

CROPS AND FARMERS.

The warm showers that have been present with us at intervals for several weeks, assure an abundant yield of grain and fruit.

Farmers predict that the crop of 1888 will be larger in Oregon than that of any previous year in the last decade.

A good crop will be the salvation of many desiring farmers from bankruptcy. The financial stress through which Oregon has labored during the last five years, has caused the most economical and industrious farmers to grow worn and haggard.

The mortgage law and its attendant evils weighed heavily upon the agricultural industry of Oregon; and when to that was added the low prices for farmers' products, especially wheat, it is not surprising that many men became disheartened as interest became payable and mortgages matured.

Taxes to meet the expenses of the county and state have ruled high and their payment was an added hardship to the anxious, debt-burdened farmers.

The man who had money to loan in many, very many instances, have been leeches upon the productive vitality of the country.

Urging laws have been disregarded and "bonuses" paid that more than equalled the added lawful rate of 10 per cent. interest.

The man who could secure the biggest bonus for his money, in addition to lawful interest, has been considered the shrewdest financier.

This method of "business" has gained such headway under the depressed condition of farming, that loans are being made at 10 per cent. and "bonuses" exacted that swells the payment of "blood-money," in many instances, to from 30 to 35 per cent. of the total sum borrowed.

We are reliably informed that a bonus of \$75 was paid for a loan of \$600 for six months, note bearing interest at 10 per cent. in addition to the "sharp" money.

Something ought to be done, something must be done. Instead of encouraging agricultural pursuits and other business enterprises, that give employment to men who would expend their wages with our merchants, there seems to be a desire on the part of a few to bring ruin upon a legitimate business, that they may gain a profit from the wreck.

Hillsboro and the county need a bank to meet the growing requirements of business—and the bank will soon come. The farmers are organized and organizing. There must be a big reduction in interest. The payment of notes secured by mortgages upon the lands of this county at less than two-thirds the value of said lands, is a better security than that of our government.

But observe the difference in percentage! The day is coming when money will be rated at its proper value. There is deep injustice, great wrong in a man loaning from \$2000 to \$3000 at such rate of interest that he can live in ease and comfort without laboriously exercising a muscle, while his neighbor employs double and often quadruple that sum in business, labors early and late, grasps every opportunity to make honest money, and yet receives less than his absorbing, conscienceless neighbor.

There is a tide in the affairs of men which, if taken at the flood, leads on to success. Oregon's big crop for the year of 1888 will send this tide in surging billows upon the farmers of the state, and then is their opportunity. Pay off indebtedness, dictate terms of necessary loans at low rates of interest. If this cannot be done in Oregon, let the farmers combine and secure a large loan from the East at five or six per cent. This can be done; the farmers have the rich and fertile lands at their backs, and only through their labors are the great wheels of traffic put in motion.

This is the work of the Grange, and it can be made more powerful than the banking and railway corporations of the state. Thousands of farms in Oregon are laden with mortgages in severity. Borrow the money jointly, and let it be re-loaned to those in need of funds, at low rates of interest. You have, undoubtedly men in the Grange or rare business sagacity who could carry this project forward to a successful issue.

In union there is release from these financial troubles. It is about time the farmers were forming a "trust." Let us combine.

A Washington dispatch, dated May 2d says: Senator Dolph was the presiding officer in the senate yesterday during Ingalls' speech. He had difficult work at times to control the spectators in the gallery, who were greatly excited. At one time they had applauded one of Voorhees' telling points with such enthusiasm that Senator Dolph directed the sergeant-at-arms to eject any person caught giving expressions of approval or disapproval.

Before another issue of THE INDEPENDENT can have greeted its many intelligent readers, the republican primaries and county convention will both have been held. It is needless to urge upon the party the importance of nominating a ticket that will meet the approbation of the people.

There should be no trickery. The work of a convention is easily overthrown at the polls by the ballots of outraged voters. The only hope of democratic victory in this county, in the face of its republican plurality, is in taking advantage of all mistakes that may be made by that proud and grand old political body.

The duty of the party in selecting its delegates and making nominations is plain. We shall support no unhealthy combinations. If the will of the people is disregarded, the result is uncertain, and the party ought to suffer defeat. Unfortunately, there are not enough officers for the many aspirants and some soreness is sure to be developed. But be men; give consolation in the thoughts of what might have been, and what you, in justice, would have expected from your less fortunate brother office-seeker.

"Vote as you would pray, and be sure that prayer is for the success of the republican ticket."

The session of the week in Europe has been the election of General Boulanger in the Department du Nord by a very heavy majority. This makes Boulanger once more the center of French and even of continental interest. It is felt to be a most severe blow to the influence of the government.

Even so conservative an organ as the Journal des Debats declares that the election shows that the country is wearied out and profoundly disgusted with the conduct and policy of the government, and that a majority of the electors can no longer endure a government which does not govern.

The condition of the government is felt to be precarious in the extreme. Boulanger has not yet set forth his project of revision, beyond saying it is his policy to make the institutions of France conform to the American instead of to the English model.

A transaction has been unearthed in New York in which Gov. Hill is involved and which may end in impeachment, or at least will be very likely to retire him from politics.

To meet political and other expenses last year the governor gave notes for large sums, and these notes were indorsed and paid by John O'Brien and Hermann Clark.

In return the governor interested himself in getting and did get for O'Brien and Clark through the commissioner of public works of New York, the contract for section 12 of the new aqueduct. All this has come out through an investigation ordered by the legislature.

The commissioner of public works, Mr. Squire, has made under oath a statement in regard to the contract and the governor's agency in it, and the cashiers of the banks where the notes were cashed have given testimony that completes the history of the transaction. Gov. Hill, we believe, is a shining light in the party of "reform."

Oregon will soon receive a little more than \$40,000 from the national government through the prompt action of Governor Penneyer in calling attention to the matter. This amount has accrued to Oregon since 1883 for her 5 per centum as sales of public lands in the state, as per act of congress in admitting her to statehood. No payment has been made since 1885. But this money must be expended in internal improvements, as the legislature may direct.

The democratic party of this county will nominate a ticket next Saturday. The party is largely in the minority in Washington county; but should it select the best men obtainable for the several offices, the republican party will be compelled to draw from its very best elements in nominating a ticket if it hopes for success in the face of prohibition factions and other unknown quantities that are likely to enter into the politics of the county.

Many were agreeably surprised in the tone of the address delivered by Hon. M. C. George at the court house in this place last Monday evening. He dealt calmly with facts, and did not descend to the manufacture of campaign bombast. The campaign is ripening, and such men as Mr. George cannot do otherwise than make votes for the republican cause.

The expression of our forefathers to the effect that "the political pot has begun to boil," has recently been metamorphosed into "the political sea has begun to roar," and "the political canyuse has begun to buck." And since innovation of time-honored expressions is in order, this sheet informs its readers that the political Chinook has begun to blow.

The labor vote in politics is disappearing. Last year the labor ticket had 15,000 votes in Cincinnati. This year it had only 3000.

Gen. Gonzales, formerly president of the republic, and now governor of the state of Guanajuato, has taken a bold and decisive step in decreasing suppression of bull fighting in that state. He declares that the sport is demoralizing, and is leading the people into habits of wastefulness and disorder, and the employment of large sums for constructing bull rings and maintaining them is entirely improper at the present state of civilization. He declares that educational interests and manufacturing enterprises suffer from the use of so much money in this barbarous sport and that habits of public order and economy are destroyed by it. Accordingly, he orders a summary prohibition of bull-fighting in his state.

The man who made his own coffin was heard of long ago; later, the man who dug his own grave, and latest, the man in Athens, Georgia, who preached his own funeral sermon. The public will now want to hear of the man who does his own "laying out."—E. The public may be satisfied. Several men in Union county have performed the "laying out" act in allowing themselves to be nominated for office. The funeral will take place in June.

A keen sense of the presence of death is keenly felt by would-be candidates in this county; but they need have no fears respecting interment. The voters will lay them out at the coming election.

Vanderbilt's \$10,000 cook announces that he is opposed to a great variety of courses at a dinner. Right is his. Corn beef and cabbage is good enough for anybody.

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THE Democrats of Washington County, Oregon, will meet in Convention, at the Court House, in Hillsboro, Oregon, for the purpose of nominating a County Ticket and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, on

NEW TO-DAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge or Clerk of Washington County, Oregon, at Hillsboro, Oregon, on FRIDAY, June 23d, 1888, viz: John E. Heister, Homestead Entry No. 5561, for the N. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 14, T. 2 N., R. 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Samuel Sipp, Albert Ott, John Davis, all of Glencoe, O., and Isaac Davis, of Monticello, Washington County, Oregon. W. T. BURNEY, Register.

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Found Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned Marshal of the Town of Hillsboro, Oregon, have taken up and impounded at the Found in said town, One Mare, described as follows, to-wit: 1 Borrel Mare, about 6 years old, white strip in face.

Unless said mare be redeemed by the owner, as provided by Ordinance, I will sell the same at public auction, at the Found, in said town, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, on

SATURDAY, May 19th, 1888, At the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. of said day. Dated at Hillsboro, April 29th, 1888. H. B. MCMURKEN, Marshal.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge or Clerk of Washington County, Oregon, at Hillsboro, Oregon, on MONDAY, May 29, 1888, viz: John E. Heister, Homestead Entry No. 5561, for the N. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 14, T. 2 N., R. 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: P. K. Bond, G. T. Hollister, C. A. Mead, and Charles Pierce, all of Greenview P. O., Washington County, Oregon. W. T. BURNEY, Register.

DEMOCRATIC Convention!

THE Democrats of Washington County, Oregon, will meet in Convention, at the Court House, in Hillsboro, Oregon, for the purpose of nominating a County Ticket and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, on

SATURDAY, May 5th, 1888, At 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The Precincts will be entitled to Representation as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Representatives. Includes Beaverdam (6), Cedar Creek (4), Columbia (5), Cornelius (8), Dairy (4), East Butte (8), Forest Grove (8), Gales Creek (3), Hillsboro (9), South Tualatin (3), Wapato (5), Washington (4), West Butte (2), Total (69).

Primary meetings will be held at the usual places of voting in the various precincts, on

SATURDAY, April 28, 1888, At 1 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing Delegates to the County Convention. By order of the Washington County Central Committee. W. L. WEATHERS, Chairman.

S. B. HUSTON, Sec. Pro. Tem.

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REPUBLICAN

County Convention.

THE Republican County Convention will be held at the Court House, in Hillsboro, Oregon, on

Wednesday, May 9, 1888, At 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating a County Ticket, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Primary meetings will be held at the following places in the several Precincts, on

Saturday, May 5, 1888, At 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Representation will be based on the vote for Hinger Hermann in 1886, and Precincts will be entitled to Delegates as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Representatives. Includes Beaverdam (6), Cedar Creek (5), Columbia (5), Cornelius (6), Dairy (6), East Butte (6), Forest Grove (9), Gales Creek (3), Hillsboro (10), South Tualatin (5), Wapato (5), Washington (4), West Butte (4), Total (75).

By order of the Washington County Republican Central Committee. Dated Hillsboro, Or., April 23, 1888. W. S. BARRETT, Chairman.

H. R. GOODIN, Secretary.

POLITICAL SPEAKING. HON. M. C. GEORGE

Will address the citizens of Washington County, in the Court House, at Hillsboro, on the

ISSUES OF THE DAY! On MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1888, at 7:30 P. M.

Hon. Rufus Mallory Will Review the Political Situation at the Court House in Hillsboro, on

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1888. A cordial invitation is extended to all Women are especially requested to be present.

Those Speakers are both men of ability, are among the leading orators of the State, and are sure to please and instruct all who may attend.

Crowded houses on both evenings, April 30th and May 7th, is assured.

Prohibition CONVENTION!

The Prohibitionists of Washington County, will meet in Convention at the Court House, in Hillsboro, Oregon, for the purpose of nominating a County Ticket and for transacting such other business as may seem needful, on

Saturday, May 12, 1888, At 10 o'clock A. M.

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Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, Administrator of the Estate of William Harber, deceased, and has duly qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said Estate will present the same to me with the proper vouchers, at my office, at Forest Grove, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Forest Grove, Oregon, April 4, 1888. J. W. MOIGAN, Administrator.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, Administrator of the Estate of Joseph W. Davis, deceased.

Citation.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of James Dickson, Deceased.

TO ALEX. PATTERSON, ELLEN Pringle and John Pringle, her husband, Eliza Jane Lee and Thos. Lee, her husband, Stephen McCullough, Robert D. Nichols, Jane A. Davison, Elizabeth Winn, Martha Masler, Sarah M. Warnock, The heirs at law of Stephen Dickson, the heirs at law of William Dickson, heirs at law of James Dickson, deceased, and of the unknown heirs at law of said deceased, all of you being non-residents of this state:

You and each of you are hereby cited and required to be and appear in the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, on MONDAY, the 10th day of May, 1888, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and show cause, if any you have, why an order should not be made directing the Administrator of said estate to sell all the real estate belonging to said estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts and claims against said estate, and the expenses of administration. The lands petitioned to be sold are described as follows:

1st Tract—Lying and being in the County of Washington and State of Oregon, and described and bounded as follows: Beginning at the quarter stake on the section line between sections 5 and 6, in Township one South of Range one West of the Pacific Meridian; thence South on section line 80 rods; thence West 77 1/2 rods; thence North 67 1/2 rods to the center of section 6; thence East 160 rods to the place of beginning, containing 25 acres.

2d Tract—Being the Homestead Entry of James Dickson, deceased, in Washington County, State of Oregon, and designated in the U. S. Survey as Lot 6 of Section 6, and Lot 1 of Section 7, all in T. 1 S., R. 3 W. of the Willamette mer., containing 45 40-100 acres.

You and each of you being non-residents of this state, this citation is published in the Oregonian, a weekly newspaper, for 6 consecutive weeks next before said 10th day of May, 1888, by order of Hon. Rodolph Condit, sole Judge of said Court. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said Court, at Hillsboro, this 16th day of March, 1888. J. W. MOIGAN, County Clerk.

The Draft Station, YOUNG GLENELD. The Draft Station, YOUNG GLENELD, is a dapple bay, 18 hands high, and weighs 2400 pounds.

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100 ACRES OF LAND 2 1/2 MILES from Gaston, and 1 1/2 miles from Forest Grove, with 15 acres of small fruit and 15 acres of small farm and wood. There is an orchard of 150 trees, and is watered by a spring. This land never fails and a well. This land lays on a good road, and near school. Price, in cash and good notes, \$2750.

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