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COMING EVENTS.

Thursday, April 7—Polk county republican primaries.

Saturday, April 9—Republican county convention at Dallas.

Wednesday, April 13—Republican Congressional convention at Salem.

Thursday, April 14—Republican state convention at Portland.

Tuesday, April 19—Democratic state convention at Portland.

June 15, 16 and 17—Department of Oregon G. A. R., in annual reunion at Hood River.

W. R. HEARST.

The potency of newspaper enterprise is exemptified in the endorsement W. R. Hearst is receiving from states in various parts of the union as the democratic candidate for president. It would be creditable to democracy to endorse an Olney, Cleveland or Carlisle for they are men that would measure up to that great position. Mr. Hearst however is lacking in the essential qualifications that fit a man for that high place. His abilities lie in another direction. As a newspaper man he has made a hit. With a metropolitan paper in New York; another in Chicago; a third in San Francisco and still another recently started in Los Angeles it cannot be denied he has impressed himself on the country from a journalistic standpoint. He has set the pace in the newspaper field. Waiving comment on his style of journalism, he has departed from beaten paths and made a success where others failed and predicted his failure. He has given employment to thousands of people and been the means of the distribution of a great deal of money. In the newspaper world he has been courageous and spectacular. By the lavish expenditure of money he has been able to turn every situation to the advertisement of his own business. Just now he is giving his attention to politics, and is making democracy his dupe. As a newspaper enterprise, the success of his efforts is to be admired but he will not be followed, even by the newspaper fraternity beyond the point of admiration. Eternal fitness of things forbids. Mr. Hearst is not composed of the stuff of which presidents should be made. He's a newspaper man—nothing more.

It is well for republicans to keep in mind that its the success of the party we all are working for rather than the fortunes of any individual. Preconvention prophecies are to be avoided. Neither papers nor individuals should place themselves in such a position they cannot accept graciously, the nominee of the convention; and the convention should be made up of representative men through whom the

rank and file can have untrammelled expression. It is dangerous to try to defeat the majority, but by treating the voter fairly it is a rare case where he will not stand by the nominees. It is in order and in line of harmony and success to require every candidate to commit himself on the question of whether or not he will give his full support to the nominee though it be another than himself.

The United States supreme court has rendered a decision against the "merer" case of the Northern Securities company. The importance of the decision lies in the fact, set forth that the national government has power to prohibit contracts in restraint of trade. Another feature is the manner in which it was arrived at, five of the nine justices concurring while four dissented. But for the principle of the majority rule the decision would never have been handed down. The division of the members of the court on this question should soften criticism of petit jurors for failure to agree. Judges in the lower court sometimes try to force an agreement upon a jury which in consonance with individual opinion is impossible.

F. A. Patterson suggests as an advertisement of this section and for the benefit of those who may desire to take advantage of it that a special car go from this place to the St. Louis Fair. He proposes the car shall be made up of citizens of this and possibly a few from adjoining counties, and that it carry products of Polk county. The suggestion is worthy of consideration. It would be a big advertisement of this section and a source of much pleasure for those composing the party. A car of Polk products and citizens, labeled the "Blue Ribbon County of Oregon" would be something to show Missouri, and would rebound to the glory of Oregon. Let the Polk county car be made up.

The one object of the Improvement League is to build up Independence and the surrounding country. The accomplishment of this object builds up every man and every man's business in the community. The outlook is good. There is progress in the air. Let the contagion spread. Business men who never belonged have signified their intentions of becoming active members. It is expected of every business man that he put his shoulder to the wheel in pushing the towns interests forward at this time.

Benton county republicans also have the exquisite pleasure of selecting a candidate for state senator. W. E. Yates, George Wagoner and George Lily are talked. All live in Corvallis. Punderson Avery, also of Corvallis, is the probable democratic nominee.

No additional train has been put on by the Southern Pacific yet but it is known better service is under consideration. People are holding their breath in readiness to welcome the an-

nouncement of another train in the meantime.

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff, and if defeated propose to see that the man who beats me, is elected, says Mark Scrafford. That sentiment may nominate and elect Mark.

The Portland primaries over, the public could stand another letter from Dr. Woods Hutchinson on microbes, sanitation strong drink or any old subject that comes to his mind first.

And General Bristow said nothing about the arrangements for rural delivery out of Independence in his report that stirred up the hornet's nest in congress.

There will be no excuse for mud-slinging in Independence if the council carries out its purpose of having the mud scraped and hauled off the streets.

Paths of glory lead but to the grave, and so will the path to Salem if something is not done to the road near Rickreal bridge.

The Young Men's Republican Club of Salem has brought out the Salem band, Pratum quartet, and Geo. C. Brownell.

Joseph Simon and C. H. Carey have resigned their position as political writers on the Portland daily papers.

Binger Herman against the field and the devil take the hindmost says the Tillamook Headlight.

If Editor Hayter wants to retain his strong right arm, he'd better stay away from Corvallis.

Rickreal post-office has been granted a rural delivery mail service. Good for Dixie.

Don't forget Mr. Local Option. He is a candidate to be voted for or against next June.

It is not those expecting duns by every mail that complain of the bad mail service.

Stayton Marion county, is to have a bank. The name Stayton, sounds like Dayton.

The Eugene Register classes Polk as a Harris county. Thanks for the information.

Politics and the chittum bark industry are looking up.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

New Spring and Summer Samples in great variety just received.

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"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by A. S. Locke, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Notice to Voters.

Notaries Public throughout the County, in the several voting precincts, have been supplied with registration blanks. All voters are required to register on or before May 15, 1904. Register early and avoid extra expense of the county. Registration is required every two years.

U. S. LOUGHARY,
County Clerk.

Announcement.

Having purchased the H. E. Wagoner Stationery Store, it is our intention to keep a full line of stationery in Independence and your patronage is respectfully solicited.
CRAVEN & MOORE.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by A. S. Locke, druggist.

Portland and Return Only \$2.40.

The Southern Pacific Co. is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Independence, for \$2.40, good going Saturday or Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving Portland people a chance to visit Valley points at greatly reduced rates.

Will Open Up Here.

The Oregon Lumber Wood & Light Co. of Falls City will be ready to supply Independence trade with any kind of fir lumber or wood by or about the first of April. It will pay you to get our prices.

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Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation, Sick Headache and all Stomach, Liver and Bowel trouble. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at A. S. Locke's drug store.

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