

THE ITEMS

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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Political Dates.

Socialist State Convention, March 19.
Democrat primaries, March 25.
Harney County Republican primaries, March 26.
Republican Congressional Convention, Second District, April 1.
Republican State Convention, April 2.
Democrat County Convention, April 2.
Democrat State Convention, April 10.
Republican County Convention, April 12.

The Hanley-Kelley-Gowan, "special convention" for the purpose of electing three delegates to State and Congressional conventions, is called to be held in Burns, March 26. A full attendance REQUESTED.

When men who have professed, off and on, being Mitchell republicans, such as A. W. Gowan and H. Kelley, will become the willing tools and henchmen of the Donnegan-Hanley (anti-Mitchell) push, and have resort to such methods as those gentlemen are at this time practicing, the old saying that "politics makes strange bed-fellows" becomes doubly impressive.

Seven of the 46 delegates to the last republican county convention at Mr. William Hanley's request have formally asked Chas. Newell, to resign his position as Chairman of the Republican Central Committee, giving as grounds therefore, that he had presided over a meeting of eleven members of said committee, and that only ten of them were in favor of electing delegates to State and Congressional conventions. Mr. Hanley presented the said request to Mr. Newell, who replied to same with some appropriate remarks about the size of Mr. Hanley's cheek. The names of the petitioners are: Cal Geer; J. P. Farra; J. W. Sevedge; William Hanley; E. P. Smith; J. W. Buoy; W. A. Gowan.

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A NUTHER POLITIKUL OUT-RAGE.

Editor Items: I noticed in the last issue of the Harney County News an artikel headed "A politikul Outrage" and I red it clear thru, an that is just what I want to speak about mostly, but I also want to notice a remark made in another column of that paper, where the editor says "God hates a coward," an when I red that I made this expresshun, says I, I hate a coward 2, an you bet I ment it 2, an I don't care who knows it eather, thats more.

When a man or Woman eather, starts in and rites a hull lot of slurs about another person and tawks about him a holdin proxys an digonerin his politikul party an awl that kind of stuff, an then is afeard to sine his name to his artikel, I cawl him or her if she is a femail a infernal, coward, and if I cud only lurn his reel name I wud know then who god hates. I think the feller who rit that artikel if he is a mail, is the one who is guilty of the politikul outrage, so I do, and every lady and gentleman I hear condense to express their opinion about it think jus like I do, thats more.

I am not a goin to git angry or show any temper in this artikel be cause that ain't politikul, but I will repeat, that any Woman or man, whether he is a ex-state senator or corperashun attorney on Maneetrest, that will give such a expression to its laserated feelins as was rit in that artikel about the politikul outrage, is meen enuff to comit a politikul outrage hisself if he only had a good chance, I believe the Nuse knows it 2, but of coarse it is not paid for tellin the truth but I wisht it was. I wudn't be the Nuse fur nuthin in the world, becaws I cudn't keep mi consunee clear if I did.

I am not goin into yur columns jest fur the sak oy bein heard, ur seen, but only to cawl attenshun to the feller that god hates, who was tu cowardly to sine his or her name in his or her artikel. Mr Editor I am not goin to entertain yur readers much longer with this artikel but i do trust an hoap with awl mi hart that the Nuse editor will see that it is rong to let eny purson eather mail or femail, black or white, red or yeller who is afeard to sine his name to his artikuls, rite slurs in his columns, munny ur no munny.

If the feller that sined his name ?republikun? will tel me his reel pain, i will tel yur readers the pain av the feller who's goin roun sayin "dumb the county ticket," an he thinks thet souns smart. I guess he thinks deligets to the state cunvension is awl thet "republikuns" hav to luk arter, but i don't an thets the diffrence twixt us.

I will klose bi repeatin what i hev allreddy repeated in this artikul, naimly: "God hates a coward," (espechully a mail), who will rite a slurpin artikul in a nosepaper, an then sine such a naim: as "republikun," (unless he haint got eny uther naim), an if he haint then i wish tu spologize fur eny insinashurs thet hev appeard in this artikul.

I will klose bi sayin, thet i am a femail but i aint skeered to sine mi naim in ful tu mi artikul. Yurs Sincerely Cynthia Jemima Seizzers.

The Crook County Journal, published at Prineville, is a strong supporter of J. N. Williamson for Congress, and in every issue is whooping it up for its candidate. After a careful perusal of its last issue, that of the 6th inst., we can find no mention of the result of the primaries in Wasco county, which were held last Saturday. Bro. Parker, can it be possible that Congressman Moody that tried and faithful servant, has knocked Williamson out in the first round? And are you aware that he will get the same kind of a dose in Baker county?—Huntington Herald.

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HOW PEOPLE ARE GULLED

The bar boasts of its antiquity as a profession, the physicians derive their science from the days of Esculapius, and the origin of the priesthood antedates both law and medicine, but the profession of the faker is the oldest and most enduring of all. There are communities so peaceful that they have no use for lawyers, regions so healthful that doctors are unknown there, maybe tribes so godless that they respect no priesthood, but there is no community, no region, and no tribe on earth, nor ever was or will be, in which a clever faker starved to death.

The faker relies on a weakness of human nature which neither civilization nor education can eliminate. He knows that men are greedy, hopeful and credulous, and that he who promises much for little, new lamps for old, or something for nothing, will not lack business. He knows, too, that he need not bother his brain for new ideas, the old frauds, the old swindles and the old tricks being new to some millions of his fellow men. For example, there is a fraud known to the police and the public as the "green-goods game," which has been employed for a century or two for the purpose of cheating the unwary. It has been described in the papers at least a million times. It has been a stock subject for the wit of the comic papers. One might suppose that every human being above the age of reason had heard of that game. Yet when a man remarked not long ago in the lounge room of one of the principal clubs of this city that another farmer had been caught by the "green goods game," two experienced men of affairs inquired, "what sort of a game is that?"

The industry of promoting fraudulent stock companies was in a flourishing condition centuries before the South Sea bubble burst and ruined half England. Every once in a while a sleek promoter decamps, leaving a herd of cheated investors and a quantity of mortgaged or rented office furniture, but the gulled investors, instead of going home and having guardians of themselves appointed, draw their remaining cash from the bank and go hunting for another promoter willing to relieve them of it. People are so eager to be cheated that there is a standing temptation for the faker, and the swindling guild might say, as Warren Hastings said when accused of looting, that considering the opportunities, they are surprised at their own moderation.

It is so easy to rob the public with the public's consent, and by entirely legal and almost conscientious means, that the criminal is justly regarded as a bungler and shut up in prison. Crime is only an expedient for great emergencies. When a man can fill a bottle with soap water, give it a fancy name and sell it as a cleansing fluid with marvelous properties, or as a sure cure for consumption, and when he can rent fine office furniture and sell printed paper as stock in a mythical mine or oil well, why should he elect to be a burglar or a footpad? Really, the criminal is only another kind of a gull.

People never will learn that men do not willingly give something for nothing, and that when a smooth promoter promises to pay millions for the use of hundreds, it is well not to let him have any money. A rule is never to put a dollar into an enterprise without having inquired into it thoroughly, and never to play another man's game.—Ashland Town Talk.

If two pairs will beat a full hand, then the lawyers, Gowan & Kelley, and the pushers Donnegan and Hanley, will take the pot.

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The Wasco County sheepmen who have made such a hard fight against J. N. Williamson may find that it has been a boomerang when they come to herding all over the country in a promiscuous manner.—Crook County Journal.

Yea, what God is this the Journal would make all men bow down too. This must also be a warning to Harney county sheepmen and to all sheepmen that they have no right to open their heads as to who they wish for Congressman. Perhaps they have no right to an opinion? If this sheet expresses Mr. Williamson's views, and they are so little and narrow contracted as the above article would make them he is a very little man to place in the position as representative of the Eastern Oregon people in our national assembly.

A friend—we hope so—dropped in to see us Tuesday and casually dropped the remark that "the other fellow up there, Fred, would soon be wearing white shirts." When we said in reply we did not believe that the sum was more than a hundred, he assured us that the price paid was two hundred (\$). At the time we very much doubted the gentleman's veracity, but since giving the matter further thought we concluded the extra hundred must have been for the freight on the paper and ink, and consequently, of course, perfectly legitimate. But the other hundred, What was that for? One echo answers: "One cheap editor and newspaper plant."

The Wasco County republican convention met in The Dalles last Saturday and by a vote of 70 to 37 elected Moody delegates to the Congressional convention. Yet some thought(?) that Moody would not carry his home county.

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