

Sparks from the Anvil.

For sale, slot machines. Apply at the cigar stands or saloons.

The editor returned to his sanctum on Friday, only to find that the political kettle was blowing off steam at a lively gait.

When a person runs for office he has some satisfaction—if it is only to know how high or low he is held in the estimation of the public.

It looks to us that the men behind the gun who are responsible for the nomination of the republican ticket were delegates from the country precincts.

Here's the situations in a nutshell in Tillamook City: Is the city authorities or the gamblers going to win out, or in other words, will the city authorities be able to compel the marshal to enforce the law?

We did not agree with the republican convention when it instructed its delegation to the congressional convention, for the reason that the delegation was not instructed in previous years. Probably it will have to climb into L. T. Harris' hand wagon when it sizes up the congressional situation.

Some people have an idea that Councilman Chase would not cut much figure in the republican county convention, and that was probably why the gamblers wanted him elected. They were poor judges of human nature, for the "hayed councilman," as they are in the habit of calling them, gave them a real surprise party when he set off a live bomb Monday evening.

It is always good political horse sense for a person to stay with his party, no matter whether he fails to secure what he wants for himself or his friends. The person who is far-seeing and desires a public office is wide-awake to know that those who bolt their party on the least pretext and then try to get public office have a hard time of it.

J. C. Holden made a good run in the republican convention for clerk, and, unfortunately for that promising young man, it was his misfortune to have the support of the yellow rag and the rule or ruin, ring democrats. Should Chester make up his mind at some future election to run for office, we would advise him to get a few political pointers from the HEADLIGHT man.

"We went into the convention republicans; we tried to win, but lost; we come out of the convention just as good republicans as we went in; we had a square deal, and you can tell the boys we're not sorehead republicans because we did not succeed in getting our man nominated." These, and a number of other remarks, were made by a bevy of delegates after the convention was over on Saturday. We reproduce them for the purpose of showing that the convention was harmonious when it broke up.

The only ring that we know of in the republican party is the republican convention, which convened in this city on Saturday, and as we looked into the faces of the gentlemen who formed that republican ring, we could not help admiring the representative gathering, for there wasn't one pug nose, ring tail, renegade politician amongst the whole crowd. There's no long any pug nose, rule or ruin, stool-pigeons dominating the republican party. But bear the pugs and stool-pigeons squeal about "Ring Rule" from now on.

The editor has been asked, since he returned from Portland, what he thinks of Wm. Reid's fresh move to construct a railroad into Tillamook. We have read the published accounts carefully, and also tried to read between the lines, but thus far it seems to us that Mr. Reid is giving us the same old song and dance, with no assurance whatever that he has obtained the money to construct the road. It is a little surprising to us that the Oregonian and the Telegram should devote so much space to Reid's hot air railroad project every once in a while, ashing and re-ashing it over and over again. Let Mr. Reid convince the people of Tillamook that he can secure the money to build the railroad into this county, then he will have no trouble in securing the right of way. It is all poppycock for Mr. Reid to infer that the people of Tillamook City are putting obstacles in his way.

We fail to see why the Herald wants to drive Old Bossy off the street and make the owners keep them up. The HEADLIGHT man feels like taking his bet off to every bovine he meets, for nearly the whole of the people are depending upon Old Bossy for a living. If the cows are destroying the sidewalks it is because they are rotten and easily tramped down and need fixing, but to blame this on the cows is not right. As a number of poor people in the city have cows, and as it helps them to keep one, we believe that the cows running at large is more a blessing than a nuisance. Marshal Clements told the council some time ago that he thought it would work an hardship upon some poor people to compel them to keep their cows up, and coupled with the fact that times are liable to be somewhat close this year, and that the cows prevent grass from growing up all over the city, we are willing that they should run at large during the summer months, and we believe a large number

of citizens think as we do, and that the Herald cannot drive dear Old Bossy off the street with its Simplex.

George W. Grayson was an aspirant for sheriff, and at a time when an effort was being made to quench the repeated factional fights, it only created another split in the minority faction, with the result that those who should have been his friends in Tillamook precinct bucked and then traded him away on the political altar in favor of Chester Holden. That is how Grayson met his Waterloo. True it is that those who opposed him made much ado that he had not been a life long republican, but this much we have great pleasure in saying for George, that since he affiliated with the republican party he has been loyal and true to it, which a large number of his traducers have not, and are now in disrepute with the party on that account. And we are glad to hear that Grayson and his friends, although defeated in the convention, will now support and work for the entire republican ticket. That is the right spirit, and George and his friends should be commended for the stand they now take in behalf of the republican party. Personally we admire Grayson for this, but we have no respect for men who gloat so much about their republicanism and then sour, balk and bolt because they cannot get what they want.

Henry Leach, who was a candidate for sheriff in the republican county convention, after receiving a good complimentary vote, and seeing that the convention was favorable to Stanley, resorted to good politics when he moved that Stanley be nominated by acclamation. That is proper politics for any person to pursue after going into a republican primary or convention, and Henry Leach gained a large number of political friends on Saturday when he followed the precedent of the minority candidate helping to elect the majority candidate. And we have much pleasure in commending him for his magnanimous spirit and honor in politics, with the hope that the example he set will be followed by every republican who took part in the primaries and convention, when it comes to supporting the party in June. As is well known to most everybody in previous years a number of republicans in this county, when they found they could not get what they wanted, went over to the "enemy's country" and aided republican candidates. That act was their undoing in politics, and, no doubt, they have long before this seen the political error they committed. Here is the contrast: Those who deserted the party and knifed republican candidates can no longer get more than a corporal's guard to back them, but should Henry Leach come up again for office, there is one thing sure, his act on Saturday and his determination to stay with the republican party will make him a strong candidate, with the respect of the party—as it will all others who follow his example. Political rule or ruin in the republican party, dictated by certain democrats, is dead in Tillamook, and those who attempted it again last week made another miserable failure.

As was expected the republican county convention went off smoothly, harmonious and pleasantly in Tillamook City on Saturday, and with very little bitter feeling after the convention was over. It was a wide-open, free for all, convention for those who aspired to public office, but from what we can gather most of the delegates had their minds made up who they would vote for before they arrived in the city. There was the usual amount of political talk on the street in the interest of the numerous candidates, but few delegates changed their minds. The principal fight centered on the nomination for county clerk, so much so that those who worked for Holden traded and sacrificed everybody else to secure the nomination for him. This political swapping did not succeed, although it worked to some extent while others failed to deliver the promised goods at the proper time. Lamb was too popular an aspirant for Holden, but the latter gave him a close run. The public lost interest in the convention after the nomination for clerk and sheriff had been made, yet the convention manifested some amount of enthusiasm when it re-nominated A. M. Hare assessor. In all, the republicans have a strong ticket. We believe it could have been improved some, but however that may be, we believe the delegates have gone home well satisfied with their choice of candidates and will do everything possible to elect the ticket from top to bottom, for if the republican party is to continue to have an organization in Tillamook County, it is the correct thing for republicans to stick together and vote a straight party ticket. The HEADLIGHT will abide by the decision of the convention and advocate the election of the entire ticket. And if those who have taken part in the primaries and convention will do the same, without making exceptions, the democrats cannot defeat one of the nominees the republican convention nominated on Saturday next June.

The city council, or we should say to be more correct, Councilman Chase, sprung a surprise on the city when he made a motion, which was carried, that the city marshal close up the gambling houses and slot machines. The council has taken the initiative and its reputation is at stake to stand firm on the position it has taken. To recede or com-

promise in any shape or form would only bring the councilmen into ridicule now they have started in to rid Tillamook City of a most pernicious evil that was allowed to exist for so many years. And if the record could be written of the distress and suffering, the lives of young men blighted, homes despoiled and families broken up, etc., it would put Tillamook City to shame. Councilman Chase did the city a great service on Monday, and we are sure he has the moral support of more than two-thirds of the citizens, for never before was there such a strong sentiment against gambling and slot machines as exists today, and on that account it is much easier for the city council to proceed and insist that the city be kept a closed town. We have expressed our opinion without fear or favor, and everybody knows that the HEADLIGHT man is opposed to gambling from public policy, and although we now plead guilty for creating a sentiment in the city against gambling and slot machines, we have not one particle of animus against those who have run the games and differ with us. Probably the gambling fraternity will endeavor to run the games, but as the city council has taken the bull by the horns, it is going to be interesting to see whether the city dads have the backbone and staying and fighting qualities to carry out what they have undertaken to do. If they have, then Tillamook City will remain a closed town, and the gambling leaches who have lived on the fat of the land in this city at the expense of poor families and with money that should have gone to pay store bills, will have to get down and work for a living or migrate to other places where they can continue to live on the body public without toil.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

Fourth of Alleged Eugene Ring Found.

CHICAGO, April 2.—With the arrest of Mrs. Emma L. Watson in a prominent hotel at daybreak today, the last of a gang of alleged land swindlers, who are said to have defrauded the Government out of thousands of dollars in their daring operations is in custody. Mrs. Watson, also known as Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Pater, was arrested by a United States Deputy Marshal after being traced and finally located by the local secret service department.

Mrs. Watson has been sought since January. She was traced from the Pacific Coast to Chicago. She arrived here Tuesday and for a time put off her capture by engaging in a hide-and-seek game with the secret service officers. She was aided in her efforts by S. A. D. Pater, one of the alleged gang, according to the secret service men. Pater was indicted by the Federal grand jury at Portland, Or., in April along with Mrs. Watson, Marie Ware and Horace G. McKinley. Pater, according to the local secret service men who shadowed him, rented apartments at prominent downtown hotels, but instead of staying in his apartments held conferences with Mrs. Watson. Pater, the secret service men say, knew that he was being followed by them in order to find Mrs. Watson, and he attempted to throw them off the track. Pater himself was not wanted by the Federal detectives, as he is under heavy bonds to appear at the April session of the petty jury at Portland.

Pater and Mrs. Watson are believed to have arrived in Chicago together. Since arriving here Mrs. Watson has lived in elegant style. Her apartments were handsomely furnished in a hotel patronized by the wealthy. When she was arraigned before United States Commissioner Humphrey today, she presented a striking appearance. She is about 30 years old and is a decided brunette. A diamond brooch glittered at her neck, and her fingers were adorned with rings. The hearing of the case was continued to Monday, the prisoner being held in \$7500 bonds. Mrs. Watson admitted her identity and also admitted that she was under indictment at Portland.

"But, pshaw," she said, arching her lips, "why all this flutter? If I am wanted to return to the Coast, it is only to be a witness. I have not defrauded any one, I have nothing to fear, I am innocent of any wrongdoing whatever."

LAND LAWS ARE GOOD.

Senator Warren, of Wyoming, Speaks for Existing Statutes.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—A conspicuous feature in the Senate Chamber today was a large easel bearing upon it a series of pictures showing the effect of irrigation and the Wyoming tract of irrigated land which has been the subject of controversy in connection with the debate upon Gibson's bill for the repeal of the land laws. The easel was placed in the Chamber at the request of Warren, who had given notice of his intention to address the Senate on the bill. Warren did not, however, find opportunity to speak at the beginning of the day's session, Mr. Mallory continuing his speech on the Carmack resolution looking to an inquiry into the legality of the old-age pension order of Secretary Hitchcock.

When Mallory concluded, a bill establishing a fish hatchery in Utah was passed.

The land law repeal bill was then taken up and Warren proceeded with his speech. He took a position in opposition to the wholesale repeal of the land laws, and said that the demand for a change

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