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FOR CONGRESS

Williamson Nominated By Acclamation.

He Will Be Elected.

Moody Delegates Refused to Participate In Convention. Meager News.

Monday was a decisive day for the republicans of this district as that was the day for the nomination of our next Congressman. While there has been no doubt in the minds of our people here as to the result, there has been some doubt as to how the opposition would feel when it was over. The result of the district convention is highly satisfactory to the people of this county as Mr. Williamson was nominated by acclamation. We were unable up to going to press to get full particulars, but the latest news indicates that the Wasco delegation did not go into the convention, which shows what chumps they are. After turning every trick known to the political trade they lost and then were not men enough to take their medicine but went off and pouted like a little school girl. A feeling of quiet satisfaction pervades the air in this place and every one is well satisfied with the result.

Homestead Contests in Lane.

There is a lively time just at present among a large number of people in Lane county who have been taking up homestead claims on government land, which comes from a large number of contracts that have been filed in the land office at Roseburg. It is reported that 137 contests have been filed against homestead locations in Lane county.

These contests, it is asserted, have been filed by land speculators, who are hoping to gain possession of the land either under the timber claim act or by means of land script, as has been done in other parts of the country. The rush of land seekers for the past two or three years has been very great, and hundreds of locations have been made on government land in that vicinity, both under the timber claim and the homestead acts. The great demand has been for land valuable for its timber, which is chiefly sought by timber men from Wisconsin and Michigan.

It is claimed that a vast amount of land has been taken up under the homestead laws which is not more valuable for agriculture than for any other purpose, each homesteader having to swear that the land taken is more valuable for agriculture at the time he makes his filing.

Again, it is claimed that many of these homestead entries are made by persons without any intention of ever making it a home or place of residence, as the law requires, but simply for the speculative value of the land, with the intention of selling the land as soon as final proof is made. It is claimed many homestead entries

have even been made by persons who have never seen the land and have made no attempt to cultivate or make it a place of residence within the meaning of the law.

Some of the contests are made on the ground of the settler having made no improvement, as required. In one instance in particular, a claim that is contested on this ground has been under cultivation to some extent for a number of years. Grass seed has been sown and a fairly good pasture has been made. On this the owner is keeping stock, with which he has an attendant nearly the entire time. There is a house, barn, etc., on the place of considerable value. There are other claims under contest on which the settler has made similar improvements. The outcome of these cases is looked upon with great interest here and will be of interest to settlers in all parts of the country.

Ashwood Gladders.

Mr. Lou Tommelson has returned with his wife.

Mr. Burham passed through here during the week.

The Ashwood Mining Co. have put a night shift on the new tunnel.

Mr. Irvin, of Antelope, was in town Friday night and Saturday, looking after business.

School closes the 11th of April with a basket social and free dance. Money to be applied to debt on building.

Pupils of the school earned \$21.05 by giving a basket social. With a part of this they will purchase a book case and the balance will be used to build a flue.

The Kimberly treasury stocks are selling rapidly and it is expected work will commence as soon as it is possible to get material and machinery on the grounds.

Mr. O. M. Rosendale, M. E. & E. M., of Portland, recently visited this camp. He examined the White Butte claims and was very favorably impressed with that property. Persons holding stocks in this company are very fortunate.

Crook County Beef.

J. B. Cornett passed through town last Saturday with 82 head of beef cattle for Portland market. These cattle were fed at Summit Prairie, which is noted for the superior quality of native hay grown there. Although they were fed on hay alone, they were as fine a lot of beef cattle as we ever saw. This may sound strange to those who are not acquainted with Eastern Oregon hay. However it is a fact that cattle are fattened on this hay every winter and that the beef is of much better quality than grain fed beef.—Wheeler County News.

Hon. Geo. H. Williams, the most distinguished citizen of the state, has accepted the nomination for the position of Mayor of Portland by the republicans. Mr. Williams has been Judge, U. S. Senator, Attorney general, was nominated by Grant as Supreme Justice of the United States Court, a man whose whole life of 80 years has been devoted to the public service without a stain. What a world this would be if all were as pure and noble and exorable as Judge Williams.—Arlington Record.

DEMOCRATS MEET

Nominate a Full Ticket for County Offices.

C. S. Smith for Sheriff.

Convention Passed Off Quietly— Squabble Over Sheriff— Other News.

Last Thursday the democrats assembled in force at the court house for the purpose of putting up a county ticket and electing state delegates.

In the morning the time was mainly consumed in organizing a temporary organization and preliminary skirmishing. After dinner they got down to work by making L. N. Liggett permanent chairman, Jay F. Stroud secretary and J. B. Merrill assistant secretary. After the usual preliminaries the nominations began with that of clerk, which resulted in J. J. Smith being nominated by acclamation. For sheriff W. C. Conleton and C. Sam Smith were the nominees and the ballot resulted in 21 votes for Conleton and 35 for Smith. For county judge W. A. Booth, W. R. McFarland, M. R. Biggs and Wm. Wigle were placed before the convention. Booth and McFarland declining, the ballot resulted in Booth being elected against his protest. For commissioner C. B. Allen was the choice of the convention. M. H. Bell received the nomination for treasurer and J. B. Merrill for assessor. Knox Huston, for surveyor and Joe Crooks for coroner were nominated by acclamation. For delegates to the state convention E. N. White, J. W. Robinson, J. W. Henderson and P. B. Doak were nominated by acclamation.

While the ticket is composed of very good men, even from a democratic standpoint, it is not the strongest they could have nominated and it is expected that when the polls close on next election day that the republicans will have made a clean sweep of the county ticket. As to the ticket in its component parts the JOURNAL will have more to say in the future.

President Corbett today announced the names of Portland men whom he has selected to comprise the executive committee of the Lewis and Clark Centennial, says the Telegram. The board is composed of seven members, exclusive of the chairman. They are: H. W. Scott, Rufus Mallory, Charles E. Ladd, A. H. Devers, A. L. Mills, W. D. Wheelwright, F. Dresser. The president will serve as ex-officio chairman of the committee and will preside at all meetings.

President Corbett's selection is considered an excellent one. All the gentlemen named on the committee are well known and prominently identified with the business and commercial interests of Portland. Mr. Scott is the editor of Oregonian; Mr. Mallory is of the law firm of Dolph, Mallory & Simon; Mr. Ladd is of Ladd & Tilton, bankers; Mr. Devers of Closett & Devers, manufacturers; Mr. Mills is vice-president of the Security Savings & Trust Company; Mr. Wheelwright is president of the Pacific Export Lumber Com-

pany, and Mr. Dresser is a well-known retail grocer.

The executive board's duties are most important. It will have the general supervision and direction of the business and affairs of the company, but it is not given the power to bind the corporation by any contract or obligation involving a sum in excess of \$1000, unless especially authorized by the board of directors. All contracts or other obligations involving less than that sum may be authorized by the committee and executed in the name of the company by its direction without reference to the whole board.

To the executive committee is left the selection of a site for the exposition and the formulating of a plan embracing the scope and general execution of the exposition. After the adoption of the plan by the board of directors the committee is to have general supervision and control of the work of all committees, and shall organize such bureaus and departments and appoint such managers thereof as may be deemed necessary.

Bend Items.

Frank Zell made a flying trip to the Bend yesterday.

Our genial clerk, Fred H. Strong, is visiting in Portland.

Miss Ivy West has been quite sick with la grippe, but is very much improved.

Clint Whitted had old friends visiting with him a few days since from North Carolina.

The Sunday school at this place is progressing nicely, with L. D. Weist, superintendent.

A. M. Drake has gone to Portland on a business trip, but will be back in the near future.

The first bear of the season was seen a few mornings since by one of the residents of the river.

In this, our quiet little hamlet, the weather is beautiful, and seed sowing, gardening and planting flowers is the order of the day.

The future is beginning to look very cheerful for us Deschutes people, as we are having so many railroad men and timber cruisers with us.

On last Monday L. D. Weist, civil engineer for A. M. Drake, with his assistants, W. H. Brock, D. F. Stefa and Frank Hodson resumed work again after a long vacation.

There was Easter exercises at the school house last Sunday, and the Sunday school children did honor to themselves with music, songs and recitations, also a very interesting talk by Mr. Weist. The house was beautifully decorated, suited to the occasion.

We extend a cordial invitation to ye editor and all nimrods who delight in angling with the finny tribe, to come out and join in the sport of landing the speckled beauties on the banks of this, our beautiful and grand old Deschutes, where our accommodating host, Billy Staats, has meals at all hours and plenty of good horse feed.

DIXIE.

Notices.

All parties having horses in the E. Davis pasture on Crooked river, are notified to take them away at once, as we have sold out and will remove by April 10th.

MAREN & VADGEM.

Lamonta Lines.

George Hendrix has greatly improved his residence by having a woven-wire fence placed around it.

Lee Moore is planting a few more fruit trees this spring and will set quite a lot of small fruit.

The woven wire fence J. C. Rush has in process of construction around his hog pasture is nearing completion.

The railroad engineers moved to Crooked river Saturday. They were camped at Rimrock for several days. The work of definite location is now in progress through Crook county. From what information we can obtain construction will begin at an early date.

Rev. Street and family, of Prineville, our accommodating postmaster, Lee Moore and wife, Mrs. G. Hendrix and family and J. R. Bennett and family, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bush's last Sunday and the day and evening were pleasantly spent in social converse.

Farmers are busy plowing and seeding throughout this part of the country. For the past eighteen months in this part of the county all has been activity. Many of our farmers will get all their land under cultivation this season, while others have taken up new land and are developing it.

Only a few moments ago I read a letter published in the Eugene Weekly Guard from John J. Hunsaker, a Eugene boy at Des Moines, Iowa. He says Oregon is unknown while Washington is widely advertised in the east. E. J. Frasier of Eugene, while visiting in Portland recently reports many immigrants in Portland who do not know where to go. If all the papers published in Oregon showed as great enterprise in advertising the part of the state in which they are published, as does the Crook County JOURNAL, these immigrants would scatter out and in every section great opportunities would be discovered for thrifty men of even small means, and as the country filled up and its resources were more drawn upon the volume of traffic would be added to, and this in turn would quicken the activity and growth of the cities. Any one can assist materially in the good work by sending papers and clippings to those whom you know in the east that would be desirable settlers. For the past four or five months I have secured small supplies of literature and information for the homeseeker, which I gladly furnish any prominent person in the east who might become interested in the resources of the southern part of Crook county. And I wrote a letter and sent in the same mail, urging that special attention be given the opportunities and advantages presented to the homeseeker and investor, in the region that this literature particularly describes or deals with. The people of Crook county may justly be proud of the JOURNAL, it is very comprehensive to every local interest and line of business, every resource developed or otherwise, every advantage and opportunity for the homeseeker and investor. Those who humbly labor for the upbuilding of a community or country, deserve good words from all the people.

JESSE B.

Lamonta, Or., March 30, 1902.