

THE COUNTY PRIMARIES.

The County Central Committee held a meeting on Friday, according to a published call for the same. The whole proceedings are printed in another column of this issue. It will be seen by a perusal of them that a primary election has been called to take place on the 19th proximo. We are glad to see that the committee took such a wise course. There were some floating rumors on the street on Thursday to the effect that the committee contemplated taking the reins into their own hands and constituting themselves an appointing body whose power might possibly be felt at the State Convention on the 24th of August. It is pleasant to see now that these rumors were the mere vaporings of querulous persons. The Times would have been compelled to oppose with the utmost of its power any coup of that kind that might have been practiced upon the Republican voters of the county. Fortunately no coup was contemplated, and the committee discharged their duties as disinterested citizens.

Now that the day for the primaries has been set, we hope that every Republican voter in the county will devote a portion of his time for the next couple of weeks to thinking over the offices to be filled and the best available men to fill them. Business men especially should feel it their duty to set apart a portion of their time for the consideration of politics. The trouble which has beset political affairs in general of late and the dissatisfaction which has grown out of an alleged control of local government by a few have resulted exclusively from apathy on the part of the very men who should be foremost in such affairs. Persons absorbed with a multitude of business affairs are proverbially wont to look upon the primary proceedings of a political party as something which belongs in most part to the politicians and officeholders, and in which they can have little or no direct interest. This is a mistake which should not be further allowed to go uncorrected. The initial point—the election of delegates to nominate a county ticket and to have a voice in the nomination of a State ticket—is where the honest many have their greatest power. After nominations have been made that are distasteful or unsatisfactory there is no remedy. If voters are conscious of having done their duty fully and are aware that the result before them is the will of the majority, they have nothing or no one to blame. Then let voters on this occasion not be lax in the exercise of their prerogative at the primaries. In that prerogative their greatest power rests. Our system of elections is the most perfect from a precinct primary up the ascending scale to the electoral college. If voters do not avail themselves of the privileges they have from the beginning upward, it is their own fault if perfect as the system of elections and just as satisfactory.

COMPENSATION seems to be a law of nature and even to manifest its balancing power within society and civil events. In part proof of this postulation we may point to the fact that recently You Lie was overpowered by the law of the land in California and now lies harmless in the State Prison at San Quentin. About the same time that this highly desirable consummation was being brought about, Sojourner Truth was breathing her last in New York, and personified falsification and its antipode withdrew simultaneously from the busy scenes of the world. It may be necessary to say that "You Lie" was a notorious Chinaman and Sojourner Truth a respectable young lady.

The widows of the soldiers who fell with Custer will receive a pension of but \$10 per month. This will not be sufficient to support them. Apropos of the fact, a New York paper asks if it would not be a glorious thing to distribute among them the Custer monument fund. Would it really be better to build a monument to their chief or to take up a subscription for those they have left behind them unprotected and unprotected for?

GENERAL WILLIAMS has returned from the Peninsula.

A MECHANICAL IMPOSSIBILITY

We observe in an exchange that an improvement has been made in the steam engine whereby the power wasted by the exhaust of the used steam may be utilized. The new discovery is some mechanical appliance which forces the steam back into the boiler, thus saving about eighty per cent. of the fuel. This is according to the exchange above-mentioned. After reading about it we called in our devil, who once studied natural philosophy under Professor Jones, and asked him what he thought of the plan. The boy is quite intelligent, and at once replied that he thought, from a stand point of pure philosophy, that it was intended as a joke. He said briefly that all the resistance placed upon the exhaust end of a steam cylinder was equivalent to so much power taken from the steam end of the same, and that nothing could possibly be gained by attempting to force, by the power of the machinery, any per centage of the exhaust steam back into the boiler. He said that Quackinbos' (the author of his text book) would not allow him to believe such a thing as possible, and he would believe Quackinbos rather than any Scotch newspaper. Our devil said that it would be a parallel case to supply a hydraulic engine with water from an elevated tank pumping the water back into the tank again with the same engine, which would be a twin brother to perpetual motion but for the friction of the machinery. When we told him that the steam proposition met with the sanction of the Enterprise he went about his work with a melancholy look, as much as to say that all the study he had bestowed upon physics was so much energy wasted, and that all the laws of mechanics were but delusions and snares. After rolling for about fifteen minutes he returned and said that possibly the chemical constitution of the exhaust steam might by some means be changed so that the expansion would be reduced without lessening its temperature. But inasmuch as the expansion is the result of acquired heat, he was confused, and again pronounced the plan a joke, fit only for the contemplation of poetic minds.

TO CANDIDATES.—Now that the time for holding the primaries has been fixed and the nominating County Convention will be a realized fact within a short while, persons who propose to sacrifice themselves upon the altar of the country's civil service should begin to stir about and make their intentions in this respect known. The best way to do is to announce in a card in the leading paper whatever in the political line is to be made public, so that voters may know who are candidates and have time to make up their minds how they shall vote. THE TIMES, being the only political paper in the county, is the best advertising medium in this respect. Such advertisements, in accordance with a rule recognized and followed elsewhere, must be paid for in advance.

THE HUFF CASE.—This case was given to the jury yesterday afternoon. Late last evening no verdict had been reached and it was deemed unlikely that any would be reached at all. It was understood—how and why we cannot imagine—that the jury stood about six and six—six for conviction and six for acquittal. Of course, however, this is mere rumor. —[Carson Appeal, 30th.]

We were informed by a gentleman who came up from Carson yesterday that at the time of his departure (7 o'clock) the jury were still out. One negro is on the jury.

The public are waiting with considerable interest the coming letter of acceptance from Governor Tilden. He has had ample time to prepare a letter to suit the Democracy. His main task is to outdo Hayes. We may reasonably anticipate him by concluding that he will not do it. Hayes' document is hard to beat. Tilden has the advantage of reading his opponent's declaration before he prepares his own.

A YOUNG MAN named Hugh Castello was run over and killed by a freight train near Elko on Wednesday last.

Mrs. O. MILLER has been held to answer in Reno upon a charge of complicity in the murder of her husband.

LATEST DISPATCHES.

[Special to The Lyon County Times.]

IMPORTANT CHINA NEWS.

Flood, Drought and the Sword Prostrating the Empire—Probable War with England.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—The Occidental & Oriental Co.'s steamer "Belgic" arrived to-day from Hong-Kong via Yokohama. She brought but 153 Chinese in the steerage. The news from China is of considerable importance. The British Commissioners were sent to the province of Yunnan, to investigate the murder of Mr. Margary, and are daily expected at Shanghai with full particulars of the result of their mission, which is believed to have been a failure. Meantime Sir Thomas Ward, the British minister, has left Peking, having for the present broken off negotiations and has brought the archives of legation to Shanghai.

In case of hostilities breaking out between China and England, which will probably be determined on the arrival of the Commissioners and the disclosures made by them, the result will be awaited with deep anxiety. Meantime the German Minister is pressing the Chinese Government severely in the matter of treating the revision of the treaty and demanding that all China be opened to foreigners for intercourse and trade, and that the nation adopt the responsibilities of international law. The rebels in Western China have succeeded in defeating and dispersing the whole imperial army, the leader of which committed suicide in consequence.

A prolonged drought in four densely populated provinces has destroyed the crops over an extent of eight hundred square miles of country, inhabited by seventy millions of people who are threatened with the horrors of a famine.

A disastrous flood at Foo Chow and the surrounding country has devastated that region, causing an immense loss of life and damage to property. Over five thousand dead bodies have been found near Foo Chow alone, and altogether the Flowery Kingdom seems to be in a very bad way.

Manifestoes issued by the Chinese companies here have had great effect in discouraging emigration to California, for the present, at least.

Comparative Value of Silver.

We herewith present a table prepared by one of the most accurate and experienced gentlemen connected with the business of handling and testing the precious metals in this State. It will assist all those who feel an interest in the matter in arriving at an understanding of what is meant by the quotations from the silver market as they are transmitted from London. The gentleman referred to is W. P. Prescott, of the Carson Mint, nephew of the historian of that name, and one of the most accurate mathematicians in the country:

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Trade dollar	Grains	Hundredths
Half dollar.....\$20	37 1/2	
Quarter dollar.....\$10	18 3/4	
Twenty cent.....\$7 1/2	13 1/2	
Dime.....\$3 1/2	6 3/4	
Half dime.....\$1 3/4	3 3/4	

THE YOUNG MAN'S POCKET COMPANION is the title given to a small book soon to be published by DR. H. WAGNER, providing 1,000 copies are subscribed for at \$20 per volume. All who wish a copy are requested to call at No. 3 South C street, Virginia City, and test the merits of the remedies before subscribing for the same. It is a digest on various subjects.

NOTICE.—S. Cohn gives notice that on the 10th of next month he intends to go away, and meanwhile will sell out his stock of dry goods at less than cost. All persons owing him bills are requested to call and settle before that date and save cost.

NEW JEWELRY.—At Gowen's store may be found some very fine jewelry, fresh from the manufactory at Attleboro. The stock consists of chains, studs, buttons, etc., for ladies' and gentlemen's wear. Call and see them.

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NEW TO-DAY.

The National Republican Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT,
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES,
OF OHIO.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM A. WHEELER,
OF NEW YORK.
LYON COUNTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

SILVER CITY, July 28, 1876.
Pursuant to notice the Lyon County Republican Central Committee met at the Postoffice, Silver City, at 12:15 P. M. for the transaction of such business as might come before it. Present, Dr. Walter Buncher, W. B. King and Thos. S. Davenport. The Committee was called to order by Dr. Walter Buncher, Chairman. The first business in order being the appointment of two members of the Committee to fill the vacancies occasioned by the absence from the County of Geo. C. McFadden and William Thomas. On motion of W. B. King, Mr. Frank Kenyon was appointed for Silver City, and J. C. Gruber for Dayton. On motion of Mr. King it was decided to hold the primary election on SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th, and that delegates to the Republican State and County Conventions be elected at that time. Polls to be open from 9 o'clock A. M. to 7 o'clock P. M. on that day. The judges or a majority of them, are authorized to close the polls in their precinct between the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. if they deem it expedient.

The delegates to the County Convention are apportioned as follows: Dayton precinct, 3; Silver City, 3; Eureka Mill, 4; Sutor, 1; Churchill, 1; Wabuska, 1.

The delegates to the State Convention are apportioned as follows: Dayton, 2; Silver City, 3; Eureka Mill, 1.

POLLING PLACES:

DAYTON—Court House. Judges, J. C. Gruber, J. D. Sims and J. H. Jaqua.

SILVER CITY—Engine House. Judges, J. M. McGuinnis, Theodore Vinson and Thomas Connors.

EUREKA MILL—Mill Office. Judges, Thos. Capeland, Herman Kuch and Luke P. Smith.

SUTOR—Ehner's Saloon. Judges, Thomas Wastell, Thomas Tedy and Levi Lamb.

CHURCHILL—At S. S. Buc land's. Judges, S. Buckland, Hugh Carling and Geo. W. Binner.

WABUSKA—Cleaver's Ranch. Judges, E. Cleaver, ——— and ———.

On motion it was decided that the County Convention be held at the Court House in Dayton, on SATURDAY, September 30, 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating the following ticket, to-wit:

- One State Senator,
- Three Assemblymen,
- One Sheriff,
- One County Clerk,
- One District Attorney,
- One County Treasurer,
- One County Recorder,
- One County Assessor,
- One Public Administrator,
- One County Superintendent of Public Schools,
- One County Surveyor,
- One County Commissioner (long term),
- One County Commissioner (short term),
- Three School Trustees for each school district.

Test to be taken by each voter at the primaries. Did you vote for a majority of the Republican ticket at the last general election? And will you vote for the nominees of the Republican National, State and County ticket at the ensuing election?

On motion it was resolved that the proceedings of this meeting be published in THE LYON COUNTY TIMES.

WALTER BUNCHER, Chairman.

Attest: THOS. S. DAVENPORT, Sec'y.

REPUBLICAN

STATE CONVENTION!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to a resolution of the Republican State Central Committee, adopted March 16, 1876,

STATE CONVENTION

WILL BE HELD

At Carson City

—ON THE—

Twenty-fourth Day of August Next

At twelve o'clock A. M. for the purpose of nominating

THREE (3) PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,

ONE (1) CONGRESSMAN AND

ONE (1) JUDGE OF THE

SUPREME COURT,

And for the selection of a

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

And the transaction of such other business as may come before said Convention. No person shall be allowed to vote in any election of delegates to said Convention unless he be a citizen of the State of Nevada, and shall pledge himself that he will vote at the next election for the nominees of the Republican National and State Conventions. The different counties in the State are entitled to and will elect delegates as follows:

Churchill county.....1 Lincoln county.....2

Douglas county.....3 Lyon county.....3

Elko county.....4 Nye county.....4

Esmeralda county.....4 Ormsby county.....4

Humboldt county.....5 Storey county.....5

Imperial county.....5 Washoe county.....5

Lander county.....5 White Pine county.....5

The Agents County Central Committee are requested and directed to provide for the election of delegates in their respective counties. By order of the Committee.

L. L. BEQUA, Chairman.

GEORGE A. EYRE, Secretary.

CENTENNIAL!

THIRD GRAND ANNUAL

PICNIC EXCURSION!

....OF THE....

PACIFIC COAST PIONEERS

TO TAKE PLACE AT

TREADWAY'S RANCH.

Carson City.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1876.

Committee of Arrangements.

VIRGINIA.

Will Thomas. Judge Knox.

W. C. D. Gibson. GOLD HILL.

Wm. Adkinson. A. J. Tyrrell.

S. T. Swift. SILVER CITY.

Volunteer Committee.

Geo. Daly. John S. Beck.

James Delevan. Seymour Pitney.

W. W. Tinker. J. H. Marple.

Gott. Halst. E. G. Baker.

J. W. Noyes. Frank Morrill.

W. H. Meserve. Frank Ward.

R. C. Hardy. C. J. Adams.

John Lambert. Alf. Doten.

R. H. Taylor. E. Moore.

Geo. Adams. A. D. Moore.

Sam Jones. ——— Balch.

Sub-Committees.

On Cars—W. C. D. Gibson.

On Grounds—Farmer Treadway, P. C. Hyman, J. F. Westworth, A. Wais, T. A. Read (Carson).

On Music—Will Thomas (Virginia), E. C. Moore (Gold Hill), T. A. Read (Carson).

To Collect Tickets on Cars—John Lambert, C. Rawson, W. W. Tinker, Frank Morrill (Virginia), Geo. Adams, J. Richardson, A. Fox, H. M. Jewett (Gold Hill), W. Atkinson, W. H. Elliott (Silver City), S. F. Hoole, Judge Bowker (Reno).

On Amusements—J. W. Noyes, Hon. W. S. Wood, Hon. C. E. DeLong.

On Printing—Alf. Doten, Geo. Daly, R. H. Taylor.

On Tickets—Lee McGowan.

On Police Regulations on Grounds—Sheriff Swift of Carson.

Manager of Commissary Car—Morris Gregory.

Manager of Pavilion—Seymour Pitney.

Gate Manager—Will Thomas.

Tickets for the picnic can be obtained from the following gentlemen: Virginia City, Lee McGowan at J. G. Knox's Court-room; Gold Hill, W. H. Meserve; Silver City, J. W. Grier; Carson, S. T. Swift; Reno, Dr. S. A. M. Means; Dayton, J. H. Jaqua.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAINS

Over the Virginia & Truckee Railroad will convey the Pioneers and their friends to and from the picnic grounds, leaving Virginia City at 7:45 A. M., Gold Hill at 8 A. M., and stopping at Silver City, Washoe, and other points for excursionists. Returning, the trains will leave the grounds at 5 o'clock P. M.

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