

SPLENDID LINCOLN BANQUET

Two Hundred Admirers of Abraham Enjoy a Love Feast

Magnificent Spread of Substantials and Oratory Suitable to the Occasion

The Polk County Republican Club of Independence gave a splendid Lincoln banquet Saturday night that was attended by about two hundred Republicans of that county, and visitors from different parts of the valley. The local managing committee covered themselves with glory, and it was the verdict of all the invited guests that the Independence Republicans know how to treat everybody right. The utmost hospitality was shown and the spirit of good will and liberal views prevailed, and the whole affair was a rebuke to the spirit of factionalism that crops out too much in Multnomah county. One of the speakers got great cheers for his declaration that if factionalism were pressed too far at Portland the Republicans from the cow counties would take the next state convention into their own hands. Many young men were present.

The Banquet.

The menu and the table service was pronounced superior in every way to what had been done by the Republican clubs at Salem and Portland, and certainly Mr. and Mrs. Stark and their assistants covered themselves and the committee on arrangements of the Polk County Republican club with glory. The viands and wines were supplied without regard to expense and included everything that had been served at the Mystic Shrine banquet of Rose Croix No. 1, at Independence last year. There were blue points on the shell, royal consommé, turbot of halibut, turkey, braised lamb, Westphalian ham, apple soufflé, imported tongue, crab salad, ice cream, cake, etc., etc., cigars and coffee. All the speakers praised the dinner and it was two hours in serving the different courses.

The Musical Features.

The banquet was finely provided with musical features—much better than the same event at Portland, where one would think there ought to be a great amount of talent. There was a fine orchestra of seven pieces that occupied the ordinary of the hotel. A quintet of male voices sang in a side room at the Republican headquarter rooms, composed of Hugh Shelley, Clarence Ireland, Will McAdams, Glen Goodman and Pearl Hedger. Mrs. Geo. Conkek, a very talented soloist, gave some of the finest songs, including "America," to which the entire assembly of the banquet responded by arising and joining in the grand strains of the national anthem. A mixed quartet sang in the dining room, consisting of Mrs. Dorris and Mrs. Skinner, and Messrs. Hedges and McAdams.

The Toast.

Captain Lyons held down the chair as toast master and read telegrams and letters from enthusiastic Republican leaders in different parts of the state who could not be present. Mrs. Percival and Young were a committee to meet all who came by late boats and trains. The banquet began at 10 p. m. and it was midnight before the cork orator was drawn and there was nearly two hours of solid

Rheumatism Is Not a Skin Disease.

Most people have an idea that rheumatism is contracted like a cold, that the damp, chilly air penetrates the muscles and joints and causes the terrible aches and pains, or that it is something like a skin disease to be rubbed away with liniment or drawn out with plasters; but Rheumatism originates in the blood and is caused by Urea, or Uric Acid, an irritating, corroding poison that settles in muscles, joints and nerves, producing inflammation and soreness and the sharp, cutting pains peculiar to this distressing disease.

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enjoyment and each speaker vied with the others in enunciating the soundest principles of Abraham Republicanism and entertaining the packed dining room and the standing room taken at each of the adjoining rooms. The address of welcome was made by County Chairman Percival in a very appropriate manner. The honor of responding fell to Hal D. Patton, president of the Young Men's Republican club of Salem, and he brought down the house with several happy allusions. Col. E. Hofer gave the toast, "Abraham Lincoln," and enunciated the fundamental principals of Republicanism as laid down by the immortal founder to be:

First—Tariff for the protection of American industries.

Second—Liberal policies of internal improvements, including roads.

Third—The best possible public schools for each community.

Fourth—Recognition of the principle of majority rule in political and government affairs.

W. E. Yates responded for the Republicans of Benton county, and set the ball rolling that it is hoped will land the next Republican congressional convention with the enterprising Republicans of Independence, which met with a great wave of enthusiasm from all present, when he said the G. A. R. auditorium was a very proper place to hold it.

More Lincoln Talks.

J. C. Hayter and C. L. Starr responded for the younger Republicans of Polk county. J. L. Hawkins, of Dallas, spoke as the representative of the county in the last two legislatures. J. L. Collins responded as one of the fathers of the Republican party in Oregon, having been one of the original Fremont Republicans, and a delegate to the first state convention at Eugene in 1857. Marsh Mervin, postmaster of Independence, Banker Kirkpatrick, of Dallas; Mayor Cooper, of Independence, and finally the modest landlord of the Little Palace hotel. All made good talks appropriate to the occasion, and all were received with the greatest applause and the utmost enthusiasm. Judge McGinn, who was to have been the star performer among the spellbinders, and who was present at the entire banquet, disappointed his friends by absenting himself from the toasts and was not heard from. The banquet closed by the toastmaster proposing a standing toast and three cheers for the President, now, and for the next four years, which were given with a good will that made the rafters ring.

Border Newspapers.

The Mexican newspaper men who sought refuge in Texas from the oppression of their government propose to establish papers on the border, on the Texas side of the line, of course, and circulate them in Mexico.

RECLAIM DESERT LANDS

Large Company Will Operate in Crook County—Begin at Once

The Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, on Saturday afternoon, appeared before the state land board by several of its officers, and filed on 80,000 acres of arid lands in Crook county, to be reclaimed under the Carey act. The company has also absorbed the Pilot Butte Development Company and the Oregon Irrigation Company, and has secured the lands held by these two corporations, thus giving the new concern 210,000 acres to be reclaimed.

The new company filed maps and plats, showing that two flumes, each 30 feet wide and 10 feet deep, will take water out of the Deschutes river, one at Bend, the other eight miles above, and will bring a large tract of arid lands under its ditches. The purpose was to have at least 25,000 acres under the ditch in four months, or probably in less time, as work is to begin at once.

The main ditches will be 120 miles in length, and a couple of hundred miles of minor ditches will be distributed the water on the desert.

The new irrigation system it is expected will cost \$2,500,000. The land will be irrigated as fast as settlers will take up claims, and the cost of irrigation will be \$12 per acre to the settlers, to be paid to the state, in addition to the cost of the land, and for which they will have a lien on the land until it is paid.

The Pilot Butte Development Company, which owned the townsite of Bend, has transferred all its holdings to the new company, except the townsite named, which will be retained by A. M. Drake, president of the Pilot Butte concern. The new company has a capital of \$2,500,000, and its incorporators of record are W. A. Munly, George H. Hill and E. B. Holmes, of Portland.

Good Spirits.

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Shaw Discusses Issues.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Lincoln's birthday was observed in Chicago last night by the Marquette Club with a banquet and public meeting at the Auditorium. Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was the principal speaker. He talked on the "Democratic Quadrennial Search for an Issue," and said in part:

Quadrennially, since I can remember, the democratic party has searched not always wisely, but very diligently, for an issue on which a campaign might be won. While it has been prolific of measures for retarding commerce, and for checking the well-nigh irresistible impulse of the American people for growth and development, and for antagonizing such events as to tend to increase our international influence, never, in my recollection, has it sought to formulate a wise, progressive policy.

The campaign of 1904 cannot be fought upon the money question or any issue growing out of our recent war with Spain. Imperialism, which was sounded by the Democratic party as a note of warning and alarm has been as effectively silenced as it was in 1868 and 1872.

Neither can the forthcoming campaign be fought upon any phrase of the trust question.

It will be somewhat difficult to get an issue out of the tariff. There is considerable talk about high and low protective tariff schedules. But this does not involve a principle, and cannot be made an issue. The only other possible issue that can be carved from the tariff is the proposition that our present protective policy shelters trusts and monopolies. Our political

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opponents have rung the charges on this so long, and recommended the removal of duties from trust-made goods until the trusts are destroyed with such continued vehemence that a reaffirmation of their position can scarcely be made paramount, though it may become a prominent issue in the next campaign. The American people by this time ought to understand that any tariff policy that will destroy monopoly will forbid the creation of a competitor for the monopoly, and will deprive labor of much profitable employment.

CHANGE OF OFFICE.

J. H. Haas Becomes a Member of a Big Insurance Firm.

The old-time insurance firm of J. G. Wright & Co., representing the Freeman's Fund and the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co., has moved its office into the J. H. Haas place of business. Mr. Haas has purchased the interests of Mr. Wolf in the company, and will conduct the affairs at his office at 211 Commercial street, where persons wishing insurance can be served. 2-12-1w

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