

THE EUGENE CITY GUARD.

SATURDAY, MAR. 11, 1876. EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

Democratic State Convention.

A Democratic State Convention is hereby called to convene in the city of Salem on Wednesday, April 26th, 1876, at 11 o'clock, a. m., to select six Delegates to the National Democratic Convention, Candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court in the Second, Third and Fifth Judicial Districts, and for Prosecuting Attorneys in the several Judicial Districts, and for the transaction of such other business as may be thought proper. It is recommended that Primary and County Conventions in the several counties be held as follows: Primary Conventions on Saturday, April 8th, at 1 o'clock, p. m.; and County Conventions on Saturday, April 15th, at 1 o'clock, p. m. It is expected that in counties where the time thus suggested for holding Primary and County Conventions does not meet the convenience of the voters, the proper Committee will fix a different time.

The following is the apportionment of Delegates in the said Convention:

Table listing delegates for various counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Josephine, Jackson, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Washington, Yamhill.

C. B. BELLINGER, Chairman Pro Tem. M. V. BROWN, Secretary.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention will meet at the court house in Eugene City on Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1876, for the purpose of placing in nomination:

- 1 candidate for State Senator, 4 Representatives, 2 County Commissioners, 1 County Clerk, 1 Sheriff, 1 Assessor, 1 School Superintendent, 1 County Treasurer, 1 County Surveyor, 1 Coroner.

Also to select delegates to the State Convention to be held at Salem, April 26th, 1876.

The Democrats of Lane county are requested to meet at the places of voting in their respective precincts at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 8th day of April, for the purpose of selecting delegates to such Convention. The several precincts are entitled to the following representatives:

Table listing precincts and delegates: South Eugene, North Eugene, Lancaster, Springfield, Richardson, Cottage Grove, Coast Fork, Long Tom, Fall Creek, Camp Creek, Willamette, Pleasant Hill, Midway, Hazel Dell, Sinaloa, Spout, Lost Valley.

In the above apportionment each precinct is allowed one delegate at large and one for every 20 votes cast for State Senator at the June election 1874, and one delegate for every fraction of more than one half of such number. By order of the County Com. T. A. MILLSON, Ch'n.

More Developments.

The never ceasing stream of official corruption is still being developed and brought to light, and even the warmest friends of President Grant are led to reflect on the perfect imbecility of a man who will appoint bungling thieves to high official station when he could as easily appoint those who possess tact and ability enough to hide their tracks. The latest rotteness is that of Secretary Belknap and the War Department. On the 10th of February there appeared in the New York Herald a charge against this Department of extravagance and corruption, and demanding an investigation. The able financier who has been at its head spent last year over twenty-eight millions of dollars to carry it on, and this year demanded about thirty-four millions. What Mr. Belknap did with this twenty-eight millions can, in the absence of investigation, only be conjectured. But more recent developments show the character of the man and make conjecture easy. And really it seems that there is to be no end to the array of scandalous transactions in which he has been engaged. The first specific charge against him was that he had converted his wife into a sort of prostitute to swell his bank account by selling post trade-ship. Caleb P. Marsh, who had the traders post at Fort Sill and sub let the same to other persons, testified that he paid to Belknap one-half of all he made out of the position, and that there seems to be no doubt but that it has been customary for all traders to do the same.

The most pertinent question just at present would seem to be, is there an honest man connected with the present administration in any capacity? Belknap was above suspicion, but has placed himself on a level with Spencok, Minister to England, poker sharp and swindler, with Delano, who has a more enviable record than Landauet Williams even. Can anyone doubt that it is time to have a radical change? Can anyone believe that any party could be more corrupt? The Government has gone from bad to worse. There has been too great a tendency to monarchical splendor—too much

extravagance in both public and private life. Senators and Cabinet officers spend hundreds of thousands a year on a legitimate income of ten thousand or less. However much we may scoff at the suggestion that there should be less ostentation and a more vigorous adhesion to the primitive habits of the statesman of a half century ago, it is the only way this government can succeed. While we are boasting of our centennial birth year as a nation, we are still centuries from the climax. The nation is but a well grown, awkward youth, and should beware of aping the extravagant habits and indulging in the dissipations of its elders. General Sherman states that there are but two Capinet officers in Washington who can live within their income, and these are Messrs. Fish and Chandler, whose incomes are in the neighborhood of two hundred thousand dollars each. This is a statement upon which the people of this nation can ponder with advantage to themselves. It is they who must pay for all this extravagance, and they alone can change the condition of affairs.

Oregon Railroad Prospects.

Hon. W. W. Chapman writes to the Portland Journal concerning Oregon railroad prospects. He is informed by a private dispatch that Mr. Lane has introduced in the House a bill providing for the transfer of the land grant upon the Pen d'Oreille branch of the North Pacific Railroad to the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad. This bill has been referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroads, and is regarded by Mr. Chapman as of very great importance, and more likely to prove a success than any measure yet attempted for the benefit of this State. No mention in any quarter is being made of the proposed Oregon Central Pacific from Eugene to Winnemucca, and we conclude that it is a thing of the far-off future, if it is ever built.

The Evening Journal of the 8th has the following on this subject:

We understand that Mr. Holladay has sold his entire interest in railroads, steamships, steamboats and other property in this State to the holders of the bonds issued in the construction of the East and West side railroads. The price paid, or to be paid, is not definitely known. It is said to be \$500,000. The German bondholders of the East side and the English bondholders of the West side have made a consolidation of their interests. Their representative, Mr. Henry Villard, is expected to arrive here shortly, as he was to leave New York for that purpose last Monday. Two new steamships are to be placed on the line between this city and San Francisco. They are to be superior in all respects to those now employed, and one of them may be expected here to take her place in the line for the early spring trade.

As to any particular advantage accruing to the people of Oregon by this sale, further than the new facilities for sea travel and the transportation of freight, which are very much needed, we have not been informed. It is not likely, we apprehend, in the present depressed condition of commercial interests, that there will be any further extension of the roads in any direction for a time at least. Although the new company is very favorably disposed towards accomplishing a junction or connection of the two roads at the most favorable opportunity. The prospect is not very flattering for the advancement of any of our railroad enterprises which contemplate a connection with the East. Beyond all question that is what the public most desire. While we may have our preferences as to the particular road which we imagine would be of the most service to Portland and the State at large, yet the general sentiment, we take it, would be for railway communication with the East by any line rather than none at all. The Northern Pacific will be built within the extension of time granted by the recent act of Congress. But operations will not be pushed with that vigor which an easier money market and more abundant means would justify. The Salt Lake road for the present must depend upon some form of Congressional aid; and it is quite uncertain whether that can be obtained this session; indeed we incline to the impression that there will be no favorable railroad legislation for any section at this meeting of Congress. Therefore the Winnemucca road, from the fact that it offers a line so much shorter than the others, and consequently requiring considerably less capital to complete it, may be the first road built. It can be the first one finished if the people of this State are disposed to give any material aid, that is if they are disposed to suffer themselves to be taxed for that purpose. The question will come up involving an alteration of the State Constitution, and the determination of it will go far to indicate the sincerity and depth of the public feeling concerning this matter of railroad connection with the Atlantic States.

RESIGNED.—When Belknap's playfulness with public offices and funds were made known he tendered his resignation and the good and wise President at once accepted it, thus saving that noble patriot from impeachment. But we are pleased to be able to announce that it did not save him from an indictment by a grand jury. A few more such exposures as this and nothing could possibly save the Republican party from defeat in the coming election.

SCHENCK'S SUCCESSOR.—The telegraph announces that Richard H. Dana, Jr., has been appointed Minister to England to succeed P. Schenck. This appointment seems to be a much better one than the average. Mr. Dana is said to be a gentleman of fine ability, and against whom no suspicion of sympathy with the rings that have systematically robbed the people has ever been entertained.

NOR TREE.—Since Babcock's trial for complicity in the whisky frauds it has been several times reported that he had resigned. It is now authoritatively stated that he has no intention of doing so. So much the worse. The people at large are more firmly convinced of his guilt than before his acquittal, and men who hold high positions should be above suspicion.

Polk County Independent Ticket.

The Independents of Polk county held their County Convention at Dalles last Saturday, March 4th, and nominated a full county ticket. The following are the nominations for the several county offices: For State Senator, L. Bentley; Representatives, J. B. Stump, W. C. Brown, J. W. Kirkland; County Clerk, W. S. Frink; Sheriff, J. J. Williams; Treasurer, R. S. Crystal; Assessor, N. Garwood; County School Superintendent, S. F. Bennett; Coroner, Dr. T. V. B. Embree; Surveyor, T. L. Butler; County Commissioners, Geo. T. Wait, J. D. Smith.

Another.

The Oregonian answers a "conundrum" as follows:

"An intelligent farmer of this county and a reader of the Daily Oregonian propounded us the following conundrum a few days since: 'What is the duty of that Signal Service in Portland? We farmers throughout the State would consider it valuable information if they would daily publish something in the way of "Probabilities" through the columns of the daily press in order that we may prepare for it.' We can answer that conundrum by stating that the officers connected with the Signal Service are not allowed under any circumstances to prognosticate as to what the weather will be. Their duty is to keep a careful and correct record of the weather, but to avoid any predictions."

Then of what benefit is this Signal service? Every one knows to-day what the weather was yesterday, and they know it fully as well as if they had been told by an officer of the United States Government paid to do so. In the Eastern States the Signal service does predict the weather from day to day, and only by so doing they can be of any value.

Billings, successor to Judge Durell, has been confirmed by the U. S. Senate. Perhaps a worse appointment and confirmation than this has not been made in the whole history of the corrupt government of Louisiana. He participated in the worst acts of Durell's reign, and his appointment is so thoroughly in the interest of the corrupt New Orleans Custom House ring, over which Brother-in-law Casey presides, that there has scarcely been a pretence of hiding its enormity. A Republican Senate confirms it, nevertheless, in the interests of a blind partisanship, and grave and professedly honorable and high-toned Northern gentlemen swallow without a grimace what even the negro Senator Bruce denounced and rejected as constituting the last crowning act of disgraceful and unblushing fraud.

The facts and statistics which are brought to the support of the Appropriation bills as introduced and passed by the Democratic majority in the House, answer well the demand for "more work" from Republican sources. The Committees are giving the records of the Departments at Washington such an overhauling as they never before witnessed, and in two of the least important appropriation bills have effected a saving of over \$1,000,000 for 1876 over 1875.

The Democratic county committee of Lake has called a convention for the nomination of county officers, to be held at Linkville on the 8th of April next.

Clodhopper's Deal.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUARD: There now! I am undone! There is just enough of me left to give a final parting kick. Just when I had convinced New-Comer that the farmers of Lane county were poor, and just as he was beginning to show us how to become wealthy; in rushes an old Rip-Van-Winkle of a Granger to show his arithmetic and prove that we are all wealthy or may be, the assertion of the Savior to the contrary notwithstanding! With his head full of hay-seed and brains as a hay-cock, he disembowels me and then makes a swoop at New-Comer and commits hari kari on himself. Thompson's colt was a Solomon compared to this bed-ridden—Bed-rock Granger, I mean. Hear his wisdom: "Clod-Hopper not being a thoroughbred practical farmer and a close observer," etc. Oh-h-h dear! Bed-rock Granger is the man and wisdom will die with him, no doubt! Forty years experience on a farm does not make a practical farmer! Born on a farm myself with a father who was a farmer, a grandfather who was a farmer and ancestors who were farmers "ever since the flood" for all I know, do not make me a thoroughbred, practical farmer! I am undone—my time has been spent in vain and my words are but wind; my observation has gone astray and my opinions have no weight. Oh, that my eyes were two fountains and I were a boy again and—Rip-Van-Winkle Bed-bug-ranger were my teacher! And he has other facts (?) and figures (?)! Oh, axeman spare that tree—and will write another letter—letter—let—her—rip! Well, if there is a man in Lane county that does not understand his figures, he is probably the man, and will not New-Comer "smile a smile" and want a new court house, a new jail, school-house, etc., now, since times are not hard and we are all in a prosperous condition financially, in spite of the Assessor's book and delinquent tax list. I would advise Bed-Rock Granger to obtain some old treasury reports of Alexander Hamilton, to show us that we are wealthy; they would be just as applicable to the matter in question as the figures of the Portland Custom House. His zeal overruns his knowledge. New-Comer talks of inter-State commerce. A Bed-ne goes up our foreign imports to butt over New-Comer's imported threshing machines, imported from New York or California! Let Bed-Rock, etc., take some whiskey "to clear his head" and give the wit of age to his epistles. He don't want me to cultivate whiskey or tell the truth—or rather state facts. I am "short" on whiskey and truth does not make a good joke, so I will leave them out hereafter just to please those who live by the sweat of our faces. As to New-Comer, I will agree with him, that my letters are thin, when he evades all he does not or cannot answer or refuse, to take away what he disdains to notice and weigh what he notices is a clever way of estimating the force of my statements. As to my being anxious to discover New-Comer's business, that does to fill up and hide the tracks he has made, but it does not lead me from the scent nor answer my former questions. If he came here "to make a home," he is making it with a rush, and if it takes a year to select a place to settle and twenty-five letters to tell about it in a newspaper, can A Bed-Rock Granger tell with his customary—Custom House I mean—shrewdness in arithmetic, how long it will take to make a home? I care nothing about New-Comer's business, but in truth, I have no time to see or butt up pillars, and New-Comer knows this well enough, but he takes that as an idea to evade direct questions on other subjects or to divert attention from homely facts that I had stated. I imagine New-Comer looks upon as Clod Hoppers as I do upon my sheep—as rather a shabby lot—hardly worth shearing, but good or bad I will make the best I can out of their fleeces, and as much of my living as possible off their labor! I live in a modest log cabin, and I could tell New-Comer about my stables, barns, fencing, etc., but if I should, he would probably accuse me of boasting or abuse my neglect and comment on my laziness. I am not a princely farmer, but a living example of the fallacy of New-Comer's theories, which I adopted many years ago in good faith, but to my great injury perhaps. As to New-Comer's advice about buying less and selling more—permit me to say candidly that if I should buy less, we would starve and go naked—and we would sell more if we could find buyers, and could produce more to sell if we could find a remunerative market.

Now sir, I have said and still say that many of the articles named by New-Comer as imported, can be and are produced here, but farmers do not like to sell potatoes for seventy-five cents a bushel to merchants to be sold again to poor consumers at a dollar—if merchants are entitled to an extra quarter on a bushel, the farmers can't see it in that light. I also know a farmer who left butter to be sold by a Eugene City merchant and it was not sold.

"Not being a thoroughbred, practical farmer and a close observer," I shall not re-answer questions already answered, but all in one, I venture to say that if the merchants were more liberal with the farmers, both farmers and merchants would be more prosperous and the produce market more remunerative and better supplied. When we have a surplus it is worth nothing—when we have to buy we have to pay a double cost; and the great mistake of the farmers seems to be that they are what they are—farmers—or perhaps the error began in Eden and we made a great mistake by being born into a world where we are subject "to the proud man's contumely and oppressor's wrong."

But now, dear Editor, excuse me—I bow myself out of your columns. Bed-Rock Granger with his brier scythe and inverted scotch-shovel can manage sense, and New-Comer if he will, as he may; and New-Comer may look in saloons, old school houses and hop-fields, or stare at the old court house or jail while he is hunting a place to settle, if he will, without comment from me. Like Cincinnatus, I must sow my little field

again, and then about this time the chronic office-seeker and one-horse, hand-cart and wheel-barrow politicians are expected to appear in your paper and monopolize your space and time till about the first of June. Conventions are on the tapis; candidates must be hunted up and their good parts exhibited and bad points concealed. The few aspirants who have mastered the spelling book will desire to air their wisdom in your columns; and the many aspirants who have only learned to spell phonographically will be anxious to have you or some other friend (?) and admirer (?) do the work for them; hence it is clear that your paper must assume a different tone for a while, and prosy scribbles, such as I am, must stand back and see the elephants dance and the monkeys expose themselves as they get higher up the poles.

I said I'd bow myself out, but I will not—"For me, so low I read not how. The Lord, be thanked—I can plow." Gratefully, Respectfully Yours. Clod-Hopper.

Political Notes.

Mr. Morrison's new tariff gathers friends in Congress and throughout the country as its scheme is comprehended and its consequences are discussed.

The United States Senate has passed the bill to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad by a vote of—year, 35; nays, 18.

The Secretary of the Treasury's report shows that John Jay, our Minister to Austria, is behind \$26,498 in his accounts, that amount being funds of the Vienna Exposition in his possession.

The Iowa house of representatives have passed a bill requiring that all conditions of insurance policies shall be printed in type not smaller than "long primer," and that the use of smaller type shall vitiate the policies.

General McDonald, the late Supervisor of Internal Revenue in St. Louis, who is among the convicted members of the whiskey ring there, is reported to have said that \$250,000 of the money secured by that ring was contributed to the Republican national campaign fund.

A bill subsidizing the Northern Pacific Railway to the amount of \$3,000,000, and one subsidizing the Utah Northern Narrow-Gauge to the amount of \$1,500,000, have passed the Montana Legislature and received the Governor's approval. Both bills come before the people on the 3d of April.

OREGON.

A census lately taken puts the population of Oregon City at 1,638.

It is rumored that H. W. Scott is to succeed Hill as editor of the Oregonian.

A bar worth \$12,616, the result of fifteen days work of the Virtue mill, was exhibited at Baker City last week.

Mr. Smith, the mail contractor from Roseburg to Coos Bay, has recently fallen heir to a large legacy from the East.

The Ashland and Linkville road is in good condition, and the mail wagons make regular trips through without any difficulty whatever.

Dudley Hilery, sent from Jackson county to the insane asylum a few months ago, has been discharged as cured, and returned home Wednesday last.

Mr. James Sutton will at the earliest practicable day commence the publication of a weekly newspaper at Ashland, to be known as the Ashland Tidings.

The body of an Indian woman was lately discovered near Warm Springs Reservation, under such circumstances as led to the belief that she had been murdered.

The Pioneer Oil Company, of Salem, have just received 25,000 pounds of Dutch flax seed from Holland direct. It is small seed and is to be distributed among the farmers.

Hon. E. N. Tolin died at his residence on Deer Creek, Josephine county, on the 22d of February. At the time of his death, Mr. Tolin was State Senator from that county.

Vast stretches of land are being plowed on the hills opposite Salem, in Polk county; the excessive rains, which render it impossible to work low land, not being any impediment to the farmers in that section.

From later advices we learn there were fifteen men killed in the terrible explosion near Umatilla. The following are the names: Sullivan, Hanson, Connelly, Fogr, Orville, Hathaway, Bucler, McNally, McLabe, Tom Pambrain, Mangero, Waty and Krusz.

A man by the name of John Frost suicided at Albany on Saturday last, by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle. He is said to have been a resident of Burna Vista, Polk county, and it is supposed that the rash act was caused by domestic troubles.

The erection of the Pendleton mills by W. S. Byers, has had the effect to encourage the farmers on Birch, Butter and Willow creeks and their tributaries, to plant a far greater acreage of wheat than is supposed. Nearly all the wheat heretofore planted was for the purpose of fodder and not for the grain.

From parties who have recently arrived from Clear Lake, the Sentinel learns that sheep are dying in large numbers there, and that one person who has 4,900 head, and who has them divided into three bands, has been losing some fifteen or twenty head daily in each band, and should the present weather continue, he will lose all his sheep this winter.

From a letter to C. W. Kahler, Esq., from Hon. Lafayette Lane, the Times learns that the House committee on Indian affairs has reported adversely on the proposition to pay the damage done settlers by the Modoc Indians, and that there was no prospect of getting these claims paid at present.

The Benton Democrat says: At the present time the subject of railroad is being extensively agitated in the west-side counties—the late movements in regard to the Oregon Central road having revived car flagging hopes of the ultimate completion of this road to Junction. There is a strong probability that work will be resumed on this road as soon as the weather will permit; and that there will be no unnecessary delay in forming the connection with the O. & C. R. R.

Reform at Washington.—Billings confirmed—Pinchback about to be seated in the Senate—Grant mad at Bristol, and intriguing for Babcock's release—Washington Ring frauds legalized—Republican President, Senators, Cabinet Ministers, Judges, etc., all attend the "boss" triumphant reception—Third Term prospects growing brighter every day.

The Illinois Democratic State Committee met for consultation in Chicago on Tuesday of last week. In an informal discussion about Presidential candidates Mr. E. L. Merritt of Springfield, said the three candidates most talked about were Tilden, Judge Davis and Gov. Hendricks. He thought there would be no trouble on the financial question, as the corruption in the Republican party would be the principal point of attack.

The Kansas Legislature (Republican) has voted to provide each of its members at the public expense with twenty daily papers during the session. Of course, the members will simply subscribe for twenty copies each and receive one or two. The cost of the other eighteen or nineteen will be drawn from the Treasury and divided between the members and agents of the papers which were subscribed for.

If the Democrats lose the coming campaign there will be nobody on earth or in heaven to blame but the present Democratic members of Congress. The people are ripe for a change of Administration. Democrats in Congress must prove that the people will be benefited by a change, having given them power in the House. If they do not do this the people will not trust us farther.—Terre Haute (Ind.) Journal (Dem.)

AN OUTLET.—Capt. Ainsworth, President of the O. S. N. Co., has written a letter to Messrs. Wait & Matzger, Dayton, W. T., to the effect that that company will carry wheat and flour from the landing at the mouth of the Tukannon to Portland for eight dollars per ton, provided that the people of that part of the country ship two hundred or more tons during the season. This offer gives the people of Columbia county a speedy, sure and comparatively cheap outlet for their surplus produce—one that we expect the enterprising people of the region to avail themselves of.—Oregonian.

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A New Deal. R. G. GRAHAM, MERCHANT TAILOR, HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM THE EAST a line of fine and fashionable cloths such as has never before been brought to Eugene, consisting of: Pants Goods, Coatings, in all Grades, and Fine Vestings. CALL AND SEE MY STOCK. R. G. GRAHAM.

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