

THE BATTLE FOR CONGRESS

Further Comment on Woodcock's Withdrawal.

Hermann a Southern Pacific Candidate Also--Woodcock Would Have Had Support of Geer Men.

(Daily Guard, March 29)
The Guard yesterday printed a part of the letter written by John E. Lathrop, from Eugene, to the Portland Journal, on the local congressional fight. The remainder is also readable, and is herewith reproduced:

WOODCOCK'S REASON.
"Mr. Woodcock gives as a reason why he does not go into the congressional fight, that he has built up a good law business and does not care to abandon it and become a politician. He feels this way sincerely, perhaps, because it is conceded here by all factions, republicans and democrats, that Lane county would give him a delegation against any man who could be named. It is known that he had received strong encouragement from the Marion county Geer people.

"His withdrawal is essentially a Hermann victory. Lane county is the strategic point in the congressional battle. It is on the dividing line between Hermann's Southern Oregon country and the northern end of the valley, were the Geer people are in the ascendancy. The friends of Woodcock are dejected by his quitting, as they pinned their faith to him in a desire to spoil the political camp of the Booth-Kuykendall people. They aver that he could have been nominated against the field.

ANIMUS OF HERMANN SUPPORT.
"This is commonly accepted as, in part at least, the animus of the Binger Hermann support. He has been picked by these interests as the one man who can do them the most good, hence they are turning heaven and earth topsyturvy in their efforts to nominate him. Political agents are going over the district to insure the election of Hermann delegates to the congressional convention to be held here on April 3, and if plain indications be not misleading, Hermann will have the earnest support of every voter who can be influenced by the Fulton wing of the party.

THE MULTNOMAH VIEW.
"How will Binger Hermann's nomination suit the Portland politicians? Is a question that occurs to most persons. Apparently, the Scott Matthews people are against him. If he is nominated, what attitude will they assume? While the first district does not include Portland, no one thinks that the nomination and election will be effected entirely separate from the Multnomah county people.

"In the second district, new officers have been appointed in the land offices. It has come partly through the antagonism of the Oregonian people and their conductors. The allegations against Oregon land offices and their conduct have been made generally of all of them, in the first district as well as in the second. It is apparent that here in this district a frantic effort is being made to prevent at least some changes that might be made were removals sweeping and all inclusive.

"And reasons must be very potent why there is so strenuous endeavor to influence these matters by electing Binger Hermann to congress. In fact, the truth is obvious that there is some hidden motive that moves these persons who are so heavily interested in land and lumber, and that motive, whatever it may be, is much of the strength of Binger Hermann as a congressional candidate.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.
"It is believed the Southern Pacific Company is also backing Herman. The Booth-Kellys are close to that corporation. Senator Mitchell has always been regarded as a distinctive Southern Pacific man. Senator Fulton was apparently elected directly by the Southern Pacific influence and the program of the Hermann people is presumably in consonance with the previous performances that have been given by that railroad concern on the political stage.

"This view is strengthened by referring to the people who are behind Hermann's candidacy--Fulton, Mitchell, Senator Booth, the Booth-Kelly, Senator Kuykendall, and most of the people who supported Fulton in the late legislature."

The Day & Henderson furniture factory is getting out a fine bow counter for the Booth-Kelly Company office on East Eighth street. It is a marvel of convenience and finished workmanship.

DEMOCRAT COUNTY CONVENTION

Chairman J. D. Matlock of the Lane County democratic central committee, has issued a call for a county convention to be held in Eugene, April 9th, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of electing twelve delegates to the congressional convention for the first congressional district to be held in Albany, April 11.

THE PRIMARIES.
The primaries to elect delegates to said county convention will be held on Saturday, April 4th.

Democratic County Convention.

Notice is hereby given, that the Lane County Democratic County Convention for the purpose of electing twelve delegates to the Congressional Convention for the First Congressional District of the State of Oregon, on April 11th, 1903, is hereby called to meet in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, on Thursday, the 9th day of April, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of that day.

The primaries to elect delegates to said county convention to be held on Saturday, April 4th, 1903.

All citizens who are opposed to extravagance in state and national affairs, and are in favor of strict economy in federal, state and county administration, who are opposed to trusts, and who desire the enforcement of and compliance with the initiative and referendum amendment to our state constitution, are earnestly requested to participate with us in the primaries, convention and election.

The precincts are entitled to the following number of delegates:—
N. Eugene No. 1...7 Pleasant Hill...3
N. Eugene No. 2...6 Fall Creek...3
S. Eugene No. 1...6 Richardson...5
S. Eugene No. 2...5 Jasper...2
Springfield...7 Coyote...4
Fairmount...3 Spencer...4
Irving...6 McKenzie...1
Goshen...3 Florence...2
N. Junction...6 Glentena...2
S. Junction...6 Lane...2
Creswell...6 Camp Creek...4
Blanton...3 Gate Creek...3
Zumwalt...4 Middle Fork...2
W. Cottage Grove...7 Walton...2
E. Cottage Grove...8 Chesher...3
Saginaw...6 Mound...2
Bailey...5 Mabel...2
Mohawk...3 Bohemia...2
Willamette...5 Blue River...2
Five Rivers...1 Elmira...5
Hazel Dell...2 Wallace...4
Hermann...2 Siuslaw...4
Heceta...2 Thurston...3
Long Tom...4 Lost Valley...4
Mapleton...3 Lake Creek...2
Wendling...1

Total...190
EUGENE PRECINCT JUDGES.
Those appointed for the Eugene precincts as judges for the primary election are as follows:
South Eugene No. 1.—Eli Barger, John Calloway and John Higgins.
North Eugene No. 1.—J. O. Watts, Geo. W. Kinsey and J. J. Walton.
South Eugene No. 2.—B. B. McKinney, F. M. Wilkins and Tom Brown.
North Eugene No. 2.—N. T. Wilson, J. I. Philippi and C. M. Kissinger.
Dated at Eugene, Oregon, March 10th, 1903.
M. S. WALLIS, J. D. MATLOCK,
Secretary. Chairman.

Mr. Hadlock Returns.

The Guard recently printed an item to the effect that the friends of Willard Hadlock, who left here last fall and had not been heard from, were uneasy about him, as it was feared that he had met with foul play somewhere.
A day or two ago Mr. Hadlock surprised his friends by arriving in Eugene, safe and sound having been on a visit to Grand Island, Neb.

Prof. Wann Not a Candidate.

The Oregonian of today has W. A. Wann, of Eugene, the Mutual Life insurance man and late democratic candidate for state school superintendent, as a candidate for the appointment of state game warden at the hands of Governor Chamberlain. Mr. Wann makes denial and says he is out for nothing but more life insurance.

Has Seen Travel.

Pete Burr returned yesterday to his home in Eugene on a 15-day furlough from his service in the navy. He is looking and feeling fine after his six months experience on the water. He had made several short trips on the ocean, touching at Mexico and other southern points.

LOCAL POLITICAL POT SIMMERING

The approach of the 5th of April marks a simmering in the political pot of the local field. Leaders in ward politics are scratching their heads to find suitable men to fill the five seats in the city council which will be vacant on that date. Considerable interest is being taken in the approaching convention which will be held a few days prior to the election. The convention practically settles the questions at issue unless an unforeseen element arises and tries to dislodge the set program of the leaders.

MAYORALTY UNSETTLED.

The mayoralty was as good as settled when Mayor Chrisman was petitioned to allow his name to come before the convention in renomination for that office, but it appears that this was only a disquieter in the ranks of numerous city politicians. A number of these have approached F. W. O'Brien, of the Eugene Loan & Savings bank, and requested him to allow his name to be used in connection with the nomination for mayor. Mr. O'Brien, while appreciating the honor, is desirous of taking more time in which to consider the matter. In the meantime he is understood not to be a candidate in any way.

It appears that in an open convention fight there will be a pretty struggle for the place. Either gentleman will make a good mayor.

MENTIONED FOR COUNCILMEN.

Among the citizens named at present as qualified and desirable candidates for the vacant council seats are:
First ward—W. W. Calkins, M. Svarverud, E. O. Tobey, F. E. Dunn.
Second ward—Geo. Gross, Geo. Miller, S. W. Taylor.
Third ward—Lee Travis.
Fourth ward—J. M. Eddy, S. M. Moran, E. O. Potter, Dr. Kuykendall.
W. M. Green, retiring member of the council from the first ward, declines to serve further. M. S. Barker, we understand, has signified a similar unwillingness to be harnessed for two more years. J. W. White will also retire from the arena.

W. W. Calkins refuses to be a candidate from the first ward. This is the present status of affairs. In the citizens' convention things will be sifted and the five candidates and a mayor chosen. Other conventions will have to hurry.

Eugene's New Postmaster.

James L. Page, who has been appointed postmaster of Eugene, by President Roosevelt, was born in Hardin county, Ohio, in 1849, and was raised on a farm until 18 years of age, when he entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at Cleveland. After graduation in this college he was engaged by the school for two years as instructor in arithmetic and bookkeeping. He then engaged in commercial pursuits in various Ohio cities, coming west in 1879 and settling in Eugene. Here he engaged in the grocery business, which he adhered to until last September.

He has been an active republican all his life, but has never held office except in the common council and on the school board of Eugene. He is prominent in lodge circles and has held several offices. He was for two terms master of Eugene Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., the largest lodge of that order in the state. He is also past high priest of Eugene Chapter No. 10, R. A. M., and past eminent commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 2, K. T. At the organization of Eugene Lodge No. 37, B. P. O. E., he was elected exalted ruler, being re-elected the following term.

Timber Values Climbing.

Geo. Luce, of Alma, was in the city yesterday on business. He informed the Guard that he has had an offer of \$2100 for stumpage of his timber claim on the Siuslaw, but refused the offer. Mr. Luce stated that Eastern timber seekers are thick in the western portion of the county, but that timber claims are very scarce now.

Job Printing Firm.

Claude Sylvester, of the Guard force, has purchased half interest in Walter Ross' new job printing establishment and will devote his entire time to the same, having resigned his position in this office.

M. Peterson, proprietor of the Oak Grove Dairy, has sold his custom and business to Mikkelsen & Lund, new arrivals from the East. The new proprietors will conduct a general dairy business and increase the same as rapidly as possible. Mr. Peterson will retire from business for the present.

PLANING MILL TO BE BUILT

Stakes Driven for the Building--Machinery Bought.

North Lawrence Street the Site Chosen--Eugene Planing Mill Co. the Name of the New Firm.

Eugene's manufacturing district has received promise of an addition, and a substantial one at that. There is a new planing mill going up on ground just across the railroad on North Lawrence street. The company at the head of the enterprise is the Eugene Planing Mill Company. OFFICERS.

The gentlemen interested in this venture are well known in Eugene. C. F. Somers, president, has been a contractor here for several years. J. P. Olson, vice president, has also been a contractor and carpenter. Peter Lorenzen, secretary-treasurer of the company, is lately from Iowa and is an experienced mill man. He will be manager of the establishment.

Stakes are already driven for the guidance of the foundation builders of the building which will be erected immediately. The building will be 110x100 feet in dimensions, have the latest improvements and mill conveniences outside of Portland.

MACHINERY ORDERED.

Machinery has been ordered from San Francisco, Portland and the east. It will be up-to-date and of the best quality. The power to be used is steam. Compound engines and boilers will be installed.

CAPACITY HUGE.

The company will manufacture all kinds of mill productions, sashes and doors, etc. The capacity, Mr. Lorenzen informs the Guard, will equal the total output of the other two mills now in operation here, Midgley's and Chapman's. It will be a huge concern. At first eight men, aside from the officers of the company, will be employed.

ANNUAL CONCERT GREAT SUCCESS

(Daily Guard, March 21.)

Last evening in Villard Hall the University of Oregon Glee Club, assisted by the "Next Year" mandolin club, Prof. I. M. Glen, baritone, and Arthur Frazer, pianist, presented the best musical program that has been prepared by the organization for several years. The songs are all new for one thing, and had been well selected with special attention being paid to the needs of music adapted to men's voices.

The divisions of the club are well balanced, excepting for a slight emphasis in first tenor, which is a fault easily borne by an audience. The audience was not as large as it was enthusiastic. Every number on the program was encored vociferously. One number demanded space for motions and an open arrangement of the singers, in place of the close U-shaped pack, made a much more pleasing effect both in harmony and appearance than the other formation. Several remarked upon this. We think more freedom and volume is available in the extended formation, not to speak of the great improvement of appearance.

The monologue work by Geo. Eyre, was the hit of the evening. Ping Pong, the Chinese Freshman, was the character and Eyre's delineation of the humorous celestial was so pleasing that he was recalled three times.

Prof. Glen's baritone solos were the same acceptable, rich and melodious productions which always delight his audiences.

Mr. Frazer at the piano did work which required three appearances before the audience and an additional number to appease the audience's expression of appreciation. He continues a prime favorite.

In the Stremlov-Paxton sketch Mr. Frazer and Ross Plummer made a great hit. Frazer's make-up as a young lady and his parodies on the behavior of the gentle hunting sex were extremely funny. They were recalled.

The combined U. O.-Eugene Mandolin Club made an enviable name for itself by playing excellent music. The concert was voted to be the best prepared by the club for many seasons.

Dr. Collinge, the psychic vibration doctor, whose arrest in Portland the other day for seduction caused such a sensation, has been discharged from custody.

LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS

(Daily Guard, March 21.)

The little nine-year-old son of Harry Gray, living four miles west of Lorane, had a thrilling experience Saturday night and Sunday last. Mr. Gray went hunting Saturday and being persuaded by the little lad permitted him to go with him. After they had traveled some distance, Mr. Gray decided that he would take a certain route with the view of starting some game. The route Mr. Gray wished to take was a little rough for the boy, and so he mapped out a way for the boy to go a short distance where he expected to meet the boy in about fifteen minutes. He pointed out the course, designating a large dead tree as the place for the son to stop and wait for him.

STRAYED FROM COURSE.

The little fellow strayed from the course. When Mr. Gray reached the given point he found no sign of his boy. After waiting a reasonable time he started back to find him. He soon found his tracks and discovered that he had followed a trail into the woods. The father took the trail and followed as fast as possible but darkness came on and he was forced to return home without his boy. He secured help and lanterns and the search was continued all night. The next morning over forty men were on the hunt and the woods was searched in every direction.

FOUND SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Late Sunday afternoon the little boy was found tired and exhausted but still in good shape considering his age and the exertion he had undergone. When the boy left his father he had two dogs with him. One, however, deserted him and came home during the night, the other staying with his playmate until he was found. The incident occasioned much excitement in Lorane and stirred the hearts of all the citizens.—Nugget.

Died.

J. N. Poindexter, pioneer citizen, and sheriff of Lane county for two terms, died at his home in Prineville, Crook county, Friday, March 20, of an abscess of the liver, aged 72 years, 3 months and 15 days.

J. N. Poindexter was born in Green county, Illinois, Dec. 5, 1830. Came to Oregon in 1850, locating on a claim near Eugene in 1851. Married Eliza Elvira McCord in Eugene, March 11, 1855. Worked at the blacksmith trade a number of years. Was elected sheriff of Lane county in 1872 and again in 1874. Removed from Eugene to Portland, where he worked for W. W. Esby, in 1878, then to LaCamas, Washington, then to Prineville in 1893. Was county treasurer of Crook county from 1900 to 1902. Was stricken with paralysis of the left side four years ago, since which he had been partially helpless.

Six children living are: Mrs. J. C. Lemley, Hope, Idaho; Perry B. Poindexter Prineville; Mrs. Frank Hadley, Lane county; Ora P. Poindexter, Prineville; John T. Poindexter, LaCamas Wash.; Frank L. Poindexter, Eugene.

Fell Through a Door.

Some time this morning between two and four o'clock, some one maliciously or otherwise shattered the large glass in the door of L. A. Overton's paint store at No. 38 West Eighth street. The night policeman discovered the broken door about four o'clock and roused Mr. Overton, who at once made an examination of the store to see if anything had been disturbed. He found nothing wrong except the safe door open, and he was pretty badly frightened for a moment or two until he saw that the safe had not been tampered with. It had inadvertently been left open the night before.

The person who broke the glass was perhaps drunk and fell against the door.

Mr. Overton says he will pay a liberal reward to anyone who will inform him who the miscreant was. It was necessary to send to Portland for a glass to replace the broken one.

Improve the Siuslaw.

Washington, March 21.—Senator Fulton has called at the war department to ascertain the cause of the delay in beginning the improvement at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, under the appropriation of last year.

He was told that the project had become somewhat antiquated, and, because of changes that had taken place at the mouth of the river, had to be revised. This revision has been completed, and, when approved by the board within the next few days, work will be authorized.

REPUBLICAN'S JUBILATE

(Daily Guard, March 21.)

The county central committee of the republican party met this afternoon in the county judge's room in the court house and attended to preliminary details of the coming election of a congressman.

Chairman E. O. Potter presided and Justice C. A. Wintermeier acted as secretary.

PRIMARIES MARCH 28.

The first date to be decided was that of holding primaries. Saturday, March 28, at 2 o'clock was chosen the date and time of holding primaries, with the provision that the hour may be changed by precinct committee to suit circumstances.

CONVENTION APRIL 4TH.

Saturday following the primaries, April 4th, was set as the date for the county convention. It will be held in Eugene at 2:30 p. m. At this convention delegates to the district convention will be chosen.

HOLD POW WOW.

After the business of the convention was attended to there was a spirit of exultation which demanded utterance and the chairman announced that the republicans would be permitted to crow awhile over the prospects. The idea was a popular one and various committeemen were called to their feet to brag on their party and the various majorities in the precincts.

Dr. Kuykendall led off with an enthusiastic speech and was quickly followed by others. Dr. Paine said, "Now while we have the enemy down it is the time to lick him good." The pugnacious spirit would not be suspected to look at the doctor.

After the general pow wow each member of the committee was admonished to fight to the last and elect the republican nominee for congress with a whoop and a hurrah.

Died.

Mrs. Laura E. Lane, wife of Albert Lane, died at her home near Walthersville, March 20, 1903, from congestion of the brain. She was aged 43 years, 3 months and 15 days.

The funeral will be held Sunday at one o'clock, with interment in the Camp Creek cemetery. The services will be in charge of the Woodman Circle of Walthersville, of which the lady was a beneficiary member, holding a policy for \$2000.

Mrs. Lane was the daughter of the well known citizen, J. W. Fountain.

Died.

In Cottage Grove, March 14, 1903, Mrs. James Shields, aged 60 years. She was a widow and left no children.

In Cottage Grove, March 13, 1903, J. T. Turpin, an old pioneer, aged 82 years. Death was the result of a complication of smallpox and a general breaking down.

In Junction City, March 14, 1903, D. Simmons, aged 82 years. He leaves three children in the East.

Broke His Arm.

The little two-year-and-six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Myers, residing about 5 miles from Springfield on the McKenzie, fell out of small express wagon Tuesday morning and broke his left arm between the elbow and the wrist, says the Springfield News. He was brought to the home of his grandfather, J. J. Browning, in this place, and the disabled member was set by Dr. Van Valzah.

Dogs Kill Sheep.

Mr. Pitney, who resides a mile and a half from Springfield, had 23 sheep killed by dogs Wednesday night. Other parties in that neighborhood have lost sheep in this manner the past week. Mr. Copenhagen, near Goshen, is reported as having lost 23 or 24 one night last week.

A proposition is on foot to organize the woolen mills employes of the coast into a union styled The Pacific Coast Textile Workers' Association. Organizer Johnson is in Portland now and will be in Eugene in a few days.

John W. Rowland, of Portland, a brother of H. W. and L. S. Rowland, both formerly of the Guard, and son of L. B. Rowland, of this city, has been recommended for the appointment of chief clerk in the surveyor-general's office at Portland. He is at present clerk in that office, where he has been employed for eight years.

*Goldsmith's cigar store, Eugene.