

WATER PLATFORM

W. P. Elmore Is Nominated at Newberg.

STRONG PROHIBITION PLANKS

Campaign Fund of \$150 Was Raised to Carry Nominees to Victory—Enthusiastic Speeches Are Made by Delegates.

NEWBERG, Or., April 9.—(Special).—The Prohibitionists of the First Congressional district met in convention here this afternoon and placed W. P. Elmore, of Brownsville, in nomination for Congress. A strong prohibition plank was adopted and rousing speeches were made by Mrs. H. D. Harford, state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union; Rev. H. Gould, professor R. W. Kelsey and others. The sum of over \$150 was raised for the purpose of carrying on the campaign. The well-known Mendley quartet and Professor and Mrs. Lough, of the East, were present and furnished appropriate music for the occasion.

LANE DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLE.

They Send Twelve Delegates to Congressional Convention.

EUGENE, Or., April 9.—(Special).—Second in interest only to the Republican Congressional convention in this city today was the county convention of the Democrats, which was held at the Court-house. The convention opened with enthusiasm. A great spirit pervaded the room as the gavel sounded. Over 100 delegates were in their seats, and there were more to come.

Chairman Mallock Announced the Order of Business.

Mallock announced the order of business would commence with the election of temporary officers. Lark Blythe named Hon. R. M. Veach, mayor of Cottage Grove, for the place. The selection was made by acclamation, and Mr. Veach took the chair amid a hearty round of applause. In accepting the place, Mr. Veach made an enthusiastic, good, old-time Democratic speech, rousing the enthusiasm of the convention. He made clear the purpose of the convention.

John M. Baker, of Cottage Grove, was nominated for temporary secretary. J. J. Walton made a motion for the appointment of the credential committee, and nominated J. D. Matlock, Jr., W. W. Ogilby and E. P. Williams for the members. They were appointed by acclamation, and a recess was taken to make up the report.

The temporary organization was made permanent on reconvening. After the report of the committees on credentials and on organization the convention proceeded to elect delegates to the Democratic Congressional convention as follows:

All Are Old-Line Democrats.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., April 9.—(Special).—The Democratic county convention, central committee have met and elected delegates to attend the Democratic district convention to be held at Albany next Saturday. The delegates have been given no particular instructions, but as all are "old-line" Democrats of the county, it is very likely they will stand by the man who appears to them to be the best Democrat. Whether they will vote for Reames as a Congressional candidate remains to be seen. The delegates elected were: J. W. Howard, J. D. Stevens, H. L. Wilson and W. J. Whiter.

Moore Moore's Mayor.

MORO, Or., April 9.—(Special).—At the municipal election held here in Moro Monday, April 6, W. H. Moore was elected mayor. J. O. Elrod, H. Moore and I. D. Pike, Councilmen, and E. R. Hickson, Treasurer.

This is the third time W. H. Moore has been elected Mayor, having already served two terms or four years.

FINANCIAL CONDITION GOOD.

Columbia County Has Big Balance to Its Credit.

ST. HELENS, Or., April 9.—(Special).—The semi-annual financial report of Columbia County officers for the six months ending March 31, has been completed and it shows a total in all of the funds of nearly \$40,000. The total resources of the county are \$42,303.57, while the total liabilities are \$123.05, the latter consisting of warrants on the general and road funds that have not been presented for payment. There is no such a procedure in this county of honoring warrants "not paid for want of funds."

These outstanding warrants are held by persons who are in no hurry for their money and it is more convenient to keep the same in uncollectible scrip. While taxes are being paid in gradually, considerable of the money in the road and school funds will soon be applied to practical use. The expenses of the Clerk's office for the past six months was \$123.05, while the fees received during that period amounted to \$243.24, a considerable amount over the expenses of the office.

Five years ago the county was \$20,000 in debt. Today she has as good as a bank account to her credit of \$40,000. A change of \$20,000 in five years.

HAD GOOD RUN.

New Mill on Mount Reuben an Excellent Property.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., April 9.—(Special).—The four-stamp mill recently installed at the new Kremer & Palmer mine, on Mount Reuben, has been completed and given its trial run, with excellent results. The Kremer & Palmer mine is one of the richest and most promising mines of Southern Oregon, and is another of the properties of this mineral zone that has arisen from a mere prospect to a paying mine within the course of a few months.

This mine is well developed, and presents a vast body of high-grade ore. The ledge has a width of from five to eight feet, and carries values across its entire face, with a pay streak running through in which the free gold stands out in large strains.

It is the intention of the owners to install a large mill when the property has been sufficiently opened up. The present mill is but a beginning of the big equipment that will eventually be put on the property, and will become the leading quartz property of the noted Mount Reuben district.

AUTOMOBILES FOR CHINESE.

Harriman System to Stimulate Trade with the Orient.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 9.—(Special).—Allan Cameron, Oriental agent of the O. R. & N., and the Harriman system generally, at Hong Kong, China, passed through this city yesterday on his way to New York.

Mr. Cameron is going to lay before Mr. Harriman and his chief assistants a report of trade conditions in the Orient. It is the purpose of the Harriman people to present to the manufacturers of goods that find a ready market in China, Japan, India and other Oriental countries certain facts in regard to trade conditions on the

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CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Klondiker Who Wants Divorce in Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 9.—An application has been made to Judge C. V. Latham for the arrest of George Gaisford, father of little Georgia, for perjury, on a charge of perjury. Gaisford is the returned Klondiker who is trying to gain possession of his child, who was given to the mother under a decree of divorce granted in 1900, and afterward adopted by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Forrester, of this city.

Gaisford by deposition and on the stand testified that he knew nothing of the divorce proceedings until he came out from the Klondike in 1902. Letters were afterward produced which were written by Gaisford as far back as 1900, and in which he discussed the divorce with his wife and expressed the hope that the child's grandparents would be kind to it. There were other letters in which he had advised his wife to get a divorce from him, as he did not care to live with her longer.

The application for Gaisford's arrest was made in court and created a small sensation. Judge Lind took the matter under advisement, and is expected to announce his decision Monday, when the case is finished.

LOWER PER CAPITA TAX.

Washington Workmen Have Large Treasury Surplus.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 9.—(Special).—The Grand Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, practically concluded its legislative work today. The installation of officers will occur tomorrow morning, and it is expected that adjournment of the session may be had by noon.

One of the most important changes in the order's relations with the state is the reduction of the annual per capita to \$1.00 from \$2. The per capita is levied for general lodge purposes, and the order has a large treasury. In accepting the place, Mr. Veach made an enthusiastic, good, old-time Democratic speech, rousing the enthusiasm of the convention. He made clear the purpose of the convention.

Merger Case Has Western End.

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Attorney-General W. B. Stratton left for Washington City today, and in spite of denials issued from the Attorney-General's office the rumor is persistent that important developments in the United States Supreme Court are expected to occur in the suit of the state against the Northern Securities Company as incidental to the decision in the merger case filed today in favor of the Government.

The state, however, has a suit in ejectment of Anton Johansen from lands claimed by the state. King County pending in the United States Supreme Court, and it is stated at Mr. Stratton's office that he has gone to Washington to argue this case.

Degree of Honor Officers.

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The Grand Lodge Degree of Honor, elected the following officers today:

Grand chief of honor, Mrs. Mary K. Todd, Spokane; grand lady of honor, Jessie Smith, Tacoma; grand chief of ceremonies, Mrs. Lucy Brown, Seattle; grand recorder, Mrs. J. H. Adams, Seattle; grand treasurer, Mrs. Ada Dutcher, Aberdeen; grand usher, Mrs. Amy Ellis, Dayton; grand inside watch, Mrs. Adelaide Clark, Whatcom; grand outside watch, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, Olympia; grand representatives, Mrs. Emily Callahan, Seattle; Mrs. Ella Kittredge, Tacoma; Mrs. Ada Dutcher, Aberdeen.

Young Man Charged With Assault.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 9.—A warrant,

charging assault, hangs over one or all of three young men who arrived Saturday with a band of cattle for the L. B. Over farm, W. H. Over, as the case is, a mile west of Corvallis. One of the lads is a son of L. B. Geer, ex-State Land Agent. The warrant was issued by a Buena Vista justice, and is in the hands of Buena Vista constable for service. It was sworn out by the father of a Buena Vista girl and the charge is assault. It is said that much indignation is manifested at Buena Vista toward the defendants.

Yakima's Scouring Mill.

NORTH YAKIMA, April 9.—(Special).

There are indications that North Yakima will have a scouring mill built this Spring. William White, of Las Vegas, N. M., has submitted a proposition to the wool-growers to build a \$500 plant, if \$500 of these would have met death had the fire obtained a longer start.

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City Attorney Grant Corby offered as evidence of guilt a keg with revenue stamps thereon and a spigot and partly filled with whisky; a cask of whisky, a two-month-old United States Government receipt, and glasses all of which were found in a back room of Calmer's place of business. An effort was made to prove by a few witnesses that whisky had been sold or given away there, but all examined denied any knowledge on the subject.

John A. Carson, of Salem, was attorney for the defendant.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC.

Meas. Booth and Friendly Make Liberal Donations.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 9.—(Special).—The University of Oregon school of music is now the recipient of the generosity of Regent S. H. Friendly and Hon. R. A. Booth.

The dean of the musical department has taken up the idea of obtaining musical scholarships, and Regent Friendly has donated the first scholarship, which will be known as the Friendly scholarship in vocal music. This scholarship, which is to be open next Fall, amounts to a full year in the school of music—that is, \$12.50 for tuition and \$5 per month.

The school of music is the only self-supporting department of the university, and such loyalty as is shown by the generous gift of Regent Friendly is a great aid to this department.

Hon. R. A. Booth also donated four new pianos to the musical department, thus adding the local musical department materially.

OLDEST MAN IN OREGON.

Edward Loney, of Wilsonville, Born October 28, 1804.

WILSONVILLE, Or., April 9.—The friends of Edward Loney, who is a farmer at this place, assert that he is the oldest man living in Oregon, being 98 years old. He was born in Gifford County, N. C., October 28, 1804, and came to Wilsonville, where he has a farm of 80 acres, about 20 years ago. He has been three times married, but all his wives are dead. His oldest son, aged about 70, lives in Nebraska, and one son and a daughter live in Oregon.

Two years ago Mr. Loney fell off a landing while leaving a steamer at Oregon City, and was so severely injured that he has not been able to walk since. Still, Mr. Loney enjoys fairly good health, and reads with the aid of a magnifying glass. He is well liked in the community.

EIGHT SLEPT ON.

Unawakened by Incendiary Fire in a Hotel.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 9.—John Ryan, of Seattle, is in jail at Shoal Bay, B. C., charged with arson. He is said to have confessed that, because the proprietor of the hotel, where he was staying, refused to give him a bottle of whisky, he set fire to the hotel in the middle of the night. Almost by accident

The late A. B. Griggs, of Albany.

The fire was discovered in time to prevent the destruction of the hotel, in which 20 guests were sleeping. When the alarm was given many hastened from the building.

Eight persons on the top floor slept throughout the efforts to extinguish the fire, and the probability is that several of these would have met death had the fire obtained a longer start.

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