

# The Democratic News.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB'Y 5, 1870.

## Democratic State Convention.

By virtue of the action of the Democratic State Convention, which was held at Portland, on Thursday, March 19th, 1868, and of the Democratic State Central Committee, which was held at the same place, on Jan. 8th, 1870, the Democratic State Convention will be held at

**Albany, on Wednesday, the 23d day of March, 1870.**

at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of nominating Governor, Member of Congress, Secretary of State, Treasurer, State Printer, Judge of Second District, Judge of Third District, and Judge of Fifth District, to be supported at the next June election.

By order of said Committee, representation to said Convention was based on the vote cast for Democratic Congressman at the last election, giving to each county one delegate for every seventy-five Democratic votes cast, and one delegate for every fraction of thirty-eight and over, but allowing each county at least one delegate therein; which rule of apportionment will give to the several counties the following number of delegates, to-wit:

Benton	7
Baker	8
Clackamas	8
Clatsop	1
Columbia	3
Curry	1
Douglas	2
Grant	2
Jackson	11
Josephine	2
Lane	11
Linn	17
Marion	14
Multnomah	16
Tillamook	9
Umatilla	7
Union	7
Washington	4
Wasco	6
Yamhill	8
Total	58

The time for holding the County Conventions to elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention, was left by the Committee to the several County Committees, whose duty it will be to provide therefor.

The Committee would respectfully urge prompt action on the part of the Democracy of the several counties.

L. F. GROVER,  
Chairman.  
V. TREVITT,  
Secretary.

**Judge Jacobs.**—A correspondent of the *Commercial*, referring to the late term of Court at Vancouver, says of our former townsman, Hon. O. Jacobs:

Judge Jacobs gave perfect satisfaction, and is very highly spoken of. A complimentary supper was given him on Tuesday evening, at the Pacific Hotel, by members of the bar.

And says the *Statesman*:  
We met Judge Jacobs in Portland the other day. He has been holding Court at Vancouver but makes his residence at Seattle. The Judge takes kindly to his new field of labor, and is winning the esteem and good opinion of the people of that Territory.

Judge Jacobs' friends here are not surprised to learn that he is winning friends in Washington Territory. He has a host of them in this County, among both political parties. Jacobs' confounded saddle-colored politics is the only bad thing about him.

"The United States hadn't even a row-boat amid the forests of shipping at the opening of the Suez Canal."

Grant and his family, and his Secretaries and their families use the national vessels for pleasure yachts, and, of course, they could not be spared for the great occasion. The President was invited to be present, and international courtesy as well as national pride should have prompted him to have sent at least one of the finest vessels of that Navy which has cost the people so much money, and about which there is such an inordinate amount of bragging, to vie with the splendid fleets of the European maritime powers. England, Russia, the North German Confederation, Austria, Spain, Italy, France, and every power of maritime importance, except the United States, was represented. This speaks well for the courtesy, not to say national pride, of our President.

Under the head of personal, the Washington correspondent of the *Evening Journal*, mentions that Mr. D. P. Thompson received a check on the Treasury last week for surveying amounting to \$15,983 83.

That amount was received for surveying really done for the recently Oregon Central Military Road and Land Grabbing Co., instead of the U. S. Government. Why don't Panga pay for his own surveys, instead of stealing the price of them, as well as the land itself from the Government?

**Accusation.**—We are deeply pained to learn from the *Herald*, that on the evening of the 28th of January, R. J. Ladd, of Portland, was caught in the bolting of Stinson & Roger's saw mill, and terribly mangled; his face and ribs crushed, and left arm reduced to a pulp. The arm has been amputated a few inches below the shoulder. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

## Shipley, Owen and Reames.

When Mr. Dowell intends to astonish the natives again, by the publication of a remarkable article as that having the above head in the last *Sentinel*, we wish, in mercy to obtuse individuals like himself, he would send an interpreter along, or, at least publish a key, whereby we might unravel the mysteries of his lucubrations. We have never heretofore, referred to Mr. Dowell's persistently malicious and mendacious accounts of the Shipley, Owen, or the Jackson-Owen affairs, partly, because one, at least, of these causes is pending before the Court for trial; and we do not believe that the press should seek to influence public opinion by its comments under these circumstances; and partly because Dowell's statements were so palpably false in its main points, and his standing was so well known and recognized here, that no refutation was deemed necessary. As the paid Attorney for the prosecution in the case of the State vs. Owen, now on the calendar for trial, at the next term of the Circuit Court (next Monday week)—motives of delicacy and professional respect, would have dictated to any other man but Mr. Dowell, the propriety of abstaining from making his newspaper a vehicle for the abuse of the opposing litigants, and the exaltation of his clients, by the publication of slanderous and distorted statements of the affair; especially when no apparent reasons exist for such publication on the eve of the term. Mr. Dowell, however, is well known to enjoy a happy freedom from the restraints which self-respect, and a sense of propriety, imposes on all gentlemen; and also a blissful ignorance of that code of professional etiquette, which is especially recognized and respected by every lawyer above the grade of a Tombs "shyster"—but we digress. What we desired to know,—and we hope Mr. Dowell will enlighten us,—is, what does he mean by the following:

"About a year ago, Shipley married another good girl, who belonged to one of the largest and most respectable families in our city; and ever since, Shipley, at least, has not meddled with Owen's gallantry, yet, he is still single."

Now, we want to know if Mr. Dowell means just what the structure of the above sentence implies, that is, that Mr. Shipley has bigamous proclivities? If so, for the benefit of persons unacquainted with the parties, we desire to state that Mr. Shipley is entirely free of any suspicion of such a thing; and that Mr. Dowell's obscure English must not be so construed as to create any such inference. We do not think that Mr. Shipley deserves any special credit for abstaining from meddling with Owen, or any other person's gallantries, since he assumed the grave responsibilities of a Benedict. It would be very naughty, indeed, if he did otherwise. But, we became hopelessly demoralized when we come to—"yet he is still single." Who is the "he" that is "still single." Is it Mr. Shipley, accused in the same sentence of bigamous proclivities, that is "still single," or, is it Mr. Owen? We are lost in a maze of doubt as to the particular "he" meant. It must be Owen, however, (although this construction violates the rules of the venerable Lindley Murray), as we do not readily see how a man accused of bigamy could very well be "still single." It appears to us that he would be *doublet* too much.

The whole of this delightful composition, in which Cupid and Mars figure, and Momus has no inconsiderable share, abounds in the most bewildering allusions and references; keeping the reader's brain strained to its utmost tension, in a vain effort to understand that which, to the finite mind, is utterly incomprehensible. This is high art. This is the same of literary success. To take only one illustration out of the many that could be cited. Ninety-nine readers out of a hundred unacquainted with the facts, would imagine that Mr. Shipley was saved from the Penitentiary by marrying into a respectable family. How his marriage proved the salvation of his liberty, is what every one would like to know, and that is precisely what nobody can understand. To quote the language of the illustrious Mr. Squyers, "here is richness for you." Those of us conversant with the facts, know very well that Mr. Shipley's marriage had nothing to do with his law troubles; and cannot comprehend why any allusion is made to either his wife, or any other lady; but the impossibility of comprehending the reason why they are dragged in, constitutes the point of the article, we suppose—at least, we can imagine no other. Talleyrand said, "language was invented to conceal ideas, not to express them." Tried by Talleyrand's rule, Mr. Dowell has succeeded admirably—remarkably.

We have been deeply impressed while reading Mr. Dowell's eminently lucid and interesting article, with the thought of what a magnificent novelist was lost to American literature, when Mr. Dowell became a packer of butter, and a practitioner of law. The skill with which he has wrought up the romantic elements in this little episode; the graphic manner in which he has described the thrilling scenes with which it abounds; the pathos with which he sketches the agony which would attend the separation of husband and wife (now happily averted, thank God!); that lucid and splendid diction, so eminently Dowellian; united with his natural instincts and vivid imagination, conspire to make the best combination of material for a writer of fiction the world ever saw. It may be said that, that beautiful thought so well expressed in Mr. Dowell's article, "as twines the ivy around the sturdy oak, so clings the daughter and mother to her father and husband," was stolen from Washington Irving's sketch, "The Wife." We are happily to have an opportunity of refuting the slander. In "The Wife," the idea is thus expressed: "As the vine, which has long twined its graceful foliage about the oak, and been lifted

by it into sunshine, will, when the hardy plant is rifted by the thunderbolt, cling, &c." Now we think that Mr. Dowell's translation of the idea into words is much the more beautiful. There is a certain identity of thought and language in the two quotations, it is true; but Mr. Dowell must not, therefore, by any means be charged with plagiarism, notwithstanding Irving got his idea into print first. We all know "great minds agree;" and it is not a very violent presumption to entertain, that there was a similarity in the thoughts of Irving, and a greater writer of fiction than ever he was, or "any other man." We take our leave of this subject with great regret; it affords a pleasing field of thought, although to our surprise, we hear that all of the persons whose cause Mr. Dowell espouses with such ardor; and in whose defence he employs such vast erudition, fastidious taste, profound discrimination, and melting pathos, exhibit the bad taste, to be disgusted at the antics of their champion, and storm the battlements of Heaven daily, with petitions for deliverance from friends and defenders of the Dowellian model.

## State News.

### Roseburg.

[Ensign, January 29th.]

A private letter from E. Gilbert, Esq., of Goose Lake Valley, dated January 2d, says the settlers are highly pleased with the country and the climate. Snow is only three inches in depth, and stock is generally doing well.

We are informed that a protracted meeting has been held for some time past, at Willbur. Much interest has been manifested, and several conversions have been made during its progress.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Douglas County Agricultural Society were executed on the 22d inst., and have been filed according to law. The following named gentlemen are incorporators: Jesse N. Barker, Thos. Smith, David Bushey and Fendel Sutherland. The capital stock of the Society is \$2,500, with the privilege of increasing the same to \$5,000. The capital stock embraces one hundred shares of \$25 each. The principal office or place of business of the Society will be at Roseburg. So far as we have heard from the effort that is being made to get the stock taken, it has met with good success, and there is no reason to doubt that the entire amount will be readily subscribed. The farmers of this county have long been wide awake to the advantages of such an organization, and now that the Society is incorporated, and nothing remains to make it successful but to give it their support, we feel assured that this will be readily given.

A gentleman who resides near the mouth of the river, brought the first reliable news of the movements of this new steamer—the Swan. She left Gardner City on Thursday of last week, on her trial trip. Two rudders were broken on Friday, which made it necessary to lay over one day at Sawyer's and, on the following day,—Sunday,—arrived at the lower ferry, 22 miles from Scottsburg. Not deeming it prudent to attempt to proceed further, on the existing stage of water, Captain Haun laid over till Tuesday, and started on his return trip. The boat is said to work well, and when the water is high enough to justify it, the effort will be made to bring her up to this place.

### Corvallis.

[Mercury, January 26th.]

The students of the Corvallis College have a debating society called the Adelpian. I. W. Berry, (of Jacksonville), is President.

We have to announce that we have ascertained the whereabouts of the "meanest man" in the State of Oregon, and that he lives in Corvallis, the proof of all of which transpired thus: Ye "meanest man" has a wife—pity—and in the course of events those episodes transpire which have from time immemorial gladdened the households of the best and worst of our race. Well, upon occasions like this, a lady visited the abode of "ye meanest man" with sundry delicacies to tempt the palate and lure the sick one back to health again, and thereupon ye "meanest man" emptied the same into the street, and stamped the vessel and contents into the mud.

The other day a gentleman of this city was informed that Ben. Simpson argues that it is "business" with him to manipulate elections in this county, when he replied that he was in favor of making it "d—d hot" "business" for him.

The Directors of the W. F. Co. have selected a spot near Messrs. Harris & Robinson's saw mill, in this city, on which to construct their boats. Men are now engaged on the new hull which will be ready to launch inside of 70 days.

The "stem" for the new boat now building was furnished at Monroe, and brought down on the *Am* on Saturday last.

A fire occurred on Monday night last in the building known as Graves, old hotel, which would, but for the wet state of the roof of said building, have proved a serious affair. The roof caught from a stove pipe. Do the city Fathers prescribe fines for buildings in the city, and if so what kind?

At the northern base of the Siskiyou mountain is a toll gate formerly in charge of one of the numerous Applegates of Oregon. A sign, "toll" gate reminds the traveler that here is something to pay but there is nothing remarkable in all this. The spelling which greets the eye is where the rub comes in.

President McCully, of the P. T. Co., has written a letter to Maj. Bruce which abounds in the dirtiest style of Billingsgate. The letter concludes with a fling at the *MERCURY*. The Maj. is assailed as a falsifier. Those who know Maj. Bruce

know him to be an honest, truthful and honorable gentleman, and we apprehend that all the minions of the P. T. Co. can say of him to the contrary will be considered in the light it deserves to be by his extensive acquaintance in Oregon.

## Marion county.

[Statesman, January 26th.]

Some time ago the *Oregonian* published an account of a family of 68 persons, as a pretty large family. There is in Yamhill county a family which can almost double that number. We have received some facts from one of the members of this family, from which we compile the following: Samuel Laughlin, who was born in South Carolina in 1791, moved to Missouri in 1823 and thence to Oregon in 1847. He was twice married in Missouri, and had by each wife seven children; in all seven boys and seven girls, of whom twelve are living, eleven of them in Oregon. They are: James M., aged 52, who has 12 children; John, aged 48, has 12 children; Alfred, aged 46, has 7 children; Rachael Hutt, aged 43, has 9 children; Robert R., aged 41, has 1 child; William, aged 39, has 6 children; Lee, aged 37; Samuel D., aged 34, has 4 children; Delia Smith, aged 32, has 7 children; Nancy Capps, aged 30, has 3 children; Lucinda Sappington, aged 26, has 6 children. Twelve of the grandchildren are married and have 17 children of the fourth generation. Altogether, the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and the husbands and wives of the married ones, there are living in Oregon 128 persons of the family of this patriarch. In the family there are 22 voters, all but 29 of them Democrats. They lived on slave soil until coming to Oregon, but were always in favor of freedom, and have been active members of the Republican party (?) since its formation. In addition to the number in Oregon, there is the family of Sasannah Hamilton, in Missouri, who has six grown up children; the number of great-grandchildren is not stated.

The river, which has been rising for some days, and threatened to become larger than necessary for shippers, took a turn about noon yesterday and by night had fallen several inches.

Owing to the high water and swift current of the river, the steam ferry boat lands now at the mouth of the creek instead of below the wharf, as she usually does.

The Good Templars, of this city, intend giving a grand Literary and Musical entertainment on the evening of the 14th. A post office for the distribution of Valentines will be one of the features.

We are informed that the ceremony of Ordination was performed at the Christian Church on Sunday last, Gov. Woods, who has held the position of Deacon in the Church, was ordained Elder, according to the scriptural rite. This order in the Christian Church has the same signification that is commonly attached to the title Minister or Reverend, which they eschew.

J. M. Coulter has finished his new brick store on the corner of Commercial and Chemeketa streets. The finishing touches were put on the inside woodwork last evening, and to-day Mr. Coulter will commence moving in.

The Capitol Lumbering Company has suspended for repairs. It seems a log got the rest of them and went down the ways with such force as to smash things a little, and the work will need to be done below where the water now is, so that they must wait for a fall in the river.

[Press, Jan. 26th.]

The raise of the river about two o'clock yesterday morning, made it necessary to move a large lot of freight in the Salem Wharf Warehouse. It was all disposed of in time to prevent damage.

The stage going south from here will leave, hereafter, between five and six o'clock, p. m. Correspondents will therefore take care to have their letters, intended for the south, in the office by three p. m.

A Convocation of the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church will be held at McMinnville, under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Morris, commencing on Friday the 28th and continuing over Sunday.

The subject of forming a Board of Trade is being agitated in Portland.

A man named Andrew Daeker, says the *Oregonian*, has been missing for several days. It is feared that he has been foully dealt with, as he had a considerable sum of money on his person when last seen.

From a gentleman who came down the river yesterday, we learn that the Long Tom country is under water, and that travel through that country is out of the question. The Willamette is out of its banks in many localities.

Yesterday afternoon the Salem ferry boat, met with a slight accident while crossing the river, which might have been serious. One of the "Aprons" to the boat was rather low, and when the rapid current of the river was entered, the water caught the end of the apron and began piling upon the boat, when a support to the apron gave way, by which time the boat was righted and came safely to shore. The damage was trifling, and the boat made her trips without much delay.

**REPUBLICAN FIGURES.**—The following are the calculations upon which the Republican party in Oregon enter upon the spring campaign:

**Republican Counties.**—Marion, 7; Douglas, Coos and Curry, 8; Benton, 3; Yamhill, 3; Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook, 4; Multnomah, 6; Clackamas, 4; Grant, 3—being 36 votes on joint ballot.

**Democratic Counties.**—Linn, 7; Lane, 5; Jackson, 4; Josephine, 2; Polk, 4; Wasco, 3; Baker, 2; Umatilla, 3; Union, 3—making 33 votes on joint ballot.

This is pretty close figuring to go in a canvass upon, and shows that the campaign is to be contested for all that "is in sight."—*Commercial*.

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Nov. 6th, 1869.

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## LAST CALL.

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J. M. SUTTON.

Dec. 4th, 1869.

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Nov. 20th, 1869.

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