DEMOCRATS AT SEA

Party in Oregon Is Without a Definite Policy.

CHANCE FOR RHETORIC IN APRIL

Three Candidates for Congress in the First District and Two in the Second.

There is not a Democrat in Oregon who knows what the State Conveition of the party will do when it meets in Portland, April 12. It is a clear case of man proposing and the convention disposing. The best-laid plans for concerted action are likely to be knocked into a cocked hat. The reason for this is that no element in the party is strong enough to control
the convention. It is reasonably certain
that the Puerto Rico policy of the Administration will be denounced and the
Chicago platform reaffirmed in some form
or other, but beyond this nothing is sure.
Unless signs fall, the Democrats will
have a lively time at their State Conven-

have a lively time at their State Conven-tion. They will meet the same day as the Republicans and the Populists. A considerable element in the Democratic Convention will favor fusion with the Populists, and another considerable ele-ment, mindful of the disaster in 1898, will oppose any attempt at fusion; one element will favor a short platform, re-affirming the Chicago platform in the fawest possible words, and another element will fight for a long piatform, re-affirming in detail the Chicago platform and promulgating the Democratic doc-trine as to the new issues which have arisen since 1896; another element will favor straight-out indorsement of Bryan and his isms, and another will oppose Bryan and his fads in the hope of paving the way for the return of the Gold Dem-ocrats to the fold. It does not seem possible for the Oregon Democrats to aban-don the Chicago platform. Explaining this, a prominent Democrat said the other day that all that is left of the party in this state believes in the platform, and that this following should have the pollcles of 1896 in their entirety. The most that can be said of the outlook is that it promises abundant opportunity for cratic rhetoric.

Talk about candidates is confined to the Congressional nominations. Those mened in the Second District are ex-State Senator John H. Smith, of Astoria, and State Senator J. W. Morrow, of Heppner. Those mentioned in the First Dis-trict are Robert A. Miller, of Oregon City, M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, and H. L. Heath, of McMinnville, formerly a Captain in the Second Oregon Volunteers. Robert A. Miller is an old-timer in the political arena. He has represented Jack-son County in the Lower House of the Legislature. In 1890 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress, and came within about 10,000 votes of beating Binger Hermann. In 182 he was one of the Demo-cratic candidates for Presidential Elector, and withdrew in time to permit the fusion that resulted in the choice of a Weaver elector. M. A. Miller is an ambitious young man, who would be willing to try the Congressional nomination as a stepping-stone to the Vice-Presidency. Captain Heath is regarded with favor be-cause he is a veteran of the Spanish and Filipino wars, but his fellow Democrats are anxiously inquiring about his ability to put up a strong fight on the stump. The ability of the Millers to talk on any bject, at any time and to any assemdage, is not doubted in any quarter.

Views of Democratic Committeemen me time ago The Oregonian sent letters to the members of the Democratic State Central Committee, asking them to discuss political issues and the advisa-bility of abandoning Bryan and free silver. Though The Oregonian placed its columns at the service of these commit-teemen, but three replied. These letters

Where Mr. Miller's Heart Is. the Chicago platform, W. J. Bryan and the Boers. M. A. MILLER.

BRYAN HIS CHOICE.

The Only Man Who Can Unite the Democratic Party.

HEPPNER, Or., March 22.—The Demo should reaffirm the Chicago platform in As to a straight Democratic ticket or fusion. I am in favor of any action of the

convention that they may see fit to take. My personal views are that in union there I am in favor of, and have no doubt that the Democrats will make free silver an issue in the next campaign, for the rea-

who believe in the free and unlimited coinage of both sliver and gold at the present ratio are honest in their belief that it would be a great benefit to the country at large.

I am in favor of expansion and of an

nexing all countries and peoples and making them a part of this great Republic, who come willingly and ask for admisaion. I am not in favor of coercing the people of any foreign country to become sitizens or dependents of the United I am in favor f the nomination of

William J. Bryan or President, and be-lieve that if any ...an can do so that he can unite all people in favor of the views advocated by the Democratic party. G. W. REA.

DROP FREE SILVER. One Committeeman Lukewarm

Bryan and 16 to 1. PRINEVILLE, Or., March 22.—The Democratic State Convention to be held at Portland, April 12, should reaffirm the Chicago platform in its entirety, except as to the free silver and national bank planks. I do not think the free silver coinage plank should be made the leading issue as in 1896, although I am in favor of bimetalism. Under existing circum-

stances, I have no objection to the

tional banking system, if the central Gov-

ernment will exercise such control as to prevent them from contracting their curncy to the injury of commerce. Do I favor a straight Democratic ticket this year, or a fusion ticket? To the first I answer yes. To the second I an-swer that I fear fusion would lose more votes than we would gain. In fusion we have two sets of office-spekers to satisfy, thereby causing double friction and discontent. The past has taught me to so licht joiners, and not partners, so I say, have a straight Democratic ticket on

Democratic principles, and if we are buried, let us hide beneath a Democratic

Should the Democrate make free silver an issue this year or drop it? This ques-tion I have already answered. However, I will add that the financial bill recently passed settles that question for the pres-ent. The gold standard is on us. Cleveland unearthed it. In 1896 the Republic-ans, instead of reaffirming their 16-to-1 policy of 1894, "swiped" from sound-money and this gold standard and put it in their platform with a fraudulent international tail attached thereto. Not satisfled with that, they robbed "Dick" Bland of his co-worker and stanch friend of 16 to L and took him on probation. He straddled the platform and rode it into the President's chair, and it has come to ass that William McKinley has been orn again, has actually got from astride placed both legs on the same side and declared in his message in favor of the gold standard. Hence, I repeat: The gold standard is on us and free silver should

I oppose expansion, for the reason that to annex the Philippine Islands would be to give them a voice in the affairs of our general Government, a function, I think, they are incompetent to perform. To hold them as subjects against their will would them as subjects against their will would be unconstitutional. Free government can only exist as such by consent of the governed. We are there, and we can't and won't run, but we can give them the same government as we give Cuba. "My country, right or wrong?" Yes, my child; right wrong, too, but if either is wrong my duty is to stay the closer until they are put right in the eve of the world.

are put right in the eyes of the world. Should William J. Bryan be nominated for President, or should the nominee be for Fresident, or should the nominee be a man able to reunite the party? This is a hard one, your honor. McKinley's hasty work, in the first place, in declar-ing war in the Philippines and his lack of firmness afterwards, his drag-along policy, has done quite a little to reunite the Democrats. However, the job is in-complete. If a man can be found who will do the work, I would favor him. A man like Morgan of Alabama, who stayed with the Democrats in 1896, yet leaned to the gold standard, but was never broad-mouthed on the money question, might be a logical candidate if he could be here against an exercise. But More be born again on expansion. But Mor-gan is for expansion, and he is not one of those flexible fellows who can be ad-justed to suit the platform. Bryan, or whoever may be the nomines, should be a man in full accord with the platform that may be formulated at the National convention. H. TAYLOR HILL.

SPEECH BY HERMANN.

Extracts From His Address Before New York Club. At the recent annual dinner of the West Side Republican Club, in New York City, on March 10, Commissioner Hermann was one of the speakers, and followed Govern-or Roosevelt. Subjoined are several ex-tracts from Mr. Hermann's speech:

"When we address ourselves to the young voters of the country-and they hold the balance of power-we perform our duty when we remind them that the most eminent Americans of the last half century were those who followed the teachings and rejoiced in the achievements of

the Republican party,
"We were selling twice as much as we were buying, a test which is as inspiring and as significant in the affairs of a na-tion as in those of an individual. There tion as in those of an individual. There has been found no other instance within the century where the exports of a na-tion have been double its imports. In-deed, I think it may be said that this is a record without a parallel in the annals of the world. Last year our total foreign nerce exceeded two thousand million of dollars in value. We are today the greatest agricultural, the greatest manufacturing and the greatest mining nation on the face of the earth. We are also the richest nation. Three years ago we were a debtor nation; today we are a creditor nation. Three years ago, in the labor cir-cles, it was three men for one job; now

it is three jobs for one man.

"As the result of the Spanish War we are confronted with the troublesome incidents which always follow. Of the va-rious acquisitions, which come to us from Spain, only the Philippine Archipelago seems to have enlisted the sympathy of our political opponents. True to the traditions of the Democratic party, it must oppose every act of the Republican party day, though tomorrow it will approve and indorse, and it will be an exception in its history if it does not insist that it was the only expansionist party at this time. "All of the great additions to our Nation in the past were secured by Demo-

cratic Administrations. Perhaps the highest encomium ever paid to the policy of expansion was that by President Pierce when he said in his first annual message. The United States have continually and gradually and steadily expanded through equisitions of territory which how much so ever some of them may have been stioned, are now universally seen and admitted to have been wise in policy, just in character and a great element in the advancement of our country."

"The Spanish possessions came to us by operation of war. Having been thus acquired, our obligations to humanity, to other nations—to the Filipinos themselves —make it indispensable that we retain control of these possessions. It is not now ies as it is how to meet them. The great Republican party has never avoided a duty in the past, and it will not shrink its responsibility now. It will succeed with these acquisitions and these people as oth-er administrations have succeeded with the various cessions heretofore made. We shall guarantee them a stable govern-ment; we shall give them, in the course of time, the liberties we enjoy and the blessings of a republican form of goveroment. We shall not sail away. shall we haul down the flag hoisted in those far distant lands by the valor and at the sacrifice of the precious lives of our best manhood. In the patriotic words of President McKinley to Admiral Dewey, There was no flaw in your victory-there will be no faltering in maintaining it."

POPULISTS OF UNION,

Central Committee Is Against Fusion -Two Fusion Members Resign. La Grande Observer,

The Populist central committee of Union County met in La Grande the 15th inst. and selected April 9 as the date for holding their county convention at La Grande, and the primaries to be held on March 21. (The eratic convention is to be held April

The question of taking steps toward folwing in the line of the state central cor mittee, towards securing union with the Democrats, was one of the principal fea-tures of the meeting. Those who champloned the union side were Senator Justus Wade and J. T. Woodel, of Alicel. They set forth the facts that it was not possible for a straight middle-of-the-road Populist ticket to be elected; that it is plain to be seen that Mr. Bryan will again be the nominee of the two parties, and the only way to succeed in getting men elected whe will legislate Populist principles is to place the party in shape for a satisfactory unlop. Mr. Logsdon, while a strong unionist two

years ago, expressed himself as being thoroughly disgusted with the treatment received at the hands of the Democrata, and stated that he favored placing a straight ticket in the field. Karl Stackland, always a strong middle-of-the-coader, is still there, as were also

Mr. C. D. Huffman and others. The test vote came upon a motion to set the date and place of holding the convention the same dates as selected by the Democrats. The motion was lost. After calling the meeting to order, Coun-

ty Chairman G. H. Currey tendered his resignation, and W. T. Grider was chosen A. V. Oliver, who had faithfully per-formed the duties of secretary, tendered

his resignation, and C. Logsdon was elect-Justus Wade resigned as committeemas of the Summerville precinct, and J. T. Woodel as committeeman of Alicel.

MOODY AND MCCAMANT.

Latter Approves the Former's Vote

on the Puerto Rico Bill. The Times-Mountaineer, of The Dalles, recently published a statement that Representative Moody would find Wallace Mc-Camant, of Multnomah, opposing him for the Congressional nomination, and inti-mating that Moody's course on the Puesto Rican bill would be made the excuse for antagonism to him. The article brought the following letter from Mr. McCamant,

under date of March 19:
"I am not, have not been and will not be a candidate for this nomination nor do I think that there is or will be rivalry between Portland and Eastern Oregon on the subject. I am of the opin-ion that the Multnomah delegation will be unanimously in favor of Mr. Moody's re-

"Perhaps I may be permitted to add

question alone and it will adjust itself and to it property, as it has done for a period of the property, as it has done for a period of the property, as it has done for a period of the property, as it has done for a period of the interest of Judge Hamfiton." The falls, S. D., May 9; the Middle-of-the flat measure, and have written him a letter of the property and is not a candidate.

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THE WAR OF POLITICS. ent on Partisanship From In-

dependent Standpoint. Grant's Pass Courier. The war of politics is now about to be-gin, and from now till after the Presiden-tial election the country will be credited with more aliments than the dictionary furnishes names for them. Each aliment will have a dozen or more remedies, which will be prescribed for by the various po-litical physicians, and if the country could only take the whole dose at once it would have need for no further prescriptions in this world. Every measure which has been brought forward in the past 20 years will be overhauled and shown to be both boon and calamity by the educators of the various political faths. This is the etiquette of politics; To ally yourself with one or another of the "parties"; to subetiquette of politics: To ally yourself with one or another of the "parties"; to submerge yourself and become part of the "Sixth District Republican voters by Judge" stronger and more active in the county than it is this year. Perfect harmony prevails, and I don't think the Republican voters by Judge of the stronger and more active in the county than it is this year.

INTERPRETED TO MEAN DEFEAT

In Clatsop C. J. Curtis Has Troubles -McCamant Indorses Moody's Vote on Puerto Rican Bill.

Today, says the Pendleton East Oregonian of March 21, the first real battle of the Republican campaign has been in progress. Although there have not been many open expressions indicative of con-tention between factions, any one who has

OF TAYLOR AND LOWELL.

Roseburg Review says Judge Hamilton denies the report, and is not a candidate. A Pendleton dispatch says that "a carefully prepared report shows the voting population of the city to be 70 per cent

Republican.
The Supreme Court of Missouri decides that the Nesbit law is not special legis-lation. It is a matter that may receive Congressional attention after the next

The Douglas County delegation to the Republican state convention will probably present to the convention the name of Judge J. C. Fullerton, of Roseburg, as a

candidate for Presidential elector.
"The Republican party is steadily gaining ground in Harney County," says the Burns News, "and the great strength shown at the primaries in the different precincts is evidence of party success.

Chairman Livermore, of the Republi-can Central Committee of Umatilla Coun-ty, says that "Republicanism was never

DANGEROUSLY NEAR AN ABYSS.

all your days.

A man does not have to be a Republican, belong to no party. A man is privileged to try to discern whatever good there is in any measure or principle, whatever party in the possessions. It is not now much how to escape our responsibilities as it is how to meet them. The great spublican party has never avoided a duty the past, and it will not shrink its. election, tariff and gold standard cut little figure, reason how you may. Vote for the man. For legislators, of course, the political principle must be considered. It is not the best way to vote for or against any measure because any party advocates or opposes it. It should be considered ac-cording to its merits and without preju-No political party is perfect, and it is foolish to make any appear so. The movement is toward independent thought, which is a good sign. Principle should be of more importance than party.

Abandoning the Initiative. Coquille Herald (Pop.).

The Populists will not conduct their precinct primaries as formerly, on the nitiative plan, but in convention. precinct county committee member is supposed to preside, or in his absence of reference a chairman can be chosen, a secretary appointed, and the usual convention proceedings had of choosing dele gates to County Convention, and, if desired, instructing same as to preferences for county candidates. The precinct convention will also select candidates for Road Supervisors and their usual precinct or district officers.

Yarn on a Salem Politician.

Capital Journal. There has been so much inquiry for the Tom Bruce calf story that the Journal will have to tell it. One Sunday morning, soon after Tom was elected a Baptist deaon, he got all dressed up to go to church before feeding a fine sucking calf he was raising. The calf bucked its head into the pail of milk and nearly rulned Tom's suit of Sunday best. It was then his political enemies say he exclaimed: "If it wasn't for the love of God spread about in my heart, I'd smash your d-d head off."

Indianapolis Journal. Ex-Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, has repudiated the assumption that he will carry his opposition to expansion so far as to vote for Mr. Bryan. In the ex-Senator's estimation Mr. Bryan stands for so many things that are antagonistic to' sound Republicanism that he to trust his own party in spite of its advocacy of expansion. It is probable that Mr. Edmunds represents nine-tenths of the Republicans who do not favor the acquisition of the Philippines.

Precept vs. Practice in Lane County.

Florence West. The People's party has been for years past advocating direct legislation, and has made that one of the prominent articles of its political faith. But when the County Central Committee of that party selects the delegates to the State Convention, instead of leaving this to the County Convention, as is nearly always done by the other parties, it looks to a man up a tree very much as if its pre-cepts are directly at variance with its

Hanna's Primacy in Danger, Roseburg Democrat.

Senator Simon is reported in the dis-patches as taking the most advanced grounds of any Republican Senator on the Puerto Rico question. If little Joe still retains his political cunning he will be bossing Mark Hanna around before the end of the present session of Congress.

The Eligible Contemporary.

Chicago Times-Herald. It is provided that no man shall have his name placed in New York's Temple of Fame until after he shall have been dead at least 10 years. This makes David B. not be the issue this year. Let the money that, so far from criticising Mr. Moody for Hill our only eligible contemporary.

great machine; to swear by your "party"
and to believe it infallible at all times; to
cease your independent thought and let
your party leaders do your thinking for
you. Do all this and experience boss rule

Lowell last week was the best criterion cans will have any trouble whatever in
by which to judge the trend of events.
So soon as the letter appeared, it became than ever before and new recruits are belowell contest waging, and that the prirecruits are severy day." maries and county convention would cen-ter around that issue as the one para-The Democratic County Central Com-mittee of Yamhill County has fixed Sat-

> the head and front of the anti-Lowell element is W. J. Furnish, who, with some other strong Republicans about him, has organized the battle. That Mr. Furnish commands the forces is conceded.

The Republican primaries today have, therefore, been intensely interesting, not only to Republicans, but as well to Democrats. For it has been a struggle to conthe machinery of the party in this county.

POLITICAL NOTES.

A Variety of Items From Many Parts of Oregon.

Arlington Democrats have started a club with 72 members. Sylvester Pennoyer is left off the big ommittee to welcome Bryan. B. B. Colbath seems likely to be the

Democratic nominee for Sheriff of Marion Columbia County Republicans will hold primaries March 31 and convention

April 9. Gilliam County Populists will hold pri-maries March 29 and their convention two

Washington County fusionists have set their primaries for March 31, and convention on April 7.

The Jefferson Review says Colonel Bryan's popularity is "not so great as at the time of his former visit." There is a hard fight on in Washington

County among Republicans for the Sher-iff's nomination. Five aspirants are hard The Republicans of Lane County are

said to be well organized this year. But the Fusionists expect to win in June, nevertheless. The foreman of the Eugene Guard, a mocratic paper, is prominently men-ned for Assessor by the Republicans of

Lane County.

There were men who said Mr. Seward was trying to destroy the country by the rchase of Alaska, but they have long been forgotten. The Republican paper at The Dalles has this dispatch from Pendleton, Umatil-la County: "Primaries all O. K. A Moody

delegation assured." Gold Democrats make no announcements of conventions or calls by primaries in Oregon, and are evidently aligning themselves with other parties.

T. L. Davidson is talked of by Marion County Democrats for County Judge. He held the office for one year by appointment of Governor Pennoyer. Kentucky held its first election under

the Goebel law last November, and has been threatened with civil war ever since. The cloud today is as dark as ever. Walla Walla Democrats are making big preparations to receive Bryan, but are undecided whether to have him speak in teh open air or at the Opera-House, Colonel Bryan's visit serves one pur-pose-brings to light a "Silver Republican" on the welcoming committee. It had been feared there was none left in the

state. The names of Mayor Davis, of Union, O. W. Williams, of La Grande, and A. J. Goodbrood, of Union, are mentioned for the Republican nomination of Representa-

The Elgin Recorder says that "Senator Simon, of Oregon, takes a proper view of the Puerto Rican tariff measure, in oppos-ing the levy of any tariff on the products

be the Democratic candidate for Congress in this district against Hon. Thomas

H. Tongue, and that the advant of The Republican National Control of the Congress of the Congre H. Tongue, and that the advent of Bryan | will meet in Philadelphia June 19; the Post is itself.

names, 9 to be chosen; in precinct 3, 9 names, 4 to be chosen. The Polk County Central Committee the "People's Free Silver Republican Democratic Party" was called together the 17th by the chairman at Dallas. The time for the holding of the county conven-

tion was set for April 16. The town of Dufur, in Wasco County, was a redhot center of the free-silver mania four years ago. Today, according to the raport of one who knows every man in the precinct, two only are sus-

pected of clinging to the fallacy. The Hillsboro Argus makes a suggestion as follows: "Mr. Corbett says that the \$115 he paid to Dr. Driver has not to his knowledge been paid back to any person. Perhaps the old gentleman placed the 'dough' in some missionary fund."

A. Noltner, editor of the Portland Week-ly Dispatch, and an old-line Democrat, who refuses to fuse with Populists and other disgruntled politicians, does not fa-vor the nomination of Colonel William J. Bryan by the Democratic National Con-

Delegates to the Republican State Convention from Harney County are I. S. Geer, Grant Thompson and C. Cummins. The chairman of the County Central Com-mittee is Charles Newell; secretary, W. A.

Robertson. A Hillsboro paper thinks that since the Mitchell-Corbett controversy has appeared in The Oregonian, Governor Geer will perhaps revise that Eastern-sent dispatch which assured Easterners that money had never been spent in Oregon Senatorial

Bryanites at Tacoma are enjoying such good times and are so flush of mone that they propose to erect, before April 3 a wigwam to seat 15,000, and expect it to be crowded when the unscarred Colonel visits that city, with his story of calamity

The Democratic paper at The Dalles makes a prediction that the nominees of its political faith "will serve Wasco Coun-ty the next two years." Any one who

cares to test the value of the prophecy should watch the returns from Wasco County the morning of June 5. The Tillamook Herald makes complaint cause Judge Boise has "not held court in that county at the time appointed by It acknowledges that the trip across the mountains to Tillamook is very hard on an aged man, and wants him to

resign, so a younger judge may be appointed. giving to the port a turkey-gobbier appointed. pointed. The effect of Colonel Bryan's visit is thus forecast by an editor at Eugene, who supported the fusion of 1896: "He will visit Oregon, saturate the state with florid oratory and in June we will roll up an-other big Republican majority, with some

A telegram from Washington to the Eugene Guard reports that "Government officials receiving appointment from Ore-gon will be assessed for the purpose of assisting in the Republican campaign in that state. In Marion County it is a question

to spare.

whether the Prohibitionists cast enough votes at the last election to entitle them to a place this year on the Australian ballot. But two nominees of the party re-ceived 3 per cent of the total vote, and they may have to resort to petition to get on the ballot.

The Tillamook Headlight "wonders if there are any popocrats left at South Prairie? Surely, when the last returns of the cheese factory in that district gives dairymen 30 cents per pound for butter fat, calamity-howlers must feel like

Road Populists will meet in Cincinnati on the same day; the prohibitionists in Chi-

cago, June 77; and the Democratic Na-tional Convention in Kansas City, July 4, Judge Stephen A. Lowell's candidacy for Senator brings this comment from one of his county papers, the Milton Eagle "Mr. Lowell is a man of fine ability and incorruptible integrity, and would be a credit to the state as its Representative in Congress, but from the policy outlined in his statement it is extremely improbable that he could be elected,

During the debate in the Senate on the Puerto Rican bill, Senator Tillman said: "I'm always willing to trust William Mc-Kinley, but it's his bad and wicked partners that I'm afraid of. He is a patriotic and noble man, although just now he may be carried off his feet by the dream of appearing in history alongside of Jefferson and others who added largely to our territory."

Democratic primaries in Union County are to be held March 31, and the conver tion a week later. The call of the central committee "invites all voters opposed to the national policies of the Republican party, as exemplified by the McKinley administration upon the question of imperiallsm, trusts and finance, to participate with the Democrats in said primaries and conventions."

County Recorder Maloney, of Umatilla, tells a Pendleton paper that at Athena there is great interest in political matters. He reports that Athena has a candidate for every office in the county, with the ex-ception of Coroner, and they are all Republicans with one exception. According to all statements, it would seem that this season's crop of candidates will lay the wheat crop in the shade.

Up at Pendleton, invitations to citizens to participate in the welcome to Colonel Bryan declare him to be "that Colonel Bryan declare him to be "that most eminent American—the peerless orator, matchless statesman and fearless champion of the people." The intensive style of the invitation indicates that Representative Stillman has been wielding the epistolary pencil. His frequent speeches in the last Legislature contained mathing, more ferrid. nothing more fervid.

A Democrat, writing to the Roseburg Review, says: "We can elect the entire union ticket easily in Douglas County, but should put out strong, clean men, especially as candidates for the Legisla-ture. There is a United States Senator to elect next winter, and we want him to be a man without a boss; an anti-trust, anti-tory, anti-imperialism, anti-murder, anti-boodler, etc., and old Douglas must send a full union delegation to the next fixing of dates for primaries and county

J. H. McCoad, Nat Cooper, C. F. Hyde, Sam White, C. M. Donaldson, J. H. Robbins, W. H. Gleason, A. J. Jones, J. E. McKinnon and Asa L. Brown. Saturday, March 31, was fixed as the date for holding the primaries, and April 7 the date of holding the county convention.

Representative Tongue writes as fol-

lows to one of his constituents, W. C. King, of Landlake: "In reference to the Grout bill, permit me to say that I know something about the dairy business myself, having more or less interest in it. For this reason, I am thoroughly in aceverything I can to secure its passage. I have no objection to people making 'bull' butter and to other people eating it if they want to, but I decidedly object to the maker of 'bull' butter imposing it upon other people under the pretense or appearance of the genuine article."

An Eastern Oregon paper of Democratde faith, forgetful that its party creed is despair and calamity, mixes up its anincement of Bryan's date with eulogies of Pendleton's progress. Following is part of its announcement: "It is expected that many persons will come to Walla Walla from Waltsburg, Dayton and other towns, and that an immense crowd will be in the city on the day of Bryan's visit. One cannot help noticing the new structures which Pendleton people are building. The town appears to have a very substantial country surrounding it, and to be growing to meet the increased demands of its business and commerce."

In his latest weekly letter Henry Clews bonds should be christened United States consols, especially as they make so favorable a comparison with the English con sols, which bear 2% per cent interest are selling at 100%, whereas the United States consols are 2 per cent and are now selling at 107 before issued, and are now in considerable demand at that price There can be no better barometer of the high credit of this nation than this showing. No other nation has ever been able to float a 2 per cent bond at 100. This is certainly a proud achievement

for this country.' Senator McBride may be beaten in Multomah, Marion, Umatilla and the big counties of the state, but apparently he is strong in one county, if the following, from the Wallowa News, is to be credited: "The Ellis-McBride-Mitchell faction, which has no standing politically in any other portion of Oregon, succeeded, by the means of voting proxies, at the last central committee meeting in this county, n running things pretty much to suit hemselves. There may be a day of reckoning before long in Wallowa County. The importance of Wallowa to the senio Sanator may be understood when it is stated that Wallowa has half a Repre-sentative and half a Senator in the Legislature, who are usually Populists.

A Celebrated Case.

Roseburg Oracle. W. J. Bryan, quite a prominent attor-ney, of Lincoln, Neb., will visit Roseburg friends about April 5. Once upon a time Mr. Bryan was involved in a civil action to gain possession of a certain white house, one William McKinley being defendant in the case. Plaintiff pleaded his own cause, during the process of which he said, "All is not gold that glitters," and "Cross is the head that wears a crown of thorns," which gave him quite reputation as a soothsayer, though the verdict was for defendant.

Tacoma's Turkey-Gobbler Strut.

Harney Valley Times, Oregon's Senators, Simon and McBrid-have been called upon to bring under the sharpest spectacles a fake which is dis-turbing Portland. Tacoma has been in the wicked habit of sending out circulars giving misleading statistics of the shipping and customs business of that port, in one circular the small craft that ply regularly between that city and Victoria being registered as vessels from foreign ports, thus

"That Is the Whole Story."

Salem Independent. Senator Mitchell in a long article in The Sunday Oregonian accuses ex-Senator Cor-bett of influencing the 1896 Legislature to prevent the former's election. Senator Mitchell tried to ride both the white horse and the claybank mare at the same time. One was for silver, the other for gold. He fell down between them. That is the whole story.

New York Sun. According to Dr. David Starr Jordan, President of the Leland Stanford Univer-sity, "expansion is poor policy." Thus does Dr. Jordan quarrel with American history and object to the policy but for which there would be no California in the

Helping a Distracted Contemporary. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The New York Evening Post equally ondemns McKinley and Bryan, and exclaims: "Give us a man to vote for." Well, there's Debs. He is as much op-

"UNION" IS NOW "CONSOLIDATION OF FORCES" IN BENTON.

Political Notes and News Gathered From All Portions of the State of Oregon.

A consolidation of forces by the Democrats and Populists of Benton County in the coming campaign has been arranged. This determination was reached at a conference of the county central committees of the two parties held in the Courthouse just Saturday. Under the arrangement, each party will elect a separate set of delegates, and the total number of delegates selected by each will be the same. All these delegates, both Democratic and Pop-ulist, will meet in a single county convention, and the ticket nominated by this convention will be the ticket of both par-

ties, says the Corvailis Times.

The question of the number or the character of the offices either party was to have was not discussed. Such a parceling, the committee decided, put consolidation on a mercenary basis, and it was deemed better to avoid that method. Ac-cordingly, the whole question of what the political affiliations of the candidates should be was left to the exigencies of the convention. For any given office the candidate chosen will necessarily be the man who can secure the largest number of votes. At first the Democrats demurred to the idea of a convention in which the other party would have an equal number of delegates, and consequently equal power, considering that the voting strength of the Democrats in the county largely outnumbered the Populists. The Populists admitted that they were in the minority, but suggested that unless they had equal representation with the Democrats in the convention, the Democrats might at any time totally disfranchise them by resort to partisan division. The Populista said that as long as the voting strength in the conven-tion was equal, no Populist could be nominated without Democratic support and that hence there was no danger of the Populists hogging matters.

It only took about 15 minutes for the conference committees to agree, and their agreement was promptly ratified in the The Democratic Central Committee of was named, and the county convention Baker County has selected the following was set for April 10. The plan of consol-Democrats as delegates to attend the State and Congressional Convention to be hair-splitting division of the offices. It

CURTIS OF CLATSOP.

Will Seek Nomination by a Citizens' Convention.

Daily Astorian, March 2L C. J. Curtis announces that he has deided to withdraw as a candidate for the nomination for Representative in the State Legislature before the Republican County Convention, Mr. Curtis declared that he was convinced that, in spite of many previous assurances to the contrary, he had been "thrown down" by the members of the County Central Committee, who had elected men for delegates who would un doubtedly support Johan Young and John

"I can see the slate through and through," said Mr. Curtis, "and I wager I can name the nominees of the next Republican County Convention to a man. They're going to start in by throwing Wherity down for County Clerk and nominate Deputy Sheriff Pruel in his stead. Naturally, Wherity is en-titled to a recomination, as he has served only one term. As to Pruel, the only objection I have heard raised against him is that he has already held office for il years. The ticket, from Clerk down, will be about this way: Linville for Sheriff. Thompson for Treasurer, Carnahan for Assessor and Lewis for Commissioner-all

Mr. Curtis stated that it was his inten tion to go before the Citizens' County Convention for nomination as Representative. "They are going to put up a ficket com-posed of both Republicans and Democrats," said Mr. Curtis, "and will make a

good, hard fight." Astorian, March 22.

Publication of C. J. Curits' withdrawal from the Legislative fight before the Republican county convention, caused somewhat of a flutter in Clatsop's political circles. It likewise brought out an expres-sion or two or three to the effect that Curtis is no political angel and that if he doesn't wish to stay in the Republican party, no one is going to swell the Columbia with tears over the consequence. Indeed, some of the local Republicans, some of those whom Mr. Curtis asserts have "thrown 'im down," are giving some very lucid reasons for extending to him the marble heart. One of them, whose name is withheld from publication but which will be promptly revealed to interested parties upon calling at this office, said yesterday that the opposition to Mr. Cur-tis was not due to any "push" arrange-ment, but was fully premeditated by the rank and file of the party; that Mr. Curtis' record in the Legislature had been anything but complimentary to himself

constituents.

Fulton Spenks at Astoria. The Young Men's Republican Club of Astoria is a flourishing organization. At its last meeting Hon. C. W. Fulton was the principal speaker, and was given a hearty vote of thanks. Of his address the

or his party and of positive injury to his

Astorian says:

"Mr. Fulton's speech of 39 minutes' duration was repeatedly interrupted by vociferous applause. He dweit at length upon the history of the Republican party, its remarkable and meritorious record, its brilliant achievements, and the sublime that the American people have and al-Astorian says: faith the American people have and always will have in its honor and integrity. He demonstrated the grand principles of protection in a clear and forcible manner, and appealed to every young man starting out upon his career to enlist in the ranks of a party whose policy would at all times materially better his condition, and not prove an obstruction, as others have done, in the pathway of progress and civilization. Mr. Fulton made reference to the commanding position the Pacific Coast has assumed in the country's rapidly increasing fraging leading and position. of a party whose policy would at all times creasing Oriental traffic, and particularzed on our commercial relations with our newly acquired territory. He pointed with pride to the fact that this new trade hannel-has been opened up for our own ment by the progressive policy the Republican party is maintaining."

Populists of Harney.

The meeting in Burns of the Populist Central Committee on the 16th looked so thin and mournful that Chairman C. P. Rutherford and Secretary James Dalton resigned, their offices being turned over A. J. Johnson and E. L. Beede, of Drewsey. No business, no recommenda-tion for action, present or future—nothing for the reporter, who put up his note book and withdrew very solemnly, too tired to draw a moral from the slim at-tendance, but sustained by the reflection

that it wasn't his funeral. Why the Government Is Cursed,

Roseburg Oracle. Creamery butter is always worth from 25 to 50 cents per pound, and not a cream-ery in this county; flax is worth \$1 25, and we have none to sell; wheat is 50 cents a bushel, and we grow hundreds of acres of it; prune prices are a little uncertain, and the county is full of them. No wonder a good many of our people persist in posed to everything in general as the cursing the Government.