

A republican convention for the state of Oregon is called to meet in the city of Portland on Thursday, April 10, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for presidential electors and state and district offices, except congressmen, and of electing delegates to the national republican convention, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention which will consist of 225 delegates, chosen by the several counties as follows:

Baker	5	Lane	11
Benton	5	Lincoln	10
Blackman	5	Malheur	3
Clatsop	7	Marion	3
Columbia	5	Morrow	3
Coos	4	Multnomah	48
Crook	3	Polk	3
Curry	3	Sherman	3
DeWitt	3	Tillamook	3
Ellis	3	Tillamook	3
Farmer	3	Union	3
Jackson	7	Walla	3
Johnson	3	Washington	11
Klamath	3	Yamhill	9

The same being one delegate-at-large for each county and one delegate for every 200 voters and one for every fraction over one-half thereof for the republican candidate for governor at the election to be held on June 10, 1896.

The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, March 23, 1896, unless otherwise ordered by the proper county committee.

All voters in favor of the republican principle of government, to wit: the national republican convention, the upbuilding of a home market, a sound money policy, and a tariff policy, and who are desirous of being cordially invited to unite with the republican party, are invited to attend.

GEO. A. STEEL, Chairman.

Wm. C. Frazier, Secretary.

Portland, Or., Feb. 5, 1896.

Republican District Convention—First Congressional District.

A republican convention for the first congressional district of the state of Oregon is hereby called to meet at Albany on Tuesday, April 7, 1896, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress and delegates to the national republican convention, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention which will consist of 122 delegates, to be chosen by the several counties as follows:

Benton	5	Lincoln	3
Curry	2	Lincoln	10
DeWitt	2	Marion	3
Ellis	2	Polk	3
Farmer	2	Tillamook	3
Johnson	2	Union	3
Klamath	2	Yamhill	9
Lane	11		

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The committee recommends that the primaries and county conventions be held in accordance with the recommendation of the state central committee.

THOS. H. TONGUE, Secy.

J. A. Wilson, Secretary.

Republican County Convention.

A republican convention for Benton county, Oregon, is hereby called to meet at Corvallis, Oregon, on Saturday, April 12, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing five delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Portland on Saturday, April 19, 1896, and also for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices.

The convention will consist of 77 delegates, apportioned as follows:

Boonville	3	Kings Valley	4
Corvallis No. 1	7	Alsea	2
Corvallis No. 2	7	Philomath	10
Corvallis No. 3	7	Wenatchee	2
Wenatchee	2	Farmington	2
Dunsmuir	2	Longview	2

The same being one delegate-at-large for each precinct, and one for each 200 voters and one for each fraction over one-half, based on the vote for Henry C. Frazier, in 1892.

The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, March 23, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that the county convention be held on Saturday, April 12, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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THE American Protective Tariff League has recently had the honor of adding to its membership the junior senator from Oregon, Hon. George W. McBride.

Referring to this subject, in a letter dated U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C., February 18, the senator said: "In addition to many courtesies hitherto shown me by The American Protective Tariff League, I am under obligations for your esteemed favor of 11th inst., expressing your pleasure that I have become a member of The League. While I have been an earnest advocate of the policy of protection for many years, and have, to the best of my ability, co-operated with The American Protective Tariff League in support of that policy, I assure you it gives me much pleasure to be formally associated with the eminent and patriotic leaders of The League, whose able work has contributed largely to the victories won for protection during the last few years.—American Economist.

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THE American Economist publishes an exhibit of the losses in the value of live stock on our farms that is indeed startling. Live stock that was worth nearly two and a half millions of dollars on January 1, 1892, in the good times of McKinley protection, was worth \$733,829,594 less money to the farmers exactly four year later, after three years experience with a democratic administration. Every farmer in every section of the country, while studying the low value of his live stock, should determine to restore the policy of protection and prosperity for the American farmers, by voting for protection candidates for congress and the republican candidate for the office of president.

THE Salem Statesman (Rep.) was always opposed to Hermann, before his nomination, and is now alluding to him as "Binger on the Whine." It is supposed the Statesman's grievance is that Hermann hasn't moved the capitol of the United States to Salem.—Ex.

SAFETY ONLY IN VIGILANCE.

The republican party is disposed to assume too much on account of its supposed majority in the state and in this county. Political majorities have a peculiar habit of vanishing upon seemingly slight provocation, and we had better realize now that the coming election is not going to be a yellow-dog-upon-the-republican-ticket affair, than to discover it after the votes are counted. People have felt the expense of government more the past year than probably ever before, and this has quickened their interest in political matters. Loyalty to their financial interests rather than party fealty will control their votes where they conflict.

Republican control of the next legislature is not assured by the large number of republican hold-over senators nor by the large majority in the last session. The probable action of the taxpayers' league in Multnomah county will render the political complexion of that county's delegation uncertain. The fierce attack of the Oregonian and a few other republican papers on the last legislature will aid the democrats and populists all over the state. The republicans of Benton county can not afford to take any chances.

The republicans have a large natural majority in Benton county and they can elect the legislative and entire county ticket, but the only safe assurance of success lies in the nomination of good men. One bad nomination weakens the whole ticket. The county ticket will be headed by the legislative candidate and he will bear most of the political fight. Taxpayers will probably be more interested, as such, in the legislative part of the ticket than in the offices that are wont to monopolize most of the attention of the convention and campaign.

Let the republican convention select its legislative candidate carefully and after proper discussion—not hastily and as a mere trifle of its business. Let it select a man who has the confidence of the people; a man of good judgment and good intentions; a man of force and character—not a nonentity; a man who is in touch with the several interests of Benton county, who can aid materially in securing the needed legislative action in behalf of these interests. Let it choose a consistent republican, who is not identified with any faction or ring; who will follow the instructions of the convention and his constituents. It will not be difficult to find such a man, and such a candidate only is assured of success.

Voters should discuss the matter at the primaries and at their other gatherings. Impress your views upon your delegates to let one or two offices, important as they may be, usurp all the attention and consideration.

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THE result of the Albany convention will cause the Salem Statesman—ability to wonder how in—Mr. Hermann of—received the nomination.

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AN INCONSISTENT ORGAN.

Several years ago, when Mr. Mitchell was a candidate for senator, the Oregonian made the most persistent and bitter fight against him that could be waged by a newspaper against a man. Nothing was too mean, abusive, or dirty for it to say against him. Its malicious venom knew no bounds. Yet he was elected, and has been elected still another time. When the Oregonian, though hating him as bitterly as ever, prudently restrained the violence of its opposition. The editor of the Oregonian, realizing the impotence of the paper's rancorous enmity, has lately gone into personal and practical politics. He has joined the Simon forces, and accepted a position as a co-boss or sub-boss along with or under Mr. Simon's standard. Following the secretive and delusive tactics of that astute gentleman, the Oregonian pretends that there is no fight against Mitchell now; that economy and lower taxes are the only matters that it cares about. It has nothing but praise now for Mr. Simon and his followers, though its files of a few years back would show a far different opinion of them. It might reproduce, for example, its opinion of the manner in which Mr. Waldo was once defeated for supreme court judge. It is loaded daily with condemnation of the municipal and county officers who are opposing the Simon machine, yet has no word of censure of Sheriff Sears, who led the forces at Alsea against reduction of salaries. Sears has gone into the Simon camp, having been promised the nomination for sheriff, hence he is now an ally of the Oregonian, and all his faults must be overlooked, and there is nothing objectionable in his big salary and fees during many long tax-eating years. In all this it is apparent that the Oregonian is absurdly inconsistent and insincere. It has simply become the organ of the Simon faction, and a part of the Simon machine for the purpose of getting control, for selfish purposes, of the city government, and defeating Senator Mitchell. The Welcome is not making the fight of any republican faction or candidate, but the daily paper's position that all civic virtue resides with the crowd which it has joined, and that they are friendly to Mitchell, is almost painfully ridiculous.—Portland Welcome.

Alsea Jottings.

George H. Rycraft went to Polk county Friday and will likely return Tuesday.

Weather fine. High north wind, and the booming of falling timber could be heard all day.

Parson F. S. Longbottom went out with Mr. Vidito Friday. He goes to preach at Seio, Linn county.

A. J. Oglesby and Frank Dickhoff, both of Fall Creek, finished their initiatory course in Hope Grange Saturday.

The farmers are as busy as bees now. They are rushing their crops in as fast as possible. The soil is drying very fast.

Hope Grange is still on the up grade and is pushing steadily along. The grange is one of the permanent fixtures of Alsea. A hall will likely be erected during the summer.

It was rumored last week that there had been a wedding at Waldport, and that Samp Goodman and Miss Addie Evans were the contracting parties, but the report proved false.

Miss Minnie Howell is at home at present, the first time in about two years. Her sister, Mrs. Flora Caudell, is also in the valley, and will go to Waldport Tuesday.

Lon H. Rycraft, who, with his wife and baby, narrowly escaped drowning last Tuesday, have recovered all their property except a small valise and contents, worth about ten dollars, and the kingbolt of his wagon.

GEO. MOSSBACK.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Corvallis postoffice, unclaimed Mar. 14, 1896.

Blake, William; Bowman, W. T.; Ferguson, W. H.; McDaniel, Marian; Taylor, Reuben L.; Willson, P. M.

ROBT. JOHNSON, P. M.

Independence to-night will be taken by delegations of three-linkers from the various lodges in the Willamette which assemble there for the purpose of instituting an encampment. Those who will be in attendance from Corvallis are Grand Marshal, A. W. Bowersox; Thos. Samuels, W. S. Hufford, W. H. Curran, V. E. Watters, T. J. Creighton, John Linger and A. E. Bookwalter.

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TO INDUCE IMMIGRATION.

An effort is being made by the Pacific northwest immigration board to establish branch or local boards in each of the principal towns in the state to cooperate with the Portland organization. Mr. E. C. Masten, the board's secretary, writes the GAZETTE that they are very anxious to organize a local board in Benton county, and for the purpose of laying the matter before our citizens, Mr. B. S. Pague will visit Corvallis tomorrow with a view to talking the matter over with the business men and others interested in the work.

The board in Portland has been established for the purpose of bringing to the Pacific northwest such a class of producers as shall tend to develop its resources and increase its prosperity, and to that end has been provided by the citizens of Portland with a fund of \$30,000. It expects to be able to effectually carry on the work of bringing settlers from the east, but it will be impossible for the board to have its own agents in every county and precinct of the state to attend to the locating of these settlers, and this part of the work must be done by residents interested in each special section. To this end it is important that local organizations be established in each county, in order that the best results may be obtained, and that each county may reap its full share of the general benefit.

It being impossible for a central board to attend to location in so large a section of country, the work of this board will be limited to advertising, as widely as possible, the advantages which this country, as a whole, has to offer; and to interesting the large possible number of the producing classes of the east, and especially farmers, in it. Each conquer will be supplied with an accurate, though brief, description of all the different sections, and allowed to make his own choice of the section which he prefers. Having made this choice, he will be turned over to the local board of that section to be directed to and supplied with exactly what he wants.

This board has been organized and supplied with funds, not for the purpose of booming any town or city, or promoting any private interest whatsoever, but for the sole and only purpose of promoting the general settlement and development of the country at large, a work in which every section has a vital interest, and which should be aided to the fullest extent in their power by the people of each section. The most effective means for each section to aid in the general work is by making itself as well known as possible, and by exerting itself to secure as large a share as possible of the newcomers.

It is difficult to say exactly when the eastern work will begin to bear fruit. We have reason to believe that we will not have long to wait for considerable results. The local organizations should be formed at once and perfect their preparations. It is the purpose of this board to, in the near future, have one of its members, or a responsible agent, visit each county desiring to take part in the work, to make definite arrangements for cooperation. Meanwhile we invite correspondence from all sections interested.

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Rev. Dr. Parker

Is the beloved pastor of the Universalist church at Fargo, N. D., and has also been a pastor in Providence, R. I., New York City and Troy, N. Y. He says:

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