

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1888.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The democratic county convention of Crook county, Oregon, held at Prineville, on the 15th day of March, 1888, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating a full county ticket and electing four delegates to the state convention.

It is ordered by the county central committee that the primaries be held in each precinct on the 17th day of March, 1888, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

The county convention will be composed of 53 delegates, apportioned to the various precincts on the vote cast for the democratic candidate for congress at the election of 1888, being one delegate for every 10 and fraction of 5 or more votes cast.

In accordance with said apportionment, the respective precincts will be entitled to the following representation:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Delegates. Includes precincts like Hay Creek, Camp Creek, Bear Creek, Willow Creek, Crooked River, Salsaman, Lower Trout, Upper Ochoco, Prineville, Haystack, Bear Creek, Mill Creek, Summit Prairie, Upper Trout, Farewell Bend, Mitchell.

E. BARNES, Chairman Co. Central Com.

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF CROOK COUNTY.

At a meeting of the republican county central committee, held at the court house in Prineville, on March 10, 1888, it was ordered that primaries be held in each precinct on Saturday, the 31st day of March, 1888, at 2 o'clock P. M., to elect delegates to the republican county convention, to be held at the court house, in Prineville, on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The representation was apportioned as follows: One delegate at large for each precinct, and one for each 15 votes and fraction of 8 or over, upon the vote cast for Hon. Binger Hermann at the last general election; this entitles the precincts to the following representation in the county convention to wit:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Delegates. Includes precincts like Mitchell, Ireland, Willow Creek, Haystack, Upper Trout, Salsaman, Mill Creek, Crooked River, Bear Creek, Farewell Bend, R. E. Nichols.

A. C. PALMER, Secretary. R. E. NICHOLS, Chairman.

WHAT IT IS COMING TO.

Protectionists will not admit that anything but the protective system of the past twenty-five years is the cause of the present prosperity of the agriculturalists of America.

Showing a grand total in ten states of \$3,422,000,000 of mortgaged farm property.

Does this look like prosperity? Do the farmers of the great Mississippi valley mortgage their property to the amount of nearly three and one-half billion dollars just because they are prosperous? Is it the prosperity that protection makes? Yes. This is just what the present robber tariff system is leading to—mortgaged farms, impoverished homes, and finally a system of rich landlords and poor tenants, similar to that of England.

But need we go to the Mississippi valley for illustrations of what the protective tariff is bringing us to—what kind of prosperity it makes? Let us examine the situation right here—right here in a wool producing country, where the protectionists tell us we must not agitate tariff reform, where the chief industry of the country is protected. What kind of stimulus is the tariff giving the wool raisers? Are they making money? Are they receiving just compensation for their labor and capital invested? If they are, their flocks will certainly not be mortgaged; their property cannot be covered with liens. But go to the records of any county in Eastern Oregon and you find from one-third to one-half the sheep are mortgaged for all they are worth.

Ask the sheepmen if they are making money; you are told they are barely holding their own, and many will tell you they are going behind. Yet their business is protected by a high tariff; their industry is made "prosperous" by protection. Why this depression among the producers? Why do not they, like the manufacturers, derive a profit on their labor? It is because their expenses are too great. Everything the sheepman consumes is taxed at an average of forty per cent to benefit some manufacturer, if it benefits anybody. He pays forty per cent too much for what he eats and wears. Reduce his expenses by allowing him to buy where he will; open to him the world as a market for his products, and you place his business on a paying basis; continue the "protection" which is said will make him "prosperous," and you bring him to paucity, to more mortgages, and finally a tenant of some rich corporation's property.

TO REDUCE THE SURPLUS.

Elsewhere we give space to a communication from Hon. John Burnett, of Corvallis, which recently appeared in the Oregonian, in which Mr. Burnett favors paying the farmers a bounty on grain raised for exportation, as a means of reducing the surplus in the treasury. To many, Mr. Burnett's suggestion, no doubt, seems absurd and unjust; but such an act would only be returning the surplus to those from whom it has been wrongfully taken by the robber tariff. His proposition is more reasonable than that of many who favor the dependent pension bill and extravagant appropriations for improving obscure duck-ponds and creeks, under the head of appropriations for internal improvements. We say, if the nation's wealth is to be given out as charity, let it be given to those to whom it belongs, those who earned it and from whose possession it was taken by unjust taxation—the farmers and producers—not to rich corporations and lazy hangers-on who chance, through their own mismanagement, to be blessed with poverty, even if they were at one time enlisted in the United States' service.

Next Saturday the democrats of Crook county will put in the field a ticket to be approved or rejected by the voters. If they would have victory as the verdict of the people, good judgment must be exercised in selecting the ticket. Competent men must be nominated. The time has passed when men are supported for office because they are democrats or republicans, regardless of their personal qualifications. Let the democrats nominate a good ticket and it will be elected, otherwise the result may be doubtful.

THE DEAD EMPEROR.

The death of Emperor William of Germany, which occurred on the 9th, closes one of the most eventful lives of the century, and with it goes out the light of one of the brightest minds of Europe. The reign of the dead Kaiser was a pronounced success. It carried Germany through twenty-seven years of varying scenes and severe trials that at times shook its very foundation, and at its close leaves the nation at peace with the world and respected by all civilization. Emperor William was in deed a "ruler upon the throne." He held in strong bond the terms of peace between other empires and nations, by his might of rule, by ties of sanguninity, and by his peaceful counsels. His death severs these ties. The "peace counselor" of Europe is gone, and the smothered flames that have so long threatened to burst forth among the nations of the old world may burn up with volcanic activity. The peace of today may be followed by the outbreak of a general war to-morrow. But let us hope that Frederick III may inherit the virtues of his illustrious sire, and that he may maintain the good will of the other powers as the advisor of peace.

Bounties to Farmers.

TO THE OREGONIAN: I am in favor of reducing the surplus in the United States treasury by paying to the farmers of the United States a bounty of, say, 10c on every bushel of grain raised by them, for sale or export each year, so long as the present high tariff is kept up. This would reduce the surplus at least one-half, and be doing simple justice to a class of people most deserving. It is estimated that there will be a surplus in the treasury next June of \$140,000,000; that the taking of this large amount of money out of circulation and locking it up so that it cannot be used, is an evil of immense magnitude no one will deny, and if the tariff is reduced—which is the remedy recommended by the president—but which will not, in all probability, be done, it would not affect the surplus already accumulated, and the same may be said of the tax on whisky and tobacco, and besides, to remove the tax on whisky and tobacco, and keep it on sugar, coffee and all the other necessities of life, is a fraud, and the men who propose it know it. The president was right when he said that "it must be considered that none of these things subjected to internal revenue taxation, are, strictly speaking, necessary, and there appears to be no just cause of complaint of the consumers of the articles, and there seems to be nothing so well able to bear the burden without hardship to any portion of the people." As far back as 1805 a bounty was paid by the government to the New England fishermen for all fish exported, which bounty was based upon the salt duty. Now upon the same principle a bounty should be paid to the farmer, based upon the duties laid upon every agricultural implement and upon all he wears and all he uses and owns. In this country the chief creators of wealth are the farmers. The money received for our surplus agricultural products is almost wholly the total amount of wealth this country draws from foreign people. The value of farm products sold in foreign countries, it is estimated, has averaged, for the last ten years, \$600,000,000 per annum; but how fares it with those that have brought this great wealth into the country (of which we all boast)? They have been going behind, until now (according to a carefully prepared table published in a late New York Times), the total farm mortgages in ten of the western states amount to the sum of \$3,422,000,000. To talk about this vast sum ever being paid unless something is done to assist the farmers, is the sheerest nonsense. The men who hold the naked legal title to the mortgaged farms in Oregon and all over the west, may occupy them for awhile and pay the taxes on them, but they are in fact simply tenants. JOHN BURNETT.

NOTICE TO SETTLERS.

All persons desiring to locate on land, make filings, etc., will do well to call on the County Clerk, as he has obtained full and complete ownership maps of this county, and also a full and complete copy of the laws of the General Land Office.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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SEED GRAIN FOR SALE.

A well has a supply of seed wheat and barley for sale. The barley can be had at the farm one mile from Prineville, and the wheat at the Prineville Flouring Mills. Call early, before it is all gone.

Strayed or Stolen.

From North Bear creek in June, 1887, I owned horse branded X on right hip, 1 bay horse branded X on right hip and 10 on left shoulder, brown pony branded X on right hip, 1 bay pony branded X on shoulder, 1 white horse and 1 left shoulder, and 1 dark bay mare HO on left shoulder. Any information liberally paid for.



AN INTERESTING MATTER.

One that is of sufficient importance for everybody to read about.

WE HAVE JUST A LITTLE LEFT

Over of our winter stock and we must get rid of it. In order to do so we have

Slashed Prices Right and Left

And have ceased to pay any regard to cost.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS, WOOLEN DRESS GOODS, FLANNEL & KNIT UNDERWARE, BOOTS & SHOES,

We will sell for next to nothing. We do not want to carry anything over to next season. We must

SWEEP OUT EVERYTHING.

It is the greatest dollar saving chance ever heard of and demands a very early call. This great sale lasts for a few days only. Then we prepare for our

GREAT SPRING STOCK.

It will soon be here and we must prepare for it. Come and help us clear it out.

Our Mr. Fried is in San Francisco selecting our

IMMENSE SPRING STOCK.

That is why we must have room, hence the

SLAUGHTER IN PRICES.

HAHN & FRIED.

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