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REPUBLICANS NAME TICKET

Convention Nominates Candidates and Instructs Its Congressional Delegates to Vote for Hon. J. N. Williamson.

"We, the Republicans of Crook County, state of Oregon, in regular county convention assembled commend Senators John H. Mitchell and Charles W. Fulton and Representatives J. N. Williamson and Binger Hermann for their untiring efforts in behalf of the people of Oregon and their pre-eminent fitness and qualifications for the high offices held by them in the United States Congress.

"Resolved: That the delegates from Crook county elected to attend the Second Congressional convention be and are hereby instructed to vote for the re-nomination of Hon. J. N. Williamson for Representative in Congress from the Second Oregon Congressional District.

The Republican Ticket

For Sheriff, FRANK ELKINS.
For Clerk, CHARLES A. GILCHRIST.
For Judge, W. A. BELL.
For County School Sup't, W. BOWELL.
For Assessor, J. L. McCULLOUGH.
For Surveyor, C. A. GRAVES.
For Treasurer, OTTO GRAY.
For Coroner, DR. C. S. EDWARDS.
For Commissioner, S. S. STEARNS.

If Crook county ever "leaned towards Moody" she straightened herself up at the Republican convention yesterday in such a way that no room was left for a doubt as to the condition of her congressional spine. And the delegates to the state and congressional conventions will go down with the iron clad instructions, adopted at the convention, fresh in their memories.

They were all there, including Mr. Lyle with his strenuous objection. Altogether 59 delegates, either in person or by proxies, were entitled to votes, and they all voted.

The convention met at 10 o'clock and continued in session long enough to elect M. R. Elliott chairman and Fred Wilson and J. H. Gray as secretaries. Committees were also appointed on resolutions, order of business and credentials and adjournment was then taken until 1:30 o'clock.

At the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported that 59 delegates were entitled to vote in the meeting. The committee on resolutions read the instructions which had been drawn up in which the delegation to the congressional convention was pledged to J. N. Williamson. The motion to adopt the resolutions was questioned by Mr. Lyle who said he favored the vote being taken by ballot. Then Mr. Bell jumped to the front and remarked in a burst of eloquence that if it was to be voted upon it should be by ayes and nays so that every delegate could make known to the convention and to Crook county just where he stood in the matter. The oration was greeted with a round of applause and the motion to vote by ballot was lost. The motion for adoption then being put was carried with only one dissenting voice against it.

The nominations were then in order. The name of Charles A. Gilchrist was the only one mentioned for the office of clerk, but for sheriff the names of Frank Elkins, J. S. McMeen and H. J. Lister were voted upon, two ballots being necessary to determine the nominee. The final vote showed 30 cast for Elkins and 27 for McMeen.

On the vote for Judge W. A. Bell received 38 to John Luckey's 18.

Seven candidates were in the field on the first ballot for Commissioner, and three ballots were necessary before S. S. Stearns finally received the required number.

It began to look as if the assessor would have to go begging for a candidate. Three nominations were made before a man could be found who would allow his name to be used. It was remarked that there was extra work to do this year in the matter of taking the census which may have accounted for the reluctance displayed in running for the nomination.

Only one nomination was made for each of the offices of surveyor, coroner and treasurer and these were accepted.

The Republicans say that the ticket put up today is one of the strongest that has ever come before the county to vote upon, and the most sanguine opinions are expressed regarding the outcome of the June election.

CATTLE GROWERS TO MEET

Meeting of Importance to Stock Raisers to Be Held in Portland April 16.

A meeting of the Oregon Cattle-growers' Association has been called by Grant Mays, of The Dalles, secretary of the association, to be held in Portland April 16, in Auditorium Hall, on Third street. This is the first meeting of the association since it was organized at the meeting of the National Livestock Association in January.

The purpose of the meeting, while not definitely stated, in the call issued, is expected to be of course, for the general betterment of the association. The programme has not yet been made out, but will include a number of subjects of vital importance to every stockman. The association numbers about 150 or 200 members, and it is expected at least 100 or over will be there to participate in the convention.

Organization will also be perfected and plans for the improvement of stock and for betterment of conditions of stockraising in Oregon will be discussed and steps taken in that direction. Probably the main object of the meeting will be to formulate plans which all of the stockmen will be able and willing to carry out, thus bringing concerted action to bear on the stock-raising industry of the state.

Arrangements are being made by the stockmen in this section of the state to have Crook county represented at the meeting. Lee Wigle is taking an active part in the matter, but so far it is not known who will be the representatives to go to Portland.

RUSH TO DESCHUTES

Many People Will Go to that Valley This Summer.

Unless all signs fail the rush to the Deschutes country will be the greatest ever seen in the history of the state when the lands along the Deschutes river are thrown open to settlement. The lands along the two ditches are the only ones in the state under water that do not cost the settler \$150 or \$200 an acre. These lands are being developed by the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company for the state under the Carey act, by which the government gives title to arid lands that have been reclaimed. The cost of the lands will be about from \$10 to \$15 an acre, and this charge is merely for the water right. The settler secures title to the land practically free, and homestead rules do not apply.

Officers of the company say that they will be ready to turn the lands over to the government inspectors in the near future, as the main ditches have been completed. When the Columbia Southern secured title to lands in southern Oregon a prospective entry was allowed, the settler choosing his location and securing title when the company had finally received a deed. In the Deschutes tract no lands will be entered under this plan. The only way in which settlers can be sure of their entry is by purchasing it after the government and state have given deeds but at present many families are entering the region and choosing tracts which may be later given them as preferred settlers. The largest amount that can be taken by any one settler is 160 acres.

There is already a demand for all hay and grain raised in the country by the stockmen of the valley. Alfalfa brings three heavy crops each season and sells in the field at from \$10 to \$15 a ton. The land is from 35 to 85 miles from the present terminus of the Columbia Southern and lies along the proposed extension which will be built during the summer and autumn.

STEAMER ON KLAMATH LAKE

Another Boat Is to Be Built to Operate This Summer on the Upper Klamath Waters.

Captain G. H. Woodbury, formerly connected with the steamers of the Regulator line, but now of Klamath Falls, has reached this city for the purpose of conferring with Captain S. V. Short and others with a view to having plans drawn, and letting the contract for a steamer to ply on Upper Klamath Lake. The craft will be in readiness by June 1, says the Telegram.

Captain Woodbury is secretary and treasurer of the Klamath Lake Navigation Company, known as the pioneer line, while Captain Short is vice-president and superintendent. Last season the company had two staunch gasoline launches built here to ply on the lakes, one on the upper and the other on the lower waters, carrying freight and passengers, and doing considerable towing work. The two craft were operated somewhat as an experiment, and the results have been so encouraging it was decided to place a steamer in service.

No definite conclusions have been reached as to whether the third craft will be a sternwheel type or propeller, but she will probably be of the latter class. The coming season is being looked forward to with hopeful anticipations by those interested in the corporation, as the country in and about the lakes is being largely exploited. This has brought to the scene a vanguard of what is expected to prove a vast influx of

settlers. Much timber and agricultural land is said to be open for settlement near the lakes, and as several milling and other large enterprises are projected, the region is receiving its first real growth.

Hotel accommodations at Klamath Falls have been improved during the past year with a view to enticing tourist travel in that direction, inducements offered being in the nature of beautiful climatic conditions, good fishing and the best of sport for Nimrods generally. The Southern Pacific, the main line from which branches the road to the lakes, has gathered an amount of data of the section and its exploitation will probably receive assistance from the Harri-man interests.

NO DELAY IN LAND ENTRIES

Representative Williamson and Senator Fulton Working in Interests of Oregon Applicants.

Representative Williamson and Senator Fulton last week held several conferences with Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Richards urging them to expedite action regarding timber and stone entries in Oregon. The officials gave the petitioners the assurance that the utmost haste, consistent with good administration, would be followed in dealing with all public land entries which have been made during the past two years in this state. A large force of special agents will be employed and meritorious claims will be accepted without delay.

Congressman Williamson especially is working hard to secure to the residents of his state a title to the lands which they have fled upon and which have been either held up or suspended by orders from the Interior department. The promise from the Secretary is the culmination of efforts which he has been making for several months.

DESERT LAND GOES FAST

Willamette Valley People Select 300 Acres Under Columbia Southern Canals Last Week.

Land Agent J. H. Cook this week disposed of 400 acres of the Columbia Southern segregation to a party of land seekers from the Willamette valley. This party included W. A. Rice, John Hunt and W. C. George, of Salem, and John Rice of Hillsboro. They took 280 acres for themselves and selected 120 acres more for friends who want lands here, says the Bulletin.

W. A. Rice and John Hunt are prominent prune growers near Salem, and they want land here for their sons and they wish to have a place they can come to and escape rheumatism. W. C. George runs a big restaurant in Salem. All these men will take steps at once to improve their newly acquired land, clearing it up and seeding it to alfalfa. These selections are one to three miles from the Swallow bridge.

J. S. Thompson, who has had a dozen years of experience with irrigated lands in the Yakima valley is out here with Land Agent Cook with a view to selecting lands for himself and a number of friends and he also has an eye open for a business location. He will spend some time here, examining lands on both sides of the river and he may take up a location and remain in Bend. Mr. Cook desires to get interested in this country a few people who have a practical acquaintance with irrigation and irrigated lands. Their influence will do more to educate land holders in the advantages of irrigation than any amount of theorizing and book instruction. Mr. Thompson is favorably impressed with this region. He says wild-reclaimed land in the Yakima country brings \$70 an acre.

Mr. Cook says there is an eager demand for reclaimed land and it is no trouble to dispose of it.