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Fulton Lead But Can't Win,
Geer's Chances Hopeless.
Fellow Servant Act and Many
Other Matters of Importance
Before the Legislature.
Salem, Oregon, January 30th, 1903.

When adjournment of the Legislature comes on Saturday afternoon, eighteen (18) days of the legislative session will have ended and very little accomplished. There will remain twenty-two days of the session, time enough in plenty to finish the work of the body and to win the grateful regard of the people of Oregon.

Up to this time the struggle for United States Senator has overtopped in interest every thing else and yet that momentous struggle is seemingly no nearer a conclusion than it was the first day of the session. Senator Fulton of Clatsop county still leads with a total vote of 32 on joint ballot. He is yet fourteen votes away from a nomination. The general consensus of opinion is that he can not win, unless his party will consent to a party caucus and in that event he would likely be named as the caucus nominee. The fight for Geer is utterly hopeless and his friends while apparently strong in the faith realize the fact that their candidate is a dead one. Multnomah county with her usual perversity will only consent to the nomination of a Multnomah county man and her 17 votes are being fired into the air with becoming regularity. It looks to "A man up a tree" that if any nomination is made it will be a "dark horse." There are dark horses in plenty, some of them are groomed and ready to be trotted out if the time ever comes, among them is a gentleman from the county of Clackamas who in a pinch would agree to serve the good people of Oregon in the United States Senate for the next six years. He is a brown horse, twelve years old, can go all of the gaits, but shows up best as a side wheeler. This horse will not be entered if at all, until the field is thoroughly tired out and the running is easy.

Among the most important measures before the Legislature is the fellow servant act which was put to sleep quietly by corporate influence during the preceding Legislature. This act has become the law in a majority of the states of the union and merely seeks to make corporations liable in damages for accidents resulting in the injury of employees on account of the negligence and carelessness of fellow employees in the same line of duty. It is a good law and ought to pass, and it looks now that it will.

Charter bills galore are being introduced. It would seem that every town in the state wanted to have its charter amended. Very little attention is being paid to these bills except by the members from the counties where the towns are located. They are ground through the Legislative hopper like grist through a mill and just about as fast.

The bill to put all state officials on a fat salary is well on its way to become a law. It strikes a pretty hard blow at the "grafters club" and of course they are opposed to it as the bill if passed will cut off some good things which have been coming their way. The public printer will suffer the most as his office has been a private snap for those many years. In fact it is currently reported that the office of public printer in Oregon has been good for \$20,000.00 a year for a good long time.

Now that the Lewis and Clark and Oriental Fair bill has become a law and the city of Portland has a new charter after her own heart it would seem that the 17 members of the Legislature from the metropolis of the state would be happy but not so. Portland and Multnomah county will never be happy until they have "swiped" the whole hog. If they could get the United States Senator and two or three other little things which they see lying around loose their cup of joy would be full.

One of the most important matters before the present session is the proposed change in the method of assessing corporations. It is a notorious fact that the corporation of the state of Oregon are not paying more than one tenth of the taxes they ought to pay. More than that they never will pay any more until the method of assessment is changed. The average county Assessor knows no more about assessing a rail road corporation or any other large corporation than "A hog knows about holiday." The only way to cure this evil is to create a state board of assessment or a rail road commission whose duty it shall be to assess all of the corporate property in the state. The tendency in the East and in fact in nearly every state in the union is taking the burden of taxation off the farmers and laboring classes and placing it more and more on the corporations and all of those interests enjoying special privileges. It is hardly hoped that the Oregon Legislature will make this character of a law this session; but the good people are keeping "their weather eyes" open and are watching the boys at Salem. Some good may come out of Nazareth yet.

The printers union wants a "little bill" passed making it a very heavy fine to use any printed matter for the state unless it has the printers union label on it. It probably will not pass.

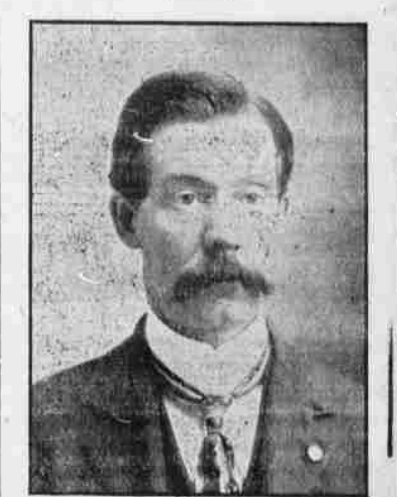
The Federated Trades of the state of Oregon are asking that a bill be passed making an eight hour day and that all laborer in mills, mines and factories be paid every week in cash instead of monthly. This bill will encounter some pretty rocky sledding on its way to the statute books as it touches a great many conflicting interests in every part of the state. It may pass, but the issue is quite doubtful.

Mr. Kay's bill in the house yesterday

was vivisected before it was allowed to pass. It concerns the making of the salaries of state, county and city employees subject to garnishment. At present the man who works for the state can maintain any number of debts, and the creditor has no redress, the state not being an institution that can be garnished. Mr. Kay takes the stand that public employes are worthy of no more right in that line than the employes of a corporation or private individual. The bill, when introduced, went to the judiciary committee, who corrected all deficiencies and recommended that it pass, being unanimous in its favor. Only four people objected to its passage, but two of them were Marion county men. Davey and Judd. The matter is not so important elsewhere as in Salem, for state employes' debts are mostly contracted here, but the evident justice of the measure passed it on its merits, and the only dissenters, besides the two Marion county gentlemen before named were Burleigh and Reed of Multnomah.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed L. P. W. Kimby, state fish and game warden as delegate from Oregon to attend a meeting of the League of American Sportsmen, to be held at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 11 and 12.

C. M. MASON.
Enterprising and Energetic
Citizen.



The good-looking gentleman whose likeness illustrates this sketch, is known to nearly everybody in Oregon City and to the larger part of the people of Clackamas county. His name is C. M. Mason, and he has for the past several years been engaged by G. W. Grace in his general merchandise store on Mollalla Avenue.

Mr. Mason has recently become a prominent factor in Oregon City from the fact that at the last election of city officers he was elected to the important position of councilman from the third ward. Not that he hasn't held important offices before, for he has been a leading citizen of this city almost from the time he became a resident in it and has at different times served in more or less important capacities.

Mr. Mason was born in Hardin county, Iowa, and grew up on a farm, as many other young business men in these parts have and received such an education as the rural schools of his state afforded. Along about the year '85 he shook the soil of the Hawkeye state from his shoes and went to Kansas, where he met Miss Clara Baldorf, and after a brief courtship was married to her. This happened in 1886. He lived in Kansas only a few years when he concluded that better opportunities were offered to an enterprising young man with plenty of brains and muscle in the Westfoot state than elsewhere. Accordingly, he biked thither and has been here ever since and will likely remain here as long as he is permitted to live anywhere.

Six children have been born to Mr. Mason and his good wife, five of whom are yet living, bright girls and boys about the parental fireside.

Mr. Mason is in no sense of the word a politician, but he takes an active interest in the affairs of his town and county and is always found fighting in the front ranks for anything pertaining to the good of either. He was the first paid chief of the fire department Oregon City ever had. In politics he is a democrat and one who votes it straight without asking any questions. He is an active and working member of the A. O. U. W., and K. O. T. M., besides belonging to the International Retail Clerks' Union. As a man and a citizen he ranks high in Oregon City.

"CLIMBING THE GOLDEN STAIRS."
COURIER'S LIST OF READERS GROWING IN SPITE OF THE RAIN.

Will Reach the 2000 Mark Before "Roses Bloom Again."

Notwithstanding the weather conditions the Courier is almost daily increasing its list of subscribers, reaching out and broadening its scope of influence. It is conceded by all that the Courier has more circulation than all other papers in Clackamas county combined. It pays to advertise in its columns, because we reach the people and bring results. Here is a list of those who have paid during the week. The star indicates the new subscribers.

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MIGHTY FLOOD
SWEEPING DOWN THE OLD
WILLAMETTE
From the Headwaters to the Columbia the River Has Been Bank Full.
Loss of Property All Along the Line.

The Willamette river, which is usually a quiet and placid stream, went on a rampage Sunday. For twenty-four hours, preceding 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, more than three and a half inches of water had fallen in nearly all parts of the valley and as a result the river was coming up at a rapid rate on Saturday afternoon and evening. Reports from Eugene, Albany and other places up the river indicated that the water would reach a very high state at Oregon City and the reports were verified.

Sunday morning the highest water that had been experienced here this year came and the river was out of its banks and over the street car line south of town and still rising. The Electric Company ran several cars on to the low places in the track, which is really terrible work, and loaded them with rails in order to keep the track from floating away. Hundreds of people viewed the falls Sunday, which were indeed, a spectacular sight. The water continued rising all day Sunday and Sunday night, and even Monday morning crept up a few inches. The Crown Paper mill was forced to lay off a large force of its men in the wet room Monday night on account of the high water. Indications are that the river will not go higher even if there is heavy rain and snow in the mountains. The locks were closed Monday afternoon on account of higher water. No damage of any great consequence has been done in Oregon City and Clackamas county, though dispatches from towns up the river indicate that they have not been so fortunate.

EUGENE, Ore., January 2.—The big flood of rain during the 24 hours preceding 3 o'clock Saturday, when 3 51 inches of rain descended on a soaked surface of ground, brought the highest water in the Willamette river since the well-remembered floods of 1890 and those of 1881 and 1861. The flood of the present year is the fifth in number of any considerable consequence since the country has been known to the white man.

SALIM, Or., Jan. 26.—The Willamette at this point has risen to a height of 27.8 feet on account of recent heavy and warm rains. The river is several feet out of its banks, and is creating great havoc upon property along the water front. People on Water street were obliged to move to higher quarters Sunday night. The new fill to the west approach to the big steel bridge across the Willamette, but recently completed, is being washed away, and fears are entertained for the trestlework.

This is the greatest flood since 1890, when the river attained a height of 32 feet, and from reports of a still greater rise from upper river points, it is feared that the river has not attained its apex yet. All creeks of this section are raging torrents, and great damage is being wrought upon bridges throughout this and Folk counties.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 26.—The flood at Albany began to subside at 2 o'clock this afternoon. At noon the Willamette river registered 31.6 feet above low water mark—the highest point reached in 12 years, and which has been surpassed but twice in 42 years. During the forenoon snow fell, and later it changed to a light rain, which still continues.

Reports of losses which will amount to thousands of dollars, are coming in rapidly tonight. Almost every one along the Willamette and Santiam rivers lost some livestock, and in some instances individual losses will amount to several hundred dollars. The loss to Linn county in bridges alone will amount to \$25,000, as far as present reports go. Beside the Sanderson bridge, which is a total loss, many bridges were partly wrecked, among them being the bridges at Jefferson, Stayton, Lebanon and Crawfordville. A large number of small 50-foot bridges were washed out, rendering roads impassable.

As far as the eye can reach on the Benton county side is an immense expanse of turbid, rushing waters, freighted with trees and drift, dealing destruction wherever they strike. Traffic is largely interfered with. Miles of country roads on the Benton county side are submerged, while damage to the Southern Pacific roadbed in Southern Linn county has shut off all travel south of Albany.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 26.—The Willamette tonight is 24 1/2 feet above low water. It has fallen three feet since 5 o'clock this morning, when for three hours it had stood at 27 1/2 feet. To the east of Corvallis is a huge lake four miles wide and five miles long.

In John Beache's barn are nine horses that were midside deep in water all last night. They have been standing in water for 36 hours. Thirty to 50 head of cattle stood most of yesterday afternoon and all last night huddled together on the highest part of the same farm, and were in two to three feet of water.

The overflow of Mary's river to the south of town makes another lake two or three miles long and a mile wide, with water two feet deep in the county road for a mile to the southward. The lower end of Mary's river bridge is afloat and has swung four feet out of position. Approach to town has been practically shut off since yesterday afternoon, save by the railroads. No damage beyond the destruction of several small bridges is reported.

The water continued to rise all day Tuesday very slowly and Tuesday eve-

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Robust Tent, No. 92, Knights of Macabees at Molalla, installed officers Saturday night. State Commander Sherwood, of Portland, and Sheriff Shaver, of Oregon City, were present. After the installation a program was rendered by Mr. Wright, who was also a visitor. Instrumental music was also rendered. Several amusing farces were given in a highly entertaining manner. The evening's entertainment was closed with dancing. The officers installed in the lodge were L. H. Vaughan, commander; George Case, lieutenant commander; William Mackrell, record and finance keeper; R. W. Lewis, chaplain; George F. Frazer, sergeant; D. C. Boyles, first master of guards; H. N. Everhardt, second master of guards; B. Perry, master-at-arms; A. Moshberger, picket and N. O. Zensel, sentinel.

The Knights of Macabees of Eagle Creek held a public meeting last Saturday night and a very good time was enjoyed.

The Washeno Tribe of Red Men of Oregon City conferred the warriors' degree on two candidates last Saturday night. The chief's degree will be conferred next Saturday night. A banquet was given Saturday night and a general good time was enjoyed.

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