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The publication day of the Sig-MAL is changed to Tuesday ...

The Unionist mentions a "rumor" that Beriah Brown is about to start a paper in Salem with the SIGNAL material. There is not a word of truth in the statement. The Oregonian copics the item. Will both of these papers set the matter right? We think that neither of them would wilfully injure the business of our paper which they most know will suffer to some extent by statements concerning it like the above going abroad uncontradicted. The S1G-NAL is a fixed institution of Poll county, and if a paper is started in Salem it it will not be done with a dime's worth of our material.

"OREGON REDEEMED" STILL.-A countryman came into Dallas not long since, and, hearing for the first time that Seymour had carried Oregon, said he would bet ten dollars that it was a . Cop perhead lie.' Of course he got his "pile" covered in short order. The next thing in order was to produce the proof. The Democrat brought forward the official figures published from the the news long ago that Grant had carried Oregon and made a ratification speech over it, and that Mr. Roork be. ing a preacher he would believe him "be fore all the Secretarys of State in Oregon." Of course his money is gone up but he had not agreed at last accounts but that he had won it.

Lafollett has been "competently' advised that his action for the recovery back of his three bits squandered in jollifying over "Oregon Redeemed will not lie as against Judge Denny of the Dalles, since the fatal dispatch was not addressed to him, the said Lafollett. His remedy is said to be good as against Judge Boise, (the Judge having him self received the dispatch), when he in turn will have recourse against Judge Denny. So it will be seen that the unfortunate affair is about to assume a serious aspect. Our advice to all the par ties concerned or to be concerned, is, to compromise the motter else the naughty Democrats will discover that all is not harmony within the precincts of the "atl the morality and decency "family. That Lafollett ought to be made whole, none will deny, yet it is thought that he will compromise for about 23 cents-thus losing 141 cents-rather than have the matter " get out" on the party.

A FIT APPOINTMENT .- The Hon. B. F. Burch, under authority conferred upon Senators by the Act providing for the organization of the Oregon Agricultural College, has designated Sebastian, son of Mr. C. J. Williams, who resides near Dallas, to take the place in said College, now located at Corvallis, open for Polk county. Mr. Williams, father of the lucky young man, was stolen poor by loil thieves in Missouri simply be cause he could not get his own consent to say black was white. In 1864, finding himself reduced from affluence to penury and still the object of the malice and hate of the loil vagabonds who had fled from the Penitentiaries, Sheriffs and Jails north and squatted round about him, with Federal commissions to trom the unrepresented States, and admurder, rape and rob, he put himself Oregonward, where, if he is not able, in his declining years, to retrieve his fortune, he hopes at least to enjoy immu. nity from the insults, injuries and per, try farther from the attainment of Unsecutions which made life an intolerable burden in his native State. An intelligent man and true, his aid and influence will be felt in this State in keeping the feet of the Democracy on the necks of

Rev. B. W. Morris, of Germantown, Pa., has been elected Bishop of Oregon and Washington Territory. The Prot estant Churchman says this adds another vote to the Democratic party in the House of Bishops

STOP THIEF! - The Unionist stole seven news paragraphs from the SIGNAL of last week and then in order to cover up its tracks complained that our paper contained but one local item. | comes to Congress from Louisiana.

THE MESSAGE.

We have not room for the entire message but give below the portion relating to the "reconstruction" of the country The President is a sound and logical reasoner. He says:

Upon the reassembling of Congress

it again becomes my duty to call your attention to the state of the Union and to its continued disorganized condition. Under the verious views which have been passed upon the subject of reconstruction, it may be safely assumed as an axiom for the government of States that the greatest wrongs inflicted on a people are caused by an unjust arbitraregislation, or by the unrelenting decrees of despotic rulers, and that the timely reparation of injuries and oppressive measures is the greatest good that can be conferred upon a nation. e islator or the ruler who has the w.s dom and magnanimity to retrace his steps when convinced of error will soon. er or later be regarded with the respeet and gratitude of a patriotic and intelligent people. Our own history, although embracing a period of less

than a century, after is abundant proof that most, if not all, the state troubles are directly traceable to violations of organic law and oppressive legislation. The most striking illustrations of this fact are furnished by the enactments of the past three years upon the sub ject of reconstruction. After a fair trial, they have substantially failed and proved pernicious in these results, and there sooms to be no good reason why they should rem in longer on the statute books States to which the Constitution Office of the Secretary of State when the guarantees a republican form of Govverdant one said that Mr. Roork had got ernment have been reduced to depen cies, in each of which the people have Clayton to disband the militia. Great been made subject to the arbitrary will of the Commanding General, although the Constitution requires that each State shall be represented in Congress. Vir ginia, Mississippi and Texas are yet excluded from both Houses, and, contrary to the express provisions of that instru-

enterprise in the Southern States; nor

have the inhabitants of these States

ment, have been denied participation in the recent election for President and Vice President of the United States. The attempt to place the white popula tion of the South under the domination of persons of color has impaired if not destroyed the kindly relations that had previously existed between them, and mutual distrust has engendered a feeling of animosit, which, leading in instances to collision and bloodshed, has prevented that co-operation between the two races so essential to the success of industrial

alone suffered from the disturbed condition of affairs growing out of Congressional enactments. The entire Un. ion has been agitated by grave apprehensious of trouble which might again involve the peace of the nation; its in terests have been injuriously affected by consequent want of prosperty through out that portion of the country. The Federal Constitution, magna charta of American rights, under who-e salutary provisions we have successfully conduc-

ted all our domestic and foreign affairs, sustained ourselves in peace and war, and became a great nation among the powers of the earth, must assuredly be now adequate to the settlement of quis tions growing out of the civil war, waged alone for its vindication. This great fact is made more manifest by the condition of the country .of December, 1865, civil strife had ceased; the spirit of rebellion had spent its entire force in all the Southern States, the people had warmed into na tional life, and throughout the whole country a healthy reaction in public sentiment had taken place by the application of the simple yet effective provis ions of the Constitution, the Executive Department, with the aid of the States, had brought the work of restoration as near completion as was within the scope of its authority and the nation was encouraged by the prospect of an early and sati factory adjustment of its diffi culties. Congress, however, interfered and refused to perfect the work so nearly consumated, and to admit members opted a series of measures which arrest ed the progress of restoration and frus trated all that had been so successfully accomplished, and after three years of agitatation and strife has left the counion and fraternal feeling than at the commencement of the Congressional plan of reconstruction. It is now argned to show that the legislation which has produced so baneful consequences should be abolished or made to conform with the genuine principles of a repub lican form of government. Under the influences of party spirit and sectional | ilghtened civilization ! pejudice, other acts have been passed

not warranted by the Constitution. We have received Nos. 1 and 2 of a newpaper published at Healdsburg, Cal. called the Russian River Flag. The new paper takes the place of the late Standard and is loil in politics.

The Democratic majority for Seymour in Georgia was nearly fifty thousand. A nigger by the name of Mainard

THE NEWS.

COMPILED FROM DISPATCHES TO THE PORTLAND DAILIES.

Virginia to hold an election on the first Tuesday in may next for the ratification | paper says : of a carpet-bag Constitution framed more than a year since.

The President's message was de nounced in Congress. An attempt was made to prevent the reading of the message in the House.

A new reconstuction bill was introduced in the Senate by Sumner. It declares that the present state of the government of Georgia is provisional only, it having failed to comply with requirements of the acts under which the State was admitted to representation. It provides for the reassembling of the General Assembly, and empowers the Provisional Governor to remove the State and municipal officers. It directs the President to furnish a military force to be used in coercing

A Little Rock special reports that serious and horrid outrages were perpetrated near Lewisburgh, Conway county. It is stated that the colored militia have been shooting persons and committing other outrages, and it is thought a con. will occur between the citizens and the Sherifl's posse of colored militia. A petition has been sent to Governor

against the constitutionality of the legal tender act closed on the 11. An uneasy feeling prevails, as the decision draw 10 per cent. per annum, which may be against the Government. A will be introduced on Monday to increase the number of the Supreme Judges and provides two annual sessions

The returns from the Boston mayoralty election show that Shurtleff, Demre-elected by about 1,500 majority

J. T. White, head clerk in the office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, was robbed of \$9,000 on the night of tice to himself, he will of course present the 11th, while on his way from the depot to Wells, Farge & Co.'s office. The robbery was perpetrated by three men who held a pistol to White's head and walked him half a mile out on the prai. rie, and tied his hands behind him. The the drought of business and labor and robbers were not disguised.

NOT GUILTY.

The Jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Lyman W. Pomeroy, tried at the late special term of the Circuit Court for Line county, charged with the murder of his wife nine years since, unhesitatingly and speedily found a verdict of not guilty. The beauty of the Grand Jury system is clearly exempl fied in this case. A conspiracy to When Congress assembled in the month | ruin Mr. Pomerov was probably set on foot by his political enemies and of course recourse must be had to the se eret Star Chamber where only one side could be heard and when the intended victim of what seems to have been a foul and iniquitous plot could have no possible opportunity to defend himself The accused is said by parties who knew hin , to be a good citizen and intelliger t man Had he been arraigned before a Justice of the Peace on this charge, where he would have been allowed to confront his accusers, it is not probable that the cause would have been entertained for a moment ; indeed if the nui sance called a Grand Jury had not exis ed it is doubtful whether there had been anything heard of such a charge against Mr. P. Men whose purposes are dark are to be found in dark and forbidden places. For the luxury of the Grand Jury humbug, Line county has a large bill of costs to foot while a good man has been harrassed and an noved almost beyond endurance, besides being put to heavy expense. Away with such mockery of justice and en-

> Dr. Hawthorne and C. G. Curl, Esq., gave us a friendly call on Tuesday last. They were in our city on business connected with the estate of Theo. White, an insane person now confined in the Dr's Hospital.

Mr. Mason, of Independence, has sign. sold the right of this state for his pa. tent gang plow " Challenge," to a party in Portland for a snug sum.

THE STATE FINANCES,

Concerning the muddled state of af. fairs as to the finances of Oregon and a A bill has passed Congress directing remedy, the Unionist of a late date discourses sensibly and to the point. That

The unfortunate condition of the State finances con equent upon the failure of the late Legisature to pass a general appropriation bill, is becoming a question of serious importance. Not only are the State officers and contrac tors subjected to inconvenience and loss. as a direct result of such failure, but every tax.payer in the State will be made to contribute to pay the extra expense incurred in running the State government on a credit.

It is not our design at this time to criminate, or charge the responsibility of the present anomalous condition of the State and its financial interests to the recreancy or misconduct of any par. ty. The unerring pen of history will not fail to indict and properly arraign those on whom the responsibility rests. It is enough that we know that a great for office between that date and the day terests of the people and retarding the melancholy example of the whole batch condition of affairs as they are, and sug places Grant has to fill; for every re. proper remedy.

At least 30 per cent. will be added to the expenses of the State during the next two years under the present condi tion of affairs, if justice be done to those in its service during that time State The argument in the Supreme Court | warrants are now selling at discount of from 12 to 25 per cent, and this while the State treasury is groaning under its burden of gold. These warrants the State must honestly pay or dishon estly repudiate. The expense of the State Penitentiary, and all incidental expenses, will be greatly increased, in asmuch as provisions, clothing and la bor cannot be had for depreciated State paper at as reasonable rates as if the cash was paid. The is under contract with Dr. Hawthorne for the keeping ocrat, the present incumbent, has been of the insane and idiotic for two years, for which he was to receive \$6 50 a week per capita in U. S. gold coin.-He now receives warrants which he is compelled to discount heavily. In jusa bill for relief to the Legislature which in all justice should be paid. But i paid, it will fix a precedent for others who have been similarly subjected to losses, and the Legislature will find itself beseiged with innumerable relief bills, in the hands of wronged creditors each demanding, and justly too, "pay

> that thou owest.' In addition to the above, there are grave doubts in some of the best legal minds in the State, as to whether the Secretary of State, can legally issue warrants beyond the amount of \$50,000 which the Constitution fixes as the limit many that the Constitution dees not contemplate the issuing of warrants, without there be appropriations This would seem to be a common sense interhere has been no decision from the courts of this State on these points.

It matters not who is responsible for the failure of the Legislature, to pass the necessary appropriation bills; the fact is patent the t the remedy is in the hands of the republican party, and nine tenths of the republicans of the

sionately, we, therefore, concur in the extricate the State from its embarrassing condition, is for the Governor at the earliest day practicable, to call elections in the counties where vacancies exist and convene the Legislature.

WHOSE IGNORANCE ?- Under the NOTICE is hereby given that I will sell all "His Ignorance," the Unionist

The following item from the Portland clusively that it is talking on a subject about which he knows nothing.

The editor of the Unionist has probably forgotten his "gender" lessons at school, else how is it he indicates all the genders in a single item of four lines? For it is hardly supposable that the fellow, in traveling so short a distance, could have lost sight of the "ante-

From a reading of the paragraph above quoted the question as to whose "ignorance" the Uniontst was "going after" voluntarily suggests itself.

The Unionist can now take its place immediately above the Roseburg En-

The small pox is said to be at Jacksonville and Canyonville.

THROWS OFF HIS DUPES.

Ben. Holaday, the great East-side railroad man, after getting the aid of the Benton county representatives in his great swindle before the late legislature, now declares his purpose not to go to Corvallis with his road at all. He says if Corvallis wants a road she can build a branch. This is encouraging and comforting to parties in Benton county who lent the great monopolist aid and comfort, especially in view of the fact that, in order for Corvallis to avail itself of a "branch" it must bridge the Willamette. J. B. Underwood, Esq. writes to Dr. Bailey from San Francisco stating positively that the above is the Ben. Holiday programme. What does the Gazette think of the prospect ?-That paper publishes the Underwood letter shielded by that cowardly subter. fuge "by request,"

MUST APPOINT DEMOCRATS .- A Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says that Grant has determined to keep a list of all who apply to him wrong exists, directly effecting the in- of his inauguration, and then to make a course of justice. And possessing this by appointing none of them to office. knowledge, we shall fearlessly state the This will let Democrats into all the gest that which, in our judgment, is the | publican in the United States who can read and many who cannot, will have made application by that time. How does Gov. Woods like the picture? His application went in before "anybody's." The Governor, however, may make himself an exception to the rule by redeeming that carpet-bag of "picters" he left in Panama in pawn for peanuts and making a present of the whole batch to Gen. Grant sometime between this and March 4, 1869.

All the morality party have had ex- Paints, clusive control of the leg slation of Or egon until lately for a number of years. They amended and manipulated the law against gambling until they manipulated and amended the same out of existence. For a long time Oregon had no law on her statute books prohibiting, restricting or regul ting ambling. The first Democratic Legislature that assembled after all this, wiped out the stain by en. acting a law, which, while it cannot eradicate the monster vice from the land-no law can do this-will go far toward circumscribing and limiting the great evil. The Hells will at least have to close doors on the Sabbath.

A BETTER PRICE .-- The land, sixty. eight acres situated on this side of the river opposite Salem, the property of Theodore White, insane, brought one beyond which the State cannot contract | thousand dollars in gold coin. It was indebtedness. And again, it is held by sold by Dr. Hawthorne, Guardian, on Tuesday last. Sometime since the same property was sold for about half this sum whereupon Judge Marquam pretation of that instrument, but as yet | declined to confirm the sale, hence the second sale. John Kenworthy, of Salem, we believe, was the lucky bidder.

Executor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court, of Polk county, Ooregon Executor of State are in favor of having the remedy | the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Liggett, late of said county, deceased. All persons Regarding the whole subject dispas- having claims against said estate will please present the same to him at the Clerk's office, general opinion, that the only way to in Dallas, in said county, and all persons kno'ing themselves indebted to said estate requested to make immediate payment.

> JOHN NICHOLS, Executor.

Guardian's Sale.

the right, title and interest of the minor heirs of Solomon Shelton, deceased, (James Martin, Evan Lewis and Maria E. Shelion,) to the tollowing described real estate, situated in Polk county, Oregon, commencing 29.60 ch. east, Evening Commercial, shows very con | and 9 .0 ch nerth of the S. W. corner of the 'L' of the Donation Land Claim of Solomon Shelton, and wife, Notification 1353, Claim 52 in T. 7 South R. 5 West of the Willamette Meridian; running thence north 4.32 ch., east 8.14 ch. south 4.23 ch. and west 8.14 ch. to place of beginning-containining Three and 44-100 more or less. To be sold at the Court House door, in said county and State, at one o'clock p. m., January 13th, 1869, to the higest bidder, or gold coin of the U. S. paid down.

JUDITH C. SHELTON,

Notice of Final Settlement. Style,

In County Court, Polk County, Oregon. In the matter of the Estate of

B. Soden, Dec'sd. HOVENDEN, Administrator of the A said Estate, having filed his final Acc ount, in said Court, praying a Final Settlement of the same : 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; in said county, on

Tuesday, the 2d day of Feb., 1869. Dec. 22, 1868, W. C. WHITSON, County Judge. 40-47

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