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The republican primary contests that have just been held show up strongly the need of the proposed primary law. In Grant county the whole fight and the whole selection of delegates centered on the question of county treasurer. In Lake county the Simon question was up. In almost every county some one question was up and all other matters were relegated to the rear. In all counties the sheriff's office is the most sought for and pays the highest salary. The selection of delegates is nearly always made by the candidates for sheriff or their friends, and the candidates for other offices must combine with a candidate for sheriff or they will not have a delegate in their favor in the convention. We need a system where the voter at the primary not only votes for a candidate for sheriff but also votes for every other state or county candidate that his party is to put up. This would make combinations and machines useless and therefore there would be no machines. Each candidate would stand on his own merit, rather than on the favor of some political machine.

W. A. Reeder, a Kansas congressman, some time ago told the Oregon Congressmen that their constituents were so crooked on land matters that the Oregon representatives should be seen but not heard on the question. Reeder seems to be sending extracts from his speech to various Oregon newspapers. Here is one of his gems: "The secretary of the interior says that the frauds which have been perpetrated in some of the Western states under the desert land act, under the timber and stone act, and under the commutation clause of the homestead act are perfectly appalling." Reeder is too fresh. There is no more fraud in Oregon than there is in Kansas and Nebraska. We take pleasure in referring him to Senator Burton of Kansas as to the truth of this.

A large number of land patents have arrived at the Oregon City land office. The patents were issued on lands taken both under the homestead and stone and timber acts. This is a good sign, and it is hoped that the quarantine has now been raised on Oregon land matters. There are a large number of people in this vicinity who would take a day off if they heard that their long expected patents had arrived.

The Lewis and Clark fair seems to have asked its appropriation from congress at a very unfortunate time. This is a political year and the campaign handbook will soon come to the front. Republican leaders are now cutting down expenditures. It's too bad that Oregon will have to suffer from the new horn economy of congress.

The colored people have determined to put up a negro candidate for the presidency of the United States. They will advocate a pension for ex-slaves. Now, if the negro candidate should be elected, the question would surely arise as to whether the negro chief

magistrate would lower himself in the esteem of his race, if he should permit a white man to dine at his table. This is a serious question and it is hoped that the ebony gentlemen will decide the matter at their convention. It is certain that Booker T. Washington will not receive the nomination. This gentleman advocates industry as civilizer of the negro race, and this of course bars him from darky suffrage.

We have said that M. A. Moody's name would not be presented at the coming congressional convention, and we now reiterate the prediction. Moody is claiming all the uninstructed delegates from Eastern Oregon and he hasn't them. He is too foxy to let his weakness be shown up in the convention, as over half of the uninstructed delegates are for his opponent.

County officers are the hired business agents of the residents of a county. If they have done the county's business wisely and honestly isn't it good sense to continue them in the employment? The county that encourages and rewards merit is the only one that is blessed with honorable and able officials. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The Celilo canal which is to open up the Columbia river past The Dalles, and give a better outlet to Eastern Oregon is being held up by one property owner. He claims that he has invested \$200,000 on his property and cannot throw it away. It's a safe bet that he never told this kind of a story to the Wasco county assessor.

The Spray Courier takes umbrage at our statement some time since that Wheeler county had gone for Williamson. No such wise thing happened in Wheeler, but its delegates will vote for Williamson just the same,—just to make it unanimous and harmonious, you know.

It is said that extensive engineering work will be done by the government during the next couple of years. The work is to be done with a view of ascertaining the availability of various sections for irrigation purposes.

Parker and Hearst seem to have the democratic presidential field to themselves. The candidates represent the two elements of the party, and the party policy is likely to be a settled question before the convention meets.

The ignorance shown by the Russian newspapers is strictly ludicrous. If Russian officers are no more intelligent than the government editors the war will turn into a comedy of errors.

The Russians and Japs do not rush into fights with the zest which is most interesting to onlookers.

Everyone is enjoying the ideal Eastern Oregon spring.

### DEMOCRATS MEET.

Good Feeling and Close Contests the Order of the Day

The democratic convention held today was a lively affair. It was characterized by lively debates and close finishes. L. N. Liggett was in the chair, and a resolution endorsing W. R. Hearst was passed by a close vote. The convention took advanced ground against county division, and delegates were instructed to vote for legislative candidates who were opposed to

county division. Thomas Triplett, W. C. Congleton, G. B. Springer and W. F. Hammar were elected delegates to the state and congressional conventions. M. R. Biggs was nominated for county judge over W. H. Staats and G. Springer. John J. Smith was victor for nomination for county clerk, but Warren Brown made an exceptionally strong showing. C. Sam Smith and M. H. Bell were then nominated by acclamation for the positions, respectively, of sheriff and county treasurer. For assessor John La-follett won over P. D. Doak by 2 votes. W. R. McFarland had no opponent for the position of assessor. When nominations for the position of commissioner were called for, G. W. Noble, J. N. Montgomery, J. E. Roberts and E. G. Slayton were named. The first ballot showed a vote pretty well divided between the four candidates. After two more ballots E. G. Slayton was declared the winner. C. L. Dinwiddie received a unanimous endorsement for county superintendent of schools. The convention was spirited and harmonious and the men nominated are all that could be desired in the way of popular and competent nominees and ought to win hands down.

### Notice to Voters.

Now is the time to register. You have only up till 5 P. M. on May 15 to register, and it is imperative that registration be accomplished as speedily as possible. Be sure and have your location—lot and block, or number of room when in hotel, or section, township and range when out of town. This is to facilitate registration and is equally a time-saver to the voter and the county clerk.

This registration is for two years and covers the coming presidential election.

Remember and bring your location, as the clerk cannot take time to look up plats or records, as there will be several hundred voters to register in the next two months.

J. J. SMITH,  
County Clerk.

### The Bend Postoffice.

Instructions have come in regard to the establishment of a post-office at Bend. It appears that Bend will be supplied from Deschutes instead of Prineville, and that all the mail for the vicinity will first come to the Deschutes office and will then be made up for Bend. It will then be taken by special carrier to the latter office. The mail facilities will be unchanged, being three mails a week from Prineville. The new postoffice will not be a money-order office as heretofore reported. It is to be hoped that the petition lately forwarded by parties from this place for a daily service will be granted. The wisdom of that movement is now recognized.

### Water and Electric Light.

A new company has been organized and incorporated for the purpose of supplying water and electric light for Lytle. The company is capitalized at \$10,000, and the incorporators are C. C. Hutchinson, H. W. Reed and John Steidl. The turbine wheel which is now used by the Deschutes Lumber Company's sawmill will be used for power, and the new turbine, now on its way from Shaniko, will be used for the sawmill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Allen spent Thursday in Deschutes. They left yesterday for Prineville where Mr. Allen goes as a delegate to the democratic county convention.

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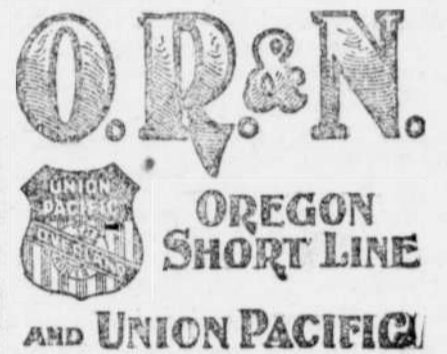
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John Sizemore was bruised quite badly last Sunday by being thrown from the back of a horse. After relieving itself of its burden the horse rolled over on to Mr. Sizemore and gave him a pretty hard squeeze.

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1:30	BIGGS	11:25
1:50	Gibsons	11:00
1:54	Sink's	10:52
2:14	Wasco	10:45
2:27	Klondyke	10:20
2:33	Summit	10:25
2:43	Hay Canyon June	10:1
2:46	McDonald	10:12
2:48	DeMoss	10:10
3:00	Mojo	9:50
3:15	Erskenville	9:32
3:44	Grass Valley	9:15
4:00	Bourbon	8:55
4:15	Kent	8:40
4:35	Whicox	8:20
5:00	SHANIKO	8:00

Daily stage connections at Shaniko for Antelope, Prineville, Bend, Burns, Silver Lake, Lakeview, Mitchell, Dayville, Antone, Ashwood, Canyon City, John Day City and Fossil.

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