

THE EUGENE CITY GUARD.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1888.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

For Congress JOHN M. GEARIN, of Multnomah. For Supreme Judge JOHN BURNETT, of Benton. For Prosecuting Attorney, 2nd District JAMES W. HAMILTON, of Douglas.

For Presidential Electors W. H. EFFINGER, of Multnomah. E. R. SKIPWORTH, of Umatilla. W. R. BILYEU, of Linn. DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET. Senator, E. P. COLEMAN. C. K. HALE. Representatives, GEO. A. DORRIS. D. R. HARRIS.

LANE COUNTY FINANCES.

Joel Ware Fails to do his Duty—He is Liable to Three Fines of \$25 Each.

The Legislature of 1887 passed a law requiring the county clerk semi-annually to prepare a statement showing the financial condition of the county, and have the same published on the first day of April and of October in some county paper of general circulation; also attaching a penalty for any failure to comply with the law.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of each county on the first day of April and on the first day of October in each year to publish in one issue of a weekly paper having general circulation in the county a report showing correctly the number and amount of claims allowed by the county court and on what account; the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of outstanding warrants not paid.

Section 2. He shall, at the same time and in the same connection, publish a report of the sheriff of his county showing the amount of money he has collected, and the amount of warrants he has received for taxes, and the amount of money he has turned over each month to the treasurer, and the total thereof during the past six months.

Section 3. He shall also, at the same time and in the same connection, publish a report of the county treasurer showing the amount of money he has received and from what sources, during the past six months, with the date of its receipt, and from whom; the amount of money he has paid out on warrants and the amount of money on hand at that date.

Section 4. The clerk shall prepare and attach to said reports a summary which shall show in all respects the exact financial condition of his county at said date.

Section 5. He shall be liable to a fine of five dollars for each failure to comply with the provisions of this act, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each offense, to be paid into the county treasury for the benefit of the common schools.

Section 6. Any officer wilfully violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each offense, to be paid into the county treasury for the benefit of the common schools.

Section 7. It being important that the taxpayers of this State shall be informed of their county finances, this act shall take effect and be in force from after its approval by the Governor.

Approved February 14, 1887. The county clerk has failed and neglected to publish any report of county finances as required by the law since its passage. He has missed three times, April and October, 1887 and April, 1888, and according to the law is liable to be arrested and fined \$75 for his neglect of duty, in fact it is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to prosecute him for each offense. We do not think Mr. Ware can plead ignorance of this law, as he is popularly supposed to know all the law that is generally floating about.

It has been suggested that his refusal to comply with the law was prompted by the desire to avoid showing the people the true state of the county finances. We are reliably informed that to-day Lane county is paying interest on over \$10,000, and it was but a very short time since that she was paying interest on over \$20,000, at the same time an enormous delinquent tax list of over \$30,000 outstanding, while the people pay interest. The occupant of the clerk's office should conduct it according to law and not in accordance with his own notions of expediency. By the way we notice that clerks in other counties that have only held one term prepare and publish full reports.

To those parties who claim the GUARD is slinging mud, we have this answer: What we assert is the truth in every particular, and you can call it mud or whatever else you like. Disprove any charge made in our columns, and we will make the correction as freely as we have made such charge.

No other country in the world has such natural advantages as the United States. Let the Trust organs ask us to believe that our prosperity is due to the taxes which we have paid. That is, we have got rich by fining ourselves every time we bought anything.

The public schools of Lane county were never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. Much of this we believe is due to the excellent management of County School Supt. Patterson.

A FATAL CONFESSION.

Binger Hermann Admits That Gearin Makes His Next Trip to Congress a Hard Road to Travel—Joe Simon Wants His Thousand Dollars, and We Don't Blame Him.

The following letter written by Congressman Binger Hermann and apparently intended for Edward McPherson of Washington D. C., the Secretary of the Republican National Committee, was with abundant address by the gentleman who seeks to succeed himself to Edward McPherson of Salem, Oregon, and by him made public. The sacred will well repay careful perusal.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1888.

Hon. Edward McPherson, Dear Sir: Many of our people are feeling very sore over the long delay in the matter of the payment of that \$1000 advanced by Hon. Joseph Simon, of Portland, Oregon, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee at our last election, on the sixty days promise from you as to payment. Nearly two years have elapsed. They are out the principal and interest. The Senators of Oregon as well as myself who were parties in some sense, are appealed to by Mr. Simon and his friends who think great injustice has been done him. We cannot afford to have any misunderstanding at this time in Oregon, as at the best we shall have a narrow escape from defeat, if we do not suffer it. Our election on the 4th of June involves the election directly of one Senator and indirectly of the other, and of my successor in Oregon who is to be voted for at that time. Oregon is in danger.

The Democratic State Convention has met and put in the field a strong ticket. The prohibitionists have also assembled in large and respectable numbers. They have presented a full ticket and it is excellent men. Their candidate for Congress is an able man and will address the people of the State. Beside they have legislative tickets in all the Republican counties and in some Democratic counties. You will observe from this that the Republican State and electoral ticket is in peril. Yours truly, BINGER HERMANN.

Bugaboo.

See to it every loyal Republican that neither Cleveland's gold nor Irish eloquence can carry Oregon. Boys in blue do grand old party waits every one of you to do your duty. Stand as ye stood twenty-five years ago—and recognize no defeat.—Register. Yes, boys in blue stand in, especially as the Lane county Republicans stand in so well with you. They loyally recognized you in their last convention by defeating for nomination all the soldiers proposed. W. H. Wilcox received for representative only 36 out of 122 votes; M. L. Wilson for treasurer 17 out of 118; R. G. Callison and T. M. Martin 34 and 7 votes respectively of 144 for school superintendent. Oh yes, "recognize no defeat."

The Jacksonville Press of April 21st has the following to say about the Democratic nominee for State Senator: The re-nomination of Hon. E. P. Coleman of Lane county for the State senate is a matter of general congratulation for the Democracy of the entire State, and means his re-election. Mr. Coleman may be said to be a stick of Oregon timber, having come to the territory a mere child in '53, and settled with his parents on a farm in Lane county, in which he has resided ever since. He is a man whose very soul would sicken under a sense of personal dishonor, is firm and uncompromising, yet always affable and kind to his opponents; hence he commands their respect and admiration. Time and time again he has refused to accept lucrative offices of honor and trust, always preferring to work in the ranks than to be a candidate. Four years ago he was induced to accept the nomination as the standard-bearer of the Democracy for Lane county for the State senate, and was triumphantly elected. His record in the legislature was pure and spotless, the result of which his friends ask him to lead them to victory again. Now, let the Republicans pig on their best man, and it is a good two-to-one bet that Hon. E. P. knock him through the ropes in one round.

Mr. Ware, although he knows better, is trying to justify his course in filing the assessors memoranda blanks, by saying they are official papers. How is it that he only found that fact out about five years ago? Also Mr. Ware please explain why it is that the blanks are not kept in your office if they are official papers. To day there is not a single assessor's blank in the clerk's office. Is Mr. Ware so foolish as to allow official papers to be taken from his office and destroyed? We have a better opinion than that of his good sense. This unlawful filing of assessors blanks at an exorbitant, needless cost to Lane county, but illustrates the necessity of a change in an office so important as the clerk's. Twenty years ownership of an office is calculated to make the incumbent entirely too familiar with all the methods by which unjust fees may be charged and wrong from clients and the people.

The decisions of Judge Burnett while on the supreme bench are recognized every where by lawyers to be sound law. He has that saving common sense so necessary to prevent the legal mind from getting into a groove. He is able by his quality to sweep aside those cobwebs of sophistry that nearly always cover up a case and so go to the very marrow of the question at issue. His decisions are remarkable for clearness of statement. Add to this that he is absolutely free from all complications that would influence his decisions, and it makes his qualifications for the bench inferior to none. Benton county will honor her distinguished citizen with a full vote.—Benton Leader.

It seems strange that in this era when men vote more or less independently that a man of middle age could be found who never voted for a person of opposite politics. Yet John M. Sloan, Republican candidate for Sheriff, has boasted that he never voted for a Democrat in his life. Under this state of facts the Democrats will return the compliment so far as he is concerned.

The speech of Mr. Mills, a summary of which is published elsewhere, in opening the great congressional fight against surplus and monopoly is the subject of eulogistic comment on all sides. Even Republican organ admit that the case for tax reduction and revenue reform was never more cogently and succinctly presented.

The most abject labor on the continent is that which is hired for a pittance by all the flock masters in all this region west of the Rocky mountains—isolated—fortorn—with the temptations of solitude and the sins of Sodom upon it.—John P. Irish in North American Review, for March.

Ochoco Review: The Democrats of Lane county have acted wisely in nominating Lark Bilyeu for county clerk, and intend that he shall beat Joel Ware, whom the Republicans seem to think has a life lease on the clerkship. If Lark don't beat Mr. Ware there is no use of anybody else trying.

The Direct Tax Bill.

S. F. Alta. The press has spoken pliantly about the recent deadlock in the House over the Direct Tax bill as "monkeying with the people's time."

Not so. It was to prevent monkeying with the money. The bill proposed to credit the Southern States with the direct tax charged against them at the beginning of the war which they did not pay, and to return to the Northern States \$17,000,000 of which they did pay. Yoked to this bill was another to take \$25,000,000 from the Treasury to pay the States for swamp and overflowed land indemnity, of which about twenty States would have been the beneficiaries. The two measures aggregated a grab of \$42,000,000! The direct tax bill was cunningly put forward because these taxes had been paid by the Northern States to carry on the war until the Federal Revenue system and public credit could be expanded to receive the burden. Mr. Reed, the Republican leader of the House, understood the use of the political issues that impinged upon the measure, and was ready to catch the common sense of the country napping, if that were possible.

In the train of this bill was one to refund to the cotton States \$28,000,000 of cotton tax and certain abandoned property claims, amounting to about \$10,000,000, so that the total amount in sight was about \$120,000,000.

The men who brought about the deadlock to defeat the Direct Tax Bill were simply fighting against turning the Federal Treasury into a grab bag to relieve it of that vast sum.

It will be observed that Mr. Reed had laid out his hook for North and South alike, and it requires a high degree of manhood on the part of the Southern members to enable them to refuse their share of the spoils by bringing on a fight at that precise point of the conspiracy which would most surely subject them to criticism and to a revival of the war issues. Had the cotton tax been put first they would have received the credit due to unselfishness in denying themselves.

A Statement.

TO THE VOTERS OF LANE COUNTY.

GENTLEMEN:—I find there is a wrong impression out here regarding my policy in building a court house. Last Spring the county court let a contract to put an addition to the old building and when part of the vault had been broken down, there was a petition got up asking the court to build a new house instead of expending money on the old building. There was an extra session called to take the matter into consideration. I attended that session and there stated that I had signed the petition, but that I was neither in favor of building a new house, nor putting an addition to the old one for I was opposed to our county going into debt. I recommended to the court to fix the vault back and I told them I would give \$30 to replace it. They took my advice. I will say should I be elected, I would oppose the building of a new house until I was satisfied a majority of the taxpayers were in favor of it. GEO. H. ARMSTRONG.

There are 27,000,000 sheep in England, Scotland and Ireland. The price for pasturing these sheep per head per annum amounts to \$2.50, more than sheep are worth in America. They sell their wool for more than the American grower gets per pound. Yet their ewes and their lambs and all other wool growers without one cent of duty. If the United States had as many sheep to the acre as England this country could number 1,215,000,000, instead of a paltry 45,649,000.

It is important that the people of Lane county should have a man in the office of county judge that will fill the same impartially and fairly, looking well to the financial interests of the county. We believe that Mr. J. E. Fenton, the Democratic nominee, fills the bill. His integrity is unquestioned, and his knowledge of the law is a guarantee that the duties of the office will be performed correctly and to the best interests of the county.

Binger Hermann made a strenuous effort to get on the River and Harbor committee, but failed. That shows his influence. Now the Republicans press give him all the credit for the committee's bill, notwithstanding the committee had secret sessions, and every member was pledged to keep silent about the business transacted. If Thomas L. Thompson, Democrat of California, the only Pacific coast representative on that committee all the credit is due that attaches.

While Mr. John M. Gearin is not looking Republican friends in Portland who will vote for him on purely personal grounds, he has a host of Republican admirers, especially among the younger members, who know his ability and the benefit so energetic a worker would be to this state if in Congress. Mr. Hermann is in serious danger of being slaughtered in Multnomah, the house of his friends.—Welcome.

The prohibitionists have called conventions and will put tickets in the field in the following states: California, Kentucky, Indiana, Texas, Alabama, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maine, North Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kansas, New York and Missouri.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—It is said to-day that the Republicans of Oregon have decided to invite John P. Swift of California to stump Oregon during May. The Oregon senators are very much pleased that Mr. Swift is to go Oregon.

Hon. John M. Gearin commenced his political canvass at La Grande Thursday, and will finish at Portland June 2nd. G. M. Miller, prohibition candidate, will join in the canvass at points where he has not already spoken.

In 1830 the farmers of the United States owned 67 per cent of the entire wealth of the country; in 1870, under the high war tariff, they owned 38 per cent., and in 1880 they represented but 27 per cent.

"A dear clothes and cheap-drunk platform" is what the Chicago Tribune calls that of the Republican party—to lessen the tax on whisky and keep it up on clothing.

Roger Q. Mills who drew up the new tariff bill is one of the largest sheep owners in the United States. He says that the tariff on wool lowers its price.

A vote for any legislative candidate on the Republican ticket is a vote for Dulph.

Oregon is in peril.—B. Hermann.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., APRIL 16, 1888.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of the County Court of Lane County, Or., at Eugene City, Or., on Saturday, June 9, 1888, viz: J. M. Francis, Pre-emption D. S. No. 5829 for the N E 1-4, Sec. 28, Tp. 18 S., R. 8 West, W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: viz: J. W. Dixon, J. C. Brooks, H. M. Woodruff, J. L. Atkinson, all of Walton, Lane Co., Or. CHAS. W. JOHNSTON, Register.

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