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Grover and His Instruments.

Before starting out to canvass the State, Grover made what he must have considered full and sufficient preparation for the defense of his interests at home. The paper since known as Grover's Organ was chartered for the campaign by an association who became responsible for the expense. Bush and Watkinds were seen in the preliminary arrangements, as we were assured by a leading Democrat. John F. Miller declared to several, incidentally or positively, that he should controll its columns, and probably many others were interested to the extent of aiding to subsidize and maintain the paper.

So much for the parentage of the sheet that has become infamous for its vileness and obscenity. Its course is so utterly reckless and depraved that its only influence is to disgust the honest portion of the Democratic party and strengthen Republican arguments, and it only calls for a notice at our hands as representing the interests of L. F. Grover, and we shall ever hold him to a strict accountability for the falsehoods, slanders and infamies committed by his instruments and paid for with his money.

In proceeding to unearth the vermin who burrow in dark places, and from a nameless obscurity indite the libels that make Grover's Organ infamous, we wish it to be distinctly understood that they only receive notice as his representatives, and because we hold him accountable and responsible for their acts. They might remain nameless, and rot in the foul atmosphere they have created, only that Grover owns them and shall answer for them.

It seems something more than a farce to waste words in description and denunciation of W. H. Watkinds. Some men are born with unscrupulous ability to carry out any plan which can be made to pay, and become the natural instruments of designing men who possess as little virtue, but more prudence, than themselves. Endowed with no natural love of principle, and with abilities unhampered by education and unmarred by good associations, he became the most available candidate for "business manager" of the association. He is, of course, not working without his price, and confidently expects—and no doubt has the positive promise—that in case Grover is elected he shall be Superintendent of the State Penitentiary. For a number of years past Watkinds has been occupying his proper field of labor in the Democratic party. Polk county has for many years been subject to his agency as importer of votes, and he has sworn to carry it in 1870. Here then we have the most unscrupulous man in all this region, standing forth as the only recognized agent of L. F. Grover in his absence. We claim that a man is known by his instruments, and that Grover chose Watkinds to do and act for him.

Hidden away in the recesses of some dark den—who would be nameless but shall not be so—is the poor tool who paragraphs the lying infamies that disgrace the civilization of our city while they aim to defame Grover's political enemies. In this desperate stage of the fortunes of Democracy, when even honor seems lost by the avowal of repudiation, there was need that some fitting instrument, some lost soul, some spirit damned before its time, should lift up its voice from the depths of despair, to blight the air with the shadow of its own perdition, claiming the while to be a teacher of Democracy. In choosing the one to make his columns appropriately interesting, Grover did well, and in view of the eternal fitness of things he could not have chosen better. O. G. Curl was educated under his own eye and graduated from his own law office, a favorite pupil at that, to win a name that soon became both famous and infamous. As one of the attorneys of Beal and Baker, who were tried in the spring of 1865, for the murder of old man Delaney, Curl stands before the world, his hands stained with blood-money, and his soul perjured by assertions before the Court that he believed that his clients were innocent when he knew them guilty and had a large share of the murdered man's money in his pocket. Beale & Baker were hanged for the crime of murder, which they confessed upon the gallows, and they charged that while they stole the money from Delaney, Caton and Curl *stole it from them*. At the trial we heard this man Curl assert his positive belief in the innocence of his clients, and he denounced one of our best citizens, a witness for the prosecution, as having perjured himself to swear Beale and Baker's lives away. This he did with the knowledge of the murder, and after he had unearthed and appropriated the money of which they had robbed Delaney's premises. They imparted to him the secret of its hiding, and he, ghoul-like, unearthed it after night. A certain wealthy man who entrusted the management of property to them in his absence, complains that the same enterprising law firm embezzled from $6,000 to $8,000 of his money. As the gentleman referred to is now in this city and is an active Democrat, we will refer him to the parties to whom he gave this information, in case he shall give it a denial. His career since that time has been such as could be expected of one utterly lost and wrecked. Characterless, aimless, a very Johnnie, he serves no other purpose than to adorn and delineate the principles of Democracy.

This is the instrument chosen by Grover to be his friend and defender in his absence. Does he want this man, with blood-stained record and perjured soul, whose hands have clutched a dead man's money, and robbed the murderer of his prey, to stand before the world as the fruit of his teachings? It seems so. It is part of his public record, that the man who was foully libeled by him before a court of justice, smote the mouth that uttered the falsehood.

We have pictured these men as they stand before the world, public and professed. We leave to them, untouched, save by their foul words, the field of private slanders, and for the present, at least, we decline to pollute our columns with the recital of incidents of private life that involve the happiness of a sphere we do not care to invade. It is true that the field is inviting to those who relish the *National Police Gazette*, *Macappa*, or the *Days' Doings*, but the record would nauseate a Salem audience.

We read Grover by his instruments and judge him by his representatives. If they deserve respect, so does he, and if they are shameless, unworthy and polluted, remember that they do his bidding and that he must be held accountable.

Business Manager vs. Noah Webster.

EDITOR STATESMAN:

"Authography" is pretty good, but here's something better from "the facile pen" of the Business manager (so-called) which I have extracted from the *Statesman* of August 18, 1864:

"JOSH BILLINGS' LETTER."

The Imported Voters into Polk county.

STATE OF OREGON, }
County of Marion. } ss.

J. A. Riley, being duly sworn, says that the annexed letter was given to him by W. H. Watkinds, of Salem, in said State, to be delivered to Goff, Hayden or Whitley; and that he did deliver it to Ben. Hayden, and the said Hayden opened it and read it, and returned it to deponent, with the request that deponent should deliver it to Whitley, which he did not do, but retained it in his, deponent's, possession. JAMES A. RILEY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this sixth day of August, 1864. Witness my hand and official seal

CHESTER N. TERRY,
Notary Public.

SALEM, Aug. 3rd, 1864.

Messrs. Goff, Whitley and Haden—Gents: Mr. Riley complains that the money he paid out to handes at Goff's has bin charged to him. I told Mr. Riley that if he would take one or two hands to Goff that you would see that they got thare pay he says he paid out 48$ to two men that was at Goff's. Whitley told me he had paid Goff 40$ to pay som men that was at his house. now this money should be maid up to Riley in some way and it must be I should think it was time this thing was setld up if it ever is a going to be. If I have got to *pay it all I would like to no it*. I have all-ready paid out $186 100-100 and I think that is a nuff for me to pay it you dont want this none all over the Kuntry you had bether setle it up for I have paid out the last sent I am going to.

WM. H. WATKINDS.

Should this effort prove unsatisfactory as to the literary attainments of the brilliant Manager ("so-called"), we have further and indubitable proofs which shall be produced when the public demands. How about the letter written by William to Dr. Shaw, that Mr. Bush enjoyed so much?

Keep cool, William! (D—n the caustic!)
Yours, truly, SQUIBOB.

ABOUT AFFIDAVITS.—Mr. Linus Brooks informed us that he stood ready to make affidavit to the facts he relates concerning the land claim Judge Wilson is accused of having jumped unlawfully. We declined the affidavit, never having heard Mr. Brooks' word questioned, and not caring to put him on a par with one Simpson, whose affidavit was published in Grover's Organ last week. Simpson seems to have been a bad egg generally, and was tried, we are informed, for assault with intent to kill at the last term of Court in Polk county. He was tried once before for mayhem. He had bitten off the ear of one of his brothers-in-law, and was convicted and sentenced, but from some cause Gov. Woods pardoned him when he reached Salem on his way to the States prison. Of course his affidavit was too valuable to lose. Watkinds should secure his autograph, even if he had to take it in the shape of a bite on the ear, and keep it to remember him by.

OUTRAGEOUS.—At Reed's Opera House, last Saturday night, Jo. Wilson said: "If their persecutors do not let the Chinamen alone they will begin to rise higher and *higher* until they get clear above the white people, just as the negroes have done.—*Grover's Organ.*

The *outrage* consists of the fact that Judge Wilson never said it. He said that, if treated as the negroes have been, they would in time "rise above their persecutors." The Organ has garbled paragraphs from the STATESMAN in the same way, and is capable of doing and saying whatever a perverted imagination and corrupt heart can conceive. We have not the inclination to enter the depths of degradation where it resides, to excavate and shovel into day the falsehood and filth which it wallows in. No decent man—and certainly no woman—believes a word of it, and therefore to answer its attacks would be waste of time.

A SOLE LEATHER CANDIDATE.—Mr. A. C. Jones, the shoemaker, nominated for Clerk of Linn county by the Democrats, having concluded to quit work and nurse his political prospects, has, as we learn, packed up his tools and leather and findings, and had them all moved to the Court House. He says that a nomination being equivalent to an election, he might as well save storage on his plunder by taking possession of the office a few weeks sooner. He is a sensible man to stick to his *last*, for if his duties get the *upper* hand of him, and are about to *wax* him, he can do the *sole* thing he knows. If he don't understand the *findings* of the court, he will have *findings* of his own at hand that he does understand, and can *hammer* and *peg* away at with *awl* his might.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD. — The *Congressional Globe* of April 22, gives the action in the Senate on the Northern Pacific Railroad, a measure in which the State of Oregon is most vitally interested. Mr. Cassedy, the Democratic Senator from California, opposed the bill in a speech of two hours duration and it finally passed by a vote of 40 yeas to 11 noes. The Democrats in the Senate either voted no or were conveniently absent. The Republican party is willing to endow the great enterprises upon which our prosperity is dependent, with the means to ensure success. The people of Oregon cannot afford to place their trust in a party which is pledged to prevent their progress, when a Republican administration stands ready to favor us, and has done and is doing so much in our favor.

SLATED TO BE TRADED OFF.—"He will not fail to wear his deserving honors after the idea of June, if the full support of the Marion Democracy alone is wanted.—*Grover's Organ.*

Having repeatedly charged that Slater was to be traded off in this county, if necessary to make capital for Grover, we call attention to the above very plain avowal that the support of Marion county will certainly be wanting for that gentleman's success. We did not so soon expect to prove it from their own mouths.

"Out! Damned Spot!"

Either the pitiful tool who writes for Grover's Organ, or the prompter behind the iron front, who gives the cue for every fresh outrage upon common decency, has mustered courage to reply to our exposure of a career which for perfidy and infamy has no parallel in Oregon history. "Youthful indiscretions" sounds well; it is a mild way of saying "Out damned spot," when speaking of a blood-stained record, but it will not "out," and we have raised a ghost of memory that shall never "down at your bidding." We are informed that those innocents, Watkinds and Curl, not being candidates for office, have the right and privilege to assail, slander and villify any and every one, and be counted harmless and let alone. They find Boise, Wilson and Palmer fit subjects for their falsehoods, and pour on these men, whose lives and characters are above reproach, floods of abuse ness that could only originate in the haunts of vice they frequent. They bring to their aid associations with gambling hells, brothels and the lowest dead-falls, and with all the avidity of depraved natures, add calumny to falsehood to perfect their slanders, and then whine because their own characters are mildly depicted. We say mildly, because, had we penetrated and made public their inner lives it would have been to defile our columns beyond public endurance. These wretches are despicable, but it is only because Grover keeps them tethered with his leash and sets them on game he dare not attack himself, we notice them.

If we were to follow the example set by Grover's slandering hirelings, that gentleman might blush at his own "youthful indiscretions." There are incidents in his career, which in the past have moved the mirth and become the staple for anecdotes to his friends, Nesmith, Harding and Bush, now daily retailing on the streets, recited because the vileness of his especial Organ provokes retaliation. In this campaign, we have made improper or ungentlemanly notice of no opposing candidate. We have sought no under advantage, used no abusive epithets. It may be necessary to assume the defensive in a manner we do not desire, and repay those slanderers by an array of facts that will disgust them with themselves. The "association" and its miserable tools offer a field of inquiry a hyena might sigh for, and a vulture might vainly hope to reach.

We have a distinct impression that no one of the association can complain of our personal valor. Was it the impulsive spirit of Curl, or the cowardly prompter of his brilliant sayings, who spoke of "stripes?" We claim to have no fears of the one, and the other probably still wears the impression of a boot, which will remain a historical memento in the family of "Clark-o."

Beriah Brown's Explanation.

The former editor of the *Press* is in frequent receipt of letters from old subscribers in reference to matters pertaining to the present management of the paper. To avoid misunderstanding, he will repeat that he has parted with all control over the paper during the present canvass, and further say, that from the date of that public announcement to the present time, he has not contributed a line to the paper. This arrangement was not in consequence of any change in the polical opinions of the former editor, but for the reason that it was believed that others could better represent the popular sentiments and tastes of the Democracy of this section, in style and manner; a belief in which he concurs. It is hoped that no further explanation will be necessary.

It is due to Mr. Brown that the foregoing, which appeared in a late number of Grover's Organ, should be made as public as possible, that his desire not to be identified with that dirty sheet may be known through the State. His charaterization of the clique as an "association of gentleman, (so-called)" established Mr. Brown's reputation as a popular and successful satirist, but the above allusion to "the tastes of Democracy in this section," and the "style and manner" in which those tastes are represented by Grover's Organ is even better as successful sarcasm than his former efforts.

OREGON MEATS.—The San Francisco *Commercial Herald*, of late date, speaking in its market reports of provisions, says: "Recent receipts from Oregon prove to be of inferior quality, badly cured, perhaps by the use of interior salt, so much so that divers parcels of meat have been rejected by the packers." Oregon being well adapted to meat curing and packing, it is necessary that those who do anything in this line should use the best and purest salt, so that their own interests and the credit of our State may be maintained. Mr. James, late of British Columbia, calls our attention to this matter, with the remark that he has found, in handling Oregon meats in the way of business, that a great difference in quality was perceptible, that could only be attributed to the use of different qualities of salt. Liverpool salt is the only kind able to insure well cured and well flavored meats when cured. The salt made on this coast is possessed of impure qualities that make it impossible to insure good results by its use. The slight additional cost of the article is much more than covered by a guarantee of the best results. Mr. Cross only uses the best of Liverpool salt in his business.

GIRL OF 'EM.—Occasionally a female rebel comes to Oregon trailing after the males in Price's army. Saturday night one of these, who came to Oregon destitute last fall, and was kindly helped and cared for, occupied a gallery seat in the theater, and was heard commenting at Judge Wilson while he was speaking. We heard the rumpus and learn since that this female paragon was cursing the speaker in a shrill tenor, calling him a black snake and offering to skin him if she had a knife. We suggest that room should be made for her on the editorial staff of Grover's Organ. Such Democracy and such vigorous force of expression should not go unrewarded, and in fact deserve to have distinguished acknowledgement.

We admire the prudence of the man, who, after being called a liar and a slanderer, waits until his opponent is thirty miles away, and then says "You are another." See Grover's Organ.

Grover's Chinese Record.

Grover having denied at Portland, in his public discussion, that any negotiations had been had for the employment of Chinese in Salem factory, and pronounced the charge made by Gov. Woods a falsehood. The *Oregonian* of yesterday says:

The statement is no "slander," nor was it originated by the *Oregonian*. We made the statement in the first place on the authority of the managers of the factory at Oregon City, who, from the nature of their business are likely to know. And secondly, we called upon the agent of the Chinese companies in this city, who states that propositions have been made by the Salem factory company to the Chinese, with a view of introducing this class of labor in their establishment. The Chinese consulted their agent about the matter, and expressed a disinclination to go, through fear of receiving violent treatment from mobs at Salem.

During the discussion at Oregon City Wednesday evening, Gov. Woods repeated the charge, and called on Mr. Jacobs, of Oregon City Mills, who rose and said:

"I have never addressed an audience of this size on political subjects, but as I have been called on to state what I know about the matter in question, I will simply state that some time ago I had a conversation with Mr. Doland, Democratic Treasurer of Multnomah county, and at that time agent for the Chinese, in which Doland told me that Mr. Grover had written to him a letter that he wanted to negotiate for Chinese labor for the Woolen Mills at Salem, but that he would delay a final arrangement of the matter until he could see how that kind of labor would work in the mills at Oregon City"

Mr. Jacobs avowed himself willing to make oath to these statements.

Mr. W. C. Johnson also arose and stated that Mr. Doland told him the same thing.

We are informed that Mr. Grover did not find it convenient to take any notice of these statements. Of course Grov had a right to talk of hiring Chinese and to hire them, and to work them when hired, but then why need he go and deny it so fiercely.

School Fund Transactions.

SHOWING WHO SWINDLED THE FUND.

We give below the names of the only two men who have ever swindled the school or university fund by payment of depreciated currency in place of coin borrowed.

B. F. BONHAM,

the candidate on the Democrat ticket for Judge of the Third Judicial District, having borrowed coin, on the 27th of March, 1865, paid the County Treasurer $540, and on the same day paid the State Treasurer $378, both amounts being paid dollar for dollar *in currency worth about two-thirds of the money borrowed* These figures are taken from the public records and will not be denied.

BEN. HAYDEN,

the apostle of Democracy in Polk and Democratic candidate for Legislature, offers the following interesting record:

The commissioners of the University Fund, as any one can learn by applying to the agent of the Board, have Ben. Hayden's note, dated Nov. 13, 1861, for $154—at which time all transactions were on a coin basis—secured by mortgage on "river lot No. 2, section 1, N. E. quarter of N. E. quarter, T. 8 south, R 4 W," in Polk county. The only payment on this note is dated April 5, 1867, (at which time currency was worth only 70 cents), and I. R. Moores, agent of the Board, has certified on the back of the note that on that day Ben. Hayden paid him $200 currency. He owed the University Fund $200 coin and paid currency worth 70 cents on the dollar.

Record of an Honest Man—Joseph G Wilson,

Republican Candidate for Congress, gave his note to the University Fund Commissioner, Oct. 12th, 1858, for $180, with interest at 15 per cent. per annum The interest was paid up at that rate until Oct. 12th, 1861, at which time the then State Treasurer, Hon. J. D. Boon, employed his legal services to foreclose a mortgage given the Fund by J. E. Parrett and wife, for $1,200, for which services he was to receive $50, the same, by agreement, to be credited as a payment on his note, held by the Treasurer as above. This note was settled as follows:

Amount originally borrowed.....	$170 00
Interest from Oct. 12th, 1851, to Dec. 22d, 1866, at 15 per annum	132 45
Total Prin. and Int. Dec. 22d, '66	$302 45
CREDIT.	
By legal services in 1861,..	$ 50
By coin paid Dec. 22d,... 1866,.....	100
By currency paid Dec. 22d,... '66, $200 at 76¼c.....	151 50
	$302 50

We call attention to the fact that Judge Wilson paid 15 per cent. interest at the same time Hayden and Bonham were only paying 10 per cent., and that he paid full interest from Oct., 1861, to Dec. 22d, 1866, on the $50, which should have been credited at that time. He overpaid the interest $37 50. He paid more interest than he ought, and his case offers a proper opportunity for "equitable adjustment."

The account should have been settled thus:

Oct. 12, 1861, Principal (Interest being paid).....	$170 00
Cr.—By legal services, '61.....	50 00
Amount at interest,.....	$120 00
Interest to Dec. 22d, 1866—5 years 2 months and 10 days at 15 per c,	93 05
Amount justly due,.....	$213 05
Paid coin,.....	$100
" currency,.....	200

Leaving an actual cash balance due Judge Wilson, in coin, after payment of note and interest of $40 95. d&wtf

IMPROVEMENT NOTICED.—We are happy to know that our efforts to instruct Mr. Slater in the use of language have met with remarkable success. At Silverton he caught the words before they escaped his tongue and denounced the national debt as "unjust and inequitable," for the first time on his canvass. At Dallas, on Tuesday, and in every previous speech, he had said "injust and unequitable," but he had read our paper and was cured of that fault, though we noticed the usual number of small mistakes. Having succeeded so well in this instance, we hope to reform the English of Bill Watkinds before he retires from the field of journalism. We have no hopes of reforming Bill himself, and shall confine ourself to his literary efforts.

The Democracy object to Judge Boise that "he never spent a dollar in elections." We cheerfully admit the fact, and hope they will repeat the assertion

Silverton

This thriving place, which is and always will be one of the best business points in Marion county, possesses one of the finest natural water powers to be found in Oregon. Two miles above the town, at the first falls, is an excellent grist mill, with one run of stone and a new saw mill contiguous to an unlimited amount of the best timber. At Silverton is situated the new flouring mill of Coolidge, Wolford & Co., finished up with all the improvements known in milling. It has two run of stone for manufacture of fine flour, and choppers besides. The large and well built granary contains several thousand bushels of wheat, stored to take advantage of the rise in breadstuffs now progressing.

On the creek below the flouring mill, using the water of the creek as motive power, are a planing mill with buzz saws, a sash and door and furniture factory, both owned by Davenport, Wolford & Co., two wagon shops, and a carding machine The town has three stores, two saddlers shops, a drug store and a book store with the post office. There are several, each, of boot and shoe makers and blacksmiths, a good hotel and several saloons. These constitute a place of considerable importance. The social character of the place is denoted by a good school house. It is one of the best District Schools in the county. Religious services are held in the old school house, almost every Sabbath. The meeting houses of the District are at Bethany and Abiqua, two and three miles distant. There is a village of six dwelling houses, and new houses and inhabitants are, of course, constantly added to the population. Silverton will be one of the most attractive places in the county, when Oregon gets the growth of a few more years.

The McMinnville *Blade* asks some pertinent questions of W. T. Newby, Democratic candidate for State Senator, and we are waiting to see his reply. The people want to know just how much he collected on account of the O. C. R. R., and of that amount how much has been spent in locating the road, and how much Mr. N. has *saved*. Also information is wanted as to that gentleman's position on railroads in general and the Astoria and McMinnville Road in particular. The people of that section will no doubt act upon the subject, and they want to act understandingly. One thing is certain, the course of the *Herald* on the question of railroads, will injure its party in Yamhill and Washington counties as much as one hundred voters.

GROVER'S ORGAN.— The rest of the Democratic party of the State, in displaying the ticket, place the name of the Congressional candidate at the head of the list, while the *par excellence* Grover Organ hoists the ticket with the name of Grover first. We have before called attention to the fact that the association are running Grover alone; the rest may take their chances; the Salem clique supports Grover and works for him, determined to sacrifice any one who comes in his way. This being so, the Democracy of Oregon have our earnest congratulations on the harmony of the party and the efficiency of the Salem association.

MORE GREENS.—There is some curiosity in the Democratic circles to know what Bill Watkinds went so hurriedly to Portland for Tuesday. Some say that having exhausted the supply of *greens* at Salem in honor of Slater, and he having trod them under foot afterwards, Bill went down to negotiate for a lot to be sent from California for use when Grover speaks. Others say that his imports in Polk county are swearing they must have money or blood and he has expedited himself in search of cash. Our opinion is that he is searching for both greens and cash as well as for a campaign speller.

WEST SIDE RAILROAD —The success of the West-Side Railroad enterprise seems to be guaranteed by the receipt of a telegram by its friends in Portland, stating that the persons representing it East have succeeded in making a purchase of iron and rolling stock for twenty miles of the road. We are in hopes to hears at no distant day that work is energetically commenced and material on the way. It is an enterprise in which our State is much interested. We hope the road will be speedily pushed up the valley, and that Astoria will be brought into railroad connection with the Willamette Valley. This will be accomplished in time, and the sooner the better.

JUDGE BOISE.—The only time we had the honor to receive that "consumptive vulture, Curl," in this office, Judge Boise's name was mentioned, and he astonished us by pronouncing him a model Judge, who commanded universal respect. Yet he tries to slander Judge Boise in Grover's Organ. Such as he can injure nobody. Their slander constitutes a good man's praise. Their praise is doubtful, their slander never is.

Absence, at Silverton, to attend the public speaking and watch Mr. Slater's improvement in grammar, is the reason we do not give the public enemy more particular attention to day. We should not consider it fair or gentlemanly to attack a slight misuse of words in an opponent, if we had a decent example set by Grover's Organ. Mr. Slater will please consider that we follow its example this once. He, like Dog Tray, suffers by being in bad company.

THANKS.—Jasper requests us to say that he is obliged to the "Manager" for that installment towards a dictionary He thinks Mr. "Haden" had "bether setle" unless the money paid to the "handes" has "bin maid up." It should be "setld" up if it take the last "sent" in the "Kuntry." As soon as there is "a nuff" "allready" to start the book he "would like to no it."

ANOTHER OMISSION.—In the biography of Mr. Slater in the Salem *Press* copied by the Portland *Hearld*, we discover no mention of the circumstance that Mr. Slater had voted, in the Legislative Assembly of Oregon, for David Logan, Esq., for U. S. Senator Mr. Logan has always been a consistent Republican, and, as Mr. Slater is the Albany Repudiation platform candidate for Congress, it is but right his old Republican friends should be reminded that he is the Slater who voted for Mr. Logan.—*Commercial.*

GENERAL NEWS.

PORTLAND. — The *Oregonian* says the Sabbath Schools of that city are to have a picnic next Saturday.....At the close of the dedication services of the Lutheran Church, $2.500 was subscribed towards the cost of construction.....A vacant house near Oswego Lake, owned by John Doole, has been burned .....The Republicans have a club-room over Harker & Bro.'s store.....The river is falling..... Mr. Holladay is to give the Sabbath Schools of Portland and Oregon City a picnic excursion.....A son of Ned Chambreau, aged 12 years had his arm broken while playing, last Saturday.

UMATILLA COUNTY — The Republicans have nominated in this county, for Senator, N. Perkins; Representatives, Thos. K. McDoy, John S. White; Sheriff, J P. Bushee; Clerk, J. C Franklin; Commissioners, J S. Vinson, A. Hill; Assessor, J. W. Marquiss; School Superintendent, S. B. Story.

BENTON COUNTY.—From the *Mercury:* On last Saturday morning, a stranger called at R. G Simmons' livery stable, in this city, and hired a horse, ostensibly to go ten miles in the country. Not returning that day, it became evident that something was wrong. On Sabbath morning Mr. Simmons, armed with a warrant, started in pursuit. A telegram yesterday, to the effect that the Sheriff of Douglas county had nabbed the thief near Canyonville was received in this city. He will be met by Mr. Simmons at Roseburg, by whom he will be brought to this city to answer for his crime..... The Professors of the College propose to give an entertainment on the evening of May 20th, the entire proceeds to be applied to the "Apparatus Fund." The entire apparatus will be on exhibition. .....The officers and crew of the Calliope left this city with that steamer at nine o'clock on Monday morning last, *en route* for Oregon City to submit hull and boiler to inspection. President Biddle telegraphed from Oregon City the same day: "Calliope all right. Arrived here at 8 o'clock" This is the quickest trip on record.

JACKSON COUNTY.—The crops throughout the valley have never looked better than at present. Fruit, grain and grass promise a full harvest. The late rains have given everything a fair start that will not be checked by any amount of drouth.....Mr Colwell informs us that a miner by the name of Peter Cline, had his leg badly broken last week by a large rock. Dr. Foley set the leg.—*News.*

EARTHQUAKE.—The Walla Walla *Statesman* gives the following account of an earthquake that took place at that point a few days since: "A shock of earthquake was distinctly felt at Walla Walla, on Friday night last, about forty minutes past ten o'clock. In a number of houses where the inmates were still up, the windows were still heard to rattle, and all the indications of a first-class earthquake. The shake occurred during a tremendous storm of thunder and lightning, and owing to that reason was not generally observed."

Oregon City Items.

FRIDAY, 5.—Wilson and Slater spoke this evening.

SUNDAY EVENING.—A man went into the Cliff House; went up stairs to bed, boots and all. The landlord, not liking the style, told him to leave, but he could not see it in that light. So he helped him down stairs in a way he did not like. He told the landlord he thought it was a d—n nice way to treat his boarders.

MAY 9 —The steamer Calliope arrived at Canemah at 8 o'clock this evening from Corvallis. She will be here a week to fit up.

MAY, 10 —J. W. Johnson spoke here this evening. The Democrats stayed as long as he had anything to say against the Republicans, but as soon as he commenced on the Democratic platform they began to drop out.

The enterprising baby of the Oregon City *Enterprise* has gone to Eastern Oregon and has left his devil in charge of the paper—a very nice paper he is making of it. O. C.

AFTER CERTIFICATES.—A private letter from Waconda, dated May 10th, 1870, contains the following item of news:

"Bill Business Manager passed down on the stage this morning, in search of "Nigger Jack," for the purpose of getting his certificate concerning the Wilson land claim. Bill is heavy on negroes and certificates. J. C. H."

DEMOCRATIC MIXTURE.—There is a Democratic Irishman in Portland, who can be seen walking the streets with a very black negro woman who is his wife. This, we were assured by a reliable man, who knows him and his politics.

Some one suggests that Manager Bill went below to air his importance as "Man ger" and gain notoriety. We intend that he shall have enough of that without going to Portland for it, before the campaign is over.

MORE SPELLING.—There is a Democratic County Judge in this State who constantly spells cow, k-o-u, cow. Watkinds might take lessons of him, as they seem to have a similar K-apacity.

The *Mercury* man is in a terrible condition about Gen. Palmer's claim on "Chehalis river." If there is such a river in Oregon it exists in the disordered brain of some toper.

Quite a romantic incident recently occurred at the court of ex-Queen Isabella. One of the maids of honor, a young girl of great beauty, lost a portemonnaie, containing 800 francs, which was brought to the Queen a few days afterwards by a young and handsome peasant. Nothing was missing, and the Queen asked the lad what reward he wanted for his honesty. The young fellow had observed the fair owner of the portemonnaie, and her great joy at its recovery, and made bold to say: "I want no reward but one kiss from that young lady." Her Majesty smiled, and turning to the young girl said, "Will you grant his request Carmen?" Carmen hesitated for a moment, but finally throwing her arms around his neck, kissed him three times, amidst the general laughter and applause of the whole company.

It is astonishing how quickly Chinamen learn the habits of civilization. At Petaluma, Cal., lately, a Chinaman was tried for exhibiting deadly weapons in a threatening manner at another moon-eyed Asiatic. During the progress of the trial, the attorney for the defense, not being exactly satisfied with the contradictory evidence elicited, which was bearing rather hard against his client, asked the Celestial who was acting as interpreter, if Chinamen, under oath administered before our judicial tribunals, would tell the truth. "Oh, no," responded John. "Chinaman lie, alle same as you lie; alle same as any Melican man lie!"

"But if I put my money in the savings bank,' inquired one of the newly-arrived, "when can I draw it outagain?" "Och," replied his Hibernian friend, "sure an' if you put it in to-day you can draw it out to-morrow by giving a fortnight's notice"

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Washington News.

Washington May 6.—Ex-Gov. Wells was nominated U. S Attorney for Virginia in the Senate to-day.

Brigadier Gen. Breck is ordered to report to Gen. Whipple at San Francisco, for temporary charge of Military Division of the Pacific until the arrival of General Kelton.

Receipts of revenue for first nine months of the current fical year have been $150, 266 534, against $112,980 for the same time of previous year.

The American Medical Association refuses to admit women delegates.

The President will send to the Senate next week additional documents in the matter of the annexation of St. Domingo, including certified note on annexation. It is understood that the treaty has gained no positive strength since last considered. Feeling in the House against much stronger than in the Senate.

Postal convention with the Sandwich Islands to go into effect July 1st, has been promulgated. The rate is six cents for one-half an ounce. Prepaid newspapers 3 cents for four ounces or fraction thereof, to regular subscribers prepaid quarterly. Rates of other printed matter, four cents per 4 oz.

Tammany and Mozart.

The latest from New York goes to show that the Tammany Mozart wings of the New York City Democracy have united and harmonized to prevent a coalition between the Independents on the Democratic side and the Republicans.

OREGON.

Jacksonville, 9 —The Republican Convention of Josephine county met on Saturday last and made the following nominations: Representative, Delemater; for County Judge, Davidson; Sheriff, Tom Floyd; Clerk, J. G Adams; Treasurer; J. Henderson; Commissioners Woodcock, and Elder; Assessor, E. Watts; School Superintendent, Middlesworth. No resolutions.

Hail Storm at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 8.—Terrific hail storm this afternoon; damage greatly exceeds that of September 8th. South side of Chesnut street hardly a pane of glass escaped destruction. All the windows of the Continental hotel were broken. Fruit trees in the district are almost entirely destroyed. Stones were from the size of a pea to seven inches in circumference.

Fenian Prospects.

New York, May 9.—Convention of all the circles of Fenian Brotherhood in Manhattan district was held yesterday at headquarters. Late difficulties between O Neil and the Senate constituted the chief subject of discussion. Faction, Senate bitterly condemn. Circles pledge themselves to support O Neil in event of his commencing war.

Gen. Jordan Arrived.

Cuban Gen. Jordan and staff arrived here to procure munitions of war. He visits Washington and returns to Cuba. Reports campaign substantially ended for the present, result in favor of the Cubans. Cubans are in better condition than ever. Success of revolution depends on time. It numbers 10,000 well organized men, supplied with artillery and mountain howitzers sufficient for present service. Jordan left Cuba in a small sloop. When three days out he was chased by five Spanish gun boats, but a storm arose and he eluded them.

Chicago, May 6 —Fifteen business houses at Quincy were burned last night, the loss was $300,000.

City of Mexico, April 26 —An amendment to the Constitution creating a Senate has passed Congress but awaits ratification by the States.

Popular Vote of France.

Paris, May 8, Midnight.—The vote of Paris on plebiscitum except one section gives yes, 138,790; no, 182,881. A few returns from provinces give yes, 108,536; no, 39,310.

Markets.

San Francisco, May 9 —Wheat in Liverpool advanced to 9s 9d

San Francisco—Flour—500 bbls Imperial, extra, sold at close of last week at $5 75; most of Salem, extra, by steamer, has been previously reported. The remainder of the invoice was sold this morning at $6 00; sale of 1 000 bbls Los Gates, extra, $6 00; Marysville, extra, was offered this morning at $5 50; Alviso, extra, sells at $5 87½@6 00; Santa Clara, extra, $5 75@6 00; California brands, superfine, in sks., $4 87½@5 00; extra in sks, $5 62½@5 87½.

Wheat—Two small lots, choice, sold today at $1 75@1 80 per 100 pounds, advance of 6c since Saturday.

Barley—500 sks fair brewing $1 57½@1 60; choice held at $1 65@1 70 per 100 lbs.

Oats are quiet and firm. Sales, small lots, at $1 35@1 55.

Bran—The supply has been concentrated and price raised to $25, advance of $10 per ton in less than a week.

Middlings—Feed descriptions have been raised to $27 50, advance of $6 since the 4th instant.

Eggs—Oregon, quotable at 20@25 per dozen.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Washington, May 9.—Senator Sherman expressed his opinion that the Senate will do nothing with the tariff.

The Postmaster General says that if the franking privilege is abolished he will be able to reduce letter postage to two cents.

In the House the Land Committee has agreed to report back the China telegraph bill, with the recommendation that no land grant be given.

A two-thirds vote for ratification is now claimed by the friends of the Dominican treaty.

The President has approved an act allowing Texas officeholders thirty days to take the oath under the act admitting the State to representation in Congress.

The Committee on Reconstruction will to-morrow consider the Georgia bill as amended by the Senate.

Important Suit.

Baltimore, May 9.—The State of Maryland has sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to recover the value of gold over currency, on its dividend on preferred stock, now amounting to nearly $20,000,000. The claim is based on the recent decision of the Supreme Court.

The Great Prize Fight.

Chicago, May 10.—The prize fight between Allen and Mace was won by the former in ten rounds, time, 44 minutes.

EUROPE.

London, May 9.—The *Times* understands that the warning to German capitalists against American bonds came from the North German Consul at New York. North Pacific R. R. and Honduras, says the *Times*, was especially tabooed.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, May 10.—The Grand Lodge, I. O. O F., met at the Odd Fellows' Hall to-day. Present, John B. Hannon, R. W. G M.; T. Rogers Johnson, R. W. G. S., and a full board of officers.

The report of the R. W. G. M. shows the past year to have been one of great labor and usefulness, there being now 160 working Lodges and 12,877 members in good standing, with assets as follows: Cash on hand, $69,732; money at interest, $126,460; value of libraries, $70,666; real estate and other property, $71,022; value of halls, lots and cemetery, $359,036; value of Lodge regalia and furniture $102,198. The election for the Grand Lodge officers comes off to-morrow.

Markets.

Flour—$5 50@6.

Barley—Coast, $1 50; brewing, $1 65, market very irregular at about $1 50@1 70 per 100 lbs.

Oats—Prices advanced to $1 75@1 80, per 100 lbs.

The use of Hall's Vegetable Hair Renewer will keep the hair soft and glossy.

San Francisco, May 11.—Gen. Stoneman, who is to command in Arizona, will, it is said, take the field in person against the Apaches.

Col. Jas Fisk, Jr., has engaged rooms at the Lick House. He will arrive here early in June. He announces his intention of giving a $20,000 ball during his stay here.

It is reported that a party left here by last steamer fitted out by Harpending, Roberts & Co., for a locality in Arizona, near the new silver mines which is said contain ledges even richer than those already made known to the public.

Grain market excited. Wheat, choice, $1 75 @ $1 80. Weather cool and pleasant.

Tillamook Republican Convention.

The Tillamook Union Republican Convention met at Lincoln on the 30th day of April, 1870, at ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination a ticket to be supported at the approaching election in June.

I. W. Alderman was called to the chair and S. C. Espy elected Secretary of the meeting.

On motion, F. A. White, B. A. Bayley, and John Crawford were chosen a Committee on Resolutions.

On motion, adjourned until 1 o'clock.

At one o'clock the Convention was called to order, I. W. Alderman in the Chair.

The Committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the platform of principles enunciated by the Republican State Convention, approve of its action and will unanimously support its nominees and the nominees of this Convention.

Resolved, That we give our support to the nominees of Tillamook county for joint Representative, and that the delegate to the joint Convention be instructed to use every honorable measure to secure his nomination.

The following named gentlemen were nominated as candidates for the various offices: For Joint Representative, D. D. Bayley, subject to the action of the Joint Convention; County Judge, Henry St.