

THE POPULIST CONVENTION. Contest Between Fusion and Anti-Fusion.—The Latter in the Majority.—An Unruly Body.

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J E Yarnell, of Mohawk, being greatly disgusted, made a motion that we adjourn for two years and proceed to ratify the election of the republican nominees immediately.

The lobby cheered for several minutes and many delegates joined in the applause. The chair rebuked the action of the lobby.

Mr Yarnell again said that he was disgusted with the whole proceedings and so were the people. STATE SENATOR.

The following gentlemen were placed in nomination and declined: John Sutherland, T J Elliott, S K George, Geo O Knowles and Levi Geer.

At last Geer was nominated against his wishes. Knowles then made a speech to adjourn until tomorrow at 8 o'clock.

The Yarnell amendment was defeated. The convention at this time became quite noisy. WITHDRAWALS.

About ten delegates withdrew, headed by J F Amis, of the Broad-Axe, who said, "Minorities are not wanted here, so we go."

At this point the din became so great that Henry J Day was appointed sergeant-at-arms. REPRESENTATIVES.

About 25 or 30 gentlemen were placed in nomination. At last the following persons were nominated by acclamation: Rev A D Skaggs, of Junction, M D Landis, of Cottage Grove, and A M Sweeney, of Cottage Grove.

RESOLVED, That the sheriff is entitled to the thanks of the convention for his energetic efforts in securing the court house for this convention this evening.

"Boss" Spough always endorsed one of the nominees and he was sure to receive the empty honor. One man power is all powerful even among reformers.

AN EARLY HOP CONTRACT.—Salem Statesman: Hop contracts on future crops are beginning to make their appearance at the county clerk's office.

Yesterdays one covering a period of three years was filed. It is between L Q Bower, of Silverton, and the Pacific Hop Co, of Seattle. By its terms Mr Bower is to furnish the company 15,000 pounds of hops raised by himself during each of the years 1896, 1897 and 1898.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.—About two weeks ago Sheriff Johnson, not thinking that the populist convention fell on this date, promised the use of the court house to the Free Methodist people, as they wished to begin a religious meeting there tonight.

The populist-made application today for the use of the building tonight, so there seems to be a slight conflict. However they will have no trouble in securing another suitable building.

First Ballot.—Crow 15, Caldwell 54, Caldwell was declared the nominee. COMMISSIONER.

First Ballot.—Weider 32, Veatch 88. Veatch was declared the nominee. CLERK.

THE CITY DEMURS. Will Test the Right of the County to Sue to Quiet Title of the Public Squares.

In the case of Lane county versus the city of Eugene, suit to quiet title to the property known as the public squares of Eugene, the city today through its attorney, E R Skipworth, filed a demurrer to the suit.

"Comes now the above named defendant by its attorney and denurs to the plaintiff's complaint for the reason said complaint fails to state any cause of suit whatever against defendant."

The property in question is that known as the four public squares of Eugene, donated for that purpose 30 or 35 years ago and so used since that time. The public squares referred to are the ones occupied by the court house, the one occupied by the county jail, the city hall, city jail and bell tower, and the two vacant squares directly across the street south of these two, being the enclosed parts.

The city hall, city jail and bell tower stand on the county property, a satisfactory contract having been made with the county, and a nominal rent being paid for the use of the land by the city.

Time, Feb 15. Ben to Mr and Mrs Wm Bundy, February 10, 1896, a son weighing 10 pounds. The Rebekahs met Wednesday evening and took the necessary steps to secure the return of their charter, which was surrendered some two years ago.

J H Day has purchased a tract of land known as the Bamford claim near the farm of H L Rann and has traded his residence property in this city for a team and wagon. The family moved out Thursday and are now bonafide residents of Long Ton.

A J Thompson, who left here about a year ago for eastern Nebraska, writes this office that, "and I been wise I would have remained in Oregon." He says further: "We have had one of the finest winters ever known, no snow and the roads are firm and dusty. We have good crops of all kinds although none the year before. Corn is worth 12 1/2 to 15cts; oats 11 to 12cts; wheat 35 to 40 cts; hogs, \$3 to \$3.25; butter 12c; eggs 12c.

VALENTINE PARTY.—The Valentine social given last evening by the ladies of the Episcopal church in the church parlors was quite well attended and was a very successful affair. A splendid program was rendered, consisting of a vocal solo by Col J A Straight; an organ solo by Master Lloyd Cherry; reading, "Dame Allen's Dream," by Miss Haright, in which she was encoered and responded with a pointed little sketch of love under a tree; the Misses Mabel and Blanche Gilstrap sang a quartette and declined to respond to an encore.

THE HOG BUSINESS.—The decline in the price of pork and the advance in the price of wheat will result, it appears, in the abandonment of the hog business, to a great extent; and if this determination is carried out, in less than a year hogs will command a fancy price, and few will have any to sell, and wheat may be quite low when most of the people want to dispose of their harvest grain crop.

ADDRESS BY GRAND MASTER WORKMAN.—A special session of Eugene Lodge No 11, A O U W, was held in the large Masonic hall last evening. Members of the order and their families and friends were present, in all about 200 people.

JAIL SERVICES.—The Salvation Army people held services at the county jail this afternoon. They hold jail services regularly every Friday afternoon. The jailer is in the habit of letting them in and locking the doors while they hold services, and last Friday he forgot to let them out. They stayed in the jail for several hours and finally succeeded in halting a passerby from one of the windows, who notified the jailer, when he let them out.

We take the following from the Albany Democrat: ACME, Lane Co., Or., Feb. 9, 1896. Editor Democrat: From the columns of your paper I see in regard to two persons, a man and a girl, which are being maintained, on account of lewd co-habitation and by letters written me by my son, W Holcomb, residing in Boise City, Idaho, which she has written to him about the affair at Albany, I know for certain that it is my niece, Nellie Holcomb, 15 years old the 2nd day of April, 1895.

SOME TIME ago Sheriff Allen, of Santa Rosa, Cal., got a couple of bloodhounds. He has been training them carefully, and recently Deputies Brophy and Murphy took them out for a trial. Brophy took a circuitous route, doubled on his tracks and did his best to befuddle the bounds. Then the dogs were released. With unerring instinct they made for the trail.

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