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BY HOFER BROTHERS.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of COUNTY ASSESSOR subject to the will of the county Republican convention.

d-w J. A. VAN EATON.

THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

The action of the Republican county central committee in changing the date of primaries and convention to some other day than Saturday will be appreciated for several reasons. There are a number of Christian churches in the county who observe the last day of the week, instead o Sunday for religious service and Sunday school. Changing the day of political assembly from Saturday gives all American citizens a chance to vote at primaries and to attend the convention.

Another reason is that business men in towns and cities find little time on Saturdays to get away from their offices and counters. Saturday is their busiest day. Now they can attend and do their full duty at the primaries and their influence will be felt for good government.

Saturday if also a better day for the county conventions as the sessions often last till midnight, or later, if there is a contest and breaks in upon the Sabbath. The change from Saturday is very commendable.

Senator Dubois served notice during last week that there should be no tariff legislation by congress until the demands of the silverites for free coinage were acceded to. On Tuesday opportunity was afforded in the senate to show whether such a threat could be carried out. The motion of Senator Morrill to take up the tariff bill was made the test, and it was defeated by eleven majority. We are glad to note that Senator Mitchell of Oregon, on this proposition, voted with the Republicans. It is certainly a subject of congratulation. He and Mr. McBride made their record on the silver question by the vote on a free coinage amendment to the house gold bond bill. Now they vote together on the house tariff bill. They do not believe in defeating a tariff bill to restore the revenues of the country. That comes first.

Senator Mitchell, as chairman of the committee on elections, has made his report on the case of Mr. Du Pont claiming to be senator-elect from Delaware. There will be a great legal battle on the question in which Senator Mitchell will lead for the Republicans and Senator Turple, of Indiana, for the Democrats. The main point is whether a state senator who has succeeded to the office of governor can exercise the duties of both offices. Senator Mitchell and the Republican majority contend he cannot.

There is undoubtedly money enough in the country to do all the business that can be done in this country under the Wilson-Gorman tariff bill. The trouble is there is not gold enough to pay for the products and manufactured articles we import, which, under a Republican tariff, we would produce at home with American labor.

No one will blame a newspaper that gets its living mostly by publishing bankers advertisements and legal notices for goldbug lawyers from supporting their candidates for office. But that hardly makes it a judge of other men's Republicanism. A great many men in the Republican party are not willing to submit to such a test as that, and they are right.

Mr. Gates is a man of great force of character and should apply it rightly.

WASHINGTON REPUBLICANS.

Reference to the Wooly Horse Found by Freemont on the Plains.

Hon. D. M. C. Gault in the Hillsboro Independent:

"An oldest inhabitant," a few days ago, told of the organization of the Republican party in this county, in 1858. Fremont had made the race for president in 1856, and had received votes, but they were scattering, and our "first inhabitant" thinks that the first Republican ticket nominated in the state was that of Washington county.

In 1858 there was really but one party, the Democratic, dominated by A. Bush, of Salem. The organization was governed and controlled by what was familiar to every politician in the territory—the "Salem clique." There was opposition, to be sure, assuming the name of national Democracy, but it was not thoroughly organized, and had no recognized leader. The know-nothing party in Washington county failed, and it was sought to organize active opposition to the Salem Democracy. To effect this, a call was made for a mass meeting of citizens, to advise, one with the other, concerning the placing of a ticket in the field—county officers. A county Democratic convention, was held the same day, in the court house. The only other house of a public character in the village was the district school house, which then stood some distance east of Peter Boscow's residence, and to the south of Main street.

There the opponents of the regular democracy assembled. It was a mass meeting, and politicians of greater or less prominence attended. Goshey, or Gosey, and Bennett from Columbia county, came. Dr. McBride, who had some aspirations for state honors. was here from Yamhill county. More from the county were Hon. T, R. Cornelius, W. D. Hare, Isaac M. Evans, L. L. Whitcomb and S. Whitcomb, his brother: W. H. Bennett, R. E. Wiley, the Caldwells and many others whose names are not now recalled. Lawrence Hall was chairman. Hare then was a young man. Multnomah county had only a few months before been set off from Washington, and Mr. Hare was here copying the records for the archives of the new county. The first thing that engaged the convention was to select a name. One proposed National Democracy, but the old Whigs could not endure the name, and put it from them. There were those present who loved the loaves and fishes. They proposed Citizens' or People's ticket; another faint voice said Republican ticket. "No! No!! No!!! People will call us Wooly Coats, Abolitionists, Nigger Stealers. We can't stand that," and much more to the same effect was said. Hare had not said anything yet. He had sat mute as a mouse.

But he had been reading congressional debates and knew something of the aims and objects of the new party. The wooly coat epithet aroused him He got the floor and firmly and emphatically said: "Wooly coats, or no wooly coats, the time has come and now is, when we must take a stand on these matters." From the first he had the crowd with him. The house was a jam, for the Democratic convention had completed its work and had gone over to see the fun. The longer he spoke the more enthusiasm was aroused. Joe Meek was there, and, after one particularly telling sentence, he jumped up and called out: "If ever gospel truth was said, this it it." Hare's speech carried the motion to call a county convention to nominate a Republican ticket. Gosey and Bennett bolted. McBride shook his head. Bill Bennett and Dr. Wilcox, of this county, stayed but feared a mistake had been made. The convention was held. Dr. Wilson Bowlby was nominated for the legislature, and was elected by two or three majority. W. D. Hare was nominated for county clerk, and was elected by 64 or 65 majority. Dr. Bowlby was, therefore, the first and for a time the only Republican in the legislature. From that day to this the Republican party has always been in the majority in this county, though the opposition has occasionally got a man by hook or by crook.

"Marion," in the CAPITAL JOURNAL, objects to the practice of sending the tramp or criminal class from one city to another. "Marion" evidently forgets one of the fundamental axioms in sociology is to keep every inhabitant busy. It may be true that a criminal in one city will be a criminal in another, but if the authorities can keep the class busy tramping there will not be time for committing crimes. The officers are certainly justified in keeping them in motion.—Hillsboro Independent.

Like others who have opposed Joe Simon in Portland, Mayor Frank will soon be a nonentity.—Oswego Ironworker.

The whole Republican party had better oppose Joe Simon or it will be a nonentity in Oregon.

Rev. Belknap, of Turner, a Methodist minister who is mentioned as a legislative candidate, conducted the investigation of the State Prison four years ago as a member from Benton county. He has a fine voice and has been a successful evangelist for some years.

Hon. John S. Richie, of Scott's Mills, rode a horse in against the only snowstorm of the winter to attend the meeting of the Republican county committee. He has served in the Dakota legislature.

There was a slight snowstorm the day the Republican county committee met. But there will be no snow on Oregon Republicans in June.

Cuba should be owned by the United States and governed by Americans.

Voters, turn out to school meeting tonight and see to it that those 140 children about Highland have proper school accommodations furnished them.

Col. Ormsby, of Silver Creek, proved the humorist of Saturday's gathering.

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