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UNION COUNTY'S DELEGATION AT SALEM

SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE TO STUDY CONDITIONS.

Both Have Measures to be Introduced During Next Session.

Hon. W. J. Church, representative from Union County, left last evening for Portland and Salem and State Senator Turner Oliver leaves this evening for Salem where they will spend a few days acquainting themselves with conditions before the legislature opens next Monday. Both have a series of bills to be introduced though there are no particular important measures up their sleeves that are definitely outlined. Senator Oliver has a measure under consideration which will not be "sprung" until he gets in touch with conditions relative to it and knows the lay of the political topography.

While Mr. Church did not express

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himself regarding the speakership race in which Jerry Rusk of Joseph is figuring so conspicuously, it is supposed he will join the rest of the Oregon delegation in supporting the Josephite for that position.

RUSK'S JOB IN DOUBT.

Portland Paper Outlines Obstacles Facing Rusk in the Race.

Jerry Rusk's obstacles in reaching the speaker's rostrum of the house, are outlined in the following from a Portland paper:

Failure of Seneca Fouts and Ralph C. Clyde to secure the endorsement by the Multnomah county delegation of Jerry Rusk of Willamette, for the speaker at a meeting last night is further proof of the divided sentiment of the representatives from this county regarding the speakership. Nine of the 113 representatives-elect attended the conference which was held in a room of the Imperial hotel. The meeting had been called during the day by Fouts.

Fouts and Clyde urged the delegation to act as a unit on the speakership and proposed the endorsement of Rusk. To this a majority refused to consent. Amme, while not declaring for Rusk, did oppose the Willamette man's candidacy. In the general discussion of the speakership situation, several of the other members expressed themselves as opposed to the programme of Fouts and Clyde.

In support of their contention that the delegation should get together and bring about the election of a speaker, these legislators said that while they did not wish to flock to Rusk, they would join in the support of any other one of several other candidates who were acceptable to them.

Sponsors for Rusk at the meeting, however, were firm and intimated that they would not act with the delegation in support of any candidate other than the Eastern Oregon man. Of the other speakership candidates favored by a majority of the delegation attending last night's meeting, Eaton and Reynolds were preferred. Of the two, Eaton was the stronger, some objection being urged against Reynolds because of the fact that he was prominent in the assembly movement in Marion county in the recent general election. It was pointed out that the Marion county man was nominated for the legislature and ran on the assembly ticket.

However, there was a disposition among several of the delegation not to make the assembly an issue in the organization of the house, preferring to select a presiding officer on his qualifications rather than as to his activity for or against the assembly.

Not until the members-elect from the interior counties arrive in Portland will the atmosphere respecting the organization of the Oregon legislature be cleared. Many of the legislators outside of Multnomah county are unpledged. Several will arrive today while by tomorrow night it is expected that with but few exceptions, all of the 90 members will be in the city.

This is particularly true as to the organization of the house. With the senate, the situation, while by no means settled, is not so complicated. Friends of Acting Governor Bowerman however assert that he has sufficient votes to give him the presidency. Supporters of Ben Selling are equally firm in their contention that the Multnomah county man will win. Mr. Selling, however, has admitted to friends that he has not secured the votes of Senators Hawley and Hoskins of Polk and Yamhill, respectively, although he says the two West Side men are by no means to be counted in the Bowerman camp. Both of these Senators, have, at different

times, been included in the Bowerman and Selling camps by friends of the rival candidates. Mr. Bowerman is expected to return from Condon tonight personally to look after his interests.

With more than a half dozen active or receptive candidates for the speakership, the situation as to the election of presiding officer of the house has not changed materially during the last few days. Entering into the settlement of this fight are the questions of whether or not a caucus shall be held and whether or not the house shall be organized along Statement No. 1 lines. These issues have served further to non-fuse the members in the election of a speaker.

These is a disposition among the house members to effect organization regardless of the course pursued by the senate. For that reason the lower branch will proceed independently of the action of the upper body. Those opposing a caucus justify their position by contending that by carrying the contest to the floor of the house a process of elimination could be adopted by which numerous candidates would be disposed of, and at the same time a satisfactory officer selected.

Selection of a speaker will be facilitated by the choice of president of the senate. If Bowerman is successful, Rusk and McKinney, as well as Brooke, all being Eastern Oregon men, would be eliminated. In fact, Brooke, of Malheur, it is reported, already has virtually ceased as an active candidate and is assisting McKinney. The election of Bowerman, naturally would throw the speakership to Multnomah county, Western Oregon or Southern Oregon. While Abbott, of Multnomah, denies that he is a candidate, he undoubtedly would get into the contest, if Bowerman wins in the senate. The contestants from Western Oregon would be Hollis, Eaton, Reynolds and Bonebrake. Of these, Reynolds of Marion has developed some strength during the last week. In Southern Oregon, the candidates for the Speakership in addition to Thompson would be Buchanan of Douglas, and Eggleston of Jackson.

It is this unsettled situation which has suggested a conference of the representatives-elect from Eastern Oregon counties. Such a meeting probably will be held when these members reach Portland. Its purpose will be a discussion of the speakership situation with a view of adopting some plan for concerted action.

Prosperity in 1911 Sure; Doubters Are Wrong.

(San Francisco Examiner.) Two lugubrious prophets of the gospel of pessimism, James J. Hill, the railroad magnate of the Northwest and Charles H. Mellen, a railway president of the East, are predicting direful things to the nation's prosperity for 1911.

The facts are against these doleful gentlemen. There are many things the people see which apparently they do not.

The railroads today employ 2,200,000 men. That is an increase of 400,000 men over two years ago.

George Gould has recently completed his railroad to San Francisco and already is planning to extend it to the southward.

The Burlington-Hill's own road—is preparing to run new transcontinental trains between Chicago and the Rio Grande and the Western Pacific.

The Southern Pacific is preparing to put on another overland limited train between Chicago and San Francisco to meet the increasing demands of public traffic.

The Southern Pacific is building

SNAPPY GAME ON TONIGHT

M. I. A. AND IMBLER TEAM TO CLASH THIS EVENING.

Old Time Stars From Imbler Team Arrive to Meet Fast Five.

Imbler's crack basketball team, the one which walloped North Powder recently to the tune of 86 to 0, will meet the M. I. A. quintet at the rink this evening commencing at 8 o'clock. The Imbler team arrived this afternoon, ready for a fast and snappy contest. In the Imbler delegation are much the same fellows as played last year and basketball fans know what they are. Al. Hugg, the shifty fox, and all the rest of them will be here for the game which is attracting a good deal of attention.

Imbler will line up:

Fox and McKennon, forwards; Walter Wade, center; Al. Hug and Fox, guards. The M. I. A. will maintain their old-time line up as follows: Lindsay (Captain) and Geddes Manager forwards, Bean Center, Hollister and Metcalf, guards.

The game starts promptly at 8 o'clock.

new roads in Oregon and so is Jim Hill.

The automobile plants are being enlarged to meet the demand for 1911 cars which already has taxed their present factories to the utmost limits.

The mining interests of the nation are being developed at an unprecedented rate. More gold, more coal and more iron will be taken out of the ground in 1911 than in any previous year in the nation's history.

Bank deposits show a constantly increasing volume of expansion.

The farmers are already certain of high prices for their products. The acreage of land being brought under cultivation in the West is increasing so rapidly that the government experts cannot keep up with the statistics.

As a matter of fact, the Jeremiah-like wailings of the railroad presidents need not be taken too seriously. The railroad presidents are restive under the legal restraints which the people of the United States have denied must be imposed upon them. They are preaching a doctrine of non-interference solely because they wish to be unhampered by governmental regulation.

To all these apostles of calamity The Examiner extends its most cheerful greetings. Cheer up! It's a great nation, this one of ours. Its new. Its prolific with possibilities. Its people are not pessimists. They are optimists and they have an abiding faith that the prosperity of the nation is not only great, but it is going to become greater.

LIQUOR DEALERS WIN.

Dry Majority of 17 Set Aside and Saloons in Four Cities Will Continue

After a hot fight in the Circuit Court, Judge Coke has sustained the liquor men's injunction, obtained shortly after the November election, has made it permanent and the local option election held in Coos County has been officially declared invalid, says a press dispatch. When the votes were counted the day after the election in November, it was found that Coos had voted "dry" by a majority of 17 votes. It was the only county in Southwestern Oregon which had been "wet" during the

preceding two years, and also the only "wet" county in the state which voted "dry." The prohibition majority was so small in Coos County that the saloon interests took immediate steps to attempt to keep licensed saloons in the four principal cities—Bandon, Marshfield, North Bend and Coquille. The home rule amendment to the state constitution, while applicable to these four incorporated places in Coos County, was not used to affect the desired result by the liquor interests, the plan being to use that only in case the injunction was decided adversely.

The petition for the injunction cited the fact that number of the names signed to the local option petition calling the election were those of persons not qualified to sign, and the court has so decided. Bandon has eight licensed saloons to a population of about 2500; Coquille has four with about the same population; North Bend has about the same number as Bandon and Marshfield has 15, with a claimed population of 5,000. All will continue to do business for the next two years.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 4th day of January, 1911, creating Improvement District No. 30, and designating Cherry street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 4th day of January, 1911, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Cherry street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described by constructing a wagon road crossing over the railroad track, the council will, ten days after the service of

this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvements be made; that boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Cherry street, from the north line of Adams avenue to the line of Cove avenue. Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$577.00. That the council will on the 18th day of January, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 5, 1911. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Smallpox in City Jail.

Ike Warstaff, who has been employed in the Bennett logging camp near the mouth of the Grande Ronde river has been brought to this city and is now in the city jail suffering with small pox. The case is not considered very acute.

Hetty Green Ill.

New York, Jan. 6.—Hetty Green is ill but reports are today that her condition is not serious.

Killed on Way to Work.

Connellsville, Pa., Jan. 6.—Four employes were caught on the track while walking to work and killed by the B. & O. west bound today.

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