

LYNN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

In pursuance of the action of the Democratic Central Committee of Lynn county, the Democratic Convention will be held at the Court House in Albany, on Saturday, the 23rd day of March, 1872, at 11 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing 12 Delegates to attend the Democratic State Convention and of nominating the following candidates for County Officers, to-wit: Five Representatives, 1 County Judge, 2 Commissioners, 1 Clerk, 1 Sheriff, 1 Treasurer, 1 School Superintendent, 1 Assessor, 1 Surveyor and 1 Coroner, and for the appointment of a County Central Committee and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed necessary by the Convention.

It is hereby recommended that the Democrats of Lynn county meet at their usual places of voting in their several precincts, on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1872, for the purpose of choosing delegates to represent them in the County Convention.

The ratio of apportionment is based on the vote cast for the Democratic candidate for Governor in the year 1870, giving to each precinct one delegate, and one additional delegate for every thirty Democratic votes cast, and one for every fraction of fifteen votes or over, as follows, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name, No. of Delegates. Includes Albany, Orleans, Peoria, Harrisburg, Brownsville, Beach Creek, Center, Syracuse, Waterloo, San Juan, Franklin, Seaside, Sweet Home, Lebanon.

By order of M. V. BROWN, A. PARKER, A. W. STANARD, Committee.

A DEFAULTER FOR PRESIDENT.

The Washington Patriot under its new management is doing noble service for the people in bringing to light the corrupt and thieving propensities and practices of their official servants.

It has recently brought out for public consideration the interesting little fact that our pure-minded and high-toned chief magistrate, Mr. U. S. Grant, is a government defaulter of long standing.

When serving as Commissary and Quartermaster in the army during the Mexican War he failed to account for all the funds which came into his hands, so that at the close of the war there was a balance standing against him of more than five thousand dollars.

He was repeatedly asked by the Third Auditor to make a settlement, and as repeatedly neglected to do any thing of the kind. At one time Congress voted him an indemnity of \$1,000, on account of money stolen from his funds during the war.

This indemnity the Third Auditor seized upon and put to his credit on the deficit, which reduced the principal of the sum due to just \$4,441. This sum has been due for twenty-three years, and at six per cent. compound interest the total amount due at the present day to the U. S. Government from this defaulting Paymaster, U. S. Grant, exceeds fifteen thousand dollars in round numbers.

The Patriot's article seems to have caught the attention of Mr. Grant and caused him some uneasiness of mind. In reply he trumpets up the statement that he lost his vouchers by shipwreck, and that alone prevented him from putting the thing right. It happens, however, that he never before told this story of the loss of vouchers. He made no pretence of any such loss when he was dunned time after time by the Auditor, and it is only after the lapse of more than twenty years, when the fact of his defaultation is given the public for consideration along with hundreds of similar defaultations on the part of his subordinates, that he betinks himself of the loss!

It is for the sensible people of the country to decide for themselves which is the more probable—that Mr. Grant had his vouchers stolen, and never mentioned the fact when repeatedly called upon to settle the account against him, or whether he is in plain words a thief and defaulter, to-day honestly owing the government more than fifteen thousand dollars.

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MR. HELM AT SYRACUSE.

Editor Democrat:

Hon. Geo. R. Helm addressed the Syracuse Democratic Club on last Saturday, by invitation. He reviewed the prominent issues which divide the two great parties of the present day in such a manner as ought to carry conviction to the minds of all reasonable and thinking men that Democratic principles should prevail, and the party be once more placed in power, so as to administer the government of the United States on the old principles of the Constitution, such as had prevailed throughout a period of near 70 years of prosperity and peace. The speaker showed that Democratic principles still remained the same as when they were in power; that they had administered the government from its inception, until the present Republican party came into power, with the exception of a very short period; that the Republican party had in the course of ten years radically changed the whole principles of the Constitution, by what is termed the 14th and 15th Amendments, thus introducing new issues unheard of before, with all their ruinous consequences; that the Administration of President Lincoln, had as it was, might be termed good when compared with the Administration of President Grant, whose policy was to increase his patronage and power by the creation of new offices, encouraging fraud and peculation in every department of the government, which is now being plainly shown by able and leading Republicans themselves. He spoke of the corruptions of Secretary Boutwell, relative to his management of what is called the Syndicate fund—the effects of the United States bonds not being taxable; that he was in favor of some law being passed to tax at least all new issues of bonds; that the partial liquidation of the public debt as represented by the Republican party, was measurably a fraud on the people; that instead of being paid it was only changed into another shape. He spoke of the oppression of a high protective tariff—that its operation was against the laboring class, the consumer, and in favor of the capitalist, building them up in wealth and power, while placing burdens upon the shoulders of the poor man; that Democrats were in all class-legislation. He urged all Democrats to be wide awake to all such encroachments upon their rights and liberties; that all the monied incorporations of the country work against the interest of the people; that the great fight now was capital against labor—hence the necessity of a strict watch on every hand; that he was opposed to Congress giving to such monopolies the public bonds, which had been designed for homesteads for the poorer classes, by the former actions of the Democratic party while in power, which land grants to those monied incorporations are building them up in wealth and power in opposition to the laboring interests of the country. He said that he was not opposed to the improvements of the country, but that he was in favor of giving all needful encouragement to such improvements; but needful laws should be passed to keep them from encroaching upon the rights of the people. He spoke also of the interference of Congress with the rights of States in regulating the manner of voting.

In relation to the idea of new departures and passive policies he said he was opposed to all such innovations, the encouragement of which had already and would still tend to the disorganization of the Democratic party; that we wanted peace and harmony, but not at the expense of principles; that the arguing in favor of such principles was uncalled for; that the Democratic party, three millions strong, should be passive, and let a few discontented Republicans take the lead, would be madness in the extreme.

Thus the discourse closed. I cannot depict in its proper colors the merits of the speech, therefore, I have only hinted at some of the most prominent points.

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SINGULAR, VERY!—The Oregonian,

in attempting to explain away our charge that it suppressed the telegraphic dispatch alluding to the defaultation of Collins, Pension Agent of the District of Columbia, founders out of the scrape in this way:

The item in question was made up by the editor under the head of "Condensed Telegrams," for the Oregonian of Monday, the 5th inst. When the foreman came to make up the forms for the press, he wanted an item of three or four lines to fill out a column in another part of the paper. As it happened, he took this item for that purpose.

Isn't it very singular, Bro. Scott, that the foreman should chance to fall upon that particular item to be copied away in an obscure corner of the paper when there were forty or fifty other items of far less importance that could have as well been used?—Probably ye foreman could a tale upon in regard to his orders from a ye chief in regard to ye item.

BEAUTY AT COURT.—Here is a very unkind dig from Mrs. Duniway's New Northwest, aimed at the wives of two Radical Senators whom her husband assisted by his vote to elect; and we venture the assertion that Mrs. Duniway's husband will next June vote the straight Radical ticket and thus again aid Senator Corbett and his "beautiful" wife (whom Sister D. affects to despise) in securing a seat "at court." But hear her:

Mrs. Senator Williams and Mrs. Senator Corbett are announced by the Jenkins press as belles of the Capital. It rejoiceth Oregon women exceedingly to hear of this, for these ladies when at home, among their peers, are considered very ordinary mortals. We are proud to learn that average Oregon women are such a social success in Washington as to stand before the public as champions of beauty and intellectuality. Wonder what the world would say if some of our brightest and most beautiful women were to go to Court?

THE Oregonian stomach-aches terribly because the Herald's "meddles impertinently" in the little tit in which the former paper and herself have been engaged about the "suppression of testimony" of Radical defaultations. Now it is nothing more than right that we should "double teams" on that which we should "double teams" on the Custom House organ grinder, because it takes one of us to watch his dark tricks while the other "mills him to the cat-head" because of his general cussedness. He's so slippery that it requires one of us to hold him from the top-knot while the other administers the castigation.

Civil Service reform is being earnestly advocated and carried into practice by the Republican party.—Jacksonville Sentinel.

In view of the fact that over sixty-one millions of dollars have been stolen by that party in the last four months, and the recent impeachment or public disgrace of nine Republican Governors for malfeasance in office, this statement of the Sentinel, for sublime impudence and ineffable cheek, now bears off the palm. Partisan mendacity can no farther go.

The Herald and the Democrat have got the Oregonian in a tight place on that little "suppression" business, and now it cries out: "Two on one isn't fair." We would like to know how in thunder we are going to do anything with that slippery fellow of the Oregonian unless we surround him and give him no chance to cut and run for it? We'll twist him out of his hole with a forked stick and let the Herald skin him and hang up the hide.

The Wrestling Joe case at Portland is settled by compromise. The estate, which is valued at \$300,000, has been divided among the claimants so that "Wrestling Joe" and his friends receive \$150,000, the party represented by Messrs. A. C. Gibbs and Hannah \$100,000, and Messrs. Iadd and Knott \$50,000. Thus a case which has attracted the attention of every newspaper in the United States, and which seemed as romantic as the production of any romancer, is probably settled.

Governor Wood's veto of the Utah admission bill excited greatly the ire of the Mormons. George Q. Cannon, member of the Territorial Council, said the ignorance of the veto message was only equaled by its impudence. If he had a boy twelve years old who could not write a better document, he would cuff his ears. A motion was finally made and carried that the veto should not be spread upon the minutes.

A great excitement was reported at Canyon City a few days ago over the discovery of a rich mine within 300 yards of the court house. The ledge is eight feet thick and yields gold in fabulous quantities. This discovery it is believed will create a revolution in affairs at Canyon City.

A barbarous barber at Portland is under arrest for committing rape upon a girl only ten days old. The child is likely to die from the injuries received and her grief-stricken parents are nearly distracted at their terrible misfortune.

The women of the world will be gratified to hear that the Corvallis debating society has decided that the mind of woman is not inferior to that of man.

Portlanders will petition the next Legislature to license gambling.

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