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AS THE time comes nearer for the holding of the Republican congressional convention for the 1st district, the likelihood of the nomination of a man from the southern part of the state seems more probable. Also it seems to be the idea of most people that a young and active man should be elected to take Mr. Tongue's place. A man is wanted who can combine the mental qualities necessary to fill the position acceptably with the physical powers to enable him to stand the strain of hard work which he will be compelled to undergo to fittingly represent the state of Oregon in the halls of congress. We believe that such a man is to be found in the person of Hon. W. I. Vawter, of Medford. There is no question of his mental qualifications for the place. Anyone who has met Mr. Vawter, either in social, legal or business circles will admit this. Mr. Vawter is a comparatively young man, being now in his 39th year, having been born in Lion county, Oregon, in 1863. In 1880 Mr. Vawter went to Eugene, where he entered the Oregon State University, and purely by his own personal efforts worked his way through that institution. About 1888 he removed to Medford, where he has since resided. He has been connected with the Jackson County Bank since its organization and besides has been very successful in the practice of his profession—that of law. Mr. Vawter should go to the congressional convention with the backing of every county in Southern and Southeastern Oregon. He is a native son of this great state, a "self-made" man. He has carved his fortune with his own hands, and there are none of the gentlemen who are his rivals for the nomination who excel him in any of the qualities which are necessary to the proper representation of the state of Oregon in the national house of representatives. A consistent Republican all his life, he has heretofore made no requests for political preferment from his party, but has been content to contribute his share toward the success of that party, both by purse and personal effort, and to allow the honors to be worn by others. Now his friends have insisted upon his candidacy for this place, and in the present state of the party in Oregon, he is the strongest candidate before the convention. He is not identified with either of the factions which struggled for mastery in the late senatorial contest, nor has he been mixed up in any of the local controversies in the Republican ranks. He is a candidate upon whom all Republicans could unite and if nominated will lead the party to certain and glorious victory.

MEDFORD is very shortly going to be "up against" the proposition of inaugurating a sewerage and water system. There is no question about this fact. Unless conditions, in the way of the disposal of refuse is concerned, are radically changed, sooner or later an epidemic will strike the city, which will cause stringent health regulations to be established. These regulations will then undoubtedly result in the condemnation of the water supply of a greater portion of the city—which supply is now drawn from wells, a great many of which are at the present time and always during the wet season filled with surface water. This surface water percolates through numberless cess-pools and barn yards, and to say that it is dangerous to health is putting it very mildly. The town being almost on a level and the character of the soil render natural drainage inadequate. The

"hard-pan" subsoil holds water like a tub and wherever there is a depression of the surface, water will stand until removed by the slow process of evaporation. The city will in the near future assume a size which will require that all wells as means of securing water for drinking purposes will have to be done away with, and also that a sewerage system covering the whole corporation must be built. Right now is the time to commence these improvements. Some where in the nearby foothills—there are several points which have been mentioned to us—a plentiful supply of pure mountain water for all domestic purposes of the city for many years can be secured. The water rights can be acquired at comparatively small cost now, in the future the price will be higher, but sooner or later Medford must have an outside supply of pure water, we cannot depend upon our wells much longer, as it is doubtful if the water from one-half of them would pass a rigid examination by the board of health. Sewerage and water are closely connected—although they should be as far apart as the poles—in that, when the sewerage system is bad the water is also and vice versa. It will perhaps be urged that we are no worse off in this respect than other cities of our size in the state. Maybe we are not, but the spirit of progress is not content with being on an equality with its neighbors, it wants to be better. If we could show a prospective settler a water system furnishing pure water and a system of drainage taking away the bulk of impurities incident to a thickly settled community, we would be taking a long step toward retaining that person as a permanent citizen.

Republican Committee Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, March 21, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., the Republican Central Committee for Jackson County, Oregon, will meet at Medford, for the purpose of fixing dates for holding primaries and a county convention, and apportioning delegates to the latter among the several precincts; said county convention to be held for the election of delegates to the First District Republican Congressional Convention which has been called to meet at Eugene April 9th, to choose a nominee for Representative in Congress to succeed the late Thomas H. Tongue; and transact such other business as may properly come before the said meeting. By order of

A. E. KELLOGG, Chairman,
F. D. WAGNER, Secretary.

Where Fraud Begins.

There are all kinds of stories afloat at almost all times in which there is narrated the frauds which are being perpetrated upon the government of the United States. The frauds most talked of in Oregon are those perpetrated in securing title to government land by the Timber and Stone act. There undoubtedly is much fraud in this particular line throughout the state and government detectives are camping close onto the trail of some of the promoters who are engineering these frauds. It has been many years since there was even a suspicion that fraud was being perpetrated in securing title to the vast timber tracts of Jackson county, but it is told us that the ground work for this fraud is now being cemented, concreted and anchored right here in Southern Oregon. THE MAIL does not know who are responsible for this inauguration, but we do know that their tracks will need to be well covered if they escape the eagle eye of Uncle Sam's detectives.

These frauds usually have their origin in the minds of people who are not familiar with the law as to the acquirement of timber land. The scheme to acquire title, which title is undoubtedly acquired with other people's money and for other people's "exclusive use and benefit," is to buy (or offer to buy) the timber land rights of as many persons as the operator can handle at the prices named—usually from \$100 to \$200 per man, or woman, as the case may be. We understand these propositions to buy rights have been made openly and without reserve, which fact would prove conclusively that the operators are either detectives laying a trap for those willing to purjure themselves or they are wholly unfamiliar with the government land laws. The manner of procedure outlined above is nearly the whole groundwork for all the frauds alleged to have been perpetrated in the state. It is a dangerous piece of business and he who engages in it, whether as buyer or seller of these rights, is not wise.

Eggs! Eggs!

Pure bred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale, both Banded and White. Our Banded P. R. are from first prize winners at Portland Poultry Show, January, 1902.

D. T. LAWTON.

BUSINESS COLLEGE ACTIVITY.

Some few weeks ago a new board of directors was elected for the Medford Business College. The present members are Dr. B. F. Adkins, president; S. L. Bennett, vice-president; M. G. Hoge, secretary; E. N. Warner, treasurer; G. F. Merriman, I. A. Webb, D. H. Miller, D. T. Lawton and A. S. Bliton. Meetings have been held at different times since the new board was elected and many movements of direct interest to the college have been put in motion. A constitution and by-laws have been adopted, articles of incorporation have been prepared, and means for raising funds have been adopted. The name of the company, when incorporated, will be the Medford Business College Company, and its object will be that of permanently establishing and maintaining a business college in Medford.

It is proposed by the board to solicit subscriptions for the sale of shares of stock in the company. The par value of each share of stock will be one dollar. Twenty-five per cent. of this will be due on or before April 1, 1903; twenty-five per cent. on or before September 1, 1903, and in making payments thereafter, no more than twenty-five per cent. can be collected within any six months. It is probable that the second payment will not become necessary, but it may be that there will be a necessity for raising some funds before the commencement of the next school year. The first payment is made necessary to meet the demands of the price of school furniture and fixtures which the board purchased from Prof. Peoples, before he left Medford. These fixtures, together with those already owned by the board, give them a set of fixtures valued at \$400. This is the property of the Medford Business College Company, and is held in trust by the direction of the company.

Never before has the college been on as solid a footing as at the present time; in fact, it has had no footing at all, aside from that supplied individually and alone by the gentlemen who may have chosen in times gone to establish, re-establish and re-establish. Under the present arrangement the board of directors can secure the services of an instructor, and if it is found he is not suitable, they can dismiss him and elect another.

At a meeting of the board, held Monday, at which eight members were present, it was decided to secure the services of Prof. P. R. Ritzer, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Ritzer is very highly recommended as an educator on business college lines of great ability, and his object in coming to Oregon is in hopes that the health of certain members of his family may be restored. He expects to be here in time to take up the college work by April 1st.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

April 9th has been set as the day and Eugene as the place on holding the Republican Convention for the First Congressional District to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Thos. H. Tongue. The convention will consist of 173 delegates, being one delegate at large for each county and one for every 150 votes or majority fraction thereof. The delegates are appointed among the various counties, as follows:

Benton	7	Lincoln	4
Clackamas	17	Linn	13
Coos	8	Marion	22
Curry	3	Polk	29
Douglas	14	Tillamook	5
Jackson	12	Washington	14
Josephine	7	Yamhill	11
Klamath	4		
Lake	4	Total	173
Land	19		

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STOCKMEN WILL TAKE MEDFORD SATURDAY.

Next Saturday, March 21st at 10 o'clock a. m., is the time set to meet and complete the Stockmen's Association.

Geo. Owens, Welborn Beeson, D. H. Jackson, Homer Barron and Grant Rawlings, the committee on constitution and by-laws, met in Ashland last Saturday and drafted a document, which they believe will meet the demands of the occasion, and will unite the stock interests of the valley, to the benefit of all concerned. The organization is at an opportune time, as it will fairly get in touch with other county associations, and the State association in time to take advantage of the National Live-stock association which meets in Portland next year, and the Lewis & Clarke Exposition in 1905. These will be two of the biggest things that ever came to the state of Oregon, and will be worth more to the live-stock interests of Oregon than anything that could come our way. When the stockmen of the blizzard states of the north and east, where they can raise only one or two tons of hay to an acre, with a chance of getting it ruined with rain, see this state and particularly this valley, with its surrounding mountains, which will always be grazing land, and its natural alfalfa land, that gives three to five tons of the best cow feed on earth, there will be something doing. The way these blizzard-stricken people, with their thoroughbreds, will flock in here won't be slow. Nature has made this valley one of the best places on earth for cattle, and the big stockmen of the whole United States, will come, see and buy.

The association will be one of the best possible organs through which to advertise the country, and the MAIL hopes to see every man interested in livestock become a member.

And, by the way, why don't the mining interests organize? If they will do this, we will have organized the three leading industries of the valley—the fruit, the livestock and the mining industries—to work in connection with the town boards of trade of the several towns. When this is done, a little work in time with the directors of the Lewis & Clarke Exposition, in connection with the railroads in fixing excursion rates, we can get nearly every excursion ticket sold in the east to give a layover of a few days in the Rogue river valley. Ninety per cent. of the excursionists to the Lewis & Clarke Exposition, will either go or return over the Southern Pacific, via Sacramento. As excursion rates must necessarily be fixed away ahead of time, we will be none too early to commence now.

Where are other industries on organizing? Where are the farmers? Why do they not organize? If organization is good for other industries, it is of as much worth to the farmers.

The MAIL has always advocated such organizations, and done its share in advertising the resources of the country, and now that we have such an excellent chance, let us make the best of it. Let our motto be, Organize and Advertise.

In Memoriam.

TO THE COMRADES OF THE G. A. R., SCATTERED ABOUT:

WHEREAS, Death, the Fell Destroyer, that Grim Enemy of both high and low, has again invaded our fast falling ranks and taken from our midst our ever honored and respected comrade, W. T. Leever; and

WHEREAS, As Comrade Leever's residence was of longer duration in our beautiful valley than any other member of the G. A. R., we deem it proper and just to give a brief biography of his life:

He came to this valley in the year 1851, and two years later was married to Miss Lizzie Constant, and to them were born ten children, all of whom are living. The wife and mother died nearly three years ago. He secured a tract of land one mile west of the site of Central Point, under the donation act, which was his home for nearly 50 years. He passed through the trials of the early pioneers, and was an active participant in the later Indian wars.

At the breaking out of the Civil war he early offered his services for the defense of his country and enlisted as a private in the 1st Oregon Cavalry for three years or during the war, and after serving three full years was discharged as first sergeant of his company. The 1st Oregon Cavalry supplied the place of the regular troops that were sent east, and soon became noted as very efficient Indian fighters and were recognized as much superior to the regular troops. During his service Comrade Leever contracted rheumatism through exposure, which troubled him more or less until the day of his death; and, although completely helpless for more than two years, he was possessed at only \$12 per month. Early in life comrade Leever united with the Baptist church, and was an

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earnest and zealous worker in that faith, until he became too feeble to take part in his exercises. He was always an attendant at their yearly association and it was chiefly through his efforts that the Baptist church was erected at Central Point.

During his long and useful life there was never a breath of reproach against his good name as a man and citizen. His word was as good as his bond, and his acts of charity were limited only by his ability and means. He joined W. H. Harrison Post No. 47, G. A. R., Dept. of Oregon, May 16, 1895, as a charter member, and was ever prompt in his duties, until overcome by age and disease. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Post, though not having the pleasure of his presence in the Post room for some year, deplore his death and kindly remember him as a true and faithful comrade to those who stood shoulder to shoulder in the time of danger and freely offered their lives that this Nation should live, and that the Post tender their sympathy to his children, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE MEDFORD MAIL for publication.

J. M. GIBSON,
JOHN WRIGHT,
MERRITT ELLIOTT, Com.

To be Settled by the Courts.

E. D. Briggs has filed a complaint through his attorneys, Colvig & Cannon, to cover \$500 for legal services alleged to have been rendered the city of Ashland. The suit grows out of a contract said to have been entered into between Mr. Briggs and Mayor Grant, and is of the city council of Ashland, in 1902, whereby the former was to do certain legal work for the city in consideration of \$250. The contract was never considered by the council in session, according to the records, but a payment of \$50 was made upon it, after which the council refused to make further payments, although bills therefor were endorsed by the Mayor and the members of the council who had made the contract. The present council, finding no record evidence of the alleged contract, declined to assume the responsibility of paying the claim, hence the suit to recover. The plaintiff ignores the contract in his complaint and sues for \$500, as reasonable compensation for services alleged to have been rendered.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between A. S. Wells and H. G. Shearer, and doing business under the firm name of Wells & Shearer, is by mutual consent, this day dissolved.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 9th day of March, 1903.

A. S. WELLS,
H. G. SHEARER.

Farm Implements for Sale.

I have for sale a mower, hay rake; two horses, Victor cultivator. The above nearly new. One good sulky plow, one fanning mill, hack and harness. Good barrel spray pump with hose, ready for use. Also have a variety of smaller implements. Call at my residence in Medford.

D. B. SOLISS.

For Sale.

Some well-rooted, two-year-old Black Melrose grapes, at my vineyard on Jackson creek. 1031

C. D. REED.

A Chance for Local Detectives.

A job lot of wearing apparel, etc., was found in a ravine near Ashland last week, and the surroundings seem to indicate that the former owner either committed suicide or had resolved to drop out of sight for reasons best known to himself. The clothing consisted among other things of attire usually worn in Alaska, and from this circumstance it is judged that the person who discarded it had been in the northern gold fields. The utmost care had been taken to destroy all evidence of the identity of the owner, as a number of papers had been torn to bits so small as to make their reconstruction very difficult, if not impossible. One paper, however, had in some way been overlooked, and it bore the name of Chas. H. McCartney, and was a lease to mining property in Alaska. This furnishes the only clue to the identity of the person who abandoned the clothing.

READ IT THROUGH.

"Twould Spoil this Story to Tell it in the Headlines."

To use an eighteenth century phrase, this is an "o'er true tale." Having happened in a small Virginia town in the winter of 1902, it is a story very much of the present. Up to a short time ago Mrs. John E. Harmon, of Nelfa Station, Va., had no personal knowledge of the rare curative properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Last January," she says, "my baby took a dreadful cold and at one time I feared she would have pneumonia, but one of my neighbors told me how this remedy had cured her little boy and I began giving it to my baby at once and it soon cured her. I heartily thank the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for placing so great a cure within my reach. I cannot recommend it too highly or say too much in its favor. I hope all who read this will try it and be convinced as I was." For sale by Chas. Strang.

Estray Notice.

Taken up and posted by the undersigned, living in Table Rock precinct, one red and white spotted heifer, about three years old, marked with crop, split and under bit in right ear; swallow fork and under bit in left ear. Appraised at \$18.00 by C. C. Gail, J. P. Dated this 25th day of February, 1903. 10-31 GEO. STACY.

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