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Oregon Legislature Con- Electors Cast Ballets Tovenes for Forty-day Session--Outlook Seems Messengers Bright for Chamberlain

SALEM, Or., Jan. 11 .- With the eyes voters of this state, in particular, a waiting with keen interest, the Oregon legislature convened today for a forty day session with the prospect of being the scene of the most extraordinary senatorial contest ever field in any leg-

islative hall in the country.

Nowhere has a more unique situation growing out of a fight for a seat in the United States senare ever developed This is true because of the fact that both branches of the Oregon legislature, are facing the proposition of giving the senatorial plum to a democrat, George E. Chamberlain, now governor of the state and the people's choice for the hgh position. Otherwise they must re-pudiate the pledges made to the voters and elect a republican.

In either event an interesting chap-ter will be written in political history All Will Keep Pledge

Present indications are that every one of the fifty-two legislators elected on 'Statement No. 1' which provides for the election of the United States senators by a vote of the people, will stand by their pledge and send Cham-berlain to the upper touse of congress, although the pill be a bitter one to

From the time Gov. Chamberlain de feated Judge H. M. Cake, his republi reated Judge H. M. Cake, his republican opponent, at the last general election in June until the present day the contest has been replete with exciting features in a political war.

First of all, Judge Cake defeated Senator Charles W. Fuiton, whose term

soon expires, in the primaries. The Ful-tonites then raised the cry that scores of democrats registered as republicans so that they could elect Cake, thinking the latter would be a weaker candidate against Chamberlain in the general clection than Fulton.

But the big surprise to the republi-can leaders came when the counting of the ballots revealed the election of Governor Chamberlain a democrat, in a state which has always been considered safely in the republican column. The governor had no opposition in the demperatic party.

Prinaps the greatest shock of all was count of occasioned by the discovery that 52 formall legislators pledged to vote for the people's choice for the United States senato had been elected.

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connected with the election of a presi-dent that are not generally known.

Men holding places under the govern-ment 13 democratic members must give the toga to a democrat. There seems to and 13 democratic members must give the toga to a democrat. There seems to be little doubt they will do it, as Chamberlain's adherents assert the pledged members would not dare to violate the connecticut had selected electors. promise they made to the voters and

expect any more favore at their hands. However, in the face of strong pub-lic sentiment favoring Governor Chambeclain the Fulton supporters think this tain his seat in the senate or a republi

can will be elected in his place.

As a last resort Schator Fulton is aid to have appealed strongly to Pres and Frank Hitchcock chairman of the republican nationa committee, for assistorce, pointing out to them that it would be against the very principals of the republican party to participate in the election of a dem-ograt to the senate. It is evident that Taft did not give Fulton any encour-

Further national importance was at tached to the Oregon contest when the president on the accasion of Governor Chamberlain's visit to the capital, greet ed him as "the next senator from Ore epublicans of this state to a great exwill be prepared to spring some sort of time for voting arrives.

that the "anti-statement No. 1 men" false statement regarding land transhave a scheme by which they expect to actions. He accused Recsevelt of falsi have the election postponed. They fication, cowardice and contempt of the have circulated many petitions asking senate. He arraigned the president for voters to sawction the repudiation of belping his dear friend Harriman to belping his dear friend Harriman to pledges. How many signatures have hold 2,000,000 acres of public domain been secured is not known, but enough because Ben Tillman wanted to buy would only be the beginning, as there presented to the joint assembly 1440 acres.

The anti-statement men predict that co this would result in a postponement of the final vote, thereby giving them more time in which to nisorg

Having apparantly failed in all oth importance.

day in Capitals of Varlous States and Elected

WASHINGTON, Jan 11.-William Howard Taft was elected President of he United States by the electors who gathered today in the capital cities of the various states to east their ballots

for president and vice president.
Although the returns will not be can cassed by Congress until next month it is confidentally anticipated that Taft and Sherman have been successful in today's election.

The principal business before to lay's sessions of the state electors was the selection of messengers to carry the news to Washing ton. Each state selects such a messenger, and in most of them there have been many candidates for the honor.

According to the law the state decoraing to the inv the state electors, at today's sessions, will effect their own organization, select their presiding officers and tellers, east their votes and select from their number the messenger to carry a copy of the results of their vote to be delivered to the speaker of the house of representatives. Two more copies will be forwarded by mail, according to the constitution of the United States. Congress, having received all of the electoral votes from all the states passes upon the result.

Electors Are Free
In theory these electors are free to
choose whom they please—and this was
designed to be case by the makers of
the constitution—but in practice they vote for the candidat; nominated by the party whose electoral ticket they represent. This they do not in obedience to law but to party pledge and custom, and in American history there

never has been a case where this cus-tom and party pledge was broken. As they are pledged, and it is known As they are pledged, and it is known to whom they are ptedged, there is no uncertainty about the result, which is merely a formal ratification of the choice of the people. Certified copies of the returns of these electoral colleges are then sent to Washington, are there turned over to the president of the senate on the first Wednesday in February in the presence of the senate February, in the presence of the senate and house sitting jointly, and there counted. As this is merely an official count of the vote already counted in-formally and known, this is a mere for

Previous Meetings

There are some other interesting facts onnected with the election of a presiional committee, headed by Henry Clay, held that their votes must be re-jected. It happened that Van Buren was elected regardless of these votes, but it might easily happen in a close election, that some mischance would defeat be will of the states. Also, the constitution requires that the electors shall meet on the same day. In 1857 a snowstorm kept the Wisconsin elect-ers from meeting until the day folowing the appointed date. The Georglowing the apparated late. In occorg-in electors have voted twice on the wrong day. In none of the case did the irregular votes count, and in none did their loss change the result. The states, and not the people, elect the president. Thus, while in part the electoral representation is based upon population because there is one elector for each congressman, in part it is based on "state's rights," because there is an elector for each senator, and each state has two senators regardless of its size.

TILLMAN REPLIES TO CHARGES OF PRESIDENT

oup of the Fulton leaders. However, the progress of the combat giving them more will be watched with interest by the prosecute law breakers, alsorganize the people all over the country, as the re it would be willing to order.

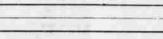
Some and the country of the prosecute law breakers. I would be willing to order.

A GROWING QUESTION

Mr. Perry, where are you at

Are you in favor of the Charter Amendment

Are you a Prohibitionist Do you favor High License Or are you straddling for votes



To Voters of Medford:

The saloon license for the city of Medford is now fixed at \$800 per annum. If elected to the office of mayor I will consider \$800 the minimum license and will veto any ordinance attempting a reduction below that amount. I favor a still higher license I stand for strict regulation of saloons and for enforcement of the law, whether it be license or prohibition. I stand for business administration of city affairs and a square deal for every citizen of W. H. CANON.

COMES HIGH

Business Man Tells of His : **Experience** Under Dry Regime in Other Cities

Medford, Or., Jan. 11.

To the Editor of the Tribune: I notice by a local paper called the Mail that the editor paks the people to take his advice and vote for prohibition in this city at the election to be held tomorrow. Also a Mr. Hutcha-son has something to say along the same lines.

Now, sir, it is a safe bet that neithene of those referred to ever lived a did business in a prohibition town, did-to my sorrow. Mr. Hutchascame here about a year and a balf ag from The Dalles, where he was a cirrl in a dry goods store. That city has 32 saloons, but no one there ever heard him saying a word about them. The saloons were here when he came and the question naturally prises as to while did not go to Ashland, Grants Pass Eugene, Roseburg or chundred and on-places where they have exactly what he desires so badly—prohibition. By doing so he would save himself—an-others have been a firmed.

Never, Never Again!

Then the editor of the local paper referred to never lived or tried to do cusiness in a prohibition town. ent ones, but I never will again.

100 towns during the last five years, "All one has to do in Silverton," which has tried prohibition, and it has said Mr. Finlay, "is to stand on the been a complete failure in every one of street corner for a tex moments and

would be all kinds of hovcotts and the ers, this is reported as being the latest blind pigs and social clubs will keep

CANON'S QUALIFICATIONS; RECOMMENDED BY BLITON

In Sunday's Mail the editotr : asks what Judge Caron's qualifi-cations are for the position of In his former home, as conneilman, two years as city clerk and for years was a member of the board of public works of Merrill, Wis., a city of 10,000 peo- ple. He also served two terms as
 district attorney, one term as postmaster, was county judge two terms, was state land commis sioner and United States murshal.

"I do not know of a better man + in Mcdford than W. H. Canon to + recommend for the position of + United States commissioner to • succeed me," said A. S. Bliton to • the federal court w'en be had re signed the office.

SILVERTON IS A DEAD ONE

Resident of Medford Returns After a Visit in Northern City

It seems that Silvertor's only bid to ent ones, but I never will again. In the last one, from a vec paying hishness I lost \$1200 in the first year of prohibition. Two of the leaders of the movement claimed that hosiness and collections were never better for that year, but they said out for \$15,000 and confessed to me that during the whole time they had lost money. The firm was Tanner, & Sem, and the town was Canon City, Colo., a place of 15,000 people. In addition to that, I can state that it so close to the rest article that it have visited and had business in over cannot be told from it.

them. I used to think it was a good the natives will come out and stand thing myself, but I learned momething around trying to determine all of the by experience. Just at the people will points in your past history. A strandere, if they decide to give it a trial, get is an eyemt at Silverton when there was In fact, I could name tive states and 25.

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yesterday from Portland, where they Vork. South Carolina, Rhode Island attended the annual State Ostoupathie Rausas, Maine, Massa-huerts, Michigan

PROSPERITY IS THE ONLY ISSUE

Citizen of Medford Sums Up Present Fight Over Wet or Dry Question

To the Editor: Of all the arguwlating to prohibition in Medford; the prosperity of the risy should be the is election. We can see it here, if c are not blind. Every day we see copie coming here from the vicin es of Ashland and Grants Pass, to y supplies of different binds coming rough those towns. And why? Be use they can get what they want ere. If Medford is viited dry this conon will not exist. Not only that our own people, the ones not well equaintetd, will be tricing their money and going elsewhere with it. So there will be a continued drain on the city, or

ion in the value of property must re-The Moral Question.

vant should come to the city; and who repression in business is felt, redu-

ity are the preacher and probibition adorates talling the people of in a sin a sin or track against morally to take a JAPANESE GIVE \$10,500 brink of Honor? They do not get a from the Bible. The intemperate liquer, as well as a number of other

"Save my children from the evil in luences of the saloun," say they. Teach your children the good ways of the world, and also today out the evils and show to them that kindly devotion to their welfare with which all parents than all the compulsors laws that were

Children brought up to a community here laws are respected and enforced ill be better citizens than those reared will be better citizens thus there reared where the laws are a femal and a force. to 30 towns which have gone back to something doing there, but alms' that Don't try to shirk the responsibilities of the license system after going through day has passed. Dead? Well, I should which belong to you and place them on the authorities. Don't identit that loss.

"The only places in the city that you are incompetent and incamable of FRENCH PARLIMENT. you are incompetent and incumable of teaching proper morals.

A CITIZEN OF MEDPORD.

LEGISLATORS OVER THE COUNTRY ARE IN SESSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. State legislatures are now in reason or will meet importants are expected to be this week in Wyoming Wiscondin As up to the immediate future. kausas, California, Colorado, West Vie-ginia, Washington, Connecticut, Deteware, Idaho, Iowa, South Daketa, New

\$50,000 FOR UNPAID POLL CRATER

Klamath County Pledges Itself to Make Levy When State Appropriations are Made

KLAMATH FALLS, Dr., Jan. 11. The county commissioners refused to make a levy at this term for the construction of its share of the Crater Lake road, but they passed a resolution Saturday pledging themselves to make the levy when the appropriation is so cured from the state and national gev ernment and when the money is needed

The resolution is as follows:
''Resolved, That it is the unanimo continuent of this county court to prosontinent of this county court to pro-tide at the proper time the road funds of \$25,000 each year for two years for the construction of the portion of the proposed state highway via Crater labe in Klamath county, in conjunction with the appropriation it is expected will be forthcoming from the state legislature nd national congress and hereby dedges that the levy necessary to raise the first installment or such sum wil he ceneral plans and providing of oth portions of the fund as will justify ug ahead with the work."

var of good rouds, they did not believe that there was any accessity to make levy at this time; and the up the oney, when it would probably not be needed, for at least a year. They, how-ever, have pledged themselves to make the levy just as some as the money is needed and the rest of the fund is as

PARIS USES SALT:

NO SNOW SHOVELS

PARIS, Jan. 11 .- t. required Paris 72 hours to only partly release herself from the grip of a mow storm that would have been disposed of in five hours in New York. As to how they did, or rather did not, do it, M. Monau. chief of the bureau of public works

We employ the most modern meth oveling and earling the snew away r 20 years we have plunys used saft." After the expenditure of about \$40. of for salt and workeren to scatter it, iris only changed from a city of snow a city of mid—and four or five sches thick covering all the atreets and freezing the feet of the pedestri s. The action of the salt on the snow sverting the city into a great pedal Crigorating plant-

this horses were taken to the abut irs by hundreds, more than 1000 be

ng disposed of in three days.

All the papers are denouncing the nuclei incompetence of the administraa and hint that the close relation of unto for the state of affairs.

TOWARD RELIEF FUND

Trickly, Jun. 13 -A meeting of pre ment financiers of the empire, held at the residence of Count Kennara, minis (or of foreign affairs, at his invitation (oday coted a fand of \$1,000 ym (\$10 500) toward relief of the sufferers in

Among the officials and bankers in to their welfare with which all pareits attendance were Count Matsukata should be possessed, and their will con Marques of Melechinan S Matsuo rethute more toward their well being oversion of the bank of Japan; Baron than all the committees the state of the same of the Sounds, and S. Talestoshi, president of the Hepothee book of Japan, and more than thirty others.

It is estimated that the committee appointed will be able to raise 100,000 con within the next fortnight. Another

RECONVENES TODAY

PARIS, Jan. 11- Lawrences of the from the republic are swarming back to tare rule; for the opening of parti-ment tomorrow, after the Christmas and New Year belidays. Yew measures of

sould be all kinds of hoycorts and the law suits in connection with closing third pigs and social clots will keep the courts busy and soat the county five times more than it now costs to prosecute law breakers.

I would be willing to make a causid constantly extended A folly time (Continued on page 4)

York, South Carolina, Rhoole behand (1997/H.L.), fam 11—A man named to hope the advanced by the constant of a railroad to hegin manufacture upon a large cale.

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TAX BARS NO ONE

Court Who Can Vote at Tomorrow's Election and Who Can't-Must be Resident of Medford 90 Days

> he case of C. S. Lavesley vs. G. P. Larehfield et al., an election board for the city of Salem, some four years ago was to the effect that an unpaid poli tax barred no one from votiting at the ity leccituo, regardless of a clause to that effect in the city chartetr, and forver seitled the question. However, a epart has been circulated that those the have not paid their poll tax will not be allowed to vote. This makes no difference in the matter whatsoever The qualifications of a voter in to election is simply that he is a qualified elector of the state, i. e., has lived in Oregon for at least six months, that he has been in the city go days and in the ward in which he

you days and in the ward in which he yours for 20 days previous to election. The three wards of the city are di-yided as follows: All of that tetra-lory cast of Central syenue, first ward; all of the territorry west of Cent. al evenue and south of Seventh street, second ward; and all of the territorty

north of Seventh street and west of Central avenue.

The various polling places and offi-cials of the election are as follows: First ward Polling place, Commer-

ial club, room 3; judge, W. H. French; udge and clerk, Churies W. Davis; udge nod clerk, A. C. Hubbarif. Second ward—Polling place, Unto Nash sample room; judge, John S. Orth; judge and clerk, John Summer

lie; judge and elect, William Ulrich. Third ward—Polling place, city hall; ordges G. L. Schermerbarn; judge and lerk, Scott Davis; judge and clerk, H.

TOWN SAVED ONLY BY USE OF DYNAMITE

PORT ESSINGTON, Jan. 11.—This wn was partially destroyed last night fire, which started in the annex of the Caledonia hotel, caused by a de-fective fluc. Because of there being no water pressure and the severe weather prevailing, it was found necweather prevailing, it was found nec-essary to blow up the buildings east and west of the fire center to save the rest of the town. The total loss will amount to about \$100,000, partial. v covered by insurance. Other losses melude fifteen small cottages and their metents and part of the wharf belong-ag to the Skiena River and Commer-

CONNECTICUT REPUBLICANS MAY RETURN BRANDEGEE

HARTPORD, Cons., Jan. 11.-It is dable that a Republican cancus will e held tomorrow to decide the Conne-icut senatorial situation. Frank I Brandegee, who is serving out the un expired term of the late Senator Orxille full term of six years, and his pros-pects of success are bright. His princi-pal opponent is Congression B. J. Hill. The vote on sension vil be taken a

IMPORTANT DEALS ON IN COLORADO COMPANIES

DENVER, day 11. Important don't involving the control of the Colorado Faci and from company are being ne-potiated in New York City.

Large interests during the last few cells have purchased a sufficient a-count of common stock of the company obtain control and the announ

the deal is expected soon.

The identity of the new interests remins in the dark at present, but they re believed to be either the James J. Hill roads, which recently purchased dentified with the Bethlehom.

BY HARRIS FOR DEWING

B. H. Harris states that he has se TO TELEPHONE AND
WAS INSTANTLY KILLED being held by this Michigan firm is constantly increasing and only the ad-