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Dates of Local Events.

Monday, April 4, Jefferson Democratic banquet, Salem.

Wednesday, April 13, Congressional convention, first district, Salem.

Thursday, April 14, Marion county Democratic convention.

Thursday, April 14, Republican state convention at Portland.

Tuesday, April 19, Democratic state convention at Portland.

June 15, 16 and 17, Department of Oregon G. A. R. in annual reunion at Hood River.

BOUQUETS FOR THE DEFEATED.

It is customary to hand out a few nice little floral tokens of respect to the defeated aspirants for nomination in convention. They are inexpensive but not the less fragrant.

The convention set its face against the third term idea in the case of the most competent assessor this county ever had, Chas. Lembecke, of Butteville. He met with defeat for no other reason, and his assessments will be the basis for valuations for many years to come.

John E. Lewis, of Aumaville, got a handsome introduction to the convention, by an informal ballot for county commissioner. His name will come up before the next convention under more favorable circumstances.

Dr. D. F. Lane received a handsome vote for coroner, but, not being as well acquainted as that pioneer Republican, Coroner Clough, he had to take a graceful defeat.

The legislative aspirants who met defeat were an unusually able set of men. Several good legislative slates could have been composed out of that crowd, as usual some of the best men in the county getting left. In fact it would be hard to say whether those who were left or those who were nominated would be the better lawmakers.

Hon. Jerome Simmons, for congressional delegate-at-large, took his defeat gracefully, and is a man who can be relied upon to do what is right in any emergency. His brother, Grover Simmons, lost as congressional delegate, being a tie with Alex LaFollette, and, drawing straws, Alex got it.

The failure of the Salem precincts convention to renominate Judge Horgan for justice of the peace was much deplored by his many friends. He has made an able and conscientious justice.

None of the defeated but wear their scars proudly, and are hearty in their support of the action of the convention.

HARRIS OR HERMANN.

The Marion county delegation to the congressional convention will be divided between Harris, of Lane, and Hermann, of Douglas, the present congressman, with several dark horse possibilities in the district.

The Journal does not join in the usual chorus of yelling whenever anything can be done to strike a blow at Hon.linger Hermann. It has been done many times in the past, and he still lives. He has always been a loyal, devoted and effective worker for our material interests. His defeat would be a black eye to our business interests all around.

When the Lane county people had

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an opportunity to nominate a Marion county man last year, they forced this county take Mr. Hermann, who was their candidate in the most pronounced manner.

The reasons advanced for the nomination of Hermann then have improved with age and they will be impressed upon the minds of our Republican friends of Lane in the coming congressional convention.

HAVE JUDGE BURNETT'S FRIENDS SECURED AN INSTRUCTED DELEGATION.

For a county that has two avowed candidates for circuit judge, and a possible candidate or two for district attorney, many do not endorse the manner in which it was attempted to secure an instruction for Judge Burnett in the Marion county convention.

While there has been division among Republicans as to Judge Burnett's renomination, and many have been bitterly opposing him for another term as circuit judge, there has been no fight conducted against him in the newspapers or personally to prevent his having the Marion county delegation, if the Republicans of the district generally wanted him renominated.

It was thought by Republicans generally that a man who has been on the bench twelve years would be willing to trust Republicans to deal fairly with him, without demanding an instructed delegation from his own county.

It should also be remembered that the district convention will be composed of about sixty delegates, and about thirty delegates will nominate two circuit judges and a district attorney. To give Judge Burnett an instructed delegation of twenty-three delegates means a cinch on the nomination of the whole judicial ticket, and is not fair to other interests.

There has been a perfect willingness to give him the vote of Marion county, if there was any general desire in the district to have him for another term. No one has been heard to oppose that. No fair-minded Republican has been willing to give him an instructed delegation.

Yet, in spite of this general situation, an instruction was slipped into the county convention, by inserting a few lines of endorsement in the general county Republican platform. It was read to the convention when no one was expecting a report from the committee on resolutions, rushed through and declared carried, and a division was refused against a storm of noes.

Because the chairman of the convention happened to be a personal friend and admirer of Judge Burnett gave him no right to sanction such a proceeding. It was unfair to the interest of other friends. It was unjust to select one man for special protection, and name him at the expense of other gentlemen. It was autocratic, un-American, un-Republican, and cannot be regarded as a legitimate and binding instruction upon twenty-three men who know their own minds, and have some regard for the interests of the party and other candidates.

All this is said without the least reflection on Judge Burnett. We regard him as a man of integrity and honest intention to be fair to clients and taxpayers, and with a full public declaration on the The Journal to support Judge Burnett, if he is renominated.

He has no right, however, to such a packed and railroaded instruction, and the people generally feel that his friends have overreached in securing an instruction in this manner.

NOT A HERMANN VICTORY.

The claim that the election of F. T. Wrightman as delegate-at-large to the congressional convention is a great Harris victory. He was chosen as a popular Salem man, in a convention almost half Salem delegates, over Mr. Simmons, of Monitor, a country dele-

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gate, who does not come to the city more than four times a year, and then only by a small majority.

The convention was completely handled to force a declaration for Harris, by hook or crook, by fair means or unfair. Yet, in spite of that, a country delegate nearly carried the county.

It is easy to down a country delegate with a popular city man, and an adroit politician like Mr. Wrightman, but it cannot be claimed that is an explosion of popular enthusiasm for Mr. Harris.

When Mr. Wrightman was nominated for delegate-at-large it was not stated that he was a Harris candidate, to test the strength of the convention. He was run on his own personal popularity, and is then paraded as a declaration of the convention against Hermann. Is that fair and honorable politics? It is winning by tactics that are not on the highest plane of Republicanism, and does not tend to popularize those who employ such methods with fair-minded people.

"LUCK" AND STOCKS.

Perhaps most people believe in a dim sort of way that the gains and losses through speculation depend on "luck."

Millions in this country with nothing but slim salaries between their families and want invest money in gilded schemes of which they know nothing and call it "trying their luck."

It is defying fate. Thousands of young men and young women, eager to get forward by leaps instead of by the plodding process of toil, take chances on glittering promises, hoping that "luck" may be with them.

Barnum discovered long ago that the American people "like to be humbugged." The amazing number of schemes for small investments prove it has been widely discovered that the American people like also to be swindled.

As a matter of fact, there is no more "luck" in a stock investment than in any other. Men who make successes in stocks take no chances, for stock investments can be figured out with as much mathematical certainty as can any other business ventures. And the really good stocks seldom go begging for buyers. The promoters with a good, safe scheme readily finds powerful financial backing. It is the other fellow who goes peddling his stocks in small shares through the by-streets and alleys, blarneying clerks, stenographers and their small savings into schemes that knowing men will not touch.

A Cleveland bank cashier went to the penitentiary not long ago because he had risked \$17,000 of his bank's money in stocks and had lost. In all his operations, extending over several years, he had made but one lucky hit; he won \$10,000, but promptly lost it again. With better opportunities and abilities than are possessed by most people to judge of the safety of investments, he still lost all he risked.

Robert L. Cutting of New York was once a millionaire with fine financial training. But an inventory of his estate has just disclosed the fact that his great fortune has been dissipated in brilliant-hued but empty financial bubbles.

Shares in "wildcat" oil and mine enterprises, mining stocks not worth the ink used in printing them, valueless second mortgage bonds, all representing an enormous total on the face, represent practically nothing in fact. Out of 60,000 shares in forty-six companies only 200 are returned by the appraisers as of value, and these at current quotations are worth exactly \$1,000.

Here was a man of wealth, a member of a broker's firm, who had the best of opportunities to win "luck" to his side. But instead of investing in the safest stocks that produced fixed and sure dividends, he trusted to "luck" and chased dreams to his own ruin.

If we could guess how many small

fortunes were wiped out by investment in the same swindling companies some idea could be gained of the utter helplessness of the unexpected investor.

TWO FREEMONT MEN.

Wm. Armstrong, of South Salem, met G. M. Lease, of Oxford addition, in The Journal office this morning, and the editor, remarking that his father was a Freemont Republican, both gentlemen turned and shook hands, each declaring that he had voted for Freemont for President in 1856. These veterans of the Republican party were very happy to relate that they had voted for every Republican President who had ever been elected.

X-RADIUMS

There is still an occasional liar left in the world of politics and out of it.

The Statesman rejoices over its alleged Harris victory. Well, it has a right to a chance to crow, as well as to eat crow.

There would have been good sense and propriety in the Marion county convention instructing its state delegation for the renomination of Chief Justice F. A. Moore. But they will vote for him anyhow.

PUBLIC EDUCATOR

People Learn About the Far East From Newspapers.

In times of war between two great nations the newspaper becomes a great public educator. The press of the country is today teaching the public more about Russia, Japan, China and the Far East than it would ever learn from geography or history. This is largely because the excitement produced by the big military operations has stimulated an interest which would not otherwise be aroused, and the newspapers are largely keeping alive this interest by supplying the demand for information. Not only the geography of that part of the world but also its history, political, industrial, commercial and military conditions are set forth in compact form, so as to appeal to the busy reader.

A few years ago a very small proportion of the people of the United States knew anything about the Philippines or Cuba or Spain. In fact, there was in this country a dense ignorance about our own navy, and little more was known of our army. After war was begun between the United States and Spain the people commenced to read, and the newspapers furnished the reading matter. Even children learned the difference between battleships, cruisers, gunboats, monitors, torpedo boats and other war vessels, and the names and sizes of our fighting boats were soon familiar to all. Information was also acquired about Cuba, Spain, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and a wealth of knowledge was obtained about our foreign policies and the treaties existing between this and other countries.

Thus does the press become a great school, supplying to the public such information as is most interesting and valuable. "Whenever there is a crisis like this," says the Richmond Times-Dispatch, "whenever there is a disaster like the eruption of Mont Pelee, the newspapers at once become a great school, in which the people may learn valuable lessons and practically all that is needed to be learned without reference to text books or encyclopedias. The press is pre-eminently a great educator and is fairly entitled to be reckoned as part and parcel of our public school system."—Birmingham (Ala.) News.

Manifestly the lady was indignant. "Understand, sir," she explained, "that I did not attend the Smoot trial in the hope of hearing anything debasing, but to sustain the average of modesty and morality in case the improper should transpire."

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St. Elizabeth of Hungary.
It is curious that St. Elizabeth, of Hungary, whose festival was recently celebrated, should have spent only the first four years of her life in the country, which always distinguishes her name. She was just four when her father, the king of Hungary, sent her to Thuringia, to be betrothed to the 9-year-old Prince Louis, and there she remained all through her childhood and married life, until her death in 1231. Perhaps, says the London Chronicle, because she is one of the few saints whose holiness did not preclude love and marriage, she always seems a particularly human saint; and the tales that are told of her, how, for instance, she gave away her toys and oils to poor children, when she was but a baby herself, how the food she was taking to beggars in a covered basket turned to red and white roses when her husband lifted the lid, how she heard a bird singing to her on her deathbed and sang to it in reply—all point to the poetry and charm which are associated with her name.

Arresting the Czar.
Motorists will be amused to hear of an adventure which befell the czar when he was staying at Darmstadt a short time ago. The Czar was driving in a motor car with Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia and the Grand Duke of Hesse; and, when passing through Bockenheim, a suburb of Frankfurt, the car slipped on the greasy cobblestones and came in contact with the wall of a house. Happily no harm was done, but the car had hardly been backed into the road again when a policeman stopped it and demanded the name of the owner. The Czar replied, "I am the Emperor of Russia," and the policeman was so taken aback that he let the car go on without taking any further steps. The Czarina was much abashed at the incident, and it is said that she has made the momentary arrest of the Czar the subject of one of her caricatures.—London Sketch.

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