

The decrease in the public debt during the month of January was \$15,487,320. Since June the 30th the decrease has been \$69,817,655.

Senator Cockrell has introduced a constitutional amendment providing for the election of president and vice president by a direct vote of the people. It ought to be adopted by congress, and ratified by the States.

The Mormon brethren have applied to Porte for permission to establish a community in Turkey, and it is expected that the request will be granted. If Turkey would win the everlasting gratitude of the people of the United States, let her bid for our whole Mormon population.

Texas ought to be divided into two, if not three or four states. Dakota ought to come in, either as one state or two. Washington, Montana and New Mexico ought to be admitted as states. Then the West would begin to assert herself, would begin to have some influence and power in the National councils, especially in the senate, and the goldbugs and monopolists of Eastern cities would not have everything quite their own way.

President Johnson was abused for the purchase of Alaska as much as Jefferson was when he bought Louisiana. The price paid was \$7,000,000. The Alaska Commercial Company has already paid about \$5,000,000 in seal rents for the islands of St. Paul and George and the production of the territory last year is officially stated to have been in furs, \$2,500,000; gold, \$1,350,000; fish, \$3,000,000; lumber, \$100,000. Total, \$6,950,000.

A bill has been introduced in the senate by Stewart to amend the mining laws of the United States by providing that no person shall acquire more than one mining claim on one vein, or relocate a claim which he has previously located. Also requiring that each patent for mining land shall reserve right of way through or over any mining claim for roads, ditches, canals, cuts and tunnels for the purpose of working other mines; provided, that damages occasioned thereby shall be assessed and paid for according to law.

In the field of mining enterprises it would seem as though there was a fine opening for prospecting for paying coal veins. In San Francisco alone during the month of January there was a deficiency of over twenty-six thousand tons of coal, forcing consumers to fall back on wood, with oak wood bringing from ten to twelve dollars a cord. There has already been many discoveries of coal in different parts of the State announced, some in this county, and it would certainly pay to look the matter up and develop any vein of coal that may be found.

A young German lady came to this country last Spring and married Mr. Adolf Mueller of Buffalo. During the honeymoon they visited a crematory and she made Adolf promise to have her cremated when she died. Well, time sped, and she died the other day and left sealed directions requiring her husband to not only cremate her, but send her ashes to Germany, to be sprinkled on the grave of a young man to whom she was engaged before Adolf crossed her path. It is said that Mr. Mueller showed a somewhat unrespectful haste in getting her into the oven.

Some of our Southern Oregon exchanges suggest the formation of a new state out of Southern Oregon and Northern California. They reason that no country could be speedily or fully developed while separated by long distances and mountain ranges from its seat of government, or when, from its peculiar situation, it must always occupy a subordinate relation to other parts of the state to which it belongs. Such is undoubtedly the case, but if our friends in that section will possess their souls in peace for a while time will remedy the evil. The Star of Empire is moving westward with resistless force, and in a less number of years than many imagine, there will be three or four states in the area now known as Oregon.

NEW TO-DAY.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Grant County, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

Jane M. Fraz. Canyon City, Oregon, Feb. 12th, 1888.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge of Grant county, at Canyon City, Or., on March 21st, 1888, viz: MANLOCK P. CANTON, H. I. 2985, for the S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 31 and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 32, Tp. 13 S. R. 22 E. W. M. and L. of 1 Sec. 3 Tp. 14 S of R. 22 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Wm. Alfred, Hugh Cannon, James Campbell, Sam A. Hills, all of Canyon City, Or. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Grant County. In the matter of the Estate of Geo. C. Smyth, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon, for Grant County, made and entered on the 28th day of March, 1887, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Geo. C. Smyth, deceased, and that letters of administration have been duly issued to the undersigned.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned, at his residence in Happy Valley, Grant County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Canyon City, Oregon, this 10th day of Feb., 1888. D. H. SMYTH, Administrator.

NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the late J. W. Church are hereby requested to call forthwith at the office of Wm. Miller, Esq., Justice of the Peace at the Court House, in Canyon City, and settle the claims against them. These claims have been appraised, and I have been ordered by the Court to collect the same. Suit will be forthwith commenced against those who do not respond to this notice.

Also be it known that the book accounts of the late firm of Wood & Church, of Canyon City, were before his death assigned to J. W. Church, and all persons on said books must settle with the Estate. Come up and pay and save costs. THORNTON WILLIAMS, Administrator.

Grand Ball at Prairie City.

A Grand Ball will be given by the Ladies' Cornet Band on Friday Evening, Feb. 24, 1888.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Miss Louie Laurance, Miss Josie DeMoss, Miss Inez McHaley, Miss Mary Coats.

COMMITTEE OF RECEPTION:

Miss Clara McHaley, Miss Hattie Mack, Miss Etta Cleaver.

The Floor will be managed by the entire Band. Best of Music will be furnished for the occasion.

TICKETS, without supper, \$2.00

A General Invitation is Extended to all.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all knowing themselves indebted to us to come forward and settle immediately either by Cash or Note, as our George is intending to locate in Portland in the near future, hence the necessity of a settlement. In the meantime we will continue to sell our stock of well assorted merchandise at cost for cash only, as we have closed our books.

We also have a Hodge Header and several Schuttler Wagons for sale cheap.

Respectfully, George Gundlach & Bro.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon. Dec. 21, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Grant county, at Canyon City, Oregon, on February 25, 1888, viz: WALTER BROWN, DS No. 666, for the SE 1/4 Sec. 35, Tp. 17 S, R. 22 E, W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: John Hyde, Charles Ripley, John Irwin, George Brooks, all of Canyon City, Oregon. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon. Dec. 21, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before N. B. Haver, County Judge of Grant county, at Canyon City, Oregon, on February 18th, 1888, viz: SAMUEL FRENCH, H. I. No. 212, for the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 22, Tp. 13 S, R. 21 E, W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph Beardorf, H. I. A. Hyde, James Harding, Thomas B. Laurance, all of Prairie City, Oregon. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon. Jan. 4, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Grant county, at Canyon City, Or., on February 18, 1888, viz: JOSEPH H. MEKKE, DS No. 2142, for the S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 20, Tp. 13 S, R. 22 E, W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph Beardorf, H. I. A. Hyde, J. C. Moore, all of Mt. Vernon, Grant Co. Oregon. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at La Grande, Or. Jan. 26th, 1888.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Grant county, at Canyon City, Or., on the 17th day of March, 1888, viz: CHAS. S. HANSON, H. I. No. 1460 for the E 1/2 of N 1/2 Sec. 3, and W 1/2 of N 1/2 Sec. 25, Tp. 14 S of R. 20, E of W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joe Hanson, John Laycock, David Lane, and Henry Watkins, all of John Day, Oregon. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

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Wednesday Evening, Feb. 22, 1888,

GEN HANCOCK POST NO 34, G A R

The Public are cordially invited to attend. No pains will be spared to make this the most enjoyable Ball of the Season.

COMMITTEE ON INVITATION:

South Fork, Capt. Lewis Mount Vernon, O. W. Birge, Canyon City, M. A. Lucas, Prairie City, Frank Flageolette, Fox Valley, John Shriers, John Day, M. M. Palmer.

FLOOR MANAGERS:

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