



Salem, Saturday, April 4, 1874.

Lincoln Precinct.

The supporters of the Independent movement in Lincoln precinct met on March 28th, at Aumsville, and organized by electing Wm. Porter chairman, J. P. Cole secretary, and Wm. Hillery assistant secretary.

A committee of three was appointed on resolutions.

It was resolved that all who wish to participate in the meeting enroll their names. Forty-two names were enrolled, being nearly twice as many as took part in the Republican meeting one week previous.

The Committee reported the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, it is notorious to every intelligent person who is not deeply and willingly prejudiced, that the masses of the people have suffered themselves to be led by demagogues and office-seekers, whose professions and protestations can not be generally relied upon; and whereas, the signs of the times indicate a radical change in our political tactics; therefore, be it resolved,

1. That we enter into a combination for the purpose of bringing about a thorough reformation in these things, and that we will not knowingly support for office a professional politician.

2. That we consider honesty and ability the chief qualifications for an officer, and we hereby pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to elect men to office who possess said qualification, and that we will encourage the selection of our officers from the ranks of the working classes.

3. That in forming a new party at the present time our object is not to put one or another party in or out of power, but to organize a party to be composed of such persons as desire and are willing to work for the overthrow of bunners, demagogues, and all such, and elect to office men who are capable and honest.

4. That we favor retrenchment, economy, temperance, equality, and justice; that we would have no more laws and officers than may be necessary for the good of the people; that salaries and fees should be such as to give only a fair and reasonable compensation for the services rendered.

5. That we pledge our united efforts to secure reform in all branches of our government.

6. That, while we agree that all men have been endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, we do not believe it is right or just that a portion of the human race, producing nothing for the necessary wants of life and the good of the world, should be permitted to live by the labor of others.

7. That the world is cursed by a superabundance of non-producers.

8. That an efficient vagrant act, the adoption generally of the system of arbitration instead of litigation, and proper combinations amongst the working classes, would go far toward mitigating these evils.

9. That we are in favor of the most liberal legislation compatible with the public interest for the advancement of the arts and sciences.

10. That, in our opinion, the high salaries paid to Clerk and Sheriff in our county, is one great cause of chicanery and trickery in our politics; therefore, we hereby instruct our delegates to the County Convention to support no nominees for said offices who will not be bound to pay all receipts of said offices exceeding three thousand dollars per annum each into the school fund of the county.

11. That, in our opinion, the liquor traffic should be put under ban as a damage to society, and made responsible for the damage which it does.

The following was rejected by a small vote:

Resolved, That former legislation for the mitigation of the evils of intemperance having proved in a measure futile, we are in favor of a new departure in the method of dealing with this giant evil; that, in accordance with modern medical opinion, we recognize drunkenness as a variety of insanity, and are in favor of the State of Oregon erecting a State Inebriate asylum for the safe keeping, care, and treatment of this unfortunate class of our fellow beings.

The meeting then elected the following as delegates to the County Convention: John P. Cole, Henry Smith, W. H. Baker, W. H. Darby, and G. Gibson.

James Simpson was nominated for Justice of the Peace, and Warren Gibson for Constable.

The Convention then adjourned.

JOHN P. COLE, Sec'y.

ROSEBURG.—A large number of the citizens of Roseburg precinct met on the 28th, and organized with L. Howe in the chair and N. Webb secretary, and elected delegates to the Independent County Convention as follows:

N. Webb, G. Gauger, H. Bidwell, J. Boggs, R. Rose, M. Oglesby, W. F. Owens, T. Ledgerwood, Birney Dixon, A. Embree, J. Ledgerwood, W. B. Singleton, F. Moffit, C. Embree, W. A. Willis.

They had a dead-head suicide at La Crosse, Wis., recently. A man entered a store and inquired the price of a pistol, and while examining the weapon he slipped in a cartridge and blew his brains out.

A new post office, has been established in Chehalis county, on the Roundtree Prairie, with the name of Oakville. Mr. James Harris, has received the appointment of postmaster.

DECLINES.

John Minto, Esq., declines the nomination for Representative, tendered him by the Republican Convention, and in our next issue his card will appear giving his reasons for so doing.

SOUTH SALEM PRECINCT MEETING.

The following resolutions were presented by John Minto, Esq., at the South Salem Independent precinct meeting last Saturday, and were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we are opposed to Government officers, whether State or National, having any place in the conventions of the people, or acting as committeemen in the calling of such conventions, or in any manner seeking to influence the free action of the people in selecting public men.

Resolved, That we are in favor of giving all proper and protection to corporations, companies or persons engaged in transportation, commerce or any legitimate pursuit, but hold all subject to law.

Resolved, That we are opposed to the purchasing of the Locks at the Falls of the Willamette by the State; but are in favor of carrying out the original contract with the owners of said Locks, in its full spirit and letter.

Resolved, That we are in favor of such legislation on the subject of the Liquor Traffic as will tend to secure the sober, industrious and innocent against the costs and consequences of its abuse; to this end we are in favor of both Local Option and Civil Damage laws, which shall make the localities where intoxicating drink is sold, responsible for the costs of prosecuting crimes of which drunkenness is the cause, and making the vendor responsible to the family of the drunkard for damages.

Resolved, That as women suffer most from the consequences of drunkenness, they should be allowed to vote on the subject of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a reduction of the fees of county officers to such an extent as will reduce the income of the offices of Sheriff to \$2,500 and Clerks to \$2,000 as a maximum.

Resolved, That we are in favor of a law making it a felony for a member of the Legislature to vote contrary to his pledges given while canvassing for his election.

JEFFERSON PRECINCT MEETING.

Mr. Editor: Enclosed I forward to you the proceedings of the Independent voters of Jefferson precinct, in their primary held to-day. The Democrats failed to hold a primary and had no representation in the late Democratic Convention. The Republicans, one week ago could only muster nine votes in their primary. To-day the Independent voters cast twenty-four votes for delegates to the County Convention, which convenes one week from to-day. If a good county ticket is nominated next Saturday, this precinct, beyond any doubt will give a respectable majority for the Independents.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a meeting of the Independent voters of Jefferson Precinct, Marion county, held in the town of Jefferson, March 28th, 1874, the following business was transacted. On motion, A. L. Stinson was elected Chairman and Jacob Conser Secretary. After the object of the meeting had been stated by the Chairman, the meeting proceeded to the election of four delegates to attend the Marion County Independent Convention, to be held in Salem on the 4th day of April next, with the following result: Charles Miller, Frederick Steivers, Wm. Steward and Wm. Tate.

On motion, the meeting proceeded to the nomination of Chas. Miller for Justice of the Peace, and Geo. W. Johnson for Constable. On motion, the nominations were made unanimous. On motion, adjourned.

TAX-PAYERS' PRIMARY AT ALBANY.

Mr. Editor: The Tax-Payers of this precinct met in Convention to-day and organized by electing E. E. Fanning Chairman and Wm. J. Miller Secretary. The delegates elected to the County Convention, which meets in Albany on Saturday, April 4th, were, F. Barton, D. M. Cook, S. Powell, G. F. Simpson, M. C. Calloway, E. E. Fanning, G. H. Baber, L. Smith, and D. M. Thompson. They were all invited to address the Convention; and although none of them were accustomed to speaking in public, each responded in a plain and forcible manner. It was indeed a proof of the saying, "That every man is sufficiently eloquent in what he understands." During the remarks of D. M. Cook, who lives on a farm in the vicinity of Tangent, he said: "For myself, I have resolved that from this time forward, no political party shall be charged with guilt for the acts of its individual members, but every man elected to office will be held personally responsible for his conduct." Such sentiments as those of Mr. Cook are worthy a place in the platform of the State Convention.

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THREE CHEERS AND A SMALL TIGER FOR LANE COUNTY.

The Republican Convention of Lane county, last Saturday, at Eugene City, nominated Miss Ella Sabin for the office of School Superintendent. George Humphrey had the honor of presenting her name to the Convention; Lish Applegate claims the honor of "deciding the question of the legality of the nomination, and the whole Convention claims the honor of making the nomination unanimous. And if we lived in Lane county we should claim the honor of "holding Miss Ella's bonnet" while she made the race. We don't believe a word of the report that the reason why Miss Ella obtained the nomination was simply because everybody in Lane county was going Independent, and there wasn't enough Republicans in the county to get up a ticket without putting a person of the "female persuasion" upon it. Although Miss Ella has only been a year or so from the States, it cannot be said that she is a "carpet-bagger," for we have it from an unquestioned source that she brought her "Saratoga," "band-box" and "bird-cage" with her. Our sympathies are with the unfortunate candidates who will have Miss Ella as an antagonist. They may be smart and capable, but she is smart, young and pretty. We had a heap rather vote for a handsome girl than a smart man anytime. But what will Mrs. Duniway say when she comes home? The expression that she would naturally make when she gets to Oregon, and learns the fact, would be, "Who's been here since I've been gone." The ladies of the O. S. W. S. Association have gained one step. True, women can't vote; but Lane county says we can vote for women. Our State Constitution says that only electors can hold office. Lish Applegate has "decided the question" of the legality of the nomination. Anybody can do that, but singular as it may appear, friend Lish's decision, as to a woman of Oregon having the right to qualify for an office if elected, wouldn't be worth a "red cent."

Could Miss Sabin hold the office according to the Constitution, there is no person in the State, that we know of, better qualified for the position. Being a graduate of one of the State Normal Schools of the East, she ought at least in theory be fully acquainted with the duties of teachers and thoroughly conversant with the most approved manner of conducting our common schools. At the January session of the State Teachers' Institute, held in this city, Miss S. presented a paper on "Civil Government," which was, at the request of the Institute published in the Oregonian, and was, by all who read it, pronounced an able article. We doff our chapeau to Miss Sabin, Lane Co., George Humphrey and Lish Applegate.

NEW GRANGES.—Edward Forbes, Deputy for Clackamas, informs us that on March 21st he organized the following:

Canby Grange, Clackamas co., Wm Barlow, master, Albert Lee, sec; Gauby, With 30 charter members.

And on the 21st he organized Highland Grove Grange, Clackamas co.; R Stricklin, master; C P Hickman, sec; With 25 charter members.

R. A. Witzel, Deputy for Marion, on March 27th organized

Patience Grange, Marion co.; H P Ankeny, master; Fank, sec; Jefferson, With 25 charter members.

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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Deputies of the State Grange.

Partners of Oregon and Washington, organize for self-protection and for the enlightenment of the industrial masses. To facilitate this work, I have commissioned the following persons to visit Granges in this jurisdiction, as my Deputies:

For Douglas, and the Counties south of it—R. M. Gurney, Geo. M. P. O., Polk—James Tatum, Dixie, Lane—H. N. Hill, Junction, Multnomah—Jacob Johnson, East Portland, Clackamas—E. Forbes, Eagle Creek, Benton—A. Simpson, Corvallis, Yamhill—A. B. Henry, Lafayette, Washington—F. D. Humphrey, Hillsboro, Linn—E. E. Fanning, Tangent; Wm. Cyrus, Scio, J. H. Smith, Harrisburg, Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, and Idaho—Frank Shelton and Wm. Shelton, Wallawalla, W. T. Clark, Washington Territory—E. L. Smith, Olympia, and Julius Horton, Seattle, Southern Oregon—D. S. R. Buick, of Ashland.

Any locality within this jurisdiction for which no Deputy has been appointed for the organization of Granges, will receive immediate attention if application is made to me, I will attend in person or send a Deputy.

DANIEL CLARK, Master Oregon State Grange, Salem, Oct. 1, 1873.

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