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The Republican State Central Committee has decided on April 14 for the state convention and recom mends primaries be held April 2 and county conventions \{April 7 Vote on justice of supreme court is basis and Washington County will have 13 delegates ont of the total 361 .

General Chamberlain has issued the necessary proclamation an nouncing that the direct primary law and the local option laws, which have been proposed by initia tive through petitions of the voters, will be submitted at the general election in June.

Dr. Thos. Withycomb, director of the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Corvallis, is among the probable candidates for the Re publican nomination for congressman in the First District. The Doctor was an efficient State Veter inarian, and has done splendid work at Corvallis, making of great benefit to the agricultural interests of
Oregon the experiment station which before his administration ha been developed along scientifi rather than practical lines. In
politics Dr. Withycomb made a politics Dr. Withycomb made successful chairman of the Republi-
can County Central Cormittee of Washington County in 1898.

The total expense of county government in Oregon is $\$ 1,103$, 385.34, of which circuit courts cost $\$ 88,23$ 1, county courts $\$ 59.962$ and justice courts $\$ 8823$ I. The expense for school superintendentr was $\$ 33939$, for surveyors $\$ 1773$ coroners \$10116, treasurers $\$ 21676$ sheriffs $\$$ III163, county clerk \$113392, recorders (an office com bined with clerk in most of the counties) \$21676 Jils took counties) $\$ 21676$. Jals took $\$ 25$ 124, and the care of the poor $\$ 105$, 562, while investigating insanity cases cost $\$ 3923$. Assessing and collecting taxes footed up $\$ 3555$ and courthouse expenses $\$ 79577$ For bridges $\$ 146357$ was paid ou and $\$ 17709.31$ for elections. This year the election item will grow to about what it was two years ago $\$ 57537$, last year having only had a lone congressman to be elected. THE COST OF COUNTY GOV ERNMENT.
Secretary of State Dunbar in his annual report shows Washington County's expenses for three year 1901, \$23221.63; 1902, $\$ 27809.69$ and 1903. \$23854.51. Yamhil county with a smaller population similiar conditions and a trifle larg er area spent during the correspond ing years $\$ 27000, \$ 30000$ and $\$ 36$ ooo.

## A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO HERMANN

Senator George C. Brownell is mentioned as a possible candidate for representative in congress from this first district, and the choice seems not unlikely. For years the subject of newspaper attack from the near-by metropolis, the Clacka mas county statesman has alway won out in his hone county with ever-increasing majorities, while in the Willamette Valley, as his ac quaintance has extended his popu larity has grown. Few men in Oregon can draw a larger crowd during political times, and as heart to-heart talker on the stump very speech is sure to bring votes Then he has an admirable secor as president of the senate, secure the initiative and referendum, by ferreting out the school land fraud saved Oregon $\$ 32,000$, hasbeen ever the friend of labor, the untiring ad vocate of the country interests of the Valley, and the champion of the old soldiers, alike striving for the interests of the civil war veterans the Indian war heroes, and the oys who served in the Philippines The steadfast friend of Senato Mitchell, the loyal supporter of Senator Fulton, Mr. Brownel would doubtless be a congenial colleague to them in the Orego cougressional delegation, so the re publicans of the first district will Clackamas county's claims to furnish a congressional candidate.

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Juatice of the Prace, H, G. Fitch has been conflined to the house the last few days, being quite ill. Borv, to the wife of F. MeGinnis tepping high as it is his frat girt. The butcher whop closed last day for the present but I. S. Fais hild is selliog meat in the same sho his week.
Frank Briggs, now employed i the mail service in Portinad can. here for a fow daya.
A brother of Ed Shamily of thilace, came in on the Wednesdes morning train from Aberdeen, Wast days.
A. A. Phillips, agent for the Whamette Real Eatate Co., sold We Woif Bros, one half of block N tion $\$ 150$. $\qquad$


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