

# U. S. SENATORS MAY GET A HARD JOLT

### Their Attempt to Organize the Oregon Legislature and Shoulder in Kuykendall as President of the Senate Likely to Be Set at Naught by E. V. Carter.

## MULTNOMAH DOESN'T HOLD THE BALANCE OF POWER

### It Is Thrust into the Background by the Clumsy Playing of Their Cards by the National Leaders — Slate-Breakers Present a Strong United Front.

Republican organs in this city are awaking with manifest alarm to the strong probability of defeat for the legislative state arranged three months ago by Senator Mitchell and Senator Fulton. With a lightning change of front the same papers that were announcing three weeks ago that the program was absolutely sure to go through, are now proclaiming as though it were a newly discovered fact that E. V. Carter of Jackson county may smash the slate and may defeat Dr. Kuykendall of Lane for the presidency of the state senate.

The Multnomah county delegation does not hold the balance of power and that it is likely to be but a minor factor in the organization of the legislature. The machine has played its cards so badly that assured success has been changed into almost equally assured defeat. It is quite within the possibilities that Carter may be elected president of the senate without a single vote from Multnomah county. He is credited with the support of Senators Wheelock, Bowerman, McDonald and Laycock of eastern Oregon; it is highly probable that the anti-Kuykendall senators in western Oregon—Howe, Wright, Croisan, Farrar, Hobson and Haines—would rally to his standard if necessary to defeat the slate; Senator Coke of Coos and Curry is more than likely to ally himself with Carter; Carter would, of course, vote for himself and this would make a total of 12 votes, or only one less than the number required to control the caucus. That one vote might be given by George C. Brownell or by John L. Rand, for neither of them is at heart a very staunch adherent of Mr. Kuykendall, decided, and there was no apparent excuse for such interference, yet it received the support of the machine and machine organs.

**Senators Overestimate Power.**  
From the outset it was apparent that Mitchell and Fulton had overestimated their power to sway the choice of the legislators for president of the state senate. Kuykendall was not a strong candidate. Outside of Multnomah county the only state senators whose votes he could claim with any degree of assurance were R. A. Booth of Josephine, Douglas and Lane counties, Jay Tuttle of Clatsop, John L. Rand of Baker, Hargreaves and Malheur, and George C. Brownell of Clackamas. Brownell's adherence was given reluctantly under strong pressure and Rand's loyalty has been questioned. Obviously Kuykendall would not be in the running without the seven votes from Multnomah county and even with them and his own vote he would still lack one, for it will take 13 votes to control the caucus of Republican senators. This one vote was to be gathered in somehow, however, through the potent influence of the machine, and by pressure from Mitchell and Fulton.

**Effort to Program the Legislature for Kuykendall is Now Regarded as One of the Gravest Blunders that has been made in recent years.** Defeat will upset the plans formed for the session of 1907 and Multnomah county will be stripped of its rightful influence, as has been the case in all recent sessions of the legislature.

**Bailey Not Likely to Hold Caval.**  
It has been evident for many weeks that Representative A. A. Bailey of this county had little chance for the speakership. The promises made to him by the machine and which induced him to become a candidate have not been fulfilled. Kay of Marion has steadily grown in strength and is now so far in the lead that it seems impossible that he should be defeated. He claims that he has actual pledges of more than the 25 votes required to control the house caucus, and it is generally considered that the claim is well founded.

**Instead of occupying the front seat of the band wagon, the local machine leaders are now making a desperate effort to clamber on to the tailboard.** It is plain that they cannot carry out the program arranged by Senator Mitchell and Senator Fulton, except at enormous sacrifice, and the next best thing is to escape absolute defeat.



Nan Patterson's Face as the jury sees it. Looked squarely in the face, Nan Patterson appears stupid; from the left side full three quarters view, she seems hard. Her right profile view, which the jury got, shows the best that is in her face.

# OAKMAN CHANGES PLEA TO GUILTY

### On Sister's Account is Willing to Accept Sentence of Life Imprisonment.

### PROPOSAL IS AGREED TO BY ALL CONCERNED

### Substance of Previous Testimony Shows He Made Many Threats Against Bennett.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 16.—At 10 o'clock this morning court convened. The large court room was crowded to the doors with both men and women expecting to hear the trial of Bert Oakman, charged with the murder of Frank Bennett. Hon. S. B. Huston, on behalf of Oakman, stated to the court that Mrs. Fletch, Oakman's sister, was prostrated with grief and unable to attend the trial and that Oakman for her sake desired to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, and receive a life sentence. District Attorney Harrison Allen stated to the court that such proceedings would be satisfactory to him and that Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, the parents of the deceased, informed him that they would be better satisfied to have Oakman have a life sentence than to hang, if he was found guilty. Oakman was then allowed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree and he will receive a life sentence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The jury was dismissed.

**Jury Completed.**  
The Oakman murder trial was commenced yesterday, but it was not until late in the afternoon that the first witness was called to the stand. The jury, which was not completed until almost 3 o'clock, was comprised of the following: J. A. Kirkwood, Fred Hood, Ben Patton, Ed Ward, George Stitt, O. M. Gallogly, J. A. Ray, Dan Berkhater, Joseph Hayes, William Martin, J. J. Mescham and William Hollenbeck. Immediately upon selecting the jury the opening statement was made by the respective counsel, when the introduction of evidence was begun.

**Mother First Witness.**  
The first witness was Mrs. C. Bennett, mother of the murdered man, Frank A. Bennett. Mrs. Bennett testified that she had known Bert Oakman about one year, and that the first difficulty arose between Oakman and her deceased son June 5, last, when Oakman became angry because her son had broken his bicycle. Mrs. Bennett and her daughter talked with Oakman after this quarrel, at which time Oakman informed Mrs. Bennett that he would kill her son Frank some time. She said to him: "You know what will become of you if you do." He said: "I don't care." Several other witnesses were examined, the substance of their testimony being that Oakman had made many threats against Bennett and that he struck the first blow on the night of the murder. Court then adjourned until this morning.

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N. J. Blagen, R. Livingstone and Samuel Connell.

Doors will be opened at 2:30 o'clock. There will be an orchestra to furnish instrumental music and a male quartet.

The announcement of the meeting has aroused much interest and there promises to be a very large attendance of those interested in a higher standard in the city's municipal administration.

# WILL MAKE IT WARM FOR ILLINOIS BACHELORS

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 15.—Henry E. Aggr, state representative-elect from Gibson county, championed reforms which he intends to push vigorously at the coming session of the legislature. To encourage marriage he will introduce a bill levying a tax of 10 cents on each \$100 salary earned by able bodied bachelors more than 25 years of age who receive an income of more than \$1,000 annually. He would apply 10 per cent of this revenue to the school fund and 50 per cent to the maintenance of the various orphan asylums and homes in the state.

# MADMAN, NAKED, RUNS AMUCK SMASHING GLASS

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 16.—A crazy man, entirely divested of clothing and armed with a crowbar, ran amuck at Twenty-third street this morning and smashed \$2,500 worth of plate glass in the Mercantile building before he was overpowered by the police.

The madman was seen approaching a pane on the street as he ran down it flourishing his iron bar and threatening to brain any person who hindered his progress. Probably nothing but the storminess of the day, it being bitterly cold, prevented more serious consequences, as the street, which is usually thronged with pedestrians, was exceptionally empty. The insane man was taken to the hospital, but has not been identified.

# NAN PATTERSON MAY APPEAR ON THE STAND

### Prosecution's Long Chain of Circumstantial Evidence Alarms the Defense.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 16.—The counsel for Nan Patterson held a long conference this morning and decided to put in a defense. The many damaging circumstances in the prosecution's chain of evidence may result in the prisoner taking the stand in her own behalf, telling the whole story of her relations with Bookmaker Caesar Young, and events preceding the shooting.

The court room was crowded today with people to attend the final hours of the case.

The jury was excused from noon until 1:30 o'clock, while the counsel for the defense began a long motion to dismiss the case on the usual grounds of non-proof.

The president evidently has his eye on the law-breaking railroads.

# SALT LAKE MAN CUTS THROAT IN COURTROOM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 16.—William Carroll, a resident of this city, yesterday afternoon stood up in the police court and cut his throat from ear to ear, dying almost instantly. He had been arrested for abusing his wife. His wife went on the witness stand and commenced testifying.

Carroll said: "You know what I told you I would do if you testified against me. Here goes." He then cut his throat and fell at her feet. She fainted across his body. The incident created a profound sensation, and there was nearly a panic in the court room.

# SOUTHERN EDUCATORS TO MEET

(Journal Special Service.) Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 16.—Preparations on an extensive scale are being made for the coming meeting of the Southern Educational association, which is to be held in this city the latter part of the present month, in connection with the meeting of the Florida State Teachers' association. Elaborate arrangements are being made for the reception and entertainment of the visitors, among which will be securing a place in the mill, beginning at the lowest place, that of rapicker.

# From Rapicker to Lawmaker

From rapicker to United States senator is a pretty big jump, and yet that is just what the new senator from Massachusetts has made. Not "rapicker" exactly, as we might understand it, but almost that. His grandfather, Zilmas Crane, founded the famous paper mill at Dalton, in the western part of Massachusetts, and his father, also Zilmas, succeeded to the business. When Murray Crane was 17 years old he left the public schools to take a place in the mill, beginning at the lowest place, that of rapicker.

# National Longevity

Of European nations the Norwegian and Swedish are the longest lived, the Spaniards the shortest. According to a foreign statistical return recently issued the average duration of life is as follows: Sweden and Norway, 50 years; England, 48 years and 3 months; Belgium, 44 years and 11 months; Switzerland, 44 years and 6 months; France, 43 years and 8 months; Prussia, 43 years and 8 months; Austria, 39 years and 8 months; Bavaria, 36 years, and Spain, 32 years and 4 months.

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