

Corvallis Times.

Official Paper of Benton County,

CORVALLIS, OREGON, MAR. 25, 1903.

MEETING CALLED.

Of the Democratic Central Committee of Benton—Occurs Friday.

A meeting of the democratic county central committee has been called for Friday at 11 a. m. The hour was set at 11 in order to give members of the committee who so desire to come in on the Yaquina train and return the same day. The matter to be considered is whether or not primaries and a county convention shall be held for sending delegates to the congressional convention, or whether delegates shall be named by the county central committee. The state committee met in Portland last week, and named Albany as the place, and April 11th, as the date for holding a convention to nominate a successor to the late congressman Tongue. The state committee also made the question of how delegates to the convention should be selected, optional with county central committees.

Yesterday County Chairman Davis mailed letters to each of the Benton County committeemen, giving notice of the meeting to be held next Friday.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET.

Republicans Fixed Date for Primaries and County Convention.

The republican county central committee for Benton county met in this city Saturday. The following committeemen were present: H. H. Glassford, Corvallis number 1; J. R. Smith, Corvallis number 2; W. E. Yates, Corvallis number 3; T. H. Cooper, Corvallis number 4; W. S. Tomlinson, by G. W. Denman, proxy, Wells; James Wilkinson, Willamette; James Plouts, Monroe; Frank Plunket by T. T. Vincent, Kings Valley; J. A. Park, Philomath; G. H. Wamsley by W. S. Linville, proxy, Blodgett; A. H. Buckingham, Bellfountain; Geo. Bayne Jr. by Homer Lilly, proxy, Wren. and T. J. Risley, Fairmount.

April 7th, at 11 a. m., 1903, was fixed as the day for holding the county convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the congressional convention and for such other business as may come before the convention. The following apportionment of delegates for various precincts was made:

Corvallis number 1, 6; Corvallis number 2, 8; Corvallis number 3, 7; Corvallis number 4, 5; Soap Creek, 3; Willamette, 4; Monroe, 4; Kings Valley, 5; Asea, 3; Summit 3; Philomath, 9; Blodgett, 3; Bellfountain, 8; Wren, 3; Fairmount, 5.

The ratio for the above apportionment was one delegate at large for each precinct, and one for 15 or nearest fraction of 15 votes cast for T. T. Tongue at the last general election, June, 1902.

GETS ONE YEAR.

Fawcett Pleaded Guilty and was Sentenced Yesterday Morning.

R. H. Fawcett, the laundryman arrested recently for stealing a cook stove and various other articles from the house of J. W. Jory is to pay the penalty of his offense by a year's service in the state penitentiary.

At the opening of court Monday morning he was arraigned, and given his day to plead. He was represented by J. N. McFadden. Yesterday morning at nine, his case was called, and Fawcett at once pleaded guilty. When asked by the court if he desired sentence passed at once, the prisoner replied in the affirmative. In answer to the usual inquiry if he had anything to say why sentence should not be imposed, the prisoner's attorney made a brief address, setting forth that the aggregate value of the stolen articles was but trifling and that the prisoner, his wife and two children on account of an accident to the husband had been in destitute circumstances before he arrived in Corvallis, all suggesting a light sentence.

The indictment charged larceny from a dwelling, for which the lightest punishment is one year in the penitentiary, and the latter was the sentence pronounced by the court. Sheriff Burnett started with the prisoner for Salem at one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Our store will close at 7 p. m. during January, February and march, Saturday evenings excepted J. H. Harris.

Nut Butter

Is a very popular substitute for fats and oils. At Zieroll's.

WORK TO BE RESUMED.

Mr. Swansen Says he Intends to Push Improvements on Hotel Corvallis.

There is an altogether reasonable prospect that Hotel Corvallis will in the near future be ready for occupancy, at least so much may be said of the first and second floors. Mr. Swansen, the owner, was in Corvallis the first of the week to receive the confirmation of his purchase of the property. He has planned extensive additional improvements which he states are to be carried out immediately if, as he expects, his title is cleared during the presence of Judge Hamilton.

It is Mr. Swansen's purpose to first fit up the first and second floors of the building in absolutely first-class shape, heated by some modern method not yet fully determined upon, wired for electric light, and hard-finished throughout except the south room designed for a store. This is to be papered.

The northwest corner of the lower floor, as is generally known, is now occupied by the Willamette Valley Banking Company's bank. This fact rendered it necessary for the plan of the lower floor to be changed to some extent for convenience as a hotel. Mr. Swansen's purpose first was to have the lobby or gentleman's waiting room open on Monroe street just east of the bank, take up part of the dining room, and extend the dining room southward, but that plan was changed some time ago, and already the front of one of the store rooms, which open on Main or Second street, has been changed with the view of making this the gentlemen's waiting room. The south wall of the main hallway back from the front to a distance of 21 feet is to be removed to enlarge the waiting room, making its dimensions 21 x 31 feet. As heretofore the dining room will be along the north central portion of the building, while the kitchen will be in the northeast corner. In the southeastern portion of the lower floor are two large sample rooms. In convenient localities on the lower floor are wash rooms, cloak room, baggage room, and what now constitutes the court will be transformed into a writing room. At present this space extends to a skylight in the roof, but another ceiling of glass is to be placed over this at the height of the first floor.

On the second floor is a parlor in the northwest corner. In addition there are 31 bedrooms, bedside closets and bath rooms. It is generally understood that this is one of the most conveniently arranged hotel of its size in the country. The design of the third floor is similar to that of the second, but it is in a very incomplete state, the studding only being in place. Mr. Swansen states that he will finish this immediately after the first and second floors have been made ready for occupancy.

On the outside, a cement walk in front of the building a distance of 75 feet is one of the contemplated improvements. A board walk is to extend the length of the hotel on the north side. The owner has some plans for finishing the basement, but as yet they are incomplete.

Mr. Swansen states that he has arranged with parties of ample means to open the house, as soon as his contemplated improvements are complete.

Last season, Mr. Swansen spent several thousand dollars for improvements on the building, but legal complications respecting the title caused him to defer further outlay until those matters were settled.

THROUGH HIS FOOT.

Big Wire Nail Penetrated it—It's Removal was Difficult.

It took the united strength of two men to remove a spike that penetrated the foot of Chester Huffman Friday. Mr. Huffman was at work on the flume of the Benton County Lumber Company. He was standing four feet above the ground on a walk that runs alongside the V-shaped trough in which the lumber is transported. He jumped to the ground failing to notice a board in which there was a sharp-pointed wire spike, its point turned upwards. The latter struck the ball of the foot. It passed through the sole of the shoe and penetrated the foot until its point pressed against the upper of the shoe above. The removal of it required two men, pulling with great force.

For a little time, Mr. Huffman continued at his work, but later was taken ill and had to be conveyed home. Care will be necessary in the treatment of the wound, or bad results may follow. Fortunately the nail was a new one and without rust.

PRICES NOW.

And Then—Also Here and There—Facts From an Eastern Paper.

Excerpts below show prices of land in Illinois, and also in Kansas. They are taken from the News, published at Brimfield, Illinois, the old home of Sam Moore, of Soap Creek. Mr. Moore, who knows well whereof he speaks, says the high priced land in Illinois is no better than Webfoot soil, and in many a case not so good. Subjoined, are the clippings:

L. Hasselbacher, who owns a fine farm out in the gas and oil belt, near Chanute, Kansas, is receiving propositions from capitalists for the right to operate on his land. The usual rate paid by the oil companies is a rental of one eighth of the product, for the gas and oil right. Mr. Hasselbacher purchased this land some nine years ago for thirteen dollars per acre and since it has greatly enhanced in farm value to say nothing of the gas and oil prospect. There is no one we would like to see strike oil better than Mr. Hasselbacher and we only hope they'll find a gusher wherever they stick the drill down and bore the place so full of holes that it will look like a wet spot on Kickapoo creek in craw fish time.

John R. McCoy returned last week from a visit of several months with his son down at Chanute, Kansas. Mr. McCoy says the country down there is just booming, and land values are way up. One quarter of farm land sold a short time ago for \$119 per acre. In the gas and oil belt land sells for \$400 to \$1000 per acre.

Peoria Star:—The first week in March is the farmers' new year and is the time of the year when the greater part of their estate transfers are affected, leases renewed, notes paid, etc. It is the general settling up time of the old year and the making of arrangements for the new. In Peoria county comparatively little farm real estate changes ownership, but in other counties a good deal of it is done. It also sets new values for farms and one sale in McClean county last week is recorded where the land sold for \$200 an acre, the top notch price so far in the state. A number of transfers are recorded in which the prices ranged from \$125 to \$175 per acre.

WENT TO THE CIRCUS.

And What They Saw—Literary Societies Had Lots of Fun.

The Philadelphian literary society at the college entertained the Feronians Friday evening. The function was given in Agricultural Hall, and the feature was a trip to the circus. The latter involved an imitation of the various diversions incident to a circus. The guests were shown into one room where they had opportunity to throw at negro babbies. In another room was exhibited the "yellow boy," a freak represented by a red-haired young man. In another place was a lung tester, which consisted of a long rubber tube into which the guests were allowed to blow. The coarse voiced horn at the other end did the rest. "The world's greatest panorama" to be seen for the small sum of 10 cents, and various other attractions were presented. The trip closed with a spread, where half a dozen interesting toasts preceded the turning out of the lights.

Reduction in Water Rates.

We are proposing to reduce the rates on water, and to arrange with all consumers so that all may be treated the same. To do this we must insist on all bills being paid in advance or by the 10 of the month as our rules and regulations call for, and as all other cities require. We have no desire to have any trouble with any consumer, but to treat all alike. Our rules must be enforced. If anything should happen that the water is not used after being paid for, the money will be refunded.

Very Truly Yours,
Corvallis Water Co.

Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by me up to one o'clock p. m. Wednesday April 1, 1903 for the construction of one mile of road between Philomath and Corvallis, in accordance with plans and specifications on file in my office at the court house. Each bidder is required to deposit with his bid five per cent of the amount thereof, as by law required, the County Court reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Thomas A. Jones,
County Surveyor.

Corvallis Times

For Job Printing.

BID TOO HIGH.

Coroner Wilkins Bought County Warrants and Lost Money on the Goods.

County Treasurer Buchanan's late call for warrants which canceled all county scrip outstanding, caught some of the speculators napping. Warrants have been going at a premium, usually of one per cent. They are considered a good investment at that figure, because safe.

Among those wont to pick up warrants after each session of the commissioner's court is Coroner Wilkins, and at the March term he gathered in several, whose aggregate ran into the hundreds. He paid \$1.01 for each dollar's worth of warrants. That all happened about the 6th or 7th of March. The investment would have been all right if the county had remained in debt. On March 16th, however, the treasurer's call canceled all outstanding warrants, those bought by the coroner among them. The interest the warrants had earned, meantime for Mr. Wilkins was only about one-sixth of one per cent. His loss was about five-sixths of one cent on each dollar of his investment. His friends say that when he cashed his warrants he got back several dollar less than he paid for them.

MANY WERE THERE.

Toadstools and Mushrooms are the Same but Some are Poisonous.

The lecture by Prof. Sweetser of the University of Oregon was given at the M. E. church last Friday night to a crowded house. This was the second of a series being given by the literary department of the Epworth League. The lecturer has made a specialty of this subject, and illustrated it with stereopticon views, either photographed or painted from nature.

He said there is no the mushroom but all are in reality toadstools. That most of them were edible, but that there is no infallible rule to apply by which to tell the poisonous ones from the edible ones. One must learn one kind to begin with and add others as you learn to certainly identify them.

While not all the toadstools having a crepe like formation at the root and a ring around the stem part way up, are poisonous, yet, because these marks so frequently accompany the bad ones, it is a safe rule to let all such alone.

Then to show that there is exception to any general rule, he exhibited some that did not bear these marks fully, but still were poisonous.

The next lecture of the course will occur in April.

In The Grave.

A scene on the street Sunday was a long line of carriages, en route to Crystal Lake cemetery. The procession bore to a last resting place the remains of little Jessie, the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Willbanks, who reside near Mountain View. The child died as the result of a severe attack of grippe. The father and mother were so ill with the malady that they were unable to attend the burial service. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of many friends.

Bridge Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by me up to 1 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, April 1, 1903, for the construction of a bridge and grade at Stewart's Hill on the Corvallis-Albany road, in accordance with the plans, specifications and instructions to bidders on file in my office.

Each bidder shall be required to deposit with his bid 5 per cent of the amount of such bid as by law required, the court reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

THOMAS A. JONES,
County Surveyor.

City Restaurant.

Newly Furnished,
First Class,
Meals at all Hours,
Oysters in Season.

Located in Hemphill Building, Corvallis, Oregon.

C. W. LEDERLE.

CASTORIA.

The famous Castoria is on every wrapper.

To Land Buyers.

I can sell you any kind or size of farm, stock or dairy ranch, with or without stock; also city properties, acreage near town, business propositions, etc. Farms and ranches \$10 to \$40 per acre.

If you are in search of such, see me before you buy.

F. P. MORGAN.

Newest Wash Goods. Many Exclusive Designs.

We have been selling wash dress goods for nearly a month, but our stock has not been complete. The shipments which have been received in the past week have filled in all the weak places and now the stock is complete in every detail. From low priced domestic fabrics to the high grade materials of foreign makes. We have many fabrics of the finer sort which are exclusive with us, and if you like materials and patterns that are out of the ordinary, come and see us.

Samples on Application.

Elegant White Goods and Embroideries.

Nolan & Callahan
LEADING CLOTHIERS.

CHIPMAN'S GROCERY STORE.

VEGETABLES, FLOUR & FEED.
TELEPHONE NO. 338.

CORVALLIS, OREGON.

We handle several brands of canned goods, but none which gives so good satisfaction and represents so much value for your money as

MONOPOLE.

When you buy a can of Monopole Coffee, Spices, Baking Powder, or other Canned Goods of this brand, you have our guarantee that it will please you, or money back.

Yours Truly,

E. C. Chipman.

Diamond "W" Brand

The Best Grade of Canned
Goods on the Market Today.

Look at Our Windows and see the Varieties.

MATCHES
TO
BURN!
1500
PARLOR
MATCHES
FOR
10 CENTS

Something New.

VIOLET ORCS.

Call in and get a Trial Package

FREE, AT

Hodes Grocery

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

I have watches from one dollar up; gold, gold filled, silver, silverline and cheap ones for the boys. Rings of all kinds—Wedding rings, set rings, band rings.

If you are having trouble with your eyes or glasses and have tried all the so-called travelling opticians without success, come and see me, get a fit that's guaranteed and by one who will always be on hand to make good his guarantee.

Notice—After Feb 1st the store will close at 6:30 p. m. except Saturdays.

PRATT,

The Jeweler and Optician.

