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THURSDAY, - - MARCH 8, 1888.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention for the State of Oregon is hereby called to meet at Pendleton, Umatilla county, on Tuesday, April 3, 1888, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for member of Congress, a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, six delegates to the National Democratic Convention and six alternates; to ratify the various district nominations, and such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Said Convention will be composed of 155 delegates, apportioned to the various counties on the vote cast for candidate to Congress at the election of 1886, being one delegate for each county and one for every 200 and fraction over 100 votes so cast.

In accordance with said apportionment, the respective counties will be entitled to the following representation:

Baker	5	Linn	9
Benton	6	Malheur	2
Clackamas	7	Marion	9
Clatsop	5	Morrow	4
Columbia	3	Multnomah	17
Coos	4	Polk	5
Crook	4	Tillamook	2
Curry	2	Umatilla	8
Douglas	6	Union	8
Gilliam	3	Wasco	6
Grant	5	Washington	5
Jackson	7	Wallowa	2
Josephine	3	Yamhill	6
Klamath	3		
Lake	2	Total	155
Lane	7		

The committee respectfully recommend that the County Conventions for the election of delegates to the State Convention, unless otherwise ordered by the local county committee, be held on Saturday, March 14, 1888. B. GOLDSMITH,
Chairman Democratic State Central Committee.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

A Democratic County Convention is hereby called to meet in Pendleton, Umatilla county, on Saturday, March 24th, for the purpose of electing eight delegates to the Democratic State Convention, to be held in Pendleton April 3d, 1888, and for the purpose, if the convention shall deem it best, of nominating a full Democratic county ticket, to be voted for at the next election; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the convention.

The convention will be composed of forty-five delegates, apportioned among the several precincts as follows:

Adams	1	Alta	3
Camas	3	Centerville	3
Cottonwood	1	Echo	3
Encampment	1	Foster	1
Helix	1	Juniper	1
Milton	4	Mountain	1
North Pendleton	5	South Pendleton	6
Union	1	Umatilla	1
Vansycle	1	Vinson	1
Weston	4	Willow Springs	1
Yoakum	1		
Total			45

It is also recommended that primaries for the election of delegates to said convention be held in the various precincts on the 17th day of March, at 2 o'clock p. m., except in Pendleton, where it is recommended the polls shall be opened at 11 o'clock a. m.

Pendleton, Or., February 26th, 1888.
W. M. EAGLE,
Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee.

THE NEW STATE QUESTION.

From the San Francisco Alta.

The San Francisco Bulletin had this to say yesterday:

"The Democrats in Congress have a queer way of consulting popular wishes. They refuse to admit Dakota as two States, in accordance with the express will of the people of the Territory, and propose to take in New Mexico, whose people, with the exception of professional politicians, are said to be largely opposed to Statehood, and who are hardly numerous enough to be entitled to a single member of Congress."

It is about as well that something like a fair statement about this matter should be made. The Bulletin has had considerable to say on the subject at intervals recently, and it has studiously misrepresented the facts. A few days ago it published an editorial headed, "Four Possible New States," in which the following table was printed as showing the actual and relative population of the Territories named:

Territories.	Square Miles.	Population.
Dakota	151,932	600,000
New Mexico	121,400	119,565
Montana	145,310	39,159
Washington	66,880	75,116

Now, in this table the population given for New Mexico, Montana and Washington Territories is that shown by the census of 1880, while the alleged population given for Dakota is an estimated one, made up at the close of 1886 as a basis for the admission of the Territory as two States. The census of 1880 showed the population of Dakota to be 135,177. The secret of the Bulletin's peculiar table is that in 1886 New Mexico, Montana and Washington gave substantial Democratic majorities, while Dakota went heavily Republican. Hence the desire to make two States out of Dakota, and keep the other three under Territorial rule.

A little analysis shows that Dakota has no such bona fide population as 600,000. The country is new and there is an abnormal proportion of males in the population. A residence of six months entitles a person to vote. In 1886 there was a great deal of railroad building in the Territory, and several railroad laborers who were not actual residents voted in the election that year. Yet the total vote polled, when the chromos in the saloons were even voted, was in round numbers 94,000. A population of 600,000, with only the normal proportion of males, would produce 150,000 voters. Yet, with a vast preponderance of males and the addition of several thousand non-resident voters, the total vote was nearly thirty thousand less than a normally constituted population of 600,000 would show. A population of 600,000 so largely made up of men, as is the case in Dakota, should poll 200,000 votes. The truth is that the population of Dakota is nearer 300,000 than it is a larger figure, and we hazard the prediction that the census of 1890 will fail to show a bona fide population of 600,000.

Turning to the other Territories, we find that the population is longer established, more stable, and more normally proportioned as to sex. In 1886 Montana, without any particular incentive to draw out a heavy vote, polled over 32,000 votes, which represents a population of 160,000. During the past year it is the opinion of well-informed correspondents—notably Mr. Smalley, a Republican—that Dakota has actually lost population, while Montana has made heavy gains. Montana is an older settled community, is prosperous and stable, and in size is only a fraction smaller than Dakota. Her agricultural products are equally as great, and her mineral resources beyond all comparison.

Washington Territory is not half as big as either of the others, but she has more arable land than both of them put together, and she has boundless resources of coal and timber, besides fisheries of great value and considerable deposits of precious metals. In 1886 she polled a total vote of over 47,000. But female suffrage prevails, and it was estimated that the votes were cast by 34,000 men and 13,000 women. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, however, insists that more men and fewer women voted than this estimate shows.

New Mexico is only 18 per cent. smaller in extent than Dakota, and is the oldest settled of any of the Territories. Up to 1880 the increase in population was very slow, the inhabitants being mainly of Mexican extraction. But the extraordinary activity in railroad building during the succeeding years has caused a steady influx of population, and an enormous increase in material wealth. Several thriving, and well-built cities have sprung up, and marked progress is shown in every branch of industry. Her transportation facilities have been wonderfully enlarged, and the population at the present time cannot be far from 150,000.

What good reason can be urged against the admission of these territories if any new States are to be made? The project for making two States of Dakota arose from a local quarrel about the location of the capital, and this quarrel has been used by designing Republican leaders in the hope of increasing their representation in the Senate. Even if Dakota did have a population of 600,000, would that give her a moral right to four Senators? Her territory is much smaller than that of this State, and is a little more than half as great as that of Texas. Her productive power is not one-tenth of that of either California or Texas, and is far behind that of Oregon or Washington Territory. Because two different sections want a capital and two sets of local politicians want offices, there is a clamor for making two States of the Territory. Because this would give a partizan advantage to the Republicans in the Senate a certain class of partizans want to see the scheme carried out, and the Bulletin, which has just heard that Fort Sumpter was fired on, aids and abets it for reasons it has not the courage to make public.

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The 19th day of April, A. D. 1888,

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