

ALL ARE QUITE COOL

Congressional Candidates Are Speaking Guardedly.

BROWNELL SAYS HE'S NOT IN IT

Hermann Will Make Up His Mind Later—June is Named as Fit Time for the Election.

The First District has abundant material for the Congressional nomination. The trouble seems to be that it is altogether too wealthy, for where many are called few are chosen. President of the State Senate George C. Brownell is "not much impressed with the idea."

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 23.—It is immaterial to men when the special election is held. If held under usual Federal officialism and Indian agency superintendency, as the McMinnville convention of two years ago was held, no one would have a chance for the Congressional nomination, unless it might be one who was able to rally the old Federal office-holding brigade to his support. I cannot do this.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 23.—I express the opinion, in answer to your inquiry, that the election of Congressman should be on the first Monday of June next. As to considering the nomination, it can be determined later. BINGER HERMANN.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 23.—Unless Congress is convened in an extraordinary session, I can see no reason for haste in electing a successor to the late Mr. Tongue. Perhaps the first Monday in June will be a proper date for the election. My mind has been given to the consideration with the honor too soon to say whether I shall be a candidate or not.

After a course of due reflection and prudent meditation, it can be conjectured that Binger Hermann will decide that the interests of the First District can be materially advanced if he returns to Congress. Indeed, it is reasonable to say that there is no present doubt whatever that Mr. Hermann will be a candidate. Just as there is no question that Mr. Brownell would be mightily impressed with the idea if he thought he had a chance for the nomination. The only question in Mr. Brownell's mind has been as to whether he can get the place. He is all right in Clackamas County, and can go to the Congressional Convention, as he did to McMinnville, three years ago, backed by the solid voice of his own delegation. But the convention then saw fit to ignore the many merits of the gentleman from Oregon, and named Mr. Tongue. That is one reason why he complains about the pernicious activity of the Federal brigade.

If Mr. Brownell has decided not to become a candidate for Congress—and that inference is to be fairly drawn from his statement to The Oregonian—it is because he does not see where he is going to break into the putative Fulton-Hermann combination. If Mr. Brownell has decided to do something up correctly and he usually does, Mr. Hermann's friends did not support the Clatsop County candidate in the late Senatorial contest just for fun, or for love, or because of the peculiar fitness of Mr. Fulton, but it was because the friends of Mr. Fulton in the First District were thus made to realize the powerful merits of Mr. Hermann. In other words, to a man up a tree, it could look as if there was a bargain between Fulton and Hermann by which each agreed to give the other a leg-up into the place he wanted. It is true that Mr. Hermann had a great longing to be Senator, but his friends kept the faith all the same, and stayed by Senator Fulton to the end.

If it is said that Mr. Brownell and his Clackamas County delegation (except Poulson) were likewise faithful, the reply is ready that they could scarcely do anything else. Senator Fulton made Brownell President of the Senate with the aid of Jonathan Bourne. Fulton was in the Senatorial fight, and Bourne was; so he had no divided duty between them, so far as his public expression was concerned. Brownell was lined up with Fulton, and the time never came when he could get away, even assuming—which is mere assumption—that he was ever tempted to go.

If ex-Governor Geer decides to go into the race, he can undoubtedly get his own county—the largest in the district—and probably Linn and Benton. Polk, too, may give him a friendly boost unless Senator Mulkey decides that he hears a loud call to come to Washington as the state's representative.

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TRAVELS IN THE INTEREST OF ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Will Address Commercial Bodies With a View to Promoting Cordial Trade Relations.

One of the wizards of civil engineering, and of world-wide fame in that direction, Dr. Elmer Lawrence Corthell, who was a member of the firm of Coryell & Morrison, under whose supervision the steel bridge was built, will deliver a lecture on "Argentine, Its Past, Present and Future" before the Board of Trade tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, and the subject will be illustrated by 8 lantern slides, 30 of them being colored. The lecture will be treated from a popular standpoint, not a scientific one, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Dr. Corthell is a special agent of the Argentine Republic to deliver lectures in this country, in order to promote better trade relations between the United States and Argentina. He and Mrs. Corthell arrived here yesterday, at

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is more than a laudable ambition. It is more like a call to duty in the highest and best sense. I shall shrink no duty that looks to the upbuilding of Oregon, politically or otherwise."

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FOR DESCHUTES RAILROAD

Chamber of Commerce to Consider the Situation Today.

At the meeting of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce this morning the Central Oregon railroad situation will be the main topic for discussion. The executive committee of the Board of Trade, at the meeting Saturday morning, passed a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of two, with full power to act, to co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce in this connection to select a fifth member, the duties of this joint committee being to make inquiry into the railroad situation of Central Oregon, and to ascertain, if possible, whether the Columbia Southern Railroad Company still contemplates the extension of its line from its present terminus at Shaniko to Bend, T. B. Potter and E. M. Branick were appointed on this committee by the Board of Trade, and the Chamber of Commerce will undoubtedly name its members this morning.

TO FIGHT BRIDGE SUIT.

County Seeks to Recover \$5700 Damages for Almond Branch Collision.

The suit filed last week by Multnomah County against the Pacific Export Lumber Company, the Willamette & Columbia River Towing Company and the town boat Vulcan, to recover \$5700 damages on account of injuries done to the Morrison-street bridge when the collision occurred. Johan Poulson states that there was no carelessness on the part of those in charge of the Vulcan or the ship, and he states that the county cannot recover. He further states that the Morrison-street bridge is not built according to Government requirements, as the draw is only 15 feet wide, and should be 150 feet in width.

WORK ON SITE BEGUN.

Grounds Will Be Cleared and Surveyed, and Fence Erected.

Actual work has begun on the Exposition site. Six men went to work yesterday morning under the direction of the superintendent, Oskar Huber. These men will be employed in clearing the grounds and erecting iron fences which will surround the property. Two gangs of surveyors are busily laying off the boundaries of the site and preparing the topographical map upon which the plans of the executive committee are to be based.

NEW PAPER FOR BEND.

Arrangements Made for Weekly With \$5000 Capital.

In view of the prospect of large development in the Upper Deschutes Valley, now that irrigation for that country is assured and its timber resources are becoming known, George Schlecht, of Portland, has arranged for the incorporation of a company to publish a live weekly paper at Bend, Crook County. Articles will be filed today. The authorized capital will be \$5000, and the work of getting out the first issue of the paper will be crowded with all speed.

BRINGS CHICAGO NEARER.

Seventy Hours is the Time East Via Chicago.

The time between Portland and Chicago via the "Chicago-Portland Special" now is 70 hours, or two hours less than three for a nickel. The train leaves Portland at 10 o'clock. Inquire O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington.

Meier & Frank Company. "Willamette" Sewing Machines—All models at special prices this week.

Sole Portland agents for Madame Yale's Famous Toilet Preparations—Thirty kinds. "Easy Riding" Baby Carriages and Go-Carts—Fifty models—Prices from \$3.75 to \$45.00. Trunks and Traveling Bags—Every good style and size manufactured—All prices—3d floor.

Homefurnishing SALE. You're welcome to the Homefurnishing Goods Sale was only limited by the department's capacity to serve you. From early morning until closing time the buying was unprecedented—Hundreds of opportunities for the economical housewife to supply many needs at a great saving—Sale continues through the week—A few of the offerings include:

News From 'Round the Store. The New Laces arrived yesterday—Antiques, Grape Effects—Scores of novelties. New Suits, Jackets and Costumes—Granite Cloths and etamines—Very latest styles. New Millinery—Walking Hats and Dress Shapes—Every express brings new things. Rogers A 1 Silver-Plated Ware at the lowest prices in town—Basement. Spring styles in Men's and Boys' Clothing—Superb fashions—Second Floor. New Cotton and Silk Shirts—Immense variety to choose from. New Plain and Figured Pongee Silks—Prices from \$1.00 to \$7.50 a yard.

Embroideries Low Priced

All the pretty new All-Over and Sets at special low prices—We want you to get on more intimate terms with this embroidery section—More of the style, quality and variety to be found here. Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric All-Over, magnificent designs, immense variety, 2 1/2 to 3 yards makes a waist. For the coming week these low prices will prevail.

The Kitchen Goods Sale

The special price list of Kitchen Goods for this Spring sale includes practically everything necessary for model housekeeping—Every article is of the highest grade and priced at a point where the shrewd shopper will immediately see the opportunity for a big saving—Basement.

Kitchen Specials. 50c Japanned knife and fork Trays for 42c—Blue and white porcelain Salt Boxes only 24c—1000 fiber Washbasins for this sale 22c—1000 wooden Rollingpins at 8c—Wire Potatoes Mashers 3c—Cake Turners 4c each—8-arm Clothes Rack 22c—Splint Clothes Basket 4c—The Silver Potomasher and Fruit Press 28c—Wire Soap Racks 4c—8 1/2-inch Acme Frying Pan 13c—Wooden Pails 17c—No. 8 Neverbreak Steel Frying Pans 28c each—Mrs. Potts' nickel Sad Irons 99c set of 3—No. 8 copper-bottom Washboilers 89c each—Good wooden Washboards, 80c size 68c—Large-size galvanized Wash-tubs, 90c value 72c—Wire Toasters 12c—12-inch Basting Spoons 3c—Japanese Coal Hods 32c—Mopsticks 12c each—Dover Egg Beaters 7c—Jap. Pot Brushes 2c—Common Clothespins 1c dozen—Spring Clothespins 7c dozen—75 feet Wire Clothesline 17c, 100 feet 21c—1000 Tin Dippers 7c each—Coat and Hat Hooks 12c dozen—Tincups 4c—Can Openers 8c—Twin Matchsafes 4c—Asbestos Mats 3c each—"Gee Whiz" Mousetraps 4c—Jap. Candlesticks 4c—Japanned Cuspidors 8c—10-quart heavy Tin Pails 21c—Tin Colanders 12c—13-inch Tin Wash-pans 8c—Side-crank Flour Sifters 13c—Hunter's Flour Sifters 15c—9-cup tin Muffin Pan 13c—1-sheet Graters 5c—1-sheet Graters 6c—Japanned Dusters 7c each—10-quart heavy Tin Pails 21c each—Zinc Washboards 24c—13-inch wood Chopping Bowls 12c—15-inch wood Chopping Bowls 17c—Chopping Knives 3c and 10c—Brass Washboards 28c—Tin Jelly-Cake Pans 4c—9-inch Tin Piepans 4c—Tin Breadpans 9c—14-in. Turkey Dusters 21c—Round nickel Trays 12c.