

OPENS THE FIGHT

Great Republican Rally in Portland.

LEADERS DEFINE ISSUES

Party Asked to Give Roosevelt Big Majority.

HAS DONE MUCH FOR OREGON

Crowded Audience at Empire Theater Hears Speeches by H. W. Scott, Senator Fulton, D. Solis Cohen and D. J. Malarky.

Democratic haughtiness was laid low last night by the Republican host in rally assembled. Ideals of the Democratic family were thrown down and smashed into smithereens. For full two hours the destruction of the false deities went forward in the Empire Theater. The wrecking stunts were United States Senator C. W. Fulton, D. Solis Cohen and Dan J. Malarky. H. W. Scott, as presiding officer, got in a few licks, too.

The theater was well filled with auditors, despite the warm evening and the languor of the campaign. About 120 sets of ears listened to the havoc, many of them feminine. Many were the climaxers, and at every blight the audience let loose enthusiasm and the possessors of the feminine ears released a flutter.

From this time forward until the election, June 6, Republicans will give the foe no rest. They will hunt the enemy out of every dark place and allow no quarter. Every night the hosts will rendezvous and deal out rule to Democrats and dispense Republican doctrine. "They'll know we're after them," say the big chiefs.

The keynote of all the speeches was an exhortation to remember Oregon's duty to President Roosevelt and to sustain the policies represented by him, which have brought prosperity and happiness to the country. The greater the Republican majority in this state, the stronger would appear Oregon's appreciation of those policies and the man who stands for them. All the speeches were brilliant and all were well received.

Arranged on the platform were Republican nominees, members of the County Executive Committee and the speakers. On the right hand of the chairman sat Senator Fulton; on the left, Frank C. Baker, head man of the State Central Committee. On the right of Senator Fulton sat D. Solis Cohen, and then Dan J. Malarky. A. A. Courtney, Sig. Sichel and C. W. Hodson were also on the platform.

Six of the 13 nominees for Representative were there, too, with smiling faces, being: George W. Holcomb, A. A. Bailey, A. J. Capron, Elmer B. Colwell, W. M. Killingsworth and W. T. Muir. And still others posed for inspection, to wit: W. L. Lightner, nominee for County Commissioner; James M. Stott, for Sheriff; F. S. Fields, for County Clerk; John M. Lewis, for County Treasurer; R. D. Sigler, for Assessor; R. P. Robinson, for Superintendent of Schools; J. P. Finley, for Coroner; William Reid, for West Side Justice; W. E. Jackson, for West Side Constable; W. E. Jackson, for East Side Justice; A. D. Keenan, for East Side Constable.

Surveying the ceremonies as members of the County Executive Committee appeared W. L. Boise, Dan Kellaher, C. E. McDonnell, J. D. Meyer, J. C. Jamison, Alex. Donaldson and A. F. Smith.

The salt of all the earth was this collection of brains and exultation. And a picture of Theodore Roosevelt looked down on the gentlemen from a red, white and blue background of a huge flag.

Mr. Boise Opens the Meeting.

A brass band led the way to the theater from Imperial Hotel. Behind the band trailed a carriage bearing Senator Fulton, H. W. Scott, F. C. Baker and D. J. Malarky.

"All right, go ahead," called W. L. Boise to the band, and the march began. Arrived at the theater, the actors passed behind the curtains. "Let her go," called Mr. Boise to the curtain, for the audience had grown impatient. So up rolled the thin partition and the people cheered. Then followed silence and the crowd fastened its eyes and ears on a man who came forward to open the ceremonies. He was Mr. Boise again. "I'm delighted to see you here tonight," said he in welcome. After extending a brotherly word to the independent faction, which was proving its allegiance to the Republican cause, Mr. Boise released the enthusiasm of his auditors by declaring that Republicans would win by 200 or 300 bigger majority than ever before in the history of the county.

"Let every Republican turn out," he exhorted, "and do his duty and we'll get the majority we're working for," and after the applause had ended he introduced H. W. Scott.

Mr. Scott's Opening Speech.

"This is a new experience for me, altogether," said Mr. Scott after the ebullition of the audience had subsided enough to let him speak. "I never presided at a political meeting before. But I've always heard that if a young fellow hopes to succeed in politics (turning around and surveying nominees) he'd better get in and make an early start."

A laugh ensued and Mr. Scott continued jocularly, "This is one reason I'm here, and then seriously, 'but there are other reasons.'"

Mr. Scott counseled Republicans to beware of a sluggish campaign. It might be easy, he remarked, to let the fight grow languid. "For," said he, "Oregon is so strongly a Republican state that it may seem superfluous to make any exertion. Even our opponents, our Democratic brethren, our friends the enemy, have shown little activity."

Then he proceeded to explain why exertion was not "superfluous." In the last 40 years the Republican party had

shaped the destinies of the country, except for an interregnum of eight years, "and how near," he asked, "did that interregnum take us to the brink of the bottomless pit? And who desires a return of those dark days? Nobody."

In the 45-year period the Republican party had established a proud record. It had done this because it had always formulated a direct policy and only such a party could do things. The Democratic party, on the contrary, could not announce a policy. It was afflicted with irreconcilable dissensions.

"It doesn't know what it wants," said he. "It didn't know in regard to the Panama canal. It doesn't know in regard to the tariff. It is simply a party of opposition and negative."

What Oregon Owes Roosevelt.

Mr. Scott declared that Oregon Republicans owed it to their party to sustain Republican policies and President Roosevelt by the biggest majority possible. "The effect will be immense," he said.

The speaker next described how Oregon is indebted to President Roosevelt for the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation. "When the Oregon delegation and the special committee went to Congress," he explained, "it was almost impossible for them to get any attention. Only through the President could the matter be brought before Congress. The President announced that the Exposition ought to be added by the United States. He gave us access to the leaders of Congress. He sent for them. At first they were adverse. Later they assented."

Mr. Scott then introduced Senator Fulton, who was received with acclamation.

Senator Fulton Praises Roosevelt.

Senator Fulton was greeted with applause. He spoke for 15 minutes. His speech had all the ring and the solidity that only enthusiasm and knowledge of his subject can give. The applause he aroused was such that when he sought to conclude he was urged to "go on" and urged so persistently that he had to acquiesce and talk ten minutes longer.

Senator Fulton's remarks were for the most part a eulogy of the Republican party and of President Roosevelt in particular. The enthusiastic applause that greeted his reference to President Roosevelt gave ample evidence of the feeling of Oregon Republicans for that statesman. "Should the Republican majority in

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OUT OF HISTORY

Funston's Swimming Feat Expunged

BY KANSAS COMMITTEE

Did Not Cross Rio Grande River Under Hot Fire.

GENERAL TELLS TRUE STORY

He Swam Small Stream on Reconnoitering Party—This Was Confused With Daring Feat of Two Pirates, Who Crossed Rio Grande.

CHICAGO, May 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Topeka, Kan., says: Pupils of the Kansas High Schools will no longer be taught that it was for swimming the Bagbag River in the Philippines and in the face of a hot fire from the enemy that General Frederick Funston was promoted from Colonel of Volunteers to be a Brigadier-General in the regular Army.

A subcommittee of the State Book Commission has ordered the account of the incident expunged from the history, which has been readopted for use in the high schools for five years. When General Funston was promoted to the place he now holds his commission declared in explicit terms that his promotion was earned by his action in swimming the Bagbag in the face of a severe fire from the enemy.

"We will give credit to the private, Trembley White, to whom it belongs," said Commissioner McCray, a member of the subcommittee. "The misstatement

that General Funston ever swam the river will be dropped now while there are men living in the state that know it is not true."

When Brigadier-General Funston, now commanding the Department of the Columbia, was shown this dispatch at Vancouver yesterday, he said:

"The correction is perfectly proper, and one that I should like to see made, so that the men who swam the Rio Grande River in Calumpit, April 27, 1899, should have their due credit. I did not swim the Rio Grande, which is a wide stream running 7 miles an hour, and required a much better swimmer than I to cross. The controversy that has arisen as to whether I did or did not has caused me a great deal of annoyance."

The confusion has arisen because on May 1 before the Rio Grande was swam by the Filipinos were driven from their entrenchments by my men. I swam a small, quiet stream called the Bagbag, which was crossed by the Filipinos, and this feat being put out by the newspaper correspondents at the same time as the swimming of the Rio Grande, which was done by the Kansas soldiers in my command, caused the confusion, which seems not to have been straightened out yet.

General MacArthur was blocked at the Rio Grande by the Filipinos under Aguinaldo at Calumpit on the Rio Grande. I was then Colonel of the Twentieth Kansas Volunteers and part of his command. Aguinaldo was entrenched on the other side of the river with 4000 men. Two of my men swam the river with a light cord, with which they drew across a rope strong enough to hold a cable. When this was across they fastened it to the shore and, guided by it, we took 40 men across on a bamboo raft, six and eight at a time. Yes, I admit I was on the first raft, but it was not for that special act that I received my promotion to be Brigadier-General of Volunteers, but because I was commanding the troops which crossed over under fire, drove out 500 Filipinos from the first entrenchment, an act which led to the final routing of the entire force.

"I never claimed that I swam the Rio Grande and have often attempted to put the matter right. As for the change in the Kansas school history, it should be done everywhere, so that the right men should have credit for having performed the dangerous feat of swimming the river under fire."

General Funston's feat in capturing Aguinaldo was the direct cause of his appointment as Brigadier-General in the regular Army.

Northwest Rural Carriers Named.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—Rural free delivery carriers were today appointed as follows: Oregon—Sherwood, regular, M. M. Hanson; substitute, John M. Hanson. Washington—Wenatchee, regular, Frank L. Dodd.

BEST FOR '05 FAIR

Government Condenses Its Exhibit

THAT AT ST. LOUIS TOO BIG

Newell Desires a Miniature Irrigation System.

MINT TO MAKE FINE SHOWING

Exposition Souvenir Dollars Will Be Coined on the Grounds—Pinchot Plans a Great Display of Timber Resources of State.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—It is not probable that the Lewis and Clark Government Board will be able at its meeting Monday to finally determine the number and size of the buildings to be erected by the Government at Portland. Members of the board are all agreed that the Government exhibit at St. Louis is too large and contains too many unimportant exhibits. "Only the most interesting features will be sent to Portland. It will be easy to accommodate such an exhibit in a building 250 by 125 feet. The forestry and irrigation exhibit, for which a separate building is contemplated, is causing some concern. Chief Forester Pinchot wants not only to display large and fine native timbers, but to collect a comprehensive exhibit giving an idea of the extent of the timber resources of the United States, yet impressing on the public the fact that the timber supply is limited and that the forestry

methods in vogue are far from perfect and need improvement.

Practical Irrigation Display.

Chief Engineer Newell is anxious to make a practical irrigation display, showing the manner in which the Government is taking hold and carrying out this great work. In addition, he desires to display models of various dams, flumes, etc. He favors an exhibit both indoors and out, so that he can install and operate a complete irrigation system in miniature, showing the way water is artificially applied to lands.

Representatives of his bureau and the Forestry Bureau have asked to be heard by the Government Board, but will probably not appear at Monday's meeting.

Director of Mints Roberts will probably transfer to Portland his exhibit at St. Louis, which is considered the main attraction in the entire Government display. This exhibit shows the method of coining as followed by the Government. All the souvenir Louisiana Purchase dollars are now made in the Exposition building. The whole process is displayed, from the melting of the ingot to the stamping of the finished coins. It is proposed to coin all the souvenir Lewis and Clark gold dollars in the Government building at Portland. The law provides that these coins shall not be placed on sale until the Exposition opens.

Gradually the features of the Government exhibit at Portland are being worked out, but the fact that most of it is to be taken from St. Louis accounts for the little activity on the part of the Government Board at this time.

LAND OFFICE CLERK DISMISSED

Seattle Man Is Found to Have Divulged Contents of Records.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—Secretary Hitchcock today summarily dismissed Edward Conyns, clerk in the Seattle Land Office, for gross misconduct in office. Conyns was found to be divulging information from the records of the Seattle Land Office to timber cruisers, attorneys and others, which proved valuable to them in locating and assisting others to locate upon the most valuable public lands in that district.

Conyns, moreover, was so imprudent as to convey official information to attorneys in Seattle, in the presence of two strangers, who happened to be Inspectors Lannan and Special Agent Dixon, of the Interior Department. He was caught red-handed turning over to these attorneys information which would enable them to secure contest cases before the Land Office, as well as information which would enable them to locate prospective settlers on desirable lands.

Numberless specific instances are cited in which Conyns betrayed the Government and sold information which should not have left the Land Office. Besides this, the investigation showed him guilty of other misdemeanors. Notwithstanding his denial of all charges, Secretary Hitchcock ordered his dismissal, to date from May 1.

MUST HOLD STATE PERMITS.

Nation Adopts New Policy as Regards Fish Traps in Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—It has been the custom for parties engaged in the fishing industry in the State of Washington to locate traps and other contrivances in tidal waters without permission of the War Department, although the river and harbor act of 1899 requires that such permission be obtained before such obstructions are erected in navigable waters. Since the attention of fishermen has been called to the law, many applications have been received and most of them approved. The department, however, has now adopted a general rule governing the issuance of permits, in which the right of the state to regulate the time and manner of taking fish in its waters and to grant exclusive fishing rights is recognized. As the laws of Washington require fishermen to secure a state permit before the erecting of fishtraps in its waters, the department will hereafter issue Federal permits only to persons holding permits from the state. This will avoid conflict, and will not allow non-holders of state permits to encroach upon prior rights of fishermen recognized by the State Fish Commission.

More Buildings for Army Forts.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—Constructing Quartermaster Penrose, at Port Townsend, has been instructed to invite bids for the erection of buildings to accommodate two additional companies of Coast artillery at Fort Worden and one more at Fort Casey.

At Fort Worden the Government will erect one field officers' quarters, one double Captains' quarters and two double Lieutenants' quarters and two barracks. At Fort Casey three sets of officers' quarters and one barracks will be erected.

Wants Seconding Speech From West.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—It is President Roosevelt's desire that a speech seconding his nomination at the Chicago Convention be made by some man from the Pacific Coast as well as by delegates from the East, South and Middle West. A Pacific Coast speaker has not yet been chosen, although consideration is being given to Attorney George Knight, of San Francisco.

New Washington Postmasters.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 21.—Washington Postmasters were appointed today as follows: Goshen—Philetus G. Cooke, vice Thomas H. Burtenshaw, resigned; Tulalip, Antoine Calase, vice Richard Newmark, resigned.

COUNTLESS CASSINI ROBBED.

Gold Brooch Worth \$600 Supposed to Have Been Stolen at Fete.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Countess Cassini has reported to police headquarters that she has been robbed of a gold brooch, set with diamonds and pearls, valued at \$600. It is supposed to have been stolen during the recent fete given by the Countess in aid of the Red Cross.

Court Holds State Has No Case.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—Eight cases brought by the state against Mrs. Sophia Weinsel on a charge of bringing girls from Germany to St. Louis for improper purposes, were dismissed in the Criminal Court today. Judge McDonald stating that the evidence was insufficient to prove the state's case.

LIVES IN PERIL

Seattle's Mayor Gets Threatening Letters.

POLICE CHIEF IS INCLUDED

Warned of Revenge for Closing Down Gambling.

OFFICIALS TO BE BLOWN UP

Epistles Are Written in Red Ink and Adorned With Skull and Crossbones—Search for Authors Is Begun.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—Mayor R. A. Ballinger and Chief of Police Thomas Delaney have been receiving a series of anonymous letters threatening their lives. The latest one, received this morning by Mayor Ballinger, declares that the writer intends to blow up with dynamite a portion of the city containing the two officials.

All the letters received by the Mayor and his Chief of Police complain bitterly against the policy that has made Seattle a "closed" town. Some of these letters, to make them more threatening, if possible, have been written in red ink and two have been illustrated by skulls and crossbones drawn by the letter-writers, with the apparent effort to make the message impressive. A letter received by Chief Delaney two or three days ago contained this warning:

"Come on, boys. Mayor Ballinger and Chief Delaney have ten more days to live."

The letter ended with an insulting and profane reference to both officials. This warning was penned by an illiterate person on the back of an old envelope.

Letter With a Signature.

The letter received today by Mayor Ballinger was signed by James McGuire, a person unknown to any of the city officials, and whom the directory does not show. He declares he has dynamite stored in a convenient place which will be used to kill the Mayor and Chief. The letter was treated with more seriousness than any of its predecessors. It was immediately turned over to the police and read to the detectives before they went on duty.

Mayor Ballinger proposes to make an example of this threatening letter-writer if he can be found. The Mayor will personally take the case to the United States Court, where the accused man, if arrested, will be charged with sending threatening letters through the mails.

McGuire thinks that the city should be run wide open. As it is, he says many men are being driven out of business because of the Mayor's closed-town policy.

Threat of Man on Chain Gang.

Though the threats contained in the anonymous letters have not worried Chief Delaney, he is keeping a close watch on all the letters, and if the writers are found they will be vigorously prosecuted.

The notorious Joe Young, now serving time in the chain gang, threatened today to kill the Chief as soon as he is released. "I will blow the police station up with dynamite," he said to Foreman Sheehan, of the chain gang. "I will show the stars to turn into blood and blood shall rain over the landscape. I will show my power. The Chief's life is not worth that"—and Joe snapped his fingers.

BANKER ENDS HIS LIFE.

Head of Institution Which Fails Gets Nurse to Leave Him.

MACON, Ga., May 21.—Robert H. Plant, president of the First National Bank and owner of the Plant & Son private bank, both recently placed in the hands of a receiver, committed suicide today at his home. He had been ill for two months. Plant asked his nurse to assist him to the bathroom. Fifteen minutes later the nurse found the capitalist dead with a pistol in his hand. Mr. Plant leaves a widow and nine children. The First National Bank institutions were the oldest in Macon.

The receiver of the private bank has reported a shortage of more than \$344,000. The National Bank Examiner has not yet reported on the First National. Mr. Plant had insurance on his life for more than \$1,000,000, of which about \$30