

FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE.

There are now three full State tickets in the field for the people to choose their rulers from for the next four years. The Independents know no compromise, seek no coalition, recognize no man as entitled to their support unless he cuts loose from party and is willing to join hands with earnest and non-partisan men in effecting the reforms which the public welfare demands.

There are thousands of voters who look on this movement with half favor, but find it suddenly thrust upon them, and hesitate to yield it their full allegiance simply because it is new and untried. But the movement will acquire power and assume fuller proportions each day until the election.

The politicians are determined to have their campaign organs in this city during the coming weeks before the election, and they will bleed freely to support them, but our paper depends solely upon the support of the masses, and receives no subsidies other than their voluntary payments of subscriptions.

THE BULLETIN EXPLAINS.

Saturday's Bulletin explains that the forgery of the resolution concerning the purchase of the Canal and Locks, passed by the Marion County Independent Convention, was perpetrated by its Salem correspondent, and was received and published in good faith by that paper.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PORTLAND, April 20, 1874.

The morning train of to-day passed through East Portland just as a fire had got fair headway in the wooden row which leads from the old ferry, and we saw the flames leaping about in diabolical glee while we crossed the railroad trestle, but at last the buzz of the steam fire engines was heard and the efforts of the firemen prevented the rest of the row being destroyed after two buildings had been consumed.

THE WARM SPRING INDIANS.

I met old acquaintances in town in the person of the Indians whom the McKay brothers have gathered and trained for an Eastern tour. I met these same fellows in Modoc land last spring as our allies in the conflict with Capt. Jack's warriors.

tors. Somewhat episodes were enacted to the life—not to the death quite—and our late Indian allies to the number of eleven *tillamooks* and two *clutchemes* shone with all the decorative skill known to savage life.

A MANIAC.

This afternoon a spring wagon drove to the Stark street ferry with a mad woman on the back seat, held down by two strong men. Bareheaded, with loose black hair flying wildly, and eyes rolling in frenzy, the poor creature struggled with the hands that held her, and her wild cries and fearful aspect made sad the hearts of all beholders.

PORTLAND.

Building goes on here considerably, and the lower part of the business streets are being built up finely. Spring trade opens slowly, but so the Spring trade always does.

The trial of the crusaders drags along slowly. No jury is found yet, and Lappens says one can't be got inside the city limits. Not being able to get inside the court room I looked in from a slightly place on stairs in the vestibule and saw the heroic crusaders ranged in a row waiting patiently for the slow revolving wheels of justice to reach their case.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. EDITOR: Although we had a rough winter, and a part of March worse, yet Spring has come to us in her gentlest mood, and vegetation is two weeks more forward than usual at this time in April (the 17th). Winter wheat and oats are superior—but little, if any, of them having been drowned or frozen out last winter.

CROSS.

It is certain that, of last Fall's sowing, and this Spring's, a very large acreage is now in grain in Marion county. If I were to enter into a description of the carpet of green that is spread out over our broad acres of grain and grass, and describe the innumerable tame and wild flowers now opening out, and how Pannonia is presenting her charms in the floral kingdom, and how these all kiss the sunlight; while off to the right and left of old Hood, monarch of mountains, vast acreage of glistening snow contrasts strangely with the charming scenery of the "Beautiful Valley."

THE GRANGES.

These are increasing rapidly in numbers and influence in this county. But the task which lies before them is of vast import, and it will require energy, capital, brains, union of purpose, integrity, and business tact. The causes which have operated to bring about the present state of trade and commerce are of many years' standing.

There is a centralizing of brains and capital in the United States, but the natural results of such a great war were, expansion of currency, enormous speculations, and the appearing of huge monopolies. When greenbacks were declared to be a legal tender, and government and railroad bonds were all the go for investments, then our nation ran wild.

oppressions of the masses in the Old World! Let us look at home, and we will see the tree of oppression deeply rooted and spreading wide its branches, and, like the deadly Upas, blighting our industry and energies. Let not the Patrons of Husbandry be discouraged, for they have the true wealth of the Republic, and the numerical strength is in them.

CAMP-MEETING.

A camp-meeting will begin at the Newsom camp-ground on Thursday, June 4th, 1874, under the supervision of Rev. I. D. Driver, P. E. The fourth and last quarterly meeting for Silverton circuit will be held then and there. This will be the first camp meeting for this season on Salem district; will be at a leisure time of the year; roads good, and water plenty; and a general attendance of ministers and people is requested.

HOME MANUFACTURES.

It is evident that we have nothing to hope from middlemen and Eastern monopolists—in any reduction of percentage on agricultural implements. If our faith and works agree, we will show a preference for all manner of agricultural implements made on this coast, and especially in Oregon. I wish that every farmer in Oregon had a Salem plow, and a Bowie wagon.

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Marion County, April 18, 1874.

FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY.

MR. EDITOR: As the election is drawing near, and as considerable is said about it, and of the candidates nominated by the different parties, I thought it might be of interest to some to hear from this part of the country.

There are fifty patients in the Insane Asylum at Steilacoom, W. T. Forty-five thousand dollars has been subscribed to the Olympia Railroad.

There are now about 50,000 head of cattle in Laramie county, Wyoming. The Colorado Spring Co. have leased the Fountain Casual for 20 years.

There is only one planing mill in New Mexico, and that is located at Las Vegas. F. Kimmery has been appointed city treasurer of Walla Walla, vice Johnson, resigned.

Mr. S. Goss, who was indicted for the crime of adultery in Columbia county, is now on trial at St. Helens. Silver City is to have daily shipments of fresh fruit from San Francisco, as soon as they make their appearance in that city.

FROM WASCO COUNTY.

HOOD RIVER, April 11, 1874. MR. EDITOR: Enclosed you will find \$— for the FARMER. I am very much pleased with your valuable paper. It supplies a want long felt by the farmer, who, above all others, ought to have a medium through which an interchange of ideas and experiments may be communicated.

Democratic, is acknowledged to be the best selection, by far, ever made in this county; and judging from the signs of the times it will be elected by a large majority; and what is most noteworthy is, that not a man was expected his preference, and on the other hand those that had been on the slate for months, and had done many wonderful works, and had so often treated to (as the hero of the River of the West says) so much good whiskey, through some hook or crook, or by some other inexplicable means, was granted a permit to stay at home this time, and not a few were superannuated, for such is the odium: "They are weighed in the balances and found wanting."

FROM BAKER COUNTY.

JORDAN VALLEY GRANGE, No. 24, April 12, 1874. MR. EDITOR: We initiated a class of twenty-one members in the Fourth Degree on the 11th inst., on which occasion there were between seventy-five and one hundred members present, including visiting members.

THE TERRITORIES.

L. H. White one of the founders of the Beaver Hosiery Manufacturing Company at Jefferson, has returned from Colfax, W. T. where he has been putting up a grist mill for J. C. Davenport. The Seattle and Walla Walla R. R. Co. are advertising for bids to build the first section of that road.

The Seattle gas works are being enlarged. Walla Walla is going to have a portion of her streets widened. Mines are beginning to migrate from the various northern towns.

Walla Walla is overrun with thieves burglars and blacklegs. Burglars tread the streets of Seattle during the midnight hours. Port Townsend schools will unite in having a May Day festival.

Port Townsend will enjoy two balls on the evening of May 1st. Brick buildings are putting in their appearance at Walla Walla. The wheat movement on the Upper Columbia is exceedingly lively.

Stealing cattle is the principal employment of certain roughts in Eastern Oregon. The funeral of Mr. Bartlett, at Steilacoom, on the 15th instant, was largely attended. Immigrants are arriving quite rapidly in Washington Territory.

Upward of 12000 acres of land was entered in Whatcom county W. T., during the year ending March 1st 1874. Eighty lots were sold in Tacoma in one afternoon. Resembles business.

Montana farmers are busily engaged in sowing grain. Travel in Montana is reported as being exceedingly lively. Montana cattle have been eating poisonous herbs. A number have died.

The mining season in Montana has opened under favorable appearances. The bodies interred in a cemetery near Deer Lodge, Montana, have been removed. They numbered forty-eight.

Rev. A. R. Medbury, of Portland, presided in the Baptist Church at Olympia last Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Peter McLaughlin, of Tualup, and Mr. J. O. Turner, of Orcas Island, were appointed Notaries Public by Governor Ferry last Saturday.

The Master of the bark Dublin, arrived at San Francisco April 19th from Port Gamble, reports that on the 18th of February John Oakes, second mate, fell through the hatchway and was instantly killed. An urethra of 12 Summers, who sports the title of "Red-headed Jack," had a lively skirmish last Saturday with a Tumwater lad in which knives and clubs were used.

Mr. B. F. Brown and wife, of Olympia, last week deeded three blocks of land in West Olympia for the benefit of the town schools. Business seems to be better on Puget Sound. The mills have increased their time of running, and lumbermen are in good spirits.

A Seattle dispatch of the 18th says: The bark Jenny Pitts went ashore at high water on Sandy Point, about five miles north of this city, at 3 o'clock this morning. She was lying on her beam ends. The steamer Etna White has gone down to tow her off. The farmers of Thurston county are invited to meet the citizens of Olympia and Tumwater, on Bush's Prairie, the 1st and 2d days of May, and with them to carry the grade of the Olympia-Tenino Railroad across Bush's Prairie.

The Olympia Transcript gives the particulars of a shooting affray which occurred at Gray's Harbor, a few days ago, between two settlers, in which one of them was badly wounded. A man named McGee, well known as an old resident on the north side of the bay, and owning a large stock ranch, had one of the claims rented to a man named Dwyer, between whom there has been no good feeling existing for some time, it being supposed that McGee wanted to drive Dwyer away. On Monday 13th inst. a dispute arose between them about some cattle, when McGee attempted to shoot Dwyer with his rifle, but the cap snapped and he failed. Dwyer then shot McGee twice with his revolver, once through the nose and again in the back, McGee at the same time advancing upon him, until Dwyer ran and left for Oahut. McGee then commenced stoning the house where Mrs. Dwyer was, and compelled her to leave for the Oahut for safety. McGee was arrested by the authorities soon after. His injuries had not been ascertained, but are probably not serious. His clothing was very bloody from his wounds.

BLAKE'S LOSS IN THE TIDAL BASINS. The following is clipped from the correspondence of the Oregon Sentinel of Jackson county. The loss of sheep in that section, has been much larger than generally supposed: LINKVILLE, April 9th, 1874. Spring is with us again, and be assured that one hundred and fourteen days of snow, sleet, hail and frost (commencing Dec. 1 and ending March 24) has amply prepared us to appreciate the beautiful weather it brings us. The snow has left the low lands in most places, and is rapidly disappearing from the hill sides, and under the genial influence of a bright sun, the grasses are coming on rapidly promising a bountiful supply for the coming season. Stock men, long housed in by inclement weather are now able to ride over the range and decide with some degree of accuracy upon the profits arising from horse, cattle and sheep husbandry. I need hardly tell you, that, in some instances where whole bands of sheep have almost entirely perished, the losers seem to be laboring under the impression that the business is accompanied with some risk; nor need I tell you that in a few cases, where some have lost nearly their last cow, they are ready to admit that their land has not increased as rapidly as it might have done under more favorable circumstances.

To afford you something of an idea of the losses sustained by the sheep men of this section, I will give the following figures, which have been prepared carefully, and which is the main reliable: T. R. Harrison..... 1705 1305 400 Josep Applegate..... 1703 1613 90 J. W. Bandy..... 3100 2300 800 E. Penning..... 310 100 210 John Glenn..... 440 4 436 Cameron & Goodwin..... 815 75 740 H. S. White..... 320 40 280 Furlush & Linn..... 800 45 755 John Casner..... 2200 1700 500 Mrs. Louisa Boddy..... 800 275 525 Conn Brothers..... 900 25 875 Wm. T. Osburn..... 900 300 600 Total..... 11813 6107 5706 Thus, it will appear that out of 11843, 6107, or a fraction over 42 per cent, have died. The above report does not include the sheep on Sprague River, where, I am informed, the per cent. of loss is smaller. By careful estimate, the loss sustained by cattle men will probably amount to 20 per cent. of the original band. I am credibly informed that the Winter has been equally severe in Goose Lake, Surprise and Warner Valleys. It may be well to state here that the above bands of sheep with no food nor shelter (with two exceptions), only such as they found on the range, and the cattle fared but little better. Horses have done well in this county, comparatively few having died. T. OLD IRONSIDES.—The old Revolutionary frigate Constitution, which some months ago, was brought to Philadelphia from Annapolis to be rebuilt, was drawn upon the stocks at the navy yard for that purpose yesterday. Having been dismantled, she was raised in the floating dry dock, and towed around to the south wharf. Here, by means of the greatest force, she was pulled from the dock upon the stocks. To accomplish this, 300 men were employed, huge cables from a half dozen capstans, and a complication of enormous pulleys leading out to the vessel. When the capstans were manned and the cables felt the tension upon them, the vessel moved gradually, though very slowly, from the dock up the well-greased ways. The Constitution was decorated with the national bunting, and all the officials of the yard and many citizens were assembled to witness the operation. The Constitution will be entirely rebuilt for service as a school ship. Her model will not be changed, and no sound timbers will be removed. She will be refitted with all modern sailing appliances, and it is expected that, when completed, she will make a serviceable addition to the fleet.—N. Y. Times March 7th.