
A FADING DREAM.
The Oregon democrats have held a convention, adopted a platform and nominated a stat
and congressional ticket, True
they speak of their they speak of their convention as
"a mass meeting," their platform as "resolutions"' and their ticket as "an invitation" to certain men was no purpose in this to cir cumvent the operation of the
direct primary law-of course Oregon is a republican state and if the democrats secure an the congressmen they cannot do so through violation of the pridemocratic horizon the possibility
of a democratic United States We have often shown how con-
si.itently inconsistent the. demo-
cratic party is. There has been a cratic party is. There has been a
long, loud and almost unanimous Special emphasis has been laid crue to the people-the dear,
wronged, much abused and bossridden people if statement No. 1 Suppose a democrat mizht reat the primary election for U. S. senator; every member of the
legislature who had given pledge No. 1 must vote for this "choice were nominated by a minority, It was a promising scheme. It e sity within democratic possi-
bilities. We use the past tense alvisedly; it was a promising scheme. Just now it is a fad The democratic leaders do not
see much promise of success in see much promise of success in
it, for it has dawned upon them that Oregon is a republican state, islature will be republican, and hat republican members of that legislature will do just as the
democratic members will dosupport a man who is of thei But we may credit those
leaders of democracy, or some
of them at least, with being of them at least, with being No. 1 is a meaningless anomaly who must qualify by taking an oath to support the
of the United States.
Indications are not lacking that before the meeting of the nee the utter fallacy and immor see the utter fallacy and immor-
ality of pledge No. 1 and the
legislature will elect a senator as contemplated and provided by the constitution of the United
States. This method of election
ve Calhoun, Clay, Webster, Sewarl to the United States be-
cause the people looked weil the siecetion of their legislators.
It willjeoutinue to give the best
available men if the people will elset fitting men to the legisla-
ture; otherwise we shall continue to see the Aldriches, Gormans
and DePews sit where Clay and Webs $\qquad$
During the fine weather of last week, interest in the village
improvement movement began to awaken in the minds of many timely for discussion. With the early, spring days and "spring fever" comes also a desire to be doing, and in Cor-
valis it is high time that everyone should get a move on and do a little towards beautifying the of good health and general im-

this for he had told Nash about the
vision the next morning. Nash corroh-
orated the statement
"Now," said the Elder, "we will take
"Now," said the Elder, "we will take
ap the rairoad huilding proposition. W
have a scheme that will startle the world.
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ourself so.
"Well, listen totnis found in Matthew;
I say unto ye if ye have faith as a grain
I say unto ye if ye have faith as a grain
of mustard seed, ye shall, Bay to this
mountain, remove hence to yonder place
and in
and it baill be removed."'
"Now we propose to put an old prin-
cinte to nsw ant practical use to grade
our road wath it. I have got the faith,
In lact I am 'long' on faith and I could

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| Minnville News Reporte: "The republicans of the first ngressional district have a duty oo perform at the comine primary, which they should treat lightly or without due consideration. Owing to the conhave arisen, it becomes their futy to select a man who will represent western Oregon in the next two yetrs, and, if they hould choose wisely, probabiy for the next ten years. <br> Formerly congressmen wer the matter being locked upon in the nature of reward to be passBut this. however, no longer obtains. It has now become well understood that the longer a man is kept in congress the more efficient he becomes and the more power he wields for the good of his state. <br> This being true and the first district being so overwhelmingly republican, there is little doubt that the nominee of the reput- lican party will be elected, and it is also extremely probable that if he be at all worthy he will be <br> he shall be able to gise good of republicans to think carefully before casting their votes. They hould select a congressman with the same care that they vould select an executor or trusn the a large estate. <br> In the event, the question will <br> nd prudently? In selecting e, who will wield the most in uence at Washington, and be he state? It is not a matter to determined by the question of he lodge that he belongs to, but hat are his qualifications? Does possess integrity and ability? he the kind of a man that will equire influence over his fellow embers of congress? |  |
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