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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.
Wednesday, April 13—Polk county democratic primaries.
Thursday, April 14—Republican state convention at Portland.
Saturday, April 16—Democratic county convention at Dallas.
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.

COMING PRIMARIES.

The republican primaries for Polk county will be held next Thursday. The primary is the first step in the exercise of the right of suffrage, and under our system is an important one. Though one may legally get on the official ballot by petition, that method is not often resorted to, and under the prevailing custom, the primary practically settles the question of candidates. The primary was originally intended as a medium through which the mass of voters might express their choice of candidates. Honestly used they serve a party purpose. Abused as they sometimes are, the source of party disruption. Primaries are sometimes worked in the interest of certain measures or candidates. Candidates sometimes bring with them into the primaries an artificial support that defeats the majority wishes of his party and thus becomes a party burden in the campaign to follow. This is a common practice with the candidate who seeks the office rather than waits for the party to call upon him for his services. It is a practice to be avoided if party success would be achieved. It is a practice to be guarded against by republicans next Thursday. Let there be fair and open primaries in every precinct. Give every one entitled to a vote, a voice in the deliberations. Exclude all neither legally nor morally entitled to a vote, from the convention. Tolerate no form of jobbery nor underhand methods. Fearlessly set upon political duplicity and trickery wherever it shows its head. Let the delegates elected to the county convention next Tuesday, be men that will represent the wishes of the rank and file of the republicans of Polk county and there will be no question about party success next June.

ATTRACTED HITHER.

The irresistible charm the hop center of Oregon has over candidates and politicians, accounts for the interest exhibited in things political in Independence

the past few days. Last week the town was paid a visit by L. T. Harris, candidate for congress, while Congressman Hermann was flooding the mails with letters, undelivered speeches, maps, documents, etc. Later B. F. Jones, the Hermann-or-bust man, came over to tell what the wild waves are saying as they wash in from the troubled sea of politics in Lincoln county. This week, U. S. Laughry, candidate for state senator, made two trips to town, closely followed by E. C. Kirkpatrick, another candidate, and his right hand man, J. C. Hayter. Johnnie Van Orsdell, at one time president of a famous society at the State Agricultural College, but now a candidate for county surveyor has also been in town with his surveying togs on. Mark Scraftord has also been in evidence, as well as G. W. McLaughlin, the aspirant for treasurer. J. M. Stark, the Independence senatorial candidate has been indisposed, but politics have not been altogether neglected the past week, and there is another week of it yet before the primaries.

NEEDED LEGISLATION.

The terrible danger that attends the handling of dynamite was forcibly set forth in the recent explosion that caused the death of Curtis Baker and Gilbert McCabe and did other damage. Such accidents are liable to occur any time with those who handle the explosive and a law requiring those who handle dynamite to take out license would be in keeping with public safety. Since the dangers attending it are not confined to those who handle it but includes all lives and property in close proximity its use should properly come under the regulation of the law. It is entirely too great a risk to allow one unfamiliar with the nature of dynamics or reckless in its use to carry it along the highways or have it in his possession at all. By requiring one to pass an examination before a competent authority as to his knowledge and caution with explosives, the public would be protected and it would necessitate very little additional cost to those who have occasion to use it.

And now George E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon—by the grace of republican tail-mashers—has decided that all the members of the State Board of Agriculture shall be democrats. What a time that board will have when it selects judges for the state fair to pass upon a democratic hog.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

"Owning six big newspapers," says one of Mr. Hearst's employes now in Kentucky, "he naturally has a great number of men employed whom he can send out on little personal missions." Just so. Any little personal mission, from buying a bull pup or a ward heeler to a presidential nomination.—Courier Journal.

If a man of light complexion, five and a half feet high, weighing 135 pounds, and with a bible in his pistol pocket, calls, his name is "Joshua" Creffield, and

he is worth \$300 if delivered to the authorities at Corvallis.

It seems to be a pretty close race as to which will get the larger appropriation from congress—the Lewis & Clark fair or the Chemawa Indians.

Wanted, unemployed democrats to replace republicans on the various state boards—Governor Chamberlain.

I do not want the nomination for district attorney if I can't get it.—J. N. Hart.

If you don't expect to abide by their decision, don't attend the primaries.

Every candidate has a band wagon. Some of them will go up Salt Creek.

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