

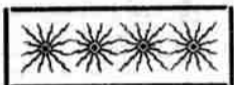
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THE LA GRANDE REPUBLICAN CLUB

Holds Its First Meeting for the Year Last Evening and Elects Officers—Is Now Ready for the Campaign

The Club Shows Large Increase in Membership Many New Members Enrolled Last Evening

The first movement towards the coming campaign was taken Friday evening, when the La Grande Republican Club met in the Armory Hall for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing two years.

President J. W. Knowles called the meeting to order and Secretary J. H. Pearce called the roll of membership, following which, fifteen new members were enrolled.

Nominations being in order, S. W. Scriber nominated G. M. Richey for president, there being no other candidate, F. S. Ivanhoe moved that nominations close and that Mr. Richey be unanimously elected.

For vice-president, S. R. Haworth was nominated by J. W. Scriber and when it was manifest that there were no further nominations J. H. Hiltz moved that Mr. Haworth be declared unanimously elected.

For treasurer, President Knowles announced that this was a very important position as the treasurer was supposed to pay the hall rent and the band during the campaign and etc., when J. H. Hiltz nominated J. W. Scriber whose election was made unanimous upon motion of F. A. Meade.

The officers all being elected, Mr. Knowles, the retiring president, thanked the officers and members of the club for their hearty co-operation during the past two years and reviewed the efficient work that had been accomplished by the club that was organized ten years ago, "starting out with 30 members had increased to 130. During the last campaign, notwithstanding the strong factional discord, aside from the candidate for governor, the state ticket received a republican majority of over 120 and with a united party, at the coming election the entire county ticket should be elected." At the close of his remarks he appointed Frank Braunwell and H. T. Williams to escort the newly elected president to the chair.

Mr. Richey thanked the club for the honor hoped the newly elected officers will receive the hearty support of the club and the principles of the party be advanced upon which it has made its past grand history.

Col. Geo. B. Curry being called upon, stated that he was present at the first organization of a republican club in this state and was a member of the first republican state convention and that with but one exception Oregon had never failed in national issues to send republican electors since 1860 when Lincoln was elected, but while this is true the fact remains that the party has lost one half of the governors and has seen democratic senators and congressmen elected. The day of bulldozing is past and to secure victory the issues must be squarely and fearlessly met by a united party. That this club by faithful work can secure the desired results; that this county, which is republican, could name and elect a full county ticket. But this can not be accomplished if personal ambition and preferment is placed above republicanism.

J. A. Mattot stated that it was no trouble ten or 12 years ago to elect republicans and if the wisdom of the old men of the party would be followed by the young men victory would again be possible.

F. S. Ivanhoe stated that it was republican discord that in past years had made democratic victory in this county possible. That is what republicans did it. That if the next republican convention nominated men whose republicanism could not be questioned and were qualified for the positions there was no reason why the entire ticket should not be elected.

J. W. Scriber stated that he was pleased to see so many present and the interest manifested. That the party had had its differences in the past, but that he hopes and will do all in his power to bring about conditions that all personal feeling would be eliminated and the party united.

H. S. Cavanaugh stated he was very much gratified at the expressions made toward harmony and if they came from the heart this club could do grand work for the party and he suggested that a committee be appointed for the purpose of seeing the factions in this county could not be brought together and arrive at mutual understanding whereby they could work for a united purpose.

Geo. Ball a life long worker in the ranks also spoke of the necessity of harmony as did also A. H. Williams.

The club adjourned to meet again the first Tuesday in March, after the president appointed the following committee on resolutions: J. A. Mattot, J. W. Scriber and H. S. Cavanaugh.

Roosevelt on Frauds

President Roosevelt has served notice that political pull not shield a wrongdoer from prosecution. The following characteristic letter, referring to frauds in the Postoffice Department, was received by an Indiana congressman:

My Dear Congressman:—I note what you say, that the circulation of this report about me may alienate the support of—and his friends from my administration. If any one is to be alienated from me by the fact that I directed the prosecution of republican or democrat without regard to his political or social standing when it appears that he is guilty of gross wrongdoing, why, all I can say is, let him be alienated.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

A Voters Wail

The Politician is my shepherd. I shall not want for any Good Thing during the Campaign; he tideth me into the saloon for my vote's sake; he filleth my pockets with cigars; my glass of beer runneth over. He prepareth my ticket for me in the presence of my better judgement. Yes though I walk through the mud and the rain to vote for him and shout myself hoarse; when he is elected, straightway he forgetteth me. Let when I meet him in his own office he knoweth me not. Surely the wool has been pulled over my eyes all the days of my life, and I will kick myself forever; not for my sake, not for your sake, but for other peoples' sake.—Sumpter Reporter.

Fire at Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, Feb. 19.—Fire this morning burned two acres of buildings belonging to the Loma Prieta Lumber Company Mills and sheds, flour mill and seven residences burned. Loss, \$40,000.

War Funds

Paris, Feb. 19.—Princess Shervachidze, who is attacked to the person of the Dowager Empress of Russia, has telegraphed the Empress from St. Petersburg, saying Her Majesty accepts the proposal that the funds collected in France for the Russian Red Cross Society be forwarded to her.

WAR ON THE GAS TRUST

New York, Feb. 19.—William R. Hearst today through counsel, began his attack on the gas trust of the city, and argued before the attorney-general that the state should proceed for relief.

WAR MAY INVOLVE OTHER COUNTRIES

France and England Liable to Get Mix up in Far East Marine Insurance Advancing Steadily

Minister Conger has Requested Japanese Minister not to Circulate any News Regarding Japanese Victory.

London, Feb. 19.—Lloyds is today asking a premium of 30 per cent against the outbreak of an Anglo-French war within the next three months. The high rate is based on the fact that France has not given a formal declaration of neutrality beyond a vague statement by Delcasse. Also, France allowed the use of Jubutit, in the French colony at the head of the Red Sea as a base or rendezvous for the Russian fleet. This is decidedly contrary to the usage of the other neutral powers.

The British foreign office is uneasy regarding the outlook, while the admiralty is preparing for quick mobilization in case of eventualities.

FRENCH TROOPS TO THE FAR EAST.

Paris, Feb. 19.—It is officially explained today that sending reinforcements to the Far East is without sinister significance but merely to protect French Indo-China in case the unrest spreads that far.

THE CHINESE ARE EASILY EXCITED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The Pekin correspondent for the Russe wires that Minister Conger has requested the Japanese minister to refrain from the circulation of news of Japanese victories, as it tends to excite the Chinese to a threatening degree.

THREE REGIMENTS DROWNED.

Vienna, Feb. 19.—The Narodny List today prints the report that two regiments of Russian pioneers and one regiment of railway troops have been drowned while crossing Lake Baikal, by the ice giving way beneath the troop trains.

ELEVEN OFFICERS SAIL.

Marseilles, Feb. 19.—Seimasky, aid de camp of Vice czar Alex-jeff, sailed for Jubutit today with 10 Russian officers who have been traveling for the past eight months in Germany and France on a secret mission. The entire party will join the Russian squadron now stationed at Jubutit.

EMPRESS REPORTED DEAD.

London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch this afternoon says it is reported in official circles that the dowager empress of China is dead.

WARSHIPS TIED UP.

A Reuter's Madrid correspondent wires that a Russian warship arrived at the Canary Islands and the authorities notified the captain that he could remain in port but a limited time only, and cannot be provided with more coal than will enable him to reach the nearest Russian port.

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Call Meeting
There will be a call meeting of the La Grande Prohibition Alliance N. H. at the home of W. A. Worstell, Tuesday evening Feb. 23. All members and friends of prohibition are requested to be present.

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Real 90c Chemise at 58c Real \$1.25 Chemise at 88c Real \$1.38 Chemise at 98c Real \$2.00 Chemise at \$1.38	Real 73c Skirts at 49c Real \$1.25 Skirts at 79c Real \$1.38 Skirts at 98c Real \$2.50 Skirts at \$1.88	Real 19c covers at 8c Real 35c covers at 19c Real 63c covers at 43c Real 83c covers at 58c

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