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Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic central committee for the state of Oregon, assembled at Salem the 19th day of March, 1890, has appointed Portland as the place and Thursday, the 24th day of April, 1890, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time for holding the convention for the Democratic party of the state of Oregon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of congressman, governor, judge of the supreme court, secretary of state, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, state printer and district officers, to be voted for at the June election, and to transact such further business as may properly come before the convention.

The representation will consist of 192 delegates, apportioned among the several counties of the state as follows:

Baker	5	Polk	6
Clackamas	8	Tillamook	2
Columbia	3	Union	7
Crook	5	Wasco	7
Douglas	7	Yamhill	7
Grant	4	Clatsop	7
Jackson	8	Benton	4
Klamath	3	Coos	6
Lane	9	Curry	2
Malheur	3	Gilliam	2
Morrow	6	Harney	2
Josephine	4	Lake	2
Linn	11	Marion	10
Multnomah	23	Sherman	2
Umatilla	10	Wallowa	4
Washington	9	Grant	

The same being one delegate at large from each county and one delegate for every 175 votes, and one for every fraction thereof exceeding one-half cast for Governor Pennoyer at the June election of 1886.

The committee recommended that precinct primaries be held the 19th day of April, and the various county conventions the 16th day of April, unless county committees determine differently.

We invite all American citizens, without distinction of calling or political preference, who are weary of paying sweat-wrought tribute to conscienceless monopolies, to emulate the examples of their fellows who have so emphatically expressed themselves at the polls at the recent elections in Massachusetts, Ohio and Iowa, and who in Kansas announce their intention to take a stand and to unite with us in a determined effort to re-establish our national merchant marine, to strike off the fetters of our suffering industries and to relieve the great army of consumers from the burden of tax which oppresses them grievously and profits them nothing, and to rebuke the party which now announces not only that the body politic of this country shall make brick, but they shall make them without straw.

ASAHEL BUSH, Chairman.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN was on time at Hiogo, Japan, on his race around the world, and he will probably beat Nellie Bly's record as a fast flier.

THE *Oregonian* says that Multnomah county's 35 votes will be solid for D. P. Thompson for governor. His money no doubt contributed largely to Jim Lotan's victory in Portland last Saturday.

EX-GOVERNOR MOODY was endorsed at The Dalles for a nomination at the primaries held last Saturday. His chances for gubernatorial honors are not brilliant, however, in face of the Lotan victory in Multnomah county.

ANOTHER cyclone in the Mississippi valley was chronicled on the 7th instant, Prophetstown, Illinois, being almost entirely blown away. A dispatch also states that Harper's Ferry, Kentucky, was wiped out of existence during the tornado of two weeks ago.

THE senate bill for an appropriation of $2,000,000 for the construction of a boat railway at The Dalles has passed the U. S. senate and now goes to the house, where it is hoped to secure its passage in an omnibus bill along with the Galveston harbor measure and other bills.

FROM present appearances, Jackson county will not be honored by a nomination at the hands of the Republican state convention. However, should Hermann be "thrown down," southern Oregon may get one of the plums to be distributed. This section does not seem to be in favor with the bosses.

THE dependent pension bill failed to secure the necessary two-thirds vote to obtain its passage under suspension of the rules in the lower house of congress on the 7th instant. The bill contemplated pensions for incapacitated soldiers and sailors, and for widows, minor children and dependent parents of soldiers and sailors.

AN eastern Oregon journal announces that Chief Justice Thayer, seeing that the people have had enough of him, is in favor of the nomination of one of his "henchmen," and that he will then make a deal with the Portland ring to elect him. It was this same gang of Republicans which elected Judge Thayer in 1884, no doubt with a purpose in view. Whether he has made good his part of the bargain let his decisions answer.

EX-SECRETARY WHITNEY lately had his attention called to a paragraph in the San Francisco *Examiner* stating that he would be the Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1892. After reading the article Mr. Whitney said: "I don't know what led to its publication. I am not a candidate for president, and can only repeat what I said in a letter several months ago, that I won't be a candidate under any circumstances."

BROTHER BUCK of the *Plaindealer* remarked last Thursday that the days are now over 13 hours long. Hope deferred always makes the days seem long. We have an idea that last Saturday seemed about 113 hours long to Bro. Buck while Dr. Simon Caro was engaged in rubbing in his *Politicum Linimentum Excellentem*, as the apothecary would say, on the expectant register's spinal column. Simon prescribes very potent medicine.

NEXT Monday, according to Erickson's prophecy, is the day set for the destruction of San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda, California; Chicago, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The world will have a good laugh and forget the grausome prophecy on the 15th. Perhaps the political revolution in Chicago and Milwaukee last week had something to do in fulfillment of the augury. There was something of a "tidal wave" in both cities.

THE *Oregonian* doesn't exactly know how it stands in relation to the different factions in Portland politics until it finds out which faction is supported by Senator Mitchell. In the effort to be noncommittal it last Sunday has the following, which is the extent of editorial comment on the situation: Now you know who the boss is! Long live the boss! At the same time the *Oregonian*, at the risk of ostracism and banishment, remarks that it's "agin the government."

RHODE ISLAND elected a Democratic governor and state officers by a fair plurality last week but, by the peculiar laws of that state requiring a majority over all to elect, the legislature will choose the governor. By this method the Republicans have succeeded in prolonging a doubtful tenure of power during several years in both Connecticut and Rhode Island. As there is still some doubt as to the political complexion of the legislature in "Little Rhody," they may succeed in defeating the choice of the people once more.

A CORRESPONDENT in Pendleton, writing to the *East Oregonian* of March 26th, says: It is claimed that Judge Thayer will not be a candidate for re-election, and that he will try to foist upon the Democratic convention one of his "henchmen" as the nominee of that body for supreme judge, and make a "deal" with the Portland Republican ring to secure his election. There may be nothing in this report; but some things have recently happened to give color to it. If the people do not want a second term of W. W. Thayer, they will not take kindly to one of his "henchmen."

THE Democratic municipal victories continue to appall the Republicans all over the continent. Large gains were made at Cincinnati this week, and at Columbus, Ohio, the Democrats elected their entire ticket. At Cleveland they almost secured control of the board of alderman. In Indiana they swept everything at Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Evansville. In Michigan, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Jackson, West Bay city and Muskegon have gone almost solidly Democratic. The Republicans will have to admit Alaska to statehood to counteract the tidal wave sweeping over the country.

A BIG FIGHT AT PORTLAND.

There was fun on the half-shell at the Republican primaries in Multnomah county last Saturday. A dispatch to the *Morning Call*, a leading Republican paper of San Francisco, gives about as truthful a statement of the squabble for the delegation as will receive currency through the Republican press. It says: "Never before has there been so much political excitement in this city as to-day. The two political factions of the Republican party, one headed by Joseph Simon, police commissioner, and the other by James Lotan, fire commissioner, each seeking political supremacy in the state, met in battle array and fought the hottest fight that ever occurred on Oregon soil. Purchasable votes were bought like cattle, every vehicle in the city was engaged, and Republicans and Democrats alike took part in the contest. Voting places were thronged all the afternoon, and the contest was considered so close that many hundreds of dollars changed hands on the result. The *Oregonian* came out leaning slightly toward the Lotan faction, and a 25,000 extra edition of the *Mercury* was printed in support of Simon. Both papers were eagerly read, yet it is probable it was money that gave the victory to the Lotan faction. According to the returns the Lotan faction receives a large majority. This leaves Simon out in the cold for the time being, and the fight will now be transferred to the county Republican convention, which meets April 9th. There is the wildest rejoicing among the voters to-night, and liquid refreshments flow like water."

The Lotan faction elected thirty-six delegates to Simon's thirteen in West Portland. "Big Jim" also has the East Portland contingent, or at least eleven out of thirteen delegates. Simon captured the three Albina delegates. Lotan's victory is generally construed to mean D. P. Thompson for governor, as if the Multnomah delegation to the state convention is instructed for him, he will almost be assured of the nomination.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

IT is stated that Emperor William is preparing a scheme for a compromise of the existing differences between Germany and France, and will submit the terms to the French government at an early day. The plan is said to be so entirely equitable that its tender by the most aggressive of the powers cannot fail of cordial acceptance by the other.

THE manner in which Binger Hermann "chuckled" Simon Caro in his fight for the Roseburg land office caused much indignation among hundreds of admirers of Simon and among the Jewish element throughout the state. There can be no doubt but that Caro's nationality had much to do with his being thrown overboard, and the temporary pleasure his discomfiture afforded Hermann is likely to outweigh the bitter dear in the campaign. Caro's friends begin the work of organizing for the defeat of the God-bless-you-old-friend candidate last week by carrying Hermann's own precinct, Roseburg, against him at the Republican primaries by a vote of three to one, the G. A. R. men joining forces with Caro. There are merry times ahead in Oregon politics.

BROTHER HARLAN is justly indignant at the Republicans of Medford precinct because they deliberately strangled his pretensions to a seat in their convention yesterday. We learn that he will protest, in today's issue of the *Mail*, against the unfair treatment to which he has been subjected. It certainly is unfair and unjust to the gentleman who has borne the brunt of the fight in Medford precinct, and time and again upheld his party's cause by the sweat of his brow and the coinage of his intellect, that he should thus be subjected to the ignominy of being relegated to the background of even local precinct politics. We warn the Republican bosses right here that it will not do to trifle with Brother Harlan's feelings in this manner. He is too old a war-horse to risk arousing his opposition, and too much of a gentleman to tolerate being treated as a churi by his inferiors.

THE Republicans sought to raise a great dust of sentiment over the delay in the admission of Washington, Montana and the two Dakotas to statehood, charging the Democratic majority in congress with crookedness and political mendacity on account of the delay in adding to the Republican strength in the electoral college. Now that the boot is on the other foot, the Republicans see nothing out of the way in admitting Idaho and Wyoming, both reliably Republican, while denying the rights to New Mexico and Arizona where the Democrats are in the ascendancy. By the last federal census the territory of New Mexico had a population of 119,565. The territory of Wyoming had 20,789. New Mexico is now estimated at nearly 200,000, while Wyoming has grown very little. The same may be said of Idaho. Practical politics doesn't take political virtue into consideration to any alarming extent.

THE great victories achieved by the Democrats at the recent municipal elections in Chicago and Milwaukee indicate the change in political sentiment that is taking place in the big states of Illinois and Wisconsin, a change that will return a majority of Democratic congressmen next fall and will doubtless result in both states returning Democratic electors in 1892. Such consummate trifling with the intelligence and sentiments of the people, as the Republicans have been guilty of since their return to power has alienated upright men by hundreds who have been accustomed to accord their heartiest support to the party which formerly boasted of being the headquarters of "great moral ideas." Honest men have no desire to affiliate with any party which is so notoriously in favor of squandering the public substance as the existing Republican party has shown itself to be; nor have they a wish to contribute to the depletion of the treasury, filled to overflowing by sweat-wrought tribute paid by a long suffering people, to log-roll public buildings into existence in every hamlet that asks it, or to pay unreasonable pensions to undeserving ninety-days men.

THE sympathetic sentimentalists in the east are protesting vigorously against the proposed census enumeration of the Chinese as being "absurd, barbarous, unchristianlike and cowardly." It is remarkable what amount of gush is being spilled over the Mongolian by theoretical economists. The Pacific slope gets about as much sympathy from the east, in its endeavors to rid itself of the incubus of the coolies, as the South receives from the cold-blooded, calculating politicians of the north in its struggle to escape the domination of the blacks. Even a man of Senator Evarts' standing has so far forgotten his position as to champion the cause of the charming and interesting "little yellow men," as the foreign missionary societies are fond of picturing the moon-eyed, foul-smelling curse that the railway corporations are striving to foster and maintain on the western slope of the Rockies. We have no patience with the boys who prate so learnedly concerning things they know not of. The only way to open the eyes of such sentimentalists as Evarts to the mischief they are doing would be to imprison them overnight in one of the underground runways of these human rats in the Chinese quarters of Portland or San Francisco.

IN the little unpleasantness yesterday, prior to the Republican convention, which we fear will result in heartburnings hereafter, the sympathies of the TIMES are entirely with those local Republicans who desired to consult the general good of the party and the community by sending influential delegates to the state convention, and who were so unmercifully "sat down on" by the selfish gentry from Ashland. With the exception of H. E. Ankeny and perhaps one or two others, the working force of the delegation is not such that very favorable results can be looked for from their mission to the state convention. As a party in interest to the general welfare of southern Oregon, we had hoped to see a strong delegation sent up by the Republicans at this time, when with proper management the claims of this section to recognition on the state ticket would unquestionably have been given attention. As a result of yesterday's convention, southern Oregon will go—Binger. With such consummate and skillful managers in the party as N. Langell, J. S. Howard and some others we could mention, it seems passing strange that the preference should have been given to such inexperienced parties as compose the majority of the delegation.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY ITEMS.

Abe Rowley this week returns with his family to Kansas.

F. F. Graves and family left for Kansas one day last week.

A building and loan association will probably be organized soon at Grant's Pass.

W. S. Wiggins and family left Josephine county for Guthrie, Oklahoma, last week.

Ed. Hague of Waldo was severely hurt by being thrown from his wagon not long since.

J. W. Wadleigh of Waldo has returned home from an extended business trip to San Francisco.

J. R. Gettis of Grant's Pass is in Pennsylvania on business which will detain him several weeks.

The new bank notes of the First National bank of Grant's Pass are circulating everywhere now.

R. A. Booth last week purchased an acre tract of improved property from Louis Rotermund for $600.

J. D. Hayes is teaching in Centennial school district, with over 40 pupils enrolled. He is a first-class teacher.

S. Mooney has removed his family from the Pass to the Lindsey farm on Applegate, which he rented recently.

Dr. W. H. Flanagan has returned from Tacoma, but still thinks of locating somewhere in the Sound country.

A new coat of paint greatly improves the appearance of Rev. Robert McLean's new residence at Grant's Pass.

J. K. Pigney is now in the employ of the S. P. D. & L. company, having recently returned from northern California.

With the coming of April's showers comes the renewed hum of the S. P. D. & L. company's machinery at the Pass.

Rev. Robert McLean of Grant's Pass this week attended Presbytery at Jacksonville, and delivered the opening sermon.

The Democratic primaries will be held next Saturday. Let there be a full attendance and only the best men sent as delegates.

H. C. Kinney will have the handsomest residence in Grant's Pass as soon as he gets his new addition to the same completed.

The Republican county ticket is composed of good men, but it is quite certain that a majority of them will be easily defeated.

J. Parker has returned from his eastern trip and is satisfied with the prospects of Grant's Pass as compared with eastern towns.

A new cottage on the lot belonging to T. R. Graves, in the southwestern part of Grant's Pass, is among the latest improvements.

Johnny Lewis of Portland, who is interested in the Wolf creek placer mines, is on the scene of operation at present. A big run is being made there.

Our friend, Jimmy Tuffs, is a nice young man; but he is more valorous than discreet when he essays to beat C. K. Chandler, Josephine county's efficient clerk.

It is thought that most of the best timber land in Josephine county will be in the hands of private parties in a short time. Prospectors already have their eyes on it.

The Democratic county convention will meet at Grant's Pass on April 19th, it is harmonious and nominates a first-class ticket, success is assured. Therefore, Democrats, do your duty.

There was a sorry crowd of Republicans gathered around the depot Monday morning when the Kansas colony were getting aboard the cars to bid southern Oregon farewell, says the "Courier."

R. C. Richmond and wife, late of Miles city, Montana, are now residents of the Pass. Mr. R. having purchased the jewelry business of H. W. Walters, to which he has added a new stock of goods.

T. P. Judson would like to be county treasurer; but, as he fears the people would be "agin him," he has his partner, J. W. Sherrill, name in his stead. In all probability will put a quietus on Juli's foxy little game.

Henry Kelly of Grant's Pass died a few days since after a complication of diseases, and was buried under the auspices of the Masonic order. He was one of the oldest and most respected residents of Josephine county.

J. W. Sowden's real estate became fractious while standing near the depot one day last week, and one of the animals got a hind leg over the pole and the two started to run and kick. The mishap terminated in one very badly crippled horse and a demolished rig.

J. T. Flynn of Portland, the irrepressible rustler, is again on the ground with his outfit on a preliminary survey for a railroad from Grant's Pass to Crescent city can be raised by the several counties interested in the project, and he is reported as saying that Josephine county will raise half the amount needed, $600.

KLAMATH COUNTY ITEMS.

Rev. Mr. Lett, our Presbyterian minister, is attending the meeting of the Presbytery at Jacksonville.

Deputy Sheriff Webb reports taxes coming in reasonably well, and the delinquency will probably not be much in excess of the usual amount.

The death of A. M. Stout removes from our midst one of our best citizens. His demise is generally regretted.

Ab. Goldings and Geo. Chase last week took their stock down the Klamath in the Sprague creek springs, and turned them on the range. The grass is getting good in that vicinity.

Fink & Waters of Sprague river have established a hay yard in Keno and will have about now less than 100 head remaining out of 650 head on the range at the beginning of winter.

Vaughn & Sons, near the Fort, drove cattle through with moderate success until a few weeks ago, when they were forced to turn them out in the sagebrush, resulting in some additional losses.

Gerber Bros. of Sprague river quit feeding when their hay was exhausted and turned 240 head of cattle on the range. Only 80 head are left of a band of 400 at the commencement of winter.

Conservative estimates now place the loss of stock in the entire Klamath basin at between 50 and 60 per cent. Reports from the desert in Lake county indicate a probable loss of about 90 per cent.

Wells & Slade had a hay barn crushed at Sprague river, as had also Jas. Taylor, Ed. Vickers, Owen & Son and Geo. Swenk, one each. Some of the structures were not of great value, however.

Hay has sold all the way from $20 to $50 per ton in Linkville during the past month, and drivers now only live the luxury of paying $1 per head for horse feed each night at the feed stables and corrals.

Wash Onemahsin has sustained a heavy loss of stock. Out of 120 head of very fine horses on the range he has been able to find but 12 head. His cattle were left on the share to J. Leonard, and they made it through with slight loss.

The Democratic county convention, to select delegates to the state convention at Portland, will be held at Linkville, April 16, 1890, convening at 10 o'clock A. M. It is probable that county officers will be placed in nomination at the same time.

Fortunately there has been no shortage of provisions, so far as heard of, in this county. Most of the ranchers have had the foresight of laying in sufficient supplies to last until roads get good in the spring, and the deep snow found them prepared for it in this line.

Jake Weeks, an Indian at the reservation, was seriously if not fatally stabbed in the neck by an Indian named Dick Waite one day last week, during an altercation growing out of a habit that Waite had gotten into of driving over Jake's plowed ground. Waite is now in jail awaiting trial.

Sprague river ranchers, with a few exceptions, carried their herds through in fine shape, with slight loss. A great deal of fine hay was put up in that section last year, and the prudent stockmen reaped their reward when winter came on and they were enabled to not only sustain their own herds, but also to a considerable hay to support stock brought from a distance. But four stockmen in the valley sustained heavy losses.

There is yet considerable snow in the vicinity of Linkville. But little grain will be sown this season owing to the high price and scarcity of seed and the lateness of the season. Oats now sell, at four cents per pound at Linkville, and all visible stock is in the hands of a few dealers. It will be impossible for teamsters to transport grain from the railroad in time for seeding, owing to the all but impassable condition of the roads.

Wm. Carlle's drivers have carried the mail to Sprague river from Bonanza more than half the time on foot during the past three months. There is yet four feet of snow for about twenty miles of the distance, and the road will not be passable for wagons for weeks. The first trail broken was very narrow, and the heavy rains rotted the snow underneath and then crusted it so that it is ruinous to horses to go through it for any distance.

M. Obenchain failed to get up a number of horses that were on the range at the beginning of the storm, but fed through about 400 head of cattle and horses, with a merely nominal loss of about 12 head. The breaking down of his fine new barn under its heavy weight of snow proved a great inconvenience to him. He started into the winter with about 500 tons of hay, which he had about fed out when his stock were turned on the range a short time since.

Shook Bros. fed some 300 head of cattle on Sprague river and had returned a portion of their band to the home range on Lost river, but were deterred from taking the balance over the divide, owing to the rotten and treacherous condition of the trail and last week turned everything remaining onto the reservation until the trail gets passable again. Applegate and Anderson also turned about 600 head on the reservation for the same reason, having run out of hay.

Mr. Wilson, the Sacramento stockman, who has been in Sprague river valley during the past two seasons, had the misfortune to lose about 60 per cent. of his live stock during the winter. The great rain which melted so much of the snow in February, only to freeze up again and fill the trails with ice and crusted snow, was responsible for much of the loss. The snow was about 3½ feet deep on a level and badly drifted in many places in Sprague river valley.

The Republican county convention, to select delegates to their state convention, was held at Linkville yesterday. They also placed a county ticket in the field, to-wit: County judge, J. S. Orr; clerk, Al Leavitt; county commissioner, Daniel Brownscombe; sheriff, E. W. Webb; treasurer, W. E. Howe; assessor, G. D. Hornby; school superintendent, Jesse G. Walker; surveyor, W. S. Simpson; coroner, no nomination. Delegates to the state convention, O. C. Applegate, C. S. Moore and W. C. Hale.

Of the great havstacks of the Sprague river valley which remained out of stack or yard to carry their herds through so successfully, about 900 tons were fed out by Daniel & W. A. Walker, 500 tons by Wells & Slade, 500 tons each by L. Leonard and M. Obenchain, and 300 tons by Geo. Swenk at the Munz ranch. In spite of all this great amount of provender, it is estimated that a week's continuous cold rain in March would have killed half the stock remaining. Fortunately the weather that time was fair, and losses light in consequence.

Rumor has it that W. P. Miller, at the head of Klamath lake, has sustained a terrible loss of stock, owing to his huge hay-stacks in the marshes having been surrounded by water after the great rains in February, and the cattle cut off from access to feed. Strenuous endeavors were made to haul the hay to the feeding yards, but as the stacks are now standing in quite deep water, three miles from shore, the effort was not attended with much success, and all but about 150 out of 1300 head of cattle have perished. Mr. Miller was regarded as well fixed for the severest weather, but the overflow of the meadows ruined his prospects.

There is plenty of snow and miry ground along the road from Ager to Linkville, and, while the stage is now running, it will be many weeks before there will be any very heavy freighting from the railroad. The stage from Linkville to Lakeview gets no further than Bonanza, and mire and snow will keep the road closed for sometime to come.

A great quantity of hay was fed out at Reames, Martin & Co.'s ranch near Linkville, but such was the condition of stock when brought to the yards that about 300 out of 500 head of cattle have died. The parties who owned them first bought 200 tons of hay at $12 50 per ton, and afterwards 200 tons more at $15 per ton; but the snow outlasted them after all.

The general public was a good deal amused at the gravity with which Brother Leeds of the "Tidings" announced the discovery of a snare's nest in the appointment of Hon. H. B. Compson of Klamath county to the vacancy on the bench caused by the resignation of County judge Lee. For a short time such Leeds' purely local organ raised about as much of an uproar as it was capable of over the alleged appointment of a "carpet-bagger" to the position. It so happens that Judge Compson came to Oregon about the time that Leeds showed up in this state, and he had been a resident of Klamath county for more than three years, in the responsible position of superintendent of schools at the Indian agency, prior to his appointment by Governor Pennoyer to a vacant position for which there were few or no applicants. The governor had formed Mr. Compson's acquaintance while the latter resided at Huntington, Oregon, his home for six or eight years before his removal to Klamath county, and knew him to be in every way a suitable man for the place. In these days, when a man has acquired a state reputation, such as Judge Compson enjoys, having for several years held a commission as major-general of the state militia, it is generally considered bad taste to call him a carpet-bagger. More especially is it so where, as in Compson's case, he served through the rebellion as a Union soldier, advancing from the position of private in the ranks to a colonelcy. One naturally pities Leeds' ignorance on many occasions, but more especially in a case where the exercise of ordinary caution would have prevented him from exposing his mental shortcomings.

OUR FRUIT INTERESTS.

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., April 11, 1890.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:—

As the TIMES is universally read in Oregon, permit me to use its columns for the following:

It is a fact conceded by scientific horticulturists that southern Oregon, and western Jackson county, combines all the adaptive elements for the production of semi-tropical fruit which can be produced at less cost of money and labor than any other pursuit known to the husbandman, and ever has and will secure greater remuneration than any other industry adopted by the soil-tilling yeoman.

The time was, when to dig a hole in the uncultivated virgin soil and stick most any kind of a scion or vine in it secured to the pioneer abundant and profitable results; but time, surroundings and circumstances have changed the order of things, 'til now industry, good judgment and vigilance are required in the selection, nurturing, and protection of cultivated fruits. From causes remote and present it must be apparent to every fruit farmer in Jackson county that the products of trees and vines have signally deteriorated in quantity, quality and value since pioneer days. In view of the facts the legislature of 1889 wisely, and I may say humanely, comes to the relief of the fruit-grower by establishing a horticultural commission, composed of gentlemen schooled in the science of fruit culture, and more, in the wise and means best calculated to protect the orchards from the ravages of fruit-destroying insects that unfortunately infest nearly every orchard in the county. In a stubborn fact that the orchards, young and old, especially the latter, are being despoiled by the scale aphis, codlin moth, borer and numerous other pests; the truth of the existence of these insects being discovered at the instance of experts who have made critical examination of the orchards and vines.

The commissioners have appointed an inspector for each district whose duty it is to visit the orchards, point out the kind and particularly the habits of these pests that are ruining the fruit trees, and inform the owner of the best course to pursue to remedy the evils already inflicted and arrest their future ravages.

There are many who are at work eradicating these pests referred to, but their efforts will prove fruitless if their neighbors who have adjacent orchards negligently, or perforce wilfully, refuse to removate their own, as the means of transmitting the scale and aphis from one orchard to another is swift and sure. Hence the importance of waging an aggressive and impartial war of extermination, which can be done easily and cheaply. The scale is readily recognized, and the most to be dreaded; yet by spraying the trees affected with the following solution they may be saved: Twenty-five pounds of lime unslaked; twenty pounds of sulphur; fifteen pounds of salt; sixty gallons of water. To mix the above take ten pounds of lime, twenty pounds of sulphur and twenty gallons of water. Boil until the sulphur is thoroughly dissolved. Take the remainder, fifteen pounds of lime and fifteen pounds of salt, and add enough water to make the whole sixty gallons. Strain and spray on the trees milk warm or warmer. This can be applied when the foliage is off the tree, and will have no injurious effect on the fruit buds or tree whatever.

For the benefit of those who may not be advised of the law in the matter I quote from the act of 1889 the material part of the act, to which attention is especially directed:

"If the owner or owners, or the person or persons in charge of any orchard or nursery, or trees or plants or articles infected with scale insects or any of their larvæ or eggs, after having been notified to make application of treatment as directed, shall neglect or refuse so to do, he or she shall be deemed guilty of maintaining a public nuisance. If found guilty the court shall, after the expiration of said board of horticulture to abate the nuisance. The expenses thus incurred shall be a lien upon the real property of the offendant."

A word to the wise is sufficient. Now is the time to act on your own motion, and it is to be hoped that every one owning few or many trees will see and feel the importance of making the matter a community interest in waging a war of complete destruction to all fruit pests. Respectfully,

E. B. STONE, Inspector.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The following proceedings were had in the circuit court since the last issue of the TIMES; Sarah Jane Mulkey vs. Jas. Mulkey, divorce. Decree for plaintiff, who is given custody of minor children until further order of the court.

Owen Keegan was appointed bailiff to the grand jury, and Chas. Schultz bailiff for the term.

Belinda Barnum vs. Ami L. Willey; to recover money. Default entered and judgment for plaintiff for $57.97, and costs.

H. S. Emery vs. J. A. Swift; foreclosure of mechanic's lien. Demurrer to complaint sustained and suit dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

John O'Meara vs. H. C. Stock, the Oregon Refrigerating company et al.; to recover money. Demurrer to complaint overruled.

James H. Barnum vs. Jas. G. Birdsey; to recover personal property. Dismissed.

H. Pickens vs. Sarah Pickens, divorce. Ordered that plaintiff pay $100 for attorney's fee and support of defendant pendente lite, and that defendant have the care and custody of the five minor children until termination of suit; plaintiff to have privilege of visiting them at stated times and places.

Jas. S. Rogers, assignee, vs. Thos. Hosley; to recover money. Dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

M. L. Medall vs. Henry Amerman; to recover money. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

James Wright vs. D. H. Burroughs; for dissolution of partnership and accounting. Demurrer withdrawn and defendant given fifteen days to file answer.

W. G. Cooper vs. Wm. Gates; to recover money. Default of defendant and judgment for plaintiff for $257.97, and costs and disbursements. Attached property ordered sold to satisfy judgment.

W. H. Barr and E. P. Pickens vs. same; same. Default of defendant and judgment for plaintiffs for $382.15, costs and disbursements. Attached property ordered sold to satisfy judgment.

State vs. Oscar Stearns; selling liquor without license. Plea of guilty entered.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds have been filed for record in the office of the county clerk since the last report of the TIMES:

O & T Co to J S Cummons, lots 14 and 15 in block 47, Medford; $50.

Hattie and O H Blount to J C Tolman, 120 acres in twp 37 S, r 1 w; $1.

W C Myer et al to Wm Myer and F M Billings, quitclaim to 302.50-100 acres in twp 38 S, r 1 w; also to donation claim No 48 in same twp; $1.

W C Myer et al to Wm Myer, quitclaim to lots 8, 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20, Myer add to Ashland; $2.

Same to Frances M Billings, quitclaim to lots 1, 13, 14, 18 and 19, same add; $2.

Chas M Meeker to James Meeker, 153.83-100 acres in twp 36 s, r 1 w; $4000.

Warren Lodge No 10, A F & A M, to Chas Nickel, lot in Jacksonville cemetery; $25.

J W Goff to Directors of School District No 36, 2½ acres in twp 34 s, r 2 w; $1.

S A Jacobs et al to Mrs T E Scott, lot 3, blk 10, Central Point; $250.

Elizabeth Lavenburg to Nancy Anderson, lot in Central Point; $1.

United States to Wm Schultz, patent to 80 acres in twp 35 s, r 2 w.

Same to P Donegan, patent to 122.12-100 acres in twp 35 s, r 1 w.

J S Cummons to Elizabeth Cummons, lots 14 and 15, blk 47, Medford; $1.

Nannie Barr to Lucinda V Carder, lot 3, blk 4, Barr's add to Medford; $500.

Goodman Noble to Mahala Ann Gainey, lot 2, blk 2, Medford; $800.

W C Myer to Wm Myer and F M Billings, lots 11 and 12, Myer add to Ashland; $10.

Alexander Orme to John Bailey, interest in mining claim and ditch on Foots creek; $1000.

F H Ovitt to Sarah C Ovitt, lot 1, blk 60, Medford; $1000.

C Magruder to C W Kahler, 159.7-100 acres in twp 36 s, r 2 w; $4570.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with abscess of lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. I would have died during troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it—sample bottles free at all drug stores.

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MEDFORD SQUIBS.

The Lindsay dramatic troupe was not very well patronized in Medford.

A. F. Hale is on Galls creek, where he is employed at H. Kippel's mill.

Miss Rose Cardwell of Jacksonville visited friends in Medford last week.

Keep your eyes on Medford. It will improve more rapidly than ever this year.

Trespassers upon Nickell's addition to Medford will be arrested and prosecuted.

A. J. Merritt has gone to Oregon city, where he will probably locate permanently.

Rev. G. G. Thomas, the popular Baptist minister, spent a day in Jacksonville last week.

G. C. Noble has sold his five-acre tract in Barr's addition to M. A. Ganey of Eugene for $800.

W. I. Vawter, cashier of our bank, has returned from a visit to his old home at Eugene.

The "Hatchet Family" are announced at Howard's hall on Tuesday evening, April 15th.

Miss Laura Starr has gone to Salem to accept a clerkship in one of the mercantile houses in the capital city.

The Noland saloon property will be sold at public sale to-morrow. There will doubtless be a number of bidders.

Real estate is looking up again. C. C. Beekman has sold eleven lots in the northwestern portion of town for $900.

Chas. Wall and wife of Flounce Rock precinct are sojourning at Medford. Mrs. W. is quite ill, we are sorry to say.

Rosenthal has received a fine lot of clothing during the past week, and has a heavy run of custom in consequence.

Hon. J. D. Whitman, member of the state board of horticulture, is doing yeoman service in behalf of our fruit interests.

B. W. Powell, one of our most enterprising citizens, has removed to Brookfield, Wash. We wish him success wherever he may go.

The demand for lock boxes at the post-office has been so great that the number has been doubled. Our town is still growing rapidly.

Geo. Lynch of Trail creek precinct is assisting H. H. Wolters at the Monarch saloon, where the best of wines, liquors and cigars are kept.

Prof. Clark, the ballad singer, gave one of his entertaining concerts at the M. E. church in Medford last Monday evening, to a good-sized audience.

The Monarch saloon at Medford, under the management of H. H. Wolters, is proving a popular resort. The best of everything in that line is kept there.

J. A. Hazle has retired from the management of the Grand Central Hotel and will leave this place before long. He is succeeded by H. T. McClallen, lately of Roseburg.

Staver & Walker's Medford branch house has sold nearly $10,000 worth of farm machinery this week. They shipped a carload to northern California points last week, and are rapidly extending their business.

Chas. Wolters was somewhat startled to find a lively centipede in a bunch of bananas received by him one day last week. It is about two inches long and may be seen in alcohol at Miller & Strang's drug-store.

Mr. L. Knopf and wife of New York spent a few days in Medford last week visiting Mr. K.'s uncle, Mr. Rosenthal. Mr. K. is a wholesale linen and lace merchant of New York, and thinks of investing in Medford real estate.

A most interesting programme has been prepared for arbor day, to-morrow, at the Presbyterian church. The exercises will consist of addresses, music, recitations, declamations, dialogues, etc., participated in by the school children and many of our leading citizens.

H. H. Wolters, the mixologist, has reopened the saloon formerly kept by A. H. Carlson, thoroughly refitting it and making many improvements. He has supplied the place with the finest wines, liquors and cigars, and a fine billiard table can also be found there. Give him a call for he will treat you well.

Wood & Whiteside have nine men employed in putting the new water tower to completion, and expect to have the tanks in position ready for use by May 1st. They will be of redwood, with a capacity of 33,000 gallons each, and will rest on a platform 50 feet above the ground, giving sufficient pressure to carry water to the top of any building in town.

Among the brick buildings contemplated in Medford during the coming season are a 25x70 foot two-story business house on the corner of Seventh and B street, to be erected by W. G. Cooper, work on which has already begun; a two-story business house which Thos. McAndrew will build on the north side of Seventh street; also two business houses to be erected by Dr. Adkins and Mrs. Denison respectively on the south side of the same street.

Medford's voice in the Republican convention yesterday was given greater attention from the fact that five delegates were sent up instead of the apportionment of four by the county committee. Although it was an unusual proceeding, the credentials of all five were recognized, as it was felt that the vote should show the increase in Medford's population at this time entitles her to the extra delegate. The delegation consisted of W. I. Vawter, I. A. Webb, J. W. Short, J. H. Faris and J. A. Whiteside.

The following is a list of officers of Talisman lodge No. 31, K. of P., which was instituted at Medford Wednesday evening, April 2d, with over twenty charter members: Francis Fitch, P. C.; Chas. W. Wolters, C. C.; Dr. E. P. Geary, V. C.; C. Hutchinson, prelate; M. Purdin, M. of E.; H. Lamsden, M. of F.; J. E. Enyart, K. of R. and S.; Lake France, M at A.; J. W. Short, I. G.; T. O. Wolters, O. G.; H. T. Chitwood, senior past chancellor of Granite lodge, was the installing officer, and twenty-two members of Granite lodge went down from Ashland to take part in the ceremonies.

The action of the editor of the "Mail," in assailing such of our enterprising tradesmen as are not fortunate enough to own and transact business in a moribund building, is certainly reprehensible, to say the least. It is all very well to encourage enterprise in the substantial building up of the town, and those who occupy their own buildings are sure to receive their share of public patronage; but when the local newspaper asserts that "no dweller in a tent or rented apartment * * * should get support in Medford," it touches a sensitive spot in the breast of every honest tradesman whose necessities have made him a tenant of one able to build a palace of trade, and lacerates the feelings of all who have done their share in attracting trade to the valley metropolis while temporarily occupying wooden buildings or even tents as makeshifts. A stranger might infer that Brother Harlan was a devotee at the shrine of wealth.

CENTRAL POINT POINTERS.

Mrs. M. E. Fielder and daughter have returned to Central Point to reside, after a temporary residence in Medford.

Jas Wright, J. N. Hall, W. C. Leever, O. O. Kincaid, Fred Tice and O. Pankey were at the county-seat on Wednesday.

The Central Point band attended the Levy concert at Ashland last week in a body. They are so well drilled that they can appreciate high-class music to the