

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

Congressman, DON M. C. GEORGE, of Multnomah. Supreme Judge, W. P. LORD, of Marion. Governor, Z. F. MOODY, of Wasco. Secretary of State, R. E. FAIRBANKS, of Multnomah. Treasurer, EDWARD HIRSCH, of Marion. Supt. of Public Institutions, E. R. McELROY, of Benton. State Printer, W. H. BYARS, of Douglas. Second Judicial District, For Judge, R. S. BEAN, of Lane. District Attorney, E. G. HURSH, of Douglas.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For State Senator, E. WOODWARD. For Representative, TOLBERT CARTEL, R. J. NICHOLS, W. P. KEADY. 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 GELTATLY. For Assessor, PERRY EDDY. For School Superintendent, JAMES CHAMBERS. For County Surveyor, GEORGE MERCER.

THE REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM.

The Republican party of Oregon in convention assembled to make the following declaration of its political principles: First, That we favor honest, efficient and economical administration of every department of government. Second, That we favor the equal protection of the rights of labor and capital. Third, That we are in favor of regulating the salaries of county officers so that they shall receive no compensation as are commensurate with their services. Fourth, That we regard the free school system of our State as the special care and pride of the Republican party. Fifth, That it is the policy of the Republican party to foster and encourage the development of our state by the construction of railroads which will place us in direct communication with our sister states. Sixth, That we hold all corporations to be strictly responsible to their liabilities under the law, and recognize the right of the legislature to enact all reasonable limitations on corporate powers. Seventh, That to this end we will not support any unincorporated railroad lands in this state, nor will we support any such lands within reach of actual settlers at a price not exceeding \$25 per acre, under such conditions and provisions as will secure the railway companies in any vested rights or equities they may have in the proceeds of such land. Eighth, That we favor the enactment of a law by Congress restoring to the states the right to locate and sell public lands in all cases where by abandonment of title and filing, they have hitherto not had the full benefit of such sale. Ninth, That the rapidly increasing manufacturing and working interests of the state do and the continued fostering care of the general government. Tenth, That the reciprocity treaty with the Hawaiian Islands is an imposition upon the government and the people, and should be speedily annulled. Eleventh, That by the generous policy of the Republican party in Congress, liberal appropriations have been made to various portions of the state, and we favor a continuation of this liberal policy for the development of our state and especially for the improvement of the Columbia river, the Willamette river, the Yaguin and Coos bays, and personal harbor of refuge at Fort Ord, the Clatsop, Coquille and Klamath rivers, the construction of the Columbia river, the Cuscoque and the Dalles of the Columbia river, as well as other sections of our state. Twelfth, We profoundly deplore the untimely and tragic death of James Abram Garfield, late president of the United States, who was shot down while in the discharge of his official duties by the hand of a cowardly assassin, and we approve and applaud the practical wisdom, the unselfish patriotism and the unwavering fidelity to the constitution and the principles of American liberty with which James A. Garfield discharged the duties and responsibilities of the presidential office during his brief occupancy thereof. Thirteenth, We regard President Arthur's veto of the bill for restricting Chinese immigration as unwise and unjust, and we condemn the policy which prompted it as being opposed to the principles of the Republican party as expressed in the platform of our last national Republican convention; and we heartily commend our Representative in Congress, Hon. M. C. George, for his able efforts to secure the passage of such bill; and we here earnestly declare to be our belief that Chinese immigration to the United States should be restricted, and we favor the passage of such bill in Congress shall persist in advancing the enactment of a law that will effectually accomplish this result. Fourteenth, That we heartily endorse the course of our able Congressmen, M. C. George and J. M. Johnson, in their efforts in behalf of our state; and that we heartily approve the economical and efficient administration of the past of our present Republican state officers.

Republican County Convention Platform.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted: We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following: The Republican party of Benton county, in convention assembled on this 5th day of April, 1882, hereby make the following declaration of principles: 1. That the laws regarding the assessment and collection of taxes should be so amended that all classes of property shall bear an equal proportion to the public burden; and that all sums levied 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 lately 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 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 freights, 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 Yaguin 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 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.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE.

Mr. Fenton the Democratic nominee for Congress appeared in this place and spoke at the Hall last Monday to a rather small audience. The audience, however, was fair sized when the fact of the speaking having been in daylight is considered. Mr. Fenton is a speaker of pleasant appearance and seemed to satisfy the Democrats fairly so far as we are able to learn. His position on the Chinese question to the effect that Republicans of Oregon must beat Mr. George in order to show Eastern Republican leaders that the people of Oregon are in earnest on the Chinese question, is certainly wrong because Mr. George has voted right on the Chinese bill and all other bills affecting the interests of Oregon; and for the people of this State to vote against him and beat him would indicate that the people of Oregon did not approve of his acts. When during all of this time Mr. George has done far better for Oregon than all other Representatives ever sent to Congress from this State.

THE FREE WHISKY ISSUE IN INDIANA.

The free whisky issue does not seem to bring much harmony into the ranks of the Democracy in Indiana. It has already begun to cause trouble. At a party meeting in Bloomington a resolution was offered concerning the anti-temperance attitude of the Indiana Democrats. Its discussion led to some plain speaking on the part of these speakers. One speaker asserted that if the recent election in Indiana and Cincinnati were Democratic victories, and we were nearly a Republican, which another declared that if there is such a thing as a temperance wing in the Democratic party, it had better show itself, or he would soon believe it is rightly termed a whisky organization. The party organs are also in doubt whether any permanent strength has been brought to the party by those who voted with it at the spring elections. The Michigan City Dispatch says that the municipal victories were won by German votes, and intimates that they are not likely to remain with the Democratic party in a national contest, as "they are very conservative and much inclined to let well enough alone, and not desirous of fiscal changes."

EASTERN OREGON LANDS.

The Oregonian of May 4th reprinted the following extract from the Princeton News without any word of dissent. Of the truthfulness of the description we have no doubt. But these arsons of the lands through which the Oregon Pacific line will run, previously described by the Oregonian as barren and worthless. So here again truth comes out at last: It would seem that the question of the probable value of our sage brush land, especially that which is situated in the valleys, and with elevations above the neighboring steeps of from 50 to 100 feet, had been determined at last. In 1881 forty bushels of wheat to the acre were grown on such lands. Mr. Patten, who is a practical farmer, was convinced of the practicality of cultivating such lands that have hitherto been looked upon as almost entirely valueless, except for grazing purposes, and with industry and easy labor has cleared sage, plowed, and sown upward of 150 acres of this land on the bench north of town, and expects to reap a bountiful harvest of grain. The prospects at present are sufficient to convince any one that this kind of soil will grow a good harvest of wheat, oats, barley or rye. Of course the season must be favorable, else the grain will not properly mature. And so must the seasons be favorable of other places to insure a good quantity of wheat, oats, etc. Mr. Patten last week refused an offer of \$2000 for his farm. The most beautiful location can be found in this part of Wasco county. Thousands of acres of land, level as a floor, almost, can be selected in one body, in many places.

SCHOOL-BOOK LAW.

The late Democratic County Convention adopted as one of the main planks of their platform the following: "We favor an amendment of the present school-book law." In what way do they want it amended? Do they desire an amendment in such way that the kinds of books can be changed more often than heretofore, or so that a poorer quality of book can be forced upon the people in order that those holding a monopoly of the book adopted can better fill their own pockets and rob the people? The plank above alluded to, in which the Democratic party declares that they are in favor of amending the school-book law, is what their legislative ticket is pledged to do in the event they should be successful at the polls. An amendment is all the people could expect of them, in any event. As to what that amendment would be the people are in the dark. In fact, you cannot amend such a law so as to make it any better for the people. Every time it is amended it makes it more burdensome and oppressive than before for the people to comply with. The only purpose this law has ever served is to burden and oppress the people and retard the progress of education among the poor. The only way to relieve the people from this system of robbery is to repeal the law and entirely blot it off from our statute books. The Republican party of this county came out square on this subject, and placed themselves in a position to be understood beyond any doubt by declaring that "We regard the present school-book law as an oppressive monopoly, and demand its unconditional repeal." Such is the attitude of the Republican party, in unmistakable terms, on the school-book fraud. If the people want the law amended so as to entail upon them and their posterity the obligation of forever complying with this law, and also preventing those who are unable to purchase the books from receiving the benefits of education, they should vote for the Democratic nominees on the legislative ticket of this county. But, on the other hand, if the people desire a legislative ticket elected that will use its utmost endeavor to repeal the law, and thus take this unjust burden off from the people's shoulders, they should vote for the Republican ticket.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The last issue of the Oregon Sentinel contains the following conundrum: "The Standard and other Democratic papers clamor for economy and, as they are eternally blowing about Governor Thayer's extremely economical administration, we would like to know why in thunder did the Democratic party not nominate him?" The suggestion is made in Ohio that ex-President Hayes be nominated for Congress man-at-large if it becomes necessary to elect a member in that way. The Columbus Journal intones the suggestion as a capital one, and says that "the time is ripe for Hayes once more to lead the Republican host to victory." The Republicans of Kentucky are nominating colored men for constables and coroners. Notwithstanding the awful example in his own family, young Mr. English of Indianapolis, the son of his father, proposes to become a candidate for Congress. Mrs. Pickett, widow of General George W. Pickett (confederate), was appointed to a clerkship in the Quartermaster-General's office on the recommendation of a friend. Governor Foster of Ohio stands by the anti-liquor legislation in that State, and thinks that the people will so emphatically approve it that a Democratic Legislature will not dare repeal it.

"WHOLESALE INSULTS."

In the last issue of the Leader the editors of that paper take a great deal of occasion in writing a communication to themselves under the "title" of "Wholesale Insults" signed "Democrat" and particularly directed to the GAZETTE concerning some late remarks regarding W. S. McFadden's candidacy for District Judge. This wonderful self-to-self directed communication says: "But when he, (meaning the GAZETTE), charges that the Democratic party of this county have no more brains or manhood than to be led around by the nose by any man, he simply writes himself down an ass, and will probably learn a'fer a while that men will not pay him to abuse them." We never wrote, said, or published anything about the intelligence or manhood of the Democratic party or anything to reflect on either faculty. The Democratic party of New York was at one time dominated over and controlled by "Bossism" in the person of Tweed, to such an extent that it came near ruining the city government and seriously affecting State affairs. Yet no one either Democratic or Republican ever intimated that in discussing the subject of Bossism in that case that it was any reflection on the sense or manhood of the rank and file of the Democratic party of that city on account of being subject to such "Bossism" and leadership. On the other hand at a later day the Republican party of New York has been under the "Bossism" control of Tweed, and led by the nose in the person of Roscoe Conkling; and it is referring to this calamity to New York Republicanism which has been discussed all over the United States no one either Democrat or Republican in this discussing the subject ever thought that such discussions reflected upon the good sense or manhood of the Republican party of that State. The fact of the business is that both parties occasionally get hold of a "Boss" and there can be no successful denial of it. It was not our expectation to make anybody believe that the Democratic party had a nose and that Mr. McFadden had that organ between his thumb and finger leading it around. But quite a considerable proportion of a few Democrats of this county (not a few as Mr. McFadden would like to make you believe) but a great many of them for the last several years have been constantly asserting that Mr. McFadden was leading a portion of the party which generally controlled and made the nominations; that the same portion of the party ran to him for his suggestions and dictations and that the same were taken for granted and acted upon and that he dictated the nominations and set up the conventions in such shape so that his faction of the party and particular friends only could get the nominations. When any quantity of Democrats in the county entertained and expressed these views about Mr. McFadden and having been along side of him for about eight years and having learned ourselves a great deal about his maneuverings we believed these matters as testified to by so many Democrats to be true. Instead therefore of enumerating all of these things we ent the matter short in order to express the idea, by calling him "Boss" and stating that he led them by the nose.

ANY PERSON WHO IS RUNNING FOR JUDGE.

any person who is running for Judge, because life liberty and property are continually brought before the courts for protection and without a pure and intelligent Judge there can be no security for either. Mr. McFadden, however, preferred to make it a political controversy in order to assist in working up a party feeling for him; and hence he caused the resolution which was referred to last week to be introduced in the Convention. The passage of this resolution absolutely forced upon us a controversy with the Convention and thus compelled us to devote the space to that body which we occupied last week. Hereafter we shall devote more of our space to friend McFadden's qualifications rather than to the Convention unless the latter is again in some way forced upon us. The introduction and passage of the resolutions referred to tends more than ever before to convince us that we were right in the belief that McFadden had almost absolute influence over the nominating power of the Democratic party so much so as to be the leader. Because the passage of resolutions endorsing a party nominee and at the same time reprimanding somebody else is unparalleled in political history. It is hard to acknowledge or sometimes to convince one's self that a man exercises such influence in a party as to control it and lead it, yet such things do happen. We are ashamed of the fact that Conkling has so long led and controlled Republican politics in New York and thus disgraced Republicanism and our country, but the bare facts are in the face and eyes and we are forced to admit it. And when we find it to be true we oppose it as strongly as we would if it occurred in Democratic circles. If there is any one thing that will tend more than any other to ruin this country of ours it is political "Bossism" and political dictation; and it stands every American citizen to look out for them whenever they can be found regardless of any party or political considerations. We do not ask anybody to pay us for abusing them, neither have we abused anybody; we have only told what is true about Mr. McFadden and his qualifications much of which he has told himself with his own lips. Some Democrats to be sure have subscribed for the GAZETTE yet in doing so they certainly did not expect they were buying any control of the policy or course of our editorial columns. We do not want any subscriptions from parties who expect that by such subscription they purchase any control of our life, our liberty, our principles or the columns of our paper; we would feel ashamed for any one who expected it. Since running the GAZETTE we have given parties enough news and general information to be worth the subscription price of the paper and our editorial comments we have given as best suits their turn of mind. The only office we have committed in our absolute duty to the public in showing them that McFadden by his acts and misgivings is not qualified to fill the office of Judge.

A DIFFERENCE WHEN THE TABLES ARE TURNED.

When Mr. McFadden interviewed us on the day of the late Democratic County Convention while talking to us about the comments on his political course, he objected to our having said that he made an active canvass of a county in Pennsylvania for the Republican nomination for Clerk. He said it was not for Clerk; possibly it was not, it might have been Recorder; at any rate soon after we became acquainted with him he told us as he also did several others of having canvassed there for a Republican nomination and of his failing to get it and that as soon thereafter as he could he left for Oregon. He also objected to our having referred to the matter of showing what we did not do with the intention of casting any reflection on, but for the simple reason of showing how little time elapsed and what little he done from the time of leaving Pennsylvania as a Republican until the time of his being a Democrat in Oregon. He objects to the idea that he has an intense desire for office. When a man suddenly leaves his native State because he became so disgusted with his defeat for official position and after reaching his place of destination pursues the course that he has, since being here we are willing to leave the matter with the people to judge of his desire for office without further comment from us. He also objected to the question "do Democrats expect that such a man whose political principles change so often for his personal advancement will not change his opinions when on the bench if a sufficient motivepower was found?" This is the question which is affirmed by most all of mankind at the present day for the reason that they contend that it is unwise and improper to put any man on the bench who has been an active manipulator and wire-worke in politics; because it is said that such politicians while in politics make combinations and become under obligations to other men in such close intimacy that if any of such men become engaged in litigation before the court with such politicians on the bench, that such court under the pressure of past political ties in its weakness is too apt to lean toward such political friends and thus serve its own ends and favor those with whom past political obligation had been formed. It seems to make a great deal of difference whose course are pinched during a race for official position. During the last county campaign in this county when the old Blade was going for the Republican candidate and inviting to the public all kinds of unfounded slanders, when Mr. McFadden at the same time was one of the editors of that paper, no fault to such a course was found by Mr. McFadden and no resolutions were

introduced by him. During the same campaign when the Blade was making disgraceful and unfounded attacks on Sol King, the best Sheriff that Benton county ever had, claiming that he was behind with the county and at the same time Mr. McFadden for two years had had continual access to the county records and had inspected the accounts of Mr. King regularly and yet during the whole of that campaign Mr. McFadden did not appear able or willing to find out the truth of those matters relating to Mr. King. But after the election was over it was an easy matter for him to get at the truth when he found that the county owed Mr. King \$1200 in place of Mr. King owing the county anything and Mr. McFadden's county court accordingly allowed an order to Mr. King for that amount. It is for the people to judge whether this was a scheming electioneering dodge or not. Sol King, who has ever been found to be "as honest as the day is long," through the canvass told the people the truth of the matter that he did not owe the county anything. The people believed him and re-elected him and repudiated the falsehood that was gotten up to beat him with. The people and Mr. King were right about it and all at once after the election Mr. McFadden also discovered that Mr. King did not owe the county anything but that the county owed him a large sum. At this election the "tables are turned." Mr. McFadden is running for an office for which he is in no way qualified, and yet when his qualifications were brought up for discussion concerning matters many of which he has told and acknowledged himself, he indignantly attempts to avoid the controversy and by an effort scarcely ever before thought of in political history, cunningly seeks to throw the whole matter on to his County Convention for that body to carry in place of himself.

King's Valley.

EDITOR GAZETTE.—The farmers here are through seeding and nearly done plowing summer follow. Mr. Stephen King who has been very sick for some time is now slowly recovering though he is in a very critical condition. Franz and Connor are now running their saw mill up to time with a full set of hands. They are turning out some fine lumber and plenty of it. Their mill is one of the best in the State, containing all machinery necessary for cutting dressing and matching lumber and the manufacture of doors, sash, stails, tables, etc. Rev. Pitner commenced a protracted meeting Sunday with the intention of continuing for two weeks. A large congregation was present and much interest manifested. School in the lower district is progressing finely. Miss Wright of your city began school this week in the upper district under very favorable circumstances. I suppose if a person would take the trouble to look over a few copies of the Benton County Blade that were issued while Judge McFadden was principal editor, just previous to the 1st Presidential election, he would find some interesting literature. Almost every number contains the most disgraceful and false accusations against James A. Garfield. No epithet was too vile, no vulgar fling too low to be hurled at Mr. Garfield. I think that Mr. McFadden made a political speech here at King's Valley, consisting mostly of slanders and abuse against Garfield and the leaders of the Republican party. James A. Garfield was sincerely and tauntingly from one end of Benton county to the other called the Campbellite preacher. I would simply ask if there was not one Draper here in our vicinity and what was his language against Garfield and the Republican party. Yet the Democratic Convention "deplores Garfield's vandalism." Oh consistency thou art mighty hard to find. EDITOR. May 8, 1882.

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