SILVERTON PRECINCY .- A large number of the vors of Silverton met on Saturday, in precinct ting, to elect delegates to County Convenn, under call for Independent ticket. The folving were elected: T. W. Davenport, H. Warren, N. Davis, S. S. Cox, J. A. Hunt, L. L. Eisenhart F. Mescher, A. Thompson and Wm. Simpson. ol. Leanord and J. N. Davis were nominated for tices of the Peace, and J. M. Brown and Frank mington for Constables. Henry Warren, J. K. iff and Wm. Simpson were appointed a Precinct nmittee.

ound Over .-- Charles Hogan, a barber of llas and who used to work at the trade in this y, got into a row at Independence last Thursday; ring which he fired two or three shots from a ol, at different parties. He was arrested and amined before the magistrate at Dallas, and bound er to appear at the next term of the Grand Jury; ith bail fixed at \$600. In default of this amount lies in jail at that place.

POLE COUNTY NOMINATIONS .- Following are the minations made Saturday by the Polk county epublican Convention, as, far as we have been ble to get them. Representatives, A. M. Smith, -Lindsey, Charles Graves : County Judge, J. Collins; Clerk, W. W. Beach; Sheriff, J. B. liggs; Treasurer, John James.

MARION PRECINCY. - In this precinct the Independent primary was well attended. O. H. P. Cornelius was chosen Chairman, and A. Briggs scretary. The following is the list of delegats to stend the County Convention next Saturday, April b, at Salem: T. H. Hunsaker, Jesse Parrish, D.

At the North Salem Independent Precinct meetng. Delos Jefferson offered the following which was lopted: Resolved, That our school law should be amended as to secure a more liberal education ong the masses, as upon the intelligence of the ople depends the perpetuity of our government. RECOVERED .- We are pleased to learn that Mr. H. Javens, of South Salem, has recovered from

his late severe attack of cholera morbus, and is gain about his daily avocation. The Independents in Lincoln precinct last Saturday elected the following to the County Convenon : John P. Cole, Henry Smith, W. H. Baker,

W. H. Darby, G. Gibson. DIED .- Intelligence was received here that Chas Warren, of Oregon City, who has been ill with small pox for some time, died at at that place Saturday. PERSONAL .-- Hon. Mathew P. Deady and W. W. Upton, and W. S. Ladd, Esq., were among the arrivals from Portland vesterday.

#### FIRE LOSS PAID.

Col. C. A. Reed. Agent Phornix Insurance Co. flow me to tender you and through you the Com-Allow me to tender you and through you are com-pany you represent, my sincere teanks for your prompt attention in adjusting and paying the less of my dwelling house and furniture, destroyed by fire on the morning of the 27th of Feb. last. Yours truly, E. J. Phillips.

#### THE RIGHTS OF CHURCH SINGERS.

Judges have given learned decisions on many questions, but it was reserved for a North Carolina court to decide recently what is unlawful church music. The vocalist whose rare ability gave rise to this singular trial is William Linkhaw, who, next to Nilson, has created a greater sensation in his circle than any other singer in the country.

Mr. Linkhaw, whose name of itself suggests.

Eoilan harps, fiddle-strings and fintes, discarding the trivolous airs of opera bouffe and carnal ballads, has turned his attention to the beauties of church made. carrai ballaus, has turned his attention to the beauties of church music. He has prosecuted this branch of harmonies so diligently that the grand jury of his county determined to prosecute him for "disturbing a religious congregation" by his performances. The North Carolina singer is a pious man, who sings in church from a sense of duty, and not for any love of display or fonders for workily. love of display or fondness for worldly fame. So when Linkhaw's sacred opera rings out on a peaceful Sunday morning, in the primitive church where he worships, the effect, as Domchirch where he worships, the effect, as Dom-inie Sampson would say, is "prodigious."

The sensation stirred up at such sermons by this Tarheel Brignoli of the pine woods, is immense, and people flock to hear him sing who never attended church on ordinary occa-sions. Mr. Linkhaw's voice is of the robust tenor style, in which a dignified Roman nose performs the office of an organ-pipe. His nose being of great length, it takes considera-ble time for the blast to traverse its cavity, and poor Linkhaw is consequently always about half a line in the rear of the other sing-In singing the tamiliar lines

"Hark from the tombs a doleful sound, Mine cars attend the cry," the church choir gets as far as 'attend,' while Linkhaw is still prolonging 'doleful sound' with stentorian notes, and frivolous maids and iddy youths thereupon titter and giggle au-The enraged pastor on one occasion bearing Linkhaw roaring out,

"Hosannas larguish on our tongue." while everybody else was singing,

"And our devotion die !, vowed he wouldn't preach another sermon unless a sticking-plaster was chapped upon Linkhaw's mouth and nose during service. The tardy singer responsed that it was hid all the members' traveling expenses duty to sing. The members remonstrated and ascertained that the mileage was duty to sing. The members remonstrated that he was singing out of time. Linkhaw replied that he was not singing for time, but for eternity. The refractory member was brought into court, and the jury found him tive. guilty of disturbing public worship by "sing-ing out of time," an offense unheard of before in any court of Christendom.

The Seattle Intelligencer says: while at work near Eagle Harbor. Bainbridge Island, a few days since accidentally discovered the outcroppings of a coal mine. In conversation, he spoke of this discovery to certain parties, who immediately went to the locali-ty, found a vein about six feet thick, close to the water, and then chartered the steamer Blakely for a trip to Olympia. Arriving at that place on Thursday last, they immediately repaired to the Land Office and secured the prize."

A remarkable discovery has been made the South Pacific, Capt. Scott, of the ship Elgiva, of Liverpool, in his last voyage touched at the small Island of Bellinghausen, and there found a South Sea Islander, its only inhabant. The man could not speak a word of English, and was therefore perfectly unable to explain to his rescuers how or in what way be had become a "Robinson Cru-soe." He had received some injuries, which tend to supposition that he had been brought from one of the cluster of the Polynesian Islands, and left to tomish after being first mal-treated. He had lived by eating cocounits and oysters, and but for his discovery would probably have been able to sustain nature for some time. He was taken to London by Capt. Scott and thence transferred to Liverol, where he is now working as a laborer at the docks.

#### COMING EVENTS.

To-morrow (Saturday, March 28th) is to be rather an eventful day in many counties, because of the political movements which are to take place. In counties which have not already made Independent nominations Independent primaries will be held, and the Republican county Conventions are to be held throughout the State. While it is true that the people have lost all faith in rings and partisan politicians and want to be released from subserviency to the selfish ends and aims of aspirants of all parties, it still remains to convince them that the Independent movement has the requisites and qualities which are necessary to secure reform.

The Republican party has the great advantage of previous action of its old time opponent to be governed by, and the dissatisfaction with which the action of the Albany Convention has been received should be a lesson to it. Lessons are apt to be thrown away on political aspirants, who always have ends to accomplish for themselves rather than reforms to execute for the people. So we cannot expect that to-morrow's county Conventions will be perfect in their composition or action. In this county there is strong talk of adjourning the county nominations, we hear, so that the Convention can meet again after the Independent nominations are made, and have the further advantage of knowing what it has to oppose, which would be safe and sensible action.

The Independent movement has no partisan character or intentions. Its organization is crude and only in embryo; its objects and aims are only thus far defined: that many of the people now lay aside party to secure the best public good, and do it because they have no faith left in the promises of old politicians. To be sure these old partisans come before us with platforms that abound in high-toned professions of reform, but the same old corruptionists are relied on to secure the performance of those professions, and the people every single voter of them-have often heard and now remember the rough and curt old proverb that, "the road to hell is paved with good resolutions," and they know positively by experience that the road to office is,

The Independents have no aspirants to block the way and make devious paths for Conventions to follow, and must bear in mind that personal ambition is a load which no honest reform candidate can afford to carry. We must candidly say, in view of all the knowledge of circumstances in this county and throughout the State that comes to us, that every thing looks favorable for success of the Independent cause. It has only old political corruption to fight, and the existence of corruption is not to be denied. If it represents the honesty and sincerity of the people in its nominations and declarations it cannot fail of success. To choose the best men and act honestly and wisely is all that is re-

# CONGRESSIONAL LARCENY.

When Congress perpetrated the famous, as well as infamous, back-salary steal of a year ago, it abolished the mileage beforetime allowed to members, and substituted instead thereof a provision that the actual traveling expenses of members should be reimbursed, and that each one should draw six hundred dollars as the minimum allowance for traveling to and from the capital. We notice in our exchanges that a few days since there was a motion made to strike out of the appropriations a clause allowing \$130,000 for this purpose, some one having figured up all the members' traveling expenses only about \$24,000 in the aggregate, or \$71.75 to each Senator and Representa-

So it seems that the last Congress filched a trifle over \$500 for each one out of the national treasury, in addition to the more magnificent steal of \$4,000 apiece, of which we have read such profuse accounts. The first may be called the grand, and the second the petit, larceny of the Forty-second Congress. A short while since an effort was made to reduce this sum to the actual expense of travel in each case, and it failed; the cohorts of the Massachusetts Butler were on hand, and they voted it down by one majority. In this age of reform we shall not be satisfied to be represented in either the State or National Legislature by men who so readily quote precedent and law to excuse robbery and corruption. Stealing may be reduced to a fine art by means of Congressional legislation, but the pretext is "too thin" to mislead those

#### who demand economy and reform. COMPLAINT AGAINST NAW MILIA

Complaint is made by the people of California to the Legislature of that tendent.

State against the saw mills situated ou the various streams, on two counts.-First, that, by letting the sawdust float off in the streams, it kills the trout existing in them; and, second, that the sawdust floats off into the irrigation ditches and fills them up, greatly to the detriment of the owners thereof. It seems to be conceded that sawdust is destructive to trout, and the lovers of good angling have cause for a crusade against the offending mills. Of course, those land-owners who have secured means of irrigation are loth to have them rendered useless, and a remedy for all these troubles is to be found in a law prohibiting the mills from letting their sawdust go into the streams.

AURORA. - A well - known citizen writes us that the Republican primary at Aurora was a great failure. After two or three hours' work a few came together, but not enough to constitute the requisite list of delegates. Our friend saw one who was not present, but was elected a delegate, who said he would not serve.

# MARION COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVEN-TION.

Below we give in full the proceedings of the Marion county Republican Convention, held last Saturday the 28th inst., at the Opera House in this city.

The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by T. B. Rickey Esq. Chairman of county committee. On motion, J. C. Peebles was elected temporary chairman, A. N. Gilbert and Louis Bleakney Secretaries.

The following Committees were appointed: On Credentials, Permanent Organization, Order of Business, and Resolutions.

On motion, Convention adjourned until one o'clock to give the Committees time to

#### Afternoon Session

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman at the time fixed upon, at adjournment.

Committee on Permanent Organization recommended same officers as selected for temporary organization. Report Adopted.

Committee on Order of Business reported, and report adopted.

Committee on Credentials reported the following persons as entitled to scats in the Convention.

Abiqua.-Willis Dungon, Saml Lenon, II G Morris, W G Minier, J R White.

Silverton, -- W Cranston, T R Blackerly, T R Hibbard, H D Mount, P Bowers, K L Hibbard, E P Smith, Jennings Smith, H Allen-Marion.-N O Parker, A H Cornelius, J M Johns.

Sublimity .-- Henry States, S D McCauley, D Simpson, Paul Darst, S Miller.

South Salem .- E K Miller, G H Jones, H P Crooke, E Hodson, J H McCormick, M M Miller, A S Kightlinger.

East Salem-A A McCully, J G Wright, E Hirsch, A Gesner, J M Martin, W B Culver, C H Bowker, G O Holman, M L Chamberlain, N O Parrish, J H Moores.

Butteville,-H Allen, G A Cone Jr., H C Childers, G A Cone.

Champoeg,-John Hoefer, J J Murphy

proxy for J B P Piety. Jefferson,-Hugh Harrison, N R Doty, J B Looney, J Polly, H Ankeny, E N Thomas. Lubish, -A G Perkius, D H La Follette, W Massey, F L Jones,

Aumsville,-E E McKinney, S Condit. H W Smith, J C Peebles, L Bleakney, R Lewis, W G Porter, W H Powell.

Woodbern,-Joseph Engle, W Darst, H C Dayton, J B Denick, W H Sody, A Mattiott, North Salem .- E T Gleason, W L Wade, A Stevens, R T Hawley, J A Huffman.

Howell Prairie,-B Wiesner, J W Greenwood, A J Hodges, Wm Sapingfield, C S Rockingfield.

Salem.-W F Boothby, J E Boyinton, B F Drake, J A Richardson, T B Rickey, W P Lord, H Stapleton, H M Thatcher, I R Moores, E. M. Waite, J. W. Fisher, W. W. Martin, Geo Williams, A N Gilbert, R A Hawley, J H Howell, J N Matheney J

Aurora,-J Sawyer, Wm Miley, Geo Krause W Rapps, J F Smith, John Glesey, L S Thomas, John Vogt.

Gereals .- W A Cusick, S D Snowden, S A Jones, Geo Shepherd, F Manning, L H Pou-

Fairfield .- John Skiff.

Report of the Committee on Credentials adopted.

Mr. George Williams chairman of Committee on Resolutions offered the following which were adopted.

1. That we heartily endorse the Republican party as carried out by the present Adminis-

2. That we are in favor of economy and retrenchment and a just and fair compensa-tion for officials in all offices.

3. That we are not in favor of any man holding office who is not known to be capaole, economical, and strictly temperate in his

We are opposed to the act known as the "Litigant Law," and demand its immediate repeal; also we are opposed to the purchase or lease by the State of the canal and locks at Oregon City.

5. While we favor a general system of ed acation in our State, and hall the act of the late Assembly as in the right direction, we believe that the feature of the law which compels a uniformity of school books for the entire State ought to be repealed, and the question left to the school districts, subject to the recommendation of the County Superinin Salem on the 8th of April. The following were chosen by their respective districts:

J. M. Johns, R. C. Geer, H. G. Morris, Greenwood, A. Stevens, W. A. Cusick, W.P. Ankeny, E. K. Miller.

N. O. Parker, of Marion, and E. P. Smith, of Silverton, were appointed tellers.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate County officers, with the f llowing re-

For Three State Senators .- Jos. Engle received 79 votes, G B Cornellus 38, J A Richardson 59, J H Moores 52, C A Reed 20, H P Ankeny 51, 8 D McCauley 11. Whole number of votes cast, 108; necessary to a choice, 55. The Chairman declared J Engle and J A Richardson elected. J H Moores withdrew his name. On motion, Henry P Ankeny was nominated by acclamation.

For Representatives-C N Childers, Wm Darst, John Minto, David Simpson, Warren Cranston, A N Gilbert, were nominated on the first ballot.

County Judge.-1st ballot-J C Peebles 52, Wm Case 39, C N Terry 12.

2d ballot-J C Peebles 59, Wm Case 53, J C Peebles declared nominated.

County Clerk .- 1st ballot-Howard G Mor ris 41, A A Bonney 12, A B Cosper 15, Geo A Edes 17, J M Johns 6, C A Reed 6, D H Lafollet 4, E E McKinney 11, No choice.

2d ballot-II G Morris receiving a majority of all the votes cast, was declared the nomi-

Sheriff.-1st Ballot-Joseph Baker, 30; Thomas C Shaw, 28; L S Scott, 22; C M Cartwright, 10; J N Matheney, 10; J B Dinnick, 10; J C Hays, 2; blank, 2.

2d ballot-Joseph Baker, 36; Thos C Shaw, 44; L S Scott, 16; C M Cartwright, 6; J N Matheney, 9; J B Dinnick, 1; blank, 1. L S Scott withdrew his name.

3d ballot-ploseph Baker, 38; T C Shaw, 62; M Cartwright, 3; J N Matheney, 8.

T C Shaw declared nominated.

For Treasurer .- Mr J E Boylnton was nominated by acclamation. The interest of the members and the lookers on culuminated in this nomination, and the ballance of the ticket was put through with a rush, as if the members wished to get rid of a disagreeable job, with the following persons as nominees: County Commissioners,-John Giesey, of Aurora, J A Huffman, of North Salem.

Assessor .- King L Hibbard, of Silverton. Superintendent of Common Schools-II P Crooke, of Salem.

County Surveyor-A Gesner. Coroner-Dr E R Fiske.

The following persons were elected as the Republican County Committee-J H Moores, Chairman; E M Waite, W L Wade, E K Miller, E N Thomas, J M Johns, G B Cornelius, Paul Darst, F Hicks, Wm Sappingfield,

Cusick, John Hoefer, J Sawyer, G A Cone, jr. But little enthusiasm was exhibited during the meeting. The delegates from the country got away with all the offices worth mentioning-Silverton and vicinity getting Clerk,

H G Morris, Linus Brooks, J Skaife, W A

Sheriff, and Assessor. The Convention adjourned.

# A " HOME" TO BE DESIRED.

MR. EDITOR: With your permission, I will give utterance to a sentiment which your readers will undoubtedly pronounce orthodox.

The necessity and desirableness for every family to own and control a home, is a truth of vast and untold importance. There is among all classes, we are happy to know, a growing feeling in this direction. Every year enlarges the proportion of pleasant homes to the population in Vermont. It is so throughout New England, and in much of the older portions of the West and Northwest. This is one of the fruits of modern refinement and Christian civilization. A man of a family, owning no home, is annoyed with a teeling of isolation and detachment, very uncomfortable to endure. On the other hand, being the absolute proprietor of a beautiful and lovely home, of moderate cost and pleasant surroundings, he possesses a source of true and solid comfert not found elsewhere on earth.

# SITES OR LOCATIONS.

A village distinguished for a high standard of Christian morality and educational facilities, has attractions of no ordinary estimate The social privileges and advantages to be derived from such a state of things are not to be counted in dollars and cents. The site of a home, to a man or woman who loves romantic scenery, to a family possessing tastes and capacities for its enjoyment, and which chooses to practice proper economy in its mode of living, is all important. A choice site avoids the crowded street, the pent-up, limited, and narrow aspect, where every sense, especially that of right, is constantly offended-with little open sky, no distant horizon tanged with the glories of the dying day or rising morn-no grassy lawn, or waving trees, or majestic mountain peaks,-There is true wealth and affluence in a choice site, combining both country and village life. To be within five or eight minutes' walk of bank, stores, and post-office, and yet removed from the din and dust of the crowded thoroughfare; to be entirely free from exposure to the fires and conflagrations of compact and crowded streets; are considerations of no slight or trifling importance.

# ARCHITECTURE.

desirable. Such a cottage, to be pleasing and especially if he has money of his own.

The Convention the processed to select as isfactory, must have irregularities in form, the delegates to represent Marion county in variety in ornament, and boldness in outline. the Republican State Convention to be held A square house, with additions of gables and dormers and pinnacles and ridge-crests, will not give us an English cottage. It is a work of art, like a poem or a pictures and not a J. Hoefer, John Glesy, Sylvanus Condit, J.W. mechanical aggregation of Gothic features and ornaments. It has variety of form, sym-Lord, W. F. Boothby, J. G. Wright, Henry metry of proportion, elaborate embellishment, convenience of arrangement, and cosiness of aspect, a brightness of color, and cheerfulness of effect, so desirable in village and suburban residences.

To return to the subject of sites. While the eye should be greeted in front with green fields and tertile meadows and groups of native forest trees, the back-ground should include romantic hill sides, which serve both as ornament and protection, over which the bleak winter winds glide high above you, leaving you nicely and cosily sheltered from the spirit of the storm. Such a site is truly valuable, and will even be appreciated by its proprietor, and serve to exhibarate his spirits and afford him daily a full crop of pleasure and grateful pastime, as he looks out upon his beautiful pleasure grounds, rendered all the more so from their choice and pleasant location. S. B. ROCKWELL.

#### Middlebury, Vt., March, 1874. INDEPENDENT PRIMARIES.

SALEM.

The Independent citizens of Salem precinct met this P. M. and G. W. Lawson stated that the object of the meeting was to elect delegates to represent this precinct at the Judependent Convention to convene at Salem on Saturday next, whereupon on motion C. M. Parmenter was called to the chair and O. J. Carr was elected Secretary.

On motion of A. J. Monroe the meeting proceeded to vote for delegates vira roce and the following delegates were chosen:

Dr. S. R. Jessup, R. W. Wilson, D. W. Prentice, John Berry, A. J. Monroe, O J. Carr. S. Farrar, John Morgan, P. L. Willis, Atlen Ramsey, John Jordan, F. J. Babcock, G. W. Lawson, P. McManus, Joseph Hoyt. Seneca Smith was nominated for Justice of

the Peace and Ira Erb for Constable. Whereupon the meeting adjourned to be

beard from again.

#### EAST SALEM.

J. J. Shaw was chosen chairman, and Geo. P. Holman secretary. The following named were elected delegates to the County Convention: T. H. Crawford, J. M. Munkers, L. C. Griffith, Geo. P. Holman, Jason L. Royal, D. W. Craig, T. B. Allen, Albert Kinney, Lewis Johnson, Luther Myers, J. J. Shaw.

L. A. Savage was nominated for Justice of the Peace, and C. A. Chapman for Constable.

# NORTH SALEM.

Charles Claggett chairman, Wm. P. Pugh secretary. The following were elected Delegates; Delos Jefferson, Wm. P. Pugh, II. L. McNary, S. R. Scott, Charles Claggett, John Brooks.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the delegates elect to the Independent County Convention, to be holden in Salem, April 4th, 1874, be instructed to use their utmost diligence to secure good and true men to fill the various offices of county and State, irrespective of former political alliances. And, second, to try and secure men of known temperance record, and that candidates for the Legislature be required to pledge themselves in favor of stringent legislation against the liquor traffic, before receiving a nomination.

# SOUTH SALEM.

The following delegates were elected: John Minto, Thos Townsend, T. L. Davidson, F. R. Smith, D. L. Riggs, M. Fiske, J.C.Booth.

# PLYMOUTH CHURCH DIFFICULTY.

New YORK, March 20.—In Plymouth Church, last evening, letters from Dr. Storrs and Dr. Buddington were read, inviting Ply-mouth Church to send Mr. Beecher to the Congregational Council, but intimating that they would bave no voice in the proceedings, except in contradiction of mis-statements and n furnishing information that might ed for. Plymouth Church declined the invitation and passed the following resolution: Resolved, That the calling of this ex parte

council to consider the affairs of a which has not declined mutual counsel is the consummation of a course of proceeding which is irregular and unwarrantable; that we feel bound to protest against it from the beginning; that we recognize in the state-ment and invitation a persistent attempt to put this church under accusation and trial. Plymouth Church will meet on Wednesday night next to take any action made requisite by the session of the Council the night before.

# THE PASTEST MILE BY HORSE AND MAN.

1. What is the fastest mile run by a man?

What is the fastest mile run by a horse? What is the fastest mile walked by a man? 4. What is the fastest mile trotted by a horse? 5. What is the fastest mile paced by a horse?

Answer.-1. On level ground, W. Lang and W. Richards, in England, a dead heat, in 4:17 4. Lang run a mile down hill at Newmarket in 1:02. 2. Alarm, in 1:4234, at Saratoga. 3. Joseph Stackwell, London. England, walked a mile in 6:25. 4. Joe El-liott trotted a mile at Mystic Park, Boston, in 2:15%. 5. Pocahontas paced a mile on Long Island to a wagon in 2:17%, driven by James D. McMann. - N. Y. Sun

# REPORM IN VAMILLE.

In the Yambill Independent Convention, Mr. D. C. Stewart offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved. That we are in favor of our county officers receiving as pay for their services a stated salary not to exceed the following sums, respectively: County Clerk, \$1,500; sheriff, \$1,500; Treasurer, \$400; County Judge \$400; County Assessor, \$300; County Surve r. \$100; County Commissioners (each), \$100; School Superintendent, \$300.

It is said that two cows is the current market value of a woman in Eastern Africa. In this country it often requires For style, the English cottage is the most but one calft; obtain a charming bride,