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**NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.**

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**CONDENSED REPORT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT INDEPENDENT CHAMPIONS OF THE RED CROSS.**

HALL OF CAPITAL LODGE, I.O.G.T., Salem, Oregon, March 11th, 1874.

Grand Encampment was called to order by the Grand Commander, C. E. Burrows.

Pro tem appointments of officers as follows: Grand Secretary, W. H. Dodd, Diamond Encampment No. 10; Comp. A. Wessel, Hubbard Encampment No. 8.

Report of the Committee on Credentials submitted and adopted.

Committee on Order of Business reported, and submitted a form which was adopted.

Vacancies in office were filled by election, making the list of grand officers as follows:

G. C. C. Burrows; C. L. Vinyard; Sec., E. P. Smith; Treas., Mrs. H. Barker; C. of H., C. A. Stewart; S. C., Mrs. Stearns; J. C., E. H. Geer; M. of C., Mrs. Godley; Chap., James Sent; J. M. Bewley.

The Grand Secretary appeared and took his seat. Comp. A. C. McDougall submitted a communication—placed on file.

**Afternoon Session.**

Grand Encampment called to order by Grand Commander, C. E. Burrows, and proceeded to exemplify the degree work.

On motion, it was ordered that an evening session be held commencing at 7 o'clock.

The Grand Secretary asked to be excused from further attendance for the balance of session; not allowed.

On motion the communication of Comp. A. C. McDougall was taken from the file and referred to special committee as follows: Companions Vinyard, Case, Holder, Bewley and Dodd.

Grand Encampment took a recess until 7 o'clock.

**Evening Session.**

The Grand Encampment was called to order by C. E. Burrows, Grand Commander, and proceeded to work in the Degree of Red Cross.

The special committee on the communication of Comp. McDougall announced their readiness to report, which report was read, and by motion, made the special order for 1 o'clock P. M. to-morrow, March 12th.

The Grand Encampment took a recess till 8 o'clock A. M. March 12th.

**Second Day.**

The Grand Encampment was called to order by Comp. Burrows, Grand Commander. On motion, the Grand Encampment Commander was instructed to incorporate this body.

On motion, the report of the Committee on the Communication of Comp. McDougall was taken up, read, amended, and adopted as follows: "Hall of Capital Lodge, I.O.G.T., Salem, Ogn., March 11th 1874, to the Grand Encampment, I. C. R. C. of Oregon and Washington Territory. We, your committee to whom was referred the communication of Comp. McDougall, bearing date March 11th, 1874, hereto attached, together with letters from S. P. Hastings, R.W.G.T. to A. C. McDougall, and the summons signed by R. Bird, J. Ormsby and E. A. Stearns committee to A. C. McDougall of date Jan. 9th, 1874. After having fully examined as well as we are able at this time into the communication of Comp. A. C. McDougall, we beg leave to submit the following report to this Grand Body:

That we find Comp. A. C. McDougall fully vindicated in his defense against the scurrilous charge preferred against him in said summons. Your committee find that on the said 19th day of January 1874, at the hour specified in said summons, the said A. C. McDougall accompanied by Grand Commander Burrows, repaired to the Hall of Nonpareil Lodge I.O.G.T., of Portland, to answer said summons, before the committee therein named, but was unable to find said committee at said time and place.

That subsequently, in the absence of said A. C. McDougall, the said committee surreptitiously and without the shadow of evidence preferred charges against said A. C. McDougall for violating Article 2d, the said Lodge sustaining the same by expulsion, which expulsion we regard as totally illegal, and without the form of law as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Order.

That in view of the foregoing facts, your committee regard the action of said Nonpareil Lodge, as wholly unworthy and beneath the honor and dignity of a duly organized working lodge of the I.O.G.T. That when temperance organizations are made the cover under which private character is to be assailed from jealous, rather than pure motives, the tendency is rather to pull down the great temperance work than to build up.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. VINEYARD, Ch. M.  
J. M. BEWLEY,  
H. M. HOLDER,  
LABAN CASE,  
W. H. DODD.

**Communication from Comp. A. C. McDougall to the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment I.O.G.T.**

Honored and Worthy Companions, various reports from different parties have been circulated respecting my character, charging me with lying and drunkenness, intended to destroy my influence in the lecture field. I herewith earnestly desire that all of said reports

be fully investigated by your honorable body, and that the investigation thus instituted may be placed before the public. With great respect, I am your Companion in faith.

A. C. MCDUGALL.

**EVIDENCE.**

**OFFICE OF THE R. W. G. T., I. O. G. T., MADISON, WIS., Jan. 22, 1874.**

**REV. A. C. MCDUGALL, DEAR BRO.:** Your favor of Nov. 20th came to hand at a time when I was overwhelmed with matters that could not be laid aside, and I was obliged to put your letter in a pile with fifty or more others, where it has lain until now.

In reply to your questions, I would say: 1st. That in May 1866, I did send a dispatch to D. C. Pearson, authorizing L. E. V. Coon, to institute the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and that a day or two after, at the request of D. C. Pearson, I withdrew the authority from L. E. V. Coon and conferred it on A. C. McDougall.

2d. A Grand Lodge cannot be legally instituted except by the R. W. G. Templar in person, or by some one deputized by him.

3rd. I have no record at hand of the precise date of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, or as to who organized it, but my impression has always been that it was organized on or about the 13th of May, 1864, by the Rev. A. C. McDougall.

Regretting that this letter has been so long delayed, and with the hope that it may serve the purpose for which you desired it, I am truly and fraternally yours,

SAMUEL D. HASTINGS.

Extract from a letter from E. A. Stearns, one of the Committee who tried the case of A. C. McDougall, and who declares in a minority report, that no evidence was adduced sustaining the charge:

You speak of being expelled from the Lodge. It is (I am sorry to say) true, but notwithstanding the fact, I believe you are as innocent as you say you are.

E. A. STEARNS.

**PORTLAND, Feb. 8, 1874.**

**SUMMONS.**

**PORTLAND, Jan. 9th, 1874.**

**MR. A. C. MCDUGALL, SIR:** You are hereby notified to appear before the undersigned committee at our Hall, Monday, Jan. 19th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M., and make answer to the charges annexed to this summons. In case you fail to appear, you will be reported to the Lodge as guilty of contempt, and you will incur expulsion thereon, unless satisfactory excuse is tendered.

R. BIRD,

J. ORMSBY, } Com.

I charge Bro. McDougall, a member of this Lodge, with having violated Article 2nd of our Constitution on or about September 10th, 1873.

The Grand Ex. Com. was instructed to procure such supplies as might become necessary for the use of Sub. Encls.

The Committee on Good of the Order becoming vacant by resignation, it was filed by the appointment of Comp's Sites, Sawyer, and Holder.

On motion, ballot was had for place at which the annual session should be held, resulting in the choice of Salem.

The Grand Lecturer was authorized to give to the public press, such part of the proceedings as he might deem proper.

The following report from Committee on the Order was unanimously adopted:

It is a pleasure to your com. to note the progress of our order. We find a growing desire on the part of the public everywhere to know more in relation to our work. Fourteen Encampments now exist in this jurisdiction, with a fine membership; and East of the Blue Mountains, the number of members in that jurisdiction, is fixed by the latest advices at one thousand two hundred, and constantly increasing.

At Silver City and vicinity the P. C. R. C. numbered two hundred and fifty—meeting in their own hall, built at a cost of over \$1,000.

The Organizing Officers now have called to go to many parts of the State, and at no distant day the Order of the I. C. R. C. will become a power in the State. We pledge each other an unwavering fidelity to the spread of this much needed work in our midst, and see in the near future the glorious work spreading over the entire United States. And while we labor hard to build up this institution, we will extend the warm hand of true fellowship to all Temperance Societies of whatever name, wishing only the success of the cause of Temperance, and the suppression of the accursed rum traffic in our beloved country. We extend our warmest sympathies to the noble women, who by their prayers and tears, in the West, are laboring for the overthrow of the most unchristianized cause that ever afflicted a down trodden and sin-cursed race, and bid them "God speed" in their benevolent and heavenly work.

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
J. R. SILES,  
H. M. HOLDER, } Com.  
JOS. SAWYER,  
CHAS. E. BURROWS, } Grand Encampment.

**COMMUNICATION FROM COMP. A. C. MCDUGALL**

**John Burnett** announces himself as an independent candidate for Judge of the second Judicial District, at the coming election.

Several young men at Oregon City have been arrested for riotous conduct at a writing school.

**LETTER FROM WACCO COUNTY.**

FIFTEEN MILE CREEK, March 15, '74.

Pursuant to a call, the citizens of Fifteen Mile Creek precinct, Wasco county, Oregon, irrespective of party met in primary convention the 12th inst., to select three delegates to represent said precinct in a County Convention, favoring an independent movement, to place in nomination good and true men for the different county offices and members of the Legislature; also to select five delegates to attend the Independent State Convention to be held at Salem on the 15th day of April, 1874.

On motion, Wm. M. McCorkle, was called to the Chair and G. H. Barrett and A. G. Johnson were chosen Secretaries. On motion, a committee of three consisting of Messrs. E. B. Dufur, H. Rice and W. N. Smith were appointed by the Chair to draft a set of resolutions.

On motion, a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to give said committee opportunity to draft and report resolutions. At the expiration of the time, meeting was called to order, when the report of the committee was read and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The following preamble and resolutions were read and adopted by sections:

**WHEREAS,** It is a fact, potent to the eyes of every observing man, that the two old parties known as the Republican and Democratic party, are each respectively managed and controlled by infamous rings, rotten with corruption and made to further the interest of a few dishonest intriguers and political bumpers, to the detriment of the many, and the injury of the entire commonwealth; and whereas, it is evident that all of the evils which have rapidly accumulated in the past, to poison virtue, weaken integrity, and prostitute the functions of Government to both State and Nation, are attributable to bad faith and are abuse of office on the part of men holding high positions of public trust; therefore be it

Resolved, That we are in favor of a thorough reform, beginning with the least and reaching the greatest, and to that end we hereby pledge our united efforts.

2. That as tax payers and laboring men, we are in favor of rigid economy in all expenditures, and as official conduct for the last few years, has been almost one unintermitted history of reckless extravagance, and violated pledges, therefore, in the future, we choose to make honesty, as well as ability, the test of our suffrages.

3. That we cordially welcome the action of those sterling men of the Umpqua and Willamette Valleys, who, without "bar or favor," have inaugurated the recent Independent movement, and we hereby tender our earnest support and co-operation.

4. That we are in favor of an Independent County Convention for the purpose of nominating men, irrespective of party, and members of the Legislature; also to elect delegates to attend a state convention to be held at Salem Ogn. on the 15th day of April, 1874.

5. That the delegates elected at this Convention to attend the Antelope Convention, March 19th, prox., be authorized to respect the adjournment of that Convention without making nominations for the various offices, but in accordance with the recent general Call, meet in The Dalles, April 4th, 1874.

6. That in order to better subscribe the purposes of honesty, integrity and good faith, we encourage to office men, and those only whom the people have called from the working classes.

Nominations for delegates being in order, Messrs. E. B. Dufur and J. E. Barnett were appointed Tellers, to canvass the votes. Messrs. E. B. Dufur, Geo. W. Baker and Perry Watkins having received the highest number of votes, were declared duly elected, and were authorized to represent the precinct in the Independent County Convention at The Dalles, April 4th, 1874.

Wm. R. Feneless was nominated for Justice of the Peace, and John E. Barnett for Constable for this precinct.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to furnish a copy of proceedings of this meeting for the *Independent* and *WILLAMETTE FARMER* for publication; also a copy for delegates to County Convention. Delegates were authorized to name their proxies.

The meeting was largely attended. There being half of the entire voters of the precinct present, perfect harmony and unanimity of sentiment characterized the proceedings throughout. No other business being transacted, on motion the meeting adjourned.

W. M. McCORKLE, Chairman,  
G. H. BARRETT,  
A. G. JOHNSON, } Secretaries.

The *Pacific* Tribune says that Lelewack is an Indian about thirty years old, living on the Umatilla reservation, but summer and winter between, receiving thereby \$2,000 in coin, soon after he last winter killed horses by gambling with another "middle west man of the forest," &c.

The following resolutions to the Democratic State Convention from Umatilla county: Wm. Sawyer, J. A. Florence, Logan Story, J. C. Mays, Jonathan Riley, and N. Ford.

The Democratic delegates from Yamhill county to the State Convention are as follows: J. D. Wilson, A. Shuck, W. E. Clafford, J. C. Nelson, G. Wilson, H. J. Lancelotti.

**NEWS ITEMS.**

The Democrats of Wasco County have nominated the following ticket: For Senator, J. K. Roe; for Representatives, J. M. Bird and S. G. Thompson; for Sheriff, Emil Schultz; for Clerk, J. Doherty; for County Commissioners, J. H. Moser, J. Martin, for Treasurer, H. M. Beall; for Assessor, H. Stanley; for Surveyor, T. Slusher; for Superintendent of Schools, J. H. Condon; for Coroner, M. M. Cushing. The following gentlemen were elected a County Committee: J. H. Marshbanks, J. M. Marston and P. Shannon. The Convention adopted a resolution against the purchase or lease of the Willamette locks.

The *Comer* says Yamhill county has agreed to pay \$100 toward building a bridge across the Yamhill river at Lafayette—the balance to be raised by subscription. The bridge will be about 375 feet long. John A. Taylor has the contract for the construction of the bridge, and also for the one at McMinnville, and will commence work on both when the water is sufficiently low.

The bridge on Hann creek between Lafayette and St. Joe has been torn down, preparatory to the building of a new one.

L. Vinyard, of Dallas, while chopping wood, had his eye glanced and cut a severe gash in his foot.

Mrs. Susan M. Bristol, of Pleasant Hill, Lane county, mother of W. W. and E. L. Bristol, died March 7th, 1874, in her 83d year. She came to this country at an early day with her husband and family.

The Eschberg plow dealer learns that the snow on the Coast Range mountains last week was from eight to ten feet deep.

The schooner *Jonnie* Thelens was wrecked on the bar at Coos Bay. No lives lost. The vessel was owned in San Francisco and was valued at \$5,000.

John W. Kelly has retired from the editorial charge of the *Coos Bay Enterprise*.

The Baker County Democrats have made the following nominations: For state senator, J. M. Wilson; Representing actives, C. G. Chandler and J. C. Williams; Sheriff, James H. Shinn; County Judge, D. B. Smith; Clerk, L. H. Loomis; Commissioners, David Kelly and W. E. Taylor; Assessor, W. Parker; Assessor, W. H. Hull; Surveyor, John Bratton; School Superintendent, W. S. Patton; Coroner, T. H. Snow. Delegates to the State Convention, James R. Orel, J. H. Smith, Geo. Jones, K. R. C. Busch, T. N. Snow and Robt. Moore.

E. Dyer and John Pickard, of Benton county, have purchased one thousand head of stock sheep lately, for \$100 from \$2 to \$5 per head.

Norman McClellan, from Yaquina Bay, has been sent to the Marine Asylum. Loss of money is thought to be the cause of his insanity.

The opposition steamer *Beaver* recently made the run from Portland to Salem in ten hours and twenty minutes, including forty-five minutes in the locks—the last time ever made.

The *Benton Democrat* learns that William Parker, of Wasco Valley, has within the last few weeks purchased about three hundred head of sheep in Benton county.

Peter Schlosser lately sold a piece of land on Soap Creek for \$1,000, for which a year ago he paid \$7,000—which fact would indicate that real estate in Benton county is advancing.

The ordinance in Corvallis, says the *Democrat*, providing that some sort of property should be left at the right of suffrage at the city election, has been "quashed."

The Dallas (Polk county) *Republican* says that in the last two weeks they have had some of the worst weather of the season. Snow fell on the hills, about two inches, where it did not melt, 18 or 20 inches deep.

James Caseman was drowned at Portland on Saturday evening last while in a state of intoxication.

At the meeting of the Central Grange on Tuesday, Messrs. L. C. Burkhart, S. B. Haley and Wm. M. Powers were appointed a committee to ascertain the expediency and propriety of improving the Willamette river, so as to make it navigable to this city all the year round with instructions to report at the meeting in May.

A son of Bush Wilson, clerk of Benton county, was out hunting lately, and was badly powder blinded, by the discharge of the powder he was pointing inside barrel.

The *Corvallis Gazette* says that Mrs. Donahille, who some five months ago received a fall on account of a sickness, is likely to die in the city for a day or two, she is yet under the doctor's care.

The mail contract between Geauga and Portland has been completed.

The bills of Oregon City have no trouble in securing help for the poor, as the liberality of the merchants responds readily to their calls.

The *Albany Gazette* says: Mr. J. M. Capron, who has been teaching at Corvallis, talks of organizing a class in penmanship at Lebanon.

Leather skin bones that he had in his hand (regarding the Independent calls of Linu county, as charged by the *Democrat*).

Marion farmer and family go out on to the horse farm this week, to remain until the crops are all put in and harvested.

**VACATION.**

**MR. EDITOR:**—Not long since I called attention to the necessity of concert in action to exterminate the squirrels. I now desire to call attention to another of scarcely less importance. I suppose "Barclay Miller" is as extensively known in Marion and other adjoining counties as any other person. During the last sixteen years he has been continually perambulating the Willamette valley and Washington Territory. He has been properly provided for by Marion county at its poor house near Silverton, but he only remains there a short time till he is up and going again. He says the inmates of the poor house do not like him and are displeased when he goes there. I do not wonder at their displeasure. He is far from being a lovable object to look upon, and when it becomes known that his person and his clothing is teeming with *green-backs*, he becomes an object almost beyond the reach of charity. He is a man of intelligence and education, and the unfiling industry he has shown, eminently fitted him for a book agent, or some similar occupation. He staid all night in my house recently, and if he should come this way again, I would not be willing to invest him from an assault with a dangerous weapon, if three horses would be considered a dangerous weapon. Look out for the *green-backs*.

W. PORTER.

ACRESVILLE, Marion Co. Ogn.

**NOT SO INDEPENDENT.**

It is not so easy, after all, for the world to break loose from old ties and work in new harness, as is proved by the fact that the *Albany Democrat* publishes the names of about fifty persons on the Independent call in Linu county who revoke the same. We deem it only fair to state the fact, having published that call. For our own part, we are independent enough to wish to see the people lay aside partisanship, and join hands in securing the best good of the State, and we sincerely believe our efforts will result in good by securing the best possible nominations from both the old parties, as well as the Independents.

We have no right and no inclination to question any man's motives who changes his mind. It is very hard for some men to turn the cold shoulder on old political friends, and while they may hesitate about signing calls, even when they earnestly sympathize, we predict that when the ballots are counted next June there will be proof enough that the voters have been independent to the degree of selecting the best men for office, and who the best men are, is a very fair question for difference. At present, there is a great searching around to find out the best men to nominate, and if the people do the searching, and not let the aspirants make their own games, there won't be much room for complaint.

The recanting signers of Linu county assign as a reason that the call is not got up in good faith. We hope they are mistaken and that no call of this kind has been gotten up with sinister or interested motives. Only that we believed this movement was born of popular good will and a desire for union of the people for self protection have we favored it, and whenever it possesses the old, ring flavor we shall have no use for it.

We confess to the weakness of desiring to see the farmers of our State unite to control its elections and secure good government and political honesty, as well as economy, in State and nation. If they can afford to adhere to old political organizations, we have no fault to find, but we are no partisans in that sense and shall preach independence always in preference to party.

All these facts simply prove that the people are more independent than ever they have been, and that the political leaders have harder work than ever to keep them in line. Linu county has a large majority one way and Marion county has a large majority the other. Majorities are hard to convince, and these two counties may be expected to fight it out on the old lines as long as possible. We have no candidates for office, no favors to ask of any body. We shall simply endeavor to fight the peoples' battles independently. We propose to make no war on individuals or for individuals, and if our readers are not as independent as we are we intend to command their respect for a fair and reasonable course. As it is, it is a very pretty sight all around, and we rather enjoy the other confusion into which the political elements are thrown.

**A QUESTION FOR FARMERS.**

Resolutions have been passed in a number of counties favoring a release from party drill, and political managers and declaring that nothing like reform can be expected from the existing old parties, however good their resolutions. And we ask you plainly, has the Democratic State Convention done anything to inspire you with confidence? Has it selected candidates except from the old stock of politicians? Has it found place for a single farmer on its cut and dried slate? Are you to be satisfied with the chaff of party platforms when you know that "clever speak louder than words"?

And to be as impartial as possible: Do you suppose the Republican State Convention is likely to do any better?

The Grange may not be a political order, but a mere resolution endorsing its principles is a weak bid for votes when the order contains a great proportion of the first class intelligence of the State. Farmers may be good enough to send to the Legislature when there is no Senator to elect, but it seems they cannot have a place on the State ticket, nor hold a county office that has a decent salary attached to it.

All we have to say is that we can stand it as long as the farmers can, but we propose to have a little plain talk about public affairs in a very independent way.