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BAKER ADOPTS THE ASSEMBLY

REPUBLICANISM RUNS RAMPANT AT LINCOLN BANQUET WHEN MATTER IS DISCUSSED

RESOLUTION PASSED AT EARLY STAGE OF MEETING

Considerable feeling runs rife later on in the evening when features of the assembly plan are gone into— Ivanhoe's address greeted with a storm of applause—Eberhard also one of the speakers.

Baker City, Ore., Feb. 14. (Special)—At the sumptuous banquet of the Baker City Lincoln Republican Club Saturday night, at which Governor Frank W. Benson was the chief guest of honor, oratory and enthusiasm ran high, though there was not altogether unanimity in connection with the assembly or convention which had been called by the Republican State Central Committee for July 11, next. All agreed that there was something which furnished a cause for dissatisfaction or misunderstanding among the voters of a party 25,000 in the majority in this state when the opposite party could and did capture a number of the best offices. A resolution reciting that the Republicans of Baker county favored an assembly for the purpose of placing before the people the party platform as well as recommending a full set of state officers was introduced early in the evening and immediately placed on passage without discussion at that time. It carried almost unanimously when voted on, those from outside counties neither voting or at any time expressing an opinion on the assembly proposition, except Senator Bowerman, of Condon, who favored it in a strong speech.

Bruce Dennis, editor of the Baker City Herald, acted as toastmaster. He introduced Representative McKinney who, as president of the club, welcomed the guests in an eloquent address. The response was made by Col. F. S. Ivanhoe of La Grande, who spoke eloquently of Lincoln's example and touched lightly on state affairs. The applause was deafening as he sat down.

Governor Benson prefaced his set speech on Lincoln by a word of thanks to the Baker City Republicans for the loyal support given him when a candidate for nomination and the Baker County delegation for support and advice since assuming the gubernatorial chair. His speech on Lincoln occupied some time in its delivery and brought many compliments to the chief executive at the close of the banquet.

Receiver Colon R. Eberhard, of the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, followed in a brief talk on party government and advanced a few thoughts which were exceedingly well received.

Following came an indiscriminate discussion of party conditions in the state, and at the conclusion of a spirited address by Senator Jay Bowerman, president of the senate, the resolution referred to was presented and adopted. Charles A. Johns, Jno. L. Rand, J. N. Hart, present senator from Baker county, and many others argued at length that there was something wrong with conditions at present and advised the assembly plan as a panacea. Attorney O. B. Mount argued that the present plan is expensive to all candidates, thereby favoring the men with the most money, and involving additional expense in a second campaign to the successful candidate at the primaries

also, that it produced candidates who are the product of the votes of but a small minority of the party and therefore not representative. Senator Rand objected to the indiscriminate use of the referendum in presenting half-baked bills for the adoption of the voters who gave them little or no attention and Senator Bowerman denounced the proportional representative measure which will be up for consideration at the next election. Emmett Callahan laid some of the Republican troubles at the door of alleged dishonest candidates in some measure and the unholy desire of the "bosses" to rule the party by dictating the nominations or ruling the party by defeat of its standard bearers. He roundly denounced the convention system and its alleged ill. W. G. Drowley, in announcing his opposition to the assembly plan, stated his embarrassment in elaborating his views by the action of the state committee by its action in calling at so early a date an assembly which he termed precipitate and unwise, and the result of a propaganda of an element of the party at this time. He believed the assembly plan to be the product of a desire to indirectly evade the primary law while ostensibly favoring the same, and without the apparent courage to boldly step forth and amend it if it is not satisfactory. Drowley sat down in silence.

Governor Benson sat silent and meditative while round after round of applause swept the hall on behalf of those favoring the assembly, while most of the other guests of the club made circles with tobacco smoke. Baker Republicans are enthusiastic as a result of the meeting and are sanguine that the next election in Baker county the party can present a solid front to the opposition.

JOSEPH RAISES BIG SUM

Total of more than six thousand raised at Joseph yesterday.

Dist. Supt. J. D. Gillilan returned today from Joseph where yesterday he attended the dedication of the new M. E. church at that place. Yesterday morning before Dr. T. C. Hill commenced his financial campaign there was due on the structure \$14,560 stone structure just \$4450, but before the noon hour \$6495 were raised which covered this deficit and over \$2000 over, and this from a town of 1000 people. The structure is as attractive as any in this half of the state.

Receives Valentine.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Seigrist received an appropriate valentine in the shape of a son who came to their home this morning. There is some dispute in the family as the father is inclined to designate the son as a coming baseball player rather than a valentine.

BUYS SALOON IN SEATTLE.

Earnest Thorson goes into business in Puget Sound City.

Earnest Thorson who has been in Seattle for several weeks informed J. A. Rodgers, who has been managing his place of business on Jefferson Avenue by letter today, that he had purchased a large saloon in Seattle and was now in possession of the same. He expects to return soon and arrange his business here so he can give his personal attention to his new purchase.

Mrs. Kelly Hurt

Mrs. N. S. Kelly had the misfortune to fall late Saturday afternoon and wrench her knee in a very painful manner. She is resting quite well and it is hoped the accident will not cause her much trouble.

Banquet for Cy Young.

Elgin, Feb. 14.—Ed Nelson will give a banquet here tonight in honor of Cy Young the veteran twirler, who is here visiting his brother, Otto Young.

Mac Wood has returned from a business trip to Boise.

BINGER JURY DISCHARGED

FAILS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AFTER LONG DELIBERATION OF THE EVIDENCE GIVEN THEM

ELEVEN FOR CONVICTION AND ONE FOR ACQUITTAL.

Jury discharged this morning—Henry immediately moves for a new trial but Worthington is absent and date for rehearing is not set. Lone juror has convictions firmly fixed in mind.

Portland, Feb. 14.—The Hermann jury was discharged this morning, being unable to agree on a verdict and having been out since Saturday noon.

Those of the jury for conviction were: C. F. Pearson, J. B. Thompson, Willard Myers; foreman Ben F. Skoifield, Friend D. Simmons, S. Stevens, Henry B. Stone, Charles W. Risley, J. Smoak, Wesley Houk, Albertus H. Metcalf.

One for Acquittal

George Selkirk stood out for acquittal. He held he could convict the defendant under the law but not under the evidence and his conscience would not permit him disregarding one phase of the case for another.

After the jury was discharged, Prosecutor F. J. Heney moved for a new trial to be commenced Monday next, meeting with an objection from the court that a jury panel had been excused until Monday substituted that date. Here he met with an objection from Attorney John M. Gearin of the defense's counsel, who stated that Col. Worthington was being compelled to return to Washington and could not return for some time, whereupon the date for the next trial was allowed to stand open, the subject of agreement of counsel on both sides.

Lumbermen in Session.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14.—Nearly 600 big companies in Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Colorado Nevada and Wyoming are represented at the seventh annual session of the Western Retail Lumberman's Association opened in this city today. Conservation of forests and forest culture on government lands will be discussed.

Classification Committee.

New Orleans, Feb. 14.—Representatives of 44 railway and steamship lines, operating in the territory to the south of the Ohio and Patomac rivers and east of the Mississippi, met today at the session of the Southern Classification Committee. Many revisions are proposed and rates will be slightly if not materially increased.

Shortage in Valentines.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 14.—It is likely that there will be a shortage in valentines in many parts of the country today, owing to the destruction by fire last month of the plant of the Whitney Valentine Company, the largest of its kind in the United States. Nearly all of the company's great stock was destroyed and dealers all over the land have found difficulty in getting fresh stock for the trade of the last few days. The company had been nearly a year manufacturing the destroyed supply.

Will Decide Tonight.

Do we want county fair at Enterprise next fall? Will be decided at a public meeting in the Court House next Monday night.—News-Record.

BANQUET IS NOW AT HAND

A WIDE SCOPE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN A LIST OF SET SPEECHES TO BE GIVEN

GOVERNOR TO HEAD LIST OF ABOUT 300 GUESTS

Big variety of common interests to be discussed by orators and business men at the Commercial Club banquet this evening when plates for 300 will be laid at the I. O. O. F. Hall at seven.

Prepare to touch upon a score of live-wire subjects in the briefest possible time, to rub shoulders, to dine, to forget individual business matters and substitute in their places those things having the welfare of the city and county at heart, 300 men will congregate tonight at 7 o'clock for the first regular annual banquet by the Commercial Club, prepared with elaborate care and precision. At the head of the table will sit Governor Frank W. Benson and his address is being interestingly awaited.

The Toast Slate

A list of subjects assigned to men especially fitted to carry them out, have been put on the toast slate as follows:

For toastmaster, F. S. Ivanhoe. "Out state and commercial club"—Governor Frank W. Benson.

"Let us get together,"—Prof. Bailey, Elgin.

"Lumbering Interests"—Will Y. Stoddard, Perry.

"The Merchants Association"—by President J. J. Carr.

"Civic Improvements"—Mayor M. K. Hall.

"Good Roads"—Hon. T. W. Wright of Union.

"The sugar factory and the Grands"—The Lawyer—Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Ronde Reservoir Co.—F. S. Bramwell.

"Real Estate"—W. B. Sargent, Pres. L. G. I. Co.

"The County Schools"—Co Supt. E. E. Bragg.

"The Railroad Interests"—Trainmaster A. Buckley.

"Union County Exposition"—W. J. Church.

"Publicity and the Press"—Publicity Manager F. B. Currey.

Union County—T. A. Rinehart.

"The Banking Interests"—F. L. Meyers, Cashier La G. Natl. Bank.

"The \$100,000 Fund"—William Miller, vice-pres. U. S. Natl. Bank.

"The New Infant"—John Collier, pres. Commercial Club.

"The Dairy Interests"—F. H. Green sec. B. M. Creamery Co.

Everyone invited.

The idea still prevalent that only Commercial Club members are included on the list of those invited. This is not a fact, however, for every person in the city is invited to attend. It is the duty of every businessman to attend, as there will be important addresses that have to do with the welfare of the city. Many commercial subjects will be treated by men in a position to know of what they speak.

Commences at Seven.

The dinner will be served at 7 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. banquet hall promptly and the toasts will follow, consuming a greater portion of the evening in their deliveries. Each plate is to cost 75 cents and will be amply laden with delicacies to warrant the expenditure of "six bits" and in addition to the mere fact of contributing towards the expense fund in this manner the guests will reap a benefit from the ad-

resses, the fun and mirth that will co-mingle with the more weighty discussions. All in all it is an event at which it is the duty of every person to attend.

ONE HUNDRED KILLED.

Canton, China, has serious rioting over trivial matter.

Canton, China, Feb. 14.—Following a riot in which it is estimated 100 men were killed and wounded by Chinese Naval Forces which were landed to quell the rioting, the city is closed today to foreigners to be re-opened within two days, when it is expected the officials will be able to control the situation again. Many Chinese are fearing a general outbreak and are fleeing to Hong Kong. The riot had its origin in friction between foreign drilled Chinese soldiers and the city police, which finally culminated in street fights in which the populace joined.

Heating for Woman Buyer.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 14.—Miss Edna Fewson, purchasing agent of the University of Wisconsin, was called "on the carpet" today to answer to the charge of allowing investments to outside firms in the letting of contracts for supplies. Madison merchants made the allegation. This is one of the first cases of alleged discrimination on the part of female purchasing agent.

Eye Specialist Hurt

Dr. M. P. Mendelssohn while crossing the street from the postoffice to his office at noon today slipped, falling heavily. He was taken to his room at the Noyes Rooming House, and Dr. Hall was summoned and after a careful examination pronounced that while no bones were broken, the Doctor received a severe shock. It is expected that he will be able to be at his office tomorrow.

Mikado Rehearsals

The first rehearsal for the ladies of the principals of the cast took place this afternoon at Miss Bitta Foley's residence. They meet again this evening at the residence of Mrs. Hattie McDonald. There will be chorus rehearsals Tuesday at 8:30 and 7:30 at the Elks hall. Everyone who possibly can will please attend.

E.O. TRUST CO. IN BUSINESS

OLD EASTERN OREGON TRUST & SAVINGS BANK AGAIN REOPENS AS GENERAL TRUST COMPANY

PIERCE IS PRESIDENT AND GEORGE L. CLEAVES IS SEC

With capitalization of Sixty Thousand the company will do a general trust business—Offices in the La Grande National Bank building where the active management will be centered.

The Eastern Oregon Trust and Savings Bank which sold its banking business more than a year ago to the U. S. National Bank of this city will continue in business as a trust company. Its offices will be in the La Grande National Bank building. George L. Cleaver, sec-treas, will be the active manager of the business. It will do a general trust business, including trustee for bond issues, care of estates, and as agents for eachrows, etc.

New officers for the corporation, which will have supervision of the company's affairs for the ensuing year, are:

Walter M. Pierce, President; F. L. Meyers, vice-pres.; George L. Cleaver, sec-treas.; and George T. Cochran, sec. The directors are, Walter M. Pierce, F. L. Meyers, George L. Cleaver, W. G. Sawyer and C. E. Cochran.

Gamblers Arrested.

Sheriff Marvin and Marshal Hug arrested nine persons in a room in the Commercial Hotel Friday night for gambling—six players and three spectators. They will have a hearing before Justice Smith today.—News-Record.

To Enjoy That New Camera

You will need suggestions and practical help while getting familiar with photography. You will also need fresh reliable supplies. In both we can provide just what is necessary. Our store is the headquarters for amateur photographers. Join the fraternity.

Commencing Friday, the 4th we will develop kodak films every Friday free of charge. Remember every Friday. Bring in your films

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