

CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT STATE CONVENTION.

The Douglas county Independent Taxpayers Convention having assembled this 25th day of February 1874, and nominated a full legislative and county ticket and having adjourned in full harmony, a large majority of the members then assembled and having organized for the purpose of recommending an Independent State ticket, the following resolutions on motion were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the interests of the people of Oregon will be better subserved by independent political action than by strict adherence to existing party organization, and that the people of the several counties of the State be, and hereby are, requested to select delegates to an Independent State Convention to be held at Salem on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating a State ticket to be presented to the voters at the coming election.

This Convention recommends that in selecting such delegates, the basis of appointment be one delegate for every 200 votes cast at the election of 1872 for Wilson and Burnett, and one additional delegate for a fraction of 100 votes or over. Upon this basis the number of delegates from the respective counties will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Number of Delegates. Total Delegates: 122.

On motion, the Convention further recommended that the people throughout the State assemble in their respective precincts on Saturday March 22nd, and elect delegates to assemble in county Conventions on Saturday, April 4, 1874 (except in those precincts where steps have already been taken to choose delegates for meeting at some other time) and there elect delegates according to the above appointment, to meet in State Convention to nominate State officers.

Volume Second.

With this issue begins the second volume of the INDEPENDENT. Since it came into our possession we have doubled its circulation in this County. We have been justified in our expectations that an independent and honest course would give us the support of the working classes. And we hope by hard work and a fearless advocacy of truth to make the INDEPENDENT desired by every man woman and child in Washington county.

The position of an independent journal is a difficult one. Partisan feeling and prejudice warp the judgement. Criticism of the old political parties shoots venomous darts into the proud flesh of Democrat or Republican, and he is looking and striving to find whether the independent paper is not after all a sort of underhanded attack on his favorite notions.

Whether we have preserved an independent course or not our readers may judge from the position we have taken and the cause we support. We have advocated an independent party in the Nation, denounced monopoly, and the salary grabbers from Grant down, fought the whisky interest from the beginning, and have advocated the interests of the Patrons of Husbandry and demanded for them a fair representation in the halls of legislation.

Independent Primaries.

To-day the Independent primaries meet. Let good men be chosen to go to the county convention. We want men who are known, and responsible and who have the interests of the people at heart. The man who shall be absent from the primaries will assist the ring men to manipulate the elections, increase the burdens of the people and continue the corruption of the times. We are all largely responsible for the present condition of the country, and it is time that we examine more closely into the character of aspirants for office so that this order of things may have an end. When we put men into office who are liars, libertines, drunkards, swindlers or hoodlums we may expect to have our treasuries depleted, our substance wasted by taxation and the morals of the community and nation debauched.

Whisky Crusade.—The whisky crusade in Portland has resulted so far to the advantage of the saloon men. They are having a larger run of custom than ever.

The Independent Outlook.

The success of the Independent party in Oregon in the coming election is every day becoming more certain. The course of the Democratic convention at Albany last week, in ignoring utterly the grange element and the disaffected within its ranks, by putting out an unpopular ticket, will cause a great defection which will sweep off into the reform movement. It is to be expected as a matter of course that the Hipple convention will put out a railroad ticket which will insure the triumph of the Independent party. In fact the course of the Democratic convention has insured our success because we did expect that they would do better for themselves than to cut their own throats. They build worse than they know. But it takes no very acute mind to penetrate the Hipple millstone. That the Custom house Halladay-off holders ring will put out a Hipple ticket is a foregone conclusion. The leap of that frog is known. But that the Democracy were going to make a similar mistake was not expected. So much the better for the Independents. Now we have a square fight and no reason for supporting either of the old fossil parties whose corruption has condemned them and whose inability to throw off the leeches that are sucking their blood, mocks them continually.

The Democratic and Republican parties are responsible for the increase of the Sheriffs' and Clerks' fees for the litigant act, for the unconstitutional increase of salaries of Judges of the district courts, the enormous price paid for public printing, the fat perquisites of the Treasurer's office, big road jobs, and unconstitutional invasion of the School fund, the Military fund and the Swamp Land fund, and that outrageous grab the Swamp Land act. For these and other corrupt, unwise and unlawful acts these parties ought to die. And if the people of this State should be so blind to their own interests as to support either of them with their present corrupt record we have misinterpreted the spirit of the times. If they do deserve to be swindled. All the Independents have to do now is to work. Put men of unquestionable honesty, good intelligence and thoroughly temperate, on our County, State and National tickets and the victory is ours. And here is a chance for the Grange and the Templars to unite their strength and shape the legislation of our commonwealth, to make statutory provisions give force to their peculiar views. Let the outcroppings of personal hatred and spleen be smothered for the common good. Let the office seekers' small discord be drowned in the grand song-triumph of reform. We cannot afford to waste our strength in petty quarrels when all our power is needed to cope with enemies trained and confident from past victories. We have not much to fear from the Hipple hard-shells, and the result of the "straight" Democrats in their convention has broken the center of our strongest opposition, and if we will, we can march to the Capital in June.

"A Word to Grangers"

Such is the heading of a washy article in the Progressionist of this week. Like all of Davis' stuff it has no back-bone. It has a point to it, however, and that point is, the perpetuation of the Hipple ring for which Davis is the gong in this county. And he is a very cheap sort of gong too. He writes for the Ring for his board. Just look for a moment at the inconsistency of this puerile drivel. See the blundering Hipple bladder collapse. He advises the Independents to be satisfied with a county organization and to support the Hipple State ticket. What good would that do? Nothing. It would only elect men to hold office in the county who would draw the pay the law gives them, just as the present county officials do, and exactly what the new officers would do. How would they effect the needed reforms which are demanded? How can the fee bills, the unconstitutional salaries and the monstrous jobbing system of our partisan legislature be affected by a county clerk, or sheriff or judge? Come, riddle us these questions, Hipple-singer.

We understand your tricks and your manners, Uriah Heep. You want the Independent Republicans to vote for the Hipple candidates in the State. And you and certain office-seekers in this county want to put up a mixed ticket that will give a partial support to your libertine and renegade Senator and Halladay's candidate for Governor, T. R. Cornelius. But if you are in favor of an Independent ticket in this county, why are you a Hipple delegate to the Republican county convention? Explain this, Heep. You are a very consistent man, Davis. On which side of the Rubicon are you? You are a very competent sort of a person to conduct a newspaper, you are. You would pretend to advocate the interests of the Grangers, yet support a railroad ring that is making open war upon the farmers. You "indorse" an Independent move in the county while you act as a delegate from a Hipple primary to nominate Hipple men for office! Bosh. The thinnest kind of deceit.

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Davis is afraid that the Independent party in the State will defeat the Hipple party. That is just what the Independents want. And if the Independents cannot carry the election then we hope and pray that the Democracy will win the victory. This is the ground we stand on. We prefer Democracy to Hipple Republicanism.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FAZE.—The Republican primaries last Saturday were a complete fizzle. At this place there were barely enough "straights" present to complete the delegation. At Hillsboro there were not enough for a delegation and they had to elect men who were not at the meeting, and it is reported that some will not serve. In nearly all the other precincts no meetings were held at all.

BON PORTER'S postoffice and the Woman Suffrage business have "fixed" an Independent in the Grove, consequently he is a "straight" now. Another martyr. "Door fellow."

A JUST REBUKE.

Forest Grove, March 27th, 1874.

Mr. Davis in his review of the communication of "Vindex" which he and some others have foolishly attributed to me has made a statement that needs a passing notice. He charges me with having directed "the course of the INDEPENDENT for the last three weeks." I wish to say for the benefit of that distinguished gentleman that there is not a word of truth in it. Mr. Davis is either guilty of misrepresentation or he is ignorant of the facts. Charity inclines me to believe the latter. But even then, he is not free from censure, for ignorance is not a sufficient excuse for departing from the common courtesies of civilized life. Mr. Davis commenced his personal attacks on me soon after I returned to my old home and have continued them ever since. What have been his motives for thus attacking a stranger who has had nothing to do with him in any way has excited surprise. If I was in any public position there would be some excuse. But even then I would expect a lighted gentleman to deal in argument and not in those little personalities that only show a depraved, or to say the least, a very narrow mind. I would suppose that his own manhood and self-respect would induce him to let a private citizen alone. I have come to the conclusion that all I have read about Southern manhood is a myth or that Davis is a very poor specimen of that class. Sometimes I think that he is situated that he cannot help himself. That he is compelled to write whatever he is instructed to and gets paid for doing so. It is the only way I can reconcile his personal flouts at me with the opinion I had formed of what constituted a frank, courteous, high-minded editor. If my conclusions are correct I pity him. I very much prefer to be in that condition which he in his chaste language describes as a "headless rooster" than to be obliged to throw away my manhood in the service of a master. If however it affords him any gratification or pleasure to continue his flouts, why I should not perhaps interrupt that little pleasure for it must be little he has in such a state of servitude. W. BOWLEY.

COMMUNICATION.

DOWN IN THE STICKS, March 27th 1874.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: We see from the last issue of the Progressionist that our communication to your paper produced quite a commotion and they are down on us "like a thousand brick." The editor of the Progressionist, unable to dispose of us, has called to his aid a quondam friend of his who has just retired to the town of "Luck and Happy Holler." We have read with a great deal of care and amusement the criticisms of both those worthies and am reminded of the story of the boy who when he was whipped turned with tears in his eyes and said "well if I can't whip you I can make mouths at your sister." As is common among a class with certain instincts, they have in their criticisms indulged chiefly in ridicule and personalities. They are not to be blamed for that they can't help it. We do not blame them, for such men seldom rise above that kind of argument. We have not the time to attend to the goose and the man of "Luck and Happy Holler" both just now and will therefore indefinitely

postpone any further notice of the goose and let him indulge in his squawking propensities to satiety, and proceed to notice a few of the wise sayings of the man of "Luck and Happy Holler." We don't pretend to know who this man is. His communication reads so much like the production of an old friend that we once knew that we have not the heart to indulge in the harsh language his letter suggests. If we only had his words how we would make them year for him. It certainly cannot be the humorous P. M. at your town, for it has been but a short time since some of these ring men who are on the call were laboring to get him removed from office. And in his history he denounced all that class. And yet his letter is so characteristic of that gentleman's affable and exuberant style, and gives such unmistakable evidence of a luxurious brain that almost any one familiar with him would say he was its author. We do not think so, but regard it as one of those singular coincidences that we find sometimes when two men look so alike and write so near alike that no difference is discoverable. He seems to think that we are hurt because he did not disembowel himself for the inspection of "His royal majesty." We infer from this that he is a man of portentous bowels as well as brains—another striking coincidence. But he is mistaken in being hurt for it seems to us that if he should suffer himself to become disembowelled the sight would be calamitous to all beholders. No "your lord better keep them where they are. Don't. You will need them to go with. Keep them so that you can have bowels of compassion for those who will sell you out by and by. Another very weighty thought in his letter which we notice is the following: "And again his old partisan advisor, certain Mr. Porter, has clanked pastures and doesn't run with 'Down in the Sticks' any more." True, He has too much other running now to run with "Down in the Sticks." He runs with the man of "Luck and Happy Holler"—we don't mean that "augling Josie" of your town, but his counterpart; one that looks just like him, is just like him. He runs the Hipple ring and a portion of the Independents. He is a sly old fox and will run them all if they are not careful. But the most running he does is said to be at the saloon at Cornelius where he becomes sufficiently charged with electrical influence to keep up communication with his friends on all subjects pertaining to the interests of the ring. I don't mean that Mr. Porter that runs the P. M. at your town, I mean a certain Mr. Porter that don't run with the "Down in the Sticks." The man that lives in the "Holler" thinks that we supposed we had so muddled the call that the ten could not explain it, and therefore we were disappointed. Not so. We had nothing to do with muddling the call. All the muddle there was about it came from the plastic hand of one of the ten. "We don't mean the man in the 'Holler' but one that looks very much like him. The history and the explanation of 'W' was quite satisfactory to you and the public but both contained anti-Hipple sentiments and were very distasteful to this class of men who were political enemies of the man about the size of the "Holler" man as well as political enemies to himself. And hence the final explanation which was full and complete, for we understand it to explain away all opposition to any of the Hipple ring and to take in anything that will vote against the present Judge.

But the most remarkable passage in that letter is where he charges that the Douglas Call "was gotten up by demagogues living in Portland and endorsed a sorehead living in Douglas county. Poor fellow. What a careful reader he must be! It was the People of Douglas county that endorsed the sorehead. But it is remarkable that a man of such gigantic brains and bowels would take a call gotten up by demagogues living in Portland to pattern after, and conform to that pattern after, and the letter to turn around and ridicule and denounce it just to give a little spice to his communication. We are charged with inconsistency because we said we would support the move. Our mind is too obtuse to see the inconsistency. It is true we opposed the way the call was made for it virtually invited men to the primaries who are well known to be opposed to an independent move only just so far as to oppose one or two men in this county. And especially did we except to the indiscriminate attack upon all the officials of this county whose friends constitute one half of the independents of the County. But the Call was made and we propose to go into the primaries and urge the selection of suitable men for the County. And we think it doubtful whether any one else, except the man of "Luck and Happy Holler" and the indefinitely postponed goose have discovered any inconsistency in it.

THE PROGRESSIONIST EDITOR PILLORIED BY A STRAIGHT REPUBLICAN.

Davis' Rebel and Bolter Record.

CONCEALS OGD, Mar. 27th 1874!

EDITOR FOREST GROVE INDEPENDENT: Will you permit me through your columns to say a few words to the people of Washington county concerning Mr. D. L. Davis the present editor of the Oregon Progressionist. I will commence by saying that when I left Missouri my acquaintance with him was limited and his history previous to his coming to Missouri was unknown. But after Mr. D. L. Davis arrived at this place I commenced receiving letters from different parties in Missouri charging him with great intemperance in his republican party, all of which I put in the "Globe" as fast as they arrived, at the same time informing Mr. Davis of their contents. I also told Mr. Davis that the town of Hillsboro was full of such letters, and Mr. J. Heller of Hillsboro told him the same, and to prepare himself with the proper vouchers to prove the contrary. The matter passed until I received a letter from a Southern man of Missouri of undoubted veracity, asserting that Mr. D. L. Davis had been in the Rebel army and had deserted the army and gone into the business of bootblackening. I then wrote a letter to W. N. Pickrell of Clinton Missouri whom I know to be a man of undoubted veracity who is Chairman of the Republican Central County Committee, editor of the Clinton Advocate and for six years Prosecuting attorney for his district. And as those charges against Davis had come to light since I had left, I knew Mr. Pickrell would be posted. Mr. Pickrell wrote me a guarded letter stating that he did not want the matter made public. I wrote Mr. Davis of the facts again, and still urged him to refute the charges if not true. Here is the letter:

CLINTON, MISSOURI, Dec. 28, 73. J. B. BROWN, Editor St. Louis of the Globe, received some time since and, according to the reliable information I could collect from the previous history of Mr. D. L. Davis, I was sure that the evil man in relation to his career from boyhood is abundant, conclusive and uncontradicted. When I received your letter I went into White Oak township, where I met the great majority of the best men of all parties in that neighborhood, men as Sprigg J. P. Lilly, Capt. Sandy Low, Vincent Lane and many others of equal veracity. I asked each man present where in town who came in the statements as given by his neighbors. From the mouth of Davis's younger brother, as stated by him to the people here, I got the early history of him. Davis was born and raised in South Carolina. His father and relatives were all slaveholders. His earliest recollection was in the year 1864 D. L. Davis enlisted in a South Carolina rebel regiment under one Capt. Clark and served in the Southern army until the time of the capture of D. L. Davis and another officer by the name of O. Neil deserted and left I suppose in disgust. These are the statements made by D. L. Davis's own brother, who says he served the rebel army in the Confederate army and is not ashamed of it. This is all that is known of Davis until about the close of the year when he turned up in Illinois as a Southern rebel and was reported that he had left his native State on account of his loyalty. Next to Henry county Mo., where his history is well known and which he took as a party for Oregon. When he came here he was very loyal, extremely radical and seemed to think the Republican party was very much indebted to him and on many occasions expressed his willingness to accept an office at their hands. At the Republican County Convention of 1870 he pressed his claims to the honor of representing this county in the State Legislature, but in this he failed, whereupon he became very wrath, went home again disgusted—the clear of the handle—bolted the party and went to the aid of the Grange, Brown, Frank Blair Democratic ticket, and from that day forward was a Democrat of the first water, and for two years he spread himself powerfully. He was going to hang all the rebel war veterans in Missouri, and at the Grange and Democratic Convention of 1872 in this County, he again threw himself upon the altar of his country and here he was elected to this county and the Democratic Party in any capacity they saw fit to place him, but it seems that the Convention did not see it in that light. Here he again bolted and resigned and swore that politics was a fraud and was going to bolt again but they told him to hold on, and that when Grange bolted, he should have the same and would support you to keep him in good earnest, and it is said that he worked night and day and did not quit electing until four days after election. And he said that it was a mystery to Henry county people. And now it is said that he has made another bolt in the political arena and is making an effort for an office. I think you had better give him a little office or he will surely bolt again. The people here and upon White Oak say you are welcome to him for you have no use for him in the war and request you to keep him; but my advice would be to let him go, the sooner the better; for the longer you keep him the worse you will be off, and as you have stated to your letter, it is nothing more than that the Republican party of your county should know the full history of the man who runs their political organ, and for this reason, I have had the fullest and fairest investigation of his case. For my own part I know but little about the man personally, but have known him by reputation as a political demagogue, and what I have said is given by the best citizens of Henry county of different politics, and it is disputed by none, and with this explanation, you are at liberty to do with it as you see fit. Yours, J. K. CLINE.

Note that the man, Will Thompson, referred to in the above letter is a South born gentleman of veracity and was an officer in the Rebel army. Before receiving a letter to Mr. Pickrell, I addressed a letter to Mr. J. K. Cline of Clinton Mo., a man whom I could confidently rely on for the truth. He took the pains to gather the facts from reliable men of all political parties. And here is Mr. Cline's letter which I will also state is like three or four others that I burned.

Office of PICKRELL & BRADFORD, Hillsboro, Ore., Nov. 19, 73. J. B. BROWN, Editor St. Louis. I have your letter of a recent date. Am well and glad to hear the same of you. I should not perhaps say anything about this man D. L. Davis. He talks me soundly and I guess for nothing but my refusal to support him, for representative, against Col. M. Lane. He was something of a Rebel man until Will Thompson told me that he was a "rebel rebel." When I asked him what he meant, he told me that Davis's brother said the Doctor was a rebel rebel that he was and he had been in the Confederate army. There is no doubt but he worked against most of our County ticket the fall of the last year; and I send you a Henry County Journal of July 22, 1873, in which there is an article entitled, "The Political Outlook," over the initials "D. L. D." which Dr. Davis evidently wrote. That will show you that he considered himself identified with the Grange party, and he certainly did not manifest much love for Grant or the Republican administration. Those you will not mix my name up in your matter, because I have given you the name of your promise that you would not. I want nothing to do with this man Davis or his paper. He has no use for a party that don't work for him individually. Yours truly, W. N. PICKRELL.

P. S. Davis was a regular contributor and correspondent of the Hillsboro county Progressionist for a year or more. I think there are other things still more expressive that can be produced. The newspaper referred to in Mr. Pickrell's letter, which contained Mr. Davis' Democratic letter I never saw, from the fact that Mr. Davis was postmaster at this place at that time, but I learn that the paper has been shown to many Democrats of this place but to no Republicans. I will state in conclusion that I perhaps would never have stated those facts had not this poor unprincipled man, ever since I first made mention of those facts to him for

his own good, has been doing everything in his power against me in an unprincipled, sneaking manner; first by getting me to write articles for the benefit of himself and others, and then exposing it, (of which I will at some day explain more fully.) He has also within the last few days, been circulating it about, that I was the author of the article in the Oregonian of the 21st March, under the caption, "Something about Sneaks," and also that I went to the Progressionist office with said article and that you refused to publish it. This rebel deserter has had very much to say about whisky drinking, when applied to myself and others, while he himself runs a gin mill under the guise of a drug store, which was bought with another man's money, and started with a reform whisky license posted in a conspicuous place, and who wends his way home late in the evening by the luminous light of his own beautiful red nose; then returning in the morning to his editorial sanctum (coming by the day show) and then with his fingers dripping with the blood of his countrymen, writes editorials to the Republican party, leading it by the hair of the head, and says to others, "I will not be a party to such speciousness as to say 'bolter.'" Now let him go and write another article on bolters. Yours, J. B. BROWN.

Answer to 357.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

It is said that the most untruthful man will in a given time tell ten falsehoods to one truth. Taking this statement as correct, the Describer that professes to run the Hipple organ at Forest Grove station evidently passed the hat around to the "Wapato Statesman" the "Forest Grove Granger," the anxious man from Hillsboro and others, of the same sort for contributions to his truthful columns then clipped from the ban of falsehoods and misrepresentations sufficient to fill his delectable sheet. Hastily glancing over it I will point to a few of his reckless assertions. To commence with the inventive genius of the said editor whose reputation for bolting is as wide as the continent extending from the South Carolina swamps to the Pacific Coast, who never holds one political faith longer than he thinks it profitable to adopt another, is strength to any political question. Some of us who have read his arguments to show that the contest in the Presidential campaign was only a struggle between the ins and the outs will come to the conclusion that a man who is governed by such notions in his political actions is at home in the arms of the Hipple-Holladay ring, neither are they surprised that he, his master, and the rest of his masters and understrappers are endeavoring to corrupt the Independent movement in this county to their own base purposes. But I much mistake the sentiments of the Independent, honest voters of this county if they do not spew these men out of the party before the evening of the 1st day of next June.

Amongst his clippings from one of 357 I find the query, "How is it that our taxes have been increased from \$19,453.10 in 1871 to \$30,677.12 in 1873?" How did this man of many aliases learn that the tax is increased to \$30,677.15 when it falls short of his statement nearly \$1,000. "Again, "If the per cent. of our taxes is 15 1/2 mills on the dollar, this being the rate it was in 1871, could they have increased the revenue \$11,244.05 in 1873?" The School tax was in 1873 raised one mill on the dollar making an increase of \$1,600 more school tax and this and the \$4,000 above stated make over \$5,600. Deduct this from \$11,244.05 leaves \$5,600.05 over 1871 \$5,600—is quite a difference, but a man who talks honesty so much we think should practice a little of it as well as preach so much.

Hillsboro March 19th, 1874.

Mr. Editor: In the Progressionist of the 12th inst. I noticed several queries in regard to taxes in Washington county, and after careful examination of the finances of the county we are prepared to say, that every query in regard to taxes is false. The writer may have been intending to state the truth but he failed and the records will show it. Although we are perfectly uninterested in the matter so far as those who have had control of our county finances are concerned, not having voted for either of the men who now compose our county court. And I say further in justice to the court that the expenses of the county in county matters aside from building the court house, have not been any greater for the last four years than they were for the same number of years preceding their term of office. The records of the county will also show that every cent of revenue that has been raised by the county has been legitimately applied. It is true that men may honestly differ about the propriety of building the Court house, but there is not the slightest grounds to base any charges of dishonesty on against those who had control of the finances therein.

That the county is in debt \$7,000 I deny and the records will show that I am correct in the denial. I base these statements upon the county records. KUMTUX.

Scotch papers are warning their papers that waste of coal is foolish extravagance.

TELEGRAPHIC!

CITY OF MEXICO, March 15.—On the night of March 7th a Catholic mob attacked a Protestant house in Puebla, smashed the windows and furniture, destroyed the Bible, and stoned the pastor, Rev. Antonio Corral.

CLEVELAND, O. March 20.—The Women Crusaders visited a number of saloons to-day, attracting the usual disorderly crowds. The Mayor, this evening, issued a proclamation warning citizens to abstain from all assemblages calculated to disturb the peace of the city under penalty of the law. This applies to Crusaders, as well as to others who create sensations.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—A movement is maturing here to concentrate and organize strength in Congress and elsewhere, in favor of Newton Booth for the next President. Prominent men in labor organizations, say there can be raised 3,000 societies throughout the country, in his support.

VIENNA, March 22.—Baron Schwarts has been appointed Austrian Minister at Washington.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A Washington special says Mrs. Attorney General Williams is lying dangerously ill at her residence in that city, of nervous disease.

ALBANY, March 23.—The steamer Collette, with the remains of Dr. Livingston, has arrived.

BOSTON, Mar 24.—The final result of the ballot for Senator was as follows: House—Hour 68, Dawes 61, Curtis 63, Banks 4, Adams 12, Sanford 16, Greenleaf 4, Curtis 10, Hoar 10, Adams 23; no choice.

OREGON.

A Chinaman and an Indian woman were joined in wedlock at Corvallis last week.

There is one case of smallpox at Oregon City and one at Salem.

Good foot is bringing 5cts. per lb at the Dalles, market 3/2 and per lb.

Ben Simpson will assume the duties of Surveyor General of Oregon about the first of April.

The amount of lager beer made in Oregon last year was 240,000 cogs, not quite a keg for the people.

Reports from all parts of Willamette valley, during the past few days, are to the effect that the greatest activity is to be seen on every hand in agricultural matters.

A correspondent at Fort Klamath, under date of March 7th, says that it has been snowing there without cessation since February 26th. The snow by actual measurement, is 56 1/2 inches deep upon the parade ground. It is very cold also, the thermometer ranging below zero.

We learn says the Jacksonville Times, that such has been the loss of stock in Langley Valley, that it is estimated that but one head out of every ten will survive the winter. Many persons in this county, whose only wealth was in their cattle, are nearly bankrupt. Stock of all kinds will undoubtedly be much higher than it has been for some time.

An Ellensburg correspondent of the Jacksonville Sentinel says: Salmon fishing is becoming quite an art in this county, and the mouth of the Rogue River. There were about seventeen hundred barrels of salmon shipped from this place last Fall, and great preparations are now being made to catch the spring run of salmon. J. R. Norcott & Co. of San Francisco, are now employed in putting up a large cannery establishment and will employ about fifty men during the spring in canning salmon.

The water in the Upper Willamette is getting very low, and boats will probably not get up to Harrisburg very much longer.

Pendletonians are raising money to build a levee on the Umatilla river, lest the high water, which is estimated that breaks out of every ten will survive the winter. Many persons in this county, whose only wealth was in their cattle, are nearly bankrupt. Stock of all kinds will undoubtedly be much higher than it has been for some time.

Mr. William Wells, of Duena Vista, states that he has a largely increased acreage of hops grown this season in the Willamette Valley. This is a growing interest in Oregon, and promises a profitable return to those engaged in it. Mr. Wells himself has been profitably engaged in hop culture for several years.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

On the 15th ult., when it was announced at Honolulu that Prince David Kalakana had been elected King of the Hawaiian Islands, a mob who were not pleased with the result, but desired that Queen Emma should be the sovereign, made a rush at the Council Hall, broke in and demolished the furniture and records, badly beat some of the supporters of the new King, attacked the carriage of the committee that had been dispatched to notify him of his election, and tore it in pieces. The authorities called on the "army"—which consists of eighteen men—to quell the rioters, but a part of the troops had been tampered with, and could not be relied on. The fury of the rioters continually increased, and the King and Cabinet were obliged to call on the foreign war vessels in port for aid. A company of marine s was furnished by the British ship Tenedos, and another by the United States men-of-war Tuscarora and Portsmouth. On their appearance the rioters dispersed. Seventy-three were arrested and a number committed for trial. Nobody was killed, but some of the King's adherents were severely beaten. The Honolulu Gazette intimates that Emma either encouraged her supporters in the outbreak, or at least refused to restrain them. The Legislative Hall was completely gutted, and it was almost a "revolution." Says the Gazette: "There is no use in dissembling the fact that the most intense indignation was felt and expressed during and since the riot against the noble lady who was the rival candidate for the throne. That she did not act discreetly in not seeking to stay the destruction of property and injury to the persons of the Representatives, by calling off her supporters, is also evident, but what her reasons were we do not know."

The sophomore class at the Wesleyan University "embraces four young ladies."

"What animal has the most brains?" "The hog. He has a household full of 'em."

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