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MARCH 31, 1904.

## Call for Primary and County Convention.

Pursuant to a call of chairman, the Republican County Central Committee met at Roseburg on March 12, 1904, and set the 2nd day of April for the holding of the primary elections and the 9th day of April at 10 a. m. for the convening of the County convention at the court house in the city of Roseburg and proportioned the representation at one delegate at large and one delegate for every ten votes or major portion thereof east for R. T. Bean candidate for supreme judge on June 2nd, 1902, and make the following suggestions that all proxies should be represented in the convention by a resident of the precinct so far as practicable, and each precinct select a Central committee. The various precincts are entitled to the following number of delegates:

- Roseburg.....10
- Deer Creek.....10
- Umpqua.....10
- West Roseburg.....12
- Yonahla.....9
- Comstock.....4
- Riddle.....4
- Pass Creek.....11
- Myrtle Creek.....7
- Clatsop.....5
- Oalla.....5
- Civil Bend.....4
- Wilbur.....3
- Millwood.....3
- Oakland.....3

## CANDIDATE'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Being authorized the PLAINDEALER announces that M. L. Moore is a candidate for the office of treasurer of Douglas county, subject to the nomination of the Republican party at the County convention on April 9, 1904.

Being authorized, we hereby announce that George M. Brown is a candidate for re-election to the office of Circuit Attorney of this district, subject to the approval of the republican nominating convention.

## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AS THE ENEMY OF FRANCE.

Commencing with the overthrow of Napoleon III and the establishment of the French Republic in the fall of 1870 the majority of French citizenship has regarded the Roman Catholic Church as the enemy of the Republic. Previous to 1870 and while France was enjoying the Restoration period of from 1814 to 1846 under the Monarchical reign of Louis XVIII and Charles X, and after the brief second Revolution period from 1848 to 1852 when Napoleon III ascended the throne as Emperor and until he vacated it in 1870 by being taken a prisoner by the victorious German army at Metz, the government educational institutions had been under the control of the Catholic Church.

After the fall of the Empire and under the form of republican institutions it was found that the church in its teaching in the public schools indoctrinated into the pupils, that obedience to the commands of the church and fealty to the church was to be observed first and the duties as citizens of the Republic of France were to be subservient. That the God of gods speaking through the church came first and must be obeyed and the voice of the Republic and obedience to the laws was only a secondary consideration.

It became clearly apparent to the French government in the early years of the Republic that the teaching of the church tended to the destruction of the government and the restoration of imperialism or a monarchy, for the church teachers and priests and prelates taught prejudice to the pupils and inculcated into the pupils anything but respect and esteem for republicanism.

Year after year the government of France urged moderation and obedience to the enacted laws of the Republic and all the time the church worked most assiduously against the Republic; and during the past ten years the struggle for supremacy—whether the Catholic Church should control by its teaching the Republic, or the Republic by its public schools control its own affairs has been intensified. Last year hundreds of Roman Catholic schools were closed in France for inculcating treason to the Republic by teaching French boys and girls to disrespect the temporal power. Thousands of the teachers, nuns, monks and priests who were not citizens were expelled and the schools closed. But that lesson was not sufficient to teach the Roman Catholic

Church that respect and honest fealty to the Republic was demanded by a majority of Frenchmen; and the war has been waged to such an extent that on Monday night the French Chamber of Deputies by a vote 316 to 269 voted to suppress secular teaching of any kind by religious orders in the Republic of France.

## HERMANN OR HARRIS.

The friends of Hon. Binger Hermann never started in to claim the result of the primaries as a victory for that gentleman's renomination.

The Salem Statesman came out Tuesday morning in its headlines and local report and editorially claiming the primaries had been carried for Mr. Harris, of Lane, for congress.

In the absence of Mr. Prescott, the regular Oregonian reporter, a great Harris victory was also telegraphed to the Oregonian, presumably by some one of the Statesman office, where Mr. Harris spent the evening.

Under these circumstances it was natural for Republicans all over the county, and from adjoining counties should telegraph and telephone The Journal asking if it was true, and The Journal denies the claim.

What could be done in the face of such a false claim made in the interest of Mr. Harris, and to the detriment of Mr. Hermann, and to the injury of Marion county men?

The Journal emphatically denies that Mr. Harris has any large following in this county, and if he has carried no county any stronger than he has Marion, he has no congressional aspirations to boast of.

Let us be fair and admit that Mr. Harris has some warm friends in Marion county, and he may have some delegates, the way delegates are selected in this county, by throwing precincts together.

But precinct after precinct was carried at the primaries where it is impossible to find any but Hermann men, and the outcome of the county convention will show that Hermann has the largest following in Marion county.

It is unwise, and not good politics, to put Marion county in the attitude of fighting Hermann, when it is well known that he will come to the convention with the largest following of any candidate.

It is a pity that Marion county must be put in the attitude of trying to turn down a man with as large a following as Mr. Hermann has in Western Oregon. It is foolish politics.

So far as Mr. Harris is concerned the Journal admires him and respects him as a candidate, and wishes him well, but it is not supporting him before the convention. It will support him heartily if he is nominated.—Salem Journal.

## ALLED UP HIGHER.

W. E. Coman, the General Freight and Passenger Agent of the S. P. Railroad in Oregon has been appointed to the same position on the consolidated lines of the O. R. & N. Co., and the S. P. Railroads.

A. L. Craig who occupied the position on the O. R. & N., has been transferred to San Francisco to a higher position than he occupied.

In the case of W. E. Coman we have the proof that merit will win its way to the top of the ladder, but this responsible position has been reached by Mr. Coman by rapid bounds as he is only a young man, but he is full of fire, snap, energy and vim. He knows the railroad business by heart and when it comes to talking Oregon resources, advantages and opportunities for investments he can do more to locate immigrants than any man in the state. The PLAINDEALER congratulates Mr. Coman on his advanced position, and congratulates the state because he is an exceedingly fair and square man to do business with.

## ALL FOR BINGER.

The Capital Journal is the authority for the statement that Marion county wants Binger Hermann returned to Congress and that county will send a Herman delegation to the congressional convention. The report also comes from other counties in the north end of the district that, although last year they favored another, are now for the Douglas county man. The complete vindication of Mr. Hermann in all matters on which he and Secretary Hitchcock disagreed and the fact that it was Mr. Hermann who had championed the rights of the actual settler as against the greed of the big lumber and railroad corporations has made for him many friends and his renomination is now practically assured. The names of none of the men, who last year were opponents of Mr. Hermann in the convention, will be presented this year thus showing that there is a unifying feeling throughout the district for Mr. Hermann.—Lebanon Critic.

Cardinal Del Val, papal secretary of state, emphatically denies the report that a plot against the pope's life has been discovered. There has been no increase of police guards.

## BURTON, THE BOODLER.

Joseph Ralph Burton, United States Senator from Kansas, was on Monday, in the federal court of St. Louis, convicted on five counts with receiving bribes from the Radio Grain and Securities Company of St. Louis to protect that swindling concern by using his influence with the postoffice department at Washington. The company was one of those concerns which should have been excluded from the use of the mail because it was a fraud run on a gigantic scale.

Burton's attorneys immediately filed a motion for a new trial and Federal Judge Krum has the matter under advisement. The maximum sentence is 2 years' imprisonment on each count or a fine of \$10,000 on each, or the double sentence can be imposed by the Judge, at discretion. The law under which Burton was convicted was passed in 1864 and this is the first conviction under it, although several previous attempts have been made to convict under its provisions. The heaviest part of the verdict of conviction, however, does not lie in the sentence, which will undoubtedly be only a fine, but the sentence causes a vacancy of his seat in the United States senate and prohibits the man from forever holding an office of trust under the federal government; and this is just.

If we are not mistaken, this man Burton, twenty-five years ago, was a poor boy with a great passion for riding race horses, and he won several large purses by his skill as a horseman. He saved up enough money to pay his way through college, and settled down as a lawyer, but he was always "hoosy." His ascension in politics was like a sky-rocket, but now he is flattened out for all time. The highest ambition of his life was to hold power, so that he could acquire bootie.

It is to be hoped that the federal judge will sentence the man to prison and thus set the pace for sending all of the United States senators and representatives who accept or give bribes, to the penitentiary.

Sheriff Storey, of Portland, has started petitions to have his name placed on the ballots as an independent republican candidate for sheriff.

The Exchange Telegram of Paris learns that Japan has decided to again forbid attaches and correspondents to follow operations. As in the former case this is regarded as significant of coming actions.

What the Harriman Lines Are Doing for Oregon.

The PLAINDEALER is in receipt of the following letter, which will show the good work being done by the Harriman Lines:

TRAFFIC DEPT. OREGON LINES, PORTLAND, Ore., March 29, 1904.

Referring to conversation regarding the statement made by myself that 47,000 people settled in Oregon in 1903:

Believe me to say that at present, I cannot give you exact figures, as same was an estimate, based on reports from various sources, but principally through the different Immigration Bureaus. Mr. Craig, of the O. R. & N. Co., estimates something over 30,000, while I have taken the immigration of 1902, which was 44,600, and using this as a basis, estimated that at least 47,000 people came to Oregon in 1903.

As you know, the Harriman System Immigration Bureau was established in 1902, and as it is a well known fact that immediate results do not follow advertising, it follows that the better results must necessarily have come later; this together with reports to which I have alluded, leads me to believe that the immigration was much greater in 1903 than in 1902. The exact figures will be obtainable later on.

The following is a tabulated statement of immigration for 1902 located in the various counties named:

Baker	750	Grant	600
Benton	1000	Harney	100
Clackamas	2500	Jackson	1000

Clatsop	400	Josephine	2000
Columbia	400	Klamath	500
Coos	1500	Lake	100
Crook	1000	Lane	2200
Curry	50	Lincoln	800
Douglas	1500	Linn	1250
Gilliam	250	Malheur	300
Marion	1200	Umatilla	1000
Morrow	400	Union	1750
Multnomah	16000	Wallowa	500
Polk	500	Wasco	1500
Sherman	300	Washington	2000
Tillamook	200	Wheeler	50
		Yamhill	1000

Total 44,600  
As a matter of information which may be of use to you, I submit the following:

In the decade between 1890 and 1900, the population of Oregon increased 99,769; 44,041, or 44 per cent, locating in Portland.

During the year ending June 30, 1903, 857,046 aliens landed in the United States; 31,709 of which came to the three Pacific Coast states, Oregon, Washington and California, and of these but 1996, or two-tenths of one per cent, located in Oregon, showing that we are drawing our population from the better class of American citizens located in the Eastern and Middle West states.

Trusting that this will answer your inquiry, I am,

Very truly yours,

THOS. McCUSKER.

## Citizens' Mass Meeting.

About 300 citizens of Roseburg assembled at the court house Monday evening in answer to a published call for the purpose of protesting against the proposed new water and light rates, which the Umpqua Water, Light & Power Co., of this city propose to put into effect. Although the meeting was called for 7:30 p. m. it was near 8 o'clock before the restless spectators were called to order by Attorney John Long, who briefly stated the object of the meeting and called for nominations for a chairman and secretary. Mr. Buchanan, secretary, W. W. Cardwell was elected chairman and J. A. Buchanan, secretary. Mr. Cardwell declined stating that he had been gathering statistics on the water and light rates in the various towns in Oregon, for the past week and had prepared a statement based on an interview with Mr. Blakeley, which he wished to present later at the meeting.

After the officers were elected there was a long pause broken by a voice from the assemblage asking for the reading of Mr. Cardwell's report.

Mr. Cardwell made a few remarks before presenting his report, which, with his recommendations and views, were greatly in favor of the new rates suggested by the company. In his report of Mr. Blakeley's interview the rates for water and lights were as follows:

For one or any number of faucets used in a house, excepting in bath and toilet, per month, \$1.50.

For bath and toilet, 50 cents each.

For irrigation, according to the area on which water is to be used.

For lights, 25 cents apiece up to the number of 10; all over 10 at the rate of 10 cents each. All houses using six lights or more can be out on the meter system if desired, in a few weeks. A meter can be rented at the rate of 25 cents per month or bought for \$16.

Mr. Cardwell said "we must determine whether the present rates are reasonable; if not, we must register a kick big enough and long enough that they will take some recognition of it."

The following was also presented by Mr. Cardwell in support of the company to show that at the present time the company has only 600 water and light consumers and are operating their plant at the present time, at a loss of \$50 per month. This report was prepared by Mr. Cardwell upon the statement of Mr. Blakeley.

Interest on bonds.....	\$1000.00
Current expenses.....	400.00
Maintenance and repairs.....	50.00
Total.....	\$1450.00

MONTHLY INCOME.	
300 water consumers averaging \$1.75.....	\$525.00
300 light consumers averaging \$1.50.....	450.00
Business houses, power etc.....	225.00
City lights and water.....	200.00
Total.....	\$1400.00

"If this statement is true," said Mr. Cardwell, "we have no kick coming. Mr. Blakeley has authorized me to say that the plan is for sale at the same price paid for them."

Mr. Zimmerman spoke: "I have it on good authority that the company bought those plants for \$125,000. They must have let the stock lay out in the rain until it was watered and swelled up to \$200,000. Of course they are perfectly willing to sell the plant and make \$75,000."

"I understand," continued Mr. Zimmerman, "that the company is offering the merchants of this town special low rates to keep them out of the fight. If that is true they are no better than the corporation and they should be boycotted by all workmen, because the workmen will have to make up the difference in the rate."

At the suggestion of Mr. Zimmerman the following poem was read by the secretary:

THE OWNERS OF THE UNIVERSE.  
Let us corner up the sunbeams  
Lying all around our path;  
Get a trust on wheat and roses,  
Give the poor the thorax and a staff.  
Let us find our chiefest pleasure  
Hoarding bonnies of today,  
So the poor shall have scant measure  
And two prices have to pay.  
Yes, we'll monopolize the rivers,  
And we'll levy on the lakes,  
And we'll lay a trifling toll-tax  
On each poor man who partakes;  
We'll brand his number on him  
That he'll carry through his life;  
We'll apprentice all his children,  
Get a mortgage on his wife.

# CLOSING OUT SALE

Commencing March 7 the W. C. Hildebrand Stock Merchandise will be

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The balance of stock left will be shipped to our new store in Washington. This offer will not hold good for any definite length of time.

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We will capture 'em the wind god,  
And confine him in a cave;  
And then, through our patent process  
We the atmosphere will save;  
Thus we'll squeeze our little brother  
When he tries his lungs to fill,  
Put a meter on his windpipe  
And present our little bill  
We will syndicate the starlight,  
And monopolize the moon!  
Claim a royalty on rest days,  
A proprietary noon;  
For right of way through ocean's spray  
We'll charge just what its worth;  
We'll drive our stakes around the lakes—  
In fact, we'll own the earth.

Mr. Cardwell arose to deny the assertion that the business men were assisting the company, when Mr. Long interrupted him as follows: "Mr. Cardwell, so that the people here may understand you, I wish to ask, are you representing Mr. Blakeley here as his attorney?"

Before Mr. Cardwell could answer he was greeted with the jeers and hisses of a portion of the audience. Mr. Cardwell remained upon his feet and after Mr. Long had quieted the audience, Mr. Cardwell repudiated the statement of Mr. Zimmerman by asking the audience if they believed that "such men as here he named a number of the prominent merchants on Jackson street are trying to rob you?" A voice replied "It looks like it." "Do you believe it?" asked Cardwell. "We do," answered a voice. "Then you are bigger fools than I thought you were," said Cardwell, "for the profits of the merchants business comes from you and you are the ones he will assist, if he assists at all."

Further discussion as to rates, meters, etc., were heard from Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Bellows.

On motion of Mr. Zimmerman the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions asking for the company to grant a new schedule: F. M. Board, A. J. Bellows, E. Zimmerman and A. N. Orcutt.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.  
We, your committee on resolutions, would report as follows:  
Resolved: By the citizens of Roseburg in mass meeting assembled;  
That inasmuch as we feel the rates for water and lights proposed by this new company are unnecessarily high and burdensome to the people of Roseburg, and unreasonable as compared with what the service should cost the company to furnish it; and that while we are not opposed to paying a fair and reasonable rate for the service, we are opposed to paying exorbitant prices.  
It is Resolved: That we believe the following rates would be amply sufficient to compensate the company, and would be reasonable and acceptable to the people.

WATER RATES.  
For household purposes, per month \$1.00  
For tub, per month.....50  
For toilet.....50  
For lawn.....(one lot or less) 50  
LIGHTS.  
By meter, 10c per thousand watts.  
Flat rate—\$1 for five lights, or less; for lamps over five, 20c each up to ten; for lamps over ten, 10c each additional lamp.

The above rate for 16 candle power or above or below that in proportion.  
Respectfully submitted,  
F. M. BOARD,  
E. ZIMMERMAN,  
JACK BELLOWES,  
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted.  
Upon motion the chair also appointed the following gentlemen to canvass the number of water and light consumers:  
First ward—P. M. Matthews and Dan Fisher; second ward—Maurice Moore and Sam Rast; third ward—L. D. Carle, G. W. Kezartec; 4th ward—H. J. Wilkins and V. S. Patterson; West Roseburg, A. J. Bellows; North Roseburg—Britt Nichols.

The meeting adjourned.

## HANDS OFF.

As the boiling of the political pot begins to be in evidence, the Mail will suggest that the Republicans of Coos county manage their own affairs this trip. There seems to be no good reason why the Republicans who "have always been Republicans," who are Republicans "from principle and not from policy," should not be able to manage the affairs of the party without very much assistance from ex-Democrats or ex-Populists, whose conversion lies under the suspicion of having been mainly dictated by self-interest. The assistance and votes of all converts are welcome and are highly appreciated, but when it comes to the management of party affairs, let them be attended to by the "tried and true."—Hersfield Mail.

The Mail gives a barrel full of good political advice in the above few lines, but we would like to add this small quota to it. Beware of the republican who boasts that he has scores of democrats who will vote for him for office for he is either a fake republican or a fool.

W. C. Tipton is again confined to his bed with a severe attack of rheumatism.

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