

OREGON CITY, OREGON, FEB. 27, 1874.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

A Democratic State Convention for the State of Oregon, is hereby called by the Democratic State Central Committee, convened in Portland, Oregon, this, the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1874, to meet at the city of Albany, Oregon, on

Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1874, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at the general election in June next, for Congress and the various State and District offices then to be filled, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it.

The appointment of members of said Convention among the counties is based upon the Democratic vote cast for Hon. John Burnett for Congress in 1872, allowing one delegate in said Convention for each one hundred or fraction of fifty, so cast.

The several counties of the State will be entitled to delegates in said Convention as follows:

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Number of Delegates. Includes Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Clackamas, Columbia, Curry, Coos, Douglas, Grant, Josephine, Lincoln, Lane, Multnomah, Marion, Wasco, Washington, etc.

It is suggested by the Committee that the several counties hold their Primary Conventions at the same time, to wit: on Friday, at 10 o'clock P. M., and their County Conventions on Saturday, the 7th day of March, at the same hour.

Chairman Dem. State Central Com. J. J. WALTON, JR., Secretary.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic voters of Clackamas county are requested to meet at their usual places of voting, on Saturday, February 28th, 1874, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention, which will be held at Oregon City, March 7th, 1874, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of selecting seven delegates to attend the State Convention.

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The Committee recommended that the Democracy turn out in full force and attend the Convention.

A. NOLTNER, Chairman.

The Salary Question.

The press of this State for the past three months has had much to say in regard to the fees now paid to some of the county officers.

We have recognized in most of these articles a simple attempt in the part of the writers to deceive the reader. A person who usually has strong professions for economy, is not always the surest to exercise it when placed in position.

The principal opposition at present is to the pay received by the Sheriffs and Clerks, and we shall therefore confine ourself to these two county officers. In 1870, the Legislature, under a spirit of economy, passed a bill reducing the fees of these officers about thirty-five per cent.

but the last Legislature, at the urgent solicitation of the smaller counties in the State, re-established the former fee-bill. Had they done this or no more, it might have been well enough; but they were not satisfied, and in many cases not only fixed the fees the same as they were before, but increased them from twenty to twenty-five per cent.

This was a pious outrage perpetrated by the Radical party, and one which should condemn them before to a people. But let us take a practical view of matters.

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allowed by law. This money should be paid directly to the County Treasurer until such a time as it became necessary to proceed to collect by levy. The salary of the county treasurer in this county, at present, is \$500. The per cent on the taxes will sum up to about \$1,100. Suppose we increase the salary of the treasurer to \$800 and we have a saving here to the county of \$700.

A Dead Radical Party.

We have for years past heard the Radical cry that the Democratic party was dead, and that it would make no longer any fight against the victorious Radical majority.

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History Repeating Itself.

After reading McComas's circular wherein he announces himself a candidate for Congress, we could not help thinking how a certain aspirant for the Senate in 1858 was shelved by writing a single letter. It was about as follows:

A prominent politician of this State at that time, had got into trouble by pledging himself to too many aspirants for the United States Senate, and how to get rid of one of these was no little trouble to his mind. The idea finally struck him, and he lost no time in carrying it out.

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A private letter from Yakima Valley, W. T., states that the stock looks well, and that the farmers have commenced plowing. The contemplated road to the Sound is causing considerable talk.

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Telegraphic News.

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—The first annual session of the State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry commenced at Booneville today. Nearly every county in the State was represented.

Philadelphia, February 19.—The large cotton mills here are being closed on account of the strike of the operatives—mostly women—who demand a return to the wages paid before the panic. Two thousand operatives are thrown out of employment by the strike.

Nashville, February 19.—The State Grange held their first annual session at Gallatin yesterday. Nearly 500 subordinate Granges were represented by over 500 delegates, including many ladies.

New York, Feb. 21.—Henry Ward Beecher had a larger congregation yesterday than he has for some time. He said that his history would not show a parallel to the effort now making in the West to suppress dram drinking, which he characterized as a scourge of the household.

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—A meeting of the Citizens of New Orleans called on the 17th inst., to protest against the proposed resolution of the Louisiana Legislature, passed on the 10th inst., to amend the constitution so as to provide after June 30th, next, conveyance in mails of samples of merchandise, packages of clothing, cutlery, tools, iron, samples of mineral and medicinal specimens and bound books shall cease.

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New York, Feb. 22.—At 2 P. M. to-day an engine ran off the track at Niswonger, of the Jefferson branch of the Erie, Ohio and Carbonate, and fell down an embankment seventy-five feet, instantly killing conductor J. R. Harding, engineer Cramer, fireman Daniel Cramer, and brakeman Thomas Rip.

Summary of State News Items.

There are five prisoners in the Linn county jail. A Washington county baby eleven months old, weighs 45 pounds. His name is Lusty.

The Good Templars of Albany are having a revival. Wheat is 75 cents per bushel in Corvallis; oats 37. There are five saloons and two breweries at Albany.

The secular election in Jacksonville will take place next Tuesday, March 3d. The Society of the M. E. Church South is erecting a place of worship at Tangent.

A teamster of Corvallis wants to buy a few miles of good road to lay down a new road. Jeff Collins was confined in the Union county jail on a charge of larceny, recently. He didn't stay over night.

George Mansfield and F. Wayne have been publicly declared "common drunkards" by the City Fathers of Corvallis. The Straightened-up Mary Jane, and show-out-attitude, has accompanied the Grecian bend with the Albany belles.

The Daughters of Rebecca at Albany, talk of getting up a grand fair and supper in the course of two or three weeks. Corvallisites are circulating a petition to the Governor of Nevada asking pardon for Dick Baker aka Dick Bent.

Five farms in the Waldo Hills, fifteen miles from Salem, have recently been sold at prices ranging from \$14 to \$20 per acre. A man from Baker City recently caught 1,300 pounds of mountain trout in a garden in that market for ten cents a pound.

Rev. John Day of Jefferson, has been appointed to take the place of Rev. John Church in the pulpit of the M. E. Church of South Salem. A protracted meeting at Sheild, under the auspices of the M. E. Church has concluded many persons during the past two weeks.

The hall given by the Hook & Ladder Company at McMinnville, on the 20th inst., was a splendid success. Over one hundred couples were present. A fine school house is soon to be erected on Dr. Geary's farm, four miles southeast of Albany. It will be a two-story frame, and will cost \$3,000.

Congressional News.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Charles A. Tweed, formerly of California, and now a member of the Arizona Supreme Court, is nominated for re-appointment to the same position he now occupies.

President Grant was interviewed today on Indian affairs. He made great complaint of the manner in which the Indian policy of the old administration has been treated by newspapers.

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Territorial News Items.

Indian Harry will hang at Portland on the 29th prox. Prof. Rutan is conducting a singing school at Fort Gamble.

Snow fell in the Walla Walla valley on the 14th inst. to the depth of four inches. Mrs. H. D. Blanchard, of Seattle, was admitted on Thursday to practice as an attorney at law in all the Courts of the Territory.

A postoffice has been established at Dan. Favors on the Apowal Creek, W. T. Favors has been appointed Postmaster. It has become a settled fact that the headquarters of the department of the Platte will be moved from Omaha to a place farther west.

Two cases were decided during the Union Pacific Company during the late term of Court at Cheyenne. One is for \$14,700 and the other for \$25,000. Rev. L. T. Woodward has been appointed by Bishop Peck to fill the vacancy on Puget Sound District, occasioned by the suspension of Rev. J. F. DeVore.

Colorado ought to be happy, as the man for whom she elected from the Governorship she formerly nominated President Grant has just been re-appointed to the position. Denverites are indignant at the probability of the removal of the Colorado Capital to Pueblo, and nearly all Colorado is indignant at the removal of the late Governor Roberts and the appointment of McCook.

Private Michael Cullen, Company Eight, Cavalry, committed suicide at Fort Union, Colorado, on the 30th ult., by shooting himself through the body, just above the heart. Domestic trouble was the cause of the deed.

Charles L. Williamson and George M. Munroe, prisoners confined in the Ogden City jail, through some planking, tore out some shavings on the south side of the cell, and made their escape, taking with them about \$20 worth of blankets.

Gov. Grover has commissioned Hon. Ramsden Beyer, of Humboldt Basin, Baker co., a Notary Public, and has reappointed Wm. E. Smith, of Cornelius, Washington co., and J. D. Biles, of Multnomah co., to the same office.

On Tuesday last D. Johnson, guardian of D. H. Perkins, a minor, sold at auction, "all the right, title, or interest" which his ward had in the townsite of Lafayette, to Lambhill co. for \$250. This quieta the county's title to the property.