

THE candidates spoken of in the Democratic party for the offices of sheriff and clerk are all representative men and we hope when the county convention meets and the delegates fairly and honorably make the selection of candidates to go before the voters of this county praying for their suffrage, that all sectional and local differences may be forgotten and the fight be made purely on party issues and the integrity, honesty and moral worth of the candidate.

We are persuaded to believe that such will be the case, the Democratic party think too much of success to allow local affairs—although they may be considered important—to interfere with the advancement of the interests of the party and success of its candidates.

Local differences thrown in by those who desire the defeat of our party, as obstacles in the path of victory, we think, will be simply ignored and passed over by the Democrats of Harney county.

In our primaries we should do the work that insures victory in the end, send no delegates except those of undoubted ability and integrity. Men whom you know you can trust first, last and always. And in our selection of delegates require a solemn promise of each and every one to attend in person and represent the interest of his precinct, because a delegate who is not sufficiently interested in his precinct political wants to attend the convention, care; but little to whom he gives or to what purpose his proxy is put. By giving careful attention to these details no Democrat need fear the result.

Just as soon as the Iron Horse goes thundering over the beautiful and productive Harney county, this valley and surrounding country will leap into an existence little dreamed of at this time. Harney county's immense stock range and meadow lands together with the agricultural portion which in large tracts lies here not yet developed, ready for the plowshare of the husbandman.

Furthermore our mountains abound in rich deposits of gold and silver, and we believe in the near future coal beds will be opened up, and what more do we want to make Harney county one of the most desirable sections in Oregon.

At present we are deprived of many advantages and comforts enjoyed by our fellow creatures who are not so isolated, but this barrier to our wants and advantages will be broken soon by the advent of the O. P.

Then enterprise, money and immigration will accomplish what we have already stated a leap from the old to the new, a leap from obscurity to affluence, from the rural to the foremost rank of advancement

As far as the formation of the committees can indicate the policy of the democratic party in the House of Representatives the outlook is most decidedly favorable to tariff reform and a marked retrenchment in public expenditures. The tariff policy is to attack the McKinley bill in detail by repealing the most

obnoxious of its schedules. If the republican Senate refuses to agree to this or the republican President vetoes it, should it pass the Senate, the people will know where to place the blame.

ALTHOUGH the Hon. Joe Simon was highly recommended for the appointment to the office of U. S. circuit judge, it is thought, on account of the strong protest which has been forwarded to Washington, that the Hon. W. Lair Hill will receive the appointment.

COMMUNICATION.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 30.—There was a serious railroad wreck about two miles above La Grande last night, killing four men.

As the west bound passenger train which left La Grande at 8:30 last night for Portland was nearing the river a quarter of a mile above Predmore's where there is a sharp curve and side cut on the river bank, the weight of the forward engine caused the rails to spread and the engine next the train to run off over the embankment about thirty feet down into the river, carrying with it the tender of the forward engine, baggage and mail cars. The automatic airbrakes were all that saved the passenger cars from following into the river, as the train first parted it caused the brakes to be set up solid on all the cars. Engineer R. E. Law was killed by a large splinter of the cab run through his right thigh and other injuries. Fireman G. G. Miller was scalded to death.

Two young fellows were riding on the blind baggage, one of whom had his back broken. The other had one leg cut off and was seen standing on one leg knee deep in the river holding the other knee, from which he had lost his leg, in his hands. He was brought to La Grande and died this afternoon.

Many persons visited the wreck to-day, and the general opinion is that rotten ties were the cause of the accident. The engine lies bottom up with its cab out of sight in the river, but the front engine was uninjured.

A coroners inquest before Justice Alberson (W. E. Alberson's father) is now in session and will perhaps continue several days.

Trains will be running to-morrow. I am recovering from my hurt but am not able to be out much yet. J. NAT. HUDSON.

Evidence Given in the Contest Case.

MONDAY.

U. G. HOSTETTER.—Testified that he had been a resident of the state of Oregon about eight years; that he came into Harney county from Lake county about March 20 1890, and voted at Alvord for Harney.

CHAS RILEY.—Testified that he resided with his family in Embree precinct, that he was a farmer and freighter. That on election day he was on his way with freight from Huntington and voted at Drewsey. That Wily made out his ticket but did not know for what place he voted for county seat. That he didn't have his specs with him and could not see to make out his ticket and told wily to make it out for Harner or Silvies.

P. EUGEL.—Testified that he had a homestead in Silvies Valley, Grant county, that he and his family had

resided at Harney most of the time since Nov. 1889, because it was necessary to come where his wife could have medical attendance. That he himself lived on his homestead enough to comply with the homestead law; that his family resided in Harney from Nov. 1889, to July 1890, and that he voted at Harney and for Harney.

GEO. TREGASKIS.—Testified that he resided in Harney, but voted at Curry precinct for Harney for county seat.

GEO. W. HAYES.—Testified that he was a single man at the time of the election, that he was then reading law with Mr. Sweek at Harney and had been before that so reading at Burns. That he had no fixed residence in the county at the time and voted at Blitzen No. 3 for Silvies City.

J. T. BAKER.—Testified that he had made Harney county his home for six years. That he at the time of the election was a vaquero and had no fixed residence in the county, and voted at Alvord for Harney for county seat.

M. A. MODL.—Testified that he had resided in the county ever since the spring of 1885, that he had a homestead near Wrights point; that at and prior to the election he was a vaquero and went on the rodero about the 10th of May 1890, and while on the rodero voted at Alvord for Harney.

JAMES BRANDON.—Testified that he was a vaquero, single, had a homestead, that he voted at Harney but being "loaded for bar" that day couldn't say how he voted, that he had a number of tickets made out for him that day, and thought John Robinson made out the one he voted.

W. S. HALEY.—Testified to having two ranches in the county. One school land in Harney precinct and one road land in Burns precinct; that about the 1st of April 1890 he moved to Harney and remained two weeks, then moved to the school land and resided there until July after the election. That he was school clerk in the Burns School District, but thought he had a right to vote at Harney and did vote there for Harney as county seat.

The recorder of Safety Lodge No. 13, A. O. U. W. has received a warrant for \$2000 in favor of Mrs. J. Cox, being the beneficiary policy of her son James Cox, who died in Crook county about six weeks ago. Also a warrant for Mrs. A. S. Rader, of Toledo, \$1000 and one for Mrs. Isabella Guess, of Rock Hill, for \$1000 being the beneficiary policy of their brother Henry Ingram.—Albany Democrat.

A meeting of delegates from various farmers' alliances in Eastern Oregon will be held in Pendleton on the 6th of this month for the purpose of discussing the advisability of purchasing the right to produce rain in five counties in Eastern Oregon, by the Melbourne process. One delegate will go from this neighborhood.—Dalles Chronicle.

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