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The liquor business may not cause so much trouble in "dry" districts as it does where the laws are less stringent, but the consumption is probably greater. The man who is obliged to buy it by the gallon undoubtedly consumes more than he would if he bought it by the drink at the corner grocery or saloon.

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Drops to Ten Miles an Hour at North Head Light Station.

Wire service, partially destroyed by the storm of Thursday, was restored yesterday forenoon, and weather reports were received by the local bureau at North Head the wind had moderated to ten miles an hour and had shifted into the west.

Last evening the storm center was drifting toward the northeast and was off of the Canadian line, north of Montreal. The influence was felt all along the Pacific Slope and rain was general over Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The rainfall was heaviest in the vicinity of Portland, and at this point the precipitation amounted to .54 of an inch for the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock last evening. Since September 23, the rainfall for the section has amounted to 1.55 inches.

Light south to west winds and continued rain are in order for today. The official forecast gives the barometer reading at 30.05 inches, with a corresponding reading at all stations in the Pacific Northwest. The gale of Thursday has passed to the eastward, and the day neither telegraph nor telephone communication could be obtained further than Bellingham or Victoria except by way of Winnipeg.

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However, no toll was levied on human life, although many persons received minor injuries and scores experienced narrow escapes.

R. A. Campbell, a gardener at the Alaska-Pacific Exposition grounds, narrowly escaped death from a falling tree yesterday. While walking through the grove near the rustic bridge which leads to the building on the corner of the exposition grounds, he was struck by a big fir near at hand. Glancing up he saw the giant tree tottering toward him and he leaped from the spot just before the tree fell.

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Assemblies to Be Held

Necessary for Guidance to Party Action and Suggestion of Candidates for Nomination.

Notice the Matter.

Gervais Weekly Star. Republican assemblies over the state will be held the coming spring to select and place in nomination county officers for county offices. Also to elect delegates to a state assembly to suggest candidates for the various state offices.

As a matter of history, the only political party in the state that has strictly heretofore carried out the letter of the law in nominating its candidates for office. All other political parties have nominated by mass meetings. It is thus seen that this sentiment for assemblies is nothing new, but has been participated in by all other political parties save the Republicans. Other parties have followed this plan and will continue to do so long as it suits their convenience.

There is no reason under the law why Republicans cannot hold assemblies or any other style of mass convention they may wish. They will surely do so and place before the people for ratification the very best men they can recommend for all offices, both state and county. The people can elect or reject at the coming November election. Republicans will stand upon their platform and make no outside influence. It is not expected that other than Republicans will participate. There are enough true, tried and loyal Republican voters in the state to elect, if such a course is pursued, and competent, well-known electors placed upon the ticket, to be voted for by Republicans.

A Struggle for Life.

Oregon Organizer, Grants Pass. The question of Republican assemblies or conventions to recommend candidates for the primary elections next year is still being debated in the newspapers of the State, although the stage of debate is advanced. It has, in fact, been accepted by all sincere Republicans, and it is quite certain that such assemblies will be held when the time comes. The very existence of the Republican party in Oregon depends upon that.

Of course, there is loud objection from Democrats, who cry "machines," while in fact the party have abandoned its "machines," and never worked with the primary election law. It is all right for them absolutely to choose their candidates, but all wrong for Republicans even to recommend candidates for the voters to pass judgment upon at the primary. The fact is that, by false registration, the Democrats have become accustomed to be interposed between the primary law and the voters. There has been so much interference with the rights of the Republicans, and it is precisely this unlawful interference that Republicans propose to prevent by holding meetings, or conventions, of reputable members of the party to choose, without interference by opposing parties, delegates to the primary. There is no reason why the Democrats should systematically interfere with the rights of the Republicans, and it is precisely this unlawful interference that Republicans propose to prevent by holding meetings, or conventions, of reputable members of the party to choose, without interference by opposing parties, delegates to the primary. There is no reason why the Democrats should systematically interfere with the rights of the Republicans, and it is precisely this unlawful interference that Republicans propose to prevent by holding meetings, or conventions, of reputable members of the party to choose, without interference by opposing parties, delegates to the primary.

Check the Optimist.

It has been the custom from the earliest history of parties in this country for each party to go into a campaign upon what we are pleased to call a platform. But in Oregon the platform is abandoned by other parties, as they assume, in which we are supposed to go into the campaign without any avowed principles. We are supposed to let the Republican voters select their own platform to run on any old issue he sees fit, while the party as a whole is not supposed to be at all interested. There must be great things in store for us against them, our political parties not being supposed to have any creed of faith except to get the office. We propose to go into the next campaign with a platform, and we will stand upon fixed principles. We are going to call a convention to adopt a platform, and if the Democrats think they can keep us from doing this, let them do it. Some of our brethren call it an assembly, but the Optimist would rather call it by its good old name—a convention. National issues are being called by its right name that for calling it by any of the advisory cognomens suggested.

As to what else the convention will do, may be judged by the fact that with only the difference that our nominations will not be final, but will have to be passed upon at the primaries election, the only difference is that we will consider for it will make us the more careful to select our very best men.

Of course the Democrats will, as usual, hold no convention. No, they don't need to; they will make their nominations in secret and pass the word down the line, just as they will as to which of the candidates they are to vote for at the primaries. They will, of course, do all in their power to renominate Bourne, the foxxy scoundrel with his National issues, and the Democrats will be his undoing next year.