

WEEKLY CORVALLIS GAZETTE.
OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE STATE
OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY
Corvallis, April 9, 1880.

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 Prosecuting Attorneys 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:

Alsea	4	Philomath	11
Benton	5	Seaside	11
Clatsop	5	Union	11
Clatskanie	5	Wasco	11
Columbia	5	Yamhill	11
Crook	5		
Curry	5		
Douglas	5		
Grant	5		
Jackson	5		
Josephine	5		
Lake	5		

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.

DAVID FROMAN, Chairman.
JOSEPH SIMON, Secretary.
SALEM, Oregon, February 18, 1880.

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:

Alsea	4	Philomath	7
Corvallis	16	Seaside	6
Elk City	5	Union	6
King's Valley	7	Wasco	6
Lower Alsea	3	Yamhill	6
Monroe	3		
Muddy	3		

FIFTY CENTS
FOR THE
CAMPAIGN.

In order to place the GAZETTE in every family in Benton county, and within the reach of all, during the present political campaign, we will furnish the paper to subscribers till the middle of June, 1880, for

50 Cents Each.
The money must accompany every order. Postmasters will please act as Agents for the GAZETTE.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

Last Saturday the Republican primaries in this county were held, but we have failed to receive reports from all the precincts. As far as heard from everything passed off pleasantly and harmoniously, anguring well for the success of the party in the coming election. The primary in this precinct was unusually largely attended—a report of which is given elsewhere. To-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the County Convention meets at the Court House in this city. From the interest exhibited in the primaries, we predict a full attendance in convention. We hope it may be so, as very important duties rest upon that body, in the proper discharge of which every portion of the county is directly interested. Chief among them is the selection of candidates for the various county offices.

The Democrats have placed a good ticket in the field, and the Republicans, we doubt not, will do the same thing. We want our strongest and best men for county officers—capable and honest, being the true tests of aspirants. With good men, and union and harmony in our ranks, we can elect the full ticket, in June, and that without "growing mud" or indulging in "becoming personalities." This shall be the course of the GAZETTE. There is no sense in trying to blacken a man's moral character or ruin his social standing, simply because he consents to allow his name to be used for a public office. Why not observe honorable politics, as in other matters?

A ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLAR TRANSACTION.

The entire possessions of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company were transferred to the Oregon Railway and Navigation company on the 31st of March, 1880. The following is a statement of the property transferred, as found in the Daily Oregonian of April 1st, which places nearly all the transportation facilities of this State in the hands of one corporation, with but little show of opposition, or competition. What the effect of this transaction will be, remains to be seen. The future not only of this State, but of the northwest coast, is, in a great measure in the hands of this corporation. There is one avenue of commerce, one outlet to the ocean, however, which they do not control—Yaquina Bay—and it remains for those immediately interested in cheap transportation to say whether or not this natural outlet of Central and Eastern Oregon shall be made available in the present emergency. A liberal appropriation for the improvement of Yaquina Bay, by the present congress, is the only hope left for the people of this state. With this the people of Oregon can secure competition in freights and fares, and a short and direct route to market; without an appropriation the people are completely in the power of one of the greatest monopolies that ever did, or ever can, exist in this state.

In view of these startling facts, no wonder that the press of this state demands, in thunder tones, that our senators and representative in congress should, without fail, secure such appropriation. To fail now, or delay, would be an unpardonable sin, and a great public calamity. In the face of FACTS and FIGURES, no before congress that honorable body cannot, and surely will not, turn deaf ear to the reasonable and imperative demands of an overburdened people for relief. The Oregonian says:

Pursuant to a resolution passed yesterday by the stockholders of the Oregon Steam Navigation Co. at a meeting held, and also by the board of directors of the same corporation, the formal transfer of all the property, real and personal, was made to the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. Readers of the Oregonian will remember that mention of this sale was made in these columns some time since. The deed, in which is minutely described all the property included in the transfer, was placed on file yesterday in the office of the county clerk. It is a most voluminous document, covering nearly 50 pages of legal cap.

The consideration mentioned in the deed is \$810,000, and the property included in the transfer is as follows:

All the railroad lines, locomotives, cars, rolling stock, etc., belonging to the company between the Upper and Lower Cascades on both sides of the Columbia river, known as the "Portage."

All the road between The Dalles and Celilo (including rolling stock, offices, etc.); also all road beds owned by the corporation. All the telegraphic lines, wires, poles, instruments, etc., between Portland and Walla Walla.

In addition, all the real estate, docks, landing, wharves, etc., belonging to the company, located in Portland, Multnomah county, Oregon City, Clatskanie county, Salem, Marion county, Astoria, Clatsop county; also at the Upper and Lower Cascades in Multnomah and Wasco counties; in The Dalles, Wasco county; in Umatilla county, Skamania county, Washington territory; in Walla Walla county, Washington territory, and in Lewiston, Idaho territory. A bill of sale will be filed to-day in the office of collector of customs, transferring all the floating stock, for the consideration of \$726,000. The following is the list of steamboats and barges mentioned in the deed:

Steamboats.—Dixie Thompson, Emma Hayward, Bonita, Welcome, Wide West, S. G. Reed, R. R. Thompson, Mountain Queen, Annie Paxson, John Gates, Spokane, Altona, McMinville, Northwest, Harvest Queen, D. S. Baker, Idaho, Bonanza, Willamette Chief, Champion, E. N. Cooke, Oklahama, Oriole, Occident, Fannie Patton, S. T. Church, Alice.

Barges.—Autocrat, Columbia, Columbia's Chief, Hantress, Wasco, Tenino, Gov. Grover, Anacosta, Josie McNear, Wyatchie.

The bill of sale to include all the wharf boats owned by the O. S. N. Co.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The following named persons of the executive committee appointed at the last State S. S. convention, met in Portland, Oregon, March 26, 1880, to take into advisement plans for work during the next annual session: Rev. Dr. G. H. Atkinson, chairman; Rev. L. E. Eliot, S. Costa, A. W. Bower, T. L. Nicklin, Wm. Wadhams and J. K. Gill.

On motion J. K. Gill was elected secretary. The following resolutions were discussed and adopted:

Resolved, That a thorough canvass of the Sabbath schools in Oregon, Washington and Idaho be made during the S. S. centennial year.

Resolved, That it be made by counties and school districts.

Resolved, That postal cards be sent to local residents, with questions to be answered and returned to the statistical secretary and his assistants.

Resolved, That the vice president be earnestly requested to hold Sunday school conventions in their respective districts during this centennial year, and if convenient, before the general convention.

Resolved, That the general convention be held, as designated, in Portland, October 13th and 14th, and that it be a delegate convention.

Resolved, That the general convention be composed of two delegates at large from each county, to be chosen by their respective district conventions, and that each Sabbath school be entitled to one delegate for every fifty or fraction of fifty members enrolled.

Resolved, That Rev. A. W. Bower be chosen statistical secretary.

Resolved, That J. K. Gill be elected delegate to the general convention to attend the world's centennial in London, June 28th to July 4th, and that he have power to appoint a substitute.

Resolved, That the programme for our general convention in October be prepared by Dr. Atkinson, A. S. Costa, J. K. Gill, Wm. Wadhams and T. L. Eliot. On motion adjourned.

A. W. BOWER, General Sec'y.
G. H. ATKINSON, Cor. Sec'y.

LINN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican Convention of Linn county, met at Albany on Wednesday last week, and was called to order by Walter Ketchum, Esq., chairman of the County Central Committee.

H. H. Hewett was chosen chairman and W. S. Peters and Geo. W. Sill, Secretaries.

The committee on resolutions reported the following, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, There are certain errors existing in our laws whereby the tax-payers of Linn county are made to pay exorbitant fees to officers whose labor is totally inadequate to the amount paid, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Linn County Republican Convention, that we demand of our Senators and Representatives such legislation in the next session of our legislature as will positively reduce the expenses of litigation and the fees of Clerk and Sheriff to a just compensation for the services rendered, and no more.

Resolved, That the present rate of interest in the State of Oregon is too high and burdensome to the business interests of the country and we also demand legislation reducing the same.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a prohibitory liquor law.

Resolved, That we are in favor of taxing all mortgages on real estate in the counties where the same is situated.

Resolved, That our road law as it now exists is almost worthless, and the same be amended so as to require the payment of labor to be performed on the roads than now is.

The following ticket was then nominated:

For State Senator—N. B. Humphrey; Representatives—S. A. Dawson, J. M. Waters, Wm. Paul, W. L. Richardson, Jas. McCoy, Alex. Brandon; County Judge—L. F. Finn; County Commissioners—Marion Cunningham, John Geisendorfer; County Clerk—N. Baum; Sheriff—J. J. Charlton; Treasurer—L. M. Bruce; Assessor—D. P. Porter; School Superintendent—J. L. Gilbert; Surveyor—J. N. Fuller; Coroner—F. S. Dunning.

STATE GREENBACK CONVENTION.

Pursuant to call, the State Greenback convention met in Salem, the 25th ult.

The following nominations were made: N. L. Butler, of Polk county, for Congress. Presidential Electors—Green B. Smith of Benton; W. A. Henry of Polk; A. G. Brown of Washington. R. E. Hoyt, Esq., of South Bend, Indiana, was elected a delegate to represent the State of Oregon at the greenback and labor convention to be held in Chicago, June 9, 1880.

On motion the chairman of each county central committee was designated as a member of the State central executive committee.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following platform, which was adopted as a whole:

1. The greenback dollar must be a legal tender for the payment of all debts—issued by the government, and protected and received as absolute money.

2. The general government alone to issue money, and for the benefit of all.

3. The immediate calling in of all U. S. bonds, and payment of their principal and interest, in legal tender, lawful greenback money of the U. S., and every dollar of such issued by the government, and made payable with all other lawful money; never to be converted into bonds of any rate or class; and it is the duty of the government to issue its money in such amount as will enable it to pay all its existing debts.

4. We demand the repeal of the resumption act of 1875; also the national banking act.

5. We are in favor of reduction of representation to the legislative assembly of the state.

6. We demand a discontinuance of the fee system and the county officers to receive a fixed salary.

7. We demand that the grand jury system be abolished.

8. We demand that the treaty with China be so amended as to be a treaty of commerce only.

9. We demand that all evidences of money, property bear its equal burden of taxation.

10. We are in favor of the extension of the elective franchise to our mothers, wives and daughters.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

Resolved, That our representative in congress urge an appropriation for the improvement of Yaquina Bay.

ANSWER TO "COMUS."

MR. EDITOR: I see in your paper of Feb. 13, that one "Comus" has assumed the responsibility to report the action of our club meeting at Philomath. We would like to know who paid him for his services? If he did it without pay, we will pay him next time if he will report truth, for Mr. Smith says that some of his assertions were palpable falsehoods. He tells us that resumption was the salvation of the country. But he failed to tell us in what way our government would pay a bonded debt of over two billion dollars with about eight hundred million dollars in hard money. He failed to tell us that specie resumption took place in January, 1876, and that there had not yet been a dollar in hard money paid out for greenbacks, but that they had been taken in, burned up and an interest-bearing bond given out in their place, thereby increasing the national debt and the volume of interest as a burden on the people. He also failed to tell us that John Sherman had failed in his favorite scheme of resumption until he adopted the main plank in the Greenback platform in making three hundred and fifty million dollars that he reserved and made legal tender for all debts, and is now, if I am rightly informed, paying the interest on the public debt with them, which is a violation of law. He says that it is a strange thing that a man with as much good sense as Mr. Smith has, would advocate such an absurd thing as the Greenback move.

Now, Mr. Editor, when we want a man to dictate for us, we will take one with at least a thimble full of brains. His remarks remind me of some of his along two years ago, when he said that the Greenback party was composed of broken-down politicians and saloon bums, when there is not a man in the party but what is a credit to

"Comus." He says that Mr. Smith is liable to squander all his means in advocating such a cause. All glory to Mr. Smith if one rich man has put his shoulder to the wheel to assist the down trodden poor to liberate themselves from the yoke of bondage, by paying the national debt, and stop the interest that is to-day drawing the vitality from the nation, that will remain a curse for generations to come unless the principles of the Greenback party are adhered to. He says that such agitation has caused so many strikes. Would that the agitation continue until the last bond was struck into everlasting flames, when we should have no more bonded bondholders living upon the industry of the poor. He speaks of the floating class, who have but little. Now, Mr. "Comus," you are one of those imaginary fellows; you have a few dollars out at interest and you hope one day to be able to own a U. S. bond. But before that time, "Comus," we will have the last one of them in flames. He stated that Mr. S. said that money brought the war to a close. Mr. S. made no such statement, for he well knows that a half million of our best men fell to restore the Union, and a half million that survived have now to labor by the sweat of the brow to pay the interest on a bonded debt that was created while they were in the field being shot at.

Mr. "Comus," you assail Brick Pomeroy; when you do you assail one of the truest, outspoken journalists of the age, battling for truth and right. Who is this "Comus?"

He is a man that would lay aside truth and virtue to vote for an old shell of a party that is to-day staggering beneath a mighty load of corruption so powerful that it is near crushed to the earth; a few more days and it will be no more with the past. He is one of those old fogies that cannot see above the party lines, and has said before witnesses that he would vote for a yellow dog before would lose his party record.

Now, Mr. "Comus," we are willing to meet you on the political issues of the day; but come out like a man, and present an issue, if you have one, without so much allg.

"Comus," I believe you are on the wrong track. Have you ever known your party to make one act of legislation in the last twenty years in favor of the laboring class? Don't you know that your party has bankrupted our government by burning up our money and reducing the volume of currency until there is not one-fourth enough to transact the business of the country? That your contracting system is only advancing interest and thereby working a hardship on the laboring class? Are you aware that taxation should be equal, and that it is not right to keep those untaxed bonds, the money of which would help, in a two-fold manner to support the government; first, by paying taxes, second by being in circulation to transact business and build up the industries of the country? Are you aware that the good book says that you rich shall not oppress the poor? The rich time you hear of a Greenback meeting, just go and convince them that they are wrong, do not use too big words. Now "Comus," you might do a great deal of good in this country; you know we need the Yaquina railroad very bad; will you just write over to congress and have them pay off the bonds, and you know the bondholders will have to use their money and they will jump at the chance to build our railroad, so that their money may make them something.

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