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**DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION**  
Meeting at Portland Falls to Instruct for Hearst.

The democratic state convention met at Portland Tuesday and put up its nominees for the June election. One of the first issues after organization was the question of instructing the delegates to the national convention for Hearst. A number of Hearst managers from California were on the ground and the Hearst men held a caucus. When a vote was taken on the Hearst resolution the vote stood 151 ayes and 115 nays. The Oregon delegation therefore goes to St. Louis uninstructed. Gov. Chamberlain is a candidate for the vice-presidency, and as the Pacific coast could not expect both places on the ticket, the California man was not endorsed.

Crook county was the recipient of one of the legislative honors when Hon. W. A. Booth was nominated for state senator for the joint senatorial district composed of Grant, Klamath, Crook and Lake counties. J. E. Simmon was selected by the second congressional district convention as its nominee to oppose J. N. Williamson. W. C. Congleton, formerly sheriff of this county, was made a member of the state central committee.

Judge W. L. Bradshaw was nominated for the office of district judge of this district, and Daniel Smythe received the nomination for the district attorneyship of the same.

**One Use for Land Officials.**

In an editorial The Dalles Chronicle informs its readers of some Dalles land office methods, and how home made booms are manufactured. The following is an extract.

Just before the primaries in this county an effort was discernible to boom ex-Congressman Moody to succeed Mr. Williamson in the position. The little outside prints, kept alive by land notices from the U. S. office in this city, published articles in every issue derogatory to Mr. Williamson and laudatory of Mr. Moody. One could examine the advertising columns of the "patent outsiders"—their only source of revenue, in many instances, being the patronage they received from land notices—and could predict the Moody favoritism by the number of the homestead entries, contests and timber claims published. In order to "boom" their benefactor the most fulsome praise was lavished upon Mr. Moody, and the most flattering statements published of his actions while a member of congress.

**The World's Fair Route.**

Those anticipating an Eastern trip, or a visit to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, cannot afford to overlook the advantages offered by the Missouri Pacific Railway, which, on account of its various routes and gateways, has been appropriately named "The World's Fair Route."

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**Government Irrigation aspects.**

The government has at length determined to irrigate 140,000 acres in the Payette valley, Idaho. Oregon will have no active work done this year, but during the summer two locations will be examined and the most available tract will be selected. Umatilla and Malheur counties will be the projects examined. Both have their advantages, and it is possible that the government will be at work in one of these places next year. Surveying for canals is the only irrigation work that Oregon can hope for from the government this year. Umatilla county has been very active for the last three years and it is claimed that 50,000 acres of new land has been cropped in the county during that time. This will work in Umatilla's favor. The Malheur region is highly spoken of as a desirable country for irrigation. It can probably be irrigated more cheaply than Umatilla county. In the meantime the Deschutes river district isn't waiting for anything. All the companies along the river are busily at work and Crook county will have a largely increased acreage of farming land next year.

**The County High School.**

Work has begun on the county high school to be erected at Prineville. The building is to be built of rock and brick and every effort will be made to have the building ready for the fall term of school. The contractors will make their own brick from clay pits near Crooked river, and the rock supply is unlimited. Several buildings in Prineville are constructed from home-made brick and are both sightly and durable. Ground has already been broken for the foundation and quite a crew of men is at work.

**Injured Ranches.**

Crooked river and the Ochoco changed their channels in a number of places during the late warm weather, and a number of ranch owners lost a portion of their land. Dingee, who owns the ranch west of the Crooked river bridge, is the greatest loser, as his place was badly cut up. Judge Biggs lost quite a strip of his land on the Ochoco, which he seeded to alfalfa. Every rancher who owned land on either of the two rivers is a loser to some extent.

**Increase in Lumbering.**

The lumber industry of Western Oregon is looking up as a result of a reduction of railroad freight rates on the Southern Pacific Railroad. The rate has been reduced from \$5. to \$3.10 per ton, and the lumber companies that have not been able to operate at full capacity are preparing to put on more men and make a busy season of it. Some of the lumber concerns

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**Substitute for Patent Outsides.**

The Gem, which sparkles in the town of Granite, in the County of Grant, appeared last week printed on wall paper of chaste design. Faithless trains failed to bring sufficient white paper for the Gem's use, and the resourceful editor bought up the town's stock of wall paper. As but one side of the paper was used, the green and gold and silver flowers and scrolls shone in undiminished splendor, so that the subscriber might obtain the news of the day from his Gem and then use it to decorate his room. The purchase of a few extra copies would have provided enough paper for the walls of the best room in the house. There might be an idea in this for publishers. Announce that the Daily Whirligig will be printed on wall paper of exclusive design, and that a subscription for three months will furnish material enough to cover the walls of an ordinary house. No waste! Follow the war and beautify your home! Look at our pictures and turn their faces to the wall! But one would be in a dilemma if it became necessary to consult the files. A hole would have to be scraped through the wall from the opposite side, or the appearance of the room must be ruined. On second thought, therefore, it seems advisable to buy newspapers and wall paper from separate firms.—Oregonian.