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REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For State Senator, E. WOODWARD. For Representative, TOLBERT CARTER. For County Clerk, B. W. WILSON. For Sheriff, SOL KING. For County Judge, F. M. JOHNSON. For County Treasurer, T. J. BUFORD. County Commissioners, JAMES EDWARDS, ANDREW GELLATLY. For Assessor, PERRY EDDY. For School Superintendent, JAMES CHAMBERS. For County Surveyor, GEORGE MERCER.

Republican County Convention Platform.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted: Mr. President—We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following: The Republican party of Benton county, in convention assembled on this 8th day of April, 1882, hereby make the following declaration of principles: 1. That the laws regulating the assessment and collection of taxes should be so amended that all classes of property shall bear an equal proportion of the public burden; and that all sums evidenced by note and secured by mortgage on real estate should be made taxable in the county where such real estate is situated. 2. That the Republican party deeply regrets and strongly deprecates the action of President Arthur in vetoing the bill for restricting Chinese immigration recently passed by both Houses of Congress, and asserts the right of the American nation to prevent the incursion of hordes of Asiatics, whose cheap labor may improperly depress the wages earned by American citizens in many departments of life. 3. That inasmuch as the people are the primary source of power under our Republican government, and as consequently all corporations derive their existence and exercise all functions by virtue of rights granted by the people themselves, it is incumbent on the Legislature of each State to so regulate the charter, privileges of corporations within its borders as to prevent such corporate bodies from encroaching on and oppressing the people. That with special reference to common carriers, extortionate fares and freight and the discrimination in rates, times and distances between corresponding classes of passengers and freight, are alike to be restrained or abolished by Legislative action. 4. That the improvement to the entrance of Yaquina harbor is an object of the deepest interest to Benton county, with special reference to the certain results of such improvement in reducing the cost of both inland and ocean transportation of the products of Benton county and the whole of middle and southern Oregon, by facilitating the operation and extending the advantages of the Oregon Pacific Railroad, an enterprise which should receive the support of every citizen in the Willamette valley counties regardless of party. 5. That in view of the unequal pressure of the present system of taxation for making and repairing county roads, steps should be taken to amend the laws in the direction of greater economy in expenditure and a more equitable plan of working. 6. That the remuneration of county Clerks and Sheriffs should be by salary instead of by fees, and that the amounts of such salaries should be fixed on the principle of a reasonable compensation for the amount of work actually performed. 7. That rigid economy should be exercised in the expenditure of funds raised by both State and county taxation. 8. That we regard the present school book system as an oppressive monopoly, and demand its unconditional repeal. 9. That the improvement of the Alsea river and harbor will open up for settlement and will develop a valuable section of our country and the exertions of Hon. M. C. George to secure national aid for this important enterprise is highly to be approved of.

OUR TICKET.

Our ticket, which heads this column, nominated by the County Convention on the 8th inst., is conceded by all as good as could be desired being made up of the very best material of the county. With such standard bearers the party need have no fears of defeat. We predict the election of every man on the ticket. Hon. E. Woodward, nominee for State Senator, is well known to the people of Benton county. He was a member of the Senate at the session of 1880, and did good service in the memorable contest over the passage of Senate bill No. 92, a measure that was calculated to relieve the people from oppression by common carriers. This bill was defeated, however, through the efforts of the attorneys and agents of Mr. Villard; and when it was attempted to pass an unfair appropriation bill, which had for its object the concentration of Legislative power at the northern end of the State, at the expense of the Willamette valley, Mr. Woodward was one of the two Republican members who nobly arose above party lines and espoused the cause of the people by voting against the bill, and thereby defeating it. The interests of Benton county, and the whole people, will be safe in his hands. Mr. Tolbert Carter, of the Representative ticket, is an old and respected citizen of the county who has long been identified with our interests and has represented us in the Legislature before to the satisfaction of his constituents and honor to himself. He will prove every way worthy of the trust imposed in him. Mr. R. J. Nichols is a young man of fine natural ability and a good education; he has grown to manhood in this county and his whole life, known as it is to the people, will bespeak for him a warm support and sure election. He ranks among the best and

purest of our young men and is just such material as is wanted for the advancement of all that is good and worthy. He will be found no easy prey on the stump and a host in the Legislature for Benton county's interest. Mr. W. P. Keedy comes from the coast and owes his nomination to the solid demand of the whole western portion of the county and coming from his neighbors with whose interests he is closely identified it speaks much in favor of his success. Mr. Keedy has been a resident of the county for over three years, and served the State as State printer by appointment of the Governor after the death of W. B. Carter until the next general election, in a manner every way satisfactory and acceptable to the public. With considerable experience in the ways of Legislature and a firm faith in and honest devotion to the principles of the Republican party. Fully posted on the political and local questions likely to demand his attention. He will prove a host in himself in the Legislature. Mr. B. W. Wilson, our candidate for county Clerk is too well known to need comment by us as eighteen years of faithful performance of the duties of the office have made for him a record that speaks more than we can write. His election is beyond a question. Sol King our present and popular Sheriff has filled the office for six years and it would be hard to find a more acceptable candidate or one better calculated to serve the best interests of the county. Our opponents will find him a hard man to buck against. Mr. F. M. Johnson, our candidate for County Judge, although a resident of the county but a few years has made a record for ability worth and solid integrity that makes him as one of the foremost men among us and one to whom the management of the county's business may be safely entrusted. He has hosts of warm friends and was among the gallant defenders of the old flag during the dark days of the war. His election will surely follow his nomination. Mr. T. J. Buford, our candidate for County Treasurer, is a gentleman of good business attainment, and is in every respect well qualified for the position. The treasury department will be secure in his hands. Mr. James Edwards and Andrew Gellatly for County Commissioners, are both good selections. Mr. Edwards has served the county in this capacity several terms in days gone by and has a record in every way to his credit. Mr. Gellatly is a well to do and honest farmer of good business ability and both can be depended upon to guard the county treasury well and to conduct its business successfully and economically. Mr. Perry Eddy, our candidate for Assessor, comes highly recommended by those who know him best as a man of good judgement and all the necessary qualifications for the intelligent and faithful performance of the duties of that office. We bespeak for him a hearty support. Hon. James Chambers, nominee for Sup't. of Schools, is well and favorably known to our people. He has twice represented the county in the Legislature, where he made a good record. He is a practical teacher of large experience, and is thoroughly devoted to the educational interests of the county. He will be a worthy successor of the gentleman who has so long and creditably filled this position. Mr. Geo. Mercer, our candidate for County Surveyor, although last on the ticket is not to be considered least, as the office is one of great importance. Mr. Mercer has served the county many years as Surveyor and has made a record every way to his credit. Faithful and honest in the discharge of every duty he will serve the people with credit to himself and profit to them. This completes the ticket and from cheering assurances received from all parts of the county of satisfaction and hearty support, we may safely say it is invincible.

GOOD NEWS. The following telegram has been received here: New York, April 18, 1882. To WM. M. HOAG: Bill creating collection district of Yaquina passed the House today unanimously. It passed the Senate a month ago by a like vote. T. EGGLESTON HOAG. The importance of this announcement our readers will not fail to appreciate. We do not apprehend any veto by the President, and believe that we may take it as the first great advance towards the fulfillment of Colonel Hogg's promise of free and open competition for the transportation business of the State. A free and open port, at which foreign and domestic commodities may alike be landed, and through which they may pass to the consumers, is the first requisite towards the successful working of a railroad to that port. We should like to draw attention here to a little paragraph in the news department of Tuesday's Oregonian, and which we believe to be accurate: "The Oregonian," which is due to-night, brings 120 calm passengers, 464 in the steamer and 1818 tons of freight, 105 tons of which is for Astoria. The number of passengers and quantity of freight is now limited only by the capacity of the steamers." A pretty good showing at current prices. Just figure it out for yourselves; the rates of passengers and freight are well known. It looks to us as if there might be some little employment for the Oregon Pacific steamers, between San Francisco and Yaquina, since they will not be liable to be diverted from Yaquina to Puget Sound, or the completion of any through line from the East. THE "INDEPENDENT" COURSE. One day recently the editor of the Oregonian published, with his sovereign approval, an article in the Standard on the newspaper business, which he considers "a sufficient vindication, from one who publishes a party newspaper, of the independent course pursued by the Oregonian for many years past." What one of these sagacious utterances and the other endorses deserves respectful consideration. The one who publishes the paper professes Democratic sympathies suggests that his journal is not "strong," because it is Democratic; "for," says he, "a strong Democratic paper to be established (in Portland needs a cash capital of \$50,000), and it would have to be an independent paper and not a partisan institution, much less a personal organ for some political aspirant." Let us examine this confession of faith a little more closely. To make a strong Democratic paper, in Portland, then requires, first, \$50,000. Second principle of the "independent" or hermaphrodite course, third the absence of any personal interest, or of any political bias. And this is what the Oregonian accepts as good doctrine, and takes itself as "independent." Can you not figure the editor tapping his amphiphront front, and proudly boasting, "Here am I, my newspaper is 'strong'; I have more than \$50,000; no principles to speak of; and no political aspirant inspires me. These requisites make a Democratic paper strong; they have made me strong." Here is one honest man at any rate, who has the courage of his opinions. Stoop though for a moment; in what does this "independence" consist? Well we all read the Oregonian, so it ought to be possible to answer such a simple question. First, it seems to us, is independence of any sort of consistency; so, for instance, mob law and Judge Lynch's courts and penalties are admirable things in Washington Territory, but sadly reprehensible in Eastern Oregon. Second, it is independence of general rules; so, for instance, the free and open navigation of open rivers is a splendid thing for Oregon; but open navigation applies only between Portland and the ocean, and not between The Dalles and the ocean; therefore, get all you can to spend on the lower Columbia but starve the Cascade Locks. Third, it is independence of memory; so, for instance, Mr. Villard's floating off O. R. & N. bonds by means of 100 per cent of "watered stock," and a few short months afterwards blackguard the Oregon Pacific for issuing bonds with 30 per cent of stock. Fourth, it is independence of the reorganized principles of the party to which the paper professes to belong; so, for instance go rabidly for the most ultra free trade, while the Republican party is consistent for maintenance of the tariff. Fifth, it is independence of all common rules of truth and decency; but here to quote instances fresh in the memory of us of the "Upper Valley," would be to fill the whole side of the GAZETTE. Sixth, it is independence of all party subordination, which ought to influence the editor of a journal, professing to hold Republican principles, to keep personal animosities and bitterness in check, if the interests of the party demand it. And here again instances abound. So that on the general retrospect of the course of the Oregonian for several years past we find that the familiar words of the poet apply in full force: "A merciful Providence fashioned us as keller." It appears that we fight our principles awfully.

FREE TRADE OR PROTECTION. Another section of country heard from through one of the prominent papers of the State which unanimously votes, Villard's Oregonian a genuine fraud, a delusion and containing a jumbled up mass of inconsistencies and solely devoted to opposing the development of the different parts of the State. On this subject the Jacksonville Sentinel very appropriately says: "Which is it that the Oregonian advocates? 'Hot or cold with the same breath' seems to be the rule of that paper and it is somewhat amusing to observe the inconsistencies of its various positions. Drifting with popular opinion it has been opposed to Chinese labor when performed on American soil but demands free trade in all foreign commodities knowing that 'free trade' would build up manufacturing in China whose products could and would, if admitted free of duty, drive American artisans to the wall. Free trade means universal competition—protection to nothing and yet this sheet continually opposes the opening of the upper Columbia to free navigation; so that a railroad corporation may have an exclusive monopoly of the carrying trade of the Columbia basin. It asserts at the possibility of a railroad from Yaquina bay to the center of the Willamette valley and tries to break down the credit of the company by a wise prediction that it will never realize interest on the investment; for fear a 'collapse' will be drawn away from Portland. It preaches free trade in one breath as a blessing and confesses in the next that the experiment in that direction with the Sandwich Islands is a curse. It denounces protection of any kind as the greatest of evils but sticks to its monopoly of the press dispatches knowing that without that protection it would die of its own greatness just as the vagaries and uncertainties that it is only its own friend and can blow 'hot or cold' whenever its interests demand either. We said a year ago that all the romance that had been dreamed of the James boys and their companion desperadoes would soon be dissipated, and we think that few people can see much left of it now. Fancy had made these outlaws very unreal characters, but the veils parted at last, and everybody can see what commonplace fellows the worst of them are. All the romantic characteristics which they have been credited by a too credulous public disappear when they come to be known, and they are much less terrifying when it is seen that they are very ordinary criminals. The bravery and the generosity which have given them a sentimental charm do not exist in fact, deceit and cunning being a large part of the stock in trade with these ruffians, as with all other kinds of professional law-breakers. South Carolina, under Democratic rule, says the N. Y. Times, maintains its ancient reputation for hostility to the authority of the United States. At first it was agreed among the Democratic leaders that while the State law officers should defend the persons accused of violating the Federal election laws, this should be done unofficially, the officers appearing as private counsel. The Governor, however, has boldly ordered the State Attorney to defend the accused persons, as though the sovereign State of South Carolina had been invaded. On the same principle, we must suppose, if some of the local authorities of the city of Charleston were to be arrested for violating the United States statutes regarding the importing of dutiable merchandise, the Governor would be bound to defend the accused persons at the expense of the State. And, in order to carry out the idea that South Carolina is a foreign State, a number of Republicans are to be arrested and held as hostages (on various pretexts) until an exchange of prisoners can be effected, man for man. Experience does not seem to have taught much to the present generation of South Carolina politicians. PHILIP WEBER, UPHOLSTERER AND DEALER IN FURNITURE WALL PAPER, WINDOW SHADES (IN ALL COLORS AND SIZES), Pictures and Picture Frames. BRACKETS AND MIRRORS. Makes and Repairs to Order. LOUNGES, EASY CHAIRS, AND MATTRESSES Lowest living Prices. 18-27 1/2-27 ORDINANCE NO. 45. An Ordinance relating to keeping streets, alleys and gutters clean. 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