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ASSOCIATIONS

- Second Regiment Band—March 21.
- Republican Primaries—March 24.
- Republican Unity Convention—Mar. 25.
- Annual Horse Show—March 31.
- Williams Musical Society Concert—April 4.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

For Marion county will be held at the opera house in Salem on Thursday, March 29th, 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing 14 delegates to the state convention to be held in Portland the 11th day of April 1888, and to nominate five candidates for the legislature, county clerk, sheriff, recorder, treasurer, school superintendent, two commissioners, assessor, surveyor and coronor, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the convention. Primaries will be held on Saturday, March 24th.

APPORTIONMENT.

The several precincts are entitled to the following number of delegates:

Pacific	10	Howell Prairie	8
East Salem	10	Silverton	11
North Salem	8	Gartfield	2
South Salem	8	Abiqua	2
Jefferson	7	Labish	5
Marion	2	Gervais	2
Melama	2	Woodburn	2
Horst	2	Hubbard	4
Stanton	3	Aurora	1
Sublimity	3	Butteville	2
Lincoln	3	Chambers	2
Turner	8	St. Paul	1
		Farnfield	6
Total	113		

DAVID SIMPSON,
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THINK OF THE PRIMARIES.

The place to settle family rights is within the family circle. The moment members of a family go outside abusing their relatives, seeking sympathy or redress for fancied wrong from persons who have no interest in the matter except perhaps to glory in the downfall of the whole posse, that moment the interests of the family are injured. The same is true, only to a greater extent, in politics. The place to settle the rights and claims of individual members of a party is within the party household, and it is the duty of every person interested in it to take part in the adjustment. To this end each recurring election is preceded by a system of primary election, whereby the members of each party are enabled to freely express their wishes as to who shall represent them in choosing candidates to be voted for by that party at the polls. The importance of this primary system has been fully set forth in these columns already, editorially and through communications, and we sincerely hope is fully recognized by the republican voters of Marion county.

Whatever faults exist in the primary election system, whatever cause for grumbling that may arise from it, are but the results of apathy and carelessness on the part of the voters, and there is no excuse for them. Polling places are conveniently located in every precinct, complete notice is given of the time and place of holding the primaries; they are held at a time when all can attend; in the city, the balloting system allows every man connected with a place of business to go to the polls without inconvenience, and if any voter is absent it is his own fault. This being the case, then, if a man fails to attend, fails to express his wishes and to work for them, he has no right in the world to go around grumbling, kicking and finding fault afterwards with the work done. Republican voters, every one of you, put yourselves as to the states being made up, go to the polls early, put in your best likes for that which you believe will best subserve the public interest, and then gracefully bow to the will of the majority, just as those of one party must do when the other fellows take in the biggest number of votes. If this is done by the republican party, if a spirit of putting forward good, worthy men, pervades the masses, if a disposition to sink individual ambitions and prejudices for party success is abroad in our ranks, there

need be no fears entertained of the result next June. Once again, then, we adjure you, attend the primaries or forever after hold your peace. Attend the primaries; do your best for your man, and if the other fellow gets there and is a good man, be prepared to hood him to success just the same.

NEED OF WATER CISTERNS.

Recognizing the fact that Salem, in common with other cities of the world, is liable at any time to be visited by the fiery fiend, it behooves its people to secure every protection against such a disastrous catastrophe as an extensive conflagration would bring. The business portion of the city is not by any means of a fire-proof character yet, and should a fire start the only hope would lie in the power of our fire brigade to obstruct its advancement. In this work a good reliable supply of water is a necessary adjunct to the greatest skill and prowess that could be exercised. That the city does not possess this supply in sufficient quantity is a fact too well known through past experience. The city hydrants are entirely inadequate for effectual service for any length of time, as when the engine is attached to one of them and the requisite force put in operation, the suction is so great the tributary main is sucked dry in a short space of time and the force has to be reduced to an almost useless degree.

What is needed is a system of reservoirs or cisterns, in which the supply of water would be always reliable. There are but five of these in the city now, one at the Chemekete hotel, one at Bush's bank, one at the corner of Court and Commercial, and one each at the southwest and northwest corners of the court house square, and these are entirely insufficient to meet the exigencies which may at any time arise. During the last session of the legislature, Representative J. T. Gregg, by persistent, well directed effort, secured an appropriation of \$800 for the building of two of these cisterns at the southwest and northwest corners of the state house square, but for some reason the city authorities put in hydrants instead, and should such a calamity occur as the taking fire of the Capitol, those hydrants would be powerless in twenty minutes for effectual resistance.

We believe this matter requires the immediate and careful attention of the city government. We have a noble band of "fire haddies," always ready, willing and skillful in checking the ravages of the flames, but they cannot be expected to do good work with a squirt gun capacity of water, and unless proper facilities are placed at their disposal the city may learn its mistake when it is everlastingly too late. Tightening the spigot and pulling out the bung was never a wise economy, and the withholding of a comparatively small expenditure now may result in the loss of large amounts in the near future by reason thereof.

The republican party in Polk county is in better shape today than it has been for years. The old chronic office-seekers, who have vexed the conventions for years with importunities for office, have given way to the new and vigorous young republican element, and indications point to the nomination of the strongest ticket that has ever been placed before the people of old Polk. The democratic party is afflicted with a madly called "fossism," which, while it is not new or strange in Polk county, is becoming very distasteful to the majority of the voters of that party. The famous "court house ring" has manipulated the politics of Polk county for years. It has dictated the nominations in the convention and has controlled with unscrupulous hands the official acts of the officers it has created. The democratic slate has already been prepared by the court house ring, and if it is not broken in the convention, it will be terribly shattered at the polls next June.

Mrs. ELLIS TUPPER, a former resident of Iowa, and one of the most noted apiculturists in the country, died suddenly at the home of her daughter in El Paso, Texas, on the 12th inst. Another daughter, Miss Kate N. Tupper, well known in educational circles in her old Iowa home, as she now is in Oregon, is a teacher in the Portland high school.

The republicans of Yamhill county are organizing for victory. The Yamhill Reporter has commenced an aggressive campaign and is pouring solid shot and shell into the Bourbon camp. Yamhill will keep up her record.

ATTEND the primaries.

This county seat question will enter largely into Polk county politics this year. The people of the south end want the county seat located at Independence and the people of the north end want it left right where it is, at Dallas. A new jail and court house are sadly needed in Polk county; but owing to this sectional matter no county court can be elected that is pledged to build them at Dallas. The people of the south end will probably try to elect a legislative ticket that will be in favor of an "enabling act" to bring the matter before the people at a special election. For the good of Polk county politics and for the general prosperity of the county, we would like to see this vexed question settled once for all.

SECRETARY VILAS rendered a decision in a land case a few days ago, which will be of interest and comfort to homestead settlers. The settler in question was absent all summer after making the first settlement; was again absent all the next summer, applying the proceeds of his labor to improvement of his claim. The third year he was away from spring till January, to earn more money to pay on the land. Because of these long absences, the commissioner rejected the proof, but the secretary reverses this decision, and directs that a patent be issued.

Polk county needs a jail. That fact has been demonstrated a number of times within the past year, notably when the door of the strong-hold (?) was kicked down and Kelly was taken out and hanged, and a number of times since in escapades of culprits. The last proof was furnished by two boys, incarcerated for horse stealing, who burned a hole through the floor of their cage, dropped down into a lower story through it and merrily took to their heels, to the great discomfiture of the perplexed sheriff.—Telegram.

MARRIED.

SMITH—McNARY—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McNary, on Capitol street, at 2 o'clock, Wednesday, March 21, 1888, Mr. Ira S. Smith, of Independence, Polk county, to Miss Sarah A. McNary, of this city, Rev. H. A. Newell officiating. Mr. Smith is the well known liveryman of Independence and a prominent citizen of that city. Miss McNary is a popular and well known young lady of Salem and both have many friends in Marion and Polk counties to join the CAPITAL JOURNAL in wishing the happy couple much joy.

NEW TO-DAY.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Marion County.
In the matter of the estate of Andrew Bell, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final account, and that Monday, the 27th day of May, 1888, at 10 a. m., has been set for hearing objections to the same.
J. L. HENRY,
Executor.

SOUTH SALEM PRIMARY.

The republicans of South Salem Precinct will meet in primary convention at the school house in South Salem on Saturday, March 24, at one o'clock p. m.
By order of
A. ORMIST,
Precinct Committeeman.

SALEM PRECINCT PRIMARY.

The republican primary for Salem precinct will be held at the Opera House, on March 24, at one o'clock p. m.
L. E. PRATT,
Committeeman.

EAST SALEM PRIMARY.

The republican primaries in East Salem precinct will be held at the old Court House, on March 24th at one o'clock p. m.
DAVID SIMPSON,
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COUNTY DEMOCRACY.
Primaries, Conventions and Precinct Clubs.

The Marion County Democratic Central Committee met in Salem, February 11th, 1888, and set the time for holding the primaries on March 17th, at 1 o'clock p. m., and the county convention on Friday, the 23rd of March, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in Salem.

APPORTIONMENT.
The different precincts are entitled to the following number of delegates:

Salem	10	Gervais	2
South Salem	8	Howell Prairie	2
North Salem	12	Marion	2
East Salem	17	Gartfield	2
Abiqua	7	Silverton	10
st. Paul	5	Butteville	2
Woodburn	2	Chambers	2
Aurora	2	Aurora	1
Jefferson	4	Patridge	2
Sublimity	6	Labish	4
Stanton	7	Melama	2
Turner	6		
Horst	1	Total	145
Hubbard	2		

We, the committee, would recommend the formation of democratic clubs in each precinct, and the names of the officers in each club be sent to the chairman of the county central committee at Salem.
T. L. GOLDEN, Chairman.
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County Central Committee.

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