

VANGUARD IS HERE

Early Birds for State Convention Worm.

MR. JOHNS AND HIS BOOMLET

Baker City Man Says He Is in Gubernatorial Fight to Stay—Mr. Farnish Is Confident—The State Printer.

The delegates are coming, and many of the candidates are here already to greet the faithful, who will have the votes, or the friends outside the delegations who have that mysterious element—Influence. Tuesday the Republican Congressional convention will nominate a candidate for Representative from the Second Oregon district. Wednesday, Chairman George A. Steel, of the State Central Committee, will call the Republican state convention to order, and a ticket will be nominated from Governor down. The lobbyists of the hotels are beginning to give evidence of the approaching political gatherings. The congestion is increasing, and each train is bringing new arrivals, delegates who want to be on hand early to see the candidates who would be here earlier. Hotel men are receiving reservations daily for rooms, and the requests vary from the modest, unassuming delegate who wants a "good room for six bits" to the candidate who orders a half-dozen rooms, that can be called "headquarters" and made a rendezvous for his followers, who are going into the convention under his particular banner.

Some of the candidates have been here for several days; others arrived yesterday, and more will be in today. C. A. Johns came down from Baker City yesterday afternoon, with a gubernatorial boomlet tucked away that is going to be handled with care until it develops sufficient strength to be hurled into the convention. Accompanying Mr. Johns is T. M. Dodson, who is a delegate to the convention, and who is credited with having made the fight for Congressman Moody in the recent primaries in Baker County. Mr. Johns has control of the delegation from his home county, and he is avowedly in the race to win. Other counties in Eastern Oregon are claimed by other candidates as well as by Mr. Johns. The one positive feature about the Baker statesman's candidacy is that he is serious about it, and pretends to be in the race until the finish of the fight for the head of the ticket. Mr. Johns disclaims being anti-anything.

"I'm for Johns," he said, last night. Naturally, he is anti-everybody else who is in the scramble for Governor. F. W. Chausse, of Grant's Pass, and L. L. Porter, of Oregon City, how politics as they pass, and both are here, but on Wednesday the pleasant roads will depart and each will be actively chasing the State Printer. J. R. Whitney, of Linn, is also entered in the race, and is expected to "go some." Porter has been working for some time with Western Oregon politicians, and through them is credited with having made deals and trades that will give him considerable strength. Chausse will have the Josephine County delegation behind him solidly, and his sponsors in the convention will impress the fact upon the delegates that Josephine has not been asking much from previous state conventions, and that the time has come for recognition. Linn County is equally determined that Whitney is the man for the place, and its delegates will insist upon his nomination. The primary fights in both Linn and Josephine Counties were made in behalf of the respective candidates for State Printer, and will be used to further their aspirations.

W. J. Farnish, the Pendleton banker, reached Portland yesterday, and will remain until after the convention. "I'll stay this time until I get whatever is coming to me," said Mr. Farnish, yesterday. He declines to discuss his chances in the language of counties or delegates, but declares he is confident and expects to win. Incidentally, it is of interest that the Johns people believe their man will be in the fight until the end, and that the ultimate contest will be between either George or Farnish and the man from Baker. A number of counties will hold their conventions Saturday, and after that date the probable result can be the more confidently predicted by the candidates and their friends.

It is a county convention that prevents the defunct and ambitious statesman from clasp from mingling with the crowd already here. The county convention will be held here today, and State Senator Fulton in "tending to fences" in the interest of his own candidacy for United States Senator.

State Senator Tod Cameron, of Jackson

County, is not mixing in politics to any great extent this year. But the delightful tension of state conventions still appeal to him, and the fascinations of the political game are strong within him, and he is here to talk old times over with the stalwarts of the party. E. P. McCormack, the Salem banker, and Dr. J. N. Smith, who represented Marion County in the lower House at the last session of the Legislature, both arrived last night. Mr. McCormack is a brother-in-law of Congressman Moody, and was interested in the recent primary fight. So was Dr. Smith, but unfortunately the astrologer didn't cast the proper horoscope for the doctor, and the voters rallied on other standards than the one under which he was enrolled. Therefore, his name is not among the list of faithful to whom plums were handed in the form of legislative nominations.

Otis Patterson, of the Land Office, at The Dalles, is also here, and will be an interested on-looker at the conventions.

It was reported last night that Governor Geer would be among those absent. A close political and personal friend of the Governor said last night that he would not be here. Governor Geer has supporters in the convention outside his home delegation, and evidently is willing to trust his fight for renomination to their hands.

MANY WILL COME.

Prosperous Outlook for Board of Trade Convention.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon, Secretary Moore reported that he had received a number of favorable replies to the invitation extended to commercial bodies to attend the convention which will be held in Portland, April 10, for the purpose of organizing the Oregon and Columbia River Basin Board of Trade. About 200 delegates are expected to attend the convention, and plans for their reception and entertainment will be arranged by the board at its meeting Monday night.

Thomas Guineau asked that the board take up the matter of amending the present charter. He said some features of that law were undesirable and conflicting, but he thought it would be better to amend it than to indorse the charter which will be submitted to the vote of the people in June. Mr. Guineau said the Police and Fire Departments should be eliminated from politics. In the past they had been a disgrace instead of a source of benefit and pride to the city. They were paid to protect the city from crime and fire, and not to meddle with politics. He was in favor of civil service rules and of the insertion of a clause in the charter prohibiting firemen and policemen from taking any part in politics.

It was decided to recommend to the board that a committee be appointed to examine the present and proposed city charters and to report thereon.

MASONS AT BANQUET.

Rose Croix Chapter of Scottish Rite Holds Annual Feast.

The members and guests of the Rose Croix Chapter of Scottish Rite Masons feasted and enjoyed themselves last night in the lodgerooms in the Marquam building. Between 150 and 200 were present, including a large number from out of the city. The most pleasant of social intercourse preceded the banquet. The event marked the closing of the chapter, a ceremonial which takes place once each year and is always a period of joyful reunion.

The Rose Croix chapter is composed of Masons who have attained degrees between the 15th and 18th, and its total membership amounts to several hundred. The officers are as follows: W. J. Farnish, P. S. Malcolm; senior warden, P. H. Alston; junior warden, Richard Martin; orator, J. P. Kennedy; almoner, treasurer, B. G. Whitcomb; secretary, B. H. Nicoll; master of ceremonies, James F. Moffett; senior expert, F. C. Miller; junior expert, C. J. Groat; Tyler, M. D. Young.

Wife's Love Worth More Than Life.

DAVENPORT, Wash., March 27.—The damage suit for \$30,000 brought by Frank Thompson against H. H. McMillan for allegedly killing his wife's affections, was begun in the Superior Court before Judge Chadwick Wednesday. The courtroom was constantly crowded, the case attracting wide attention because of the prominence of the parties, all of whom have lived here for 14 years. When asked to estimate his damage, the plaintiff broke down and cried, and said: "I am damaged more than my life is worth."

Prominent San Francisco Man.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., March 27.—Albert Gerberding, of San Francisco, died here yesterday of valvular disease of the heart. Mr. Gerberding was one of the largest graindealers on the Pacific Coast, and has at different times served terms as president of the San Francisco Merchants Exchange, the Produce Exchange and the Oil Exchange, and in the early '90s served as a state bank commissioner. He was well known socially, and was an ex-president of the Bohemian Club, of San Francisco.

CANDIDATES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR CITY OFFICES



George H. Williams, Mayor.



T. C. Devlin, Auditor.



L. A. McNary, Attorney.



J. C. Jameson, Treasurer.



Wm. C. Elliott, Engineer.



Harry W. Hogue, Municipal Judge.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF REPUBLICAN CITY NOMINEES

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.

Hon. George H. Williams was born in Columbia County, New York, March 23, 1825. He was admitted to the bar in 1844, and immediately removed to Iowa, where he soon became prominent in legal and political circles. In 1857 he was appointed Supreme Judge for the Territory of Oregon, and reappointed in 1857. He was also a member of the State Constitutional Convention, which met the same year. In 1864 he was elected to the United States Senate, and his services during the reconstruction period won him recognition and national fame. In 1871 he was named by President Grant as Attorney-General, and in 1874 appointed Chief Justice of the United States, but the appointment was not confirmed. For more than a quarter of a century he has practiced law in this city.

THOMAS C. DEVLIN.

Thomas C. Devlin, the present City Auditor, and nominee for that position for a second term, has been a resident of Portland since 1881. He was born in Hocking County, New York, December 21, 1850. He came to this city in 1880, and was soon after employed in the office of the City Auditor under W. F. Matthews.

After the consolidation he resigned, but four months later he was recalled to special work in the office, and he has served the city continuously since that time, and no man in the local public service is better acquainted with city affairs and needs than he. In June, 1890, after having been under different administrations, Mr. Devlin was elected City Auditor, running near to the head of his ticket.

LAWRENCE A. McNARY.

Lawrence A. McNary was born in Waco County, January 27, 1806. His residence in Portland has extended over the past 14 years. In 1880 he was graduated from the law department of the University of Oregon, and practiced in this city for 12 years. Mr. McNary has always been identified with the Republican party.

J. C. JAMESON.

J. C. Jameson was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, in 1833. He came to Oregon in 1880. In 1888 he was elected to the City Council from the Tenth Ward. When W. A. Storey was elected Mayor to

fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mayor Mason, Mr. Jameson was selected as President of the Common Council. He has always been a Republican.

W. C. ELLIOTT.

W. C. Elliott is a native Oregonian. He was born in Washington County, near Hillsboro, in December, 1865. He took a course in engineering at the Pacific University, and for the past 12 years has been engaged in civil engineering in this city, working both with the Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Company. He was Deputy City Surveyor under Mr. Gilman in 1896-97. In politics he has always been a Republican.

HARRY W. HOGUE.

Harry W. Hogue was born in The Dalles, February 6, 1868, and has been a resident of Portland for the past 21 years. He was graduated from the Portland High School in 1882, and studied law at Columbia Law School, New York. He has been practicing in this city for 12 years. He has always been a Republican, but has never before been a candidate for a public office.

THE TICKET IS PUT UP

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ed by John Gill, seconded by W. M. Gregory.

County Commissioner to succeed J. G. Mack—C. B. Barnes, nominated by Thomas H. Hogue.

County Commissioner to succeed William Showers—H. B. Chapman, of Troutdale, nominated by T. C. Powell.

Sheriff—W. A. Storey, nominated by W. T. Muir.

Assessor—George E. Watkins, nominated by W. T. Muir.

County Clerk—F. S. Fields, nominated by D. J. Malarky.

County Treasurer—J. M. Lewis, nominated by Albert J. Capron.

County Auditor—Carl A. Brandes, nominated by H. B. Chapman.

County Surveyor—John A. Hurlburt, nominated by T. L. Evans.

Coroner—J. P. Finley, nominated by C. A. Monnell.

George H. Howell moved the nomination of the Road Supervisors agreed upon by the Independents in caucus. H. J. Hefty, of precinct 60, objected to the nomination of Henry Chapman, and placed in nomination the name of J. F. Gilbert. T. C. Powell raised the point as to whether one man could be nominated for Road Supervisor in two precincts, as had been done in precincts 61 and 62. The convention was in doubt as to this point, and Mr. Malarky moved that a committee to consist of T. C. Powell, H. C. Smith, and F. S. Fields be appointed to inspect the records of the County Court and determine the proper procedure. The motion was carried, and Mr. Malarky moved that adjournment be taken until 2 P. M., which was also carried. Announcement was made that directly following adjournment delegates from the different wards would meet in caucus to discuss candidates for Councilmen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Nominations Completed Without Delay or Opposition.

At the opening of the afternoon session Chairman Courtney announced that urgent business would require him to ask the convention to excuse him from presiding at the afternoon session, and he therefore asked that a successor be elected. W. B. Ayer nominated D. J. Malarky, who declined, and placed in nomination the name of W. L. Mills. From all parts of the hall came cheers and calls of "Mills," "Mills." Mr. Mills was on his feet to decline, but he was surrounded by delegates and by delegates who admired the independent and broad stand he had taken in disapproving the policy of the majority of the minority, and he was elected by acclamation.

In accepting the gavel Mr. Mills made a short speech of acceptance, in which he whimsically said:

"I am glad you have seen fit to thus honor the minority. Further I want to say that the office was not given me because of the favorable recommendation of a caucus."

W. L. Bolse moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Courtney, which was unanimously carried, and Mr. Courtney thanked the convention for its thanks.

T. C. Powell reported for the committee appointed to ascertain whether or not one supervisor could be nominated for two precincts, and said the committee's report was that two should be nominated.

Mr. Powell named S. A. Baybrook for precinct 61, and William G. Wallace for precinct 62. J. L. Reeder was nominated for Supervisor in precinct 67, and the following were declared nominees of the convention:

Precinct 58—S. W. Simmons.

Precinct 59—W. H. Dougherty.

Precinct 60—J. F. Gilbert.

Precinct 61—George Lewis.

Precinct 62—Robert Robertson.

Precinct 63—D. W. Metzger.

Precinct 64—J. C. Branham.

Precinct 65—T. L. Evans.

Precinct 66—Alex Barr.

Precinct 67—J. L. Reeder.

Precinct 68—S. A. Baybrook.

Precinct 69—William G. Wallace.

Precinct 70—John Hoffman.

D. J. Malarky made a speech in favor of J. F. Gilbert, nominee for Road Supervisor in precinct 60, and a rising vote gave him 53 votes, against 25 for Henry Chapman.

The following members of the Republican City and County Central Committee were nominated by the committee appointed for that purpose, and were unanimously elected:

Precinct 1—Rosa Ashley.

Precinct 2—Roy Leigh.

Precinct 3—Amos S. Groce.

Precinct 4—Frank Kierman.

Precinct 5—G. G. Willis.

Precinct 6—W. S. Buchanan.

Precinct 7—D. L. Williams.

Precinct 8—Herbert Holman.

Precinct 9—A. L. Pease.

Precinct 10—P. G. Burkhardt.

Precinct 11—A. J. Capron.

Precinct 12—F. C. Grant.

Precinct 13—Sandford Whiting.

Precinct 14—D. D. Jackson.

Precinct 15—J. C. Arnett.

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Precinct 17—T. C. Powell.

Precinct 18—W. Brundage.

Precinct 19—A. L. Finley.

Precinct 20—W. M. Bodman.

Precinct 21—J. K. Carr.

Precinct 22—James W. Mathews.

Precinct 23—F. Byerly.

Precinct 24—A. Hancock.

Precinct 25—C. C. Newcastle.

Precinct 26—C. C. Cooke.

Precinct 27—D. F. Dryden.

Precinct 28—B. G. Sigler.

Precinct 29—J. K. Carr.

Precinct 30—C. A. Strauss.

Precinct 31—J. K. Jones.

Precinct 32—J. E. Vossler.

Precinct 33—Joseph Webber.

Precinct 34—J. E. Vossler.

Precinct 35—W. Seton.

Precinct 36—A. W. Curry.

Precinct 37—C. C. Cooke.

Precinct 38—T. H. Compton.

Precinct 39—E. E. Clarke.

Precinct 40—M. E. Gruber.

Precinct 41—R. E. Eran.

Precinct 42—Joseph Buchtel.

Precinct 43—J. E. Field.

Precinct 44—W. W. Pease.

Precinct 45—J. E. Field.

Precinct 46—W. T. Smith.

Precinct 47—C. W. Oliver.

Precinct 48—W. H. Moore.

Precinct 49—A. Hancock.

Precinct 50—Alex Donaldson.

Precinct 51—F. E. Eran.

Precinct 52—J. E. Field.

Precinct 53—John A. Hurlburt.

Precinct 54—F. Dixon.

Precinct 55—L. B. Reeder.

Precinct 56—Charles H. Carey.

Hon. George H. Williams was nominated to head the city ticket by W. L. Bolse, and at the first mention of the candidate's name there was an outburst of applause. The nomination was seconded by W. A. Storey, who was himself a candidate before Judge Williams permitted his name to go before the convention. Mr. Bolse paid a deserved tribute to the accomplishments of Judge Williams, and said in part:

"It is a great pleasure as well as honor for me to nominate for Mayor a man whom any city, any state, or any government would do well to honor. In naming George H. Williams (applause) for our candidate for Mayor we honor ourselves in honoring him. Under the new charter, which I expect and hope will pass, great powers will be vested in the Mayor's office, and to no man could they be better or more safely intrusted than to George H. Williams."

W. W. Banks moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the convention for Judge Williams, which was carried.

The following candidates were then named:

City Auditor—T. C. Devlin, nominated by Sam Schwab.

City Attorney—L. A. McNary, nominated by W. T. Muir.

City Treasurer—J. C. Jameson, nominated by W. A. Storey.

City Engineer—William C. Elliott, nominated by T. S. Potter.

Municipal Judge—Harry W. Hogue, nominated by D. J. Malarky.

The following Councilmen were nominated by delegates from the several wards:

First—Charles E. Rumell, nominated by A. S. Groce.

Second—Frank Kiernan, nominated by F. P. Mays.

Third—Fred T. Merrill, nominated by W. W. Banks.

Fourth—Passed.

Fifth—Passed.

Sixth—B. D. Sigler, nominated by George H. Howell.

Seventh—Passed.

Eighth—W. W. Kern, nominated by H. C. Smith.

Ninth—John P. Sharkey, nominated by W. L. Bolse.

er divide the councils of the party, unless you should prove false to your promise to the people and construct that machine yourself.

Up to the hour of the convention you were not willing to leave us in doubt of your sincerity. Your professions of conciliation and fairness were so profuse and came apparently from such authorized sources that we were justified in believing that a solution of our difficulties had at last been reached and that the end of the convention would witness a united and harmonious party. And we can say to you in all sincerity, that a more division of the local office at the disposal of the convention was of less moment to us than the generous treatment we were led to expect.

Relying upon your promises to the people and to us, we entered with you upon the discharge of our duties, trusting that the chagrin of defeat and the elation of a national victory would be lost in a common effort to serve our party and the public interests.

How well our confidence was repaid let the records of the convention speak.

Early in the day we were apprised of your contemplated action. We do not pretend to any surprise when your Mr. Mays at that order of business moved that the delegates to the state and Congressional convention be selected by the delegates to the state and Congressional convention. We were deceived by your statement that this action was necessary through the inconvenience of selecting so many as 67 delegates by the delegates to the state and Congressional convention, and often disapproved by others of your leaders, who frankly admitted that the list already would maintain support. Mays believed from the necessity of discussing that question.

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