

The Enterprise.

OREGON CITY, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1878.

Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Convention is hereby called to meet at Salem on Wednesday, the 17th day of April, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various State offices, to be voted for at the election to be held in June next.

Table listing delegates from various counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Yamhill, etc.

It is recommended that primary conventions be held in the several precincts, unless otherwise directed by the County Central Committees, on Saturday, March 30th, and that the County Conventions to elect delegates to the State Convention on Saturday, the 6th of April next.

W. C. JOHNSON, Chairman. DAVID GOODSELL, Secretary.

Clackamas County Republican Ticket.

A good head to a ticket is often worth the body and tail, and this we fortunately have in J. T. Apperson, nominated for State Senator.

For Representatives we have Richard Bradley, a farmer from Eagle Creek precinct; an upright and intelligent man. He was at one time one of our county commissioners, and in which position he made quite a reputation for himself for his hard sense and unerring judgment.

Our second Representative is the well known and well liked Rock Creek farmer, E. Forbes, against whom nothing can be said. Capt. Will's is the third name on the ticket for Representative. It will be remembered that he was on the ticket two years ago and was elected by a handsome majority.

For County Judge we present the respected name of J. K. Wait of Milwaukie, than whom no fitter man for the position could have been selected. He held this office six years ago, acquitting himself with credit and making many friends.

John Pillsbury, one of the bone and sinew of Oregon City, a master mechanic, and Republican wheel horse, is nominated for the office of Sheriff. Mr. Pillsbury can pass the Jeffersonian test -- is honest, is capable -- and has many qualifications to spare. There appears to be no doubt respecting his election.

For County Clerk the Republicans have wisely nominated W. H. H. Fouts. He made a good run last term against the strongest man on the Democratic ticket, and his being on the ticket to-day is an endorsement of the way he conducted himself while in office.

Our Commissioners are Jacob Bauer, of Union precinct, a well known German farmer. He has filled the position in a creditable manner for two years past, and will continue in that official capacity. Albert Walling, the popular nurseryman of Oswego, is also on the Republican ticket for Commissioner, and if sound sense and good business ability are pre-requisites, Mr. Walling will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Our present County Judge, N. W. Randall, will run for County School Superintendent. Having been for many years a school teacher himself, and having a wide circle of friends, he will in all probability be elected.

Tualatin precinct supplies us with our candidate for Assessor in Joseph Barstow, a prominent and influential farmer. He is eminently qualified for the position and is universally esteemed for his generous disposition and probity of character.

For County Treasurer, F. S. Dement. For County Surveyor we take pleasure in announcing our old friend -- in fact everybody's friend -- N. O. Walden. He has had large experience in this line, and is sure of election.

Taking the ticket together (emitting our name) we honestly and candidly think it is head and shoulders above that nominated by the Democrats. Our candidates are their superiors in almost everything that is necessary to make good public servants, and that a majority of the people think so, we will show in June.

The Democratic State convention met at Portland yesterday, but had failed to make any nominations up to the time of going to press. Candidates are scarce.

Graded Education.

Mr. Brown, Superintendent of public schools for Multnomah county, urges the graded system in his annual report with no little force. Graded education, as we understand it, means that popular education as conducted by the State, should be as nearly as possible universal; that it should begin in the primary and continue through the grammar schools; and the high schools should take it up where the grammar schools leave it, and that the State Universities should resume it when the high schools can go no further.

This plan of education might fancifully be likened to a pyramid built in steps, the lowest and broadest of all being the primary schools, and so on until the State University, or other college of the highest grade, stands at the apex, the consummation of the system. Theoretically it is beautiful, but practically its universal or even general realization is still far away.

Several of the New England States have almost attained it, but the path has been so beset with thorny difficulties, and so many obstacles still lie in the way of its complete and satisfactory operation, that it is with not a little hesitation that educators undertake any steps of decided importance towards the great end desired. The scheme, even as applied to a single State, is so vast and the details of the work necessary to be done are so numerous and perplexing that no one man can carry out the undertaking; while heart burning and petty jealousies, which are found even among educators, too often prevent a union of forces which might perhaps be available. So far as the theory goes Oregon cherishes it, but practically it can amount to nothing.

Primary education begins, indeed, in the district schools, but there is too often a gap between the district and grammar schools and high schools, and another of even wider proportions between the high schools and the State colleges. Virtually, no bond of union exists between the various parts of the educational system, and of course there can be no unity in the plan of their operations. The district schools are not infrequently converted into schools of special training by the introduction of branches entirely out of their line, while the high schools quite as often aspire to be miniature colleges and universities.

On the other hand, the matter is still further complicated by the fact that the high school and seminaries teach below as well as above their proper, and even the universities lap over the work which should have been done years before and the performance of which ought to be a prerequisite to the admission of each student.

After this exhibit it might readily be supposed that further efforts to befuddle this already boggy subject were entirely superfluous, but then it can be rendered even more dense than at present may be seen from a contemplation of the number of denominational schools of every description which so abound on this coast. Neither private nor denominational schools ever refuse a student, and in consequence of this obligingness on their part, they perform every species of educational work known to the teacher. Overlapping, as they do, the work of every grade of the State schools they offer a serious obstacle in the way of the grade system in any State, particularly as from various considerations they are generally able to command an uncertain, but by no means inconsiderable patronage. Their efforts to effect everything in the way of education are often, indeed, successful enough to excite the admiration of their enemies, and to cast a temporary shade of doubt over the grade system.

But let it not be forgotten that the most valuable results in education, as in everything else, have been attained when a thoughtfully digested plan has been put into successful operation and carried out to the letter. If Oregon, or any other State, is desirous of obtaining the best possible results from the establishment of the public or State school system, there must be a close bond of union between every link of the chain; the connection must not only be seen, but must be felt. Education in the district schools must go to a certain point but no further; the high schools must take it up there and carry it to the end of their section, where the State University must be in waiting to complete the work. If a system of popular education means anything at all, it means such a division of the toil among the different members of the group that each shall have an appointed portion to perform, and shall perform that and no more. When this fact is clearly understood, and when the state of affairs, educational and otherwise, is such that it can be acted on, we will have a perfect system of education for the people at large.

Washington Letter.

The debate in the Senate upon the Timber bill has been peculiarly acrimonious, and like the silver bill, has broken down party lines. Senator Morgan, a red-hot Democrat, is backed by Mr. Blaine, who has been in no wise chary in his arraignment of Mr. Schurz and his timber agents, hence the debate assumes a shape not controlled by politics. We however conclude this far, that Secretary Schurz is on the right track and the immense waste is accruing wherever the government owns timber. This waste is not denied, and his opponents are pitching into him over the means used to prevent it. General Grant recommended that Congress take immediate steps for its protection, and that after he had personally investigated in the west. We found ourselves in travelling over the mining regions that the denudation of the Rocky mountains of their timber was fearful, hence our sympathies run with Mr. Schurz, though Messrs. Blaine and Morgan have done their worst to prevent it.

Jeff Davis comes to the front again with a letter about the deceased Pope. He seems bent on keeping himself in notice by ink or croak. His sleeping scandal is still fresh in the public mind; a scandal with more fact than fiction in it, we found by personal inquiry at Memphis. His recent letter about himself and the Mexican war soldier receives the memory of Col. Bissell's charge that Jeff Davis and his regiment was not within two miles of the battle for which he, Davis, claims so much glory; a charge that Davis could not disprove by a fact or a fight, and now his last effusion seems his tribute to the only man in the army recognized the old petticoated fraud as a hero and a brother.

Secretary Sherman gets a good deal of criticism from our gold bugs for his recently expressed views on the silver question. He has an interview with him he seemed as serene and happy as a school boy on a holiday lark. He can hardly be termed a Bourbon now that he has the courage to avow a change of opinion in regard to the workings of silver reformation and the joint in propheying universal ruin as a consequence of it. We suppose he is in favor of giving silver "another chance" and we believe he will test the experiment fully and fairly.

Montgomery has not, with all his fulminations, touched a single stone in the White House. We saw him moving quietly down the avenue recently, with his spare form spindling up to a shabby looking top, not a particle like the terrible lion which has been roaring so loudly of late at Mr. Hayes and the Republican party. None of the mud which Jerry Black threw at him appeared to be sticking, and we fancy he is but trying to play the part of Collier the weaver, and we think he succeeds admirably.

The recent adverse decision of the U. S. district court of Virginia upon the question of the government's title to the estate of Arlington is an important point. None of the direct tax sale titles have ever been sustained by the courts, and the government's retention of Arlington under such title is of course doubtful, for the supreme court will most likely affirm the decision of the lower court, and then will throw upon congress the responsibility of restoration of the estate to Gen. Lee's children or of purchase. With 30,000 Union soldiers buried in the cemetery which occupies the centre of the 11,000 acres which comprise the estate, it is doubtful whether congress will make restoration, and besides the heirs prefer to sell; a seemingly natural desire on the part of a blue-blood Virginian, since Washington's remains were put to rest in the cemetery, and he had the law of entail here, should be taken by the Curtis descendants, for it is one of the grandest rural homes ever seen. It has been suggested that the government make a park of it and keep it as a place of resort for visitors to the Capital.

There is pending in Congress an investigation in regard to railroad freights and the fact has been elicited that the railroads charge nearly double as much to transport beef from Chicago to New York as they do wheat or corn, though the expense to them is no greater in the one case than in the other. This is done by a system of evasions, a kind of credit mobility or fast freight switching ring by which excessive charges are effected. It is doubtful whether congress can interpose to help the people under this extortion, but nothing short of some higher power will check the evil growing out of the railroad combinations. We are particularly gratified that Chas. Francis Adams has been appointed one of the government commissioners for the Union Pacific railroad. His thorough mastery of railroad law in connection with his undoubted intellectual ability and integrity of character renders him peculiarly fitted to keep an eye over that pesky corporation. With Jay Gould here lobbying for it we think it badly needs watching.

Col. Folk, the House dog-keeper, gets a sad working at the hands of the committee which has been investigating affairs of his office, inasmuch as the majority report shows him to have been very ignorant and equally delinquent. Tallyrand characterized a blunder as worse than a crime, and as Col. Folk has egregiously blundered, we presume he will be summarily decapitated by the House. No one accuses him of crime, and if there was not fifty patriots wanting his place, we think he would receive no punishment beyond a reprimand and a rap or two over the knuckles by the Speaker.

The Senate Judiciary committee sat down on the House bill giving women the privilege of practicing in the supreme courts. It reported that congress should not interfere with the court to establish rule for it, but should leave the judges themselves to determine, as they do now, who shall appear before it. Our prominent female lawyer, Mrs. Lockwood, is, of course, much exercised at the rejection of her measure, and we fancy will make herself heard in the future when she again mounts the rostrum in its advocacy.

The rock upon which the Democratic party is likely to split, Senator Kernan, of New York thinks, is the financial question. He, therefore, advises that they leave it alone, but Messrs. Ewing & Co. say no.

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