

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Baker City Makes the Winning Combination.

Sumpter delegates to the republican county convention returned from Baker City Friday. They confess that they got nothing that they went after; that the Baker City people had made the winning combination and walked off with the spoils, in the shape of fat salaried offices. At a caucus of delegates from the two Sumpter precincts, and two or three others adjoining, it was decided to submit to the convention the names of General Warren and Tom McEwen, of Sumpter, and F. S. Baillie, of Bourne, for delegates to the state and congressional convention, and that of J. T. English, of the Golconda mine, for representative in the state legislature. It is said that the Baker City delegates agreed to support English.

In the convention, however, they presented the name of Attorney Johns, of that place. For a moment it looked as if English's name would not be brought before the convention at all; but General Warren stepped into the breach, made a rattling good nominating speech and his man won on a vote of 66 to 32, the county delegates refusing to follow the lead of the Baker City bosses on this vote. In accepting the nomination, Mr. English stated that he was unequivocally opposed to county division.

George Chandler, Thomas McEwen, F. S. Baillie, W. G. Ayre, A. B. Davis, O. M. Davis, O. M. Dodson, David Wilcox, Peter Basche and Henry Rust were chosen as delegates to the state and congressional convention. Attorney Richards nominated General Warren for one of these places, as per a caucus agreement; but that gentleman promptly withdrew it, in a characteristic speech. He said that it is a futile effort to try to break into jail after the door had been padlocked; that he had played twenty-one too much not to know when he was getting the double cross. The cards were stacked against him.

C. S. Van Dugan, of Sumpter, made a good run for recorder, but was defeated by D. C. Robbins, of Baker City, on a vote of 49 to 45.

The nominees for Sumpter precinct officers were: C. S. Miller, justice of the peace; Peter Canovan, constable; G. B. Tedrowe, road supervisor. The central committeeman from North Sumpter is Roy Miller; from South Sumpter, Charles Miller.

This is the ticket nominated:
Representative—John T. English.
Sheriff—A. H. Huntington.
Clerk—Frank Geddes.
Recorder—Dan C. Robbins.
Assessor—Hiram Holcomb.
School superintendent—W. Hyde Stalker.

Commissioner—H. Fildew.
Surveyor—C. M. Foster.
Coroner—Dr. T. N. Snow.

INLAND EMPIRE GEOLOGY.

History of An Interesting Formation Written in the Rocks.

Dr. Richard Foster, of the Weiser academy, in a lecture on the Geology of the Inland Empire, at the recent session of the Teachers' association at Pendleton, said:

Our geological history begins away back in the Archean age when there was little if any life on earth. The land included in the three states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho was then represented by a disconnected chain of isolated islands. This afterwards became the core of the Sierra Nevada, the Sawtooth and the Bit-

ter Root chains of mountains. This was a long, quiet time, during which many hundred feet of sedimentations were deposited. Then followed the Paleozoic or "early life" times, represented by a few fragmentary fossils found in northern Idaho and Washington. Considerable deposits of carboniferous or coal measure beds are found belonging to this time, and we get much coal, some petroleum and several natural gas wells which were products of this age. This was also a long, quiet time, no mountains were yet formed, the earth and sea were warm and brought forth abundantly of tropical forms of life. The highest forms of life then were huge fishes and monstrous amphibians. If one of us could have visited the earth then we would have unhesitatingly pronounced the whole creation a failure. There was no beauty yet that we should desire it, no flowers or fruits, or singing birds, only huge, ugly fighting and self-destroying monsters. Great coal producing trees that grew in hot, steamy bogs and marshes. Yet this age was essential to the production of our own age and for our comfort.

The Mezzozoic or "middle life" age is represented in our "empire" only by comparatively few beds of cretaceous deposits in the eastern part of Washington and Oregon. The next step in the movement of our geological story was one of broken time. First, great mountain movements began, the valleys of the Columbia and Snake rivers were well defined. The Bitter Root mountains on the east rose to a height of 20,000 feet or more. The rains were abundant, as shown by the vast amount of denudation or erosion which took place. This Tertiary age is the best illustrated of any in our geological history. To the middle and latter parts of this time belong the immense outflows of lava and basalt which yet covers a large part of the Inland Empire. One effect of this volcanic eruption was to dam up the Snake river, ten miles below Weiser, Idaho, and to convert its bed into a vast lake which extended far up the Weiser, the Payette, the Boise and Wood rivers. Thick beds were deposited in which we find beautiful fossils of fresh water fish and mollusks, and on its shores leaves and stems of Tertiary trees and insects. The animal life of this time was varied and abundant. We find fossils of elephants, horses, camels, tigers, tapirs and a host of extinct forms no longer represented by any near living relative. During the later part of this time the Snake river broke through this lava dam and drained the lake. The canyon of the Snake was then formed, also that of the Payette, Weiser and Boise rivers. The events following this were most remarkable. Intense cold followed the great heat and hundreds of local glaciers were formed which slid down the steep mountain sides, scouring them deeply. In many places these moraines filled up the mouths of valleys and glacial lakes were formed, many of which still exist as lakes in the mountains of Washington and Oregon. So it is seen that fire and heat, volcanoes and hot springs, as well as snow and ice, rain and hail, rivers and lake, have all united to make this the delightful land that it is to live in.

Two Hundred Feet of \$100 Ore.

The Hawkeye mine at Dixie Butte, near Prairie City, is making an enviable record. Captain Sherbondy reports that the other day his men ran through a 16-foot ledge of ore, carrying \$46 in gold and 15 per cent in copper, and that later he received word that they had uncovered a ledge 200 feet wide, where the ore goes above \$100 per ton in gold.—Canyon City News.

Notice to the Public.

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