

OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE.
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1886.

Republican State Convention.

A Republican Convention for the State of Oregon is called, to meet at Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday, April 28, 1886, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices, to-wit: Representative in Congress, Judge of the Supreme Court, Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Printer and district officers of the several judicial districts; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Convention will consist of 205 delegates, apportioned among the several counties as follows:

The same being one delegate at large for each county and one for each 160 voters, or fraction over half thereof, cast for James G. Blaine at the Presidential election in November, 1884.

No Answer.

After so many charges made against the present county officers, we expected our cotem. to come to the defense of those who have favored him in many ways and for so many years. We expected him to make the offer at least to give some kind of an excuse for the heavy debt now hanging over us. He can find space and time to defend Attorney General Garland in his Pan Electric Telephone Steel, or give his endorsement of the President's letter to the Senate. He can inform us that John Doe is having a new roof on his barn, or that Richard Roe had been arrested for speculating unlawfully in county scrip, but no word or space has he for the friends that have filled his pockets. We have already alluded to the reckless manner in which they took the people's money to pay a claim that had been rejected as a fraudulent claim by a former Democratic board. No defense can be made for acts of this kind. Neither do their politicians claim the votes of the tax payers for official acts in the interest of the county, they rely entirely upon their heavy majority to carry their ticket through. In this they may be deceived as the people cannot see much Democracy in a county office these days.

The execution of Lewis O'Neil brought a large gathering here from all parts of the county, which afforded a splendid opportunity for the numerous Democratic candidates to test the virtue of their augers. A candidate for Sheriff was seen to approach an old farmer from Sam's Valley and the following dialogue took place:

Candidate. Well Mr. B, I am glad to meet an old Democrat from Sam's Valley? You people over there never go back on old Democracy, and when a majority is lacking, Sam's Valley always comes to the relief. By the by, how does the people over there talk about our county debt that the Republican SENTINEL is harping so much about.

Farmer. Well, to tell the truth they are talking a great deal about that debt. They say it is too much and something must be done to stop it. Some of us are talking about voting for some on the Republican ticket just to teach the Democracy a lesson.

Candidate. That is only a Republican hobby to get office, Charley Nickell said so in the "Times" two weeks ago, and he knows. Just let the Democrats have another lick at that debt and we will wipe it out as slick as a shot gun.

Farmer. The last lick you gave it, sent it up about fifty thousand in two years, another lick like that and the county is bursted. Here the conversation was interrupted by another candidate giving the old farmer a pluck to one side and whispered something in his ear. I think it was something about valley tan.

Mrs. Emma H. Adams, the lady who visited Jacksonville last week, representing the Cleveland "Herald" and "Leader" and the New Orleans "Picayune," is at present sojourning at Ashland, the guest of General Tolman. She is writing up that section and is receiving every consideration and assistance of the people of that place.

The SENTINEL is instructed to say that if the "Times" doesn't call off its dogs and stop its dirty and malicious insinuations it will hear some important revelations well authenticated that will be extremely unpleasant for it.

The "Times" Tactics.

"Upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed, that he hath grown so great." The why that things are thus is one of the incomprehensible things that is disturbing our serenity since reading yesterday's issue of the "Times." We are politely dubbed by the paragon of elegant literature who is the ostensible editor of the "immensity" as the "SENTINEL scribbler," and the "renegade who manipulates the SENTINEL" simply and solely because we have dared to question the glaring inconsistencies of these so-called county exhibit and have endeavored to show the long suffering tax payers whither they are drifting under Democratic rule. It is a well known fact that the "Times" man has grown from a penniless type into an arrogant aristocrat in the short space of fifteen years, which no one will assume is the legitimate result of his financial or literary ability, and further that through his greed of gain he has almost disrupted his party by the persistence with which he has gorged himself out of the public patronage of the party. The only prerequisite of his support of a candidate has been the amount that he would be directly benefited by his election and he has persistently fought the most honored members of his party because they have refused to guarantee him the public patronage at his own figures. It is a well known fact that he mist that part of his party who were opposed to the building of the court house at this place by his pretended opposition, and by his still further resorting to the despicable method of publishing a double edition with the endorsement of it in his town edition and the article conveniently placed in the county edition. Right here we want it distinctly understood that the "renegade who manipulates the SENTINEL" is the republican editor thereof, and that we intend to keep the facts before the people relating to the county finances, not because we have a single personal candidate in the field, but because every interest of the tax payers demands a change in the administration of public affairs, and because the "one man" power as exhibited in the past few years is dangerous to the best interests of the people. The "Times" man has grown in fifteen short years from a penniless boy into a gigantic monopolist with his immense democratic publishing house, stores and farms, and his various other interests, while the county under democratic rule has been going hopelessly into debt and future bankruptcy. With you taxpayers of Jackson county must rest the solution of this "immense" problem. A few more years of democratic patronage and the editor of the "Times" who now calls you "my friend" will cease his obsequious sycophancy, and like others who have grown rich here, will depart for broader fields of speculation and profit while you are left to struggle on with your grievous and hopeless burden of taxation.

There is trouble among the democratic lunch-eaters. The leaves and fishes, on account of the unusual demand, refuse to go round. The court house crowd and the county exhibit sit heavy on the democratic stomach and the "Times" goes into spasms of patriotic indignation over the silly delusion that "renegades are manipulating the SENTINEL." Go to! Would it not be well for the "Times" to face the true condition of county affairs and come out for once as an honest journal and say that the last exhibit was not a true one and that it was intended as a campaign document to deceive taxpayers and catch votes? The suppression of the "Times" that some one aside from the editor is manipulating the SENTINEL is not true nor has it a shadow of truth, but the "Times" has a purpose in saying it and that purpose is probably to disparage some one whom he believes to be in his way. Such methods are always despicable and always fail as this will for it is utterly and absolutely false.

Ex Governor Irwin, of California, formerly a well-known resident of Yreka, died at San Francisco last Monday, of Bright's disease of the kidneys. He had been failing rapidly for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a wife and one daughter. William Irwin was for a long time editor of the Yreka Union, and was active in politics in Northern California. He was a resident of Yreka when elected Governor of California on the Democratic ticket in 1874, and has resided there much of the time until he went to San Francisco to accept the position of president of the board of harbor commissioners—of which office he was still incumbent at the time of his death. He never acquired much wealth—his estate is estimated as worth about \$20,000.

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Quartz Mining.

The quartz industry of this section is just now undergoing a practical test as to its true value. The late interest awakened in this class of mining will doubtless settle for all time, the question so long agitated and unsolved, regarding the value of Southern Oregon as a quartz mining district. It has been known for many years past that that part of this country embracing the Willow Springs, Blackwell, the hills west of Jacksonville, and the Applegate country were a network of leads, and persons who have given much time and attention to this class of mining have always been of the opinion that a large percentage of these leads would pay. The reason why no late practical tests have been made, is because public confidence was so shaken many years ago, when several mills were started from time to time and failed of success, for the reason as now explained, that by the crude machinery then in use the gold could not be saved. But new and improved processes have been discovered, and new machinery invented, and this, with the practical experience of men who have devoted their life time to this class of mining, have made it possible to profitably work a much lower grade of ore, and notwithstanding the failures of the past, it is now the opinion of almost every practical quartz miner who has visited and examined our mines that Southern Oregon is the best undeveloped field for quartz mining, west of the Rocky mountains. The section abounding in quartz, extends from near the head of Grave creek 45 or 50 miles north of us, to the Siskiyou mountains, about the same distance south of this place, with a width of from 20 to 50 miles, this embracing an area of no less than 2,000 square miles, is so interwoven with leads of various kinds that it would indeed be marvelous if this should not prove to be the richest mineral section on the coast. Since the accidental discovery of Gold Hill in 1859, which proved to be an immensely rich pocket, there has been a mania for pocket hunting and superficial scratching, and experienced quartz miners without exception, say that there is not a lead in all this vast section that has yet been fairly prospected, and that if we expect to be profited by quartz mining, we must cease to look for superficial pockets, which is the most hazardous and least profitable and go to work in earnest and sink down on some of the ledges showing a uniform pay as the safest and most national character of quartz mining. Nothing short of a determined prosecution of this class of mining, governed by a perfect understanding of the work in hand, will ever develop anything of profit to those engaged in it or of permanent value to the country. The quartz mill, so long talked of and hoped for that our countless ledges might be practically tested, is now running and is one of the solid enterprises of this place. Messrs Brown & Dyer, the two gentlemen prominently connected with the mill enterprise, came here last Fall and believing this to be a good field for quartz mining, proposed to our people that if the town would subscribe \$2,000 they would put up a first class mill with a capacity to crush from 8 to 10 tons of ore per day. Our people subscribed \$1,500 and satisfied with this the gentlemen built the mill, which has been running, including necessary storages, about two weeks, and so far with entire satisfaction to all concerned. The mill, is a Salmon & Jones combined patent, with a Jones rock breaker and a true concentrator, the power being an upright 12 horse power engine, used temporarily until the Mill Co. determine the amount of machinery they desire to put in, when an engine will be purchased of the required capacity. The rock breaker was invented by Mr. Jones and consists of a solid cast bed piece about 5 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 1 1/2 inches thick, in the center of which is a solid cast block extending upwards about 10 inches; to this a shoe is fastened, by means of a dovetail and wedge which when worn can be removed and replaced. Surrounding this is a heavy V shaped casting about 2 1/2 feet long, the block part being on wheels and held in a heavy head block by a cast journal in such a manner as to allow the V circle to play back and forth on its wheels. A heavy shaft runs out from the point of the V about 3 feet from the end of which is a 600 pound balance wheel, about midway between this and the point V is a belt or pulley by which the machine is operated. The journal between the pulley and V point is an eccentric, and as the pulley revolves, the V surrounding the solid block, moves up and down and sideways, in obedience to its eccentric journal and crushes the rock between, by a grinding motion between the

strong V on the outside and the solid block on the inside. So peculiar and ingenious is this piece of mechanism that it is impossible to describe it as it is and it must be seen at work to be properly understood and appreciated. Its crushing capacity is about 40 tons per day. The crusher is a heavy round casting, something more than two feet in diameter, to the bottom of which shoes are attached in sections in such manner as that they may be easily removed and replaced. A heavy shaft from 2 to 3 inches in diameter runs directly through its center, the lower end being securely keyed to the crusher, the upper working in a self-adjusting coupling, and on an arm 6 or 8 inches from a true center, and hence when the crusher revolves it is given an eccentric rotary, and undulating motion, and both grinds and stamps at the same time. The crusher and its attachments will weigh about a ton and works in a cast bed, provided with adjustable shoes and held in place by a center post also protected by shoes, the whole being surrounded by circular screens, united by castings and covered on the top to keep the pulp from splashing out, by light sheet iron. Before a change was made in the manner of saving the gold, the fine gold passed through the screens of the crusher down a sluice box and into an amalgamator; but for some reason the amalgamator was not considered suitable for this kind of ore, and was abandoned and copper plates substituted; the inside and outside of the battery, all the sluices surrounding it, the boxes conveying the pulp to the concentrator, and even the distributor, were all lined with copper, so that it seems almost impossible that any free gold should be lost. The distributor is an inclined apron immediately above and near the front of the concentrator, and is so arranged with eleven blocks or bars tacked upon its surface, as to distribute the pulp uniformly upon the surface belt of the concentrator, which is about 12 feet long and about 5 feet wide. The concentrator is an ingenious and complicated piece of machinery which it would be hard to describe, but which does its work perfectly and is said to be the best now in use. The first cleanup of 30 tons of ore from the ledge of Grob & Company was made last Wednesday with results satisfactory to all interested. The mill as at present worked has a capacity of at least 10 tons per day, and the proprietors have ordered another crusher which will double its capacity, and from the present outlook our mines will receive a test that will practically and finally settle the value of the quartz interests of this section.

Republican County Convention.

A Republican County Convention is called to meet at Jacksonville, Oregon, on Saturday, April 17th, 1886, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing seven delegates to represent Jackson county in the Republican State Convention to be held in Portland April 28th, 1886, and transact such other business as may properly come before it.

The convention will consist of 40 delegates, appointed among the several precincts, as follows:

Ashland	14	Medford	3
Applegate	1	Manzanita	2
Big Butte	1	Headwaters	1
Chimney Rock	1	Pleasant Creek	1
Eden	3	Rock Point	1
Evans Creek	1	Steamboat	1
Foots Creek	1	Sterling	1
Flounce Rock	1	Table Rock	2
Jacksonville	7	Trail Creek	1
Little Butte	3	Uniontown	2
Willow Springs	1		

The same being one delegate for each precinct or one for each 20 vote or fractions over half thereof cast for Hon. James G. Blaine at the Presidential election in November, 1884. The Committee recommends that the Primaries be held in the several precincts on Tuesday, April 6th; it being also one of the days for every voter to register to have the right to vote at the coming election. We earnestly appeal to all to perform that pleasant duty and privilege. MARSH BELLINGER, Chairman County Central Committee.

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