

Walla Walla Statesman.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 23, 1867.

The North Pacific Railroad.

We notice by our exchanges that the whole Northwestern country is alive to the importance of the North Pacific Railroad, and that meetings are being held and measures devised for the purpose of hastening forward the great work.

Union County Convention.

The members of the Union County Convention will meet at the District School Room, on tomorrow (Saturday) at twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Territorial Convention, which is to meet at Vancouver, on the 16th of April.

We learn that no meeting was held at Walla Walla, although it is expected that the precinct will be represented in the Convention. A great deal of speculation has been indulged in as to the probable course of the Convention in regard to the Delegate question.

ANTI-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE.—An anti Violence Committee has been formed in Montana Territory, and the following notice issued: Notice.—We, now, as a sworn band of law-abiding citizens, do hereby solemnly swear that the first man that is hit by the Vigilantes of this place, we will retaliate five for one, unless it be done in broad daylight, so that all may know what it is for.

COUNTY OFFICERS.—On and after Saturday next, March 23d, the offices of the Auditor, Sheriff and Treasurer, will be removed to the new Court House, corner of Third and Alder streets.

Suspension of the President.

The radicals, in urging the impeachment of the President, insist that the measure will be incomplete unless accompanied by suspension from the duties of his office. An ex-Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, discusses this question, and shows conclusively, that the Constitution does not authorize the suspension of an impeached officer during his trial.

On the question to agree to it: Connecticut, South Carolina, Georgia—Aye 3; New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina—No, 8.

We thus direct attention to the proceedings of the Convention which framed the Constitution, mainly for the purpose of subjoining an important practical inference, which it concerns the radical party to heed.

We take it for certain, therefore, that, in the light in which the question now stands, the idea of suspending the President will no longer be seriously entertained.

DISTRICT CLERK.—P. B. Johnson has been appointed District Clerk, vice Condon, resigned. The Clerk's office has been removed to the second story of the new Court House, corner of Alder and Third streets.

Condition of the Country.

The report of the Special Commissioner of Revenue, made at the opening of the last session of Congress, contains a vast mass of statistical and other information, and serves to show that our country, although apparently prosperous, is in a condition bordering upon bankruptcy.

A reference to the official returns shows the amount of American registered tonnage, engaged in foreign trade, in 1865-'66, to have been but one million and a half tons, (1,492,924), as compared with two and a half millions of tons (2,546,237) of 1859-'60; which, allowing for the difference between the old and new measurements, indicates a decrease in five years of over fifty per cent.

With this commercial depression, in the train of which failures and bankruptcy must follow, the Commissioner proceeds to show that we are more heavily taxed than any other people on the face of the globe.

Let our rulers remember that "it is the working classes on whom the burden of taxation invariably presses the most severely, inasmuch as the rich pay out of their abundance, but the working man out of his living."

CITY ELECTION.—The election of city officers, to come off on Tuesday, April 23d, for some reason or other has caused unusual excitement. Already we have in the field the "Citizens' Ticket," "Democratic Ticket," "People's Ticket," and we know not how many other tickets.

Plug Racers. LOWER TOUCHET, March 16, 1867. EDITOR STATESMAN.—You will please announce through the columns of your paper, to the community at large, that certain young gentlemen residing on Touchet, known as "plug racers," or sports of the lowest degree, have resorted to stealing horses for the purpose of testing their speed, and in a transaction of this kind, on the night of the 14th inst., J. W. Mason was thrown from a horse and his ankle and shoulder blade injured.

Walla Walla Correspondence.

WALLULA, March 18, 1867. EDITOR STATESMAN.—Weather at this point is lovely beyond all precedent. Clear and calm, though slightly tinged with a keen atmosphere, which is altogether healthy. The days are warm and pleasant, and the nights clear and cold.

I understand that parties here have received information from San Francisco, that there are between three hundred and fifty and four hundred tons of freight ready to be shipped from San Francisco to Walla Walla, destined to Helena, as soon as it is satisfactorily ascertained that trains can get through without delay.

Letter from the Spoken Bridge.

I'll put a guide round about the Bark in forty minutes.—PICK. EDITOR STATESMAN.—This beautiful resolution of the ethereal and imaginative Pick, has been more than realized in our day of Atlantic Cables and fast mails; at least in the more favored portions of our country; and there is only wanting the necessary vim of our people out here, to girdle the western slope of the Rocky Mountains, with a service of the forces of motion, before which the uncreated dynamics of Shakespeare would pale their intellectual fires.

Can you not, Mr. Editor, call the attention of the Postmaster-General to the isolated condition of the neglected people on this important, yet productive and easily run route; a route, the mail service of which, if faithfully performed, would not only send joy and gladness to every waiting heart, but an infinitude of those benefits, which in a remote region like this, awaits the development of its resources, and the public enterprises which solely depend upon a well conducted mail service, to say nothing of its importance to packers, miners, and travelers along its weary, desolate, and unreserved mail stations?

CONCERN PROCEEDINGS. March 16th 1867.—Council met at the usual hour. Present Messrs. Winsett, Cook, Stone, and Phillips. Mr. Winsett in the Chair. Minutes read and approved.

THE LATE PENMAN OUTBREAK. NEW YORK, March 15.—The Tribune's correspondent, writing from Dublin, March 14, says that Government detectives are scouring the mountains and searching every house in Kerry district. Some or later they will discover every man connected with the late outbreak.

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EASTERN NEWS.

Dates to March 18th. COMPILED FROM THE DAILY TRIBUNE, CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In the Senate, Ramsey, of Minnesota, from the Committee of Post Offices, reported favorably on the bill authorizing the Atlantic Telegraph Company of New York, to make soundings to lay a cable to connect the United States with France.

Williams, of Oregon, introduced a joint resolution to cancel the post office contract for carrying the mails from Portland, Oregon, to Lincoln, California, held by Senator Corbett. He explained that Corbett took the contract before his election, and now desired to relinquish it, under the law prohibiting Senators from holding contracts. Passed.

Congress, of California, introduced a bill to grant lands to aid the construction of a canal from some point between Tehama and Colusa to a point on the Sacramento river in Solano county.

Ramsey, of Minnesota, introduced a bill authorizing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to extend the road westward through New Mexico and Arizona to the eastern boundary of California, and through California to the Pacific. The company to be entitled to all the privileges, grants of land and loan bonds allowed to the Union Pacific Railroad Co.

Trumbull, of Illinois, called up the supplementary reconstruction bill, which was read at length. Drake, of Missouri, offered an amendment, which was rejected. Adjourned.

In the House, Julian, of Indiana, introduced a bill fixing the time for election of Representatives and Delegates to Congress, and a bill to constitute eight hours as a legal day's work for mechanics and laborers employed by or in behalf of the Government. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Officers of the Steamer Rockford, of the Astoria river, report the country overflooded, and that there is a great loss of property, and suffering, among the inhabitants. Two hundred and seventy lives were lost at Helena, mostly Freedmen.

A Nashville special dispatch reports that the suffering at Chattanooga and other places along the Tennessee river, is appalling. The river is twenty feet deep in the city. Many of the houses were toppling over, while others were floating away. The Mayor, with a posse of citizens and soldiers, were foraging among the loaded cars for food. The agents of the railroad protested, but the Mayor said the people were starving.

DETROIT, March 14.—The Democratic State Convention, held yesterday, adopted resolutions denouncing the reconstruction act and declaring that the enfranchisement of the negroes is the dishonourment of the white, as threatened by Congressional action, is unconstitutional, arbitrary and revolutionary.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 14.—The Democratic State Convention to-day nominated Truman Pierce for Governor, C. H. Durfee for Lieutenant-Governor, Wm. J. Miller for Secretary of State, George N. Bliss for Attorney General, and James Atkins for Treasurer.

THE PHENIX! THE PHENIX! THE PHENIX! Has been represented on the Pacific Coast for nearly ten years, during which period Two Hundred and Seventy-Eight Losses have been paid, amounting to the aggregate to nearly Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, payments being made on an average of six days after fires occurred.

Eastern termination of the base line has been extended to within twelve miles of Snake river, the Eastern boundary of Oregon.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The Tribune says that the President is losing his amiability on what he terms the persecution of the Senate in rejecting his nominations. He yesterday declared to certain Democratic Congressmen that he should continue to appoint Democrats, and requested his inflexible determination to nominate Democrats only to all vacant positions.

ELECTION NOTICES. Democratic Candidate for Sheriff. A. L. BROWN, IS A CANDIDATE FOR Sheriff of Walla Walla Co'ty, SUBJECT TO THE Decision of the Democratic County Convention. Walla Walla, March 22, 1867.

WALLA WALLA CITY TICKET. For Mayor—JAMES McCAULIFF, Recorder—O. P. LACY, Marshal—E. T. LOWE, Treasurer—H. E. JOHNSON, Surveyor—W. L. GASTON, Assessor—MARTIN LEIDY, Councilmen—J. H. BLEWETT, B. L. SHARP, STEIN, F. P. ALLEN, J. F. ABBOTT, C. P. WINESSET.

THE MAJOR'S SURVEY APPROVED! THE UNDERIGNED IS PREPARED to attend to any business relating to Homesteading, Pre-empting or Entering Land Claims! He will make out LAND PAPERS, for the next thirty days, FREE OF CHARGE! To accommodate Settlers on the Major's Survey, MORTGAGES, AGREEMENTS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, and other PAPERS, drawn at price to suit the times.

THE MAJOR'S SURVEY APPROVED! THE PLAT OF TOWNSHIP SIX, 6x16 Range 32, 34, 35, 36 and 37, have been received by the Register at the Vancouver Land Office.

FARMERS A Title to the Same! THE UNDERIGNED IS PREPARED to attend to any business relating to HOMESTEADING, PRE-EMPTING, or ENTERING LAND CLAIMS. Terms to suit the times. J. H. BLEWETT, Walla Walla, March 22, 1867.

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P. B. JOHNSON, Resident Phoenix Agent, Office at the Court House, Walla Walla. THE SPRING TERM OF WHITMAN SEMINARY will commence on MONDAY, the 1st day of April next, with a full supply of Competent Teachers. TERMS THE SAME AS HERETOFORE.

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