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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
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GENERAL NEWS.

A new gas house is to be built in Portland. The women's temperance crusade still continues.

The *Oregonian* suggests a crusade among the Chinese houses of all forms in Portland. Move to amend by inserting after Chinese the words, white folks, kanakas, nigger and slush.

The wreck of the bark *Chas. Dennis*, formerly of Abernethy's line of Portland and San Francisco packets, still lies in Coos Bay. Mr. Garrison who disappeared from East Portland last week is supposed to have drowned himself in a fit of despondency, having been out of work for sometime.

Mr. Henry Warren, the father of the late Charles E. Warren of Oregon City, contradicts the report circulated that he has the small pox.

A man named Henry Jackson, at work at a logging camp down the Columbia, had the misfortune to break his left leg above the ankle, last Monday, while engaged in hauling logs to the river bank.

A company has been organized in Marysville, California, for the purpose of engaging in hydraulic mining in Baker county, Oregon.

Seven Indians were drowned in one of the lakes in the Modoc country on the 15th of the month, and their red brethren are still howling in honor of their manly.

The tide of travel to the mines in Eastern Oregon has commenced. Men on horseback, on foot, in the coach and all other manner of conveyance, daily pass La Grande.

Rev. Mr. Adams, of La Grande, met with an accident the other day, by his horse he was riding falling and crushing his leg.

Ground has been broken and labor commenced on the Blue Mountain University, to be erected at La Grande.

Jas. R. Farris has so far recovered from his temporary attack of insanity as to warrant his discharge from the Asylum. He will be a passenger on the next steamer for San Francisco.

A petition is in circulation in Portland asking the Common Council to refuse to license the liquor traffic within the corporate limits.

Last Monday evening in Farris Gulch, Jackson county, three Chinamen were instantly killed by the caving of a bank. Their remains were taken to Jacksonville and buried with great pomp and ceremony by their countrymen.

A number of persons left Portland for the Stekeu mines last Wednesday on the steamer California.

The Government Dredger has gone to commence work on dredging out the bar known as "Hog Back," a short distance above Astoria.

The plans and specifications for the proposed light-house at Point Adams have been accepted by the Department at Washington.

The fishing season has fully commenced on the Columbia. The last steamer took out several hundred cases.

A "denizen of the forest," named "Wild George," who has been disturbing the peace of Lebanon for some time, was arrested a few days since and lodged in jail. He remained inside but a short time. Like the gopher he dug out.

The steamer *Onward* has been transferred from the Peasatin River to the Willamette.

The total value of the exports of wheat and flour from Oregon to foreign ports, for the year ending March 31, 1874, amounted to \$2,412,582.

The *Bulletin* is informed that the British bark *Sparrowhawk*, owned by Messrs. Corbett & Macey, of this city, will, on arriving at Astoria, load with salmon for the European trade.

Portland has had several fire alarms during the past week. Fortunately but little damage has been done.

During the quarter ending March 31st, Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped to San Francisco from Portland coal, bullion and currency amounting to \$115,000 05.

The Taylor street M. E. Sabbath School, Portland, is largely attended, and is quite prosperous under the efficient management of Superintendent J. K. Gill.

The ladies and friends of Centenary M. E. Church, East Portland, gave a supper on Wednesday evening of last week and raised sixty dollars for the purpose of renovating the church and parsonage.

The Dalles, with 1,000 inhabitants, has seventeen places where liquor is sold.

The *Hawk Eye* learns that a young man named Willis, residing a few miles below Eugene City, accidentally shot himself last Wednesday. In fooling with a rifle he shot himself in the jaw, the ball carrying away a portion of the jawbone. He will likely recover.

A new paper is to be started in Oakland to be called *Umpqua Call*. It will be published by Thomas M. Gale.

Linn county has one sixth of the Granges in the State.

The Forest Grove *Independent* says there is some talk that Frank Myers will take editorial charge of the *Progressionist*.

Professor James Brown of this city takes charge of the District School at Jacksonville this date.

Bridging the Yamhill River at McMinnville will cost \$2,000.

Henry Warren, of Oregon City, had the varicoid in the mildest form. He has almost entirely recovered.

The steamer *Onward*, lately transported from the Tualatin to the Willamette River, has been sold for \$2,000—not the value of her machinery.

A son of Mr. B. F. Lewis, of Lafayette, aged about six years, fell from a wagon on Thursday, and one of the hind wheels ran over him, bruising him badly.

An Albany boy induced his father to sit down in a pan of hot grease on the first of April. He now mourns because he did not get half-soled with sheet iron on the 31st of march.

Dickens, who last week attempted to commit rape on the person of Mrs. Geo. Paul, in the forks of the Santiam, has been adjudged an idiot by the Linn County authorities and sent to the asylum.

Wm. H. Bockett, a well known contractor of Portland, was seriously injured on Wednesday last, by the gliding way of a staging on which he was at work.

School begun at the Lafayette Academy on Monday, the 6th inst., under the management of Prof. Royal, late of Cornellus.

Uncle Billy Cochran, of Brownsville, has a veteran horse nearly thirty years old. Mr. C. brought this ancient equine across the plains twenty-five years ago.

There are more old men in Brownsville, in proportion to the population, than in any other town on the coast.

Mrs. Bridgebauer, of Albany, had her combinal shackles knocked off by Judge Bonham last week.

Phillip Phils who has been the ferryman at Corvallis for twenty two years has gone to Iowa on a trip to visit his home.

Mr. John Wilhelm of Portland has received a letter, stating that about twenty families in Wisconsin are preparing to come to Oregon this Spring. They are all farmers and will be welcome to our State.

A young Granger of Linn county has plowed and harrowed in 70 acres of whom his spring.

Mrs. Mart Taylor has a divorce from Mart and has the custody of the child.

The *Oregonian* gives the following items: All Douglas county is preparing for a grand picnic on the first of May.

The Roseburg *Platender* comes to the surface again on a half sheet.

Dr. McKay's Indian scouts are to arrive at the Dalles this (Monday) evening.

The farm of Samuel Cook, on the Luckiamute, was sold last week for \$4,000.

There are still fourteen thousand bushels of wheat in the warehouse at Corvallis.

There are 28 causes in the docket of the Circuit Court, in Benton county, for the April term.

Geo. Coffey, of Long Tom, has three ewes which has just presented him with nine lambs.

The Good Templars of Polk county will have a grand picnic at Dallas on 1st proximo.

The Grand Business Council for Lane Co., will meet in Eugene City the first Tuesday in May, 5th. A full attendance will be desired.

In King's Valley, Benton county, every available acre of ground is being plowed and prepared for sowing grain.

We learn from the *Bulletin* that Mr. J. M. Gamble Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Co., has made a liberal proposition to build a line between Portland and Astoria.

Johnny Bolton of Portland takes a particular interest with Dr. McKay in the epidemic of cholera to be given by the Warm Spring Indians in their tour through the Eastern States.

The *Messenger* of last Saturday says that the weather continues very fine. The farmers in this vicinity are getting in their grain in good time. The breadth of land sown is greater than that of last season.

The *Bulletin* states that it is rumored that the directors' party of the Northern Pacific Rail Road is soon to be in Portland.

The Peoples Convention of the fourth judicial district held at Portland last Saturday nominated E. D. Shattuck Judge and H. Y. Thompson District Attorney.

The *Advocate* states that the Christian congregation at Dallas, the county seat of Polk county, was organized by Elders G. W. Richardson and H. M. Waller, December, 1863, with about thirty members. Their first Elders were F. B. Lovelady, R. M. May and H. S. Crystal. These Elders are aged gray-headed men of staid habits, men who love the truth and are ever ready to speak out boldly in defense of Gospel principles.

A Walla exchange has been shown a private letter to a gentleman in that city from a friend in the Swock mines, in which, among other things, it speaks of mines having been struck down on the Yakima River, at the mouth of the Swock. They prospect well, and it is believed they will prove to be good paying mines. At the newly discovered camp there is no snow, and there is plenty of water, and the miners are going ahead and are busily engaged in opening their claims. In the Swock mines the rights are still cold, and there is no prospecting. Snow is from two to three feet deep, and is melting and melting a little. The writer seems to have all faith in the mines ultimately paying rich, both in places and quartz mining.

Curry county promises to be a great wool growing section.

Work on the M. E. Church at Baker City has been commenced.

The Oswego Iron company are turning out ten tons pig iron daily.

The steamer *Satellite* at Coos Bay has been repaired.

Empire City, Coos Bay, wants telegraphic communication with the outer world. Flour has been reduced in Portland to \$5 50 per barrel for the finest quality.

The new band recently organized at Junction City, purchased yesterday their instruments of Mr. Gray in Portland.

H. K. Hanna has been elected city attorney at Jacksonville.

Summer is the name of a new town laid off on Clatsop slough, Coos county.

The *Commercial Reporter* at Portland has been sold to Jones and Turner.

Jack Simpson of Sauvie Island has been missing since Saturday last. He was last seen in Portland, and it is feared that he had been drinking and that while going home he met with some accident, and lost his life.

The Clarke county, W. T., District Court is in session at Vancouver.

It is reported that Salucius Garfield, the new contractor, will secure the iron steamer *Fidelity* to carry the mail from Port Townsend to Sitka.

Four men killed fifteen elk one day in Clallam county, W. T., recently.

The Territorial election in Washington Territory does not take place until the first Monday in November next.

Mr. C. A. Swift, of San Juan county, W. T., writes that the county will cap the season thirty thousand pounds of wool of fair quality.

D. B. Ward, teacher on the Skokomish Reservation for the past three years, has given place to Mr. Pierce, late blacksmith on the same reservation.

The District Court at Olympia on Wednesday, last week, sentenced N. Nunnemaker to one day's imprisonment and \$100 fine for selling liquor to Indians.

Mr. H. M. Knapp, Master of Mill Plain Grange of P. of H., has been appointed Deputy for Clarke county, W. T., to whom all applications for the organization of subordinate Granges should be addressed.

A few of the farmers in Puyallup Valley W. T., are raising small bands of sheep which are looking very well and seem to thrive better on the bottom land than the owners had anticipated; and wool and mutton will hereafter be the principle articles of production.

The Rev. O. R. Bonnell declines to leave Tacoma, to accept the Seattle call.

The following is from the *Astorian*: "Pacific county, W. T., with a population of 1,582, has neither doctor or druggist, Justice of the Peace, constable, lawyer, jail or court house. At the last annual term of the District Court the jury were dismissed because of a blank docket. She has money in the treasury, and to loan; her citizens are healthy, with peace and plenty."

Some of the ladies of Olympia have agreed to take the place in the kitchen of their engine help, and send the Johns out on the grate to work. That road will be put through.

The usual Saturday meeting of Olympia Grange was largely attended on the 14th inst. Twenty-one new members were admitted.

There is a good deal of sickness among the children in Silver City, Idaho. The doctors are wondering whether it's scarlet fever or not.

Mr. John Eichar and Capt. Warren Gove, both of Stillacoom, left here last week for Hood's Canal, where they will embark in the fishing business and the manufacture of fish oil.

INDEPENDENT STATE CONVENTION.

Convention called to order by W. S. Elkins, of Linn county, who nominated Wm. R. Dunbar of Marion county temporary Chairman and Chas. F. Church of Clackamas county temporary Secretary.

On motion the following persons were appointed Committee on Credentials, J. Wasson, H. M. Hill, J. D. Burnett, A. J. Monroe, Heman Buck, A. G. Mulkey, J. B. Stump, A. Luelling, W. M. Hand, Frank Martin, Bart Carl, H. J. Hale, P. S. Schuyler.

On motion, Convention took recess of half an hour to give Committee time to report.

At the time set the convention was called to order.

On motion of W. S. Elkins the representatives of the press were invited to sit upon the platform.

The committee not being ready to report, Prof. T. F. Campbell was called upon, who addressed the meeting with a few pertinent remarks.

The Committee not yet reporting, a recess was taken subject to the call of the chair.

Meeting called to order at three o'clock. Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates as entitled to seats:

Marion County.—E. W. Wilson, A. J. Monroe, Geo. P. Holman, T. L. Davidson, S. R. Scott, Sam. Hanna, J. W. Gunn, W. R. Dunbar, G. W. Danvers, Henry Smith, Geo. S. Downing, F. Skyles.

Clackamas.—W. W. Sorkweather, Heman Buck, I. Frost by H. Buck proxy, L. D. C. Latonette, Jas. Winston, C. F. Church, R. Ramsby, the Convention to authorize the delegates to represent absentees.

Wasco.—J. H. Douthitt, J. Bensley, G. W. Buford, T. M. Ward, W. M. Hand.

Yamhill.—R. H. Leugblin, A. Reed, A. J. Pittman, D. O. Durham, F. Martin, A. J. Nelson.

Polk.—J. J. Williams, L. Case, D. M. Boone, J. B. Stump, Jas. Tatum, J. V. Butler.

Multnomah.—H. J. McIntyre, J. D. Jucite by H. J. McIntyre proxy, Wm. Galton by Geo. F. Strong proxy, P. C. Schuyler, R. Weeks, Chas. Hodge, W. Lair Hill, Isaac Blum, E. D. Backentes, J. Tompson, Jos. Buchtel by O. P. Lent, E. Bliman.

There were four vacancies in this delegation. The delegation authorized to cast full vote.

Linn.—W. S. Elkins, Jos. Nixon, F. Parton, M. C. Calloway by F. Parton proxy, J. Wasson, B. Marks, J. B. Roberts, H. H. Huette, E. E. Fanning, A. B. Morris, John Blevins.

Grant.—Bart Carl, Peter Carris.

Douglas.—N. Webb, J. D. Burnett, R. M. Gurney, H. Conn, W. Wilson, F. Sutherland, M. M. Melvin by W. H. Wilson proxy, E. Young, N. Cornett by J. D. Burnett.

Washington.—A. Luelling was authorized to cast the full vote of the county, four votes.

Lane.—O. R. Bean, T. D. Edwards, J. Simpson, J. W. Harpole, H. H. Gale, H. N. Hill, R. V. Howard, M. Wallis by W. W. Bistow proxy.

Umatilla.—Ed. Stewart, Andrew Church by Ed. Stewart proxy, H. J. Hale, H. McArthur, and M. T. White by H. J. Hale proxy.

Benton.—L. F. Wilson by B. R. Riddle proxy, E. Hartless, J. Harris, N. P. Newton, A. G. Mulkey, B. R. Riddle.

The vacancies in various delegations to be filled by delegates present.

On motion the temporary officers were made the permanent officers of the Convention.

The following Committees were appointed, "order of business." R. Weeks, E. E. Fanning, N. Webb, J. Simpson, G. P. Holman, H. Buck, E. Hartless, J. Tatum, A. Luelling, J. Bensley, D. O. Durham, B. Carl, E. Stewart.

Committee on Resolutions. W. Lair Hill, W. S. Elkins, F. Sutherland, H. H. Gale, J. W. Grim, R. Ramsby, B. R. Riddle, L. Case, A. A. Luelling, J. H. Douthitt, A. J. Pittman, B. Carl, H. J. Hale.

Convention adjourned until nine and a half o'clock to-morrow morning.

Second Day.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock this A. M. W. R. Dunbar in the Chair and Chas. F. Church Secretary.

Minutes of afternoon session of yesterday, read and approved.

Committee on Order of business reported as follows:

1st—Report of Committee on Resolutions; 2d—Nomination of Congressman; 3d—Governor; 4th—Secretary of State; 5th—State Treasurer; 6th—State Printer; 7th—Superintendent of Public Instruction; 8th—District Officers; 9th—State Central Committee.

W. Lair Hill, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, reported the following.

PLATFORM.

1. That extravagance and corruption have become so prevalent in the administration of the State and Nation as to burden the people with taxes that are unnecessary to good government, and which are a constant drain upon the morals of society; that there is no ground to hope for a remedy for these evils through the agency of the two political parties that have heretofore ruled the country, and that the welfare of the public demands that every citizen, laying aside all party prejudices and differences of opinion upon immaterial points, unite in selecting for the public service, men who exert themselves to secure public economy, reformation and reduction of taxation in every practicable way.

2. That we view with alarm the reckless course of the State and National Government in the multiplication of offices beyond the public service, many of whom while receiving salaries from the public Treasury are devoting themselves to their private pursuits; and we demand that officers paid by the Government, do give their time exclusively to the service for which they are appointed.

3. That we favor the adoption, by the National and State governments, of all reasonable measures for securing cheap transportation; and to this end, we favor liberal aid by the General Government, for the opening and improvement of all our harbors and rivers; for the construction of the Portland, Dalles and Lake Railway; the completion of the Oregon and California Railway to the Southern base of the State, and the extension of the Oregon Central Railway to Junction City; that the interests of the State demand the completion of the Oregon Central Railway to Astoria. That we favor such aid as may be consistent with prudence and public economy, for the construction of roads across our mountain chains; and we favor the immediate construction of a wagon road along the south bank of the Columbia river from the mouth of the Sandy to the Dalles.

4. That all property rights, individual and corporate, should be in subjection to law. That we would give all proper aid, encouragement and protection to corporations, companies or persons engaged in transportation, commerce, or any other legitimate pursuit.

but we would hold all subject to law; and we demand that the rates of freight and fares on railways within the State be fixed by the Legislature of the State, and on inter-state railroads by Congress.

5. That we demand a return to the salaries fixed by the Constitution for State officers, and we condemn all the schemes that have been devised to increase such salaries by indirect means; that the compensation of all officers should be only such as would pay them fairly for the services they perform; that County Clerks and Sheriffs should have salaries fixed by law, according to their services; that the law increasing their fees should be repealed, and a law enacted providing reasonable fees to be charged per diem in cases where private parties alone are concerned, such fees to be paid by officers into the County Treasury; that we demand the passage of a law to protect the public against unreasonable charges for the State printing.

6. That we favor a liberal system of Public Schools, but we condemn the act creating a monopoly in the sale of School Books and demand its repeal.

7. That we demand the repeal of the Laiden Printing Law.

8. That we demand equal rights for all citizens, and accord equal privileges to none.

9. That the interests of the people demand competition in the transportation of freight to and from our seaboard; that we are opposed to the purchase or leasing by the State the Canal and Locks at the falls of the Willamette but will hold both the State and Lock company to a strict compliance with their existing contract.

10. That we especially condemn those acts of the Legislature that have enabled speculators to obtain the public lands of the State in large tracts, to the exclusion of poor men, and men of moderate means, who would take them for homes.

11. That the removal of a faithful and competent officer merely because of his political opinions is a gross abuse of power; that the use of the appointing power to reward politicians for services in conventions and elections is no less corrupt than any other species of bribery; that the removal of faithful public officers for the conscientious performance of their duties is an outrage upon good government.

12. That personal character is the proper criterion by which to judge of the fitness of men for public position, and it is dangerous to entrust the public business to men of disreputable private character.

13. That the General Government should pay all the expenses, losses, and damages necessarily arising from its course of dealing with the Indians, and we demand that our fellow citizens in Eastern and Southern Oregon be indemnified by the Government for their losses and damages in the Modoc War.

14. That we are in favor of such legislation on the subject of the liquor traffic as will allow each precinct to decide, by a vote of the citizens thereof, whether liquor shall be sold in that precinct or not; and which shall make the vendor of intoxicating drinks responsible for damages which may be done by the abuse of the privilege where its sale is permitted.

15. That the uprising of the agricultural classes, and their organization into a compact society for mutual protection against the extortions and oppressions of monopolies, concerns itself to the favor of every just mind; and cannot but result in ultimate good to the whole people.

The Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

G. E. Strougaard and H. H. Hale were appointed tellers.

The Convention then proceeded to the nomination of State and district officers.

For Congressman—Hon. T. W. Davenport of Marion County, by acclamation.

Governor—Thomas F. Campbell of Polk County, was unanimously elected.

Secretary of State—Hon. J. A. Isom of Wasco County.

State Treasurer—D. Beach of Linn County.

State Printer—Wm. M. Hand of Wasco County.

Supt. Public Instruction—M. M. Oglesby of Douglas County.

The following were the district nominations:

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Judge—John Burnett.

Prosecuting Attorney—J. J. Walton.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Prosecuting Attorney—Tillman Ford.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Prosecuting Attorney—O. Humason.

L. Bently of Polk county was selected as Judge of the Court for Polk and Benton county.

The following persons were selected as Independent State Central Committee. Joseph Buchtel, Chairman; J. D. Burnett, H. N. Hill, D. Payton, Jos. Nixon, L. D. C. Latonette, B. R. Riddle, J. F. Thompson, Bond Scofield, Geo. Buch, G. W. Burns, David Sauer, Thos. McCoy, Jas. W. Ross, John Hamilton, Josiah West, Jas. Tule, J. Hamilton, W. White, S. B. Barrett, M. Hanley, W. D. Stillwell.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved—That this Convention cordially invite its Excellency Gov. Booth of California, to visit our State and address the people on the political situation.

Resolved—That the hearty thanks of this Convention, be and they are hereby tendered to their strong and effective efforts in behalf of the people and the cause of political reform.

Hon. T. W. Davenport was called for and addressed the Convention; after which the usual vote of thanks were given to the officers, and the meeting adjourned.