 chains and 50 links; thence south 70 degrees and 30 minutes east 12 chains; thence north 73 degrees east 71 chs. to the place of beginning, containing 134 acres.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

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REMOVAL. DR. ALFRED KINNEY HAS REMOVED HIS OFFICE AND RESIDENCE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ALDER AND EAST PARK STREETS, (double house), where he can be found at any time.

A. M. HURLEY, Attorney at Law, LAFAYETTE, OREGON.

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\$10 REWARD! STRAYED OR STOLEN FROM LAFAYETTE, about the 1st of November, 1875, a sorrel horse, star in forehead; fifteen hands high; no brands. If you will give me information of his whereabouts or bring him to me at Lafayette, W. M. SULLIVAN.

ESSEX HOTEL, D. L. TURPIN, Proprietor, LAFAYETTE, OREGON.

I AM STILL TO BE FOUND AT MY OLD stand ready to serve the boys with a shave, bath or shampoo. Hair cut in the latest style.