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CANDIDATES ARE GROWING

RATHER THAN DIMINISHING, THE NUMBER GROWS.

Boyd and Ellis New Men, and Wilson Still in Race.

Big things break, politically, with rapidity evidently. Yesterday candidates for congress from the Eastern Oregon district were authentically rumored as diminishing in number and today it is reported that the reverse is a fact. Attorney Daniel Boyd of Enterprise is the newest possibility and it is said he is considering a race with a great deal of deliberation and seriousness. Sinnott, notwithstanding that he is announced as a candidate in the Oregonian, is said by men in close touch to be still on the fence. Any indecision that may have prevailed with Attorney S. Fred Wilson of Athena, has evidently been thrown aside and if an interview in the Oregonian of yesterday morning is properly timed he is now a bona fide candidate, regardless of the fact that his retirement was expected. Consequently, instead of thinning out candidates are jangling up, for ex-Congressman Ellis of Pendleton is also said to be considering the race.

Touching political affairs in general, the Oregonian of yesterday said:

Entrance of Senator Sinnott into the contest for congressional honors, makes four active republican candidates for this nomination in the Second district. First to make a preliminary survey of the field and begin lining up support for this nomination was John P. Rusk, of La Grande, who has been diligently working among the voters of the district for the last six months. The other two active candidates are George T. Cochran of La Grande, and S. Fred Wilson of Athena. Both of these men have for some time been thinking seriously of seeking this office, but it was not until yesterday, when they both chanced to be in the city, that they formally announced their candidacies.

Campaign Is to Be Active.

"I have decided to become a candidate for representative in congress from Eastern Oregon," said Mr. Wilson, who is a lawyer, at the Imperial. "Within a few days I shall issue a formal declaration as to my candidacy and the platform on which I shall ask the republican nomination and election. Already I have decided to conduct a most vigorous campaign throughout the district. From the assurances of support I am receiving, particularly from among the younger republicans, I am confident of winning the nomination and election."

Mr. Cochran is water commissioner for the Eastern Oregon division and by reason of his official position has traveled extensively over Eastern Oregon, and has a large acquaintance. With three or four rival candidates in the field for the nomination, the friends of Mr. Cochran declare he will be a winner.

Ellis May Enter Race.

The impression still prevails that

before the time expires in which candidates may qualify for the primary nominating election, W. R. Ellis, of Pendleton, ex-representative, will jump into the fray, expecting with a badly scattered opposition to land the nomination. It is known, however, that friends of Cochran have been exerting themselves to induce Ellis not to enter the contest under any circumstances. Although none of the candidates in the race will concede the fact, each is said to be more fearful of the possible candidacy of Ellis than they are of either of their other rivals for the nomination.

FIREMEN'S DANCE TONIGHT

COMMITTEES IN CHARGE REPORT ALL IS WELL

Good Music Promised Attendants at Annual Firemen's Dance.

One of the banner crowds of the year is expected at the firemen's dance tonight, the third annual affair of this kind that the department has undertaken. A special meeting was held last night at which time all the necessary floor committees were appointed and special effort has been made to that a big musical organization will supervise the musical end of the event, and with a large number of tickets sold in advance, there is every indication that the party will be unusually well attended.

BALCONY FOR SHOE STORE.

New Addition to Give More Room and Add to Appearances.

A balcony is being constructed in the L. J. French shoe store which, when completed, will not only materially add to the floor and show space, but will be an improvement on the general appearance of the shoe emporium. The work has been commenced but will require some time in the completion.

COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT.

President of Council Mackey to Official as Chairman Tonight.

Regular matters coming before the council tonight at its regular meeting will be handled with President of the Council Claude Mackey presiding as Mayor Church is with the La Grande junketers and the duty of presiding at the council meeting falls on the president.

Various important matters are coming up and the city attorneyship may be disposed of this evening, though this is problematical.

ACCUSED PREACHER BRAVE.

Will Return and Face Murder Charge Which He Deems Farce.

Pittsburg, Jan. 17.—That Reverend McFarland, pastor of the United Presbyterian mission at Greenville, Pa., under arrest at Cedar Creek, Tenn., for the performance of two criminal operations on Miss Coe, will waive extradition and return here to face a murder charge, was the word received by the officials today. McFarland says the charges are not based on facts.

TOURISTS SEE STATE HOUSES

SHAFTS OF FUN PRICK MEMBERS INTERMITTENTLY.

Journey to Salem and Visit There Is Pictured by Correspondent.

Enroute to Southern Oregon, Salem, Jan. 15.—After proper recognition by the people of Portland on Sunday, a banquet served by Phil Meacham at the Imperial hotel, the La Grande business men's car was attached to the 8:30 a. m. Southern Pacific train with "Bill" Jenkins who is the Jack O'Neil for the Southern Pacific in charge. It was a case of counting noses and relating experiences for the first hour out, and to the surprise of many Fred Gaskell and Mac Wood were missing.

Experiences related after the party broke rank in Portland Sunday afternoon were varied. Some admitted having taken auto rides, others went to look at bungalows and some who had invested in the long time and little profit addition property strolled out to see if there was any chance for values to increase. But the entire membership of the party, with the exception of a very few, lined up at the box office of the Hellig theatre and paid two dollars a throw to see Anna Held and her company of burlesque and wing dancers.

It was after the train started that each testified as to Anna Held and her company. The verdict was plain. Anna has a good company—a bunch of well selected broilers who have not neglected to use physical culture and just development. The La Grande crowd were well seated in baldheaded row and Senator Pierce's bald head shone like a peeled onion when the lights were turned on in full. But William Miller was the only member who succeeded in obtaining an opera glass and he was so selfish that the glass remained in his possession throughout the entire show. All decided Anna Held had a good show—a show that really exemplifies what perfection can be obtained in human anatomy, etc.

Anarchist Talks.

A few members of the party had to do a little work while the others played. For instance the newspapers sent reporters and they had to be seen and talked to and treated nicely. The Oregonian had photographers take exposures of the banquet table with the La Grande bunch around it, but it is believed J. M. Berry spoiled the picture. Anyway, the plate was a failure and J. M. Berry, along with Fred Stanley and Harry Grady were guests at the banquet, as was also B. E. Kennedy and Tom Montgomery of Portland. The failure of the picture lays between these guests for every La Grande man had on a clean collar and a shave and there was no chance for him to ball things up the first day out.

Some of us slept in the Imperial instead of going to the car and we really heard an anarchistic speech on the streets of Portland—the metropolis of Oregon. He talked from 8 o'clock in the evening until midnight and the whole theme was "down with the stars and stripes and up with the red flag." What the mayor of Portland means by permitting such as this is more than we fellows from the cow country can understand. But guests in one of the leading hotels in Portland were kept from sleeping by this advocate of the red flag.

Arriving at Salem the car was met by seemingly half the town, with Col. E. Hofer in command. It was a cordial greeting we received and one that will stick to the members of the party for some time to come. A very nice banquet was served at Hotel Marion with about 50 business men of Salem, headed by Gov. West, Secretary Olcott and State Treasurer Kay present. Speeches were made by the mayor of Salem, by the governor—who defended his prison policy and talked state taxes. Ed. Kiddle, Walter Pierce and Bruce Dennis responded for the La Grande.

Self-Styled Vigilantes.

Following the banquet automobiles were provided and the party spent the entire afternoon going through the state institutions. We informed Governor West that the bunch before him was a vigilance committee sent out from Eastern Oregon to inquire into the heavy state tax and he took the matter up, insisting that we visit all of the institutions and learn what the money was being expended for.

Walter Pierce in the "Pen."

At 3 o'clock with solemn tread Walter M. Pierce, well known in Eastern Oregon, entered the Oregon state prison to serve a term to be indicated by a vote of members of the party. Warden James, who is an old Baker City man, insisted that Pierce

should have been there long ago and expressed his pleasure at being able to turn the key on the senator. A vote was taken and Pierce's case was put up to Governor West, a parole being granted at once.

About the most amusing thing, however, was the arrival of Mac Wood and Fred Gaskell on an electric car. They were determined to be at Salem as quickly as possible and probably chartered a car, we do not know as to that, but they finally arrived and accompanied the party. Wood had paroled Dr. Molitor's overcoat and there was a confession and return of the coat at the door of the state penitentiary. The doctor pleaded for Mr. Wood, after he had received the coat, which finally won the warden's heart and he exclaimed, "Mr. Wood bears a good name; it is his first offense as I understand and I am going to take the law into my own hands, for that is the style nowadays, and refuse to see the case prosecuted."

The Oregon "Pen."

Here is an institution that now has 485 inmates. It is under direct supervision of the governor and that executive is trying all sorts of prison reforms. To our way of thinking he has largely removed any punishment feature that heretofore may have existed, although we do think the governor is honestly trying out some experiments which he believes will turn out well.

The beautifying of prison grounds and many things that West is doing are merely what other governors before him should have done, and it is a discredit, a dishonor and black spot on Oregon history to know that these things have not been done until now. Among the many experiments of the governor is a chicken ranch which he is giving considerable attention and the result will be valuable not only if it proves economical to the state but it will also demonstrate whether the individual can raise chickens profitably and how.

The fact is, it seems to us, that instead of being elected to the governorship Oswald West should have been elected to a chair in the Oregon Agricultural college for he is quite a farmer, apparently.

The Insane Asylum.

The asylum is a big, cumbersome, out of date institution and Dr. Steiner is probably doing as well as anyone could, and better than many would, in operating it. The expense sheet is not as heavy as it was formerly and things seem to be running well. There are over 1799 patients in this one building and over 259 attendants. Think of what this means—a good sized town under one roof. But in this institution, as in the penitentiary, things have been too long neglected and it is a pity but true that to all appearances Oregon has been run in the most slipshod, loose manner so far as her institutions are concerned.

Salem as a City

There can be no denying that "Sleepy Salem" had a strong hypodermic injection and she is going some. Good buildings are being erected on every side, fine homes finished and street improvements of all kinds are visible. Better life, better business and a desire to be in the game prevails at the state capital.

On for Corvallis.

After spending the evening at the popular club of the city the La Grande bunch started for Corvallis where they will spend tomorrow forenoon.

A Few Little Things.

William Miller's opera glasses were envied by all.

Judge Alken was "from La Grande" today in Salem.

Judge Crawford met up with the bunch in Portland and at once donned the badge, and was proud of it.

Harry Grady missed a train to see Anna Held and her bevy of broilers.

"Bill" Jenkins has won a home in Eastern Oregon.

Charley Dicks an old La Grande boy, who is now handling the finances of Salem, said when he met Fred Meyers, "You are just as bow legged as ever, Fred, and anyone who has seen you skate on ice could never forget those bow legs."

The game of "button, button, who's got the button?" is now William Miller's favorite.

La Grande is getting enough bouquets to decorate the Elks' special next summer from engine to the last coach.

Fred Gaskell says: "The Willamette valley is a nice place, but what the hell could a man do on these little farms?"

John Collier stands accused of enticing 24 well meaning men to see a show that sparkled with laughter, women and song.

A near statistician claims that a woman drinks 90,000 ice cream sodas in a life time. If she were to live to be 90 years old her average would be 1,000 a year, which shows what an important thing it is to be a statistician.

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NORTH DAKOTA FIRST

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democrats of South Dakota are hopeful of success this year and are laying plans for waging an aggressive campaign.

THREE CORNERED FIGHT ON.

Ormsby McHarg Said to Be Booming Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 17.—A bitter pre-convention fight is being waged in the south by three branches of republicanism according to reports here. Organized campaigns are being conducted by Taft and La Follette boomers and a more recently inaugurated campaign by the proponents of Theodore Roosevelt. Politicians were much surprised when they heard that Ormsby McHarg who was dismissed as assistant secretary of commerce and labor because he issued an interview characterizing Roosevelt as "a little yellow dog under the republican bandwagon" was leading the Roosevelt force in the south. It is expected that the colonel will deny McHarg is working for him in characteristic language. Representative Nelson is leading the La Follette boom, and Hilles, Taft's secretary, is busy for the president.

HARPERS WEEKLY QUILTS.

Will No Longer Boost for Wilson for President.

New York, Jan. 17.—Friends of Governor Wilson today said his fear of being branded as Wall Street's candidate for the democratic nomination for the presidency, was the reason

that impelled Wilson to ask Colonel Harper to quit booming his candidacy in Harper's Weekly. Harpers withdrew Wilson's name and said it was done at Wilson's request.

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