

Oregon City, Oregon,

Friday : : March 15, 1872.

Clackamas County Democratic Convention.

The Democratic Convention for Clackamas county will be held in Oregon City, Oregon, on Saturday, March 23, 1872, for the purpose of selecting seven delegates to attend the State Convention...

The Conventions.

The Democracy of this county will assemble on the 23d for the purpose of placing in nomination a county ticket to be elected on the 3d day of June. It is all-important that the campaign should be opened proper and the right course be pursued.

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Radical Platform.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Convention held in this city last Saturday:

Resolved, That we the Republican party of Clackamas county, Oregon, declare our policy to be our principles:

1st. We cordially endorse the wise and humane administration of President Grant, and point with patriotic pride to the peace and prosperity of the country and the great reduction of the National debt during his Administration.

2d. We favor universal amnesty and an economical administration of the Government; a speedy return to specie payment; by the Government and National Banks, and a gradual reduction of taxation.

3d. We favor the re-election of President Grant.

4th. We favor the encouragement of Railroad and other internal improvements by the General Government; but the United States should dispose of the public lands only to actual settlers, in small quantities not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, and at not more than \$2.50 per acre.

5th. We are opposed to the Democratic litigant law; the swamp land grabbing law; to the removal by the last Legislature and Governor of principal officers fairly elected by the people, this subverting the elective franchise, to the robbery of our school fund of two hundred thousand dollars to the detriment of our common schools, and to the waste of our money to use our influence to amend those parties and unjust acts.

This is a rich platform for a party claiming the intelligence of the country. The first points with pride to the peace of the country, when we have had nothing but confusion for the past four years, and in the matter of reduction of the debt they simply endorse the false and contradictory statements of the Secretary of the Treasury.

That Bridge Again.—We made our first notice of the washing away of the Clackamas bridge upon information received from good authority, but after its appearance we were met by a member of the Court who denied that it was in any way responsible for it.

RECORDED.—Mrs. M. Miller has renounced her adhesion to the dogma of woman's suffrage. As fast as this matter is being investigated, sensible women forsake the heresy.

SUCCESSFUL.—We learn that for several weeks before the Radical Convention was held, the nominee for County Clerk held secret meetings in the Good Templar Hall in this city, in which the success of the nominations was arranged.

CAN'T STAND IT.—Horace Greeley, the father of the Republican party, does not go Grant, and declines to have anything to do with the Philadelphia Convention, in the following style:

RADICAL ECONOMY.—A telegram from California, says: "San Francisco officials say that the different Acts of the Legislature already passed, or certain to be passed will increase the General Fund expenses of the county for the ensuing year at least \$400,000 over those of last year."

Our Special Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, 1872. EDITOR ENTERPRISE.—The last trouble experienced by the Republicans is the introduction into the Senate, by Senator Sumner, a preamble and resolution to investigate the sale of arms by our Government to France during the struggle between that country and Prussia.

One is the question of neutrality and the discrepancy in the amount of money received for the sale of arms, and the amount that reached the Treasury. There is a discrepancy of over one million of dollars, and Sumner wants to find out to whose pockets this million of dollars went, and he means to let you get after anybody, and he goes for Grant on every occasion.

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Heavy Dondinger, a printer, writes from Yakima that all his cows died recently from eating poison—wild parsnip.

The first Congregational Church, of Portland, received a bell weighing 1,511 pounds. It is a present from Asa Harke.

State News.

Salem has thirteen Saloons, and as many more charging the Saloon at that place. Washington county has 1,856 school children.

The east side railroad depot is filled with grain and flour. Railroad iron is going forward lively on the C. & C. railroad.

The Radical State Convention is held at Portland next Wednesday. A sailor named Thomas Goodlet was drowned at Portland last Friday.

David McAlpine has been appointed Postmaster at Junction City. The Chemeketa Hotel, Salem, is to be opened on the first of August.

Puget Sound is doing a lucrative business shipping potatoes to Portland. J. D. Yates, an old tyro, has been appointed on the police force at Portland.

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Telegraphic Clippings.

WHEELING, March 9.—Quite an excitement was created at the Burlington & Ohio railroad depot this evening, by the discovery of a box filled from Cincinnati to Toronto, West Virginia, which proved to contain a human being—head, legs, arms, hands, etc., completely severed from the body.

LOUISVILLE, March 9.—Early yesterday morning three men, of the name of age, named James McNeill, near Shelby City, and brutally murdered him, spitting his head open with an axe and stabbing him several times. The purpose evidently was robbery, as there was a small amount of money in the house. The victims were frightened away by the screams of the wife of the murdered man.

LONDON, March 10.—The Observer states that Secretary Fish's reply to Lord Granville, concerning the claims for direct damages, has been received, and it expresses the desire of the American Government for a final and amicable settlement of the whole question.

CHICAGO, March 10.—The Unionville Times reports that parties interested in alleged lands in Marion county last week by Deputy United States Marshal Williams. Much excitement exists throughout the county where the many months of the settlement, and in many instances work has been abandoned and the laborers discharged, owners being unwilling to risk the prevailing uncertainty, owing to the prevailing uncertainty.

CHICAGO, March 11.—A Washington special says U. S. Attorney Bates, of Utah, will reply to the Senate on Monday's request to withdraw his resignation. Bates will refuse to comply with his invitation on the ground that charges have been brought against him by a Discharge Committee, and that he is not satisfied at his course in the Mormon prosecution. In this connection it may be stated that Dr. Newman had a recent interview with the Utah Governor, and Newman ended by stating that he would resign should be demanded, both as a matter of policy and justice.

DAYTON, March 11.—A horrible murder of a wife and three children, by the husband, was committed at a house six miles from this city on Saturday. The wife was found in bed naked, strangled, and the children, aged six and eight years, and six months respectively, were found on the bank of a creek, a short distance from the house. The baby's skull was crushed, and the two older were evidently drowned and afterwards taken from the creek. A woman, named Margaret, supposed to be the mother, was arrested. An inquest will be held over the victims. He is evidently insane.

Gov. Warmouth of Louisiana has arrived in this city. He is to have an audience on Monday at 10 o'clock, and in favor of Judge Davis. If Grant is nominated, a New Orleans gentleman accompanied the Governor, and reported that General Longstreet, resigned, at a Surveyorship of New Orleans on the grounds that he cannot approve the Administration's policy in Louisiana.

The suit instituted by the State of Louisiana against the Louisiana National Bank, by B. C. Galvin, against Secretary Bonwell for a claim of \$2,000,000 for a financial scheme, has been removed to the State Court.

A dispatch from Brownsville, Texas, says that on Monday a party of armed men, supposed to be Cortinas', crossed the river at Santa Maria ranch, thirty-two miles from Brownsville, and killed all the residents, including two Custom Inspectors. They held them prisoners while a thousand head of cattle were stolen and crossed. They then released the prisoners and returned to the other side.

LOSTON, March 11.—The Frontier says the American Government, after mature deliberation, has refused to grant their case to the Geneva Tribunal on the 15th of April, in accordance with the terms of the Treaty of Washington, even if the British Arbitrators do not present, and insist on proceeding to arbitrate, regardless of any protest or withdrawal on the part of Great Britain.

NEW YORK, March 12.—News of the overthrow of the Erie Ring seems to be received here with interest. It is an important measure the zeal and energy which have characterized the conduct of our representative in sustaining it will commend him to the gratitude of the people of Oregon.

Sometime since Mr. Gilfrey telegraphed that the School and University lands of Oregon as listed had been approved. The Radicals, having swamp lands on the brain, telegraphed to Senator Williams to know whether the "swamp lands had really been approved," to which he replied "no." Well, nobody ever said that they had.

AS WE PREDICTED.—Ben. Simpson, as predicted sometime since, has been nominated by the Radicals of Benton county for the Legislature. He is second in command in the "Mercenary Brigade," of which the Oregonians had so much to say a few years ago. Ben never will be elected by the voters of Benton.

The Radicals find a great deal of fault with the swamp land act. Yet that bill was drawn by Jesse Applegate, a Republican, and lobbied through by Radicals. We venture the assertion that more Radicals have garbled up swamp lands than Democrats. Even Radical editors have "froze" on some.

PROPER PLACE.—A gentleman remarked to us the other day that it was a good thing to have the Oregon Pioneer Society located at Astoria, in order that it might correct the early history of our State more readily as given by Mr. Gray.

A letter came through the mail yesterday addressed to "Clackamas Printer." That office was moved the other day by high water—particular locality not known. The Oregonian has already published that the Clackamas printer is playing the same game again? It appears so to us.

SHORT SIGHTED.—Last summer a gentleman in this town offered to sell the county two lots for the sum of \$2,000, beautifully located and in every way desirable or county buildings. The Court could not "see it." The same property today can't be bought for less than double the above amount.

Portland and Salt Lake Railroad.

The following letter from Hon. James H. Slater our representative in Congress, to the Portland Herald will prove of interest to our readers:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, Feb. 10, 1872. To the Editor of the Herald—Dear Sir—The New York Tribune of yesterday contains the following reference to the action of the Committee of Lands had on the 8th inst., touching Oregon interests:

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