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Salem, Friday, Dec. 15, 1876.
Canvassing the Presidential Vote.
The proposition or Senator Edmonds that an amendment tashe Constitution or tehe e nited states shall be immedi-
ated the several States, providing that the Supreme Courts of the United States shall canvas the votes of the Electoral College, and decide who is elected
President and Vice President, meeto with very general approval.
In this emergency, when polltical feelings run so high, and charges of fraud and corruption are made against all parties, it seems necessary that the
presidential question shall be decilded presidential question shanl be decided
by some tribunal removed as far as possible from merely partisan and secpossible from merely partissan and sec-
tional interests, and posessing the confdence of the people to a greater degree than do the two Hoases or Cogree than which are the known and
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ences.
Fortunately for the country the Su preme Court of the United States has and its members have neyer bee chosen for merely partisan services, Thosen ror appointed for hife and are
Tandoubtedly animated by the desire to undoubtedly animated by the desire to
command respect of the present and command respect of the present an
fature generations for the justness of Yature generations
thelr deceisions. The Chief Justice himself, though appointed during prominently known in politics, and is is certain that a number of the Judges have never been in sympathy with the
party now in power. All theso facts party now in power. All these facts
give ground for confidence that if the give ground for contidence that if the
present presidential Imbroglio could be present presidential imbrogito could be
sulmitted to the surpeme Court and the whole evidence sitted and consid-
ered by that digniffed and responsibile ered by that
body of tearned men, thay might ar-
rive ot sume conclusion that the people rive at some conclusion that the people
would willingly aceept as fair and impartial, and abide by as the legnal interpretation of the whole mattor. Even would acquiesce cheerfully, but the great myority of disinterested minds
would yield to their judgment of the law and the facts, with much more confidence than to any decision that could otherwise be arrived a. - The carrying out of this proposition to the National Constitution' and its immediate adoption by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States, and itis claimed that as the legislatures of most of the States will be soon in session the
Ifecison of these three-fourths of them ceufl te soon obtained. This result tulkhit not so easily be arrived at with the states, and it might necessitute an extra scssion in Oregon. White it is very doubtfulif the desired result can ing, or ir unaminity of netion can be had in Congress; it is still very eviden that tory solution of the present unhapey conditlon of national politics. Estimates for Public Works in Oregon. To the estimates frimuthed Congroes by
the seerotary of the Treauury, for Iutocous improvenuente the couing fisen year, and
other expenses, wo find the following:
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 dation or ts5,000 for civilization and subati thees numounts at can bo beecured they will do manch to develop cur corzmeree and add to
the productive capacity of the Columbtie river resion. Such appropriations are muet
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that does woodertul work. The expanding bucket, so-callesd, is wade of pure vulcaulz
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better. Wo have one tit use in our well work overly hatd, and docs throw an tm this puap, in a woll of umual depth, can io bo the water liting machine of groates. its faver is that its cost is loss than metal of water it can ralise will make it a favorite pump wite wate
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Oid-Time Orchards and Orchardiats.
With your permission, I propose, in
a few articles, to give some sketches of Orgon orchards and orchardists a they appeared twenty years ago, and
why not? Because apples are not king, as they were then, therefore it would not be interesting to write a history
that kingdom. Yet I am persaide that kingdom. Yo sam persuad orchardists, reflections upon varietie and soils, variations by twenty years experience, the introduction of ou therewith, and the shipment of our hrst crops, as these occurred to one wh
has been connected intimately fruit-raising, fruit-buying, and shipping, almost from its infancy-1 say ton, a picture, though crude in exeect
tionhaps with some mistake Is to dates and persons, (mistakes ondeavor to give impartial accounts aving no interest in any nursery
orchard; Oregon's interest is now $m$. nterest in this regard, and what I re mmend 1 do so from conviction, an hers nay have, I judge from experfence ther experiences. I think it would be interesting to many a one, and perhap when the red apples brought the dol lars to many a pocket in astonishing reality. O tempora! O -apples! And uppose Pomona had fled from Oregon nd had reared her throne in the snn ier clime of our big sister next door ot prospects are dawning that the Ches provinces, even if she can on e queen any more, for Ceres hat surped her throne.
In the autumn of 1853 , I arrived in Oregon, and camped near foster's, and here I saw the first Oregon apples-
zeedings they were, yet more than seedlings they were, yet more than
Yellow Newtowns they appeared then. As yexpressed as much in his orchard, Mr. Foster kindly gave me a couple o apples. $A$ fow years ago I again saw that orchard, or a part thereof, and it seemed flourishing, now about thirty
years old, The land is a rich, level but years old. The lanc is a rich, , evel, but
dry soil, not much cultivated of late, from appearances, as grain was growing on part of it, showing that apple sure and pre long enough to be for the rees appeared as though they would ve thirty years more.
Havtigg no frends in Oregon, and no particular aim, on coming to the forks
of the road, I (don't laugh!) made the of the road, I(don't thugh!) made the
oxen the oracle to guide us to our des Iny, gave them the choice of roads o Milwaukie and to an introduction to the oldest and largest orchard of cultivated fruit in its various varieties, a represented by apples, pears, cherries,
plums, grapes, quince, dc. The trees plums, grapes, quince, de. The trees
that constituted this orchard were that constuted
brought across the plains in wagons, as one-year grafts planted in boxes, growing all the way. This was done in 1817, and Henderson Luelling and William Meek, both from Iowa, were our first
nurserymen, and all the old orchards of the Willamette valley have their parentage in this orchard. The land the first gratted trees were set in, is a sec
ond terrace of bottom land, reclaimed from heavy furest, mostly rich soil some wet spots and some poor, and part stony, All was highly cultivated at that time by repeated plowings both ways, and spading about the trees, and hoeing throughout the summer, and
all the trees growing vigorously. Such was the orchard when I frst became acquainted with it, and we will see of it years after, how the trees fared on lisese differe
reatments.
In the spring of 18541 applied to Mr Neek for work in the orchard. He hes itated about givivg ne employment, a-
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Iy claim part of my time, they (Luel-
 men, but, upon representing that rerved by men of families than by single men, who would, in most cases a that time, go "home" with their earu-
tings in their pockets, and thus add nothing to Oregon's weath or population received work at 550 per month ed by Mr. Meek, who then went to California, selling the place to Miller. A Lambert. But Lam anticipating time, For much of interest in these sketches falls in the years between, and this in will partly describe in our uext.

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