

THE OFFICIAL PAPER FOR OREGON

LINN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For State Senators, W. R. BILYEU, J. H. SMITH.

For Representatives, J. P. SCHOOLING, JOS. HAMILTON, C. H. HERWITT, JACOB WHEELER, F. C. HANSARD, JACOB NEWMAN.

For County Clerk, JAS. L. COWAN.

For Sheriff, L. C. DICKEY.

For Treasurer, PHILIP GRIGSBY.

For Assessor, Z. R. MOSS.

For School Superintendent, L. N. LIGGETT.

For Surveyor, H. BRYANT.

For Coroner, R. JACOBS.

OUR TICKET.

It is with special pride that we announce the result of the Linn County Democratic Convention, and run up at our mast-head the ticket nominated.

The candidates selected are all good men—representative Democrats of the county, upon whose good name no aspersion can be cast or suspicion rest.

Pure, temperate, upright and popular citizens, they peculiarly fill the grand old Jeffersonian test of honesty and capability, and their nomination cannot fail to receive the full and free endorsement of the whole party of the county.

Some of the candidates have heretofore been honored with public trusts by the people of Linn, and their selection at the present time is the best endorsement of their fitness for office which could possibly have been made.

We will have occasion to allude to each member of the ticket in more particular terms hereafter.

And now we earnestly urge upon every member of the party the necessity of active and unceasing labor in behalf of the whole ticket from now till the election. Don't allow the details of your personal preferences to render you lukewarm in the cause which should be above the claims of all mere offices.

If you had secured your choice you would have had a right to demand the fullest support from your vanquished opponent and his friends. Why not yield the same to them that you would have expected for yourself!

Then let us stand squarely by the whole ticket. Our Republican enemies being numerically weak, and having no hope of success save through dissensions and divisions in our ranks, are ready to devise and adopt any scheme to distract and divide our forces, and will hesitate at no scheme, however reprehensible or dishonorable, to accomplish their purpose.

But we know they will not succeed. Notwithstanding the fact that they are already attempting to sow the seeds of discord and breed discontent and suspicion throughout our ranks, we have an abiding faith in the devotion and loyalty of the Democracy of Linn to the good old cause, and confidently look forward to a sweeping victory for the ticket in June.

Let us move forward in solid column on the enemy's lines, and all will be well.

A. S. L. E. R. E.

A meeting of our citizens was held on last Tuesday evening at the Court House, to determine the feasibility and practicability of building a Narrow Gauge road between Albany and Brownsville, touching at intermediate points.

David Froman was elected to the chair, after which some very appropriate remarks, touching on the benefits of the above road, were made by Messrs. Powell, Dinwiddie, M. V. Brown and Dr. Bayley. The following committee of five was appointed to confer with similar committees from Brownsville and Lebanon:

David Froman, J. K. Weatherford, M. V. Brown, L. C. Rice and Ashby Pierce.

As soon as arrangements can be made a grand mass meeting will be held and a subscription list opened. The meeting was not large, but those present, manifested considerable interest and are ready at any time to set the ball a rolling.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

Hon. J. K. Weatherford, of Linn county, is favorably mentioned as a candidate before the Democratic Convention, which meets next week, for Secretary of State. Mr. Weatherford was Speaker of the House of Representatives at the last session of the Legislature, and made a record in that position of which not only himself but our people are justly proud.

GRAND DEMOCRATIC RATIFICATION.

An enthusiastic gathering of Democrats was held at the Court House last Wednesday evening, for the purpose of ratifying our county nominations. The meeting was presided over by Mart V. Brown, and speeches were made by Messrs. M. V. Brown, J. H. Smith, W. R. Bilyeu, D. P. Mason, T. J. Stites, Jaa. L. Cowan, Jas. R. Herren, I. C. Dickey, Phil. Grigsby, Jason Wheeler, Capt. C. B. Montagne and others.

The court house was crowded and the enthusiasm unbounded. Our candidates for State Senator, Messrs. Smith and Bilyeu, acquitted themselves gallantly and left a most excellent impression on the audience. They fully satisfied the Democracy of their ability to tackle the enemy on the stump, and of their capability and efficiency as members of the law making body of our commonwealth, and their acceptability to the people will be evinced by the rousing majority which they will receive in June.

The other speakers simply "ratified"—especially the defeated candidates. "Dave" Mason was particularly happy in his speech, and when he said that notwithstanding his defeat the nomination of Dickey by his section showed that "The Forks were still on top!"—well, you ought to have seen the house come down.

Hon. T. J. Stites was good-humored and jocular as usual, and demonstrated to the audience that his Democracy was of a type which could stand defeat as well as victory. He earnestly urged the importance of standing by the whole ticket.

Sheriff Herren took his defeat with the equanimity for which he is always noted, and with that broad nobility of soul for which he is noted, begged his friends to stand by his successful competitor.

Messrs. Cowan, Dickey, Grigsby and Wheeler made short but neat speeches, accepting the nomination for the various offices and pledging the utmost fidelity and honesty in the discharge of their duties.

The meeting closed with a unanimous rising vote and three cheers for the whole ticket, and the people dispersed to their homes fully satisfied of the good sense and sound judgment of the Convention, and the certain success of every one of the nominees at the June election.

HURRAH FOR THE TICKET!

THE "TERMINAL" AT WORK.

A DEMOCRATIC OFFICER.—The Democracy of Linn in Convention, today did the most praiseworthy thing in their power by electing J. H. Herren for the office of Sheriff. Mr. Herren has made a faithful and efficient officer, and has won the esteem and confidence of the people to an unusual degree as a public officer ever elected in Linn.

So it seems that the "Barley Straw Fiddler" is already writing letters to itself in the effort to foment discord in the Democratic ranks. The one above quoted, purporting to come from a Democrat, and naming Sheriff Herren on the back, is too thin for anything, and our gallant Democratic friend, Jim Herren, is as much disgusted with it as anybody can be, as he fully understands the animus that prompted it.

There is no doubt but that if he had been re-nominated the Fiddler would have written itself a letter filled with abuse and vituperation against him and equally complimentary of Mr. Dickey, whom it now seeks to assail. Hence Mr. Herren's friends simply look upon the matter as the latest dodge of the bush-whacking enemy, and will treat it with the contempt which it deserves.

WILL IT PAY?

That rattling little sheet, the Brownsville Advertiser, is working up the proposed narrow gauge railroad in an earnest and effective manner. It quotes the following from the Walls Walla Union in regard to the narrow gauge road which runs between that city and Walla:

"The W. W. & C. R. Co. have purchased for their road two new engines of greater power than any now in use by them. They have on the way one fine passenger car and the rolling stock for two more. Besides these, fifty freight cars have been ordered, all of which are now in transit. It is estimated that if the business affairs and the facilities for making it away from Walla are improved, so as to meet this want, that the railroad company can transport as much as 100 tons daily to Walla."

In commenting on the above paragraph the Advertiser says: "When this road was first thought of it was argued by many that freight could be handled cheaper by horse and cart than by rail, and that a R. R. would not pay, etc., but experience has proved that freight is all reasonable, and that the railroads in other ways, and the result is one of the best paying investments in this part of the country."

The length of the road is 22 miles, and costs a little less than \$2,000,000 per mile. There are some heavy cuts, and several bridges and high trestles. The road is in the hands of the company. Next look at the difference in the cost of this road is built, and the one between here and Albany, and see how much cheaper and easier a road could be built here.

FOR STATE TREASURER.

We are informed that Mr. C. P. Burkhardt, one of Old Linn's most substantial citizens, will submit his name to the Democratic State Convention for the office of State Treasurer. Mr. Burkhardt is one of the earliest pioneers and most substantial citizens of Linn, and a man whom the citizens of our county would delight to honor. His Democracy is unquestionable and his honesty unimpeachable, and if nominated he would make a strong and popular candidate.

THE RIGHT STOCK.

Jim Herren says he will take J. C. Dickey through the county canvass in his own buggy and see that he is elected, by the eternal!

Here's Democracy for you!

The Secretary of War will be directed to report to Congress as soon as practicable, a new code of army regulations.

SHALL WE HAVE A FREE SCHOOL?

Next Monday evening the legal voters of the Albany School District will vote on the question of a tax for the support of free schools in the district. This is an important question, and should be carefully considered.

There may be some arguments urged against the free school system, but there are certainly more weighty reasons why such a system should be adopted here it is as all practicable. In the case of Albany we deem it entirely practicable, and therefore unequivocally favor the proposition.

At the term of school just closed there were not one-half of the children of the district in attendance. This shows either an appalling neglect of the children's interests and welfare on the part of the parents, or else proves that there is a serious fault somewhere in our present school system.

Perhaps both causes operate to some extent, but we believe this large delinquency in attendance is mainly owing to our present burdensome system. As it is, the fund drawn from the school tax, when distributed among the children, is merely a nominal sum, and scarcely relieves the burden of tuition. In the year just closed each scholar drew \$1.75 from the treasury, which, putting the tuition per scholar at \$5 per quarter, would leave the parents to pay \$3.25 per quarter on each pupil.

As a rule the poorer classes of our people have large families, and at this rate of tuition, when you add the cost of books, clothing, etc., it can easily be seen why many parents are not able to school their children.

It is a protection to society, and to property-holders especially, to educate the youths in our midst. In communities of the older States, where educational privileges on the most liberal plan prevail, it is a noteworthy fact that lawlessness and crime are visibly restrained, and where a narrow contracted school system prevails the reverse is the case.

Provide means for keeping our children in school during the day and at their studies at night, and you have a certain remedy for hoodlumism, the torment and curse of our Pacific coast towns. Property would be more secure from incendiarianism, taxes would be lighter for the support of our courts of justice, and the community would be exempt from many of those grievous annoyances which they now suffer because of the want of this great restraining influence, free education of the masses.

We are assured that with an additional tax of not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars per annum, good graded schools can be sustained in this district, and as the advantages to be gained are so much greater in every way than the almost nominal tax required, we most earnestly favor the proposition, and fervently hope that the tax will be voted.

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READ THE LAW.

Our Harrisonburg "Greenbacker" denies that there is such a drainage law on our statute books as we mentioned last week. For his benefit we hereto append it, from the Code, page 551, chap. xi:

OF DITCHES FOR DRAINING LANDS.

1. Any person whose land is so situated that it requires drainage, and when any person or persons having land adjacent thereto, either by ditching or by digging on their lands, or making application to the county court of their county, as a regular session thereof, for the right of way and privilege to cut or dig a sufficient ditch or ditches to drain his lands.

2. The said commissioners shall proceed to locate and mark out the route so as to do the least damage to the lands such ditch passes through, and they shall also at the same time assess the damages sustained by the person or persons owning such lands.

3. In assessing damages, they shall take into consideration the benefit such ditch will be to the affected lands.

4. The commissioners so appointed, or a majority of them, shall make a report to the county court, in writing, regular session thereof, stating the location of the ditch or ditches, the amount of money to be expended to construct the same, and if any is assessed, the amount thereof, if any is assessed, and if the county court is satisfied that the report is just, and after payment by the applicant for right of way, of all costs of locating such ditch, and the damages, if any are assessed, the court shall cause the same to be recorded, and the applicant may proceed to make such ditch, doing as little damage to the lands it passes through as possible.

5. Any person aggrieved by the assessment of damages may appeal within twenty days to the circuit court.

6. In the absence of the justice of the peace, the said commissioners may administer the aforesaid oath to each other.

7. No person shall be allowed to tap or bring water into a ditch already dug, without paying a reasonable compensation therefor.

8. The applicant shall not be construed so as to include within the right of compensation or satisfaction for mining, manufacturing or watering towns or cities.

THE FUTURE STATE.

The Universalist clergymen of Boston, after six months' discussion of the subject of future punishment, have adopted resolutions declaring substantially: First—As holiness and happiness are inseparably connected, so we believe that all sin is accompanied and followed by misery, it being a fixed principle of divine government that God renders to every man according to his work.

Second—Till the requisitions of divine justice are obeyed, justice administers such discipline, including both chastisement and instruction, for as long a period as may be necessary to secure that obedience which it ever demands.

Third—We believe that repentance and salvation are not limited to this life—whenever and wherever a sinner truly turns to God, salvation will be found.

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