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REPUBLICAN CO. CONVENTION.
Delegates Instructed for Williamson and Mitchell and County Officers Nominated.

The republican county convention met at Prineville Wednesday, and elected the following delegates to the state and congressional convention: H. Gray, T. S. Hamilton, Will Wurzweiler, Henry Windem and M. R. Elliott. These men were stongly instructed for Williamson and bouquets were passed to the Oregon delegates in congress. The resolutions were favored by all but one delegate. The nominations for county officers moved off quietly. Several candidates were nominated by acclamation. The following candidates for county offices were nominated: Charles Gilchrist, county clerk; W. A. Bell, county judge; Frank Elkins, sheriff; Wm. Boegli, superintendent of schools; Charles Graves, surveyor; Otto Gray, treasurer; C. S. Edwards, coroner; Sid Stearns, county commissioner; J. L. McCulloch, assessor.

One outside delegate made the convention several speeches evidently of a Moody flavor, but he was suffering from hicoughs and, as a delegate from this precinct remarked, "was too full for utterance."

To Restore Lost Rights.

Senator Dubois has reported a bill to restore homestead rights to persons who took homesteads and afterwards lost them. The following is the text of the bill:

"That any person who has heretofore made or who may hereafter make entry under the homestead laws, but who shall show to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the general land office that he was unable to perfect the entry on account of some unavoidable complication of his personal or business affairs, or on account of an honest mistake as to the character of the land; that he made a bona fide effort to comply with the homestead law and that he did not relinquish his entry or abandon his claim for a consideration, shall be entitled to the benefit of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made." A similar bill was passed in 1900, and homestead rights were restored to persons who lost them previous to that time.

Cattle-grower's Convention.

There will be a covention of the cattle-growers of Oregon held in Portland, April 16th, beginning at 10 a. m., continuing in the evening. The people interested in this great industry are earnestly requested to be present, as subjects will be discussed of the greatest importance to all cattlemen. The meeting will be held at the Auditorium, between Taylor and Salmon, on Third St.
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THE REAL THING.

Gold Discovered on the Top of Cline Butte.

Quite a little excitement was caused this week by the report that gold had been discovered 15 miles north of here and two miles from the river. Chauncey P. Becker and Otto Retzlaff have been quietly prospecting about Cline Butte in section 21, Township 15 S, Range 12 E., and had 18 samples taken from various parts of a forty acre tract a-sayed, with the result that it was found to contain gold to the extent of \$3.78 per ton, as well as a small amount of silver.

The ore is found on the surface of the top of Cline Butte and it is believed that the whole butte is composed of it. Becker and Retzlaff have staked off mining claims and on Wednesday a large party from Swalley's bridge also located claims near by. A party of about 15 persons went from this place Thursday for that vicinity for the purpose of taking claims. Old settlers have always believed that Cline Butte and Saker Rock contained gold, but the metal has never heretofore been shown up in paying quantities. The mine is well located, as the Deschutes river will furnish plenty of power and water for mining operations.

Oregon Congressmen.

In the second congressional district Williamson has already secured 121 votes for renomination. Necessary to a choice 93. The following are the Williamson delegates by counties:

Crook 5, Grant 7, Morrow 5, Umatilla 16, Clatsop 10, Columbia 7, Multnomah 71.

Moody has two counties solid, Wasco 12, Wheeler 4. All the other counties are either divided, or are non-committal until they see which is the right wagon to climb upon.

In the first district Hermann is apparently ahead. If, however, he does not win on the first ballot, he will not win all.

End of Palmer Matter.

The case against A. C. Palmer, accused of impersonating a government official by representing himself to be a United States Commissioner after his time had expired, was dismissed. Palmer was indicted by a grand jury some time ago and tried, but the jury disagreed and no verdict could be secured. As a consequence it was decided to dismiss the charge entirely.—Oregonian.

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New Federal Indictments.

The federal grand jury has indicted a very large number of persons this season. Besides the persons whose names are already given out, eight warrants have been issued for persons whose names are kept strictly secret. The present term of court bids fair to be one of the lengthiest in the history of the district court.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remained uncalled for at the Deschutes post-office for the month ending Feb. 29th., 1904.

James Johnson Stanley Gray
Mr Chas Hofstner Mr W S Holbrook

Parties calling for any of the above letters will please mention the fact that they are on the advertised list.

W. H. STAATS, Postmaster.