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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

A republican convention of Benton county, Oregon, is hereby called to meet at Corvallis, Oregon, on Saturday, April 9, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing seven delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Astoria, Thursday, April 14, also seven delegates to the republican district convention for the first congressional district of Oregon, to be held at Eugene, Oregon, Monday, April 11, 1898, and for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county officers. The convention will consist of 72 delegates, apportioned as follows:

Corvallis, precinct No. 1	7
" " No. 2	8
" " No. 3	7
" " No. 4	6
Blodgett	2
Wren	2
Soap Creek	2
Willamette	4
Monroe	4
Bellfontaine	7
Kings Valley	4
Alsea	4
Summit	2
Philomath	10
Fairmount	2
Lobster	1
Total	72

The same being one delegate at large for each precinct and one for each fraction over one-half, based on the vote for Tongue in 1896.

The committee recommends that the primaries be held in the several precincts at 2 o'clock on Saturday, April 2, 1898.

All republicans are urged to attend the primaries and select good men as delegates to the convention.

W. S. TOMLINSON, J. F. YATES, Secretary. Chairman.

REFERENDUM AT SEATTLE.

The populists in the coming campaign will sing the praises of initiative and referendum. Their recruits from the democratic party will chant as loudly in the same strain, but the recruits' song is of the lips only. They haven't the slightest idea of the meaning of their newly adopted uns and ems, but adopt them as a musical and possibly effective campaign cry.

But the populists understand all the meaning that lies in those majestic words. It is somewhat singular that those unemployed statesmen who are wont to insist so strongly on the "principles laid down by the founders of the government," should advocate the overthrow of our present representative form of government, but populism is not bound by any galling chain of consistency.

And now from Seattle comes an example of the referendum in actual practice. The people were to vote on several amendments to what is practically the constitution of the city. Two of the amendments were contradictory methods of dealing with one proposition, the idea being to give the people a chance to select one of two remedies. The people voted for both amendments. Of course this will cause much confusion and perhaps expensive law suits, but the populists must say they enjoy it, for it is the result of the referendum.

A CORRECTION.

It is annoying to those who sincerely desire republican success to be forced into discussing with other republicans past local party history. The revival of personal and party quarrels through newspaper editorials surely cannot be justified on any plea of party expediency.

A statement published last week, attempting to explain certain republican happenings of two years ago, bears every appearance of being a deliberate attempt to disrupt the republican party of Benton county. Unless credit for its inspiration be given to the managers of the silver forces, the publication can only be ascribed to rankless folly. The fact that its author, despite public disclaimers, aspires to be a candidate on the republican ticket, makes the article all the more inopportune to put it mildly.

Even were the alleged facts true, every consideration of party loyalty and personal ambition should have prevented the author from deeply offending those who, he now claims, have erred

in the past. If republicans must fight all their old in-party quarrels over again, it will be a waste of time to nominate a ticket.

The statement mentioned has been republished in the Oregonian, thus giving it a publicity, that makes it necessary to correct its palpable errors. This the GAZETTE hopes to do fairly and without calling into question the motives of the republicans who differed in their opinions and actions.

The charge that Dr. Loggan, the republican candidate for representative, was defeated because he was opposed to Mitchell was unqualifiedly false, as every republican in the county knows. That he was defeated by republican votes is true, and with one single exception every republican who worked against Loggan, belongs to the faction whose organ is the paper which charges his defeat to the former supporters of Mitchell. One of the most active anti-Loggan republicans canvassed the county for that paper.

The chief question entering into the U. S. senatorial contest at that time, as far as our county was concerned, was the matter of securing appropriation for improving Yaquina harbor. Senator Mitchell was known to be very friendly toward Yaquina, and our citizens who placed public welfare above petty politics, desired his return to the national senate. Dr. Loggan, on the stump and privately, announced his intention of supporting Senator Mitchell. However, one may differ with Dr. Loggan in politics or otherwise, no one doubts his sincerity, and there was not the slightest reason for any one who favored Mitchell to vote against Loggan. The plain fact is that three-fourths, if not all of those republicans who voted against Dr. Loggan were opposed to Mitchell. No possible good can come from now enquiring into their reasons for supporting the populist candidate.

The statement was also made that a check for \$100 signed by Senator Mitchell, was cashed here the day before election, presumably to be used in defeating Dr. Loggan. This is, more presumably, a downright invention. The article further states, "The candidate for joint representative in Lincoln county (Daly) was not considered safe for Mitchell, and a number of names were submitted to him (Mitchell) by a certain party here, from which to make a selection to replace the doubtful Lincoln county man, and one was selected. The Lincoln county man, foreseeing disaster, withdrew, and the man selected by Mitchell (selected)."

This explanation is wonderfully simple and painfully false. The correction must be wonderfully simple and painfully frank. The Benton county delegates did not have the faintest idea of nominating the candidate for joint representative, that office falling by right to Lincoln county; but when they met the Lincoln county delegates stated bluntly that John Daly was the only candidate from their county, but on account of objections they could not elect him. They gave no reasons but asked Benton county to select a man. Thus the Benton delegates did not force or even request the nomination, but had the duty thrust upon them. Mr. Lake was selected because he had been a candidate for representative before the Benton county republican convention. He had not been in politics before and it is probable that Mr. Mitchell had never heard of him. The nomination was as much of a surprise to Mr. Lake as to any one else.

We have stated nothing here that cannot be easily proven. It is unfortunate that such recitals should become necessary at a time when the best efforts of every republican should be directed against the forces of free silver.

FENUM HABET IN CORNU.

One of the most insistent and most aggravating of all political nuisances is the self-styled "original gold-standard republican." He is very much in evidence just now, and his prayer, "I thank thee that I am not as other men," booms and roars above all other noises of the political warfare.

He is usually the veriest humbug since the days of Cade. He is altogether too numerous. In very rare instances there is the slightest foundation for his self-granted title. A few years ago a strictly gold standard republican could hardly be found, and when one was discovered it was usually seen that he was for gold simply because the great majority of his party associates were not. It was contrairiness, not reason, that put him on the right road.

Here and there are republicans who were always gold standard men from real conviction, but those men are not the self-praising, "original gold standard republicans," who now disturb our slumbers. The genuine original is modest.

The humbug prototype of latter day republicanism struts before the public and poses as the

guiding angel of the party. He demands (he has no milder words in his dictionary) that the party nominations and party machinery be under his dictation and control. He rages as a cyclone in fact he is nothing but wind. He is not a pleasing picture and it is a relief to turn our glasses toward the loyal and earnest republicans, who, not given to self-justification or self-glorification, are working for the success of the party, and who are wise enough to know that success depends upon votes. These are the republicans that make the republican party what it is.

In Politics.

The middle-of-the-road men captured the populist convention in Jackson county and the fusionists bolted. The middle-of-the-road populists state definitely that there will be a straight-out populist ticket in the field to be voted on next June.

In Printer's Ink for March 9, is the picture of a well dressed man, and under it is the inscription, "E. G. Jones, the Portland Oregonian." Then this is what happened to Jones. The Printer's Ink is good authority and its statement will probably settle that much debated question, "who is the Oregonian." Mr. Scott has generally been given the honor, with Mr. Pitcock a close second. Messrs. Corbett and Simon have been largely paraded of late as being, in truth, the Oregonian, and a few claim that ex-Senator Mitchell, by an indirect process, is the real thing. The Printer's Ink theory is prosaic and takes all of the romance out of the erstwhile mystery.

Geo. A. Robinson, of Philomath, is prominently mentioned as a candidate for county judge on the fusion ticket. He has been one of the foremost fighters for free silver in the county and has encountered much unpleasantness in his battles for the white metal. It is considered by many that the bees, not the drones, should eat the honey, in free silver ranks as well as elsewhere.

It is understood that that bluff and hearty democrat, Tyra Smith, would be pleased if the nomination for assessor be offered him. He is not an active candidate but has many friends who are urging his name. Asa Alexander, at present, has the strongest pull for the place.

The preferential system of primary nominations that will be used by the fusionists may develop surprises and upset the plans of the democratic leaders. Nels Wheeler, chairman of the populist county central committee, anticipates exciting times and sharp contests among the fusionists. "Today's primaries," he remarked Saturday, "are slow, but wait until we have our nominating primaries and you will see interest enough." Nels rather enjoys the prospect of a smart struggle.

It is generally conceded that Mr. Watters will be fusion candidate for county clerk. Ira Hunter can hardly be considered a back number and is no doubt quietly watching the progress of events. He is making no announcements. The democratic powers have settled upon Peter Rickard as the fusion nominee for sheriff. Jack Hall is to be tickled with a swift talk.

Republican Clubs Meet.

Dusty, Or., March 16, '98. ED. GAZETTE:—The Dusty McKinley and Hobart club met last night at the grange hall. R. D. Nichols was elected permanent president, and J. H. Edwards permanent secretary, for the coming campaign. Arrangements were made to hold a meeting each week. An address is expected next Tuesday night by Pres. R. D. Nichols and another in the near future by Hon. T. T. Geer. We propose to do our share of the work. Let others join in the battle.

GOLD STANDARD.

The Alsea club is also at work and the Philomath club will have a rousing public meeting on the 24th. The young men's republican club and the ladies auxiliary expect to render a joint program soon. The officers of the young men's club are: President, Sherman Wade; general vice-pres., A. W. Bowers; secretary, Owen Clark; treasurer, S. I. Pratt. Vice-presidents: 1st, Ed. Lance, Corvallis; 2nd, E. R. Bryson; 3rd, F. J. Oberer; 4th, F. Holm, Philomath; Marion Hayden, Alsea; W. H. Kay, Dusty; Wilbur Starr, Monroe; Mr. Dilly, Wren; Jos. Ripley, Wells; Paul Johnston, Fairmount. Other precincts to be filled. The other clubs will probably be heard from soon.

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PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Mrs. Zimmerman has removed to Corvallis.

Rev. O. V. White, of Yamhill county, is in the city.

Henry Emerick is visiting with his daughters in Portland.

Ad Hogan has rented and moved to the J. E. Henkle hop yard.

Born—March 10, 1898, a daughter, to the wife of Rev. G. W. Taylor.

Prof. Emerick received eight members into the church Sunday evening.

The students of Philomath college held a farewell social at the library hall Monday evening.

The Salvation Army farewelled Captain Plumstead and wife at Whitney's hall Monday evening.

Great interest is being taken in the revival services conducted by Rev. Piggott at Westwood school house.

The spring term of Philomath college opened Tuesday morning. Quite a number of students have gone to their homes.

Rev. J. R. Parker, who for some months has been engaged in revival work in eastern Oregon, preached in college chapel Sunday morning.

There was a large attendance Sunday at the M. E. church to listen to an address to young ladies, delivered by Rev. Kelly, of Corvallis.

The closing exercises of the winter term of the College of Philomath will be held next Friday evening. A good program will be presented.

B. F. Irvine, of Corvallis, delivered a lecture on Cuba, Wednesday evening in college chapel to a large and appreciative audience. Prof. Horner, Supt. Denman and Mrs. Irvine were present.

WELLS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carter are in Portland this week on business.

There has been a man from Seattle through here buying milch cows.

Winter is here at last and the principle occupation of the people seems to be to gather at the store and talk politics.

J. F. Vanderpool went to Portland last week to have a surgical operation performed. He is getting along nicely and may be expected home in about a month.

The dems and pops held their primaries here on the 5th and elected delegates to their county convention. They seem to be about equally divided on the fusion question. The trouble seems to be that both sides want the majority of the offices.

DUSTY.

Miss Clein returned from Alsea on Sunday.

T. M. Bradley went to Lebanon last week on business.

Born—to the wife of Geo. Kendall, Thursday, March 10, a son.

H. H. Humphrey started for eastern Oregon last Monday.

Mrs. Dr. Pruett, of Pendleton, is visiting relatives at this place.

Cattle buyer, Snodgrass, has been in the city the past few days.

Mrs. Wm. Price had the misfortune to cut her hand badly a few days ago.

Alpine school commenced Monday last with Miss Pagengoff, of Wells, as teacher.

Mrs. Alford and Mrs. Bradley went to Lancaster last Friday to visit Mrs. Minton.

Bertha Wigle starts for Linn county Friday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Kisor, of Rowland.

A. P. Starr sold ten head of fine goats last week to a man from Florence. The price paid was \$5 per head.

ALSEA BUDGET.

The school meetings in the valley are very quiet.

Mrs. Seely, who has been sick for some time, is reported to be no better.

D. D. Longbottom has been employed to teach the school in the south district.

A. L. Clark, while on his way from the postoffice last week, captured a coon and carried him home alive.

J. Dire was in the valley this week looking after cattle for Milt Barnett. Cattle is very scarce in this part of the country.

Abe Clark was in Corvallis last week attending the grange convention. He was elected a delegate to the state grange, which is held in Forest Grove in May.

The democratic primary was held at the hall Saturday last to elect delegates to the convention. The following were chosen: T. R. Chandler, E. M. Kimball, J. Verdon, W. H. Malone, J. A. Rycraft and C. E. Benton.

The republican McKinley club will be called to meet in a few days to make arrangements for the coming campaign. We would suggest that all the clubs be called together.

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Karl's Cover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cts. Sold by Graham & Wells.

State Convention.

A republican convention for the state of Oregon is hereby called to meet in the city of Astoria on Thursday, April 14, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for state and district offices, "except congressman," and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention. The consist of 285 delegates apportioned among the several counties of the state as follows:

Baker	6	Lincoln	4
Benton	7	Lane	12
Clackamas	15	Linn	12
Clatsop	10	Malheur	5
Columbia	6	Marion	20
Coos	7	Morrow	4
Crook	4	Multnomah	6
Curry	3	Polk	8
Douglas	11	Sherman	3
Gilliam	4	Tillamook	5
Grant	5	Umatilla	11
Harney	3	Union	8
Jackson	8	Wallowa	3
Josephine	5	Wasco	10
Klamath	5	Washington	12
Lake	3	Yamhill	10

The same being one delegate at large for each county and one delegate for each 200 votes and fraction thereof of 50 or over as cast for William McKinley at the presidential election held in November, 1896.

The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 2, and the county convention Wednesday, April 6, 1898, unless otherwise ordered by the several county committees.

O. N. DENNY, Secretary. SOL HIRSCH, Chairman.

District Convention.

A republican convention for the first congressional district of the state of Oregon is hereby called to meet in the city of Eugene on Monday, April 11, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress for the first congressional district, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention. The convention will consist of 145 delegates apportioned among the several counties of the district as follows:

Benton	7	Lincoln	4
Clackamas	15	Lane	12
Coos	7	Linn	12
Curry	3	Marion	20
Douglas	11	Polk	8
Jackson	8	Tillamook	5
Josephine	5	Umatilla	11
Lake	3	Union	8
Lane	12	Wallowa	3
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