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# [Compiled from the Daily Herald.]

#### First Day.

The Farmers' Convention, which met at Salem on Thursday last, was called to order by T. L. Davidson, temporary chairman. J. H. Brown was chosen temporary Secretary.

The tollowing gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Credentials : T. Carter, Benton county; A. B. Babcock, Polk; John H. Smith, Linn; Daniel Clark, Marion; J. H. Upton, Yamhill ; Thomas Edwards, Lane, and

T. P. Powers, Clatsop. In order to give this committee time to report, the Convention adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Convention met at appointed hour, when the Committee on Credentials re-

Haley. A. G. Marshall, W. P. Ander-

ments of the farmers of Oregon by resolutions upon their various interests. A large number of members express ed their views at length, and with much earnestness, as to what they considered to be the primary objects of the Convention and the duties of the Farmers' Clubs.

Superintendent Watkinds invited the Convention to visit the Penitentiary. Invitation accepted.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions came into the hall and requested time for further deliberation, and suggested he following for discussion by the Convention, as a means of bringing out more definitely the minds of the members on the chief objects to be kept in view of the Convention : "Shall the farmers of the State organize for the purpose of building wharves, ware-houses, steamboats, and engage in the business of transportation, or shall they seek amelioration of the present condition by taking advantage of present circumstances to obtain a reduction of freights-also, as to what methods we pense entailed upon products in too fre-quent handling by those between the producer and the consumer." The re-quest was granted—the suggestion was adopted, followed by a discussion that showed marked ability and good feel-ing. At five o'clock the Convention adjourned till seven p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention called to order at 7:30. Committee on Resolutions made the fol-

lowing report : WHEREAS, The practice of the farmers of Oregon, in storing their wheat in the warehouses of millers and grain dealers, has resulted in placing the power of setting the market prices of grain, to a great extent, within the control of

the buyer; and, WHEREAS, The present system of transportation of freight upon the Columbia and Willamette rivers is unneces sarily tedious and costly; therefore

Resolved. First-We strongly advise that farmers' keep absolute control of Company." their own products until sold, in order Mr. Min to keep themselves free from conditional engagements with middlemen.

Second-That it is manifestly the interest of the farmers of the Willamette and Columbia river valleys to combine and build warehouses at convenient points along the railroad and navigable streams, for the purpose of storing their products, and to sell such products directly to the shipper or consumer, so as to avoid the extortion of middlemen.

Third-That in our opinion, the conported the following named gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention : said point will meet such encourage-ed that his intended substitute be adoptntitled to seats in the Convention : Lian county—W. McCullock, S. G. ment at the hands of said farmers of ed as an independent resolution, which this State as will an investment. Fourth-That while we are not prepared to recommend the building of seagoing vessels by farmers, yet the construction of such vessels within our border, for the purpose of transporting our products to foreign markets, deserves every encouragement from the people of Oregon. Fifth-That while we are in favor of encouraging all legitimate means of more cheaply and expeditiously send-Daniel Clark, John Minto, B. C. Greer, ing off exports and receiving imports, John Downing, Joseph Smith, F. X. we would most emphatically recom-Matthews, M. Fisk. Delegates at large mend the encouragement of all branchwe would most emphatically recomes of home manufactures as a means of creating a home market by the multiplication of our consuming population. Sixth-That as we recognize the merchants of Oregon as sufferers in common with farmers where freights are Smith, E. W. Clark, Thomas Blair, A. subjected to unnecessary cost and delay; we therefore invite their co-operation with us in securing relief from our present system. Seventh-That having interest in common with all skillful mechanics in the encouragement of home manufacturer: Laughlin, Willis Starr, A. J. Pit-man, L. Potter. W. Galloway, B. Sprin-eration of master mechanics the policy es, we would recommend to the considof using apprentice labor.

WHEREAS, There have been contin- to address the Convention. The Gov- the necessity of organizing clubs and ted complaints made by masters of ernor responded to the request and was vessels and the merchants of our State received with marked approbation by in regard to the manner in which the the members. His excellent address parties who have contracted with the State to place a tug boat on the bar of the Columbia river have fulfilled said grants of Congress of large subsidies contract, and in consequence of the failure of said parties to faithfully per-form their contract, the commercial and and that this object has been in a great transportation interests of the State measure defeated by monopolists. Orehave been damaged to a great extent, Resolved, That this Convention respectfully ask the Governor to examine in its favor to make it the finest agriculthis matter, and see that the law of the contract is faithfully fulfilled by the contracting parties; that this resolution be entrusted to a committee of three, where the bases of the Columbia bar re-quire immediate attention and remedy.

to be appointed by the President. The President appointed on said committee, C. P. Burkhart, Jno. Minto and Mr. Potter. Mr. Smith moved : "That the grati-

tude of the farmers of Oregon is due to the newspapers that have published communications, notices and other matter tending to the furtherance of the farmers' movement." The spirit of the lenght in a manner complimentary to. shall adopt to avoid the unnessary ex- resolution was generally approved, but the proceedings and spirit of the Confor the time it was laid on the table. The resolutions of the Committee on Resolutions were taken up. Numbers four and five were discussed with the usual ability, and passed unanimously. On the discussion of the sixth resolution, Mr. Upton moved, as an amendment, " and we do urge upon the attention of the State Legislature the inaportance of the enactment of an apprentice law." This amendment called forth an animated and intelligent discussion. The amendment was lost, and ter our chief seaport are subject to inthe original resolution was unanimously adopted. jurious delay by the inefficient man-agement of the tug-boat subsidized by

The motion to reconsider the motion on the third resolution was lost. The Resolved,, That we invite the attention preamble to the resolutions was read of our fellow-citizens to the necessity of and adopted.

Mr. Smith moved ---- "That whenever practicable, it is the imperative duty of the farmers of the Willamette valley to patronize, and in every honorable way to encourage, the Willamette Transpor-

lution by striking out the words " Willamette Transportation Company" and insert the words "all competing lines." The amendment was lost. Mr. Smith spoke at some length in favor of the motion. Mr. Minto moved the follow-

struction of warehouses at Astoria will the construction of locks at the falls of greatly facilitate the transportation of the Willamette." The substitute was our produce to foreign markets; and lost by a majority of four. The origithat it is the conviction of this body nal resolution was adopted by a considwas unan

joining in the farmers' movement." The President appointed on this committee J. H. Smith of Linn county, T. W. Davenport of Marion county and Thomas Edwards of Lane county. A vote of thanks was passed with marked approbation, "That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the officers of the Convention for the able manner in which they discharged their several duties." The President responded in a few appropriate remarks. river communications, has everything This closed the proceedings of the Convention, which is to meet again at the same place on the 10th of June next.

The removal of all obstructions in our rivers should be attended to as scon as possible. Home manufactures and ship building should be encouraged by all

tember last the Republican managers had announced that if they should sucpossible means. The resolutions and ceed in the approaching Presidential election, one of the measures which general proceedings of this Convention do the members great credit. they would first enact would be to Mr. Helm was called upon to address raise the salary of President Grant to

the Convention, which he did at some vention.

Mr. Minto submitted the following preambles and resolution :

WHEREAS, It appears that, under of the Treasury. Or suppose that these two proposi-tions had been incorposated in the Rethe present law providing for the keeping of a tug boat on the bar of Colum-bia, there is no means of enforcing a fulfillment of the contract between the owners of said tug-boat and the State ; and

WHEREAS, This Convention has reacarried ? How many Republican Con-gressmen would have been re-elected ? son to believe that ships seeking to en-Is it not evident that Grant could not have got a single State, and that every Republican candidate for Congress, the State; therefore, running on such a platform, would have been defeated ? providing by law for the maintaining sanity of public robbery which has led Grant to lobby for the passage of a

of a more competent tug-boat on the bar of the Columbia. This resolution met with great favor and passed unanimously.

At 12, noon, the Convention adjourn ed to meet at 1 o'clock.

this enormous act of robbery as a part of their plan before the election, how do AFTERNOON SESSION. At 1 o'clock the President called the they expect the people to regard it after meeting to order. the election?

At the suggestion of the Chair a pa-per by Mr. W. H. Odell was read by the Secretary, that contained valuable scrap of history has recently come to light in relation to the late President suggestions, some of which had been Lincoln. On the authority of Father already acted on by the Convention. At the request of the Convention, S. A. Dixon, the founder of the city in Lee Clarke, Esq., editor of the Willamette county, in Illinois, which bears his name, it is stated that during the Black Farmer, who has just returned from the Hawk war, while Gen. Taylor, after-East addressed the Convention, in wards President of the United States, guided him in conducting his paper, and was in command of the fort at Dixon's a very interesting and graphic descrip-Ferry, near where Dixon now stands, tion of his trip across the continent. Jefferson Davis, then a lieutenant in

The Committee on Constitution subthe regular army, administered the oath mitted the following report : of office to Abraham Lincoln, who had Your committee would beg leave to arrived at the fort with a company of

mer, as soon as practicable." The gen-

and Wm. Ruble.

report that we are unable to unite upon volunteers raised in Southern Illinois, any plan of permanent organization and of which he was captain. Genera It was resolved-"That Mr. Curry be | would recommend that the present or-Robert Anderson, the defender of Fort Sumter, then a lieutenant serving in the tinued after adjournment to a definite same regiment with Jefferson Davis, was present at the same time. meeting of the Convention ; one upon GREAT EXCITEMENT commerce, foreign markets, freights and wharfage; one upon internal transpor-The Bazaar of Fashion! tations and freights, and one upon domestic manufactures, which committees are requested to gather useful and ac-MRS. E. A. KNIGHT curate information with regard to costs HAS JUST RECEIVED and conditions connected with the subjects entrusted to them for their inves-

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adopted.

Mr. Minto-moved to amend the reso-

ing as a substitute to the motion : "That this Conventiou congratulate the people of Oregon upon the opening of the Upper Willamette river to free competion in the transportation business of the Willamette and Lower Columbia by which he dwelt on the principles that

son, Jonas Davis, John Layton, G. Crswford, J. H. Baber, James Finlayson, Jason Wheeler, A. W. Standard, J. H. Smith, Martin Luper and 'G. W. Vernon.

Lane county-T. D. Edwards, W. A. Potter, George Rinehart, M. B. Gray, W. C. Edwards and M. Wilkins.

Benton county-Tolbert Carter, H. Miller, E. Hartless and C. E. Moore.

Marion county-T. L. Davidson, F. Condet, T. W. Davenport, J. H. Brown, -H. Udell and J. W. Grim.

Columbia county-G. W. Maxwell. Polk county-John Allen, Ira Townsend, Jesse Stump, W. C. Brown, James Tatom, John H. Hawley, E. McNary, W. Churchill, James Smith, Isaac D. Babcock and W. Ruble, delegates at large.

Yamhill county-Henry Newell, D. C. Stewart, O. B. Henry, W. Galloway, F. Martin, George B. Curry, J. H. Up-ton, B. B. Crawford, J. C. Nelson, Robger, L. Bleeker, and George B. Curry, for Willamette League Club.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. SMITH, Chairman.

J. H. UPTON, Secretary.

Report unanimously adopted.

On motion the following Committee on Permanent Orgaization was appointed: C. P. Burkhart, of Linn; T. W. Davenport, Marion; T. Edwards, Lane; Jesse Stewart, Polk; W. Galloway, Yamhill ; George Maxwell, Columbia ; E. Hartless, Benton. The Committee reported promptly as follows :

W. Wilkins, President ; J. H. Brown, Secretary ; M. V. Brown of Linn coun-

ty, Assistant Secretary. The report was adopted, and Mr Wilkins conducted to the chair.

A Committee on Constitution consisting of one from each county, was then appointed,

On motion of C. E. Moore, a Committee on Resolutions was appointed, as follows ; C. E. Moore of Benton, J. H. Upton of Yamhill, J. H. Smith of

Your committee beg leave to submit the foregoing report.

The report was unanimously accept ed, and the resolutions discussed seriatum. The third resolution called forth the most earnest and able debate ever witnessed in the Legislative Hall, Messrs Smith and Minto favoring, and Messrs, Hartless and Davenport opposing its adoption. It was passed by a vote of 27 to 24.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow.

Second Day.

#### Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Moore, the follow-

ing was adopted : WHEREAS, It is the understanding that the Astoria resolution will be reconsidered, and again be put upon its passage,

Resolved, That no member of this Convention shall speak but once, and all speeches on other subjects shall be

Linn, John Minto of Marion, M. B. Gray of Lane and Wm. Ruble of Polk. Mr Moore moved that the object of be Convention is to express the senti-and unanimously adopted;

asked to explain the nature of the ganization of the Convention be con-League to which he belongs as far as he may think proper." This was ap proved, and Mr. Curry explained at following committees: One upon consome length the organization and prog- stitution, who shall report at the next ress of the Willamette League, consisting of sixty members, which gave general satisfaction to the Convention.

It was resolved-" That the thanks of the Convention be hereby tendered to the Willamette Transportation Company for its very liberal accommodation to the members."

A similar motion was passed to the Oregon Steamship Company. It was also moved and passed with

tigation, and that they report by the Secretary, through the Willamette Farapprobation, "That the thanks of this Convention are due to the Secretary of eral opinion of the Convention was that State for the use of the Legislative this was the best course to pursue. The Hall and other courtesies extended to report was accordingly adopted and the following committees appointed : the members of the Convention."

A motion for the Convention to adjourn sme die at one o'clock was laid on Davenport, Jesse Stump, O. B. Curry the table.

On motion, Mr. Powers of Clatsop was invited to address the Convention Powers, Joseph M. Watt, John Minto, and give such information as he posesses as to what encouragement the peo-Hewett. ple of Astoria will give the farmers of Oregon to erect warehouses there. The spirit of Mr. Powers' address was to the effect that the people of Astoria will afford the farmers every facility in their power, by grants and otherwise, to co-operate with the farmers to carry out

the objects of the Convention. On the motion of Mr. Minto, it was it was resolved "That when this Conunanimously resolved to request Gov ernor Grover to give the Convention the second Tuesday of June in the such information as he possesses about the tug-boat at Astoria. The Governor Mr. Watt read, by request, a paper gave a full and interesting account of upon vessels and shipping facilities, the origin and working of the law rewhich was listened to with attention. the origin and working of the law respecting the tug-boat, the purport of which is, that the Executive of the State has little or no control over the tug-boat. The Governor's address was listened to with great attention. It was its officers to the Secretary of this Con-Resolved, That it is the interest of vention immediately after organization, the farmers of Oregon to give material and that each precinct organization not aid to the Willamette Farmer, in the represented in this Convention, shall be shape of subsrcribing for the paper and

paying the subscription promptly. The Secretary of State, at the unan-imous request of the Convention, ad-dressed the Convention in his usual happy and successful manner.

A committee of three were appointed President to prepare an address to the to call on and request Governor Grover farmers of Oregon, urging upon them

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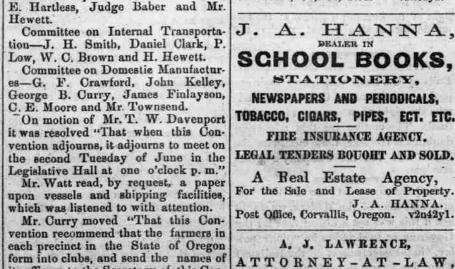
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county it was resolved "That a committee of three be appointed by the

unanimonsly. On the motion of Mr. Smith of Linn