THE EUGENE CITY GUARD

EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1880.

Democratic State Ticket.

For Congress,
JOHN WHITEAKER,
Of Lane.

For Presidential Electors,
J. K. WEATHERFORD, of Linn,
T. G. OWEN, of Coos,
J. G. FULTON, of Wasco.

For Supreme Judges,
J. K. KELLY, of Multnomah,
P. P. PRIM, of Jackson,
JOHN BURNETT, of Benton.

For Judge Second Judicial District.
J. J. WALTON, JR.,
Of Lane.

For Prosecuting Attorney,
JAS. HAMILTON,
Of Coos.

Lane County Democratic Ticket.

For State Senator,
T. G. HENDRICKS.

For Representatives,
CASPER RICKARD, J. C. WALLACE,
J. M. THOMPSON, E. P. WILLIAMS.

For County Judge,
C. W. FITCH.

For County Commissioners,
J. F. KIRK, A. J. McMAHAN.

For County Clerk,
C. C. CRONER.

For Sheriff,
A. J. GOODMAN.

For Treasurer,
J. W. SKAGGS.

For Assessor,
P. J. McPHERSON.

For School Superintendent,
A. W. PATTERSON.

For Surveyor,
M. S. WALLIS.

For Coroner,
J. R. REAM.

Democratic State Central Committee.

A meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee will be held in the city of Portland on Tuesday, May 18, 1880, for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for State Printer, to be voted for at the ensuing June election. A full attendance of the committee is urgently requested.

C. F. BEATIE,
Chairman Dem. State Cen. Com.

The Judiciary.

It is of the greatest importance that honest and competent Judges be selected to fill the bench. Men of experience, whose minds are mature and settled should be chosen as adjudicators of questions in which property interests, and oftentime life are involved. We want Judges who are bound to no particular clique and are under no obligation to any party. The present Supreme Court has been hounded and villified by litigants who have lost their cases before it. From the court they have appealed to a mercenary press, and unseemly wanton attacks have been made upon the honorable gentlemen of the court. Two of the present incumbents, Judges Prim and Kelly, have been renominated by the Democratic party, and it rests with a fair constituency to say whether good and tried public servants shall give place to unknown and inexperienced men. The ring of so-called Democrats, with their paid unscrupulous organs, seek to defeat the regular ticket, and elect the Republican candidates. They favor those whom they could control in the event of their election, and who could be depended upon to decide as their lords and masters should direct. The people will not heed the barkings of a few attorneys and litigants, who have lost their cases before the Supreme Bench. They will re-elect Judges Prim and Kelly for their unswerving devotion to principle, uninfluenced by any question of policy or personal advantage.

Oh yes, Mr, *Republican*; that party for which you claim so much, and that representative of it, Gen. Grant, whose claims you so strongly urge are indeed immaculate. True it has had its Credit Mobilier, "Boss" Shepherd, Babcock, Indian and Whisky Rings, but these, and the fact of their robbing the people of millions of dollars, amount to nothing.

M. C. GEORGE, the Republican candidate for Congress, is interested in working a puzzle far more difficult of solution than the blasted infernal 13, 15, 14 puzzle. He is endeavoring to get the M. C. of his name after the George. As his profanity is said to be of a mild order, we imagine him saying after the 7th of June, "by George, I couldn't get it."

New Bills.

Representative Whiteaker has lately introduced two bills in Congress, the passage of which would prove of great importance to the citizens of Oregon, and the Pacific Coast.

One is in relation to fees for obtaining final certificates of donation claims, and allows fees as follows: "A fee in donation cases of $2 50 for each final certificate for 160 acres of land, $5 for 300 acres, and $7 50 for 640 acres." At present the land office officials construe the law so as to exact $15 for one-quarter section, $20 for one-half section and $30 for a whole section. The passage of this bill would protect the settler against official exactions.

The other bill refers to homestead and pre-emption claimants, and is designed to materially lessen the expense and trouble connected with making necessary proof. It reads as follows: "That hereafter homestead claimants and pre-emption claimants shall not be required to publish notice of their intention to make proof, nor to specify the day and date on which they will appear with witnesses for the purpose of making proof, nor to give the name of the officer before whom the proof is to be made, nor to give the name or names of witnesses; but, in cases of contests, parties interested shall be cited according to regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Grant in the Lead.

Grant so far as heard from, as figured by the San Francisco Chronicle, has already 290 votes in the Radical Convention; Blaine, 105; Edmund, 23, and Sherman, 56. This is from 21 States, and that paper estimates that Grant will get in the other 15 States and from the Territories 160 more giving him 450 votes, or 72 more than is required for a nomination. There is scarcely a doubt of Grant's success in getting the nomination, and if he does not, he and his friends will defeat the man that does, unless he is a tool of the ring which is pushing Grant forward. Better run the chief than the subordinate.

WHEN we stated in a former issue that Mr. Knox, the Republican candidate for County Judge was a young and inexperienced man, we simply told the truth. His practice at the bar has been very limited, and only by a persistent seeking after the emoluments of office since attaining his majority, has he been noted. Mr. Fitch's qualifications mark him as the man most suitable for the position. He stands the peer in intellect and ability of any legal gentleman in Lane County. During his term of office as Prosecuting Attorney public offenders were made to feel the force of the law in almost every instance; the same devotion to duty and the interests of the people will characterize him when elected to the office of County Judge. Personally, we have no objection to the Republican candidate, but he lacks that force and energy necessary to make an efficient officer. The voters of Lane county will allow him to devote his full and undivided attention to the law, and not throw official burdens upon his shoulders. Fitch is the man for the place.

INDEPENDENT Republicans, who have fought and voted against Mitchell candidates, should remember that every vote cast for J. C. Church is a vote indirectly for the bigamist Mitchell. The machine politicians of the Republican party have the affairs of the party well in hand and should they succeed two years hence in securing a majority of the legislature, will return him to the Senate.

EXPLANATIONS are always in order. Mr. John Parks should seize the opportunity and explain whether or not Mr. A. A. Smith paid him a certain amount of money, say about $75, for resigning in his (Smith's) favor. The people do not care about electing a man who makes merchandise of his office, and sells to the highest bidder.

THE *New Northwest* stands sponsor for the ridiculous statement that fifty voters have left Eugene since the last city election by reason of the result of that election. Should a lying club be instituted in Portland the *New Northwest* would be undeniably entitled to its presidency.

THE printing office of the Portland *Standard* was burned out last Saturday morning. The loss was about $1,500 over insurance. With commendable enterprise the paper did not miss an issue. Every Democrat in the State should take the *Standard* during the campaign.

Second District.

The Benton County Blade gives sufficient reasons why J. F. Watson and J. A. Yantis, the Republican candidates of this judicial district, should be left at home. It says:

J. F. Watson, for Judge of the Second Judicial District, is the present incumbent, and quite well known in the district. He is much less popular in Coos county than when elected; in Douglas he will not now receive the vote which he did at that time owing to different circumstances and a better organization of the Democratic party in that county, and in this he will lose many votes by his carelessness or willful and premeditated action regarding the case of W. F. Rayburn. Rayburn, as is well known, was on trial on the grave charge of seduction. Ten men of a jury of twelve were for conviction, and when the prosecuting attorney asked that his bonds be raised from two hundred to five hundred dollars for his appearance at the following term of court, it was refused. The result is that Rayburn did not put in an appearance. The people do not want such a judge.

Regarding J. A. Yantis, for Prosecuting Attorney, little can be said, one way or the other. Should he be elected —which is an unnecessary supposition —the law would have no terrors for a criminal, well knowing that Jimmie, through his inactivity, mild manners and disposition, laziness and want of any knowledge of law, would not or could not convict him. We are sorry that in his maiden effort he will be defaated.

Whiteaker's Work.

The following appropriations for Oregon are in the river and harbor bill just reported to the House for approval: Constructing a canal around cascades, Columbia river, $100,000; upper Columbia and Snake rivers, $15,000; upper Willamette river, $12,000; lower Willamette river from Portland, Oregon to the sea, $45,000; Yaquina Bay, Oregon, $40,000; Coquille river, Oregon, $10,000.

Representative Whiteaker has been alive to the interests of the State and secured these recommendations only after persistent and untiring labor. These figures will effectually counterbalance the bloody shirt utterances of George in his wanderings over the State. We have secured a Representative who has shown himself interested in our behalf, and possessing the necessary influence to obtain national aid and common sense would dictate that we return him to represent our interests.

THE Republican sheet at Junction is considerably exercised because the directors of Eugene school district have seen fit to rent the public school building to teachers instead of allowing them to occupy it free of rent. The building in question only cost Eugene City the trifling sum of $12,000, and it is really too bad that the directors should charge the enormous sum of $10 per month for its use. The editor of that Egyptian sheet should rack his sterile brain and perhaps the light of reason will make it apparent to him that it is to the "interest of the people of Eugene City" to get some consideration for the use of a building on which such a large outlay of money has been made. Although Dr. Patterson is but one of the board of three directors, the people will remember him in June for thus attending to their interests, and securing some compensation, at least, for the use of public property by private parties. They will remember him as one who has ever taken a deep interest in educational affair, whose time is mostly spent in study and reflection, and who when elected will bring a positive ability and force into the management of our county schools.

THERE is a good deal of talk about an early adjournment of Congress, remarks the Sunday Herald, but it needs only a superficial glance at the important business before the two Houses to show that an early adjournment is not probable. Looking back at the years of Presidential elections, we find that the session has always run into June, and generally later. The following are the dates: 1832, July 16; 1836, July 4; 1840, July 21; 1844, June 17; 1848, August 14; 1852, August 31; 1856, August 18 and August 30; 1860, June 25; 1864, July 4; 1868, July 27; 1872, June 10; 1876, August 15.

The Junction *Republican* complains about one of the candidates on the Democratic ticket because as it says he pays no taxes, It, however, supports J. M. Shelley, the gentleman from Linn, who pays no taxes and owns no real estate within Lane county. Be consistent, Bro. Porter, and publish the true status financially, of the Republican candidate for Sheriff. Those living in glass houses should not throw stones.

A Republican Game.

COTTAGE GROVE April 29, 1880.

EDITOR GUARD:—It has been quite surprising to many of the Democrats of this county, at the efforts to capture one of our candidates, Hon. J. M. Thompson, by the Republicans, and never until a few days ago when in Eugene did I ascertain the "true inwardness" of the matter. There is no doubt whatever that this subject is being agitated by the Republican party to elect their State Senator. They are getting bold at this early day, and openly boast that all they want is Thompson and Church, and propose to trade anything and everything to accomplish that end. The writer of this, a life long Democrat, wishes to urge in the strongest manner possible, that our Senator be not traded off in that way. J. M. Thompson is well known enough to take care of himself, and should stand with the Democratic party both in letter and spirit, and not for personal aggrandizement suffer his friends to defeat the only office of political importance in the county. We believe Mr. Thompson to be an honest man, and do not believe he is lending his aid to the schemes of our common enemy. I ask you Mr. Editor, to urge these matters strongly and keep them before the people till they will realize the danger they are in by the machinations of the Republican party, which cares only for a hold-over Senator that he may vote for Mitchell.

Correspondence.

WILLAMETTE FORKS, May 4, 1880.

EDITOR GUARD:—We see in the last *Journal* of May 1st, the extraordinary statement that J. M. Shelley will get two Democratic votes in Goodman's precinct, for every Republican vote he loses in Willamette precinct. If that be the case—and we doubt it the greatest in world—he will have to get all the Democrats in Goodman's precinct, because he will get but few Republican votes in Willamette, and we do not know of a Democrat that even thinks of scratching such a good and qualified man as our next Sheriff, Mr. A. J. Goodman. Shelley will run behind on his ticket in this precinct, as far as Mr. M. Wilkins' old hound did the other day when after a big buck.

A REPUBLICAN.

THE *Republican* should give that Irish majority by which Shelley carried the Junction City election.