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To the Public.

On and after this date, I wish it understood that my terms for all undertaker's goods are cash with the order. I find it impossible to do business on a credit basis, and belive that I can do better by my patrons and myself by selling strictly for cash. P. BENEDICK, Undertaker.

Roseburg, Ore., April 12, 1895.

PEOPLE'S PARTY CONVENTION.

The delegates of the people's party met in convention today at 10 a. m. and organized by electing I. C. Kent, temporary chairman, and F. A. McCall and C. S. Jackson, secretaries.

The following committees were raised:

On platform—J. F. Gazley Jr., M. Lemmer, J. G. Clarke, A. B. C. Whipple and L. A. Kent.

On credentials—Dr. Brookhart, Carl Hoffman, J. H. Whitsett, James Richards and W. C. Winston.

On order of business—H. Martin, J. Harpham, O. I. Hittle, N. T. Day and C. S. Jackson.

On permanent organization—A. B. C. Whipple, Dr. Brookhart and W. C. Winston.

The convention then adjourned till 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order by the chairman, I C Kent, at 1:15.

Committee on credentials reported as follows:

Calapooia—Geo Settle, James Richards, Jesse Thornton.

Camas Valley—A B C Whipple, G. M. Prior, John Welley, Wm Ferguson, A Kuykendall.

Canyonville—J F Gazley, Dan Albro, A Gazley by C G Jackson, proxy; B Dubell by J F Gazley, proxy; Phil Butcher, John Jackson, Will Linville by W G Wilson, proxy A. Brook by Winser, John Carto.

Civil Bend—W C Winston, L A Kent, I C Kent, J A Velzain, Asa Cobb by L A Kent, proxy; Wm Bramen.

Coles Valley—Tom Fortie, O Hittle, P Murphy, John Weekly, L T Thompson, and E Walker.

Deer Creek—M Lemmer, H M Martin, J A Harpham, A Clark, F Shroeten, C J Anderson, F A McCall, G. W. Genger.

Gardiner—C A Perkins, Flen Bay, Hans Hanson, H P Dawson, D W Holden, Rich Lyster, by H M Martin, proxy.

Looking Glass—A A Mathews, Florence Crow, John Wright, Geo. Mathews, by John Weekly, proxy.

Myrtle Creek—G W Brewer, W H Kelley, by Du Prey, proxy; Laid Adis, Phil Rice, John Rice, L Brewer.

Millwood—A L Sprague, A L Black

Pass Creek—Flen Whipple, W R Whipple, L N Whipple, J J Hedden, H P Brookhart, W V Hardy, by W R Whipple, proxy.

Roseburg—D W Hunter, John McKane, W Coply, W Pankey, John McClallen, by Dave McClallen, proxy; R Rose, R L McLaughlin.

West Roseburg—F Stein, by M H Benson, proxy; M H Benson, J H Wilson, F Wharton.

Oakland—H W Gamble, L Flahn, by Gamble, proxy.

Ten Mile—D A Prock, B F Shields, James Byron, F. Winningham.

Umpqua—J Green, J R Kennedy, W B Clark, C Schnaufer, D B Fisher, C Coffman.

Yoncalla—Geo Wilson, A Lamb, Mart Gilkerson, A. H. Buxton, by J. G. Clark, proxy; J G Clark, J Bell, Martin Crow, J G Wilson, A H Page by G. Wilson, proxy.

H P BROOKHART,
J H WHITSETT,
S RICHARDS,
CARL HOFFMAN,
Committee.

PLATFORM.

The committee on platform reported as follows:

We, the populists of Douglas county in convention assembled declare as follows:

We favor the amendment to our state constitution providing for the initiative and referendum.

We demand the free coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, and pledge our candidates to the legislature to vote for no candidate for United States senator who is not known to be in favor of these principles.

We demand the re-enactment of the mortgage tax law, and recommend that exemption for indebtedness be only made in cases where there is a corresponding taxable credit.

We demand a homestead exemption law, exempting homesteads to the value of $1000 from taxation and execution.

We demand the abolishment of the office of county assessor and the enactment of a law allowing the people of each precinct to elect their own assessor.

We demand that its road supervisors be elected by the vote of the people of their respective districts.

We demand the abolishment of the Oregon National Guard.

We are opposed to any change in our present fish laws detrimental to the interest of the fishermen of Douglas.

We favor reducing the county indebtedness by reducing the expenses, instead of by increasing the taxes; and demand the reduction of official salaries to correspond with the reduction of wages of labor and the prices of products of labor.

We demand the abolishment of the railroad commission and the enactment of a maximum freight and passenger law.

As the constitution of the State of Oregon, expressly limits the amount of indebtedness which counties may incur to the sum of $5,000, and as the plain provision of the fundamental law of the state is constantly and flagrantly violated by old party county officials, our county debt has reached the enormous sum of over $100,000, bearing a high rate of interest. We demand that such acts of usurpation and anarchy be stopped promptly and forever.

We demand that the county printing be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

J F GAZELY,
L A KENT,
A B C WHIPPLE,
J G CLARK,
M LEMMER,
Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

For state senator—J. F. Gazley, Jr. by acclamation.

For representatives—Dr. Brookhart, Jep. Green, C. S. Jackson.

For clerk—F. A. McCall; by acclamation.

For sheriff—R. L. McLaughlin.

For treasurer—Fred Hatfield.

For assessor—Peter Hansen.

For school superintendent—J. I. Criteser, by acclamation.

For commissioner—A. B. C. Whipple.

For county surveyor—W. R. Whipple.

For coroner—L. A. Kent, by acclamation.

Dr. H. P. Brookhart was chosen chairman of central committee.

DR. DRIVER'S LECTURE.

Dr. Driver lectured at the M. E. Church last night to a very small audience on a very large topic: "What made the Yankee." Dr. Driver began his lecture on the evolutionary line, by showing that heredity is the primal factor in developement. He said that a noted educator and author said our education ought to begin 300 years before we are born. The doctor thought it ought to begin 100 times 300 years before, i. e. 30,000 years before we are born. He very forcibly and logically made this to appear by historical proof. He showed by good historical evidence, that we are today indebted to the ancients for our boasted enlightment. That the ancients were in many respects better informed than we are today. Gunpowder was made 2500 years before Christ; that the power of steam was known long anterior to Christ's time; that poetry, painting, sculpture and architecture had been carried to perfection long before the Christian era; that the farther back we go in antiquity the finer in quality do we find these arts, and that they are models for today.

Like all developement in nature, there are periods of growth, fruitage and decay. Nations rise, blossom out in splendor and then go down. No nation was ever known to break this rule. A nation cannot maintain a government that it cannot make. All governments are the outgrowth of its internal condition and environments. Population of this earth has been on a march with the sun—moves west. Europe was peopled from Asia, America from Europe and brought with them the education of centuries before. The people of old settled country move in groves—are conservative, and will not advance.

America was settled by the bold energetic and aggressive spirits from England, Ireland, France, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Portugal and Italy. This conglomeration, transferred to this continent, made the Yankee.

THE PEOPLES' PARTY.

It will not do to pooh pooh these people. Like Banquo's ghost they will not down at our bidding. It will not do to ridicule them as men wanting in intelligence, or as void of principle. In looking upon this body in council Friday we were forced to the conclusion that, if mad, there is a method in their madness. They seem to have ideas of governmental policy that will bear investigation. While we honestly differ with them on some issues we are in accord with them in others. As citizens they have the same right to advocate their views, which we claim for ours, and we concede to them honesty of purpose, and of patriotic intentions, which are no less dear to to them than those we contend for. The difference in their's and our own is that of the head, not of intentions to work injury to the state. Their financial theory is, to us, untenable; but that on foreign immigration is very near correct. We think they are in error on the protective idea also. We contend for our opinions as they for theirs and trust to the intelligence of the voter for endorsement.

The Populist Ticket.

The people's party in convention Friday met and made a ticket for the several county offices. It is a very fair one and if defeated, as it will most likely be, the party will have the consolation of knowing they supported good men and went down contending for what they think is right. We are acquainted with several of the nominees and know that, personally, they are good men. The only objection that can be urged against them is their politics, as viewed from a republican or democratic stand point.

Mr. J. F. Gazley Jr. and C. S. Jackson of Canyonville are both young men "worthy and well qualified," as to native ability, and we predict they will receive the full support of their party. Mr. Gazley has descended from the democratic and Mr. Jackson from the republican party. With the other nominees we have but limited acquaintance, but so far as known they are good men.

G. A. R. Entertainment.

The members of Reno Post, No. 20, G. A. R., with that gallantry which is ever characteristic of a true soldier and a magnanimity of an American citizen, gave the Womens' Relief Corps, No. 10, of this city a grand entertainment Thursday evening at Odd Fellow's hall, to show those philanthropic sisters their remembrances of the many acts of kindness to Reno Post in times gone by.

The entertainment was given on the occasion of the Relief Corps' regular meeting. At the proper time the members of the G. A. R. filed into the hall after the Corps had closed its session. The G. A. R. were assembed and were seated, when Mr. M. McCoy, O. G., arose in his place and poceeded to marshal the members of the Relief Corps in platoons by thirteens. When thus arranged Commander Hamlin was introduced and addressed them in a neat little speech, stating that the object of their presence at this time was to entertain the members of Corps, No. 10, with a banquet prepared by their own hands; that while it might not be up to the latest degree of perfection of the culinary art, it was their best effort to show their fair guests that they could entertain them heartily if not superbly, and that the members of the Corps might enjoy an entertainment for once, without having to think of washing the dishes after the feast, and that they might understand how the members of the Post have been entertained and how they have appreciated the entertainments given them by Corps No. 10.

The joint assembly of G. A. R. and W. R. C. were conducted into the banquet hall and seated at two tables groaning under the magnificent spread, prepared and served by soldier hands. After being seated a blessing was invoked upon them by the chaplain and the collation began to disappear amidst a humorous but innocent hilarity, and all went merry as a marriage feast. "Joy was unconfined where youth and beauty meet."

After banqueting to satiety they all repaired again to the main hall where the following program was rendered: Mrs. O. L. Willis, Pres. of the Corps, brought down the gavel and a babel of voices was hushed.

Mrs. G. W. Bales sung a song accompanied by Mrs. Morris on the organ. At its close a shower of boquets fell at their feet midst a shout of applause.

Mrs. D. R. Shambrook read a poetical selection in a clear voice with high rhetorical excellence, which was appreciated also with a shower of boquets.

Another song was sung by Mrs. Bales, accompanied by Mrs. Morris.

Miss Regina Rast next recited a poem in an excellent elocutionary style and effect.

Marching Through Georgia was sung, while the time was marked by a grand march around the hall, the old vets present joining in the chorus.

A recitation by Miss Maggie Grills was delivered in her rich, mellefluous voice, which was received with great applause.

Red, White and Blue was then sung, the entire audience joining in the chorus.

Miss Mabel Van Buren played a march and the entire assembly was set in motion in a wind-up march, which was so maneuvered as to wind up in a solid mass, when orders came to disband at 11:30 p. m. Then there was a hurrying to and from the cloak room, and soon the hall was deserted to make way for a band of Elks that was in waiting without. This entertainment given W. R. C., No 10, of Roseburg by the G. A. R., is an epoch in our social history that will long be remembered by all the participants.

California's Fruit Crop.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—Severe frosts during the last few nights have caused much damage to fruit in the orchards in the center of the state. A dispatch from Fresno says that serious damage was done in vineyards there, and that the frosts will cause a short raisin crop. At Biggs the mercury fell to 2 deg. below the freezing point, but the cold snap was short, and fruitraisers are not alarmed over the consequences of the frost's visit.

Two-thirds of the grape crop in the vicinity of Calistoga was destroyed, and fruits of all kinds suffered to some extent.

Cherries, apricots and prunes suffered from the frost in the vicinity of San Jose, and ranchers are discouraged over the prospect of the season's crops. The fruit yield in the vicinity of Decoto will be almost a complete failure, owing to the frost. Cherries, particularly, will be a small crop.

Ranchers in the Napa valley say little fruit will come from them this year as a result of the recent frosts. The frost had a killing effect on grapevines in the vicinity of Stockton. Smudge fires were kept burning all night during the cold snap, but they had little effect, and vineyardists declare there will not be half a crop of grapes from the neighboring counties.

Buluwayo Captured.

LONDON, April 17.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says it is rumored that Buluwayo has been captured by the Matabeles.

A dispatch from Aldershot says the Middlesex regiment has been ordered to start immediately for South Africa.

Considerable anxiety is felt regarding the South Africa situation, and the government is openly blamed for its inaction.

BRIEF MENTION.

From Saturday's Daily.

I. Riggs of Portland is at the McClallen.

Geo. Settle of Oakland is at the Van Houten.

J. H. Shupe went to Oakland today on the local.

A. W. Stanton and wife are at the McClallen.

J. B. Murray of Portland is registered at the McClallen.

Elmer Weekly of Looking Glass is at the Van Houten.

H. W. Gamble of Oakland is stopping at the Van Houten.

J. I. Galvin of Grants Pass is registered at the McClallen.

Geo. Guthery of Portland is registered at the McClallen.

R. A. Kenner of San Francisco is a guest at the McClallen.

D. H. Bair of Sacremento is registered at the Van Houten.

H. W. Decker of Sacramento is registered at the Van Houten.

Fred Chaney of Days Creek is registered at the Van Houten.

W. A. Preble, who was for some time a resident of Roseburg, came up to the city today looking hale and "hearty as a buck."

Hon. Geo. Downing of Salem, ex-superintendent of the penitentiary, is in the city today on a visit his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Sehlbrede.

Bob Hughes of Empire City, the champion of Coos County, is in the city and will take a prominent part in the atheletic entertainment at the Armory Hall, Saturday night.

Thursday and Friday were fair but today, Saturday, Old Boreas came down on us "like a wolf in the fold," and Old Pluvius has capsized his watering pots, and pedestrians are shivering.

Mr. S. Minard, who has been quite feeble for some, his friends will be pained to learn, is still confined to his bed under the doctor's care, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Ball, on Jackson St.

Hon. C. A. Sehlbrede, who was stricken down with nervous prostration a few days ago on Jackson street, is reported as improving and may be expected to be up and about in a few days.

We call special attention in today's paper, to the letter of "our own correspondent" from Washington, D. C., concerning the opinion of members of congress on learning of Mr. Hermann's defeat at Albany the 7th.

In the matter of the estate of John M. Conway, deceased, the court set apart to the widow all the personal property of deceased for her and minor children's use and not subject to administration, amounting to $105. Done in court April 2, 1896.

The Electric Light Company is erecting poles at crossings of Washington and Stephens and at Douglas and Jackson streets. These poles are said to be 70 feet high, from which the arc lamps will be suspended under the late order of the council.

L. G. Dumbleton of Winchester came in town from Cy Smith's this morning with his team. When he came by the depot, some employe of the railroad company just at that moment let the air escape from an airbrake. That made such a noise as to frighten the horses, causing them to run away. No serious damage was done except to break the tongue and one wheel of the wagon. Mr. Dumbleton and Mrs. Lee Minard the occupants of the wagon, narrowly escaped serious injury.

Mrs. E. P. Richardson, whom her many friends in Roseburg will remember with pleasure, is now with her daughter, Mrs. Kruger, in Alameda, Cal. She writes to Mrs. W. F. Benjamin here that while she is enjoying good health in the golden state and a happy life with her daughter and family, she often thinks of her many friends in Roseburg and longs to see them again. She sends her kindest regards to all her old friends, a wish the PLAINDEALER hereby makes known to the many friends of Mrs. Richardson, long a resident of Roseburg.

A zealous brother last night at the M. E. church, while the subject of selecting a topic for Dr. I. D. Driver's lecture this evening was under consideration; moved to *adopt* "Col. Ingersol and the devil." The motion was carried 'midst a burst of laughter. So Col. Ingersol and the devil was *adopted*. Dr. Driver will take this pair of worthies in but will doubtless assign them to a tropical climate. Col. Ingersol and the devil will no doubt sharpen Brother Driver's evangelical wit on this occasion, as well as fire up his fervor and we expect they will get a good roasting tonight.

Americans Under Arrest.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The state department has received a brief cable message from Consul-General Williams at Havana announcing the arrest of Protestant Bishop Alberto Jesus Diaz, well known to many church people in all parts of the United States. Diaz is a naturalized American citizen of strong Cuban sympathy, but his friends insist that his work in Cuba has been confined to proselyting for the church, and deny his participation in the rebellion. Consul-General Williams will insist on a civil trial should the matter go to the length of a trial.