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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

### COUNTY.

Senator—  
W. E. YATES, of Corvallis  
Representative—  
VIRGIL CARTER, of Soap Creek  
Sheriff—  
J. M. CAMERON, of Corvallis  
Clerk—  
RICHARD SCOTT, of Willamette  
Recorder—  
T. T. VINCENT, of Kings Valley  
Commissioner—  
L. H. HAWLEY, of Dusty  
School Superintendent—  
G. W. DENMAN, of Corvallis  
Treasurer—  
W. P. LAFFERTY, of Corvallis  
Assessor—  
GEO. COOPER, of Philomath  
Surveyor—  
T. M. READ, of Wren  
Coroner—  
S. N. WILKINS, of Corvallis

### THE PLATFORM.

Resolved, That we favor the permanent betterment of every highway in Benton county, without regard to the political complexion of the section to which it leads or through which it passes.

Resolved, That we favor the liberal but intelligent expenditure of public money for road improvement, under competent supervision, and limited to the employment of such methods as will provide good roads without imposing unnecessary burden on the taxpayers.

Resolved, That we favor an administration of county affairs which will render unnecessary a gradual increase of the taxpayers' burden from year to year at a time when the county is free from debt, and there is no demand for heavy expenditure of county funds.

Resolved, That we favor an equal and uniform system of taxation as prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state, and condemn in most severe terms a policy which discriminates in favor of one individual and against another.

Resolved, That we favor the strict attention of every county officer to his duties prescribed for him by law, and the faithful observance of the obligations imposed by his oath of office.—Adopted by the Benton county Republican convention, March 31, 1904.

### SILVER OR GOLD?

The managers of William R. Hearst's campaign for the Democratic nomination for president, are sparing no efforts to capture every delegation from the West to the St. Louis convention. Two of Mr. Hearst's emissaries have been in Oregon for some time seeking endorsement for their candidate in the form of resolutions passed by county conventions, instructing their delegates to the Democratic state convention for Hearst.

That the Benton county Democratic convention was expected to pass such a resolution is evidenced by a telegram received from the San Francisco Examiner, by its representative in Corvallis, last Saturday evening just after the convention adjourned. The Examiner wished to secure this resolution.

But the nomination of Mr. Avery, a gold Democrat, for state senator from Benton county rendered impossible a compliance with Mr. Hearst's request for a resolution endorsing his candidacy for president. The next best thing was done, however, as the following dispatch from Corvallis, which appeared in last Sunday's Examiner will show:

"A canvass of the members the state delegation shows that each heartily favors William Randolph Hearst as the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party, and the delegation as a whole will support him at the state convention. The delegates to this convention are: Matt Wilhelm, W. S. McFadden, Robert Johnson, Wade Malone, John Smith and Virgil Watters."

Here we have a convention nominating a gold Democrat to run at the head of its county ticket, and electing delegates to the party's state convention who "heartily favor" the nomination of a silver Democrat for president.

So far no one has risen to claim the credit for this cute bit of political maneuvering, but reference to the minutes of last Sat-

urday's convention shows that W. S. McFadden was chairman of the committee on resolutions, W. S. McFadden nominated Mr. Avery for state senator, and W. S. McFadden is a member of the delegation which "heartily favors" the nomination of W. R. Hearst.

### DOUBLY OBLIGATED.

While it is the duty of every Republican in Benton county actively to support the ticket nominated by his party convention in this city last week, the delegates who sat in that convention are under special obligations. They owe a duty to their constituents and to the gentlemen whose names they placed upon the ticket. Their responsibility did not end with the adjourning of the convention. The commission they accepted at the primaries imposed obligations which hold until the polls close on election day next June. As the delegates have a right to expect and demand that every man, honored with a nomination at their hands, shall show his appreciation by striving by every honorable means to be elected, so in turn do their constituents hold the delegates responsible for the fate of the ticket they helped to nominate.

Every aspirant for a nomination had equal opportunity in open convention. There was no slate. No machine or ring dictated what names should appear upon the ticket. No list of candidates could have been named that would so nearly have represented all sections of the county or been more generally acceptable.

The delegate who fails loyally to support and vote for every nominee of the convention, has a narrow sense of the obligation he assumed when he accepted his credentials.

### MENU IN MARION.

Under the caption "Bits for Breakfast," the Salem Statesman dishes up this savory morsel. The people of Marion must have strong stomachs if a relish like this does not steal away their appetite for morning meal:

"This paragrapher would like to chip in just a word or two in regard to the heated condition of 'Republican' and 'Old Republican' in regard to the treatment of Mr. Hermann and Mr. Harris by the delegates of their party in Marion county, and the publication of the news thereof by the Statesman. It is this. The intolerance of three or four 'Old Republicans' in Marion county has largely brought about the result that is so vociferously and blubberingly howled about them. These three or four 'Old Republicans' have for years acted as if they owned Mr. Hermann, and when he has visited here they have caged him up and hedged him about, so that no one else could get near the throne, until the thing became nauseating to the point of puking to all the young Republicans, and the middle aged ones, and a goodly share of the old ones. In fact, in street parlance 'it would vomit a snipe' that is what is the matter. Or at least that is a part of what is the matter. The men who have been kept at a distance by these three or four 'Old Republicans' have turned to some one who is not owned, bottled up, caged and labeled by them. Mr. Harris seemed to be the man. All this thing was not poor Hermann's fault. It was the fault of these three or four 'Old Republicans.' If they had kept out of sight, and out of print, and not exhibited and flaunted and smeared on and rubbed in their 'Oldness' and their ownership, the result would have been different. Forbearance sometimes ceases to be a virtue, and this is a case of that kind. If these 'old' ones would even now keep out of sight, and

out of print, and not flaunt their oldness, in other words their staleness, it would better the chances for Mr. Hermann.

### REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS.

The Republican State Convention which meets in Portland, Thursday, April 14th, will transact the following business:  
Nominate one man for supreme Judge.

Nominate one man for Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Nominate four men for Presidential electors.

Nominate ten men for Circuit Judges and ten for District Attorneys.

Nominate seven men for Joint State Senators and 12 for Joint Representatives.

Elect four delegates to National Convention.

The Congressional Conventions which convene on Wednesday, April 13th, will each nominate one Representative for congress, and elect two delegates to the national convention.

### GEO. W. DENMAN.

Every School Boy and Girl in the County Knows Him and Likes Him.

The subject of the following sketch needs no introduction to the people of Benton county for it is doubtful if there is another person so well known to every man, woman and child in this county as Geo. W. Denman. This brief synopsis of his work in behalf of our schools and their patrons will be of interest to every one:

Born in Missouri in 1871, he came to Independence, Oregon, when seven years of age, and has been a resident of this state 26 years, 16 of which he spent in Corvallis. He received his edu-



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cation at Independence and Corvallis under the tutelage of such able and prominent instructors as Prof. Frank Rigler, of Portland, ex-Supt. W. E. Yates, ex-Supt. R. F. Robinson, of Portland, ex-Presidents B. L. Arnold and John Bloss of O. A. C.

On completing his common school education he assisted his father who followed his trade of stone mason, plasterer and bricklayer.

After helping his father for a number of years he entered the Oregon Agricultural College in 1899, graduating therefrom in 1893 with the degree of B. S. While attending college he was compelled to work evenings and Saturdays to pay expenses. By close application and untiring efforts he completed in four years the B. S. course with honor to himself and credit to his parents. After graduating from the college he began teaching, in which he was unusually successful, having taught for six successive terms in District No. 93, in which place he was still teaching when elected to the office he now so efficiently fills.

As county school superintendent his record has never been equaled by any other superintendent of our county. He has devoted his entire time and attention to building up the educational system of Benton county until it is second to none in the state. He was the first superintendent to attempt grading the

country schools of the county. Through this scheme the pupils of the country schools were enabled to graduate in their home district and receive a graduation diploma which admitted the bearer into the O. A. C. without further examination. This filled a long felt want and has saved the citizens of our county many dollars.

The idea, conceived by him, of holding parents' meetings in the various districts of the county has been the means of arousing an interest and enthusiasm never before experienced in this or any other county in the state. Where possible, these meetings are held in conjunction with the Grange and the result has been most satisfactory to that organization and the schools. Numerous county superintendents throughout the state are adopting this plan inaugurated by Superintendent Denman and consider it the best method ever devised to improve the conditions of the country schools. One of these meetings is held in Benton county every month.

Superintendent Denman held the first school officers convention or institute ever conducted in the county.

To improve and make more regular the attendance in the schools of the county he arranged monthly contests between the various districts. The district having the highest per cent of attendance each month was presented with a banner purchased by Superintendent Denman out of his private purse. When a school had won the banner three times it received a nicely-framed county roll of honor. Each pupil who was neither tardy nor absent for three consecutive months received a certificate of perfect attendance.

He also instituted the union picnic plan and each year holds them all over the county. At these gatherings he pays out of his own private funds many dollars for prizes and the like.

While the law only compels the county superintendent to visit the schools once a year, he has made two visits every year, spending on an average two hours in each school.

The educational exhibit, showing the work of the schools of this county, which will be displayed at the St. Louis Exposition and Lewis and Clark Fair, was prepared by Superintendent Denman assisted by the Grange, and the showing made was a high testimonial to the energy of Benton's school superintendent and the efficiency of her schools.

Several months ago Superintendent Denman began the publication of the Benton County School Journal, a 12-page paper devoted to the interests of the schools of this county. It has a monthly circulation of 900 copies and its subscription price is but 25 cents per year. Its value to school patrons justifies the vast amount of work required of Mr. Denman to issue it each month.

Not only is Benton county's superintendent popular at home, but his worth is appreciated in all sections of the state. He is secretary of the Department of Superintendents of Oregon, and responded to the address of welcome on behalf of the teachers of this state at the State Teachers' Association, held in Eugene in 1902.

Since his appointment as Deputy Master of the State Grange for Benton county he has held a number of Grange rallies in this county; an innovation which has proved both valuable and popular.

## Spring Announcement

### WASH GOODS

New Percales and Calicos  
New Gingham and Chambrays  
New Challies and Cotton Suitings  
New White Waistings

### New Dress Skirts and Shirt Waists

### WOOL DRESS GOODS

New Mixed Suitings  
New Scotch Weaves  
New Etamine and Voiles  
New Mohairs, Plain and Figured  
New Black Dress Goods

### NOVELTIES

New Buttons  
New Waist Sets  
New Trimmings  
New Ornaments  
New Stock Collars  
New Laces  
New Ribbons

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