

as a basis of their operations the provisions of the bill, or of such other enactments on the subject as might be passed during the approaching session of Congress; also, to use their influence to secure from the French Government a modification of their concession, so as to permit the landing upon French soil of a cable belonging to any company incorporated by authority of the United States or any State in the United States, and on their part not to oppose the establishment of any such cable. In consideration of this agreement, I directed the withdrawal of all opposition by the United States authorities to the landing of the cable and the working of it until the meeting of Congress. I regret to say there has been no modification in the Company's concession, nor, so far as I can learn, have they attempted to secure one. Their concession excludes the capital and the citizens of the United States from competition upon the shores of France. I recommend legislation to protect the rights of citizens of the United States, as well as the dignity and sovereignty of the nation against such an assumption. I shall also endeavor to secure by negotiations an abandonment of the principle of monopolies in ocean telegraphing cables. Copies of this correspondence are herewith furnished.

[To be concluded next week.]

## POLK COUNTY TIMES.

### COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

DALLAS, SATURDAY, DEC 18

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FRANK R. STUART, Pub'r "Times."

**MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.**  
 The Democratic Central Committee of the State of Oregon is hereby requested to meet at the city of Portland, in said State, on **Saturday, the 8th day of January** next, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the purpose of appointing the time and manner of holding a Democratic State Convention, preparatory to next June election, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said Committee.

Said Committee is composed as follows:

J. C. Hawthorne	Multnomah
A. S. Hedges	Clackamas
W. S. Scoggin	Washington
A. S. Newby	Yamhill
George R. Helm	Linn
J. C. Avery	Benton
Benjamin Hayden	Polk
John Whiteaker	Lane
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T. H. B. Shipley	Jackson
David Randall	Josephine
George Knox	Columbia
John Adair	Clatsop
Dr. Davis	Tillamook
Samuel Johnson	Umatilla
James H. Shinn	Baker
Victor Trevitt	Wasco
E. S. McComas	Union
Isaac Hare	Grant
D. J. Lowe	Coose
— Jones	Curry
L. F. Grover	Wagon

A general attendance is urged upon the members of the Committee.  
 L. F. GROVER, Chairman.

OUR Road Supervisor threatens seriously to improve the condition of Main street, opposite our office, the coming week. It doesn't scare us a bit,

### A FABLE AND ITS APPLICATION

The inimitable *Æsop* informs us that a Satyr once found a benumbed traveler in the forest, and invited him to his cave in the hollow of a rock, where he had a roaring fire. As soon as the traveler was seated he commenced blowing his chilled hands, for the purpose, as he informed the Satyr when questioned by him, of warming them. The honest sylvan admired a man who possessed so valuable a quality as that of blowing heat, and therefore resolved to entertain him in the highest style of his rude hospitality. He spread the table with all sorts of dried fruits and brought out some old cordial wines, which, after mulling with warm spices and infusing over the fire, he set before his guest. This potentia the traveler saw fit to blow likewise, for the purpose, as he told the wondering Satyr, of cooling it so that he could drink it. This was too much for the Satyr, who took the traveler by the shoulder and thrust him out of doors, declaring he would have nothing to do with a wretch who had so vile a quality as to blow hot and cold with the same mouth. We were forcibly reminded of this fable by reading the Salem Press of the 27th ult. Its leading article was headed "Policy vs. Principle," and so far as it was anything positive about it, so far it taught that we should not sacrifice principle at the beck of policy. This was blowing heat. In the same issue was a covert attack at a leading article of ours of the 13th ult. which inculcated the self-same doctrine. This was blowing cold. The Press possessors, we are compelled to say, that vice or virtue is a charm. As to its effort to antagonize us with our esteemed Mouth correspondent, it was a total failure. Both our correspondent and ourself contended for straight out Democracy. Does the Press deem Salmon P. Chase a Democrat? Or does it deem Horatio Seymour sound, who favored Chase's nomination at the hands of the Democratic party? Will the Press answer?

**A NEW JUDICIARY.**  
 Some weeks ago, as our readers will recollect, it was telegraphed that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had decided that "farmers who go to market and sell produce are to be considered brokers and pay a special tax." Mr. Gradwohl of Albany, Oregon, wrote to the internal revenue collector at Portland concerning this matter, and is answered by "George H. Belden, Deputy Collector of Oregon," "that when a farmer sells only the produce of his own farm from his own wagon he is not required to take a license." Now when did either of these upstart Federal functionaries acquire these judicial prerogatives which they flaunt so flippantly before the face of American freemen? Did our people ever consider the fact that in numberless instances these internal revenue officers have arrogated judicial powers and have issued their decrees, which have been as binding, though not as unchanging, as the laws of the Medes and Persians? The gross outrage which has been perpetrated for the past three years on this coast, of reckoning incomes on a greenback basis, for the sole purpose of extorting more taxes, has been exercised without warrant of right or law, and only by the assumed ruling of a Department clerk at Washington. Now, "in the names of all the gods on earth," we would ask how much longer will American freemen stand such assumptions and outrages? If we possessed one single iota of the spirit of our patriotic ancestry of the Revolution, these internal revenue officers would resign their commissions or share the same fate the stamp tax officers of the Crown did about a century ago. When these Federal revenue upstarts all over the land begin to assume judicial prerogatives, it is high time the people should take them by their coat collars and make them turn one or two healthy somersaults until they found their proper place.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** crowds out our usual variety of reading matter. We were afraid to give it all at once lest it should prove too strong a dose for our readers. The concluding portion, with editorial comments, will appear in next issue.

A Polk county correspondent of the Statesman, who signs himself "Dallas," will be stirred up with a long pole next week.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### County Affairs.

The official acts of public officers are subject to, and should receive the attention of, every voter; but those in authority should not be unjustly judged. Much has been said about the action of our County Court in the allowance and disallowance of claims presented at its last term against the county, which, if right, ought to be approved, and if wrong ought to be condemned.

For instance, in the matter of the inquisition of the coroner's jury upon the body of Jennie Boice, the following bills were allowed to various persons: Physicians, \$425!! E. C. Mason, for keeping dead body, etc., \$32! J. L. Collins, Coroner's Clerk, \$38 50!—Mr. Collins being one of two who made this allowance—while Mr. Hayden, who was employed by the Coroner, and who did conduct the examination, was allowed nothing!! only for the reason, we opine, that he was not in a situation to allow his own account.

Again; Ray Kimes was allowed \$5 for sweeping the court house, etc., the first charge ever presented to Polk county for a like service. He being a "brother-in-law" of Mr. Collins, of course it is explained; while the charge of \$1 50 for oil and candles furnished the jail was rejected, for the only reason, as we suspect, that the jailor was not on the auditing board, or else, that he was not related by affinity or consanguinity to any part of the Court.

These are a few of the many acts of which the people do, and have a right to complain. They see that those in authority "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel."

But they *want* to pay just demands, but not unjust ones. They are not disposed to "skriggle" on the points of law.

VITI.

#### From Washington Territory.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 13, 1869.

EDITOR TIMES:—A great many questions of interest have agitated the mind of our very intelligent community since my last. The Legislature has been adjourned for some weeks past. Considerable business was transacted during its sitting, a great deal of which was, in my opinion, of vast importance. But our Cromwellian Executive could not see it in that light; per se, per se, he exercised his prerogative power of vetoing to its fullest extent. But while this may be in part good, we cannot but see that it is fraught with some evil. The assiduously bestowed labor of years past in the codification of our laws did not receive the cool consideration and judgment that is becoming a consistent Executive, though on the other hand it might have been egregiously modified by the action of the majority of the House. But consistency has lost all of its virtue since the Garfield faction has been running the machine. A great number of the important bills and codification laws could have been passed by a conciliation of all parties, and if that would not have won, most of them could have been passed over the veto upon separate consideration. But for the sake of a Garfield triumph over the Governor the Radicals were inclined to ignore the interests of the people or subvert them to party interests, and in consequence our people are no more benefited than if such a session had never been heard of. The conduct of the members of the Council has been most humiliating and disgraceful. The Speaker has often resorted to the subterfuge of leaving the chair and running from the chamber to break a quarrel. There is one consolation, however: an act was passed giving the people the privilege of election for both branches every two years, and if they wish such versatile material to represent them, all right.

The new steamer Olympia has arrived and is plying between the various ports of the "finest body of water the world ever saw." The new boat surpasses the expectations of all. It is no doubt the finest piece of naval architecture on the Pacific coast, and well deserves the patronage it is receiving. It is commanded by the enterprising Capt. Finch. We hope ere many days to take a ride down the Sound, and will then be able to tell you more about it.

The Supreme Court is in session at present. There is not a very full docket for this session. The most important case is that of Toby vs. Oppen-

heim et al., for false imprisonment. Judgment was formerly rendered for defendant, in the Third Judicial District, for \$5,000 damages; but on appeal, it was carried to the Supreme Court of the Territory. Among the members of the bar present we see our friends Messrs. Thayer and Freidenrich, of Portland, taking a conspicuous part in the Court proceedings.

The weather has been unusually rainy. I don't think we have had a dry day for a month and still it comes. The telegraph embroglio is settled. The line will continue for the present any way. The merchants in town have proffered aid, and so there will be no interruption. So long. J. H.

#### MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

DALLAS, Dec. 18, 1869.

The Democratic County Committee of Polk county met pursuant to call of the chairman. After being called to order, on motion, Mr. D. J. Holmes was appointed Secretary.

On motion, Mr. Myer of Dallas presented a resolution providing for the appointment of sub-committees in each precinct, with specific duties, which was unanimously adopted.

It was moved and carried that the precincts unrepresented in the County Committee—Bethel, Buena Vista, Dixie and Bridgeport—be requested to elect and report immediately to the Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to inform the sub-committees selected for the unrepresented precincts of their said appointment.

On motion of Mr. Ira F. M. Butler, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Democracy of Polk county are a unit; and that all attempts on the part of street bumpers, irresponsible letter-writers, or unprincipled newspaper scribblers, in or out of the county, to create the impression, either at home or abroad, that the Democracy of Polk is divided—is false in fact, a slander upon the party, and merits the condemnation of all who desire the success of Democratic principles.

On motion, the minutes of the Committee were ordered published in the POLK COUNTY TIMES, with a request that all Democratic papers copy.

On motion, adjourned subject to call of the Chairman.

BENJ. HAYDEN, Ch'n.  
 D. J. HOLMES, Sec'y.

THE Courier of Louisville says: One of our Democratic exchanges is angry with us, because, as he alleges, "it is the duty of the Democratic press to lay it on the Radicals late and early," and he sets us the example by adding that "they are all a pack of liars, thieves, scoundrels, blackguards and swindlers." This is not exactly our mode of laying it on, and we take leave to suggest to our critic a little anecdote, which he will find in Plutarch. A Persian soldier was heard reviling Alexander. His commanding officer rebuked him "Sir," quoth he, "you are engaged to fight Alexander, not to rail at him."

Dr. CHANCE will remain in Dallas until Wednesday next. This will be the last chance to have dental work performed this year of our Lord.

SCROFULA is a latent or infection in the human organism which weakens the vital forces, and disorders or disarranges the functions of the whole system. This latent or infection is most usually hereditary in the constitution, but it may also arise from habits of life, unwholesome food, etc. In time, if this disease does not show itself in an ulcerous or tubercular form, it induces those other diseases, such as consumption, ulcerations of the liver, stomach and kidneys, salt rheum, dropsy, etc. The best remedy ever discovered is "Dr. Walker's VEGETABLE VISCERAL BITTERS." It will cure the disease if not too far advanced, and will eradicate the cause.

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**NOTICE.**  
 DR. JESSUP HAVING DETERMINED to remove from Dallas, he would inform his friends that he will hereafter be found in Salem. He has placed his books and accounts in the hands of Jas. McCain, Attorney at Law, Dallas, Oregon, for collection. Those knowing themselves indebted to him will please call upon Mr. McCain and settle their accounts.  
 S. R. JESSUP, M. D.  
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**RAGS WANTED.**  
 THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE PAID for all sorts of Cotton and Linen Rags, Old Ropes, Gunnie, etc. by  
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**Dissolution Notice.**  
 THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between L. Vineyard and J. H. Turner, in the law firm of Vineyard & Turner, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Business will be continued at the office of the late firm by J. H. Turner.  
 J. H. TURNER.  
 Dallas, Dec. 9, 1869.

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**Call and See Me.**  
 Don't Forget the Chickamly.  
 J. H. LEWIS.  
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**To Whom I May Concern.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons not to harbor or in any way credit Elizabeth Adeline Bailey, as I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract.  
 GEORGE BAILEY, of Lane Co., Dallas, Polk Co., Nov. 4, 1869. 27

**SALT.—CARMEN ISLAND AND LIVERPOOL** Salt, in quantities to suit, at  
 COX & BARHART'S, Salem.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POLK County, State of Oregon, in the matter of the estate of Aaron Chamberlain, deceased, Catherine Chamberlain, administratrix of said estate, having filed her final account in said Court praying a final settlement of the same, and that she be discharged from further liability as such administratrix. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate, that the said application will be heard and determined at the Court House in Dallas, Monday, the third day of January, A. D. 1870.  
 J. L. COLLINS, Co. Judge.  
 Dallas, Dec. 11th, 1869. 33

### Administrator's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN duly appointed Administrator of the estate of Benja. Crosby, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment immediately; and those having claims against the estate will present them to me with the proper vouchers, at my residence, in Polk county, for adjustment, within six months from the date hereof  
 SOLOMON TETHEROW, Jr.  
 Dec. 11th, 1869. 33

### Administrator's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN duly appointed Administrator of the estate of J. M. Rose, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment immediately; and those having claims against the estate will present them to me with the proper vouchers, at my residence, in Polk county, for adjustment, within six months from the date hereof.  
 W. M. CHURCHILL, Admin'r.  
 Dec. 11th, 1869-33

### Notice to Creditors.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of David Burden, late of Polk county, Oregon, deceased, therefore all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to me; and all persons having claims against the same are required to present them to me, at my residence in said county, within six months from the date hereof.  
 W. BURDEN, Admin'r.  
 Grande Ronde, Polk Co., Nov. 20, A. D. 1869.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POLK County, State of Oregon, in the matter of the estate of Catharine Scott, deceased, G. B. Riggs, Administrator, having filed his final account in said Court praying a final settlement of the same, and that he be discharged from further liability as such administrator. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate, that the said application will be heard and determined at the Court House in Dallas, on Monday, the 3d day of January, A. D. 1870.  
 J. L. COLLINS, Co. Judge.  
 Nov. 20, 1869. 30-4

### Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POLK County, State of Oregon, in the matter of the estate of Michael Last, deceased, Isaac M. Simpson, administrator of said estate, having filed his final account in said Court, praying a final settlement of the same, and that he be discharged from further liability as such administrator. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate, that the said application will be heard and determined at the Court House in Dallas, on Monday, the 24 day of January, A. D. 1869.  
 J. L. COLLINS, Co. Judge.  
 Nov. 20, 1869. 30-4

### Notice of Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POLK County, State of Oregon, in the matter of the estate of John Fawk, deceased, James Fawk, administrator, with will annexed, of said estate, having filed his final account in said Court praying a final settlement of the same, and that he be discharged from further liability as such administrator. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate, that the said application will be heard and determined at the Court House in Dallas, on Monday, the 5th day of December, A. D. 1869.  
 J. L. COLLINS, Co. Judge.  
 Nov. 2, 1869. 28-4

### Dissolution Notice.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between W. S. James and T. F. Hoover, in the Dallas Hotel, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. T. F. Hoover continues in the business and assumes the payment of partnership indebtedness, and will receive payment of all accounts due said firm.  
 W. S. JAMES,  
 T. F. HOVER.  
 Dallas, Dec. 10, 1869. 33

### CITATION.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POLK County, State of Oregon, in the matter of the estate of Joseph J. Armstrong, deceased, To Alia A. Campbell, James Armstrong, Emily Wolf, b. s. and James I. Thompson, Guardian ad litem of Lafayette Armstrong, Amelia Ann Armstrong and Charles W. Armstrong, minor heirs of said deceased,—in the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear in said Court on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, A. D. 1870, and show cause, if any you have, why the application of J. G. Campbell, administrator of the estate of said deceased, to sell the southwest 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section two; the northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of section three; the northwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of section ten; and the northwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 of section eleven, in township 6 south, range 4 west, Polk county, Oregon, should not be granted. And you are hereby further notified that if you fail so to appear and make your objections, for want thereof, said application will be granted.

By order of said Court, made Dec. 6, 1869.  
 Witness my hand and seal of said Court.  
 J. L. THOMPSON, Clerk.  
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