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The Democratic State convention certainly performed its labors with a weak pulsation. Their ticket is headed with John Myers of Clackamas for Congressman. This nomination would seem like all the head lights of the party were fearful to run lest they should meet with a Waterloo; but as to John Myers he is always for office, and if there is no chance to get the office he will accept a nomination only and if he can get neither he would at last get in on a proxy if anyone was so simple minded as to give him one. If he should ever be elected to any office he would likely make a steady opposition and accomplish nothing, as his efforts particularly in deliberative bodies is to oppose what others do and do but little else himself. It is even claimed by some that his predisposition to oppose, mixed with contrivance, is the reason his hair falls to grow any more prolific and remains in flagrant opposition to the natural growth of nature.

It will be remembered that the democratic county convention assembled at this place recently adopted the following resolution: "That we favor a law abolishing the 'free pass' system, and providing that an officer of the county or state accepted a pass shall forfeit his right to the office he holds and make the same vacant." And while this resolution was still fresh in the minds of the delegates to the state convention assembled at The Dalles, and as is characteristic with the actions of the democratic party, that august body (1) tendered the railroad companies a vote of thanks for reduced fares to the officers of the convention. Oh, consistency thou art a jewel!

It is stated on telegraphic authority that a conference of gentlemen met a few days ago in New York where it was agreed to nominate Ben Butler for President, and Congressman Reagan of Texas for Vice President on the ticket of antimonopoly party, and the leaders of the greenback party agree to ratify the nominations. Ben F. is bound in some way to enter the race for president. It having become apparent to him that he could not get the democratic nomination for which he has been working for a long time, he now is fishing for a nomination from any source. He is anxious to warm the presidential chair but he will never be permitted to enjoy that distinguished honor.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention which met at The Dalles on the 17th inst., was largely controlled by the young members of that body, and a new order of business was adopted on two important questions. The first was that the State central committee be empowered to fix a place of holding the next convention; and the second was the *vive voce* vote. The convention finished its labors in less than four hours of equal work, which resulted in the following nominations:

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Baker, E. B. Ison; Benton, Milton Shannon; Clackamas, William Meyers; Clatsop, John Adair; Columbia, S. A. Miles; Coos, John Lane; Crook, J. R. Siles.
Douglas, W. F. Owens; Grant, R. Lockwood; Jackson, E. Depaett; Josephine, William Naucke; Klamath, E. R. Reames; Lake, A. T. Snelling; Lane, R. B. Cochran; Linn, J. K. Weatherford; Marion, P. H. D'Arcy; Multnomah, E. J. Jeffery; Polk, Ira S. Townsend; Tillamook, George L. Story; Umatilla, J. H. Irvin; Union, T. M. Crawford, Wasco, O. S. Savage; Washington, Al. Zeiber; Yamhill, J. J. Shipley.

DELEGATES AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

For delegates to the national convention eleven names were proposed, and an election resulted on the first ballot by the following vote: L. I. McArthur 124, F. P. Hogan of Douglas 99, A. E. Wart of Clackamas 92, T. L. Porter of Linn 97, W. T. Cook of Umatilla 86, and V. K. Strode of Multnomah 86. The remaining five received votes as follows: A. Bush of Marion 44, S. Flood of Douglas 40, W. H. Holmes of Marion 33, J. J. Dally of Polk 24, A. Noltner of Multnomah 19.

For presidential electors the first ballot stood: L. B. Ison of Baker 104, W. D. Fenton of Yamhill 87, A. C. Jones of Douglas 56, John Whitaker of Lane 46, John Burnett of Benton 40, Eugene Semple of Columbia 29, James K. Kelly of Multnomah 14, Ison and Fenton were elected on the second ballot. All but Jones and Semple were withdrawn. Jones received 107 votes and Semple 16.

THAYER FOR SUPREME JUDGE—MYERS FOR CONGRESS.

For supreme Judge Holman of Multnomah presented ex-Governor W. W. Thayer.

Darcy of Multnomah moved suspension of the rules and Governor Thayer was nominated by acclamation amid applause.

For congressional representative, Hon. John Myers of Clackamas county was nominated by acclamation, amid great applause.

DISTRICT NOMINATIONS.

First district Judge, Charles Cogswell; attorney, T. B. Kent. Second district: Attorney, J. W. Hamilton. Third district: Attorney, George Chamberlain. Fourth district: Judge R. L. McKee; attorney, Alfred Sears, Jr. Fifth district: Judge, A. S. Bennett; attorney, W. B. Dillard. Sixth district: Judge, G. W. Walker; attorney, M. B. Clifford.

Legislative districts: Joint senator for Wasco, Crook, Lake and Klamath, S. G. Thompson; joint representatives for Wasco and Crook, J. B. Condon and William McB Lewis; joint senator for Polk and Benton. Rufus Thompson; joint representative for Clatsop and Tillamook, C. Leinenweber.

California's extra session of the legislature is proving to be a failure. It is now almost certain that none of the measures proposed by the Governor for cinching the railroads will be enacted, as the corporation interest is said to be able to control a majority in both houses. The cost of the extra session will be about \$100,000, and how to get decently out of an embarrassing fix and end the session, is the all-absorbing question.

TOOLS, TOOLS, TOOLS.—Woodcock & Baldwin have just received a full line of tools of all kinds just from the eastern manufacturers.

Polk and Benton county democracy

at the State Democratic convention nominated Rufus Thompson for joint Senator for the two counties. The nomination is an unusual good one if viewed from the stand-point of affording no opposition whatever to the election of the Republican nominee. Mr. Thompson is a reuter on Dr. Hill's place in the lower end of this county. He rented the Drs farm and moved to this county a few months before our county election two years ago. Our readers will no doubt remember that two years ago the GAZETTE made some hitting blows at the doings of the State Democratic convention and the district nominations which they made at that time, which seemed to displease some of the delegates in the Benton county Democratic convention, and because the managers of the GAZETTE could not be induced to desist in such a course, certain resolutions were prepared and placed in Mr. Thompson's hands which he introduced and read in the convention, denouncing the GAZETTE, its management, its course of journalism and everything connected with it, because it dared to say what it deemed to be right and proper to say on the matters then of vital interest to the public. It is possible that these resolutions were placed in Mr. Thompson's hands because he was a new comer, and a comparative stranger in the county and because those who had been here longer and were better acquainted had more sense than to have anything to do with such resolutions, as they met with a very slight vote in the convention. As to how he came to introduce them or what his motive or purpose was is a matter of little consequence, but the point to be gained from the whole matter is that if he had been possessed with the good common sense and the ordinary foresight which a senator to the State legislature should possess he would not have touched them, because their introduction demoralized their party in the county for that campaign and it was the greatest benefit to the GAZETTE which could have happened to it. It is useless to further comment, because Rufus Thompson stands no more chance of being elected joint Senator for Polk and Benton to the next legislature than some man now in Brazil.

The Republican primary conventions in Salem last Saturday was attended with more excitement, manipulation, wire working and unusual efforts to get people to vote for the contending factions than is most usual at a general election in other localities. While it is necessary and important for a full attendance at primary conventions, yet the practice of setting them up as it was said to have been done at Salem, is a shame and burning disgrace to American politics. It is certainly calculated to undermine the good order of our system of politics where voters so far forget their political principles as to permit two or three men of opposing factions to set up the precinct election and vote men with as little reason as a herd of sheep or cattle. It would seem that newspapers in such a community if so disposed could do much toward bringing about a more healthy and respectable management of such matters.

The other day Judge LaDow, who is fond of joking with the small boy, met a couple of juveniles, and, after talking with them a short time, said to one of them, "I believe you can whip this other boy, for you look like a good democrat." "Well," said the little fellow addressed, "I'd rather be licked than to be called a democrat!"—*Pendleton Tribune.*

The cosmopolitan character of our American magazines has never been better illustrated than in the announcements of the May Harper's. Certainly American topics, authors and artists are thoroughly represented, but there will be also papers on English, French, and German subjects, written by Englishmen, Frenchmen, and Germans, and illustrated by English and French artists. William Black, William Sharp, Alfred Parsons, A. F. Jacassay, and Dr. Moritz Busch are among the contributors in question. Yet Harper's is commonly counted the most American of our magazines.

THE POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The principal changes made by the senate in the postoffice appropriation bill are that it increases the amount allowed for postmasters' salaries from \$10,000,000 to \$11,500,000; for salaries of clerks in postoffices from \$4,775,000 to \$4,900,000; for payment of letter carriers and expenses of the free delivery system from \$3,600,000 to \$4,000,000. The senate strikes out the clause providing that periodical publications other than daily newspapers, when delivered within the city of publication, shall be charged the same postage as if delivered elsewhere. For inland mail transportation the appropriation is increased from \$11,700,000 to \$12,750,000. The senate strikes out the clauses directing the postmaster general to make a uniform reduction of 5 per cent. on the compensation paid all railroads, and requiring land grant roads to carry mails for 50 per cent. less than is charged by other roads. The appropriation for the railway postoffice car service is increased from \$1,600,000 to \$1,925,000, and \$185,000 is appropriated for necessary and special facilities on trunk lines. The latter, it was understood, is for faster mail service in the south. The amount for steamboat service is increased from \$6,250,000 to \$6,500,000.

Appropriation for star route is increased from \$4,600,000 to \$5,000,000 but the clause reappropriating the unexpended balance of last year's appropriation is stricken out. In referring to this form Senator Plumb said it was an increase only in appearance, and not in fact, as there was no unexpended balance to be reappropriated. The appropriation for railway postoffice clerks is increased from \$4,000,000 to \$4,300,000, and for mail bags and cartage from \$230,000 to \$250,000. The senate adds to the bill \$4500 to defray the expenses of delegates to the universal union congress, to be held at Lisbon October next, and finally provides that if the revenue of the postoffice department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by the act the deficiency shall be made up from any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Call Adopted by the Committee.

A Republican Convention for the state of Oregon is called to meet at the city of Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1884, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices, to wit: Representatives in Congress, Judge of the Supreme Court, three Presidential Electors, and district officers for the several judicial districts, and to select 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 206 of delegates, apportioned among the several counties, as follows:

Baker	5	Lake	2
Benton	9	Lane	10
Clackamas	10	Linn	12
Clatsop	6	Marion	18
Columbia	4	Multnomah	35
Coos	6	Polk	8
Crook	5	Tillamook	2
Curry	2	Umatilla	12
Douglas	12	Union	7
Grant	5	Wasco	8
Jackson	6	Washington	8
Josephine	3	Yamhill	9
Klamath	2		
Total	206		

The same being one at large from each county, and one delegate for every 125 votes, and one for every fraction over one-half thereof, cast for Hon. M. C. George, Congressman, at the last general election.

The committee recommend that the primaries be held on Saturday, the 12th day of April, and the county conventions on Tuesday, the 22d day of April, unless otherwise ordered by the proper County Central Committees.

The committee earnestly recommend that the delegates elected to the State Convention attend in person, and if not convenient for them to so attend personally, that they send their proxies by electors of the county they represent.

The Republican voters of the state, without regard to past political differences, who are in favor of elevating and dignifying American labor giving free popular education to the masses of the people, effectually protecting all human rights in every section of our common country, and who desire to promote friendly feeling and permanent harmony throughout the state by maintaining the government pledged to these objects and privileges, are cordially invited to unite in selecting delegates to the Republican State Convention. SOL HIRSCH, Chairman.

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 21, 1884.
The following was unanimously adopted. Resolved, That the committee earnestly recommend that the delegates elected to the state convention attend personally, or that they send their proxies by electors of the county they represent.

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