REPUBLICANS OF OREGON.

Convention Held in Astoria—Nominations and Platform.

The Republican state and congressional conventions were held in Astoria last week. The congressional convention, which met on Wednesday, nominated Malcolm A. Moody, of Wasco county, for representative for the second district.

Thos. H. Tongue, of Washington county, was nominated for representative for the first district at the congressional convention held in Eugene a few days previously.

The state convention met on Thursday and completed a state ticket before adjournment was taken.

The following resolution was adopted immediately after organization was effected:

"Resolved, That the following message be at once wired to President McKinley: 'The Republicans of Oregon, in convention assembled, to the president of the United States, greeting: With the utmost confidence in the wisdom of your administration and pledging you the support of the state of Oregon, we express our earnest convictions that the Maine was destroyed by design or criminal neglect of Spanish officers, and that this outrage is just cause for the United States to drive the Spanish nation from the Western hemisphere.'"

The State Ticket.

Governor—T. T. Geer, of Marion.

Secretary of state—F. I. Dunbar, of Clatsop.

Supreme judge—F. A. Moore, of Columbia.

State treasurer—Chas. S. Moore, of Klamath.

State printer—W. H. Leeds, of Jackson.

Attorney general—D. R. N. Blackburn, of Linn.

Superintendent of public instruction—J. H. Ackerman, of Multnomah.

The Platform.

"We, the Republican voters of the state of Oregon, in convention assembled, congratulate the people of the state as well as of the whole nation on the unmistakable fact that the dark cloud of adversity, which has hung like a pall over our fair land, has been dissipated. We recognize that the return of prosperity is due to the restoration of the Republican party to power.

"We are in favor of the maintenance of the present gold standard; we are unqualifiedly opposed to the free coinage of silver and to all other schemes looking to the debasement of the currency and the repudiation of debt. We believe that the best money in the world is none too good to be assured by the government to the laborer as the fruit of his toil and to the farmer as the price of his crop. We condemn the continued agitation for free silver as calculated to jeopardize the prosperity of the country and to shake the confidence of the people in the maintenance of a wise financial policy; we particularly condemn as unpatriotic the efforts of the free-silver agitators to array class against class and section against section; we declare that the interests of all classes and of all sections of our country alike demand a sound and stable financial system.

"While we deplore the imminence of war, we recognize that the country is on the eve of war, undertaken for the vindication of the national honor and the performance of a work dictated by every instinct of humanity; we declare that the administration is entitled in this conflict to the confidence and support of the entire people.

"We are firmly attached to the principles of the federal constitution; we recognize that representative government is one of these principles, and we are opposed to any change in law or constitution which will abrogate this time-honored principle.

"We are in favor of retrenchment and reform in state and county matters.

"We demand strict economy in public affairs, and the abolition of all needless offices and commissions.

"The salmon fishing industry, so fruitful a source of revenue to the state, should be fostered, and to that end we favor state aid in the artificial propagation of salmon, and their distribution in the waters of this state.

"We affirm our allegiance to the principles of the Republican party of the United States, as enunciated by the Republican convention in St. Louis in 1896.

"We denounce the fusion party of Oregon as an aggregation of spoilsmen, who are ready to subordinate principles to offices. Each of the parties to this compact is willing to stultify itself and form alliances with elements which it has heretofore denounced as dangerous and unfit to be intrusted with power; we declare that good government cannot come from such an alliance."

A Western man has designed an endless chain propeller for boats in which a double chain of buckets is hung to two shafts extending crosswise through the boat, with power transmitted to the shafts by piston rods attached to a crank section in the center of each shaft.

Moscow has a hospital large enough to hold 7,000 persons. It was founded in 1764, and at present takes in children at the rate of 40 a day, or about 15,000 a year. There are 26 physicians and about 900 nurses.

Very Caloric.

The emotional literateur has just written a piece of which he was very proud. The editor looked it over and then said:

"Do you candidly think such opinions ought to go into cold type?"

"I don't know much about the practical work of printing," was the reply, "but I don't believe it makes any difference. Even if the type is cold I guess that article will take the chill off it."—Washington Star.

When It Didn't Count.

"Did you give him any encouragement?" inquired the mother, referring to the impecunious young man who refused to consider himself out in the cold.

"Oh, dear, no; none at all," replied the beautiful daughter. "On one or two occasions at the seashore last summer I promised to be his wife, but that was all."—Chicago Post.

Canada's imports from the United States increased $3,000,000 last year, and her imports from England decreased $3,000,000.

OREGON PROHIBITIONISTS.

Nominate State Officers—National Platform of 1896 Adopted.

The Prohibition party of Oregon held its state convention in Newberg Wednesday. The number of delegates present was somewhat smaller than expected. Interesting sessions were held and much enthusiasm was manifested.

The following nominations were made:

Representatives—First district, L. H. Peterson, of Woodburn; second district, C. W. Ingalls.

Governor—H. M. Clinton, of Portland.

Secretary of state—H. C. Davis of Halsey.

State treasurer—Moses Botaw, of Newberg.

Superintendent of public instruction—B. E. Emerick, of Philomath.

Supreme judge—T. E. Hackerman, of Albany.

Attorney-general—T. J. Bright, of Wasco.

State printer—M. P. Marquam, of Forest Grove.

The national platform, which was adopted, follows:

"The prohibition party, in national convention assembled, declares its conviction that the manufacture, exportation, importation and sale of alcoholic beverages has produced such social, commercial, industrial and political wrongs, and is now so threatening the perpetuity of all our social and political institutions that the suppression of the same by a national party, organized therefor, is the greatest object to be accomplished by the voters of our country, and is of such importance that it of right ought to control the political action of all our patriotic citizens until such suppression is accomplished. The urgency of this cause demands the union without further delay of all citizens who desire the prohibition of the liquor traffic; therefore,

"Resolved, That we favor the legal prohibition, by state and national legislation, of the manufacture, importation, exportation and interstate transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages; that we declare our purpose to organize and unite all the friends of prohibition into one party, and in order to accomplish this end, we deem it but right to leave every prohibitionist the freedom of his own convictions upon all other political questions, and trust our representatives to take such action upon other political questions as the change occasioned by prohibition, and the welfare of the whole people shall demand."

BIGGEST FIND OF ALL.

A Great Mine Near Susanville, Grant County.

W. P. Mount, of Susanville, arrived in Canyon City Wednesday, having in his possession some of the richest and most beautiful free gold quartz specimens ever seen in this country, taken from his recent discovery, the Skyscraper mine. The specimens exhibited were of the pretty white quartz variety, almost identically the same as taken from the Vitrue mine, near Baker City, and came nearer being nuggets than quartz specimens.

"I have known for several months past that the Skyscraper would, if sufficiently developed, become a bullion-producer of no mean importance," said Mr. Mount, "but the past week has shown it to be perhaps the richest mine on the coast. Even prior to the finding of the extremely rich body of ore uncovered a few days ago, the normal and continuous wealth of the ledge was regarded by practical mining men as phenomenal, the returns from samples taken indiscriminately ranging from $80 to $350 per ton. April 1 a body of gold was encountered in the level following the ledge, a description of which would sound more like fiction than fact. At this point the lively, clear-cut, hard quartz is literally welded and bound together by the yellow metal, samples going as high as $150,000 per ton. From eight ounces of this ore $25 was extracted in coarse gold, while selected specimens would give greater returns. From the result of three days' stripping we estimate that $30,000 worth of ore will be taken out. The deposit of gold has been traced along the ledge for a distance of 1,700 feet, showing an ore chute of very unusual length, and the ledge ranging in width from one to four feet. Every particle of the rock extracted from the commencement of operations last August up to the present time will average $100 per ton, something unknown in the history of gold mining the world over.

"It is not a pocket ledge by any means, as may be surmised from its extreme richness, but at times the gold seems to be concentrated in very rich bunches, though without interfering a particle with the regular precipitation of the wealth characteristic of the ledge.

"Negotiations are under way for the erection of a modern stamp mill of large capacity, including rockbreaker, concentrator and self-feeder. Just as soon as the roads are in good condition the plant will be forwarded to the property without delay."

The Skyscraper is not the only mine in the Susanville district, by any means. Messrs. De Witt and McLean, operating the Hughes group in the interest of a San Francisco company, have completed their shipment of ore and are now pushing development work vigorously and as soon as the roads will admit they will have a 10-stamp mill.

The ore body exposed by Horace Sloan last winter looks like a bouquet to a miner's eye, and is already attracting the attention of mining men. The ore chute is between five and eight feet wide, and in the neighborhood of 60 feet long. Milling tests show a free gold deposit of almost $9 per ton, while a concentrating test will go $30.

The Gem of the Mountains, owned by Mr. Blake, of Canyon City, now bonded to Mr. Mount, though base, is one of the most promising mining properties of that nature in Eastern Oregon. Development work is limited, but what has been done is sufficient to demonstrate that an ore body of prodigious size will be unfolded as depth is attained, and also that the precipitation of gold will be greater. The average value of the heavy base ore is in the neighborhood of $50 per ton, and the ledge is fully five feet wide in the bottom of the 30-foot shaft. About 30 feet above this ledge is another strong one, running parallel and carrying a small deposit of free gold, and from the trend of the two ledges they will certainly merge together at no very great depth.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

A year ago wheat traders were theorizing as to the effects on the price of wheat of a war between Turkey and Greece. Neither of those combatants was a wheat producer, but the near fear of the contest involving Russia kept the price for a month swinging through an unusually wide range, and advanced quotations about 10c a bushel, half of it on the Monday following the opening of hostilities. It is surprising that the wheat-consuming countries abroad, in anticipation of a war involving their chief source of supply, have of late been ignoring everything except this possibility, have been maintaing prices in spite of a declining tendency at times on this side, and have been making cash purchases with unexpected energy?

The United States is furnishing at present half of the wants of the wheat-importing countries of the world, about 4,000,000 bushels of the 8,000,000 bushels supplied weekly. Would the grain operators abroad, whose office it is to anticipate the world's situation, take phlematically a war which threatened to embarrass even in the smallest way this vast weekly supply and which might possibly affect it seriously?

That is hardly to be assumed. Indeed, it has not been the fact. The other side for a fornight, incredulous as everybody has been all this time of the differences growing into an actual conflict, has been ignoring fine crop prospects at home and large offerings, and has been making liberal purchases from America at prices which have been a surprise to the American trade. It was really remarkable that Leiter could sell 200,000 bushels abroad Easter Saturday. These are indications that if a declaration of war removed all the present doubts the price of wheat abroad would advance sharply.

The effect of war on home prices is not easy to anticipate. Sentiment would be a factor. Quick, decisive successes exhilirate a nation as they do individuals, encourage business as well as national ventures and quicken speculation. Any advance in the wheat price on the other side would be predicted upon some embarrassment to the export of American wheat.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 84@85c; Valley and Bluestem, 87@88c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $4.30; graham, $3.85; superfine, $2.50 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 39@40c; choice gray, 37@38c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, $25; brewing, $26 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $18 per ton; middlings, $24; shorts, $18.

Hay—Timothy, $12.50; clover, $10@11; Oregon wild hay, $9@10 per ton.

Eggs—Oregon, 11½c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 40@45c; fair to good, 35@40c; dairy, 30@35c per roll.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12½c; Young America, 13@14c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4.00 per dozen; hens, $4.00@4.50; geese, $6.00@7.00; ducks, $6.00@7.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 13@13½c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 30@40c per sack; sweets, $1.75@2 per cental.

Onions—Oregon, $2.25@2.60 per sack.

Hops—5@12½c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 6½c; spring lambs, $2.50@3 each.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $4.25; light and feeders, $3.00@4.00; dressed, $5.00@6.25 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3.50@4.00; cows, $2.50@3.25; dressed beef, 6½@7c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Potatoes—Yakimas, $12@13 per ton; natives, $9@11; sweets, 2½c per pound; box of 60 pounds, $1.75.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 25c; ranch, 10@12c; dairy, 16c; Iowa fancy creamery, 23c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 12@13c; Eastern cheese, 12½c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 15c; California ranch, 14c.

Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, 8c; cows, 7@7½c; mutton, 8½c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 8c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 13c; dressed, 15c; turkeys, live, 14c; dressed, 17@18c.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 6@7c; steel heads, 7@8c; salmon trout, 9@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; tom cod, 4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 3@5c; herring, 4c.

Olympia oysters, per sack, $3@3.25.

Corn—Whole, $23; cracked, per ton, $24; feed meal, $24 per ton.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $26; whole, $25.

Flour—Patents, per barrel, $4.25@4.50; straights, $4.25; California brands, $5.50; Dakota brands, $5.00@5.75; buckwheat flour, $6.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $16; shorts, per ton, $17@18.

Feed—Chopped feed, $21@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, $18@19; oil cake meal, per ton, $35.

Hay—Puget Sound, new, per ton, $12@13; Eastern Washington timothy, $16@17; alfalfa, $11; straw, $7.

Oats—Choice, per ton, $25@26.

Wheat—Feed wheat, per ton, $23@24.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada, 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Southern coast lambs, 7@8c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $23@25.50; California bran, $21.00@21.50 per ton.

Onions—Silverskins, $2.60@2.85 per cental.

Eggs—Store, 12½c; ranch, 13@14c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 19c; do seconds, 17c; fancy dairy, 18c; good to choice, 17@17½c per pound.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, 35c@$1.40 per large box; grapes, 25@40c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@$1; pears, 75c@$1 per box; plums, 20@35c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 40@50c.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navels, $1.25@2.75; Mexican limes, $4.00@4.50 California lemons, choice, $1.50; do common, 50c@$1.00 per box.

Hay—Wheat, $22@26; wheat and oat, $21@25; oat, $14.50@16.50; best barley, $18@21; alfalfa, $14.00@16; clover, $13@15.

Hops—12@15c per pound.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 10c; old, 10c per pound.

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ANIMALS AS MODELS.

Some of the Experiences of an Artist in Sketching From Life.

"Leaves from the Sketch Book of an Animal Artist," is an article by Meredith Nugent in the St. Nicholas. Mr. Nugent says: There was an elephant in the Jardin-des-Planets that would not pose unless he were paid for it, and paid in advance. Then he took payment in buns and pie, but if these were not forthcoming, he would deliberately walk to the farther end of the enclosure and turn his back. The only way to get a drawing of this big fellow was to engage some one to feed him meanwhile. In the same gardens I saw an unusually interesting sight one morning. A little sunbear with a large marrow bone in his shaggy paws was resorting to all sorts of bear devices to get the sweet marrow. Suddenly he lay down on his back, placed one end of the bone in his jaws, and with his hind paws tipped the other end of the bone so high up that the choice morsel slipped into his mouth. If the animal could only have understood the shouts of approval that greeted this performance, I think it would have turned his head. In one of the sketches you will see how this feat was accomplished. As a rule I find the models very good natured. True, they keep a sharp eye on me for the first few days, but after that are generally quite friendly. Of course, there are some parts of the business they do not like. The oriole never was happy when I held him in my hand for close inspection, but a beautiful cat which rebelled when I first placed her in a bird cage—to keep her in front of me—grew so fond of being there, and after I finished my drawings she cried and cried to be put back into the cage. Intense curiosity is the great characteristic of animals when in the studio. They are as much interested in you and the surroundings as you are in them. This is especially the case with birds. Leave the studio but a few minutes, and these two-legged fellows are hopping into everything. Of course they inspect the paper on which you have been drawing, and the paints, and the brushes, and occasionally vary these proceedings by taking a bath in the water bowl.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

The twentieth century will begin on Jan. 1st, 1901, and end with 2000. People did not begin to reckon time from A. D. 1, but waited until about the 500th year of the Christian era. People who begin to take the great health restorative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, immediately after the first outbreak of dyspepsia, malaria, rheumatism, constipation, nervousness or kidney trouble will date their cure immediately from them.

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Bad Roads Are Costliest.

When once the fact gets firmly established in the minds of the farmers of the United States that it is more expensive to maintain bad roads than to make and keep in condition good roads they will take active interest in the question and an era of road building will begin which will add to their wealth, prosperity and comfort, and benefit the country at large as much as has the laying of railroad tracks and the advance of the steam locomotive. Let those engaged in agriculture study such figures as those recently issued by the supervisor of New York, wherein he shows that it costs half as much to haul produce three miles by wagon as it costs to haul it 500 miles on the railroad. The supervisor figures out that with a system of good macadam roads the farmers would save an amount each year equal to the interest on from $10 to $30 an acre, according to the crop raised, and would increase the value of their land either to sell or hold by a like amount.

Police as Shark Catchers.

Among the multifarous duties which demand the attention of the Calcutta police the capture of sharks in the Hooghly finds a place. During the past 20 years rewards have been paid for the destruction of these marine maneaters, and recently the Bengal government laid down a scale for these payments.—N. Y. Sun.

It is stated that 55 English towns and cities are now burning their garbage and solid refuse, using an average of about 10 furnaces each. Steam is generated and used for electric lighting and other purposes.

Little Africa a Man.

Little Africa, a lithe, petite dancer, sprang into popularity at Detroit a few weeks ago, and through a shrewd manager, became a drawing card at private "dinners" given by the "nice" young men. Two weeks ago the Detroit light guard gave a "smoker," and one of the attractions was the mysterious Little Africa.

The Seeley dinner dance was reproduced in all its interesting details. The little "wiggler" was recalled again and again, and each time responded with a new movement. Glasses clinked to her honor, she was showered with bouquets and coins, and every effort was made to discover her identity. Since that two "quiet" stag parties have been given by Detroit select young men, and Little Africa, the clever little dancer, as nearly costumed a la Eve as was consistent with proper entertainments, has been idolized.

Society was scandalized, and Little Africa supplanted many a sweetheart in the affections of some fast young men. Her admirers have been searching the city to do her homage, and the scandalized members have been searching for her to make her trouble.

It has now been discovered that the dancer was Frank Bruesser, a well-known costumer, who has been having fun at the expense of his friends. Bruesser's form has a remarkable resemblance to that of a woman.

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March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

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Church Built of Coral.

A church built of coral is one of the curiosities of the Isle of Mahe, one of the Seychelles islands in the Indian ocean. The Seychelles islands, which are supposed by many to be the site of the Eden of Old Testament history, form an archipelago of one hundred and fourteen islands, and are situated about 1,400 miles east of Aden and 1,000 miles from Zanzibar. They rise steeply out of the sea, culminating in the Isle of Mahe, which is about 3,000 feet above the level of the ocean, and is nearly the center of the group. All these islands are of coral growth. The houses are built of species of massive coral hewn into square blocks, which glisten like white marble, and show themselves to the utmost advantage in the various tinted green of the thick tropical palms, whose immense fern-like leaves give pleansant and much-needed shade. These palms grow as high as 100 feet and more, overtopping both the houses and the coral-built church. They line the seashore and cover the mountains, forming in many places extensive forests.

The magnetic clock was invented by Dr. Locke, of Cincinnati, in 1847-48.

The name of Nebraska is an Indian word, which means shallow water.

MOTHERHOOD.

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Timidity of an Elephant.

Riding along a road in India, I saw the following instance of a big elephant's timidity, which I venture to send to you: The elephant, ridden by a mahout, was followed by a small Maltese terrier which, intent on its own affairs, trotted beside its master, making occasional instinctive investigations by the roadside after the manner of dogs, without particularly noticing other travelers. From the first moment the elephant set eyes on the dog he never lost sight of him, turning from side to side always with an eye on the small animal, and hurrying out of his way whenever he approached. The timidity of the one and the confidence of the other were irresistibly amusing.—London Spectator.

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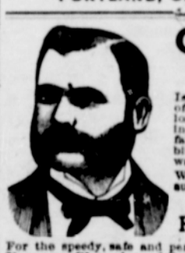

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