

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican Convention for the State of Oregon is hereby called to meet at Portland on Wednesday, April 21, 1880, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress, three candidates for Presidential Electors, three candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court, Judges and Prosecutors for each of the several judicial districts, and the election of six delegates to attend the National Republican Convention, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The Convention will consist of 165 delegates, apportioned among the various counties as follows:

Table listing delegates by county: Baker (1), Benton (1), Clatsop (1), Clatskanie (1), Columbia (1), Coos (1), Curry (1), Douglas (1), Grant (1), Jackson (1), Josephine (1), Lewiston (1), Lincoln (1), Marion (1), Multnomah (1), Polk (1), Tillamook (1), Washington (1), Wheeler (1), Yamhill (1).

The same being one delegate for every 100 votes and one for every fraction of 50 votes and over cast for Secretary of State at the last general election.

The committee recommend that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 3, 1880, and the County Conventions on Saturday, April 10, 1880, unless otherwise ordered by the proper County Central Committee.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

A Republican Convention for Benton County is hereby called to meet at the court house in the city of Corvallis, on Saturday, April 10th, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing six delegates to attend the Republican State Convention, to be held at Portland April 21st, 1880, to nominate a full county ticket, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The several precincts are entitled to representation as follows, the same being based upon an allowance of one delegate for every 15 votes, and one for every fraction of eight votes or over, cast for Governor at the last general election, and two delegates at large for each precinct:

Table listing delegates by precinct: Alsea (1), Corvallis (1), Elk City (1), King Valley (1), Lower Alsea (1), Monroe (1), Muddy (1), Philomath (1), Soap Creek (1), Summit (1), Toledo (1), Tum Tum (1), Willamette (1), Yaquina (1).

The primaries will be held in the various precincts on Saturday, the 3rd day of April, 1870, at 1 o'clock p. m. All who expect to affiliate hereafter with the Republican party are respectfully invited to attend the primary meetings. A full representation is requested.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

During our absence from the State, for the past two months, we note some very important changes in railroad matters. It rejoices our heart to learn that so many new railroad projects, throughout the State, are already inaugurated, with a reasonable probability of successful completion at an early day. We have no fear of Oregon getting too many outlets for her produce or too much competition in transportation. The more the better. But, while flushed with the certainty of prosperity that now awaits our State, consequently upon internal improvements, the citizens of Benton and adjoining counties should not forget that Yaquina Bay is the natural outlet of Central and Eastern Oregon, and that the early completion of the Willamette Valley and Coast railroad from Corvallis to the Bay is one of the most important steps in this matter. Were this short line of road in operation, as it should be, an appropriation, by Congress, for the removal of obstructions at the entrance of this bay, would be easily and readily obtained. No one acquainted with the advantages and capabilities of this harbor will doubt this assertion for a moment. In view of this fact, the all important duty of the citizens of Benton and adjoining counties is to take immediate steps for completing the grading, bridging, etc., and laying the iron on the first ten mile section of this road. It can be done with very little exertion and small outlay of capital. Will we do it?

Now is the time to organize for its successful completion. It is now pretty certain that an appropriation will be obtained for the improvement of the harbor. Our Senators and Representatives in Congress cannot afford to neglect an important matter like this. We owe a duty to their constituents in this matter which they cannot shirk or evade. All eyes are now upon them, and every word they utter, or move they make, is scrutinized by a constituency who are ready to award to them the meed of praise they deserve. Instead of

heeding the prayers of this constituency should they yield to the outside pressures that are being brought to bear upon them by monied interests and grinding monopolies, it will be a nail in their political coffin, and rivet chains upon all portions of our State that will take long years to remove. Let them beware of outside influences and misrepresentations.

We refer, in another column, to the fact that the desire for an appropriation by Congress for the improvement of Yaquina Bay is not confined to Benton county, or one local paper, and give quotation from several papers to that effect. In addition to the papers mentioned, the following, in different portions of the State, are outspoken in favor of such appropriation, but want of space prevents us from making further extracts at present: The Portland Telegram, Willamette Farmer, Salem Statesman, Salem Daily Talk, Eugene Guard and Journal, Albany Democrat Register and Herald, Dallas Itemizer, Philomath Crucible, Junction Republican, Benton Blade, and nearly every other paper in the Willamette valley that amounts to anything. With such a backing from the press of the State, our Senators and Representatives in Congress cannot, and will not fail to do their duty in this matter, and use all their influence to secure a suitable appropriation for the improvement of Yaquina Bay at the present session of Congress.

REWARD OF MERIT.

ED. OF GAZETTE: Custom has made it almost impossible for a public servant to obtain the commendation of the opposite party, no matter how much justice there might be in such action. Sometimes the extreme bitterness of party rancor goes entirely too far; every effort in behalf of measures in which localities are deeply interested is misconstrued; generally credited to some motive of personal instead of public policy; such meanness in politics, frequently makes the best results for the common weal appear like the sham of a trickster. In this connection the work of Senator Slater and Representative Whitaker are worthy of notice. At the urgent solicitation of leading citizens of the State who had felt, for years, the necessity of another outlet for the vast and increasing products of the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon, one certain to afford lasting and advantageous competition, these Honorable gentlemen, like true servants of the people (not the party electing) personally visited and carefully examined the route of the W. V. & C. R. R. and the opportunities for improving the bar at Yaquina Bay, and becoming fully satisfied of the practicality and advantage such improvement would be to a large portion of Oregon, they have steadily followed public demand, and no one can doubt the earnestness of purpose displayed from time to time as the session progresses. Well deserved success will, (I hope) crown their labors. If so, what an immense benefit will they render the monopoly ridden people of the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon. Such action would be the truest economy and the highest statesmanship.

Now considering what has been done, and what there is to do, is there anything criminal in commending the course of our members, (not the party's), but the peoples' in expressing a feeling of kindness for those who stand up and battle for our (not the party's) but the peoples' rights? In the language of a patriot, who spoke for liberty, "if this is treason make the most of it." It is high time the people of the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon studied carefully—the situation and establish a precedent that meritorious congressional labor is that which affords the greatest good for the greatest number, and that no party lash can deter a grateful people from honoring and rewarding faithful service.

RIVALTO. Corvallis, March 27, 1880.

OUR SENTIMENTS.—The Junction Republican, of March 24, expresses our sentiments, exactly, in the following manner: "There is a good prospect, that Congress will grant a subsidy for opening and improving the Yaquina Bay Harbor. Our representatives in Congress are solid on this question and are laboring zealously in its behalf. The interests of the State demand this improvement and we owe to the man who has any political aspirations, that treats this effort with indifference." MODESTY WORTH REWARDING.—While standing in the column of men awaiting our letters at the Portland, Oregon, Post Office a few weeks since, a number of ladies approached the box window, and, bowing in, demanded their letters (if any) immediately; but we noticed one who had the highest forehead and was the most intelligent of all those that approached the box window on this particular occasion, stood back and awaited her turn in regular order; it so pleased all in the column that they unanimously voted her the most modest woman in all that great city. She did not part her hair on the side! nor did she have it banged!

YAQUINA BAY. We hear, from Washington, that the opposition to the proposed appropriation, hitherto chiefly confined to innuendoes and stealthy insinuations, has at last taken definite shape—and this is the outcome:

"We are told, by citizens of Oregon, and others having large interests in the State, that agitation attempted to be gotten up in reference to improving Yaquina Bay is wholly at the instance of one man, who is hoping to draw attention to the little entrance at Yaquina, and in that way dispose of his otherwise unuseable property. That under the most favorable circumstances no vessel drawing more than 95 feet of water could enter the Bay. That there is no considerable body of poor anywhere in the State desiring an appropriation for the Bay; as an evidence of that fact, the county papers only mention the matter occasionally, when called on by some small party near the fishing village located near the entrance to the inlet. That the only newspaper agitating the subject is a Republican one, published in Benton county, where the Bay or inlet is located, and its object is to win favor in the county—a Democratic one—by showing that Democratic representatives are neglecting the interests of the county. That the other papers in the county make only feeble mention of the so-called harbor, because they know there is no Bay to improve."

The mountains have been in labor and out comes this mouse. Look below and judge. Do the articles from which these extracts are taken give an uncertain sound? Is this a sham enthusiasm? Could any one man, however powerful and adroit, manufacture this sentiment? Is this a party question? Yes, it is—in this sense: that whatever be the color of the politics of the Oregon delegation in Congress, if they act heartily with the people of the Valley, they will earn the gratitude of the people, and that the expression of that gratitude will be felt at the ballot boxes. But they will remember that nothing succeeds like success, and that their constituents will be apt to judge of the earnestness and energy of their efforts by the amount of the appropriation they get:

From the Harrisburg (Linn county) Review, of March 12: "Among several important measures, the improvement of Yaquina Bay is the most prominent. An appropriation is required to the extent of \$1,000,000 for the bar at the Yaquina Bay. When accomplished the Willamette valley will be no longer dependent on one route or line of transportation to the seaboard. The Willamette Valley & Coast R. R. will be finished from Corvallis to the Bay; it will probably pass through this county on to Eastern Oregon, the shortest and cheapest line in point of transportation to the seaboard. We do not say it will do us much good, but by every man's door, but we do assert emphatically and without the least fear of successful contradiction, that this is a great and beneficial addition in freight and fare as compared with present prices for such service. It will afford a permanent check in the future against exorbitant charges, and an important one, because cheap goods we invite competition and the result is assured, if we want cheap freight or fare to the seaboard, without going half around the state to get there, work for a line saving \$200 miles of distance, at least that will save the pilotage of 120 miles. So much has been said, and truthfully said, concerning the general advantages and possibilities of the proposed improvement, that further remarks in that direction are not needed. Our delegation are in possession of abundant and substantial facts and fully understand that this appropriation is exactly what the country needs for the improvement of the entrance of Yaquina Bay, and we believe them to be earnest, and hope to say in the near future, faithful servants of a large and anxious constituency."

The Daily Oregonian of Jan. 28, contains the following pertinent and sensible remarks relative to the improvement of Yaquina Bay: "People of Benton county, as will be seen by the memorials we print to-day, are making renewed efforts to bring before the attention of Congress the importance and practicality of a liberal appropriation for improvement of the entrance of Yaquina Bay. Their petition is being circulated for signatures in nearly all parts of the state. There is no citizen who would not like to see such appropriation secured; for through a printed slip which accompanies the memorial seems to be designed to set forth the view that the movement is one of rivalry if not of hostility to Portland, yet the fact is Portland is desirous of witnessing the advancement of all the interests of the country, general and special, and is not so narrow as to expect or desire to monopolize all the improvement for itself. If a good port can be established at Yaquina Bay, it will be an important step in the commercial development of the state. At the same time it will promote, assist and increase rather than obstruct or diminish commercial enterprise in Portland, and upon established lines of commercial movement. Our country is a vast one and capable of great and complex development." The Portland Standard of March 28, in referring to the recent survey of Capt. Woods, says: "Senator Slater's purpose is to see these data in support of his effort to obtain a large appropriation for the general improvement of Yaquina Bay, for which several memorial petitions have been forwarded to Washington from this state. It seems that at last we have secured a delegation in Congress that is disposed to do something which will be a lasting benefit to the people of the Willamette valley. Nothing will do them so well as an appropriation for removing the rocky bar at the mouth of the Yaquina, and if our delegation succeeds in securing it our people will never forget them."

From the River Side, published at Independence, Polk county, March 26, G. W. Quivey, editor: "The Astorian of late date, says: 'Capt. Flavel has been making personal inspection of bar soundings for several days, since his return from San Francisco, and is himself fully satisfied that it is only a question of very brief time, so rapid and broadcast is the shoaling process, when it will be impossible for deep vessels to cross. The north channel along Siskiyou Island from the head is filling up fast as does the south channel.' This would indicate that the commerce of our entire State must soon seek another outlet, or we will be cut off from the world, and our increasing resources of our country, bottled up and made an inland, and not a maritime State. The most important and absorbing question now, the people of Oregon and Astoria, is, how can the shoaling and despoiling of our great highway to the outside world, be checked and averted. We would first look for help to

the same system of jetties by which Captain Eades so despoiled the Mississippi; but experience and science equally demonstrate the fact that the shifting sands at the mouth of the Columbia will never furnish a solid, safe and abiding foundation for such works. It will, therefore, be necessary that another method be sought out to save to the navigation of the world the waters of our great river, and to the commerce of this plain, whatever it may be, will have to be something as yet unknown to the engineering world. The willows of Etes jetties, with bags of sand and dirt used to hold them in place, instead of deepening and enlarging the channel of the Columbia at the bar, would, in a very short time become incorporated with the shifting, moving sand, and assist in obstructing the channel."

From the above facts it is evident that we must soon look for another ocean outlet; one on which we can depend at all times, and in all seasons. Such an outlet we can have, it is already projected, and a portion of the road graded, and this, when completed, will connect the central and upper portions of the Willamette valley with the ocean beach; reducing the distance and time from the present route, such as Astoria, nearly one-half. With the true man of business, time is money, and this change of route would effect a valuable saving of time, even to the business men of Portland. Our Senators and Representatives in Congress are called upon to act for this one vital interest of Oregon; and they will succeed, unless defeated by the railroad lobby. As we have before stated, we again reiterate, this is a matter vital to the interests of a large, populous and wealthy portion of Oregon; it is not, and cannot be in any way connected with politics, and defeated by party methods, the ones responsible for such defeat will be held to a strict accountability by our people."

COLUMBIA BAR—AN URGENT MATTER. It is time to speak plain words about the Columbia bar. Yesterday a correspondent of the Oregonian did good service in this behalf, and to-day we have a correspondent like a thing. So far as it from being necessary to get up a scare and panic about the alleged shoaling and increasing dangers of the bar, and to create a false confidence by pronouncing imaginary, and it is therefore meet that we turn from unsubstantiated conjecture to practical facts. That the bar is shoaling, we have no reason to doubt, but we believe that the shoaling of the bar was due to blundering incompetency and to the want of funds sufficient power, is next to certain. The result of the investigation before the Benton county committee makes necessary an investigation by the state board of pilot commissioners, with such further action as their finding may require. We have no doubt that there is a great and important interest in the Columbia river as there ever was; and all we want is intelligent and efficient service there. And this the country must have. The service at the bar, under the existing law, is a poor one, and it is to be expected that the present profits it can out of the commerce of the Columbia, without regard for the future. It is represented at every session of the legislature, and there makes a fight for its own interest and for the defeat of reform. At the rates allowed by law its profits are enormous; and yet the service it renders is extremely inefficient as compared with the rates and the importance of the commerce. Our commercial men must take hold of this subject. We must have powerful tug, lower rates of towage, and good pilots, or the bar will get such a name that the mouth of the Columbia river as it is easily possible to obtain we shall have an end to disasters.—Oregonian, March 27th.

From the above it is evident that all the astounding statements relative to the shoaling of the Columbia river bar have been made for the purpose of inducing an immediate appropriation for the improvement of that bar. The truth is the State legislature can furnish a remedy at its next session. USEFUL KNOWLEDGE.—To transplant trees, as soon as they are received, cut off all broken roots, and all roots previously cut should be recut, just above where they were formerly, to freshen them. The branches should be cut back half their length. All bruised parts, whether in roots or branches, should be cut off. The hole for the tree should be larger and deeper than the roots require, and the tree should be planted two inches deeper than when in the nursery. Put the surface soil at the roots and the bottom soil on the surface. It is a good idea to dip the roots in a solution of lime before planting. The land should be thoroughly ploughed eight or ten inches deep, or subsoiled and cross-ploughed, and then finely graded. Do not plant any small grain or alfalfa in an orchard under any circumstances.

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF FRUIT.—Geo. W. Stillinson, the Democrat, last week shipped ten tons of the Plummers fruit, belonging to the Corvallis Fruit Co. to London, and this will be the last shipment until this year's product is worked up. He says the Company has heard from their first shipment to the same place, and feel very much flattered over their prospects. The fruit arrived in good condition and was so much better than my other in the market that it drew from several London newspapers very favorable notices.

CREEK TOM and a boy, half breeds, at Mill Creek, Indiana Territory, were in league with the devil, and were by him empowered to work mischief. Such at least was the belief of the Indians in the neighborhood, and it was deemed expedient to kill them, which was done by a mob at night.

A sick woman at Westford, Wis., believed she was bewitched by an old hag who lived near by, and a number of superstitious women were of the same mind. They took the supposed witch to the invalid's house, read the Bible to her, and, none of them being able to do anything, they were to be tried for the crime.

It is reported that the Government has been negotiating with European countries for the purchase of the railroads of the West, which promise on the investment.

FROM KING'S VALLEY.

EDITOR GAZETTE: The Democrats held their primary meeting here Saturday last. The number of Democrats present were eighteen, number of votes cast twenty-one; three Republicans present either taking part or else some of the Democrats voting twice. The delegates elected to the county convention were, Joseph Graham, Gabriel Long, Jas. Kibbey, Chas. Cooper and John McGee. Everything went on quietly until the meeting attempted to instruct the delegates. The instructions wished to be given were to the effect "that the Corvallis ring should not run the delegates or cast the votes of absent members." During the discussion of this question, one Bourbon Democrat got excited and with much energy declared, that, "If Republicans are a runnin' this meetin', I don't want nothin' to do with it." The instructions were promptly voted down. It is believed that the said Democrat is in cahoots with said Corvallis ring.

The Republicans of this precinct are fully wide awake and will send up a good delegation to the county convention and a good majority for the ticket nominated. As we have a member of Congress to elect this spring why cannot those who are interested in opening up a commercial thoroughfare through Yaquina Bay, unite and nominate and elect some person who will work heartily in Congress for this much desired end? I believe any man of average ability elected to Congress from Oregon, at the present time, would make it a specialty to labor for an appropriation for Yaquina Bay could beyond doubt succeed, unless the present Congress should give the required aid. The opening up of Yaquina Bay is and ever should be placed foremost among the improvements in this State. AJAX. March 9, 1880.

CARD FROM MR. MULKEY.

To G. B. SMITH, Esq., Chairman Greenback County Central Committee: Dear Sir: I see by the proceedings of the Greenback county convention, held at Corvallis on the 11th inst., that my name appears as one of the nominees of that convention for the office of Representative. I was surprised to see my name used in that connection, as I have never acted with the Greenback party. And though, perhaps, holding some views not wholly antagonistic to those advocated by the Greenback party, I am not sufficiently strong in the Faith to be your candidate. I am an Independent anti-Grant Republican. I recognize among the active members of the Greenback party in Benton county many of my warmest personal friends, and I am not unmindful of the confidence expressed by their convention. But friendship is one thing—political integrity another. Some of the financial theories advocated by the Greenback party, I doubt not, are correct in principle, but I fear that our children's children will be voters and office-holders long before they can be practically applied to the governmental affairs of nations. I have said this much, because to remain silent would be to deceive you and to be dishonest with myself. Yours respectfully, A. G. MULKEY. Corvallis, March 25, 1880.

EXPLANATION WANTED.

ED. GAZETTE: Why it is that a private letter, plainly addressed, put in the post-office at Philomath, Benton county, never reaches Dixie, or Ricketts, Polk county, or vice versa? Seems to us that, in that short distance, there ought to be no such trouble; still, to our positive knowledge, our dear ones have mailed important news to us, which we never have received, and probably never should have known anything about had they not told us of it when next we saw them. They, in turn, wait and wonder why we don't write. If any unfortunate mail carrier on this route has had to use the contents of the mail bags to kindle a fire to keep himself from freezing to death, we have not been so fortunate as to hear of it. So it seems to us there must be neglect somewhere, on the part of some one that has something to do with the matter. Yours respectfully, SARAH A. LEWIS. Philomath, March 22, 1880.

A Baltimore barber lost confidence in the pecuniary responsibility of a man whose beard he was shaving off, and demanded his pay when the job was half done. The man had no money, and was turned into the street where the peculiarity of his face—half clean and half covered with whiskers—drew a throng.

Miss Butler of Pittsburgh, Pa., had looked for a man under her bed every night for many years, and at last she found not one there, but four. They wore black masks, and left her bound and gagged when they went off with the family plate and jewelry.

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