

# THE ENTERPRISE.

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## Democratic State Ticket!

FOR CONGRESSMAN,  
**JAS. W. NESMITH,**  
OF POLK COUNTY.

### State Convention Again.

Having had something to say about the Democratic State Convention before it met, and having participated in its proceedings, we have something to say of the Convention since it met. We have nothing to conceal, and don't propose to eat any 'dirt. Before the meeting of the Convention, we sought to secure the nomination of some other than Col Nesmith. In the Convention we did the same thing. We did so; first, because we thought it right and proper, and secondly because we thought those whom we had the honor, in part, to represent desired us so to do. In accordance with our own sense of right and the wish of those whom we in part represented, we voted for Hon. Jas. H. Slater so long as there was any hope of his nomination, and even after we had lost all hope; but, by a fair vote, on the fifth ballot Col. J. W. Nesmith received a majority of all the votes, and was declared the nominee of the Convention for Representative to Congress, in which declaration we did then, do now, and expect in the future to acquiesce.

It shows that the masses are thoroughly aroused inspiring the hope of a speedy return to the old established theory of our government viz, that the will of the people is to be the law of the land.

### Success vs. Principle and Honesty.

"Union, harmony, everything for the cause, and nothing for men."—*Corvallis Globe.*

That's the doctrine; you can endorse rascality, bigamy and adultery, malfeasance in office, and every other crime, for the sake of party success, "union, harmony," etc. When the press becomes so degraded as to utter the above sentiment, it is truly time the American people were awakened to a realization of the true condition of the political affairs of our government. The above sentence was written by Judge Kelsay, doubtless to open the way for an endorsement of Senator Mitchell's indiscretions, and to give him (Kelsay) prestige for the Congressional favor of the Senator's lords of strikers. Judge, the people, if we mistake not, will not endorse these sentiments merely for the sake of "union, harmony, everything for the cause, and nothing for the men." We can remember when you, with many other fallen patriots, stood upon an entire different platform—when you were a defender of State Rights, and honesty in political parties and aspirants, and when you would have blushed to have uttered the sentiment contained in the sentence referred to. If success is what your party is aiming at, and all it cares for, you may have struck the key note; but if you have any respect for your constituents, any regard for the honor of our State, any desire to see the government administered honestly, and "equal and exact justice done all men," we think you are "off the track."

**THE CULTIVATION OF WHEAT.**—The well-known adaptability of the soil and climate of Oregon to the production of wheat of the finest quality taken in connection with the fact that at this time when the largest crops ever produced in this country is commanding a remunerative price should stimulate the farmers to increase the production to the greatest possible extent. While we do not claim to be able to speak advisedly in regard to the price prospectively, of this most valuable product of our State, we may venture the assertion that as our market for this commodity must be foreign an increased amount of production will have the effect to enhance rather than diminish the price. The great want at this time is shipping, and the greater the inducement to vessels to come to our State.

With wheat at one dollar per bushel it cannot be hard times with the farmer very long and when the farmer prospers all other branches of business flourish.

**NEGROISM.**—All of us know, says the *Richmond Enquirer*, that Radicalism means negroism. All of us know that the negro is the bone and sinew, the body and soul, everything but the brains and stomach of the Radical party. All of us know that the politics of the negro is antagonism to the white man. And hence, whether a white man or a black man holds the Radical reins, all of us know that he will take his course as the wishes of the negro may direct him.

**AT THE SURFACE AGAIN.**—Mr. Blanton Dunean appears at the surface again in a letter on the Ohio campaign, in which he asserts that "all the dissatisfied Democrats of 1872 and fully three-fourths of the Liberal Republicans will support Mr. Allen, and there ought not to be a doubt of his success."

The people of this county are not entirely void of gratitude, and may remember that Colonel Nesmith stood by this section of country when he was a Senator, and they have faith in him that he will, if elected, aid to construct a canal and locks at the Cascades—a matter of very great importance to us in Eastern Oregon.—*Dallas Mountaineer.*

### California Election.

The result of the recent election in California, shows that the party whip has lost its terror to the voting masses. While the result cannot be claimed as a nominal Democratic victory throughout yet it may be justly claimed as a sublime triumph of Democratic principles because each one of the tickets that had successful candidates adopted as its distinguishing feature, a doctrine recognized as a part of the Democratic creed. In fact the confusion which prevailed for a time in the Democratic ranks, was not a disagreement in the principles but rather a distrust of the fidelity of some of its prominent candidates. The *Anti-monopoly* Legislative ticket said to have been elected takes its man from a well-known Democratic doctrine.

The result is a thorough route of the Republicans, as some of the prominent members of that party foreseeing the result, took high democratic doctrines which has brought upon them the anathemas of their former party associates. The paramount issue was opposition to the grinding exactions of the Central Pacific R. R. Co.

### Speech of Hon. J. W. Nesmith.

The following is a short speech delivered by Hon. J. W. Nesmith at the State Convention last Tuesday, while the Committee on Resolutions were out making their report:

MR. NESMITH'S SPEECH.

Mr. Nesmith had in the meantime entered the room, and was next called for. He went to the stage amid loud cheering. He said: Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention—I am not a mendicant at your doors. I do not beg for bread; I raise it [loud applause]; and after a life of fifty-three years, thirty of which have been spent among you, I am not inclined to say to-day—

"Pity the sorrows of a poor old man, whose trembling limbs have borne him to your door."

[Laughter and applause.] I want nothing from you except to be let alone. I was waited upon at the hotel a few moments ago, and told that a resolution had been passed by you giving each of the candidates ten minutes' time to address the Convention. But I do not know whether I can be considered in the category of a candidate or not. Some friends—partial, kind friends—have asked me to submit my name to this very honorable and respectable Convention of the Democratic party. In an impudent moment, perhaps, I told them that while I had no desire for the position, I would, if it pleased you, to accept the nomination and do the best I could to bear your flag to triumphantly victory. [Loud applause.] If there is a man on this floor who can get up and say that I have asked him or approached him for his support, I would like to see him do so. [A voice—"Can't do it."] I stand here, my fellow citizens, after a residence among you of thirty years. Thirty years ago on the 24th of last October, I traveled in a canoe past the site of this place—an humble mechanic, a poor boy—without education, without means; and whatever I am I have wrought out by my own hands, my own brains [Cheers]. Well, this is rather a singular proceeding. I had thought you would have prepared your platform before asking your candidates to speak. I am not here, then, to speak to a platform or make one. I make only a few general statements. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I have never breathed a word against any of the gentlemen who have been mentioned as candidates. I have simply said, as I have said always, that the great ultimate which interests the people of this country is the success of the Democratic party. I might stand here for two hours and tell you what I have done for Oregon. If that will permit I will announce a few of the things. When I went to Congress three years ago, I got \$100,000 for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia. I got \$300,000 to dredge the Willamette and open up the river to the commerce of the world. Then there was the wagon road from Dallas to Eastern Oregon; another from Albany across the mountains; and one from Corvallis to the coast. All these works were the result of bills which I drew up and reported in their inception and consummation. The increase of your mail facilities was a work in which I also took some share, and I gave my earnest support to the reduction of those great Indian Reservations which were overrunning the country, being a policy which was good for the people, and which we still have reason to deplore, along with that accused and damnable Peace Policy, adopted by the present administration, which means simply free will to the Indians and the scalping knife for the white man. [Applause.] Against this Peace Policy I have raised my voice. If I were a demagogue, which I disclaim to be, this would be a fine opportunity for me to say a great many handsome things about our party. I dislike to do so. I tell you honestly, as God is my judge, that I do not desire your nomination. Few men would have the frankness to say this; but as I said at the outset, I am not a mendicant at your doors. I lived in Oregon before any man in this town stepped upon the soil. I worked for the bread I eat; and I do so to-day. But I will repeat to you what I have said always—that I want harmony in the Democratic party. We have been opposed—we have been robbed—by this Credit Mobilier scandal; by the Indian policy; and, worse than all, gentlemen, what few of us apprehend by this abominable tariff of ours that robs a man of his earnings. [Applause.] Let me say that with the nomination of some other Democratic candidate I shall be better satisfied than with my own nomination. My personal affairs are such that I can ill afford to neglect them. I do not say this in any sour-grape expectation. I say it honestly and fearlessly, as every man who knows me will acknowledge. Frame a pure and strong platform; select the man you think best fitted to uphold it, and take my word for it, that on the 12th of October, as the setting sun shows its glimmering rays over your valleys and bathes your mountain peaks, it shall witness the great Democratic banner thrown out in victory from the enemies' heights, while their flag shall be torn into shreds and trodden in the mire. [Loud cheers.]

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**PROCEEDINGS.**

Mr. J. H. Smith, of Linn, moved that Hon. John Whiteaker be elected temporary Chairman, and, being seconded, the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. Whiteaker took the chair amid some applause, and briefly acknowledged the honor conferred upon him.

On motion, Mr. White was elected temporary Secretary.

A Committee of five on credentials was then agreed to on the motion of Mr. J. C. Avery, of Benton; and the Chairman appointed Mr. Avery; Mr. Brown, of Baker; James McClaren, of Lane; H. Kippel, of Jackson; and O. Humason, of Wasco.

The Committee retired to discharge the duty assigned to them, and pending their return a recess of fifteen minutes was taken.

After the recess Mr. Avery brought up the report of the committee.

Mr. R. S. Strahan moved the adoption of the report and the motion prevailed.

The representatives of the press were, on motion of Mr. Ladd, invited to report the proceedings of the Convention.

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Wheat 80 cents at Corvallis. Astoria wants a man to saw wood. McMinnville wants more harvest. Sheridan farmers are done harvesting. Several cases of measles in Lafayette. Business begins to loom up at Astoria. Wheat is quoted at 82 1/2 cents at Albany. T. A. Wood is fitting up a Museum at Portland. The Roseburg *Pantagraph* has suspended. Wheat is hard to obtain in Eugene at 85 cents. The Salem Mills are paying ninety cents for wheat. New brick buildings are being erected at Corvallis. McDougal, the imposter, was at Salem last Monday. The bridge across the Yamhill at Dayton has been completed. Stewart's panorama was exhibited at Lafayette on the 4th inst. Prof. Smith will open the Lafayette Academy on the 15th inst. The parties who broke jail in Eugene last week have been captured. Harry H. Sinclair of Portland, a printer, died Monday, of consumption. The County Board of Equalization for Wasco County, meets on the 20th inst. A head of oats in Jordan valley, Linn county, yielded over 1,422 grains. An artist is engaged in reproducing the burnt district of Portland on canvas. The *Mountaineer*, it is said, will support the Democratic nominee for Congress. A musical union has been organized at McMinnville with Prof. Robb as President. A Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals has been incorporated in Portland. A new Lodge of the Order of Knights of Pythias has been established at Portland. The Eugene Firemen are in good trim, and waiting for a fire to develop their usefulness. Rev. W. R. Summers will take charge of the Episcopal Church at McMinnville to-day. Junction City has six warehouses for the storage of wheat with a capacity of 106,000 bushels. Wasco county has 24,560 head of cattle; 4,728 horses; 13,069 sheep; 720 swine; and 830 tax-payers. Prof. L. Royal, of Salem, has been employed in the Portland Academy and Female Seminary. James Hall and son were killed by falling in of a wall at the Newport, Coos Bay, mines, on the 27th inst. Col. John Kelsay has donated 23 volumes of Congressional Globes to the Corvallis Library Association. Mr. E. Hewitt of Wheatland, has this season, raised 1,000 gallons of blackberries on one acre of ground. Dr. A. Shapley, of Eugene purchased of Colonel Saxe "Indian Chief," a two-year old bull, for \$1,000. Rev. Mr. Henderson of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Salem, will soon take his departure for Colorado. An engagement was recently frustrated at Roseburg by the appearance of the lady's father at the wedding place. The gross value of the property of Marion county is \$5,783,227; indebtedness, \$2,410,532; exempt from taxation, \$364,177. Columbia Conference to the M. E. Church, South, convened at Brownsville on the 3rd inst. The attendance was large. Harrisburg farmers are holding on to their wheat waiting for \$1 per bushel. From appearances their hopes will be realized. The female emigrants, who recently arrived from Denmark, Norway and Sweden, have found employment as domestic servants. R. B. Randall, C. E., attached to the United States Engineer corps, is at present engaged upon a hydrographic survey of the Hog's Back. The *Enterprise* Democrat says that Hon. J. R. McLane, of Virginia, met with an accident by which his right leg above the knee, was broken. Prof. McGibony, assisted by the Musical Union of McMinnville, gave a concert for the benefit of Rev. D. L. Spaulding, at Lafayette on the 2d inst. Dallas mourns for an influx of marauding young men. There are thirty madmen residing there at present, between the ages of 15 and 25. The *Pioneer* says: Ben Holladay and Mr. J. J. Comstock have formed a partnership for the purpose of opening the coal mines on Pass creek. The Dallas *Republican* is informed that Mr. Cooper, living about two miles from that town, has killed about three thousand squirrels within the last year. The little propeller Argo, which was taken from Empire City to the Umpqua river, has been laid up at Scottsburg, to receive her new boiler. The boiler was made in Portland. The levy in Clatsop county, for the year 1873, was made as follows: for State purposes, 1 1/2 mills; for county purposes, 1 1/2 mills—total, 3 mills. The assessed valuation is \$550,000, making the tax for the year \$11,000. The taxable property in Jackson county amounts to \$1,729,116. The number of polls is 1,064. The tax levy is as follows: School tax, 3 mills; State tax, 5 1/2 mills; County tax, 7 mills; special tax, 1/2 mill; building fund, 2 mills; total 18 mills. State poll tax, \$1; county poll tax, \$1; hospital tax, \$2. The Coos Bay *News* says: About \$200 have been subscribed for the widow of Hall who was killed in the Newport mine. \* \* \* Marshal Russell sold his farm adjoining Coos City to T. B. Sheridan for \$2,000. \* \* \* Salmon trout are quite plenty in our bay and tributaries. \* \* \* There are over three million feet of logs in raft at Luse's mill, at present.

### Territorial News Items.

Walla Walla wants water works. The Walla wants at Boise City commences on the 22d of September. A company has gone to Denver on a tour of exploration in Arizona. The U. S. steamer *Saracine* gave Bellingham Bay a visit, last week. Judge Gillespie, of Idaho, died at his residence in Boise City on the 3d inst. A very rich gold mine has recently been discovered near Golden City, Colorado. The Denver *News* has commenced the erection of a first-class building for its own use. Mr. Joseph M. Snow has commenced the survey of Lummi Reservation into 40 acre lots. Tacoma is coming on well. A fine specimen of a street brawl or drunken row occurred a few days ago. Parties arriving from Silver City, Idaho, report the mines looking exceedingly well in that section. The Walla Walla Water Company have now under consideration a plan for bringing water into the city. Eight companies of Soldiers were paid off at Walla Walla, by Major J. P. Canby, on the 28th ultimo. It is now said that the recent fatal accident to the White Mountain stage was largely due to overloading. There was organized last week in Wabburg the first Farmers' Grange organized in Washington Territory. Since the first of January, 1873, 14,120 tons of Bellingham Bay coal have been received at San Francisco. Marshal Kearney left Olympia on Thursday, with Hathaway and Andrews, U. S. prisoners, for San Quentin. Montana has this summer experienced more continued hot weather than any season for the past eight or ten years. On Sunday, August 21st, a boy named Adams was struck by lightning and instantly killed, at Richmond, Utah. The winter term of the Territorial University at Seattle, will open on the 15th inst., under the charge of Prof. E. K. Hill. The schooner Experiment, about the safety of which much fear existed, arrived at Stollacoom on Wednesday last week. A correspondent says: Money is a scarce commodity at present; but crops are plentiful. N. W. Garretson, Special Deputy of the District of Humboldt, is now in Walla Walla county, W. T., organizing Farmer Granges. The potato root has made its appearance in Pacific and Chehalis counties, and in many places the crop is almost an entire failure. Mr. George A. Woolner, of Seattle has been tendered the position of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, residing at Walla Walla. A boy, aged fifteen years, was struck by lightning in Richmond, Utah, resulting in the amputation of one of his feet became necessary. Business at the Walla Walla Lead Mines has been very dull during the past two months, only about 5,000 acres having been disposed of during that time. On Sunday night during a terrific thunder storm at Logan, Utah, the lightning set fire to a number of wheat fields, destroying an immense quantity of grain. The County Commissioners of Thurston county refused to call special election to allow the people to vote on the question of a subsidy for a railroad to Olympia. The United States paid \$7,000,000 for Sitka, and yet it becomes necessary to ship hay from Oregon to keep cattle alive, after they are imported to that point. Southern Utah, says the *Beaver Enterprise*, has mountains of crude iron, and deposits of coal so vast, and scattered over so great an extent of territory, as to insure a constant supply to the world for ages to come. Gov. Ferry has received a warrant from President Grant authorizing Sheriff Billings to demand and receive from the authorities of British Columbia the persons charged with the murder of the Dwyer family, on San Juan Island, in May last. The *Yonah* says: "Mr. F. T. Ball, of Washington Territory, for the ensuing year, elected at the present session; D. C. H. Rothchild, W. G. M. J. R. Hayden, D. W. G. M.; Thos. S. Russell, G. S. W.; E. S. Salomon, G. J. W.; Benj. Harned, G. T., and T. M. Reed, G. S."

### What They Have Done.

"While the Democratic party point to what they promise to do," says the *Albany Evening Journal*, the Republicans point to what they have done." Yes, retorts the *World*, you can point to subsidized monopolies, a plundered treasury, a squandered domain, protection of corrupt combinations, promotion of the thieves and rascals in your party. You can point to the upholding of the carpet-bag plunderers in the South, while they are robbing the people of their substance, and the inauguration in the State Legislatures and in Congress, since your party came into power, of corruption that is perfectly appalling. And what is more, your party has done all within its power to whitewash, shield, and protect the men, if they claim to be Republicans, who are guilty of these deeds. If a defaulter, a swindler, or a repeater is convicted, a Republican President at once pardons him if he is a Republican, while those who are deeper in the swindles before Congress are appointed to foreign missions or urged by the Administration for Governors in their respective States.

### Proceedings of the Democratic Convention.

The Democratic State