

The Coast Mail.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1880.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican Convention for the State of Oregon is called to meet at Portland, Wednesday, April 21st, 1880, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress, three candidates for Presidential Electors, three candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court, Judges and Prosecuting Attorneys for each of the several Judicial Districts, and the election of six delegates to attend the National Republican Convention, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

The Convention will consist of 165 Delegates, apportioned among the various counties as follows:

Baker	4	Lane	9
Benton	6	Lincoln	11
Clatsop	5	Marion	17
Columbia	3	Multnomah	24
Coos	2	Tillamook	7
Curry	2	Union	7
Douglas	1	Wasco	5
Grant	5	Washington	8
Jackson	6	Yamhill	9
Josephine	3		
Lake	2		

The same being one Delegate for every 100 votes, and one for every fraction of 50 votes and over cast for Secretary of State at the last general election.

The Committee recommend that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 3, 1880, and the County Conventions on Saturday, April 10, 1880, unless otherwise ordered by the proper County Central Committee.

DAVID FROMAN, Chairman.
JOSEPH SIMON, Secretary.

A Strange Dream Story.

There is an inexplicable story— which I believe has never been published—among the traditions of the fertile hill country of Western Pennsylvania, the most unlikely quarter in the world to serve as a breeding-place of mystery. It was settled almost wholly by well-to-do farmers from the north of Ireland, economical, hard-working folks—God-fearing too, after the exact manner described by John Knox, and having little patience with any other manner. Not a likely people, assuredly, to give credence to any fanciful superstitions, and still less to originate them. This story indeed has a bold, matter-of-fact character in every detail which quite sets it apart from relations of the supernatural. I have never heard it explained, and it is the best authenticated mystery in my knowledge.

It is this in brief: Among the Scotch-Irish settlers in Washington county in 1812, was a family named Plymire, who occupied a comfortable farm and house. Rachel, the daughter, was engaged to a young farmer of the neighborhood. On a Saturday evening in July, having finished her week's work, she dressed herself tidily and started to visit her married sister, who lived on a farm about five miles distance, intending to return Monday morning. She tied up her Sunday gown and hat in a checkered handkerchief, and carried her shoes and stockings in the other hand, meaning to walk in her bare feet and to put them on when she came in sight of her destination, after the canny Scotch fashion. She left home about 7 o'clock in order to have the cool evening for her walk. The road to the farm was lonely and unfrequented. The girl did not return home on Monday, but no alarm was felt, as the family thought her sister would probably wish to detain her for a few days; and it was not until the latter part of the week that it was found that she had never been to her sister's. The country was scoured, but in vain; the alarm spread, and excited a degree of terror in the peaceable, domestic community, which would seem inexplicable to city people, to whom the newspapers have brought a budget of crime every morning since their childhood. To children raised in those lonely hamlets and hill-farmers murder was a far-off, unreal horror; usually all they knew of it was from the doing of Cain and Jael, set off with hideous wood-cuts in the family Bible.

The girl had left Saturday at 7 o'clock. That night long before 10 o'clock (farmers go to bed with the chickens), a woman living in Green county, about forty miles from the Plymire farm, awoke her husband in great terror, declaring that she had just seen a murder done, and went on to describe a place she had never seen before—a hill country with a wagon-road running through it, and a girl with a bundle tied in a checkered handkerchief, her shoes and white stockings in the other hand, walking briskly down the grassy side of the road. She was met by a young man—the woman judging from their manner the meeting was by appointment; they sat down on a log and talked for some time.

The man at last rose, stepped behind her and drawing out a hatchet struck her twice over the head. She fell backward on the wet, rotten leaves dead. Presently the man was joined by another, also young, who asked: "Is it done?" He nodded, and together they lifted the body and carried it away out of her sight. After a while they came back, found the bundle of Sunday finery and the shoes and stockings, all of which were stained with blood. There was a ruined old mill near the road; they went in to it, lifted a loose board in the floor-

ing, put the bundle, shoes, etc., with the hatchet, underneath, and replaced the board. Then they separated and went through the woods in different directions.

The farmer's wife told her dream to her husband that night; the next day (Sunday), going to a little country church she remained during the intermission between the morning and afternoon service. The neighbors who had come from a circuit of twenty miles to church, gathered, according to their homely habit, in the church-yard to eat their lunch and exchange the news. Our dreamer told her story again and again, for she was impressed by it as if it had been reality. After the afternoon service the congregation separated, going to their widely-scattered homes. There were thus many witnesses ready to certify to the fact that the woman had told the dream the morning after the murder was committed at a distance of forty miles, when it was absolutely impossible that the news should have reached her. There were no telegraphs, we must remember, and no railroads in those days, nor even mail-carriers in those secluded districts.

When the story of the girl's disappearance was told over the country at the end of the next week, the people to whom the dream had been repeated recalled it. Now-a-days the matter would only serve as good material for the reporters, but the men of those days still believed that God took an oversight even in their dreams. Might not this be a hint from him? The Rev. George Wheeler, a Baptist clergyman of Washington, well known in Western Pennsylvania and Virginia a generation ago, and Ephraim Blaine, Esq., a magistrate, father of the present Senator from Maine, and as popular a man in his narrower circle, drove over to see the woman who had told the dream. Without stating their purpose, they took her and her husband, on pretence of business, to the Plymire farm. It was the first time in her life that she had left her own county, and she was greatly amused and interested. They drove over the whole of the road down which Rachel Plymire had gone.

"Have you ever seen this neighborhood?" one of them asked.

"Never," she replied.

That ended the matter, and they turned back, taking a little-used cross-road to save time. Presently the woman started up in great agitation, crying: "This is the place I dreamed of!" They assured her that Rachel Plymire had not been upon that road at all.

"I don't know about her," she said, "but the girl I saw in my dream came along here; there is the path through which the man came, and beyond that turning you will find the log on which he killed her." They did find the log, and on the ground the stains of blood. The woman walking swiftly, led him to the old mill and to the board under which lay the stained clothes and the hatchet. The girl's body was found afterward, buried by a creek near at hand. Rachel's lover had already been arrested on suspicion. It was hinted that he had grown tired of the girl, and for many reasons found her hard to shake off. The woman recognized him in a crowd of other men, and startled her companions still more by pointing out another young fellow from the West as his companion in her dream. The young man was tried in the town of Washington for murder. The dreamer was brought into court, and effort was actually made to put her on the witness stand, but even then men could not be hung on the evidence of a dream. Without it there was not proof enough for conviction, and the jury, unwilling enough, we may be sure, allowed the prisoner to escape. It was held as positive proof of his guilt that he immediately married the sister of the other accused man and removed to Ohio, then the wilderness of the West—Lippincott's Magazine.

On Wednesday of this week says the Salem "Statesman" the citizens of Dallas raised by subscription the sum of \$3,300 as a subsidy for the construction of the narrow gauge road to that place, and on yesterday the engineer on the Silverton and Sublimity section of the east side narrow gauge was dispatched with his party to Dallas to make the survey of the road into Dallas.

EVERY man who returns from the Skagit mines, brings back cheering reports as to their richness. The Post says not one has yet been heard to say that they had no confidence in the mines. It is an excellent indication, too, that those who have made the most thorough prospects are the most sanguine of success.

CHIEF OUBAY thinks the Utes will learn something in the 25 years to come, during which they cannot alienate their lands, and that they will be able to hold their own with the whites after that, if not, they ought to lose them.

INTERNAL revenue receipts were largely increased in February and the net surplus was over \$9,000,000 for the first half of the month alone.

Diphtheria prevails to some extent in Powder river valley.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Curry, sitting in probate.

In the matter of the estate of E. J. Macklin, deceased.

W. A. Forgy, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court his final account for settlement, showing that said estate has been fully administered. Notice is hereby given that said final account will be heard and determined in said court on MONDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time all persons having any objections to said final account and settlement, must then and there make the same.

Published in the Coast Mail for four successive weeks, by order of Hon. Delos Woodruff, County Judge.

WALTER SUTTON,
Clerk.
ELLENSBURG, February 21st, 1880.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Curry.

Mary O. Chase vs. W. A. Chase, The Fort Orford Cedar Co., Bernhard Kerchoff and Philip Fisher.

Suit in equity to foreclose a mortgage.

W. A. CHASE, THE FORT ORFORD CEDAR COMPANY, BERNHARD KERCHOFF and PHILIP FISHER, defendants. In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint on file in the above entitled court and cause, on or before the first day of the next regular term of said court, viz: MONDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1880. And you are hereby notified that if you fail to answer said complaint the plaintiff will take a decree against you for the relief in said complaint demanded, to wit: For the foreclosure of a certain mortgage executed by A. W. Chase, on the 21st day of June, 1873, in favor of Mary O. Chase, for the sale of the property in said mortgage described, to satisfy the claim of the plaintiff and for further relief.

This summons is published by order of Hon. J. F. Watson, dated March 4th, 1880.

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