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ELECTION.

The returns from this county are coming in slowly, and it will be impossible for us to give anything definite in this issue.

Table listing candidates for various offices including Prosecuting Attorney, Senator, Representatives, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, School Superintendent, Assessor, Surveyor, and Coroner.

Stump Speaking.

As a rule we consider the jangling about of candidates for precinct to precinct for the purpose of blackguarding one another, of very minor importance in an election.

This is the unhealthy slough in which American politics now lies. Our representative men are made to wink at falsehood and gain preference with voters by their ability to "throw mud."

The Eastern Oregon editor who so kindly advised us to "bag our head" displays so little brains in this address.

Our Own Country.

The corruption attending every department of public service, both in the United States government and through the several States of our Union, is undoubtedly great.

By a good majority the U. S. Senate has decided that it has jurisdiction in the Belknap case. It is now settled that William Belknap will be tried for the high crimes and misdemeanors of which he is impeached.

It was generally thought by the people that the President having accepted his resignation Belknap was beyond impeachment trial; but a Republican Senate having listened to the arguments, both pro and con, has decided against the general opinion.

Last week the editor of the Mercury did us the honor to read one of our articles so attentively that he actually discovered therein a typographical error.

Blaine and Kerr.

There are two things at the present writing upon which we wish to caution people not to be over hasty in passing judgment. They are on the guilt of Blaine and the bribery of Kerr.

Mr. Kerr is another Bayard, sans peur, and until now, sans reproche. His past record is one long line of honorable deeds and one long story of the life of a thorough American gentleman.

We hear from our former subscribers that the past wet winter and spring have had a very depressing effect upon the spirits of lately arrived immigrants.

The first letter Blaine read was addressed to Fisher and dated 1871. It referred to a settlement between Blaine and Fisher.

In Linn county, the entire Democratic ticket is elected by a majority of 240. Bonham beats Boise in the county by 360.

Returns from Polk county indicate the election of two Democratic and one Independent Representative and the Independent Senator.

Marion county went solid Republican by a large majority. Umattilla is reported as having elected a full Democratic ticket.

It is more than probable that the Democrats have a majority on joint ballot in the legislature, thus ensuring their next Senator.

In accordance with the apportionment act of 1872, all the States and Territories are to elect representatives and delegates to Congress on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November next fall—as twenty of the States already do.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Senator Thurman, from the committee on private land claims, reported favorably on the Blaine bill providing for the adjudication and issue of patents in the Missouri case of Oregon.

June 3.—Woods, from the committee on ways and means, made a report with regard to the Alaska fur seal fishery lease, exonerating the officers of the government and of the company from all allegations of fraud.

Blaine raising to a question of privilege, proceeded to address the House. After stating that the democratic members of the judiciary committee had not dared to bring him before the house for refusing to produce the letters in the case of Mulligan, Blaine announced his intention to read every one of them to the House.

Blaine moved the previous question on the resolution, and was at-tempting to make further remarks; but was prevented by loud calls of order and by the Speaker ruling that he was not entitled to the floor for that purpose.

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SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS.

Wheat is worth 77 cents at Albany. The river is receding at Portland. Salem had three marriages last week.

Amity girls have the base ball fever. The bad boys of Salem have been stealing lead pipe. Osceola won the running race at East Portland last Saturday.

The closing exercises at St. Helen's Hall took place last Tuesday. The finest school house in Yamhill county is located at Sheridan. J. P. Booth, a prominent citizen of the Dalles, died on the 28th ult.

Mrs. R. C. Geer, of Salem, had one of her ankles broken last week. Garland Getchell, of Amity, was drowned in the Yamhill river last week.

Agents from the east want the Bartlett pears in Oregon for shipment. The fruit yield on Hood river promises to be very plentiful this season.

The friends of Rev. P. S. Knight, of Salem, have presented him with a type writer. T. B. Ricker, postmaster at Salem, does not vacate his office until the 1st of July.

A trotting race is to take place on the East Portland course Saturday for a purse of \$200. The Astoria telegraph line is completed to Mandatann Fishery—25 miles from Astoria.