

MORE INDEPENDENT STATES.

As will be seen by an item we clip from an exchange, the movement of the people for independence of old parties and partisan prejudices is spreading through the nation, and may be depended on to assume greater proportions another year.

Among the reasons why an independent movement should be welcomed as a balm of peace to the whole nation, the leading one is that it is time the rancor and poison of old political prejudice should die out.

WHY RAISE THE WAGES?

We are surprised to learn that the Capitol Commissioners, by a majority vote, have raised the rate of masons' wages one dollar more per day than was paid last year.

The people are now opposed to the old condition of politics where rings and office-holders make patronage subservient their own personal ends.

LINN COUNTY POLITICS.

The Democrats of Linn county last Saturday made their nominations, and we are inclined to think the Convention was more anxious to secure good men than sometimes is the case.

A dispatch dated Saturday says: ALBANY, April 25.—At the Democrat-

ic Convention held in this city to-day, the following ticket was nominated: State Senators, J. F. Hendrix, S. D. Haley, Thomas Munkers; Representatives, C. P. Burkhardt, Joseph Hamilton, A. W. Starnard, T. Shelton, G. F. Crawford, B. R. Houtt; Commissioners, J. A. Porter, Lewis Cox; Clerk, G. A. Hill; Sheriff, R. C. Rice; Treasurer, James Shields; Assessor, R. Curl; School Superintendent, J. W. Weatherford; Surveyor, M. C. Bryant; Coroner, P. Grigsley.

At the Tax-Payers' primary convention to-day the following persons were elected as delegates to the County Convention to be held in this city next Saturday: M. C. Calloway, D. M. Cook, A. S. Powell, G. F. Simpson, William Smith, F. Parton, D. M. Thompson, G. H. Barber, Joseph Hannon was nominated for Justice of the Peace, and John McKnight for Constable.

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

We learn that Mr. Davenport is making a most successful campaign against Mr. Williams, and that he matches the legal quibbles and subterfuges of the latter by plain facts and unanswerable arguments as well as by pungent rejoinders.

THE Mercury said some time ago that Wm. M. Hand, the Independent candidate for State Printer, was not known to any great extent, but that paper is rather unfair in making the statement, as Mr. Hand has resided in Oregon for nineteen years past.

Letter from Grant County.

CANYON CITY, April 18th, 1874. MR. EDITOR: THE WINTER Just passed, will no doubt long be remembered throughout the North Pacific slope as one of severity; and while the general destruction among stock is not proportionately so great as during the winter of 1862, still some localities have suffered more, and the aggregate fatality among sheep and cattle even greater than of that inclement season of twelve years ago.

We have carefully noted the published accounts of losses throughout Northern California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and believe we are nearly correct in stating that at least ten per cent. of the whole number of sheep and cattle have died.

As yet in the midst of their spring cropping; but as the weather is fine, and the ground in the best of order, their work will be pushed with unabated activity to an early completion.

THE POLITICAL CONVENTIONS. Democratic, Republican, and Independent have met and adjourned; and as each has nominated a full county ticket, we have placed before us for our suffrages about thirty three candidates for office.

The heavy snows on the surrounding mountains, give promise to, OUR MINERS Of a prosperous season, so far at least, as water is necessary. Water has been turned into the large mining ditches and hydraulics

are on the hillsides and in the gulches. The auriferous QUARTZ LEDGES Of Elk creek were prospected the past Winter with favorable results. A considerable quantity of rock is now on hand ready for crushing, as soon as the ten stamp quartz mill of F. C. Horly is put in operation.

THE MALLIEUR RESERVATION. Passed through here a few days since, on his way to the Willamette, after his family, Maj. Crossen, of Camp Harney, had arrived at the Reserve with a detachment of soldiers before Mr. Linville left.

Next followed, in a speech to the Indians, but in which his remarks were particularly directed to Orche. He said: I am a war man, and am here ready to fight on the shortest notice.

That your readers may understand more fully the cause of the anticipated trouble, it is only necessary to state, that these Indians are divided into several bands, Orche claiming the leadership of one, and Egan, of the other. Orche is said to be low, cunning, treacherous, and unprincipled.

Interest of this valley. True we have but one traveling, or itinerant minister, Mr. Joslyn, but he is indefatigable in his "labor of love"; and is calculated to do much good in the cause of christianity.

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Value of Political Independence. A few years ago, when we were drunk on prosperity, it was announced "that a National debt was a National blessing;" and to-day I am happy to see this doctrine beautifully illustrated in the general uprising and harmonious union of the tax-payers all over the country.

Congressional Candidates at Eugene. EUGENE CITY, April 23d, 1874. The rival candidates for Congress, Davenport Independent, and Williams, Republican, spoke at the Court House in this city last night and as it was court week the audience was large with a fair presence of farmers who were attending court.

Stripped of its personalities and contemptible equivocations, Mr. Williams' harangue was a lamentable failure. His title, given him last fall by the Bulletin, was well established by his effort here. "Slippery Dick" may be his title for many a day to come. In answer to his charge of having

broken up the legislature in 1868, Davenport said: "Dick, you endorsed me, with the rest of the Republicans of Marion, at the next election in 1870. Why did you do so?"

Letter from Ohio.

MR. EDITOR: It may be interesting to you trans Rockies, to hear how our buckeyes winter has seen, which is something on this wise. Early in October a rainy season commenced, continuing until the 23d of said month, when an eight inch snowfall was very productive of criticisms upon the management of the weather.

Never since the pioneer experiences, has there been such scrambling for feed, especially that suited to the refined tastes of the swine family. Corn, usually a dull commodity, rates about seventy cts., and some are yet holding for the market to spring still five cents.

It would seem as if everything had got crossedlegged from climate to government. For the unanimous opinion is that omnipotence knows only when our Constitutional Convention will adjourn, to let the popular vote veto the results of all their drunken labors, and the days of Peter the hermit, have been outtrivalled by the Temperance crusaders, the Railroad strikers, and the Grangers.

AN OLD NORWEGIAN VESSEL.—EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY.—The Museum of the University of Christiania now possesses a remarkable relic of the Age of Iron; one of the vessels used by the Vikings for their practical cruises and descants on the coasts of France and England.

A STATE DINNER.—The state dinner at Windsor Castle in honor of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh has probably never been equalled for a display of gold plate.

The quantity of wheat and flour imported into the United Kingdom during the year 1873, was the greatest on record, being over 12,000,000 quarters, or 100,000,000 bushels.

DAIRYING IN MAINE.—A State Dairymen's Association has been organized in Maine. It is stated that 23 cheese factories were in operation in the State last year, and that there will be 60 the present season.

true patriot and philanthropist ought to rejoice to see us rising above our old prejudices. For the last four or five years all that was necessary for an aspirant to office to do was to declare himself a true partisan, work the wires of the caucus so as to get himself nominated, and his election was sure if his party succeeded.

FENDL SUTHERLIN. WILMOT, Oregon, April, 1874.

Philadelphia Wool Market.

(The following letter is handed us by Mr. Joseph Hoyt.) PHILADELPHIA, April 5, 1874.

Willamette Woolen Mills Co., Salem, Oregon: GENTS: We are in receipt of a copy of the Portland Commercial Reporter, having your stamp on. In the item Wool we note: "In all the Eastern markets a scarcity is reported, with an upward tendency at prices."

Yours truly, GREGG BROS.