

It is a little remarkable that many of the followers of the old parties cannot see any good in the fact that many citizens pronounce themselves free and independent of their former political associations, and willing to work with all others who will take like grounds, to secure the nomination of good men for office, and effect economy and reform in administration of the government, in county, state, and nation.

Independent movement in Oregon was undreamed of three months ago, and has grown into formidable proportions of its own volition. It has already succeeded in impressing old parties with the necessity for reform, and so far it has accomplished its mission.

NO FEDERAL OFFICERS WANTED.

We were glad to see that the Republican State Convention imitated the virtues of the Marion County Independent Convention, and resolved that they did not approve of the interference of Federal and State officers at State and county conventions.

The large Music Publishing House of OLIVER DITSON & Co., Boston, suffered from fire on Tuesday Evening last; the upper part of their main building being destroyed.

They have temporarily removed to No. 225 Washington Street, opposite Franklin, where they may at present be addressed.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

The nominations made last evening by the Republican State Convention prove that the Independent movement has done much good already, and placed the old political organizations upon their guard and forced them to lay aside tricks and schemes, and their most notorious perpetrators, to obey, as well as politics permit, the will of the people.

Judge J. C. Tolman, of Jackson county, nominee for Governor, is a farmer and has been County Judge of that county. It is said that he is also a Granger, and he is known as good a citizen, popular and respected at home.

C. M. Foster, nominee for Secretary of State, is a resident of Baker county, is a surveyor by profession, and very competent for clerical duties, having been County Clerk of that county.

Richard Williams, nominee for Congress, is a well-known lawyer of Portland, shrewd and able in the law, who will make an active campaign.

L. L. Rowland, nominee for Superintendent of Public Instruction, is at present a resident of Wasco county, and a minister of the Christian Church.

OVER IN POLK.—D. M. Guthrie, from Dallas, who is one of the best friends of the WILLAMETTE FARMER, visits Salem on business, and informs us that the prospect is that Polk county will have the largest crop ever yet raised.

FIRE AT LA GRANDE.

A telegram was received from La Grande yesterday afternoon, stating that a large fire had occurred at that place. In the absence of the proper apparatus for putting out fire, and a heavy wind blowing at the time, the flames could not be subdued until the principal portion of the business part of the town was in ashes.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

This body met at Reed's Opera House in this city Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock p. m., and was called to order by N. B. Knight Esq., chairman of State Central Committee.

On motion John McCracken Esq., of Multnomah was made temporary chairman and Wm M Turner of Jackson county secretary.

On motion the following Committee on Credentials was appointed by the chair. L. F. Barren, S. J. McCormick, W. P. Lord, W. H. Odell, Wm M Turner.

On motion Convention took a recess to give committee time to make out report.

Convention again called to order at three o'clock.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following persons as entitled to seats in the Convention. With several immaterial alterations in the initials and proxies of representatives the report was adopted.

- Reading.—H. Lee, W. H. Elliott, S. King, Jas Chambers, J. W. Rayburn, D. G. Clark. Baker.—C. M. Foster by G. M. Stroud proxy, A. A. Thompson by C. N. Ferry proxy, D. H. Jackson by C. M. Foster proxy, John F. Ross by F. M. Alfred proxy.

Jackson.—H. Kelly, J. M. Metcalf, Jesse Dolanby by Wm M Turner proxy, J. C. Tolman by J. M. McCall proxy, D. H. Taylor by J. M. McCall proxy, W. S. Colvig by J. M. McCall proxy, Jacob Thompson by H. Kelly proxy, H. Kelly.

Josephine.—Henry Kelly, A. Watts by H. Kelly proxy.

Lane.—A. S. Patterson, W. H. Odell, B. F. Dorris, F. B. Dunn, J. M. Dick, T. J. Vaughn, S. Rigdon, John Kelly by W. H. Odell proxy, J. W. Brasfield, D. C. Underwood.

Linn.—J. Barrows, T. Cartwright, John Buras by D. Beach proxy, O. P. Tompkins by J. M. Shelley proxy, T. S. Powell by J. Barrows proxy, C. A. Williams by T. Cartwright proxy, Jas H. Foster by G. H. Riddell proxy, James Elkins, H. Z. Johnson.

Marion.—W. P. Lord, J. G. Wright, J. M. Johns, R. C. Geer, H. G. Morris, John Hofer by N. B. Knight proxy, John Giesy, S. Condit, A. Stevens, J. W. Greenwood, W. A. Cusick by J. J. Murphy proxy, W. F. Boothby, E. K. Miller, Henry Ankeny.

Multnomah.—J. B. Congle, S. J. McCormick, John McCracken, G. Linderman, G. A. Steele, S. G. Skidmore, B. O. Severance, Levi Anderson, E. J. W. Stemme, John Powell, G. E. Watkins by Enoch Turner proxy, W. W. Spaulding, J. H. Reed, H. Ackerman, G. Tibbets, C. E. Dubois, C. Buckman, J. H. Fisk, O. M. Bernard by J. S. Rankin proxy.

Polk.—Jesse A. Applegate, J. C. Cooper, A. M. Smith, T. J. Wortley, F. M. Thompson by Ed D. Lashmitt proxy, J. Vanduyne.

Tillamook.—N. B. Humphrey.

Umatilla.—N. A. Conover by J. C. Dissaway proxy, J. H. Konitz, C. M. Mallory by J. C. Dissaway proxy, J. C. Dissaway.

Union.—J. W. Norvell by W. J. Snodgrass proxy, A. W. Waters, M. B. Rees by A. W. Waters proxy, W. J. Snodgrass.

Wasco.—J. C. Cartwright, E. J. Veazey by I. R. Moores proxy.

Washington.—T. H. Tongue, J. R. Spencer, Wm McCloud, D. M. C. Gault by T. H. Tongue.

The committee also represented that under the basis of representation, Columbia county is entitled to two delegates and that only one has been elected from that county. The question is therefore submitted to the Convention for its action.

We also find Washington county entitled to five delegates, have only elected four. We respectfully recommend that said county be allowed to cast five votes in the Convention.

On motion J. B. Congle of Multnomah the temporary officers were made the permanent officers of the Convention, with the addition of W. J. Snodgrass as Assistant Secretary.

The following committees were appointed: On Order of Business.—C. M. Foster, J. B. Lee, A. R. Burbank, J. T. Cooper, S. J. McCormick.

Committee on Resolutions.—James Chambers, F. M. Alfred, L. T. Barron, J. F. Watson, W. W. Skinner, Frank McBean, J. M. McCall, A. S. Patterson, J. M. Shelby, Jesse Applegate, W. P. Lord, C. A. Dolph, J. C. Dissaway, W. J. Snodgrass, A. R. Burbank, J. C. Cartwright, T. H. Tongue, N. B. Humphrey, W. W. West, J. W. Case, W. H. Odell.

Meeting adjourned until seven o'clock p. m.

Evening Session The convention was called to order by the Chairman at the time fixed upon at adjournment.

Mr. J. F. Watson read a telegram from Mr. F. Shuter of Lane county, sending proxy to him.

Committee on order of business reported and platform adopted as a whole without discussion.

PLATFORM. 1. The Republican party of the State of Oregon in Convention Assembled declare that the end of government is to secure equal and exact justice to all its citizens, with as little infringement as possible upon individual freedom; that the government of the people, by the people and for the people interpreted and fore-shadowed by the declaration of Independence is the true American idea; that this idea can only be realized by the election of honest and capable men to public offices and by conducting public affairs with strict prudence, and in accordance with the sound and approved maxims of business and political economy.

2. That party organization are useful and necessary but that while we are proud of the birth and history of the Republican party, we recognize no such alliance to political associations as shall prevent our fair and candid criticism of the acts of all public men, and that every case of negligence, waste, fraud or dishonesty on the part of those having control of public monies, ought to be promptly investigated, and severely punished, without fear or favor. That we expect of our State Legislators and State officers, the strictest integrity and economy, the largest possible relief from the burden of taxation; the maintenance of public education; the preservation of the purity and freedom of the ballot box; the enforcement of such laws as will secure to all entitled to suffrage the right to its exercise, and such as will at the same time exclude all fraudulent voting.

3. That we insist upon the right and duty of the State of Oregon, every franchise of whatever kind of grants; and while we do not wish that any injustice shall be done to the individual or corporation, investing capital or industry in enterprise of this kind; we yet demand that no franchise shall be granted which is prejudicial to the public interest, or in which the rights and interests of the State and the people are not carefully and fully guarded.

4. That while we recognize the full right of every citizen to express and act upon his convictions upon all questions of public or State interest. No person holding such federal or State offices has the right to seek to influence the action of his subordinates by exciting their fears of loss of place if their opinions or actions shall differ from his own and that we are opposed to all interference and participation by them in the conventions of the people for the nomination of their candidates for office.

5. That we are desirous of political reform, and for honest economy and purity in all official administration. That to secure this is the duty of every citizen; that to this end every good man should feel bound to participate in politics and to make an end of bad men forcing their election by securing a party nomination. That we believe there are as good men in the Republican party as out of it, and only the best men should be nominated for office, and only such are entitled to receive the support of the people.

they should be so represented in Congress as shall the most effectively secure this result. 8. That true economy in the management of public lands of the United States, as well as the development of its resources, demands liberal grants of the public lands to aid in the construction of Rail Roads and other public works with such limitations and restrictions as will secure the ultimate sale to actual settlers.

9. That we are in favor of Congressional aid to the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad. For the improvement of the Columbia river at the Dalles and Cascades. To aid the extension of the Oregon Central Railroad from St. Joe through the counties of Polk and Benton to its junction with the Oregon and California Railroad, and the improvement of the Willamette River.

10. That we favor Congressional aid for the construction of a wagon road from some point in Rogue River Valley to the nearest practicable point on the coast, and that we favor the immediate construction of a good and serviceable wagon road along the south bank of the Columbia River from the mouth of Sandy to the Dalles.

11. That we are opposed to the purchase or leasing by the State of the Canal and Locks at the falls of the Willamette river.

12. That we demand the repeal of the "Lauigan law," The Portland Police bill. The unconstitutional acts increasing the emoluments and salaries of State and judicial officers. The acts increasing the fees of Sheriff and the modification of the school laws, so as to relieve the people of the School Book Monopoly.

13. That we are in favor of the speedy payment in full of all just claims of citizens and volunteers, for supplies furnished and services rendered in the suppression of Indian hostilities in Southern Oregon in the years 1872 and 1873.

14. That we are in favor of such legislation to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors as will restrain the abuses growing out of indiscriminate licenses and operate as a salutary and needful check upon the growing evils of intemperance.

15. That we are in favor of opening Willamette valley to settlement.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS. The delegates of the 24 judicial districts passed a resolution instructing J. F. Watson State Senator from Douglas county not to vote for the purchase of the locks at Oregon City.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the construction by the federal government of a breakwater at Port Oxford in Curry County. The Convention then proceeded to the nomination of State and District Officers.

Mr. Richard Williams of Multnomah county was nominated by acclamation as candidate for Congress.

That gentlemen were called for and appeared upon the platform and made a few remarks in which he "accepted the situation."

A motion to vote by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast to elect, prevailed.

The Chair appointed G. M. Stroud and J. B. Lee tellers.

For Governor.—Mr. T. J. Vaughn of Lane county nominated J. C. Tolman of Jackson county. Mr. Tolman was elected by acclamation.

On motion, the delegates from Jackson county were duly authorized to notify Mr. Tolman of his nomination.

For Secretary of State.—Mr. C. M. Foster of Baker county was nominated by acclamation. Mr. Foster responded to the call, and of course, accepted the nomination.

Thus far all was lovely, the programme was carried out as manipulated by the "ring." The tellers were put at work to collect the ballots for

State Treasurer.—First Ballot.—Ralph Jacobs 33, J. G. Wright 38, J. H. Moores 25, Z. F. Moody 33, D. G. Clark 3, Blank 1. The name of Mr. Jacobs was withdrawn.

The Chair appointed J. N. Matheny Sergeant-at-Arms.

Second Ballot.—J. G. Wright 45, J. H. Moores 23, Z. F. Moody 21, D. G. Clark 39, Scattering 3.

Third Ballot.—J. G. Wright 38, J. H. Moores 20, D. G. Clark 69, H. Smith 6.

D. G. Clark of Benton county was declared the nominee. Mr. Clark was satisfied with the nomination if it was unexpected.

For State Printer.—E. M. Waite 80, W. B. Carter 19, A. G. Walling 18, W. G. Morgan 12, Levi Wright 1.

Mr. E. M. Waite of Marion county having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared the nominee. Mr. Waite also told the Convention that he "accepted."

For Superintendent Public Instruction.—L. L. Rowland 82, A. J. Adherson 24, L. J. Powell 19, scattering 2.

Mr. L. L. Rowland of Wasco county declared nominated. That gentleman not being present Mr. S. C. Adams thanked the Convention for the honor conferred.

NEWS FROM STICKEEN.—M. Joseph Thompson has furnished us some late news from the vicinity of the Stickeen mines, contained in a letter received from E. F. Thompson, written at Bucks Bar, March 5th. Bucks Bar is one hundred and sixty miles from Fort Wrangle, and this distance was made in twenty-six days. They were obliged to travel a great deal of the way on snow shoes, the snow in many localities being from ten to thirty feet in depth. He speaks of the trip as a very rough one, and says the Mercury had stood, during most of the journey from Wrangle at forty degrees below zero. Of two hundred and seventy-five men who started from Wrangle about the time he did, only thirty-five had got in at the time of writing, and one had been brought in dead. He said, however, that it was much warmer when he wrote, the mercury having risen to twenty degrees below zero, and it seemed like a spring morning. When at Bucks Bar they were within eighty-five miles of the mines, which they calculated to make in eight days. Mr. Thompson promises to write as often as he can, considering the rates of postage in that country, which cost them \$2.50 per letter to send an Indian back with their mail and some other little things as quite costly there, also: flour, is \$60 per 100 pounds; coffee \$1 per pound; tea \$4; beans 50c; tobacco \$3; and other things in proportion.

A POLK COUNTY INCIDENT.—A lady living several miles from Dallas, left home on horseback for that place one day last week in search of a Physician for her husband who had been for a long time ill with a chronic complaint. Upon her return home she took a shorter cut than the usually traveled road. At one place she got down to open the fence and was unable to get back on her horse. A gentleman passing by in search of some horses that had got astray seeing her dilemma asked if he could be of any assistance. The lady replying that he could not, he passed on and had got out a few rods away when she called him back and informed him that she did indeed stand in need of assistance. The gentleman gave her the aid she needed, and covering the mother and child up with a horse blanket, soon returned from the nearest house with the elderly females of the household, a mattress and wagon. The lady and little stranger, who made his appearance upon the "field" of life in so singular a manner were taken home and are getting along well here "as well as can be expected under the circumstances."

FAST TIME.—The W. R. T. Co's new boat Willamette Chief has been doing some of the tallest running, on her recent trip to Astoria that has ever been recorded in Oregon waters. She left her wharf at this place Saturday morning with between 200 and 300 tons of freight for Astoria. Arriving at the point, she discharged her cargo, took on a quantity of freight for Portland, Salem and Albany, and started up the river at 5 o'clock Sunday evening. Stopping at Portland, she discharged her freight for that place, took on some more up river freight, and arrived here a little after 6 o'clock last evening. After discharging a portion of her cargo here, she went on to Albany. The round trip from Salem to Astoria and back, including stoppages and changes of cargo, was made in three days and two nights.

DANGEROUSLY INJURED.—Mr. John Wayne of Dallas, the father of J. A. Wayne formerly of this city, and owner of the Dallas flouring mill, met with a most painful accident yesterday, which it is feared may prove fatal. He was alone in the mill and fell from the main shaft it is supposed, a distance of twelve feet into the pit, lighting on the rocks. He was not discovered until he had managed to crawl up the bank, and after which he became unconscious, and we still in that state when our informant heard from him last. The injuries which are visible are very slight, but the indications are that he has received serious internal injuries from which his recovery is doubtful.

CONVICT FOR THE PENITENTIARY.—Sheriff Parker, of Linn county, arrived yesterday, by the afternoon train, having in charge the prisoners who were sentenced at the present term of the Circuit Court for that county, to terms in the Penitentiary, as follows: Hardin Dawson, convicted of rape on the person of his father-in-law, now Mrs. Delia Beckus, and sentenced to two years imprisonment at hard labor in the Penitentiary. Wm. Poe was convicted of incest on the person of his daughter, Mary E. Poe, and sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary. The other, J. H. Bernover, was convicted of the crime of embezzlement, and sentenced to a term of one year.

THE CANNING BUSINESS.—The light of a Salem Hoodlum's ambition is to get a vagrant dog and send him spinning off Commercial street with an opster can tied to his caudal extremity. This business has been reduced to a science by young Salesites, and the dexterity with which the animal is captured and "canned," is marvelous in the "sojourner in our midst." We would mildly suggest to the lovers of this pleasing and highly interesting amusement, that they might turn their knowledge of the business to account, by getting a first-class job at one of the salmon canning establishments on the Columbia. The only thing they would have to understand is that the part of the animal that they have been in the habit of canning here, is the part generally thrown overboard at the fisheries.

CONUNDRUM.—Frank Cooper says, if you don't spell colonel why don't you spell journal? We believe it's a conundrum gotten up entirely for political effect, and give it up.

MARRIED.—On Sunday the 5th of April the residence of the Bride's father, by John Brooks Esq., Mr. J. H. Foley Esq., Miss Nancy McCubbins, all of Marion County.