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## UNION OF FORCES

Conference Committees Met at Pendleton

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS.

To Be Submitted to the Two County Conventions.

The conference committees of the democratic and people's party met in Pendleton Wednesday afternoon. The proceedings follow in detail:

Committee met at 1 o'clock p. m. at the office of R. M. Turner, Esq., in Pendleton, there being present of the people's party committee Dr. H. S. Garfield, J. T. Hinkle, A. E. Troyer, O. Feal and E. M. O'Brien; and of the democratic committee H. M. Turner, William Lloyd, James Maloney, J. B. Snyder and A. D. Stillman.

Organization was effected by the election of Dr. H. S. Garfield, chairman and A. D. Stillman as secretary.

It was moved and carried that there be submitted to the consideration of the next county conventions of the people's party and of the democratic party in Umatilla county the following platform:

"We declare our allegiance to those principles of justice and liberty and equality of all citizens before the law upon which our institutions are founded.

"We demand the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited exchange of silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of any other nation or power; and that the standard silver dollar shall be full legal tender equally with gold for all debts, public and private.

"We denounce as unjust, inequitable and dishonorable, and as a fraud upon the industrial people of the United States the surrender by the administration to the bondholders of the option reserved to the government in the contracts to redeem such obligations in either silver or gold.

"We demand the immediate repeal of the national banking act, giving corporations the right to issue money, and we denounce as subversive of government and treasonable the action of the present administration in further fastening upon the industrial people of the United States the single gold standard, and the administration's plan to surrender to the private corporations known as national banks the sole right to regulate money and issue currency.

"We demand the immediate repeal of the national banking act, giving corporations the right to issue money, and we demand that no currency be issued except by specific act of congress.

"We declare that one of the highest and most important prerogatives reserved to congress in the constitution of the United States is the right to coin money, to regulate the value thereof, and we denounce as subversive of government and treasonable the action of the present administration in further fastening upon the industrial people of the United States the single gold standard, and the administration's plan to surrender to the private corporations known as national banks the sole right to regulate money and issue currency.

"We favor such an amendment of the constitution of the United States as will deprive the supreme court of the United States of the power to exercise arbitrary power now exercised by it, to the end that we may become a free people; and that the people of the United States shall be sovereign, and their will, as expressed through their representatives in congress, shall be the law of the land.

"We condemn the arbitrary course of the courts of the United States in assuming to imprison without trial by jury citizens for indirect contempt, and depriving them by injunction of their rights as citizens.

"We demand a graduated income tax, to be levied on the aggregate wealth based on its just proportion of taxation; and we regard the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States relative to the income tax as a false interpretation of the constitution, and an invasion of the rightful powers of congress on the subject of taxation.

"We recognize the fact that the present constitution of the state of Oregon is a hindrance and menace to the people of the state rather than an aid or promise of security; we therefore demand the drafting and submission to the people of the state of Oregon, for their adoption of a new constitution which will provide for that kind of direct legislation known as the initiative and referendum; and for election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; and in all other ways provide for the best interests of the people of the state.

"We demand the construction of such locks or waterways at the Celilo falls or rapids of the Columbia river as will obtain for the use of the farmers of the Inland Empire the basin of the Columbia river, the great waterway provided by the God of nature for their prosperity. And we denounce the innumerable trifling upon the part of the republican senators and representatives in congress from that state during the last twenty years that has permitted two decades to go by without any work whatever being done at the Celilo rapids, or any serious efforts to do any work there.

"We demand such a reformation in the attachment laws of the state as will prevent the confiscation of the property of its citizens, and the perpetration of frauds and tyranny under the guise of law.

"We demand a reformation of the law with reference to the collection of attorney's fees in civil actions to the end that all contracts for the payment of attorney's fees, bonds or similar obligations shall be void; but providing that the prevailing party in a tried action at law may have judgment, in addition to the amount of the verdict for such sum as the court may adjudge reasonable as attorney's fees; and providing further that nothing in the nature of attorney's fees be allowed in any case, mortgage foreclosure

## BLOWN TO ATOMS

Battleship Maine Blown Up In Havana Harbor.

BYERS WANTS A DITCH

Will Tap the Umatilla River On the Reservation.

Havana, Feb. 16.—At 9:35 last night there was a terrible explosion on the battleship Maine. Many were killed and wounded, and all the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII are assisting in the rescue. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent.

FROM SECRETARY LONG.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The secretary of the navy gave out the following this morning: The Maine has been blown up and destroyed. Many were killed, wounded and drowned. The survivors are now on board a Spanish man-of-war and Ward Line steamer. A light ship has been sent from Key West for the crew and the few pieces of the wrecked vessel which are still above water. I trust that public opinion will be suspended until further particulars are received.

Byers Wants a Ditch. A Washington special to the Oregonian says:

Representative Ellis has introduced a bill in the house granting to William S. Byers, of Pendleton, Or., a right-of-way through Umatilla reservation, Oregon, for irrigation, manufacturing and milling purposes.

Should the bill pass, Mr. Byers will be allowed to construct a channel along the south side of the Umatilla river from the headwaters to the western border, with the right to divert the waters of the river and tributary streams for his purpose and to construct dams, flumes, ditches and other structures necessary for conveying and distributing the waters at such points. The right-of-way is to be 50 feet in width on each side of the center line of the ditch, together with grounds necessary for reservoirs, dams, etc., not to exceed 10 acres for every 10 miles. He is also to have the right, with the consent of the owners to obtain from adjacent lands, stone, earth and timber necessary for the construction of the ditch.

The above rights are granted on conditions that he shall furnish all occupants of the lands of the Umatilla reservation with sufficient water for the domestic and agricultural purposes, but he shall not at any time exhaust the water of the stream, nor impair the rights of the occupant of the lands to the full enjoyment of the stream for his personal use.

The secretary of the interior is to appoint a commission of three to fix the amount of compensation to be paid the Umatilla, Walla Walla and Owyhee Indians for such right-of-way and fix the amount of damages sustained by them by reason of the canal crossing their lands, but before the right-of-way shall be granted, the consent of three-fourths of the male adults on these lands shall be obtained. When Byers has filed a map of the line of the ditch, giving the definite location of the dams, reservoirs, etc., and shall have made compensation for the lands and for the services of the commissioners, he will be granted the right to enter upon the lands and commence work.

James Kirk Dead. James Kirk, father of Dan J. Kirk, died at the home of his son in the Juniper neighborhood early Sunday morning, February 13th. On the 17th of January last the old gentleman suffered a hard fall on the frozen ground and fractured his hip so badly that the doctors who were summoned found it impossible to set the bones. Mortification finally set in and resulted in his death, as he was already emaciated by age. James Kirk was born in Scotland, and crossed the ocean to Canada when quite a young man. Eight years ago he moved to Umatilla county, and of late years he resided at the home of his son, Dan J. Kirk, who is a prominent Juniper farmer. He leaves another son, William Kirk, residing at Ontario, Canada. The funeral services were held Monday at Helix.

Two Trains a Day. It is confidently believed among local railroaders, says the La Grande Chronicle, that there will be four passenger trains per day through La Grande within the next two weeks. It is a known fact that the Oregon Short Line would run two trains if arrangements could be made to connect with similar trains with the O. R. & N. at Huntington. This cannot be done just at present for the reason that the O. R. & N. Co. has not the "power" available for the increased service. At the Albion shops there are three additional engines being put in condition for work, and it is believed that these machines are for use in hauling additional passenger trains each way daily.

RESERVATION FOR INDIANS According to a Decision by Judge Bellinger. In a decision rendered yesterday, Judge Bellinger holds that the title of the Indians to the 130,000 acres of land forming the Klamath Indian reservation has never passed from them and that any title now claimed by any one else is subject and second to that of the red-skin. This decision is made in the case of the California & Oregon Land Company against the government agents seeking to allot the lands. The land company tried to prevent the agents allotting the lands on the ground that it had title to them by virtue of purchase from the Oregon Military Road Company.

Discharging Ears Cured. To the Editor: I wish to make known through your widely circulated paper what Dr. Darrin has accomplished in my case. I was formerly afflicted with a severe cold, which resulted in catarrh, bronchitis and cough. This troubled me incessantly until last September, when my voice gave way and I could only speak in a whisper, caused from the thickening of the vocal cords. From that time on I tried many remedies, but all of no avail. Two months ago I called on Dr. Darrin and was treated with electricity and medicine, and to my great joy and satisfaction I am now cured, and I recommend Dr. Darrin to the public. I reside at No. 12 Webb street, Pendleton. Mrs. BERT DUNCAN.

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## INLAND EMPIRE CANNERY.

To Preserve Fruits and Vegetables and Encourage Production.

Industrial Agent Judson, of the O. R. & N. Co. has indicated George Barber, an experienced canneryman of Walla Walla, to put up a canning establishment there for operation during the coming fruit and vegetable season. For the past eight years Mr. Barber has been more or less engaged in the business of canning garden products, and Mr. Judson says he has sampled canned peas, beans and other vegetables 3 years old that were as fresh as if just picked. The strawberry crop will be first taken in hand, and the others will come in natural order through the entire canning season. Only the best fruits and vegetables will be handled, the aim being to establish a reputation for choice canned goods that will be valuable to the Northwest. As yet, there is no canning establishment of this kind in the state of Washington. A Portland jobbing house will supply the cans for this Walla Walla enterprise. This is in the line of development which it is the purpose of the O. R. & N.'s industrial department to promote in the Inland Empire. Canning and pickling factories would put valuable natural products in shape to command more respect in foreign markets than perishable green fruits receive. The canned goods can wait for the demand; the green fruits often cannot, and are shamelessly sacrificed. To establish preserving establishments is regarded as one of the most efficient ways of encouraging production and bringing profit to the producer.

A CARD FROM A. L. JONES

A Remarkable Cure.

Mr. Editor:—In justice to Dr. Darrin, I will say eight years last fall I went to him in reference to my eye. I had suffered untold tortures from neuritis in the eye for 15 years previous, so bad at times that the least ray of bright light or cold wind would almost set me crazy. In this condition I called on him. He said he could cure me. I paid his price and took one or two electricity treatments. I came home and will candidly say from that day to this I have not had any symptom of a return of it. I think it the most remarkable cure on record and would recommend the afflicted public to call on the doctor and he will do you good, as I am a strong advocate and firm believer in his method of treatment. Can be referred to. I live in Athena, Ore. A. L. JONES.

Postoffice Rules. When you call at the postoffice for your mail and the postmaster hands it to you, ask him if that is all. If you ask him for your mail and he tells you there is none, tell him there ought to be, then go home and send the rest of the family around in different times during the day. Don't bring your mail to the postoffice until the mail closes, then call on the postmaster for not opening the mail bag and putting your letter in. When you want a stamp on your letter tell the postmaster to put it on; if he don't lick it, lick him. In case you put it on yourself, soak it in your mouth long enough to remove all the moisture, it will stick until dry. Be sure and ask the postmaster to credit you with the stamp if he has any accommodation about him he will do it. If you have a box, stand and drum on it until the postmaster hands out your mail. It will make him feel good, especially if he is waiting on someone else.

Suckers Will Bite. Three men have arrived at Tacoma with tickets purchased in the east resulting as follows: "This ticket is good for one first class passage on the magnificent, full powered steamship Ocean Wave, of Portland, Ore. from Tacoma to Dawson City, via the Yukon river." George Mason, the holder of one of these tickets, says he paid \$50 down and was to have paid the balance \$250 at the company's office in Tacoma, but he can find no one here who knows anything about the company. During the past week, reports have been made to the Tacoma police of a dozen different kinds of fraudulent tickets that men have brought to the coast.

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