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ST. HELENS, OREGON, APRIL 17.

HARRISON'S capture of a charming second wife is to be considered a republican gain, of course.

THE census of the whole of France is taken in a single night, and that of London in a day. This is one of the operations in which the Yankee must admit he is not up to date.

A MIRACLE has happened. A man was discovered to be crazy, and was not brought to St. Helens to be committed to the asylum. Strange, indeed, that Columbia county did not have the costs to pay.

COLUMBIA county is again favored politically, T. J. Cleeton having received the nomination for district attorney on the republican ticket for the counties comprising Columbia, Clatskanie, Washington and Clackamas. Mr. Cleeton has earned a reputation for being a good campaigner, and will be heard from expounding republican principles many times before election day.

"Elect me judge and give me a commissioner, and I will tear your eyes open in a year." These were the words of the populist candidate for county judge immediately after his nomination in this city last week. Just what the gentleman intended to convey is not clear, but if the people are to be so rudely treated they would better not elect me judge and give me a commissioner."

In his night raid on the Cuban city of Santa Clara, the insurgent leader, Gomez, is said to have held the place for five hours and carried off 210,000 cartridges, with abundant clothing and other supplies for his men. Santa Clara has 30,000 inhabitants and was garrisoned by 6000 Spanish troops. Gomez knew their position and had their countersign. He must be credited with a unique trick in the art of war.

It is gratifying to know that in one line of development Columbia county is going ahead moderately. The school statistics, which appear in another column, show a small increase during the past year in the number of school children in the county, and that a few new schoolhouses have been erected, and new districts organized. While the increase is small, it shows a tendency toward advancement which is much better than if the balance was in the opposite direction.

ACCORDING to Carroll D. Wright's calculation, wages in this country have shown a progressive increase from an average of \$247.38 per annum for each person in 1850, to \$288.94 in 1860; to \$302.08 in 1870; to \$346.91 in 1880; and to \$444.83 in 1890. The full extent of the benefit of this increase in wages to the wage-earner is not appreciated, however, until it is realized that a day's work will now buy far more of the comforts of life than it would half a century ago.

THERE is seldom a week passes but what this office is in receipt of letters from different parts of the United States seeking information in regard to Oregon generally, and Columbia county in particular. These letters are turned over to Mr. E. E. Quick, secretary of the local immigration board for reply. The correspondence goes to show that there are thousands of people throughout the United States looking for homes in Oregon, and their arrival is only a matter of time after the resources of the state are presented to them in a truthful and unexaggerated light.

THE latest advices from Cuba go to show that the insurgents are generally victorious in their engagements with the Spanish forces. Expeditions of arms and ammunition are being successfully landed on the island every few days, mostly from the United States. These are delivered over to the insurgents who, by some secret communication, always have a small army at the point of landing the munitions of war, to receive them from the vessel. Every day seems to add new hopes to the Cubans, because of acquiring improved war equipment together with increasing sympathy from the other powers.

In Lane county the populists agreed with the democrats that each party should put up about half a ticket. The two conventions met on the same day and appointed a joint committee to confer and agree on the division. The whole committee came into the democratic convention and reported their agreement, whereupon the democratic convention proceeded to nominate their part of the ticket and adjourned. A few minutes after adjournment was had the populists went back on their part of the bargain and refused to abide the agreement. The democratic convention was at once reassembled and the vacant places left on the ticket was filled in by making additional nominations.

A few hundred dollars invested in a gristmill at this point would prove a very profitable investment. The hundreds of tons of flour and feed shipped into this county every year from Portland might just as well be manufactured at home out of products raised

by our home farmers. With a flour mill convenient there would be three or four times as many acres sown to grain every year in the county and our farmers would produce their own breadstuffs and feed instead of sending that amount of money elsewhere, in addition to discouraging the tilling of the soil at home. Why not a stock company be organized here with a view to erecting a mill for the purpose of supplying the home demand for flour and feed. It can be done at small cost, comparatively, and the history of such institutions warrant a safe investment.

ALL the talk about an independent candidate for congress in the Second district does not amount to anything, and Mr. Ellis' friends need not fear the result in case there should be an independent candidate. In the first place, the man who would stand any show of election must be a man well known and of more than ordinary influence in the district; and in the second place, such a man would not go before the people as an independent candidate against Mr. Ellis at this time, and the man who does so digs his own political grave in which to be buried on election day. This independent candidate idea appears to have had its origin exclusively in the massive imagination of the editor of the Oregonian, who enjoys an unenviable reputation for hostility to the best interests of the state.

Real Estate Deals. James H. Boggess to Fred W. and Sadie Prahl, w 1/2 of sec 1 and e 1/2 of sw 1/4, sec 2, t 6 n, r 4 w; \$1. Louise G. Curtis to Pauline F. Bonnick, 3 1/2 acres in s 1/2 of s 1/4, sec 34, t 5 n, r 4 w; \$50.

D. N. Dodds and wife to Charles L. Ozle, lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Baker's add to Vernonia; \$100. Martin and Sarah Gillihan to H. L. Colvin, nw 1/4 and ne 1/4, sec 16, t 7 n, r 5 w; \$5000.

Frank Michelou and wife to August Larsen, sw 1/4 of sec 4, t 5 n, r 4 w; \$300. Lizzie E. McElwell and husband to A. M. Swain, nw 1/4, sec 16, t 4 n, r 5 w; \$5.

Lizzie E. McElwell to B. E. Griffith, sw 1/4 sec 16, t 4 n, r 5 w; \$5. A. Neer to Louisa A. Neer, sw 1/4, sec 4, t 2 n, r 2 w; and lots 7 and 8, block 11; lot 12 block 12; lots 4, 5 and 6 block 22, Neer City; \$5.

Rose A. Oliver and husband to Columbia L. Ayres, sw 1/4, sec 19, t 5 n, r 2 w; \$1200. W. H. Palmer and wife to R. W. McNutt, 10 acres in sec 8, t 4 n, r 4 w; \$100. Jacob S. Rineason to Astoria Railroad Company, right-of-way; \$500.

W. J. Ross and wife to Astoria Railroad Company, right-of-way; \$1. Walter Severn to Fred A. Hall, ne 1/4, sec 31, t 8 n, r 3 w; \$300.

Stephen Splawn et al and John Splawn et al to Clara E. McDonald, nw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 12, t 5 n, r 2 w; \$1. Frances Tryon to Astoria Railroad Company, right-of-way; \$1.

Joseph Vanblaricom to Nancy Davison, 6 1/2 acres in sec 4, t 4 n, r 4 w; \$1. E. S. Vosberg and wife to A. W. Vosberg, ne 1/4, sec 23, t 5 n, r 3 w; \$1000.

Henry Westermire to Emma J. Jones, s 1/2 of nw 1/4 and n 1/2 of sw 1/4, sec 21, t 4 n, r 4 w; \$1.

State Republican Ticket. For Supreme Judge, R. S. BEAN. District Ticket. For Congressman—Second District, WILLIAM R. ELLIS, of Morrow County.

For Joint Senator, GEO. W. PATTERSON, For Prosecuting Attorney, THOS. J. CLEETON.

County Republican Ticket. For Representative, NORMAN MERRILL, of Clatskanie.

For County Judge, JOS. B. DOAN, of Rainier.

For County Clerk, JUDSON WEED, of Vernonia.

For Sheriff, CHAS. W. BLAKESLEY, of St. Helens.

For Treasurer, JOHN SWAGER, of Houlton.

For Surveyor, WM. N. MESERVE, of Delena.

For Superintendent of Schools, J. G. WATTS, of Scappoose.

For Commissioner, THOS. S. COLVIN, of Marshland.

For Assessor, MARTIN WHITE, of Quincy.

For Coroner, DR. A. P. McLAREN, of Rainier.

For Justice of the Peace, Union Precinct, J. B. GODFREY. For Constable, JAMES C. COX.

EXCITING STATE CONVENTION

Republicans Declare for Both Gold and Silver.

Country Delegations Served as Arbitrators to Settle the Contest in Multnomah County.

The republican state convention met in Portland on Thursday last week, and on Friday completed the work of nominating a candidate for supreme judge, four presidential electors and four delegates to the national convention; also district officers.

Owing to the factional fight in Portland there was a contesting delegation of 48 in that county which was brought into the convention for settlement. The state convention, as did also the district convention, divided the contested delegation equally between the two factions. There was no end of dissatisfaction at this decision, but it was thought best for all concerned to settle the dispute in that way, the feeling and speeches during the contest being very bitter. It was a case in which the country delegates had an opportunity to show their disapproval of the Joe Simon method of conducting politics, and they were not slow in exercising the prerogative.

After this dispute was settled the convention made the following nominations: Supreme judge, R. S. Bean, renominated by acclamation; delegates to the national convention, John W. Meldrum, Charles Hillton, R. A. Booth, Charles H. Dodd; presidential electors, T. T. Geer, E. L. Smith, J. F. Caples, S. M. Moran. The First and Second congressional districts had previously selected two delegates each to the national convention, making eight altogether.

THE PLATFORM. "The representatives of the republicans of the state of Oregon, in convention assembled, call attention to the condition of industry and business throughout the country, as a proof of the necessity of returning to the policy of the republican party, under which there was general prosperity during 30 years.

"We reaffirm the principles of the republican national platform of 1892, and assert that the results that have followed the change decreed by the election of that year have justified our protest against the national policy adopted by the democratic party.

"Protection—We believe that the government should have ample revenue, with a sufficient surplus over ordinary expenditures to provide for coast defenses, for the steady building up of the navy, and for the constant reduction of the public debt. We believe that the present tariff, with its lowered rates and its destructive and dishonest system of undervaluations, and discrimination as to localities, should be replaced by one framed on protective principles, similar to that of the McKinley bill and arranged to give ample protection to American wages and American industry, and to restore the reciprocity policy of James G. Blaine.

"We have always given protection to our shipbuilders. In late years we have neglected to protect our shipowners. We believe the time has come to return to the policy of Washington and Hamilton, which by discriminating duties in favor of American bottoms, secured 90 per cent of our carrying trade to American ships, and which, if now restored, would again revive our shipping and cause American freights to be paid to Americans.

"Finance—The American people, from tradition and interest, favor bimetallicism, and the republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money, with such restrictions and under such provisions, to be determined by legislation, as will secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal. The interests of the producers of the country—its farmers and its workmen—demand that every dollar, paper or coin, issued by the government shall be as good as any other dollar.

"Election of Senators—Resolved, That we earnestly endorse the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote, recently reported from the committee on privileges and elections by Senator Mitchell, and now pending consideration in the United States senate.

"Cascade Reserve—Resolved, That the application of the Oregon delegation in congress to the president of the United States and now pending before him, praying a modification of his proclamation creating the Cascade Forest Reserve, is hereby earnestly approved, and we appeal to the president to grant the prayer of our delegation in congress.

"Fishing—We realize the importance and magnitude of the fishing industry on the Columbia river, and would recommend that some provisions be made for a state hatchery for artificial propagation, and that the laws regulating the close season be rigidly enforced.

"Rebate to Settlers—That we endorse the efforts of our representatives in congress to secure repayment to settlers of Oregon of the excess of \$1.25 per acre wrongfully collected by the government on lands located in the limits of the unearned Northern Pacific railroad land grant now forfeited.

"Canal—The construction of the Nicaragua canal is of the highest importance to the American people, both as a measure of national defense and to build up and maintain American commerce. It is moreover of special importance to our Pacific states, and we demand its completion as speedily as possible by the government of the United States.

"Pensions—We hereby endorse the action of our senators and representatives in congress in their endeavor to secure grants of pensions to Indian war veterans.

"Retrenchment—We pledge the republican party to rigid economy in the expenditure of public money to the reduction of excessive salaries, and the abolishment of the fee system wherever possible, and of all useless commissions; and believe that no appropriation should be made to any school or charitable institution not under the control of the state; and oppose the incorporation into the general appropriation bill of items for the expenditure of public money not authorized by law.

"Immigration—We demand enactment of rigid restrictions on foreign immigration both for protection of our country against illiterate and vicious classes from foreign lands, and for protection of our labor and preservation to our own people of the remainder of our national domain.

"Internal Improvements—We commend the policy of the republican party in relation to internal improvements, and, in particular, in opening our waterways to com-

merce, and we denounce the liberality of the democratic party in these matters." An attempt was made in the convention to amend the financial plank in favor of the gold standard, and after a somewhat prolonged discussion, the amendment was defeated by a good majority.

District Nominations. The following nominees for officers of the various judicial districts were reported to the convention and ratified:

First judicial district—George W. Colvig, of Jackson, for district attorney.

Second district—W. E. Yates, of Benton, for district attorney; Robert Walker, of Coos, for member of board of equalization.

Third district—John A. Carson, of Marion for district attorney.

Fourth district—For judge, Alfred F. Sears, jr.; for district attorney, Charles F. Lord; for member of the state board of equalization, D. P. Thompson.

Fifth district—T. J. Cleeton, of Columbia, for district attorney.

Sixth district—S. A. Lowell, of Umatilla, for judge; H. J. Bean for district attorney; Charles Johnson for member of the board of equalization.

Seventh district—A. A. Jayne for district attorney.

Eighth district—Robert Eakin, of Union, for circuit judge; S. W. Knowles, of Union, for district attorney; W. T. Wright for member of the state board of equalization.

Ninth district—I. H. Holland for member state board of equalization; Charles W. Parrish for district attorney.

Joint Senators and Representatives. The following senators and representatives in joint districts were named:

Joint representative for Coos and Curry—Jeremiah Huntley.

Joint senator for Coos, Curry and Josephine—Erastus W. Guptel.

Joint senator for Klamath, Crook and Lake—O. C. Applegate.

Joint representative for grant and Harney—E. Hall.

Joint senator for Sherman and Wasco—John Michell.

Joint senator for Sherman, Wasco and Gilliam—W. H. Moore.

Joint senator for Columbia, Washington and Tillamook—G. W. Patterson.

Joint representatives for Wasco and Sherman—F. N. Jones and B. S. Huntington.

Joint representative for Benton and Lincoln—E. R. Lake.

Joint senator for Umatilla and Union—T. C. Taylor.

Joint senator for Union and Wallawa—F. D. McCully.

Joint representative for Yamhill and Tillamook—W. L. Brooks.

Joint representative for Klamath and Lake—Virgil Conn.

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