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The only Republican Daily Newspaper on Wasco County.

Call for Republican County Convention

The Republican County Convention of Wasco county, State of Oregon, is hereby called to meet in Dalles City, in said county, on Wednesday, April 6, 1898, at the hour of 5 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county officers: One County Commissioner, County Clerk, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Assessor, County School Superintendent, County Coroner and County Surveyor, also precinct officers, for the several precincts of said county, and ten delegates to the Republican State and Second District Congressional Conventions, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said County Convention. The convention will consist of 22 delegates chosen by the several precincts, and the several precincts of said county will be entitled to representation in said convention as follows: Antelope... Kingsley... Blue Hill... Houser... Baldwin... Nausene... Lake Green... Oak Grove... Columbia... Ramsey... Dufur... Tigh Valley... Deschutes... Trevitt... East Igloo... Winita... East Hood River... West Dalles... Eight Mills... West Hood River... Falls... Wamie... The same being one delegate at large from each precinct, and one delegate for every twenty-five votes and one delegate for every fraction over one-half of twenty-five votes cast in each of said precincts for Hon. T. C. Geer, Republican candidate for presidential elector at the November election in 1896. Dated at Dalles City, Oregon, this 29th day of March, 1898. F. F. FERRISON, Chairman Republican County Com. M. T. NOLAN, secretary.

REMOVAL OF THE MAINE.

The objection raised by Spain to the removal of the wreck of the Maine from Havana harbor are simply vexatious and untenable in law, state or international. The right of an owner to remove the wreck of a sunken ship is limited only by his ability to perform the work of removal, says the Tribune. The right exists whether the owner is a government or an individual.

Because it is lying in British waters, the British Columbia local authorities recently attempted to prevent the owners of the Corona from raising its sunken hull. The minister of the interior overruled their action and the owners were allowed to continue the work on the wreck. The acquiescence of our government to the objections of Spain is to remove further contention the Spanish government might raise in regard to the controversy connected with the Maine disaster. That our government does not exercise its right to remove our sunken warship is no conclusion against the existence of the right.

Spain's objections can be waived for the present. We have methods by which our wrecked warship will find itself once again under the flag it, living, carried so bravely, or, if it remain where it is, futurity knows that the bottom of Havana harbor will be a part of the soil of the United States.

While the country is disposed to be patient and give to the president necessary time in which to try all peaceable methods in settling our troubles with Spain, yet this uncertainty cannot go on much longer. Many believe we have temporized too much as it is, and have allowed the suffering and murder in Cuba to continue till part of the crime can be laid at our doors. Spain has done enough to warrant her being swept from the roster of the nations, and the United States has reasons sufficient to justify decisive action. We trust that President McKinley, in his great desire to avoid the horrors of war, will not delay much longer. The patience of the people may soon become exhausted, and then it will be hard to prevent them from resorting to measures more stringent than are wise.

It is stated that the Oregonian, which is publishing a series of letters by one Wallace McCamant, a youth not altogether unknown to fame, upon the political situation in Multnomah county, has refused to publish answers to the same written by opponents of Mr. McCamant and his political godfather, Mr. Simon. If such be the case, the Oregonian is not fulfilling its claims as an independent journal, which is not the organ of any man or faction. The people want the truth, and when evidence is suppressed by one side, it

is regarded as indicating that if the evidence were produced it would be against the party wishing to suppress it. If the Oregonian be wholly right in its views of local politics, it should not be afraid of anything the Anti-Simon people may say.

WHAT MUST BE DONE.

For many years the problem of transportation was a troublesome one for The Dalles. Depending entirely upon a single line of railroad, our merchants were compelled to pay freight rates greatly in excess of what they should have been. This condition was ameliorated only through persistent agitation and the efforts of our citizens, which resulted in an independent line of steamers being placed upon the river. This brought freight rates to their proper level. With the advent of competing transportation, the business of this city received a great impetus, and attention was directed to this place because of the recognized advantages which The Dalles held over other Eastern Oregon towns. No other factor has done so much toward the upbuilding of this city as the starting and maintaining of the boat line.

The completion of the Cascade Locks has removed forever any possibility of the merchants of The Dalles becoming the prey of foreign monopoly. Low freight rates are permanently secured, and the benefit can hardly be overestimated.

Some are making the mistake, however, of supposing that this alone provides for the permanent prosperity and growth of The Dalles. This is hardly the case, notwithstanding it is a great aid in such a direction. Other means must be provided to continue and increase the trade now coming to this point, so that compensation may be had for the loss of territory which may be tapped by the building of railroads from other places.

There are two propositions which must be kept ever in view by those who have at heart the city's welfare. One is that a better system of roads leading into the interior must be devised; and the other is that the manifest destiny of The Dalles, if properly worked out, is to become a manufacturing center. The arguments in favor of these contentions have been repeated so often and are known so well that it is useless to state them here; but the time has come, or is coming fast, when something more than mere acknowledgement of their force will suffice. We cannot live because of the past alone; it is necessary to prepare for the future, and this year, in the minds of many, decides whether we intend to fulfill our destiny, or let it slip by unnoticed, as many other good things have done.

The position occupied by President McKinley just now is peculiarly a hard one. Upon him rests the responsibility of settling the Spanish difficulty without war, if possible, and at the same time satisfy the demands of the American people, the great majority of whom favor aggressive movement in the direction of war. Today will probably determine whether or not congress itself will take the matter in charge. The president has acted most honorably and creditably in all his negotiations, and congress would do well to allow him a little more time in bringing Spain to terms. At the same time none will deny that the incentive and provocation for congress to declare war immediately is great.

Joseph Simon will make a desperate struggle for political existence at the Republican convention in Astoria. If he and his candidates are beaten, Simon will soon pass from off the political stage and a new dispensation will begin in the Republican party. The reports from the primary elections held in the different counties indicate that the anti-Simon sentiment is very strong. If the Simon-Scott combine is defeated in the district convention, Judge Northrup should get his running harness on again, as there will likely be another bolt.

Now is the time for statesmanship in the Republican party to come to the front, and for the "politicians" to

go the rear. Republican success next June depends altogether upon the wisdom shown in party councils between now and the close of the Astoria convention. Nothing can be more certain than that a bolt by a disgruntled faction at that convention will mean Populist success at the polls. Outside of Multnomah county the party in the state is united, and the delegates who attend the convention should do now, as they should have done two years ago, ignore the Multnomah county fight and make nominations which shall appeal to the commendation of the people at large, whether they meet the views of the professional politician or not.

PEACE OR WAR?

Today marks the crisis in the Spanish trouble. The latest reports received indicate that the answer of Spain to President McKinley's ultimatum has been received at Washington and that the contents will soon be made public. Upon the answer depends peace or war. We cannot help believing that a peaceful solution of the problem is probable, and that Spain will accede to the demands of this nation and of humanity. Not to do so would be national suicide. Without the support of a single European nation of first-rate power, Spain can expect nothing but defeat, and defeat means utter bankruptcy and annihilation of the present Spanish regime. It were better for Spain now to acknowledge the superiority of strength which America possesses and bow to the inevitable.

Yet by the desperate straits in which the Spanish government finds itself, that government may be drawn to war, preferring to suffer what it would call honorable defeat than surrender at the command of another nation its hold upon Cuba. Death and devastation may be preferable to the proud Castilian blood than to acknowledge non-success after the boastful claims put forth regarding Cuba.

This incident in history is thrilling. No communication was ever fraught with weightier results than the one now supposed to be in the president's hand. The country awaits the promised information with feverish anxiety.

YOUNG MEN FOR ACTION.

In ordinary times the American people pay very little attention to the navy, especially to the personnel of its officers. There are no fewer than fifty-seven of the high-grade officers of our navy who saw service in the war of the rebellion, yet there is not one of them all whose name was at all familiar to the general public prior to the blowing up of the Maine, except that Captain Mahan had achieved fame as a writer. During the war Farragut, Foote and Porter achieved special prominence, Farragut ranking with Sherman and Sheridan as a popular hero. Should war with Spain come, undoubtedly the navy would have the brunt of it.

It would seem from a Washington dispatch that steps are being taken to retire Rear Admiral Sicard from command of the North Atlantic station on account of the infirmities of age. Evidently the situation is somewhat embarrassing. The rear admiral has done the country good service. He was with Farragut when he ran the Mississippi and Mobile gantlet. He went through a dozen bombardments, and in each case combined bravery, coolness and skill. He was one of those dauntless heroes who sailed up to a line of torpedoes and, without slacking speed, passed on. But it is a long time now, measured by the length of human life, since those days.

It will be remembered that when the civil war came on the loyal people of the country relied much upon General Scott. The period between the close of the Mexican war and 1861 was less than half as long as the period between the close of our last war and 1898. But the command of the army soon passed to younger men, men who, if they were with Scott and Taylor in Mexico, were too young and too low in rank to attract the attention of the public. No doubt if war comes at all now it will develop from the younger men

of the service, those who are to win renown.—Inter-Ocean.

Time and time again the necessity has been shown of securing some manufacturing enterprise for The Dalles which will provide a pay roll for laboring men and create a local demand for our raw products. It will be a matter of everlasting regret if something is not done during the present season looking towards the accomplishment of this object. The local conditions around us are changing, and we cannot expect that trade will continue coming to this city unless we take some measure to secure it. A woolen mill established here will not only bring a good return on the money invested, but will also aid greatly in securing permanently for this city the wool trade which now we enjoy. The men who can bring this thing about will long be remembered as public benefactors.

The hand of Providence was certainly present in the last election which placed McKinley in the presidential chair. Although he has been criticised by those who desired more precipitous action, we are convinced that when all the details are made known the wisdom of his conduct in the negotiations with Spain will be made apparent. None the less deserving of credit is Speaker Reed, who has lent to the president invaluable support.

Governor Lord has but little time left in which to call an extra session. If he refuse it will be but carrying out the trade which Simon made with the Populists at the legislative hold-up a year ago.

Representative Ellis has had the honor of presiding over the house of representatives during an absence of Speaker Reed. This is a compliment to Oregon's congressman which his friends will appreciate.

THROUGH A CHIMNEY.

Convict Escapes From the Penitentiary at Salem

Despite the vigilance of penitentiary officials since the enforced idleness of prisoners by reason of the shutting down of the foundry three weeks ago, it was discovered Monday morning that Convict Charles Kenedy escaped Sunday night. It was one of the most clever escapes ever made from the Oregon state penitentiary.

Kenedy drilled a hole through his iron cell, made the chimney large enough to crawl through by removing bricks from the thick wall, cut through the tin roof and swung from the top of the main building to a front yard by means of a rope made of blankets. To reach the roof he had to dig through about twenty-four feet of brick. Following the course of a small aperture made the work considerably easier.

It must have taken some time to accomplish the work, yet suspicion was not aroused until he failed to answer to roll call.

Rhinehart, his cell-mate, a noted burglar, was left behind without either clothes or blankets, Kenedy having carried them to the roof, while Rhinehart was too large for the aperture.

Kenedy was sentenced from Washington county in 1895, to ten years for assault with a deadly weapon.

THE CONCLUDING GAMES.

The Ladies Roll in Hard Luck, But Are Still Ahead.

The bowling match between the ladies and gentlemen at the club rooms last night was a hard contest from start to finish. Most of the ladies played in hard luck, and a large number of centers were taken out, so that their scores fell far below their usual records. A few of the men fell down, but on the whole they played remarkably well, as the following will show:

LADIES' TEAM. 1st 2d 3d 4th Game Game Game Game Handicap... 60 60 60 60 Mrs Seufert... 32 29 17 34 Mrs Blakeley... 23 33 26 19 Mrs VanNorden... 26 34 43 22 Mrs Nolan... 26 26 22 31 Miss Schanno... 23 23 44 31 Miss Lang... 29 28 24 17 Totals... 219 238 236 214 CLUB TEAM. 1st 2d 3d 4th Bradshaw... 52 38 50 45 Ballard... 34 19 25 43 Sampson... 35 40 51 37 N Sinnott... 26 36 41 51 Houghton... 46 21 36 45 Hostetler... 34 34 41 36 Totals... 226 188 244 250

As can be seen by the above, the ladies were ahead in but one game out of the four, and as they won both of the games played on a previous evening, each team had three games to their credit. In order to decide the match pins were counted, and it was found that the ladies had won by thirty-nine pins. They were ahead forty-five pins

Aermotor Windmills. We have lately taken the agency for the Aermotor Windmill, and carry a stock on hand. We also carry a complete stock of Deep and Shallow Well Pumps, as well as Pitcher Spout and Spray Pumps. Call and see us before buying elsewhere. The Aermotor Mill is considered the best machine on the market. Call and see it. MAIER & BENTON, Sole Agents for Wasco County, Hardware and Grocery Merchants..... The Dalles, Or.

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In the previous games and in the four games of last night the gentleman had an advance of but six, so that the difference showed thirty-nine pins in the ladies' favor. The match was all the more interesting on account of being close, and as the sympathy of the spectators was with the ladies, everyone seemed to be well pleased with the result. Sons of Veterans' Entertainment. The entertainment given by Varney Camp, No. 4, Sons of Veterans, last night was a success in every particular. The guests began to assemble at 8 o'clock in the small hall, and after the Red Men finished their tribal affairs for that sun, they graciously surrendered their hall so that they might have sufficient room for the large crowd which attended the exercises. The program was just lengthy enough to sharpen the appetite of the young for the snuff that was forthcoming. Every number of the program was good and showed unusual care in selection. The music committee took charge of the floor after the entertainment was over, and the dance was on, being enjoyed by young and old until 12, when the guests departed, well pleased with the entertainment and hoping the Sons of Veterans will give another in the near future. WHEN TRAVELING Whether on pleasure bent or business, take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches, and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only. Attorney Frank Menefee returned from Portland last night, where he and Mr. Dufur have been trying the case of Boyd vs. the Portland General Electric Co., in Judge Shattuck's court. The plaintiff, who was a boy 11 years old, received serious injuries at Woodlawn some time ago by running foul of a broken wire belonging to this company, and at present bears, as a result of the contact, a badly crippled hand and severe wounds about the head, where he was burned by the electricity. He instituted a suit for \$5000 damages and hired Dufur & Menefee as his attorneys. The jury brought in a verdict last night for damages to the full amount of the suit. The case was a hard fight from beginning to end and the result is flattering to our Dalles attorneys. To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if they fail to cure. 25c.

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