Salem, Friday, Dec. 15, 1876.

Canvassing the Presidential Vote.

The proposition of Senator Edmonds that an amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be immediately submitted to the legislatures of 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, meets with very general approval.

In this emergency, when political feelings run so high, and charges of fraud and corruption are made against all parties, it seems necessary that the presidential question shall be decided by some tribunal removed as far as possible from merely partisan and sectional interests, and possessing the confidence of the people to a greater degree than do the two Houses of Congress, which are the known and positive expressions of partisan differ-

Fortunately for the country the Supreme Court of the United States has and its members have never been chosen for merely partisan services. Tacy are appointed for life and are and had reared her throne in the snnundoubtedly animated by the desire to nier clime of our big sister next door, command respect of the present and yet prospects are dawning that the future generations for the justness of goddess again may make Oregon one their decisions. The Chief Justice of her provinces, even if she can never himself, though appointed during a be queen any more, for Ceres has Republican administration, was never usurped her throne. prominently known in politics, and it is certain that a number of the Judges party now in power. All these facts give ground for confidence that if the present presidential imbroglio could be submitted to the Supreme Court and the whole evidence sifted and considered by that dignified and responsibile body of learned men, they might arrive at some conclusion that the people would willingly accept as fair and impartial, and abide by as the legal interpretation of the whole matter. Even then, we could not expect that all men would acquiesce cheerfully, but the great majority 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 at.

· The carrying out of this proposition requires the framing of an amendment tiny, gave them the choice of roads, to the National Constitution and its immediate adoption by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States, and it is claimed that as the legislatures of most of the States will be soon in session the decision of these three-fourths of them could be soon obtained. This result might not so easily be arrived at without calling extra sessions in some of ing, or if unaminity of action can be that it would afford the most satisfactory solution of the present unhappy condition of national politics.

Estimates for Public Works in Oregon

In the estimates furnished Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, for internal improvements the coming fiscal year, and other expenses, we find the following: Improvement at mouth of Columbia river, \$20, 000; Lower Willamette and Columbia from Portland to the sea, \$150,000; Upper Willam ette, \$45,000; Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, \$30,000; Canal at Cascades of Columbia, \$300,000; surveying public lands, \$45, 000; Indian service, \$40,000, also recommendation of \$25,000 for civilization and subsit ence of Indians at Malhuer reservation. If these amounts can be secured they will do much to develop our commerce and add to the productive capacity of the Columbia river region. Such appropriations are much needed and the granting of them would show that the advantages of this region are appreciated by the general government,

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Old-Time Crchards and Orchardists.

With your permission, I propose, in a few articles, to give some sketches of Oregon orchards and orchardists as 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 of that kingdom. Yet I am persuaded that a sketch of our early orchards and orchardists, reflections upon varieties and soils, variations by twenty years' experience, the introduction of our fruits, and many incidents connected therewith, and the shipment of our first crops, as these occurred to one who has been connected intimately with fruit-raising, fruit-buying, and shipping, almost from its infancy-I say, such a picture, though crude in execution, and perhaps with some mistakes as to dates and persons, (mistakes of the head, not of the heart,) as I shalf endeavor to give impartial accounts, having no interest in any nursery or orchard; Oregon's interest is now my interest in this regard, and what I recommend I do so from conviction, and what I judge, I judge from experience; others may have other convictions and other experiences. I think it would be interesting to many a one, and perhaps would again recall the days and times when the red apples brought the dolnever been a merely partisan tribunal, lars to many a pocket in astonishing reality. O tempora! O-apples! And suppose Pomona had fled from Oregon,

In the autumn of 1853, I arrived in Oregon, and camped near Foster's, and have never been in sympathy with the there I saw the first Oregon applesseedlings they were, yet more than Yellow Newtowns they appeared then. As I expressed as much in his orchard, Mr. Foster kindly gave me a couple of apples. A few 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 dry soil, not much cultivated of late, from appearances, as grain was growing on part of it, showing that apple trees will live long enough to be a pleasure and profit to our children, for the trees appeared as though they would live thirty years more.

Having no friends in Oregon, and no particular aim, on coming to the forks of the road, I (don't laugh!) made the oxen the oracle to guide us to our desand they turned square about and led to Milwaukie and to an introduction to the oldest and largest orchard of cultivated fruit in its various varieties, as represented by apples, pears, cherries, plums, grapes, quince, &c. The trees that constituted this orchard were brought across the plains in wagons, as one-year grafts planted in boxes, growthe States, and it might necessitate an ing all the way. This was done in 1817, extra session in Oregon. While it is and Henderson Luelling and William very doubtful if the desired result can Meek, both from Iowa, were our first be arrived at in the brief time remain- nurserymen, and all the old orchards of the Willamette valley have their pa had in Congress; it is still very evident | rentage in this orchard. The land the first grafted trees were set in, is a second terrace of bottom land, reclaimed from heavy forest, mostly rich soil, some wet spots and some poor, and a part stony. All was highly cultivated at that time by repeated plowings both ways, and spading about the trees, and booding throughout the summer, and booding throughout the summer, and hoeing throughout the summer, and all the trees growing vigorously. Such was the orchard when I first became acquainted with it, and we will see, further on, after I came in possession of it years after, how the trees fared on these different soils, and locations and treatments.

In the spring of 1854 I applied to Mr. Meek for work in the orchard. He hesitated about giving me employment, as I had a family, which would necessarily claim part of my time, they (Luclling & Meek) employing only single men, but, upon representing that Oregon's interest was more and better served by men of families than by single men, who would, in most cases at that time, go "home" with their earnings in their pockets, and thus add nothing to Oregon's wealth or population, I received work at \$50 per month and board, end for six years I was employed by Mr. Meek, who then went to California, selling the place to Miller & Lambert. But Lam anticipating time, for much of interest in these sketches falls in the years between, and this we will partly describe in our next.

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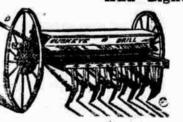


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