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GOOD MEN FOR OFFICE.

We publish below with slight modifications a communication received by us this week, and written by a respected citizen of this county. It discusses a subject and proposes a plan for the selection of county officers which is somewhat novel in practice and we give it for what it is worth. But we presume that the customs and usages, so long in vogue, of making political nominations and voting the party ticket, is too firmly rooted, to secure a general acquiescence in the plan proposed below:

VANCOUVER, W. T., Feb. 14, 1867.
Editor Register:

As a tax payer and as a citizen of Clark county, interested in its welfare and prosperity, allow me the use of your columns in making a suggestion to your readers, which I deem to be of general importance to the people of the county.

The Legislature at its last session passed a law, which provides for biennial elections;—hence all offices in this county will become vacant this year and have to be filled by a new election next June. I have heretofore been and am now a Democrat, but like a great many of my fellow Democrats am of the opinion that party politics should be as shown in the election for local offices in a county and territory like ours, if by that means we should be enabled to place in office the best qualified, most faithful and upright men, instead of men who are simply placed upon the ticket because they are available and can poll the most votes.

I state as true propositions, warranted by facts and experience:

1st. That the financial affairs of this are now in a deplorable condition and require not only honest, faithful and competent men in the several offices having charge of the financial affairs in this county, but also competent men in the next Legislative Assembly to provide by special legislation the means, by which we may be extricated from our present difficulties.

2d. That it is the duty of every citizen to use his efforts to have the several county offices filled by the men, who possess the best qualifications and are known to be prompt, honest and faithful.

3d. That the history of political and partisan conventions show conclusively, that availability and party strength and not true merit, form the test which governs the selection of men to fill the offices of success and in order to achieve success, chosen men as their standard bearers who are not the choice of the party generally, but who are placed upon the ticket, because he is an O. S. N. Co. man and would carry that influence for his ticket, or he is a Methodist and can carry the vote of a number of his co-religionists, or he is a Catholic and therefore controls a considerable portion of that vote, or he is somewhat of a sport, and a number of his fellow-sports vote the way he votes, or he is German, Yankee, French, Irish or belongs to some other nationality and his countrymen would therefore support him and so *ad infinitum*. All these are considerations which enter into and govern the actions of a convention, and therefore it is time that some remedy should be sought and applied, which will secure the selection of men, who can stand the Jeffersonian test: Is he honest? Is he faithful? Is he capable?

The men of your party and I differ in politics. What then? Should this difference prevent me from voting for a man for sheriff or any other local officer, who is a worthy citizen, identified with the interests of the county, faithful and competent in every respect, just because he thinks that Johnson's reconstruction policy is not the thing and that Congress is right? And should I vote for a man for that or any other office, just because he burrahs for Andy Johnson and denounces Congress, when he is lacking every moral and business qualification to make him a good officer? Every candid man not blinded by narrow partisan prejudice would have no hesitation in voting for the former. I admit that in the selection of a delegate to Congress or other high and important positions, a man's choice ought to be governed by the political complexion of the candidate, that he may truly reflect the political sentiment of the Territory. But not so in our local affairs.

But there is no use to advocate my position (is) to disregard politics and vote for the best men, as long as political nominations are made for these local offices, for when a party does make nominations of this character, the impulses, feelings and inclinations of voters induce them to vote the straight party ticket. The remedy lies in a general nominating committee or convention selected by both parties, whose duty it should be to carefully canvass the claims of all claimants and aspirants for office and place a ticket in the field composed of the very best material taken from both political parties. If a ticket nominated under such auspices supported by all the respectable and influential elements of both parties in this county, could be placed in the field, all opposition would be crushed and the county would secure for two years to come, a faithful and competent administration of its affairs. There is certainly no harm in trying the experiment. Let us fight for the success of our congressional candidates

but let us be a unit in county matters.

There was a time in San Francisco, which is yet fresh in the minds of many, when corruption, vice, and dishonesty among the public officials was the order of the day, until forbearance seemed to be a virtue and the people generally without regard to party interest placed their strong arm and put an end to this lawlessness. As a result therefrom for year after a practice obtained, by which candidates for public position were chosen by a "People's Nominating Committee" and not by political conventions. By this means the best men were chosen and San Francisco obtained the reputation of being one of the best governed cities in the Union. Now I do not wish to be understood to intimate that our public officials are the same class of men that governed San Francisco in 1856; on the contrary I know some of them to be upright, honest and efficient in every respect; but our county affairs require economical and prudent management by honest and competent men to save us from ruin, and to secure that desirable end I have made the foregoing suggestions at the request and with the knowledge of several respectable citizens, actuated by no other motive, than the public good.

ANNEXATION OF WALLA WALLA TO OREGON.

An effort was made by some of our politicians not many months ago to annex Walla Walla county to Oregon. The scheme failed and the parties are desirous of washing their hands of the matter, and some of these same parties after failing in this scheme to sell out the Territory to advance their own interests, are now seeking honors at the hands of the people of the same Territory with whom they sought to sever their connection. But the people can't see it. It is "heads you win, tails you lose" with these men. The holders of stock in an enterprise of this kind must accept the situation and abide consequences and can't win alike, whether the venture succeeds or fails and we give notice to all whom it may concern, that somebody's bones will be broken and smashed up generally, if the people have an opportunity of giving them a slap. Set up the pins boys, but the people roll the balls and look out for ten strikes!

OREGON NEWS.

The *Umatilla Press* says: There will soon be a daily line between Umatilla and Portland. By the time-table already made out, the trip will be made inside of twenty-four hours. There will be no delay at the Balles. After reaching Umatilla, the boats will lay over until morning, then going to Walla Walla, and immediately returning, making Portland the same night. Such a movement will forever secure the Idaho and Montana trade to the Columbia River.

The Willamette Woolen Manufactory at Salem pays a monthly tax on its manufactures to the Government of \$1,500 to \$2,000. The late special term of court at Roseburg, Douglas county, by Judge Skinner, for the trial of the ball-room rioters, John Fitzhugh and John G. Hannan were indicted for murder in the first degree.

A business directory for Salem will be issued about the last of February. It will contain about one hundred names of residents. Two men named Charles Starr and Richard Hultz were arrested at Salem last week, charged with having robbed a store at Corvallis. They were taken back to the latter place for trial.

They are an enterprising community at the Dalles. The *Mountaineer* says: It is the intention of some of our enterprising citizens to start a knitting factory at this place at an early day. It seems we are bound to have some kind of a wooden factory. We think it would be a paying institution, as the socks, etc., purchased here, generally do not go but once or twice to the Chinaman.

John Clowkey, who had his train of mules stolen from near Camp Watson last fall, and followed them and recovered them from the Indians about seventy miles from Watson, informs the *Mountaineer* that he is satisfied there is a good mining country on the head of Crooked river. He says he never saw better indications for gold than that section presents. Gold was found in that section by the emigrants of 1843; since then several attempts have been made to discover the lode, but all have failed. We believe all prospecting parties have gone too far.

A protracted meeting has been in progress at the Methodist Church at Jefferson for four weeks past, and still being continued. An accession of fifty members has been made to the church. The Christian denomination has also been having a revival at that place, and about a dozen members have been added to the congregation.

PROBATE MATTERS.

If any branch of our judicial system needs legislative reform, it is certainly the practice and proceedings prescribed for the Probate Court. Here is an estate worth, perhaps, one thousand dollars; the deceased leaves a wife and several children to some extent destitute of all means, except the above pittance. All debts are paid prior to the death. Now then a petition must be presented for letters of administration, a bond filed and approved, then appraisers must be appointed and an inventory taken. From this inventory a few articles by law exempt from execution are set over to the widow, perhaps to the amount of about \$300. Then the personal property must be sold, and perhaps the real estate; then accounts and exhibits are required to be presented to the Probate Court nearly every three months, when there is nothing to exhibit, and an endless mass of legal proceedings must be had until finally the estate is settled and the residue distributed among the heirs. All the proceedings including the attorney's fees, costs of administration amount to the sum of about \$500.00 as an average estimate leaving little or nothing for the heirs. The Judge of the Court is not to blame because he but administers the law and that in an entirely satisfactory manner to the citizens generally of this county. But it is a great hardship for poor persons interested in such estates to be subjected to this formula which results in no good to any one, and he would be a public benefactor, who could procure a modification of the Probate law, which would allow small estates to be administered upon in a more expeditious and less expensive manner.

WALLA WALLA, FEB. 9, 1867.

Since writing to you last, our little garden of Eden and especially our city, was the scene of great confusion and excitement, caused by a sudden and unexpected freshet, such as our oldest settlers, to the best of their recollection, have never witnessed. Thursday morning January 27, we found the main and central part of the city, surrounded with merciless waters, which swept along with a fury, defying bulwarks, pile driving, bridges and houses. The roaring and splashing kept up for three days, enough to make a fellow sea sick and indeed we labored for some time under a painful suspense, not knowing at retiring whether we would not find ourselves in the morning floating down the Columbia river, and bound for America. At the present moment however, Walla Walla is still on the old ground and the freshet almost forgotten. Stages to all parts and sections of the country make their usual trips uninterrupted; business men appear to be unoccupied and busy; hotels are filling up with strangers, who are daily arriving and have arrived, mostly from below; farmers look upon their fields and fat stock, which indicates a satisfaction on their part, and a desire to commence to plough, repair fences, set out trees and look to business generally; packers gather up their animals, fix their rig, engage freight and feel like traveling; news from the different mining camps creates neither excitement or stampedes. Calville mines, Oxybee quartz, Boise Basin, Big Bend and Montana are at present the chief destinations of the traveling community, but every person seems to know where he is bound for, ere arriving here.—The value of horseflesh has, within the last 10 days risen about 100 per cent. There are not many sold just now, either at auction or private sale, but I have noticed that horses could be purchased a short time ago for \$10 and \$12 and the same will readily sell to day from \$20 to \$30.

In your last issue received here, we noticed quite a list of candidates for Congress, yet it appears that the press speaks more freely and imagines more candidates for that high office, than the dear people of the Territory are willing to elect. One however, and a very prominent one we failed to see enumerated, to wit: Dr. E. Sheil, brother to Col. Sheil, late Representative of Oregon, and as the Doctor no doubt will prove to be one of the star actors upon the stage next election, I beg leave to give you a little idea of the gentleman, just as I know him.

Dr. E. Sheil has been a resident and property owner of this Territory for the last 15 years, industrious in his profession, honest in his dealings with his fellow men, educated like all of his profession ought to be, deeply interested and always in the welfare of this Territory and is, on the whole, an honorable opponent to Judge Wylie whom I mentioned in my previous communication.

The sewing machine case took a turn, the winner had to surrender, but it is hoped and expected it will be brought before the *Idaho*. The Water Works for the city are still progressing and ere long we will have a water power in every business house equivalent to an engine. The weather is as usual very pleasant, and no doubt the winter of '66-7 will make its exit quite premature. The principal and most extensive hotel is the new Oriental, Mr. M. Hartman, proprietor, who has the well earned reputation of keeping an A No. 1 hotel, such as our city has needed ever since its erection. The Sister's School is very flourishing, but little is said or heard about the Whitman's Seminary, to my knowledge, it is hoped however that it will live and prosper. Our Representatives are daily expected back from Olympia, but have not yet made their appearance.

Marriages and burials are something very rare among our community just now. Gold dust has come down about \$1.00 per ounce in value, according to the agreement of the merchants and business men, and its effect is marked with satisfaction and approval. Legal tenders are still worth 75 cents on the dollar and have been in circulation at that rate for the last two years. About fourteen days ago we had the first M-squerade ball in our city, which resulted in a most satisfactory manner and will no doubt cause the re-appearance of many more, for in fact, ever since that ball, everybody seems to have masquerade on the brain. Washington's birthday will give us all a show to act Hamlet, Macbeth, Richard the Third or the fool. This is about all the news I am able to gather, but more anon. Yours as ever, C. B.

RETIAINING THEM.

A private letter from Olympia informs us, that the Spitzkoes in that place are somewhat wrathful, because General McKinney, the newly appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs for W. T., has seen fit to retain in his office, the clerks and other employees of the old regime, whereas, it was expected that they would be turned out and none but the "unwashed" enjoy his patronage.

HEADQUARTERS.

We learn from the *Oregonian* that Department Headquarters have been moved into the O. S. N. Co.'s brick building and also that Barman's Headquarters have been moved into Vaughn's brick building.

We have received a letter from Capt. E. G. Adams, of St. Helens, with a request to publish. It relates to the land difficulty mentioned in our issue of last week. The letter is rather too personal, for which reason we must decline publishing it.

LAWS.

On the outside of this issue we publish several laws passed by the last Legislature, including the new election law and the law for the protection of wool growers.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY NEWS.

For several days a rumor has been current that Frank P. Dugan has been appointed U. S. Judge for this District. We have been unable to trace the rumor to any authentic source, and incline to the opinion that it is unfounded.—*Walla Walla Statesman*.

A recent land slide at the Cascades embroiled the Cascade Railroad for quite a distance, and effectually interrupted travel over the road. A large gang of men are engaged in the work of reconstruction, and soon the road will be in a condition to admit the passage of trains.—*Id*.

A movement will shortly be set on foot at the Dalles, looking to the opening of a wagon road to the Yakima Valley in Washington Territory. The Valley boasts of over one hundred inhabitants, and is rapidly filling up. All that is required to attract that trade is a wagon road; hence the movement.—*Id*.

Inspector General McComber and Capt. B. Pitt, both of the regular army, arrived at Walla Walla by Saturday's stage. They were here for the purpose of inspecting the condition of affairs at the military post, and are understood to report favorably upon all that relates to that branch of the public service.—*Id*.

Rev. Messrs. Reese and Paul, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, about a week since commenced protracted meeting at the School House, on Lower Dry Creek, which has already resulted in the conversion of some twenty persons.—*Id*.

We have advices from Kootenai to January 31. Up to that date the weather has been fine and little or no snow. Some of the mines were still working. A new mining camp has been struck at the mouth of the Kootenai River which promised well. Reynolds, the express-messenger, arrived at the Kootenai the latter part of December, and reported having found on the way a man, (name unknown) who had perished from exposure. He also found on Port Sheppard Mountain, between Flat Bow Lake and Pen d'Oreille River, a man named Stronach, who was almost gone in. The Kootenai miners were preparing to commence operations early in the spring, and calculate to get out any quantity of treasure.—*Id*.

The telegraph announces that the President has signed the bill providing that the net proceeds of Internal Revenue in the Territories of Nebraska, Washington, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Arizona and Dacotah, during the next three years, shall be appropriated for the erection, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, of penitentiary buildings in said Territories. We are assured that this appropriation is intended for the erection of Capital buildings and Penitentiaries, in all the Territories, part of which was contained in the telegram. The net collections in the Internal Revenue department in this territory is about \$60,000 per year, which amounts to \$180,000 in the time provided in the bill, a sum amply sufficient for the erection of substantial and ornamental buildings.—*Pacific Tribune*.

The Indian Department are after the parties in town who are suspected of furnishing liquor to the Indians. Several complaints have been entered and the parties taken before U. S. Commissioner Sargent, who bound them over to await the action of the Grand Jury.—*Id*.

The Legislature passed an act at the last session doing away with the Board of Commissioners of the University of Washington Territory and appointing B. F. Dennison, D. T. Denney, Frank Matthias, H. K. Hines and O. F. Gerrish a new Board of Regents. An investigation of the administration of the University was conducted by the Hon. H. C. Seattle Weekly.

Our able delegation in the Legislature, having performed the arduous duties of the session to their entire satisfaction, returned home on Friday evening last in triumph, with United States muskets on their shoulders.—*Id*.

EASTERN NEWS.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Banks has proposed a reconstruction bill to be applied first to Louisiana and afterward to the other rebel States. It provides for the appointment of three commissioners, one by the Senate, one by the House and one by the Secretary of War, who shall immediately proceed to Louisiana and make a registry of all loyal male citizens without distinction of race or color who have been six months resident in the State, excluding those classes who are disfranchised by the pending Constitutional amendment. The commissioners may purge the registry and then call an election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention, giving thirty days notice. The convention being assembled it shall first accept this act as the basis of restoration, and further signify their acceptance of the pending Constitutional amendment; whereupon, having formed a State Constitution, and it being accepted by the people and approved by Congress, Louisiana will be declared restored. The military commander is empowered to declare martial law in certain contingencies and use the military power to sustain the Commissioners.—*Chicago*, Feb. 10.—Washington special dispatches say that in the House yesterday the debate was opened by Banks in a speech of an hour and forty minutes, at the conclusion of which he submitted a plan of reconstruction to be applied first to Louisiana and subsequently to other States by a commission to inaugurate new State Governments.

Butwell of Massachusetts followed in an exhortatory speech, demanding that Congress should no longer delay the work of reconstruction and declaring that the President was in the interest of the rebellion, and the great obstacle to the restoration of the Union. A edifying ensued. Raymond and other members trying to get him from Butwell concerning the progress of the impeachment inquiry. None of them succeeded. Butwell charged that the acts of wrong and oppression were inspired by the President. The remark caused much sensation. Raymond on the other side, conveyed the idea cautiously but unmistakably that the President was about to abandon his hostile attitude and make a long advance for the sake of harmony with Congress and the country.—Raymond favored the reference of the pending plan to a select committee with power to report a bill at any time. The debate will be resumed the first thing on Monday morning, the 11th.

There was no debate in the House on the Nebraska bill. Nebraska will now be admitted by the President's proclamation when the Legislature ratifies the fundamental condition of universal suffrage. This may not be done in time to admit her members to Congress.

No conclusion has been reached on the subject of calling a National Democratic Convention. Another caucus will be held on Monday night at which Dixon, of Connecticut, Denton, of Wisconsin, Cowan, of Pennsylvania, and Norton, of Minnesota, have been formerly invited.

The Ways and Means Committee yesterday gave an audience to a delegation interested in the Pacific Railroad. A communication from the Secretary of War gives the details of the enormous expense of transportation in the Rocky Mountain regions. He says it amounts to from \$80 to \$100, and even \$110 per ton. Corn is 84c per pound.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The amendment to the Internal Revenue bill will be reported tomorrow. It proceeds on the theory of a gradual extinction of the tax on manufactures. The Committee therefore propose to exempt all articles entering largely into the cost of living, such as salt, leather, tin, earthen ware, pottery, willow ware, hoes, rakes, engines, pipes for water, gas, etc., clothing made from articles subject to tax, newspaper advertisements, wagons, drays and trucks costing less than \$200. A section is added to avoid the duplication of tax on raw and manufactured materials. The whisky tax is unchanged, but the license for distilling it is increased to \$500 with increased penalties. A new section is added providing that where whisky is offered for sale at less than the amount stated, the fact is to be regarded as *prima facie* evidence that it has not paid the tax and it will therefore, be subject to seizure.

New York, Feb. 10.—Thunderbolts of blinding lightning burst from the clouds last night, while rain was pouring down in torrents. The darkness was so great as to make it impossible to see across the streets, and church spires and buildings were for an instant rendered plainly visible by the glare. This was followed by a heavy shock of thunder which seemingly made the earth rock as if shaken by an earthquake. Similar phenomena occurred on Saturday night, last week.

New Orleans, Feb. 10.—The town of Balize, at South-east Pass, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$10,000.

L. D. Campbell United States Minister to Mexico, left this evening for a short visit to his family in Ohio. He expects to return in a few days.

Mobile, Feb. 10.—The ship *Dashing Ware*, of Boston, Capt. Carlton, from San Francisco on Nov. 1st, struck on the shoals near Barne gon on the night of Feb. 8th. She came off soon after, leaking badly, and was subsequently towed to the southwest spit, where the leak quickly repaired, she sank this morning in five fathoms of water. The officers and crew arrived in this city.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

Our Government has taken steps to arrest the Cocaine trade. Capt. Napoleon Collins, commanding the *Sunamonts*, sailed a few days since for China, carrying with him full instructions from the State department to look into the cocaine trade, and after a thorough examination, report all the facts to his Government, with a view to early annihilation, if not entire suppression of this traffic, etc.

During the two months ending May 12, there were, in the city of New York, 22 deaths from starvation, 127 deaths from accidents and negligence, 22 from drunkenness, and 10 suicides. The death from accident and negligence present quite as frightful a record.

One of the last things done by Jefferson Davis before seceding from the Senate, was to vote against the admission of Kansas, and to keep her in territorial tutelage. Kansas now has three votes in Congress, and they will probably soon be given to make Mississippi a territory. "Slow, but exceeding fine."

The use of nitro glycerine at the Hoosier tunnel has been given up, as it cannot be obtained in sufficient quantity. Dr. Ehrhardt, tunnel, to introduce a preparation of his invention, now in use at Mount Canis, which contains only two ingredients, harmless on less mixed, or when inflated in the open air, but which, under confinement, explode with great violence.

Washington is said to contain 85,000 people, besides members of Congress. There are about 25,000 resident whites, mostly of Southern birth; 25,000 Government officers and employees; and about 35,000 of the sons and daughters of Ham. Unfortunately, between the two white classes there is not that perfect freedom of social intercourse which generally leads to and establishes friendly relations. The Southern still remain sore. The sounds of civil strife are only partially ceased, not healed. For such wounds, time and contact, prompted by interest, will afford the healing balsam.

An inquest was lately held at St. Paul, England, on the body of a man aged 21, who had been amusing himself with trials of strength, the last of which was the holding of a chair at arm's length. He succeeded in accomplishing the feat for a few minutes, but immediately afterwards complained of excessive pain, and expired. The exertion, it appeared, had caused the rupture of a blood vessel, and the jury returned a verdict to that effect.

Word comes from Mr. Hall, away up in Arctic regions, that his search for relics of St. John Franklin's party, has been rewarded by the discovery of a gold watch, some silver spoons, and other articles supposed to have belonged to them.

The Masons of New York are about to erect a home for the indigent widows and orphans of Free and Accepted Masons. They have already accumulated a fund of \$200,000 for that purpose.

J. M. Shephard and Jas. O. Meera, both without levers of the Democracy of Oregon, are publishing seven-by-nine newspapers in Idaho. Shephard has the *Times* and "Dinnis" the *Wald*.

Editors at Lima are a happy set. A correspondent says the printing and editorial rooms of the principal newspaper in that city are "enclosed within a lovely garden of flowers, sparkling fountains and gold fish, and tame, gaily plumed sweet winged birds, who never desert their clan spot, where contentment grows for them like the very flowers whose honey they love to sip."

A den of tinkers, whose fathers and mothers, boys and girls live in a state of nudity, has been discovered in Scotland.

In Texas, where farmers own 20,000 head of cattle, Goshen butter is used upon their tables.

From Rocky Ear.—We have information that astonishing strikes have been made in the Atlanta ledge, now being worked by DeFries & Co. We prefer waiting until the next messenger arrives from those famous giving figures, but can say that reports being true, the Poorman of Owyhee will be completely laid in the background.—*Idaho Statesman*.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Mrs. Lizzie Rapp, living at Austin, Texas, has heard that her husband died at Walla Walla, and desires to obtain full particulars in relation to his death. Any persons possessed of the facts, will please address "Mrs. Lizzie Rapp, Austin, Texas," and thereby relieve the anxiety of a distressed woman.

A gold brick weighing thirty pounds, taken from mines in Nova Scotia, is being exhibited in the East.

Ben Holladay has had to pay ten thousand dollars damages for money taken from the coach by Indians on the destruction of July 1866.

The Supreme Court of the United States gave a decision last National Bank Shares are not liable to State or local taxation.

A story is told of a soldier, who about one hundred and fifty years ago, was from Siberia. The last expression he made was, "It is ex—." He then froze as stiff as marble. In the summer of 1860, some French physicians found him, after having lain for one hundred and fifty years. They gradually thawed him, and upon animation being restored, he concluded his sentence with "coolingly cold."

The 24,000,000 of Italians are very happy in the enjoyment of the privilege of freely speaking their minds and participating in the Government. (Yugio) In turning the press over to the *Scipios*, and the journals are all rejoicing in their new liberty. Periodicals are constantly springing up, and the press will soon become a power in Italy mightier than the throne itself.

Over \$2,000,000 in milled and worn out notes have been returned to the Treasury where they are placed in an immense revolving cylinder, carefully looked, through a heated stream of acid gas, so that the ink is completely removed, and a mass of pulp remains. This is bleached and manufactured into envelopes for the use of the Treasury Department. Large amounts of milled and worn out fractional currency are thus decomposed, reconstructed into envelopes.

Treasurer Spinner was robbed of his pocket book, containing \$30, at the President's May Year's reception.

It is said that English speculators are buying up the mills on the Ontario, reducing it by a drying process to powder, importing it to England and mixing it with water for use.

There will be four eclipses this year, two on the Sun and two on the Moon. The former will occur March 6 and August 29, and the latter, March 29 and September 13. Those of the moon only will be visible in the United States.

The European Governments are still armistice. France expects to have 450,000 needle guns already for use by May next, and has already ordered 100 cast-steel cannon from the celebrated works of the Messrs. Krupp, at Essen. They are to be paid for in ten thousand for each. Bavaria, too, is arming, having ordered 90 rifle cannon from a Bohemian factory.

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Vancouver, Sept. 22, 1866. 1st

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF CLARK COUNTY.

THE law makes it my duty to call on each person named on the tax list and collect the taxes, charge against them and if not paid to levy on the goods, chattels of such persons by giving six days notice to four public places in the county.

I will therefore meet the tax payers of Clark County at their respective places of voting in each precinct on the following days, to wit:

Patterson Precinct, Feb. 20th, 1867.
Lawson Precinct, Feb. 21st, 1867.
Pollock Precinct, Feb. 22nd, 1867.
Lakemore Precinct, Feb. 23rd, 1867.
Preston Precinct, Feb. 24th, 1867.
Fern Prairie Precinct, Feb. 26th, 1867.
Washington Precinct, Feb. 27th, 1867.

I will be present at each of the above named places at the hour of 12 o'clock M. and remain until 2 o'clock P. M.

Sheriff of Clark Co., W. T., and Tax Collector.
Vancouver, Jan. 19, 1867.

CAUTION.

THIS is to notify the public generally that my wife Elizabeth Brady, did on the 16th inst. with an intent to defraud me, and to the prejudice of my estate, and in violation of the laws of this Territory, execute a deed of gift of certain real estate to her son, James Brady, and I hereby warn against trusting her on any account or in any way, for any debt contracted by her after said date.

G. W. BRADY,
Vancouver, W. T., Jan. 19, 1867. 1st

Local Matters.

Voted Down.—A special school meeting was held last Saturday, which was fully attended, and the proposed tax to finish the upper story of the school house and make other improvements was voted down.

GRAND BALL.—The Fire Co. will give a ball on Washington's birthday, the 22d inst. at the Metropolitan Hall in this place.

MILITARY.—A General Court Martial convened at Fort Vancouver yesterday, for the trial of such prisoners as may be brought before it.

A CHALLENGE.—Capt. Babbitt having under his charge the Fire Engine belonging to the Ordinance Department has challenged the Vancouver Fire Engine Co. to a trial of capacity between their respective engines.

LATER.—The trial came off on Friday about noon. The Vancouver engine threw a stream of about 160 feet in height, while the Ordinance engine threw a stream of only about 105 feet, when their hose burst and it was claimed by them that their engine was out of repair.

FAIR.—The Orphan's Fair was well attended and well patronized by our citizens. Everything went off pleasantly, as far as we know, and a handsome sum was realized over and above all expenses, amounting to a rough guess to over one thousand dollars.

SHADE TREES.—Last year about this time we saw many commendable efforts by our citizens to ornament their premises by planting shade trees, some of whom flourished finely and others died owing to the unusually dry season.

Notice.—Notice is hereby given that the Directors of the Stockholders of the Press in Vancouver City, will meet on Monday the 18th inst., at the Young America Hall at 7 p. m., to transact business pertaining to said Press.

The Olympia papers of last Saturday publish a very able speech made by Hon. B. F. Denison in the Legislative Council upon the resolutions relating "to the powers of Congress and the rights of the States."

LOOKING OUT FOR HIS CHANCES.—The Walla Walla Statesman has noticed from the official report of the proceedings of Congress of January 7th, that "A. A. Denoy, Delegate from this Territory, asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence." So it seems that "placid Arthur" will be on hand in time to witness his defeat in the April Convention.

By mistake some of the packages of last week's issue did not leave the office in time to connect with the proper mails. We beg pardon of our readers and assure them, that the mistake shall not occur again.

DISTRICT COURT.—This Court will convene at Vancouver on the 11th proximo. Parties who wish to litigate, had better hurry up, as there are only three days more left for service of process.

YOUNG AMERICA.

SPECIAL NOTICE. This is to notify all persons interested in me, that I have closed up all bank accounts and must insist upon the payment of the several accounts due me before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1867.

LOST OR STOLEN. FROM the farm of the undersigned about 6 miles below the Vancouver flat day of January 1st 1867. The sheep was painted last coat, is about 10 to 12 long, the legs thereof washed with hoop iron, and has the initials "D" branded on each side of the bow and twice on the stern.

Any parties retaining the same to the undersigned will be suitably rewarded. W. H. BILSON. Vancouver, Feb. 9, 1867.

The Vancouver Liberal Benevolent Society hold their regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday evening of each month at 7 o'clock.

Washington Lodge No. 4, A. P. A. M.—Holds its Regular Communications on the first and third Saturdays of each month, at 7 o'clock p. m. Brethren in good standing are invited to attend.

MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, at Hill Plain, Clarke Co. W. T., on the 24 day of February 1867, by I. T. Mackley, J. F., Mr. Calvin McCracken, to Miss Mary Cunningham of Portland.

FIREMAN'S BALL. Given by the VANCOUVER FIRE DEPARTMENT —AT METROPOLIS HALL, Friday evening, February 22, 1867.

HONORARY COMMITTEE. Thos. G. Young, Joseph Webber, A. B. Hallock, Wm. Bruen, J. W. Sutton, F. M. Arnold.

L. C. HENRICHSEN, (Successor to Jacob Cohen.) PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER & JEWELER. 105 Front St., Portland, Oregon.

WATCHES & JEWELER! In the store recently occupied by Jacob Cohen, (whom he succeeds in business,) and where he will keep constantly on hand every article connected with the above business.

IMPORTANT INVENTION. I have discovered the inventor of the improvement in the HOISTING & LOWERING APPARATUS and that he has received a patent therefor from the Patent Office of the U. S.

OPPOSITION TO PORTLAND! No need of paying tribute to the Village on Willamette CREEK. ST. HELENS is the place for Columbia and Clark county Farmers to trade.

Farmers take Notice —THAT AT— S. M. LYONS' Store formerly occupied by Woodward & Clough,

Remember S. M. LYON At Woodward & Cloughs old stand. St. Helens, Nov. 10, 1866.

DIVORCE NOTICE. Territory of Washington, County of Clarke, s. In the District Court of the 2d Judicial District holding terms at Vancouver, W. T.

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REMOVAL. THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVING REMOVED their entire stock of FURNITURE!! TO THEIR OWN NEW AND COMMODIOUS SALES-ROOMS, 67 First Street, Near Salmon Street.

WHEN, WITH AMPLER ROOM, THEY NOW invite the attention of the public to a Larger and Better Assortment!

DAVID WALL, Druggist, is determined to sell at prices as low as any Drug Store at Portland. He receives his importations direct from San Francisco.

DOMESTIC DIES of all varieties for sale by the undersigned, cheap, to which great attention is invited by DAVID WALL, Vancouver Drug Store.

NEW DRUG STORE. VANCOUVER, W. T. LAWRENCE KIDD, Proprietor. This proprietor would respectfully announce to the citizens of Vancouver and vicinity, that he has just opened a new Drug Store on Main Street opposite Ch. Baker's Garden.

IMPORTANT NEWS —BY THE— ORIFLAMME!! MAXIMILIAN has not for Mexico, but has his baggage all packed ready to start by the first MULE TRAIN.

SUMNER BARKER. Came up as a passenger, bringing with him a fine and well selected stock of MERCHANDISE Bought in San Francisco for Cash.

'JEW OR GENTILE.' Give us a call. S. BARKER. Vancouver, Jan. 5, 1867.

JONES TURNBULL & CO. Have just received from San Francisco, A full and complete assortment of STATIONERY.

J. D. HEALY, Main Street, Vancouver, W. T. —DEALER IN— STOVES, TIN PLATE, SHEET IRON, Wire, Pumps, Lead Pipe, &c., &c.

ENGINEERS AND OTHERS, Take Notice, JUST RECEIVED, A SMALL LOT OF THE CELEBRATED SCOTCH TUBES for Water Gauges.

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One door south of Crawford, Sloum & Co., Main Street, Vancouver, W. T.

A NEW STORE. And will constantly keep a general assortment of STATIONERY, SCHOOL BOOKS, Blank Books, Day Books, Journals, Ledgers, & MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

FRAMES AND MOLDINGS —AND— Window Shades. We have also on hand and will constantly keep a Fine Assortment of Wood & Willow Ware MATTING, WINDOW GLASS, AND WALL PAPER.

GLORIOUS NEWS JOSEPH WISE Has come back to town again, and is at his old stand, corner of MAIN & BATEMAN STREETS.

Dry Goods, Clothing Hats and Caps, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES OF ALL SORTS, GROCERIE, CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

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SUGARS, SYRUPS, COFFEE, TEA, RICE, SALT, Tobacco, Cigars, Salmon, Mackerel, Codfish, Corn-meal, &c., &c., &c. Flour always on Hand.

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S. KAISER Is not Dead, as was supposed, But has just returned from San Francisco with a carefully and well selected and immense Stock of MERCHANDISE!

At his Old Stand on Main Street, Adjoining Alder & Stegert's Meat Market. He has a well selected Stock of READY MADE CLOTHING!

ALL KINDS OF COATS Varying in price from \$7 to \$40, and PANTS, VESTS, AND SHIRT To suit all classes of Customers.

LADIES' DRESS GOODS! OF ALL KINDS AND DESCRIPTIONS, Embracing the finest and most desirable styles of German, English, French, Scotch, & AMERICAN MANUFACTURE.

Sheetings, Shirts, LADIES' SHAWLS, AND AMERICAN, FRENCH, AND GERMAN PRINTS. A well selected Stock of BOOTS & SHOES!

Kip and Calf Boots OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY And Balmorals and Gaiters For the Ladies, From the best Manufacturing Houses in Philadelphia and New York.

He has also a FINE ASSORTMENT of HATS AND CAPS! For Men and Boys. And a well selected Stock of GROCERIES Adapted to the wants of this Market.

All of which will be sold at the LOWEST LIVING PRICES. Vancouver, Oct. 14, 1866.—S. K.

CITY BAKERY —AND— Confectionery. JOHN MANEY Keeps constantly on hand a good assortment of BREAD, CAKES, PIES and Crackers of all kinds. Also a good assortment of GROCERIES AND FRUITS, of all kinds. Fancy Cakes made at short notice. Vancouver, Nov. 14, 1866.

J. F. SMITH, Main Street, Vancouver, W. T. Has just returned from San Francisco with a large lot of assortment of new goods, which he offers for sale lower than Portland rates. Consisting of Cigars, Tobacco, Snuff, Pipes, Matches, Playing Cards, Cutlery, Port Monies, Perfumeries, Combs, Brushes, Fishing Tackle, Toys, Fly and Limerick Hooks, Silk and Other Lines, Fancy Goods.

Also, Powder, Shot, Lead, Powder Blanks, Confectionery and many other articles, too numerous to mention. ALL KINDS OF FRUIT KEPT ON HAND. A CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF FAMILIAR GROCERIES. Special attention is called to my fine assortment of Toys and Yankee Notions. Vancouver, Oct. 13, 1866.—J. F. S.

PORTLAND PLUMBING, GAS & STEAM FITTING ESTABLISHMENT, No. 119 First Street. ON HAND AND CONSTANTLY RECEIVING FROM THE EAST—Cooking Ranges, Hot Water Boilers, Copper, Tin, and Flashed Bath Tubs; Square and angular Black Walnut Counter-Sink Marble Wash Stands; Cold and Hot and Cold WATER SHOWERS; SILVER-PLATED BASIN CCKS; MARBLE WASH-BASINS; FORCE AND LIFT PUMPS; HYDRAULIC RAMS; NON-FREEZING HYDRANTS; WATER CLOSETS, &c., &c.

Persons wishing to introduce Cold, or Hot and Cold Water into their premises, either Plain or Ornamental, would do well to give me a call. Portland, Jan. 3, 1867. C. H. MYERS.

VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE.

TWO dwelling houses situate upon Lots Nos. 1 and 2, in Block No. 9, in the City of Vancouver, will be sold at private sale, together with the lots upon which they stand. One of the dwellings is entirely new, large and commodious, being half-finished, well arranged and possessing all the necessary conveniences. The other dwelling is a neat cottage building with three rooms and a kitchen and has a good cellar on the premises. The above property will be sold cheap, the owner Mr. Montague, being compelled to remain at San Francisco. The title to the above property is good as any in Vancouver. For terms and further particulars enquire at the law office of J. L. TOBEY, M. D. Vancouver, W. T., Jan. 15, 1867. J. L. TOBEY, M. D.

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