

REPUBLICAN LOVE (?) FEAST.

The republican county central committee met at the court house last Saturday forenoon for the purpose of fixing dates for primaries, county convention and other business that might come before the meeting.

In the afternoon a number who did not approve the action of the central committee met, probably by accident, at A. W. Gowan's office and we learn that a strong effort will be made to prevent the state delegation being seated.

The delegates to the county convention are as follows: Alvord 1; Burns, 14; Crane, 2; Catlow, 1; Curry, 3; Diamond, 2; Drewsey, 4; Harney, 5; Happy, 2; Island, 2; Lake, 3; Poison creek, 2; Pine Creek, 1; Pueblo 1; Silvies, 2; Saddle Butte, 3; Wild Horse, 3; Warm Springs, 2.

DEMOCRATS MEET.

Pursuant to call the democratic central committee of Harney county met at the court house last Saturday afternoon. The resignation of C. E. Kenyon, as chairman having been previously handed the secretary, it was read and accepted.

The committee was very harmonious. The business was taken up and disposed of in a short time.

Several of the precincts were not represented on account of the conditions of the roads.

The primaries were set for Tuesday, March 25, at 1 o'clock p. m. and the convention to be held in Burns on April 2, at 9:30 a. m.

The representation given each precinct was two delegates at large and one for every 15 votes or major fraction, for Thos. G. Green for Supreme Judge, cast at the June election. The total number of delegates to the convention will be 65 as follows: Burns 11; Harney, 4; Drewsey, 5; Curry, 3; Diamond, 3; Saddle Butte, 3; Happy 3; Alvord, 2; Lake, 3; Crane 3; Wild Horse 3; Poison Creek, 4; Island, 3; Silvies, 3; Pine creek, 4; Catlow, 2; Pueblo, 3; Warm Springs, 3.

The city election held last Tuesday passed off quietly, although the contest for councilmen was rather warm. There were 168 votes cast. The following were elected: Mayor, C. Cummins; councilmen, Sam Mothershead, F. O. Jackson; recorder, L. Woldenberg Jr; treasurer, W. A. Gowan; Marshal, Robt. George.

W. E. Alberson was over from his home at Wild Horse a few days this week. Mr. Alberson has announced in this issue as a candidate for the office of Assessor, subject to the pleasure of the democratic convention. He has held the position before and his ability and qualifications are well known to the voters and taxpayers of this county.

In this issue appears the announcement of J. A. Williams as a candidate for the office of county commissioner on the democratic ticket. Mr. Williams possesses all the qualifications necessary to fill the office to which he aspires, and as we should be careful to get an able man for this important office, we are of the opinion that the democrats could do no better than nominate him. Joe would make a good run.

The announcement of J. C. Foley as a candidate for county judge appears in this issue. J. C. has been a resident of Harney county since the early '80s and is perhaps as well known to the people as any other man with its borders. He has been identified with the democratic party all his life and has a reputation for honesty and firmness of character. Mr. Foley, should he be the choice of the convention would make a fine race and if elected would serve the taxpayers in an able manner.

Socialists Mass Convention.

At a meeting of the socialists of Harney county held at the court house at Burns March 5th Ex-County Judge C. P. Rutherford was chosen chairman of the C. C. Committee and G. W. Waters Sec. It was decided at this meeting that no local ticket would be put out for county officers in view of the fact that the membership of this county amounts to about 60 and for the further reason that it is not the aim of socialism to get office but to bring about new and better conditions in our government and this they hope to do through educational work.

The principal conditions that socialists demand are direct legislation Initiative and Referendum and Government ownership of public utilities. These things the Socialists have long demanded and they care not trough what party or parties they come. It has been charged that the socialists of Harney county would unite for the purpose of defeating and electing certain men at the coming election. It was stated at this meeting, and truthfully, that such was not the case but that the socialists would vote perfectly independent according to their individual ideas for the best men regardless of party names.

G. W. Waters and Harry Briscoe were selected as delegates to the state convention to be held at Portland March 19th.

The Burns Band turned out and cheered us with some good music. There was some good speech making and though not of an eloquent or flowery nature, was to the point. And thus our first public meeting, while not largely attended, passed off pleasantly and was enjoyed by those present.

G. W. WATKES, Sec'y.

Every man, woman and child who appreciate music should attend the cantata "Phylis, the Farmer's Daughter," at Floral Hall next Friday evening. This production will be the first real treat in that line since "Queen Esther" was put on several years ago. Several who took part in "Esther" are also cast in this and we have no hesitancy in recommending it to our readers as first class and sure to please.

HOW LEASE LAW WOULD EFFECT.

Small Stockmen Would Lose Money Says Mr. Fenwick.

Burns, March 6.—(To the Editor)—One of the most absurd and ridiculous features of the proposed range lease bill, now before congress, is that small owners of real estate would be permitted to lease 10 acres adjoining to their one acre of freehold. Take, for instance, the man who owns 160 acres: This in a compact form is one-half mile square; his neighbor to the north and south owns the same; that would give each a strip one-half mile wide by five miles long for a leasehold on the foot-hills. This would make five and one-half miles of fence per man to enclose his leasehold, provided his neighbors built half the fence. This, at the present price of material and labor ruling in Harney county, would be \$120 per mile, or for five and one-half miles, \$600 to fence two and one-half sections of land. In this county we have data to prove that—taking the county at large—it will keep not to exceed 20 head of cattle per section, on the average, nine months in the year—this includes the high mountain ranges. But as the foot hills are poorer soil and more barren, it would hurry an average section to keep 12 head of cattle. Thus, allowing 30 head of cattle to two and one-half sections (which I assure you any fair minded stockman, who has no axe to grind, will say is more cattle than it will keep,) the results would be as follows:

The first cost of fencing his little reservation would be \$32 per head on his cattle; rental at 2 cents per acre would be \$32 per year, or a little over \$1 on the head. The ratio of increase on range cattle is universally computed among stockmen to be one-fifth. The increase, therefore, would be 6 calves which at \$12 per head would give a gross income each year of \$72. But as taxes are on an average of 25 mills and cattle assessed at \$14 per head, the tax on same would be \$10.50. Land in the bottom, or what we term meadow land, is usually assessed at \$5 per acre, making \$20 taxes on 160 acres of freehold; and as the road tax is now collected in coin it would be (personal and property) over \$5; the tax on \$600 worth of fence on the leasehold, which would also be taxable as improvement on government land, would be \$16.50, making a total of \$42 to be deducted from his \$72, leaving a balance of \$30; but as his rental on the land is \$32 per year, which must also be deducted, it would leave just \$2 less than nothing with which to support and educate a family.

No one is more aware of these facts than F. C. Lusk and his coterie of cattle kings and land magnates, who are howling so vociferously for the lease system. They well know that if they can get this nefarious law enacted that they can freeze out every small man and get his homestead for just whatever they see fit to pay. And in the form of a gigantic cattle trust get possession of this great inland empire of Eastern Oregon, and drive its nearly 100,000 population out of and away from their homes. Then this great octopus will cease paying rent on the range, as it will own all the meadow lands, and it being impossible to use the range without hay for wintering, they will virtually have a clear title to the whole inland empire.

The merchant and the artisan will have to "pull their freight," as the saying goes, and where the thriving inland towns now stand and happy families gather round the hearthstone, will be transformed into cowsheds; the church bell that now calls the busy throngs to their places of worship will be unheard, unless it should be used for a dance hall for a few scattering vaqueros who tend the cattle kings' vast herds, or per chance it might make a good stable for cow ponies.

Those are the conditions and those are the facts, plain, cold and unvarnished—and they cannot be truthfully refuted. Therefore there is nothing remarkable in the fact that the common people who understand the situation should oppose it as a unit. Neither is there anything remarkable in the fact that every business man in Burns, with the exception of one, should appeal to our metropolis, Portland, to assist us in protecting our homes, families and property.

But why don't the settlers utilize their farms for farming purposes

instead of stockraising? This question may be asked. Please look over the map of Eastern Oregon and see where the railroads are to do the shipping. Furthermore, if they were plenty, the freight rates are—for such long hauls to tide-water—so high, that it would only be profitable to ship the surplus after we had fattened our beef and fed our dairy stock.

MEL FENWICK.

Communicated.

Portland, Feb. 27.—(To the Editor.—) In view of the recent reports on the growth of Christian Science in Germany noted in The Times-Herald of Feb'y. 15, the following official information may be of interest to your readers.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, (Erste Kirche, Christides Scientisten,) in Berlin, was organized some time ago with the customary permission of the authorities, and the notices of services are published every week in the Berlin newspapers. There is also a Christian Science reading-room which is announced at all the services and a Christian Science Institute of Berlin. What is true of Berlin is also true of other cities in the German Empire, such as Hanover, Dresden, Heidelberg, Cannstatt, etc., namely, Christian Scientists have been wholly free to worship God as they saw fit. Since Christian Science practice consists of prayer advanced to a realization of and absolute reliance upon the omnipotence of God over all evil, it is of course absurd to speak of making such prayers "illegal."

The statement made in the German Reichstag to the effect that Christian Science had been imported into Germany after being "worn out in the United States" is at least amusing to those in this country who have observed its remarkable growth, even during the past year. The total number of churches at the close of the year 1900 was 443 and the total number at the close of the year 1901 was 496 giving an annual increase of 53 churches. To this number should be added 28 new societies (not yet organized as churches) which gives a total increase for the year 1901 of 81 churches and societies or a grand total of 663 organizations. Such a showing would indicate that Christian Science is in no sense "worn out."

When the subject of Christian Science came up in the Reichstag the other day, a word of deep wisdom, suggestive of Gamaliel's counsel to the men of his time, was spoken by the Imperium Secretary of State, when he said: "I earnestly warn against using the power of state against such things." It is certain that whoever truly understands Christian Science cannot but hope to see its benefits extended to all mankind, and the Emperor's reported intention to "take energetic measures against all forms of obscurantism" will be welcomed rather than opposed by the followers of Christian Science in his country, as the mission of its teachings is to give light to the world and make practical the Master's promise: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

DAVID B. OGDEN.

O. D. Rusk was a visitor to our city this week.

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LEE CALDWELL, H. M. BRENTON, Burns, Ore., Feb. 17, 1902.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of John Anderson deceased, did, on the 21st day of February 1902 file with the County Clerk of Harney County, Oregon, her final account in said estate and that Monday the 23rd day of March 1902 is the day set for the hearing objections thereto. Any creditor, heir or other person desiring to file objections to said final account shall do so on or before said date. Dated this 22nd day of Feb., 1902.

LENA ANDERSON, Adm'x.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that by order made and entered on the 8th day of February 1902 the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of Emma J. Davis deceased and all persons holding claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my residence near Drewsey, Oregon verified as by law required, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 8th day of Feb. 1902. I. M. DAVIS, Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

It the matter of the Estate of William Marrs, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix with will annexed, of the estate of William Marrs, deceased, by order of the County Court, for Harney county, State of Oregon, made the 7th day of Jan 1902. All persons having claims against the said estate shall present them, with the proper voucher, within six months from the date of this notice, at the law office of John G. Saxton, my attorney, Burns, Oregon.

Dated this 11th day of January 1902.

MARTHA MARRS, Administratrix.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given to whom it may concern that by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon made and entered July 6th 1902 the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of Janie Shepard dead, and all persons having claims against her estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at the residence of Walter Cross on Trout Creek in this county within six month of the date of this notice.

Dated at Burns, Oregon January 11th 1902.

L. W. SHEPARD, Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Feb. 19, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on April 21, 1902, viz: Ed. Ruty No. 707, of James Caldwell, for the N.E. SW 1/4, NW 1/4, and Lot 7, Sec. 24, T. 26 S., R. 31 E., S. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. E. McClure, Simon Lewis and F. S. Rieker, of Burns, Oregon, and Casper Hay, of Sarnow, Oregon. G. W. HAYES, Register.

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