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PEOPLE'S PARTY NOMINATIONS.

STATE AND DISTRICT TICKETS

Presidential Electors.  
M. L. Otissted, of Baker,  
W. D. Hase, of Washington,  
W. H. Spangh, of Lane,  
Henry Watkins, of Yamhill.

For Congress—1st District,  
W. S. VANDERBURG, of Coos county.  
For Supreme Judge,  
JOSEPH GASTON, of Multnomah.

Second Judicial District—Presenting At-  
torney J. M. UFTON, of Coos,  
Member Board of Equalization—F. WARD,  
of Douglas.

Joint Senator—Coos, Curry and Josephine,  
W. C. EDWARDS, of Josephine.  
Joint Representative—Coos and Curry,  
W. H. NOSLER, of Coos.

POPULIST COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative—THOS. BUCKMAN,  
of Marshfield.  
For County Clerk—FRANK SMITH, of  
Marshfield.  
For Sheriff—W. W. GAGE, of Empire City.  
For Treasurer—W. W. HAYES, of Empire  
City.  
For Coroner—CHAS. HOWE, of Marsh-  
field.  
For Assessor—K. H. HANSEN, of Gravel  
Ford.

For School Superintendent—J. H. BARK-  
LOW, of Bandon.  
For County Commissioner—L. T. WEEKLY  
of Gravel Ford.

JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES.

Dist. No. 1—(No nominations.)  
Dist. No. 2—J. D. Sunderland, Justice of  
the Peace; W. F. Elrod, Constable.  
Dist. No. 3—J. H. Cecil, Justice of the  
Peace; D. H. Johnson, Constable.  
Dist. No. 4—J. H. Minard, Justice of the  
Peace; G. G. Swan, Constable.  
Dist. No. 5—E. A. Adams, Justice of the  
Peace; Sam Giles, Constable.  
Dist. No. 6—A. D. Morse, Justice of the  
Peace; S. N. B. Hunt, Constable.

For County Surveyor—Independent  
Candidate.

WE are authorized to announce J. S.  
KANEMATZ, of Coquille City, as  
an independent candidate for the office of  
County Surveyor of Coos county, Oregon.

INDECENT POLITICAL BLACK-  
GUARDISM.

The indecent and scurrilous meth-  
ods adopted by a certain pretended  
Populist paper of Marshfield in con-  
nection with this political campaign  
cannot fail to nauseate and disgust  
all decent people. The time has  
passed when lying and blackguard-  
ism can influence reputable voters.  
People have come to understand  
that the vile methods are never  
used by any respectable paper, and  
that whenever either an individual  
or a newspaper begins to peddle  
dirt and filth about candidates on  
opposite tickets, or those on their  
own whom they happen not to like,  
that they are simply lying for political  
purposes. Of course no man  
with a particle of self-respect, or  
who is not himself sunk to the low-  
est depths of political rottenness  
and corruption, would indulge in  
such villainous methods, and espe-  
cially is this true of the publisher  
of a newspaper. One would think  
that the editor of the sheet men-  
tioned would blush with shame at  
allowing his paper to go out among  
respectable people with its columns  
reeking with filthy diatribes against  
the most honored and respected citi-  
zens of his own community. Well,  
it is a good thing that the intelli-  
gent voters of Coos county have too  
much moral honesty to be influenced  
in casting their ballots by men who  
attempt to mislead them by false-  
hood and blackguardism. One of  
two things must be true in account-  
ing for the course taken by the  
sheet mentioned; either its editor  
cannot rise above his level, or else  
he must have sold himself for boodle  
to one or the other, or both, of the  
old parties. In either case his vile  
billingsgate will only serve as a  
boomerang to the man and the paper  
which has used it so freely in the  
present campaign.

J. W. Bennett, Democratic nomi-  
nee for representative, is a nice gen-  
tleman, and the HERALD is not in  
the business of throwing mud at  
people. But Mr. Bennett is not a  
man whose sympathies are with  
the common people. He is presi-  
dent of a bank, vice-president of  
the C. B. & R. railroad, a lawyer,  
and all his business connections are  
with the corporations, and, if  
elected to the legislature, will natu-  
rally be in sympathy with them  
in all matters of legislation. He  
was the originator of the plan of  
subsidies for the railroad, and was  
most active in forcing their collec-  
tions. Mr. Bennett is a good man  
for the people of Coos county to  
leave at home to look after his cor-  
poration interests here.

# Why the County Seat Should Be Located at Coquille City.

To the Voters of Coos County—Greeting:

WHEREAS, We, the voters of Coos county, are called upon to vote at  
our next election upon the relocation of our county seat, and as there are  
many things that we should consider in this matter, it is time that we  
begin to think upon them now, and think seriously.

Therefore, let us consider what point in the county would best accom-  
modate the masses of the people of the county, and what point can be  
reached with the least expense to the people.

And another matter we should consider is, at what point in the county  
can county buildings be erected the cheapest, and what the probable cost  
of such buildings would be at different places in case the county seat  
should be changed.

In the first place, Coquille City is the geographical center of the  
county, easy of access from all points of the county, either by water,  
wagon roads, or railroad.

Secondly, it is the center of the coming wealth of the county, for the  
simple reason that her large belts of fine timber have as yet hardly been  
touched, her coal fields are being prospected and worked, and are proving to  
be very extensive and of a very fine quality; then the Coquille valley  
has four-fifths of the farming and dairying lands of the county, and these  
resources are what constitute the wealth of any country. Then every  
voter of the county knows, or should know, that the county seat of the  
county is, and has been ever since the county was first organized, some-  
thing over forty years, located at nearly one corner of the county, and  
the most expensive town in the county for the masses of the people to  
reach, and during all of these forty odd years the people of the county  
have been compelled to go to said farthest and most expensive town to  
get to, whenever occasion called them to the county seat, and after we  
are there it is the most expensive town in the county to feed men and  
teams in. And it is not only a heavy expense to individuals to be com-  
pelled to go to said farthest corner, but it is also causing a heavy expense  
to the county, in the question of mileage to jurors and witnesses; for  
when we come to consider the question of jurors that are called to attend  
at our circuit courts, we cannot help but notice the fact that about three-  
fourths of said jurors are taken from the Coquille side, and said jurors  
have to leave their homes about two days ahead of time to be able to be  
at the county seat on time.

And then we are met with an argument like this, that the county is  
too much in debt and times are too hard to put up new buildings.

Now we should not lose sight of the question that is before us, and  
that is the relocation of the county seat, and if the county seat should  
be relocated at Empire, we are just as sure to have to pay for new build-  
ings there, as if it was to come to Coquille City; and it will cost more  
money to put up said buildings in Empire than it will in Coquille, for the  
simple reason that lumber and brick will cost considerably more on Coos  
bay than on the Coquille.

Then, again, some will tell you, that if we remove the courthouse from  
Empire, it will cost us \$50,000 to erect suitable county buildings, which is  
misleading.

In the first place, Mr. M. J. McDonald, of San Francisco, has tele-  
graphed to his agent in Coquille City, that if Coquille City secures the  
county seat he will donate block 29 for the county buildings, which is as  
pretty a location for a courthouse as can be found in the state of Oregon.  
And then you will only have to look at a fine school building that has  
recently been completed in the town of Marshfield to be convinced that a  
courthouse that would cost \$50,000 or \$10,000 would be all that we would  
expect, for that fine school building in Marshfield cost only \$9,000, and it  
is a building that Coos could well be proud of if it had such for a court-  
house; and, besides, the lumber and brick for said schoolhouse all went  
from the Coquille, which is a point in favor of Coquille having the court-  
house, for it shows that the material can be had much cheaper on the  
Coquille than on Coos bay.

And again, if Empire was to be the place for the location of the county  
seat, there would be such a pressure brought to bear on the county court  
for new buildings, that there would go up such costly buildings that it  
would fasten the county seat there for all time, and we and our children  
would have to do just as we have been doing in the past—go to the north-  
west corner of the county when compelled to attend at the county seat.

Now is this right? Should the masses of the people who now live  
here, as well as all who may live here after we are gone, be compelled to  
go to this far out-of-the-way place, that is so expensive to reach and so  
expensive to feed at, after we are there, or shall we say by our votes on  
the first Monday of next month, that the county seat must be located in  
the center of the county, where all will have a chance to visit without so  
much extra expense? It is a fact that 80 per cent of the whole people  
of Coos county can reach Coquille City, attend to business matters and  
return home the same day, which fact cannot be said of any other town  
in the county.

Now let us figure just a little on this question of expense for a new  
courthouse:

We will say that the taxable property of Coos county amounts to  
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Then suppose that you pay on \$1000 worth of property; your taxes would  
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the matter properly and cast our votes to have it located in the center of  
the county.

This is a matter of vital importance to all, and especially to those who  
live on this side of the divide; for we all, or nearly all, have to go through  
Coquille City every time we make a trip to the county seat. Then when  
we get to Coquille City it costs each one \$3.75 to get to Empire and return  
as far as Coquille, besides being away from home two or three days.

Now this is no personal matter. It does, or should, concern us all  
alike. It will not be working a hardship on anyone to have the county  
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Then in the name of humanity, let us one and all lay aside all malice  
and prejudice, if we have any, and reason together for the good of all  
concerned, and on the first day of next month march up to the polls and cast  
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ourselves, our children and grand-children, and all of the hundreds of  
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valley, provided we centrally locate the county seat. But if we fail to do  
this, we have failed to do our duty as true and loyal citizens.

This is so very kind of "South  
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have seven fine mills on the Coquille  
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and a fleet of about twenty schoo-  
ners to carry it to market by way  
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portion of the Coquille business will  
always pass through Coos bay." It  
is not true now and will be far less  
true in the future. With one  
steamer and fifteen to twenty schoo-  
ners plying between Coquille river  
and San Francisco, what sense is  
there in talking about our business  
passing through Coos bay?

Again, this wonderful philantrop-  
ist from South slough is kind  
enough to proffer us the use of the  
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# UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille,  
and What is Going on There.

Rumors of rich coal strikes on  
the Middle Fork, are rife and con-  
siderable prospecting is being done.

Our public school, under Prof.  
Wright and his able assistants  
Misses Laura Wise and Julia Braden,  
is prospering, hence we note a great  
interest being taken by the scholars.

J. A. Lehnher and family arrived  
from Jackson county last week.  
We learn from the Enterprise that  
he will take charge of Mrs. F. G.  
Dixon's store, stock it up and ask  
for a share of patronage.

A committee from Col. Jewell  
Post, G. A. R., will visit our public  
school next Friday, according to the  
rules of the order. It will be their  
duty to call the attention of the  
scholars to the necessity of loyalty  
to our national flag, etc.

Memorial services will be held in  
the Presbyterian church at this  
place next Sunday, May 23d. The  
pastor will deliver the sermon, which  
announcement is sufficient to war-  
rant a very interesting occasion. It  
is hoped that comrades and the gen-  
eral public will turn out.

Very intelligent-looking young  
people were on our streets a por-  
tion of last week, as they were in at-  
tendance at the teachers' examina-  
tion. It is said that the school superin-  
tendent is courteous and considerate  
with teachers, but requires the ful-  
fillment of the law in securing cer-  
tificates.

A fine program is being arranged  
for Memorial day, May 30th, at this  
place. The double quartette club  
is preparing a musical program and  
Mrs. Hite's solo, "The Star Spangled  
Banner," will be worth hearing.  
Other literary exercises will be pro-  
vided. The decoration of the graves  
at the cemetery, will be impressive.

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lies who are waiting for better roads  
and pleasant weather to enable them  
to start out and find a country that  
has more money and better times.  
Unless they start soon they will  
hardly get back to celebrate the  
Fourth of July with us. We pre-  
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return sometime, as they will find  
that Coos county is the best place  
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