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PRIMARIES ARE OVER

County Is Ready for the Fight in the Conventions.

The first sweat of the coming political campaign is over with. The primaries have met and elected their delegates to the county conventions, and a week of button-holing is now on.

The Democrats got into session at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, some two hours before the Republicans. Some wise sage remarked that they beat in the primaries, but that's as far as their party would get this year. But the Democrats think differently. The ten delegates who will attend the county convention and take a hand in the nominations next month are: W. R. McFarland, S. J. Newsom, P. B. Deak, C. W. Elkins, R. S. Price, J. H. Wigle, L. N. Liggett, L. E. Allingham and J. H. Crooks. The delegates were elected by acclamation. They all wear a smile, seem to be satisfied with the outcome and with everybody in general. It was just a plain election and the delegation is unpledged so far as any open expression in the primaries is concerned.

The Republicans met in the Council rooms at 1:30 o'clock. A motion was made and carried that every Republican present would be eligible as a delegate to the county convention. The following delegates were elected: Will Wurzweller, B. F. Johnson, J. H. Templeton, Fred Wilson, M. B. Elliott, Fred Lehman, D. F. Stewart, Bruce Gray, W. A. Bell and Carey Foster. The Republicans likewise have an unpledged delegation, but their colors will be shown in the right place at the county convention.

TOWNSHIP TO BE SURVEYED

Government Will Soon Advertise for Bids for Laying Out Land in Lake County.

Two townships in Lake County are to be surveyed by the Government, and the section and quarter section stakes set. Bids are to be advertised for next week and the work will probably begin as soon as the weather settles this spring.

The surveying of these townships indicates that the authorities in Washington have relented at last in favor of the Oregon settler, and that more surveys will follow. For nearly two years all Government surveying has been suspended in this state on account of the reports of land frauds that have reached the Department of the Interior, and many bona fide settlers have been sorely inconvenienced thereby.

SWAMP LANDS AT \$1 AN ACRE

Associates of State Senator Marsters Purchase 3520 Acres in Klamath Co. at That Price.

The associates of State Senator A. C. Marsters were the only bidders for the 3520 acres of swamp land sold last week by the State Land Board. The other applicants for the land, supposed to be associated with Jessie Carr-Seale, made no further effort to secure the land. The board ordered that the land be sold to the Marsters people at the price offered, \$1 per acre.

The land sold is a tract lying on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake. It is directly north of a tract of 4500 acres recently sold to Marsters and associates and south of the tract sold to the Jessie Carr-Seale people. The failure of the Seale people to make a bid was due to their not securing the other land which is necessary to the reclamation of the whole tract. The sale of this land finishes the transfer of a great tule marsh, which if reclaimed, will add much to the area of good hay or pasture land in this county.

Several months ago a number of persons, most of whom were evidently acting together, applied for the purchase of 11,000 acres of surveyed swamp land west of Upper Klamath lake. The land, lying in a compact area, was sold at the usual price of \$1, the buyers being Jessie Carr-Seale and others. Soon after application was filed for the purchase of 8000 acres of unsurveyed swamp land lying south of that purchased by the Seale people, the applicants being Marsters and others. The Seale people subsequently filed application for part of the same land and a contest was commenced.

As the land was unsurveyed, and there was some question as to the legality of one of the filings, the board ordered that so much of the land as was under contest should be sold to the highest bidder, while

that for which there was no contest was sold to the Marsters.

The greatest interest of the purchasers of the 11,000 acre tract seemed to be in the control of the land through which they must build canals if they should drain the marsh. The 8000 acres lie along the channels through which water could be most easily conveyed from the larger tract. The Seale people were therefore very anxious to acquire the lower tract but having failed decided not to purchase any.

Men who have investigated the matter are in doubt whether a considerable portion of the marsh can be drained. The plan of the Seale people is to put a large steam dredge at work excavating canals and building dykes of the material taken from the canals. The point in doubt is whether canals and dykes thus constructed will keep the water off the land to such an extent as to make it valuable either for pasturage or the production of hay. The Marsters people own the 8000 acres, which is said to be not quite so good as the Seale tract because lower and more under water. The Marsters tract is favorably situated for drainage, provided canals and dykes can be successfully constructed through the marsh.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR WOOL

Year's Product All Bought and Encouraging Prospects for the Present Season's Yield.

The office of the United States Surveyor-General in Portland has been besieged constantly by squatters who have been "holding down" homesteads in the distant mountains or on out-of-the-way prairies. These people were willing to put up money for surveys in many instances, but owing to the action of the Interior Department Surveyor-General Daly could give them no satisfaction.

Practically all the land in these two townships has been filed on by squatters so that little that is desirable will be open to applicants when the tract is surveyed.

DIES ON DAY SHE PROMISED

Washington Woman Passes Away at the Time Presented to Her in a Dream.

With a presentiment that she would die on Saturday, Mrs. Anna C. Payne, aged 80 years, donned burial robes at her home in Ocoosa, Wash., and, a few hours later, passed peacefully away.

Mrs. Payne had told her children last Tuesday that she would die on Saturday. On that morning she arose at an early hour and told her sons that it would be her last day on earth. She proceeded to array herself in a new black dress which she had made the day before, and in which she requested to be buried.

FIRST AUTO IS BOUGHT

Machine to Run Between the Railroad and Bend.

The first automobile to run between Shaniko and Bend has been purchased and it is to be ready for service as soon as the roads become passable. This machine, however, is not to enter the general carrying business but is owned by and for the use of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company. The officers of that company concluded that present methods of conveyance between Bend and the railroad consume too much time for busy men, therefore they have taken this means of overcoming the difficulty, says the Bend Bulletin.

This new auto is of Michigan manufacture and is known as the Cadillac. It will seat four people and be driven by a steam engine of eight horse power. It is said that the machine will run "wherever a wheel will turn." While it is something of an experiment in this country, there is no doubt it will prove successful and upon the service of this first machine will depend somewhat the development of automobile transportation in interior Oregon.

The scheme of operating an automobile line between the railroad and Bend is now well in hand by Mr. Hammond. The money for building and equipping the first five miles of the road is now ready. Upon the completion of that section the manner of proceeding with the remainder will be determined. It is expected that the line will be in operation to Bend by July. Later it is extended to Lakeview and Burns. A new corporation will be organized for this new venture.

MUST PAY THE WARRANTS

Decision of Circuit Court in Malheur County Makes Good \$14,000 Worth of Paper.

Malheur county will now have to dig up, according to the findings of the circuit court at Vale last Saturday.

The county court cancelled \$14,000 worth of county warrants last year as being illegal and the warrant holders took the matter into the circuit court and won out Saturday.

Everett Hicks of the firm of Hicks & Davis, lawyers, at Canyon City returned from Vale last evening where he had been in attendance upon the circuit court in behalf of the warrant holders, and in which case he won out for his clients. The case will probably be taken to the supreme court, but Mr. Hicks says he is confident he will win in the end.

DIRT WILL SOON BE FLYING

J. O. Johnson Leaves Portland to Take Active Management of Deschutes Irrigation.

J. O. Johnson, recently of Columbus, Ohio, left yesterday for Bend, where he will assume the active management of the Deschutes Irrigation and Power company. From The Dalles he will make the journey in an automobile and it will probably be the first time that a horseless vehicle has ever penetrated that part of the country, says the Portland Journal.

There is great activity at Bend the little town which has sprung up in the arid region of the state within the past three years. The Deschutes company has completed a flume one and one-fourth miles in length, and settlers will begin locating on the irrigated lands before the summer is over. There are over 20,000 acres of land which are under the irrigation of the flume, and 40,000 more will be added this year, it is stated.

Year's Product All Bought and Encouraging Prospects for the Present Season's Yield.

The Hon. T. C. Powers, of Montana, one of the best known wool factors in the country, who was in Boston last week calling upon the wool trade, says:

"All jobbing houses are buying in a hand-to-mouth way, but the dealers throughout the country have sold out more of their woolen goods this year than in many other winters in a long time, which leaves the manufactured product pretty well used up."

"In fact, the output is more closely sold up than it has been at any other season in four or five years at least. As to prices, the jobbers of woolen goods seem to dictate. They claim that they can not get any more for the manufactured product."

"I do not look for lower prices, because the wool is not in the country, and from a statistical stand point the world's product never looked better. Being campaign year, all jobbers and dealers are working from hand to mouth."

"Farmers in the Middle West and in all the West are doing well and getting good prices for their grain, with fine prospects for the future. On this account there is bound to be a good market for wool. This applies from Ohio west to the coast. Most products are also looking up some. They have been depressed. The ranchman has suffered from the depreciation."

"The coming wool clip in the West will be from 10 to 15 per cent less in the number of pounds than it was last year. This is a conservative estimate and wool men here in Boston whom I have talked with who choose to express themselves, believe this to be true so far as Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah are concerned, and

these are some of the largest wool producing states.

"The falling off in clip is caused by the extravagance in years gone by. There seems to be a general disposition everywhere to work along more conservative lines."

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"Bend is growing astonishingly," said A. King Wilson yesterday. "There are several hundred people at that place, which is growing in population more rapidly than it is able to accommodate its citizens. Nearly every night there are 75 or more people who are compelled to camp out, sleep in the open with nothing but the stars overhead, simply because the population has increased so rapidly that very available place is filled."

"The Deschutes company, which recently acquired the property of the Pilot Butte Development company and Oregon Irrigation company, has finished its flume a mile and a quarter in length and settlers will be irrigating their lands before the summer is past. Thirty men are employed on the ditch and many more are engaged at the two saw mills."

"The flume will irrigate a tract of 20,000 acres of land. The land is as fertile as any found in part of the world."

A report reached Prineville this week that Mr. Johnson had left The Dalles with his automobile, but traveled only fourteen miles in this direction before he was compelled to turn back. The heavy rains have put the roads in such shape that even the most powerful horseless vehicle would be unable to get through. It is said that he will make another attempt as soon as the mud has dried.