

AFFIRMATION.

The Gazette stands for: The protective tariff. The single gold standard. Retirement of the bond-breeding, credit-threatening demand notes of our government.

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.

- Corvallis, precinct No. 1..... 7
No. 2..... 8
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Total..... 72

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

One of the unaccountable lapses that sometimes is manifested in a newspaper, is responsible for the fact that no mention was made in these columns of the forcible and logical address of Hon. T. T. Geer before the young men's republican club of Benton county.

The slip is the more regretted because this paper has in its capacity as a public journal, criticized the position of Mr. Geer in his recent controversy with the Oregon delegation.

Every loyal republican wishes the republican nominee for governor to be a man whose personality commands admiration and respect; whose methods in politics are not those of the trickster and knave; whose nomination means success and whose administration will not shame the party.

Of these men, Mr. Geer is the only real candidate. He is working openly and legitimately for the nomination. He is not "putting up" primaries and county conventions. He is not ashamed of his candidacy and his friends are not ashamed to voice their preference.

The active supporters of Mr. Geer in Benton county and all other fair minded and faithful republicans are watching the attempt to control the convention of this county in favor of Mr. Simon's candidate for governor.

such means cannot expect to secure more than perfunctory support from the great mass of the republican party.

The friends of Geer are warning local candidates for political honors, that participation in the attempted deal means political suicide. Nor is this an unnecessary caution.

On the other hand there will be many delegates who will openly and strongly fight any such arrangement, and those who support the combination will be forced to show their hand.

The good of the party demands frankness at this time. There is no personal fight against the men who are managing the Simon candidates' campaign.

CANDIDATE JOHN HENRY.

D. P. Blue, of Lincoln county, will be the fusion candidate for joint senator, and A. L. Clark, familiarly known in politics as "John Henry," is to stump the two counties as the silver nominee for joint representative.

Of Mr. Clark many pleasant things can be said. He was once a republican, but he says the party left him—and indeed the party has progressed greatly along certain lines.

John Henry is a genial and very frank gentleman. He believes everything he says and he is not backward in talking. John Henry denounces vigorously the legislative hold-up and those who took part therein.

John Henry on the stump will prove more entertaining and as unterrifying as John Henry, the correspondent. He is now camped high up on Grass mountain eating dog salmon and thinking out figures.

Well John, you are into it now, but it will not last long. Election day will soon roll 'round and, well, here's our sympathy in advance.

GOOD MEN ONLY.

From the republican ranks comes the demand that the state ticket be made up of men of good character and of irreproachable political reputation.

The league of republican clubs set the pace in the selection of its officers. The election of Claude Gatech of Salem as president of the league was so satisfactory that he is urged as splendid material for a republican candidate on the state ticket.

Mr. Fulton, vice president of the league, has been mentioned in connection with the office of governor, but he has definitely stated that he, under no circumstances, would be a candidate for the position.

MONROE ITEMS.

Artie Perrin returned from Iowa Saturday. Two inches of snow fell in Monroe on Monday morning.

George Schneider and wife visited in Philomath this week.

Monroe precinct will roll up a handsome majority for the union ticket in June.

Dr. E. D. McKenney and family expect to remove to Independence this summer.

Miss Nellie and Bertha Abraham, of Eugene, are visiting the family of J. F. Carpenter.

Interesting memorial services in honor of the late Francis E. Willard, were held at Simpson's chapel Sunday afternoon and in the M. E. church in Monroe on Sunday evening.

Delegates to the populist and democratic conventions held in Corvallis last week returned with broad smiles and amiable dispositions.

Milt Barnett is looked upon as the next sheriff of Benton. Our part of the county is entitled to this officer, but whether Milt is successful in the convention or not remains to be seen.

Hogs and sheep are bringing good prices, not on account of the influence of the present administration, but on account of the demand caused by the people who will eat, and must have the where withal to appease their appetites.

J. T. Carpenter purchased the outfit and stock of the Morgan store in Harrisburg last Saturday, and is now engaged in transferring the goods to his store in Monroe.

ALSEA BUDGET.

Frank Warfield has gone up in Lane county to spend a few weeks with his uncle.

J. H. Mason has suffered a great deal this week on account of running a harrow tooth in his hand.

Miss Josie Fullerton has been employed to teach the north school. This is her third term in this district.

The McKinley club meets Saturday, March 26. It is the intention to meet regularly from now on during the campaign.

Austin Taylor, of Lobster, and Miss Fannie Hoover, were married March 17th. We wish the young couple a happy journey through life.

Mrs. J. Seely, who has been sick for some time, died March 19th. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Stithentaylor at the Alsea cemetery, Monday, March 21, at 2 p. m.

Karl's Clover Root Tea for Constipation, its best, and after using it if you don't say so return the package and get your money. Sold by Graham & Wells.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Mrs. Emma Brink started to California Monday. N. P. Newton has been quite ill, but is convalescing.

Mrs. Iona Palmer started Thursday to join her husband in Idaho. Mrs. Luther Smith, of Corvallis, visited relatives near here last week.

Miss Allie Williams, of California, visited at Uncle Abe's last week.

Miss Julia M. Taylor, engaged in teaching school at Gates, visited her parents here last week.

R. M. Johnson, an old veteran from Wakanusa, Kansas, has been visiting with W. H. Boles.

Ed. L. Bryan and G. A. Robinson went to Portland Monday to attend the union convention.

William Ross has moved to Sam Wyatt's ranch, having contracted to cut 100 cords of wood.

Supt. Denman was here two days last week examining the graduating class in the public school.

Grace Boles returned from Portland Saturday, and began teaching school at Pleasant Valley Monday.

Mrs. Hawkins, of Albany, lectured at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening and organized a ladies circle.

A. M. Gray passed through here Thursday with 85 head of Angora goats that he purchased in Yamhill county.

Our school directors met last week and employed Prof. A. C. Guthrie as principal and Miss Ophia Lewis, assistant, for the coming year.

Bishop Barkley will deliver an address to the students of the College of Philomath next Friday evening. On Saturday evening a public rhetorical will be held in this college.

Prof. Bristow delivered a very interesting lecture at Philomath college chapel Friday evening on "Industrial and moral education."

The Woodmen supper Friday evening was the event of the season. A good program was rendered. There was more than an abundance of oyster soup, pies, cake, chicken, coffee, etc.

The spring term of Philomath college was opened last week with a few new faces among the students. The enrollment for the year is 108.

Charles Ingram returned from Alsea on Sunday last.

Arthur Perrin is again among us after a visit of three weeks in Iowa.

Clyde Tharp went to Albany last week and while there he secured a Scotch collie dog.

G. W. Taylor, not being able to fill his appointment at this place last Sunday, sent G. M. Donald as a substitute.

Cephas, the Canadian stallion kept by L. N. Edwards, died last week. His death will be a great loss to his owner.

Samantha. 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.

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PROGRAMME OF ESTHER, THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN OPERA HOUSE ... March 25th and 26th ... Given by home talent, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies, conducted by L. L. Ware, of Chicago.

CAST OF CHARACTERS. King..... B. W. Johnson
Haman..... L. L. Ware
Mordecai..... Mr. J. Fulton
Hegai..... Mr. "Dan" Pritchard
Herald..... Mariow Johnson
Beggur..... Geo. H. Cronkite
Zerish, Haman's wife..... Mrs. Cordley
Mordecai's Sister..... Miss Louise Fischer
Prophetess..... Mrs. Stone
Median Princess..... Miss Helen Holgate
Persian Princess..... Miss Nettie Gellatly

SYNOPSIS OF EVENTS. ACT I. Scene I—Court in front of King's Palace. Scene II—Room in Palace. ACT II. Scene I—Plain near Babylon, Jews in mourning. ACT III. Scene I—Throne room of King Assuerus. ACT IV. Scene I—Gardens of King. Scene II—Throne room Palace. ACT V. Scene I—Public Square. Scene II—Street in Babylon. Scene III—Queen's banquet hall.

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