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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican State Convention for the State of Oregon will be held at the city of Albany on THURSDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for member of Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. J. G. Wilson, and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed proper.

The several counties will be entitled to delegates in such Convention as follows: Benton 5, Linn 8, Baker 2, Marion 12, Clackamas 5, Multnomah 15, Columbia 1, Polk 4, Clatsop 2, Tillamook 4, Curry 1, Umatilla 3, Crook 3, Union 3, Douglas 6, Wasco 3, Grant 2, Washington 4, Jackson 4, Yamhill 5, Josephine 1, Lane 7, Total 97.

The Committee recommend that the several counties hold their primary elections on SATURDAY, AUGUST 23d, and their County Conventions on SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th, for selecting delegates to the State Convention.

C. W. PARRISH, Chairman Republican State Central Com. B. W. WILSON, Secretary.

Republican County Convention.

In accordance with the above call, the Republican voters of the different precincts in Linn county will meet in convention on Saturday, August 23d, and elect delegates to attend the County Convention, which will convene in this city on Saturday, August 30th. The several precincts will be entitled to delegates in the County Convention as follows:

Albany 10, Lebanon 3, Santiam 1, Harrisburg 4, Selo 2, Brownsville 5, Halsey 5, Waterloo 1, Center 1, Franklin Butte 1, Orleans 2, Brush Creek 1, Symeuse 1, Sweet Home 1, Total 37.

By order of County Central Committee.

Our Helping Neighbor.

The Albany Democrat gives an exhibition of assumption in last week's issue, which the Salem Mercury can regard as prompted by no higher motive than that of ignorant vanity. Its egotism prompts it to essay to defend the latter journal from our home thrusts; and a hotch-potch mess it makes, truly! If the Mercury is not as blunt in perception as it is inconsistent in political sentiment, this volunteer effusion of our neighbor must fill it with pungent chagrin. Our article, headed "A Crime is a Crime," was designed to show the inconsistency of the Salem journal in asking amnesty for unrepenting rebels, and refusing to grant it to our repentant Senator—practically taking the position that crime in a rebel is a different thing from crime in a Republican. In presenting the case, we alluded to the fact that perjury, theft and murder were committed by leading rebels; that in the person of Jeff. Davis, alone, far greater crimes had been committed than can be proven against our Senator, and yet that journal would have Davis forgiven. These were illustrations used by us to establish the inconsistency and injustice of that journal. Now, what is the argument, this egotistical neighbor journal of ours sets up, as an answer? Why, it devotes a whole column to show that Republicans have committed crimes as well as Democrats; and instances the Hodge de'aleation (forgetting by the way, that Hodge was a Democrat), and some others, to prove it. It loses sight entirely of the principle we were elucidating, and rushes its whole length, goat fashion, butt against our illustrations, like one regarding the scaffolding of a building as of more importance than the structure itself. But even its arguments here are ridiculous. "Well, neighbor," says this journal, speaking relative to the thievery of a

Floyd, "was Mr. Floyd shown to have appropriated public funds to his own use—and if so, how much? Isn't that a brilliant idea? A man must be shown to appropriate public funds to "his own use," while he steals, or our neighbor would have us infer, he is not a thief. The amount, too, must be named. That may suit the claims of Democratic integrity, but not Republican. A man who steals is a thief, no matter as to the size of the amount, or what he does with it. Put, let us show still farther how glaringly ridiculous the positions of this journal are. Relative to Senator Mitchell, in another editorial of the same paper it says, in substance, that because he (Mitchell) did not openly deny the charge of bigamy, which such reckless journals as the Democrat alleged him to be guilty of, that, therefore, the charge was true, his silence being an acknowledgment of his guilt. Apply this principle to Floyd and the rest of the thieves of Buchanan's cabinet. Did they ever deny having stolen public property and moneys, and have they denied appropriating them to their own use? If they have not, this theory pronounces them guilty. We give this as a sample of the logic of the Democrat. The true point at issue in the article it overlooks, and runs off, as we have intimated above, into the discussion of an irrelevant issue. We say again: If the Mercury and Democrat can extend amnesty to oath-breaking, thieving, murdering rebels and Ku Klux, why not to one whose moral delinquencies, reaching none of these crimes, were committed in the past, and for which he has sought ever since to atone?

Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Central Committee met at Eugene City on Thursday evening of last week. Earnestness and harmony characterized the brief meeting. It was agreed to hold a State Convention in our city (Albany) on the 11th of next September, and a call to that effect was issued. Precinct elections are recommended to be held August 23d, and County Conventions August 30th, for electing Delegates to the State Convention. Let Republicans in the different precincts of Linn take note of these times, and act accordingly. Let men be selected for Delegates who will attend the Conventions. Let intelligence, promptness and earnestness, commensurate with the importance of the nomination to be made, guide in the performance of this work. Our political enemies sneeringly tell us we have lost our enthusiasm and are weak. Let us show them, as the State Convention has already done, that intelligent zeal and unity of purpose still individualize and guide the Republicans of Oregon, as they do those of the entire country.

The Salem Mercury calls us "the Rev. Boyakin, of the REGISTER." We don't know what that means, as we never had any acquaintance with any of the congenial friends of that journal; but judging from the spirit exhibited in that journal, we should suppose him pretty nearly, if not quite diabolically inspired. If we were disposed to retaliate on that journal for calling us names, we would hit it to a dot by calling it the Old Brimstone Splutterer, of the Mercury; but we don't like to call names; they don't prove anything.

Small Pox at Portland.

The late fire at Portland brought out the existence of several small pox in that city. It is from this that, actuated by reasons, or some others, the policy of the authorities there has been to cover up the fact of the existence of that loathsome disease from the outside world. At least, it was only a short time ago that journals of that city noted the existence of the last case, and gave assurances that no danger of its further spread need be apprehended. But even now those journals are silent as to its present existence. No voice of warning have they as yet (August 12th) lifted up. Such procedure is wrong, not only in the evil it brings both upon a trusting outside world, and those kept in the dark at home, but it thwarts, or will thwart, the very purpose for which it was intended—to save the business of the city from interruption. The authorities of Portland are under moral obligation to let the home and outside world know of the existence of any contagion or contagions which may be among them. Anything short of that can be no less than criminal.

Here is an intended hit at Mitchell:

The plea of insanity having become a little odious from too frequent use and from rather strained application, it is proposed that very hard and notorious rascals shall, when arraigned for trial, offer in its stead the plea that they were "in a perturbed state of mind" when they committed the crime charged.—Salem Mercury.

It would be superfluous for the multitude of offenders in the Democratic party against morals and law, to offer the plea of insanity as a palliation for their crimes. No sensible jury in the world, after examining the foolish course which has been the habit of that party for many years, could bring in a verdict of sanity in favor even of the brightest lights in the party, much less its criminals. Neither will a verdict of "In a perturbed state of mind" fit them, but,—and a rotten state of the heart," would have to be added, in order to describe the average criminal Democrat.

The Oregonian has an article headed with this interrogatory: Are all public men dishonest and corrupt?

In reply we would suggest, that, so far as Congress is concerned, a proper answer to this question depends upon a solution of this problem, namely: whether it is allowable for Congress to pass an act, and the President to approve it, making stealing lawful, and then for all hands to steal under the sanction of the law.—Salem Mercury.

And this: Do not the Democrats of Oregon become moral supporters of such steals by urging the claims just now of two of the takers of them for Congress—and the Mercury, too, by holding itself in readiness to advocate the claims of either? But maybe that journal is getting "perturbed."

It is reported that Ex-Senator Nesmith is unusually fond of the farmers now, even wearing hay seed in his locks. He sees that increased salary from afar, by their votes he would bring it nigh.

In the place of Dr. J. A. Chapman, resigned, Eugene Semple has been appointed Democratic Committeeman for Multnomah county.

Ben Butler.

To our notion, Ben Butler, "cock-eyed" Ben, or "silver-spoon" Ben, or whatever name his enemies may choose to designate him, in point of intellect and shrewd, never-catch-a-sleep wit, is about as near chained lightning as any public man living. He knows the ways and tricks of unprincipled men so well, that when he gets tired of their attacks upon himself, he thrusts his knowing pen at them a few times and their hypocrisy sheds out layer by layer like peelings from onions. In this vein he has lately published a pamphlet on back pay, in which he is said to show that the representatives of such New York journals as the Tribune, Times, Sun, and others that have been abusing him on account of his taking back pay, were clerks of House Committees, or those who lobbied for back pay and took their share. It is said that the manner in which he picks them up with his caustic pen, is lively even for him.

Democrats are now considerably perplexed in making up their Congressional slates. If they would just turn it over to one Slater their bother would cease, though the figuring would be in favor of taking the salary steal.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Cortes of Spain has abolished the executive right to pardon.

Moderate Federalists of the Spanish Cortes are in favor of converting the present provinces into States.

The commanders of the German naval forces in Spanish waters have received fresh instructions from Berlin not to surrender insurgent Spanish men-of-war captured by them.

Many strangers are represented as leaving Vienna, and the number of visitors to the Exposition decreases daily.

The office of Master of Rolls, Eng., has been offered to Sir John, Duke of Cambridge, and declined.

Paris has had no cholera so far this year.

A Vienna paper reports that Count De Chambord has accepted the throne of France, a formal tender of which having been recently made to him by a deputation of Legitimists.

The payment of the third quarter of the last milliard of the War Indemnity was completed in Paris on the 5th inst.

Cholera has entirely disappeared from Vienna.

Four thousand Carlists were marching on Berga on the 9th.

Valencia had unconditionally surrendered, and General Compas occupied it on the 8th.

The Pope's allocution denouncing the recent law enacted by the Italian Parliament for the disposal of Church property, says that what they have done or will do, is worthless, null and void, and that they have incurred major ex-communication and other censures, and that they are in danger of eternal damnation.

The officer of Master of Rolls for England has been accepted by Sir George Jessel.

A desperate fight took place on the 11th inst. on Currough of Kildare between two Irish regiments. Several were killed and many severely wounded.

A squadron of Austrian war vessels has been ordered to Spain.

And now we are told that both the Democratic Committee and Democratic Convention of San Francisco have been "bought up." Nice party! Excellent prospect for "reform" under them!

A large fire was raging in Portland, Maine, on the 9th.

EASTERN NEWS.

Near Brighton Station, Tenn., on Saturday before last, three white fiends poured turpentine over a negro whom they found asleep, and then set fire to it, burning him to death. It created intense excitement among the negroes in the neighborhood.

Florence Matton and Charles J. Beebe were drowned on the afternoon of the 9th, while sailing in Cazenovia lake, N. Y.

The following Executive order has been issued:

"The Civil Service Board, at its session at Washington which terminated June 4, 1873, recommended certain further rules to be presented by the President for the government of the civil service. These rules, as published, are approved and their provisions will be enforced as rapidly as the arrangements can be made. (Signed.)

U. S. GRANT. By the President, HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State."

A full report of the special commission on abuses in the U. S. Branch of the Vienna Exposition, has been received at Washington. The conclusions are not complimentary to Van Buren and others.

Gen. Henry M. Whittlesey, for a long time on Gen. Howard's staff, died on the 8th.

Election on Constitutional amendments and for township officers took place in North Carolina on the 7th. The amendments were thought to be adopted.

Cholera reappeared in Chattanooga on the 7th. It was confined to colored people, their eating unripe fruit and melons being the cause of it.

Fourteen German beer sellers were arraigned in Worcester on the 7th, most of them for the third time. Six were fined each \$100 and costs and sentenced to the house of correction for six months, and ordered to find \$1,000 bail not to violate the law for one year. They all appealed and gave the bail required.

The Cubans of New York City are preparing another expedition to land arms and ammunition on Cuban soil by the steamer Virginius. Reported the largest one yet attempted.

A fight in Scott county, Va., on the 8th, between a small force of revenue officers and a gang of illicit distillers, resulted in the killing of Assistant Marshal Wilcox by John a Vanguard, who had previously surrendered, but was rescued by his friends.

The contract of building two new iron ships of war has been awarded to John Roach & Co., of New York, at \$290,000 each.

The steamer Wanasset, running on the Potomac river between Washington and Curryman, took fire on the 8th at Chattalon Point, and was destroyed. Out of 150 passengers, some twenty lives were lost. At the time the fire broke out a boat was being unshipped for the purpose of landing at the Point, there being no wharf. The passengers made a rush for the boat and crowded it full, causing it to precipitate them into the river. Others were forced by the flames to jump overboard. Life preservers were thrown to them by the crew. The people on shore did all they could to save life.

Charles Jones was hanged at Newbern, N. C., on the 8th inst., for the murder of Robert Miller, a constable, who, with two others, on February 1, 1872, was conveying Jones to prison on the charge of larceny. Jones was over 80 years of age.

Thos. Woodson of Missouri, hearing that William Barlow, of Nebraska, was on his way to kill him, armed himself and secreting himself in ambush by the roadside near his house, a short distance from Percival Station, Iowa, and as his intended assassin approached fired and killed him.

The extensive rope works of Sewell, Day & Co., in Roxbury, Mass., were burning on the 11th.