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REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

The Benton County Republican Convention met at the court house in this place last Saturday and did its work well. A full ticket was nominated composed of good and able material. John A. Henkle, of Philomath, W. P. Keady, of Alsea Bay, and M. J. Connor, King's Valley, long residents of the county and well identified with its interests, were nominated as candidates for the legislature. They are all men of ability and well qualified for the positions.

E. H. Hawkins, of Monroe precinct and G. G. Newton, of Philomath precinct, were nominated for county commissioners. These gentlemen have both been residents of the county for 30 years or more, and are both in the prime of life. They are both able financiers and understand well the interests, wants and needs of the county. There are no men in Benton county who are better fitted to look after the interests of the county than Messrs. Hawkins and Newton.

Sol King, who has served the county for the last three or four terms, was again re-nominated for re-election. Mr. King has made a good officer and is a kind, obliging gentleman and has always been working steadfast in the interests of the county. His heart and purse has always been open to the wants of the poor and needy, who always find in him a steadfast friend. He is a good man and efficient officer and it is needless to say that he is just as good as elected now by a majority over his opponent of three or four hundred.

Benton county has had B. W. Wilson as her County Clerk for about 18 years in order to give him a fair trial in office, and the people having become convinced that he is one of the most able and efficient clerks, the convention therefore re-nominated him in order that the people may now keep him in office for a while. Bush has been one of the best clerks in the State and the people would suffer much inconvenience to lose his services in that capacity. It is needless to say that he will be re-elected.

T. J. Blair is one of the oldest residents of the county, having resided on his farm near Corvallis until a few years ago when he bought the warehouses in Corvallis, where he has since resided. Mr. Blair is a kind, agreeable gentleman and will make an efficient

treasurer. His long residence, experience and acquaintance with the people of the county affords him advantages in making them a good officer.

Mr. Edgar Grimm was nominated by acclamation as the candidate for Superintendent of Common Schools. Mr. Grimm is a young man about 30 years of age, having a fine education and is a man of much ability. He is a son of Judge Grimm of Marion County and a genuine Oregon pioneer, born and raised in Oregon. He graduated with high honors at the Corvallis State Agricultural College a few years ago and afterwards went back to the State University of Michigan where he again graduated with much credit to himself and honor to our State. While attending the University of Michigan he gave special attention to the department of agriculture and after his return to this State his services were procured by the board of regents of the Agricultural College here to give his whole time and special attention to teach the chair on agriculture in the school. He is a zealous and hard student, a man of unswerving integrity, possessed of a high sense of honor and in every walk of life maintains a high moral and social standard, and last but not least he is a man in whose hands every person can with safety and the utmost confidence place the educational management of their children. When elected Superintendent of the public schools of this county these bulwarks of American liberty and free government will be under a good, faithful and efficient supervision.

Geo. Mercer, who has only lived in Benton county about 30 years or more and with whom nearly every person in the county, old or young, is well acquainted, was nominated by acclamation for County Surveyor. Mr. Mercer has served the county as surveyor for perhaps 15 or 20 years before, and seems destined to be re-elected from time to time for the remainder of his life. He is a practical surveyor and has made a good, efficient officer and will doubtless be re-elected.

Perry Eddy, who has served the county as Assessor for the last two years, was re-nominated for another term. Mr. Eddy has made a good, efficient officer and has come nearer than any Assessor before him in fulfilling the law governing assessments, although it is commonly said that an Assessor cannot be re-elected to a second term yet it now remains to see whether the people will sustain and re-elect an Assessor for doing his duty, or whether they will defeat his election because he did his duty in assessing them as the law required him to do.

Dr. T. V. B. Embree, amid great applause and in opposition to his earnest protest, was unanimously nominated as the candidate for coroner.

On last Thursday M. C. George, of Oregon, obtained unanimous consent in the lower house of Congress to take from the speaker's table the bill which passed the senate in January, authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay \$6000 to F. G. Schwatka and wife of Salem, Oregon, for property taken from them by the United States military authorities. This property upon which Fort Stevens, at the mouth of the Columbia river, now stands, was appropriated by the government in 1854, and ever since Schwatka, has been trying to obtain payment. At the request of Holman, George to-day made a short statement of the case, in which he said Schwatka and wife were now old and dependent, and the passage of the bill was an act of mercy. No objection being made, the bill was passed, and this afternoon was sent to President Arthur for signature. It has been pending in congress for many years.

The house committee in Congress on postoffices and post roads has directed a sub committee, consisting of Rogers, Ward, J. M. Taylor, Bingham and Wakefield, to prepare a bill providing for a contract system of postal telegraph. The sub-committee met last Saturday.

A GOOD BILL—IT SHOULD BECOME A LAW.

The bill to protect American laborers, reported favorably from the senate committee of the United States, on education and labor by George, provides that the importation or immigration from any foreign country into any place within the jurisdiction of the United States of any alien, under any agreement, expressed or implied, that such alien shall work or labor for, or in any wise serve in said jurisdiction any person or corporation, shall hereafter be prohibited; that every such agreement shall be considered null and void; that any advance of the cost of transportation, or any part thereof, or any agreement to pay or secure such transportation of any alien to any place within the jurisdiction of the United States, made by any person engaged in mining, manufacturing, building or transportation, or by any corporation whatever, shall hereafter be prohibited.

It provides a penalty of \$500 for each and every violation of these provisions, and that it shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$1000 and disqualification from holding office under the United States, for any person, while in the official service of the United States, to violate any of the provisions of the act, or knowingly aid and encourage such violations.

It also provides that it shall be a misdemeanor for a master or other officer of a vessel of American registry knowingly to bring from any foreign country into the United States any alien who is under the agreement prohibited by this act, and that such misdemeanor shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000 for each and every alien so transported on the vessel.

The act shall not be so construed as to prevent any citizens of a foreign country from coming into the United States, or from bringing with him servants for personal service or convenience to his family, nor from preventing any such foreigner, while temporarily residing in the United States, from bringing such servants, and it shall not be construed to apply to the employment of sailors and seamen on vessels engaged in foreign commerce.

If any person or corporation shall complain to the president of the United States that he or it is engaged in, or is about to start a business requiring skilled labor of a particular kind, and that a sufficient quantity of such skilled labor cannot be obtained in the United States, the president may, on being satisfied of the truth thereof, issue license to such person or corporation being unaffected by this act, to import such skilled labor, specifying the kind of skilled labor and the number of artisans permitted to be brought into the United States.

A report of the secretary of state was laid before the senate last week giving information concerning the average production, consumption, exportation and importation of wheat, rye, corn and cotton of foreign countries. According to the report calculations and estimates submitted prove, as far as statistics can prove under the circumstances, that the stock of wheat on hand in Europe, at the close of 1883, did not materially differ from the stock on hand at the close of the previous year; that the wants of Europe are imperative and great as in 1883, and the demands upon the United States should naturally be as great as they were in 1883. How long Europe may or can draw upon her reserve stock, or what the exact considerations which control the several countries, especially the United Kingdom, which may be said to regulate the wheat markets of the world, time alone can develop. The report also states that the most liberal allowance for the wheat output necessary to the world's consumption the United States should be drawn upon the present year for 177,000,000 bushels, in round numbers, against 198,000,000 bushels from all other wheat growing countries. It thus appears that the United States, instead of being controlled, should be able to control the foreign market.

There can be no doubt that a measure in the tariff proposition now before congress is prompted by the Central Pacific railroad company, and is solely in their interest. The measure for taking off the duty from foreign coal, which now pays the small tax of 75 cents per ton, will seriously affect the interest of Oregon and Washington, from the fact that by the terms of settlement recently arranged between the dominion government and the province of British Columbia a grant of \$750,000 and 3,000,000 acres of land was made to a company upon the condition of building a line of railroad between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, a distance of 68 miles. The Central Pacific railroad company and Robert Dunsuir, of Victoria, have received this grant, which lies on the eastern side of Vancouver's island, and includes nearly all the coal deposits near the coast of the province. The effect of this is to give this company the monopoly of the coal product of British Columbia. It is evident that the item in the tariff bill allowing the free importation of coal is made in the interest of this company, and is part of a scheme to bring British Columbia coal into competition with domestic coals in the markets of the Pacific coast. The British Columbia coal is in unlimited quantity, is quite accessible, and is of better quality than that produced in any mine in Washington Territory, Oregon or California. It is easy to see that if Morrison's bill is passed, and the tariff removed from coal, it will practically drive our coal out of the market.

At the New York State convention there seemed to have occurred almost a boom in favor of Blaine for our next president, which was only prevented by a combination of other candidates against him.

It is thought that the debates in Congress on the tariff bill will end about the first of this month.

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