

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Sumpter Will Give Delegates Warm Reception.

A recent issue of the Tacoma Ledger headed up a story about Sumpter's boom with: "An Oregon town that grows no moss." The truth of this assertion will be demonstrated when the democratic county convention is held here April 7. Citizens of Sumpter, without regard to what party they hold allegiance, or whether or not they care a straw for either of the organizations for the promotion of the world's most gigantic confidence game, will take a hand in friendly politics that day and endeavor to give an exhibition of being "the best people on earth."

General Warren, who has a record of forty years of unyielding, turbulent hostility to the party, has recognized the white flag presented by prominent democrats of the town, held a parley with the enemy and consented to suspend hostilities for twenty-four hours on that occasion, acting as one of the reception committee. He did not make this further promise in the presence of witnesses, but told a friend under an oath of secrecy, that he would then so far forget his prejudices against that political organization as to join them in their party drink of whiskey straight. No one could ask more of him, to make a greater concession.

A democratic caucus was held one evening last week in the city hall to arrange for the convention. It will, of course, be held in the Ellis opera house (owned by the man who would make the best run for the office and fill it most acceptably, that of representative in the state legislature). The following were appointed on the reception committee: T Kilpatrick, General Warren, Thomas McEwen, C M Donaldson, J E Bruce, Wm Robinson, H B Griffin, T D Bellinger, H G Woods, Dr. Hendry, Joe Mikel, Cale Rosswell, J G Connell, O C McLeod, Robt Newland, J W Cox, J P Baird, J Brannon.

The following twenty-two names were selected, from which eleven delegates to the county convention will be chosen at the primaries to be held Saturday: W H Gleason, A P Jones, A A Hammond, J T Parkinson, J F Shelton, E L Manning, B K Davis, W W Felix, C M Donaldson, J F Cupid, A W Ellis, W W Looney, B Weatherford, Geo Baker, C H McCulloch, F A E Starr, W B Fuller, J H Robbins, P D Healey, Ike Williamson, P V Nebergall, P D Estes.

The populist convention will be held here on the same date as that of the democratic convention, which will include over 100 delegates. There will be between 300 and 400 visitors in camp that day from every part of the county, and it is important that every one of them leave with a kindly feeling for and favorable impression of Sumpter.

MOVE TOWNSITE CO.'S OFFICE.

Will Build a Brick Block on South Sumpter Street.

J. H. Robbins, who owns the building now occupied by the Sumpter Townsite company, says there is no truth in the statement that the place has been engaged for the postoffice. There was some talk to this effect weeks ago, and if the postmaster wants it, he can doubtless get it, but no agreement to that effect has been reached. Mr. Robbins will occupy the building himself as a residence, until a better one can be secured.

The Townsite company will, in all probability, vacate about April 1, and move its offices to the Gagen & Jones block, the new brick just south of the

railroad track on Mill street; until its brick block across the street can be erected. The company will build a handsome two story brick, fifty feet front, on the lot now occupied by the engineering department. It was the intention to begin work on this structure this week, but yesterday word was received that its order for brick, placed at Ontario, could not be filled. David Wilson will soon have in operation a brick yard here that will turn out 20,000 a day, and it looks as if every one will have to wait for and rely on this establishment.

Mineral Output This Year \$1,000,000,000.

An official document recently sent to the Speaker of the House by Secretary Gage, of the Treasury Department, asking for an additional appropriation for use in the "preparation of the report of the mineral resources of the United States" for the next fiscal year, contains some interesting information on that subject. Acting Director Rizer, of the Geological Survey, says that the preliminary estimates show that the total value of the mineral products of the United States for the fiscal year will be over \$1,000,000,000. He says that there will be greater difficulty in the next fiscal year than usual in collecting statistics, owing to the fact that so many mines have changed hands and the records of the old company for the time they owned the mines are hard to trace. The difficulty will also be increased because the survey is called upon to give the exact amount of gold and silver which came from each state in the Union. Heretofore this statement has been made for coal, iron ores and other mineral products, but not for gold and silver. There are many questions of this kind to be determined next year, hence an additional appropriation of \$10,000, bringing the total up to \$40,000, is requested for that purpose.—Washington City press dispatch.

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