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DEMOCRATS ARE ALL FOR BRYAN

OREGON STALWARTS FAVOR THE NOMINATION OF SILVER TONGUE ORATOR.

PRIMARY LAW ENDORSED

Committee Will Try to Negotiate With Republicans for Selection of Non-Partisan Bench—June 16 is State Convention.

Central committeemen from all the counties of the state except Columbia, Coos, Crook, Grant, Klamath Lake, Lincoln, Tillamook, Union and Wallowa, gathered at the Imperial on Saturday at 1 o'clock in answer to the call issued by State Chairman Sweek some time ago. The deliberations of the organization were short, but things were doing while the session was on.

Perhaps the most important action taken was the endorsement of Bryan for the next presidential candidate. Senator Mill Miller was the one who brought the question up, and in a short speech brimming with enthusiasm he asked that the committee give its endorsement to the famous Nebraskaan. Senator Miller contended that the fortunes of the Democratic party were of the flood tide and he predicted a presidential victory for the party in November.

His motion that Bryan be endorsed met with the unanimous support of the committee and the delegates voted the endorsement with a whoop. Senator Miller, Lark Dillon and D. M. Watson were appointed as a committee to make known to Mr. Bryan the action of the committee by a fitting communication sent to him.

The real purpose of the meeting for which the committee had been called together was the discussion of the question whether to call a state convention. The presidential election makes it necessary to choose delegates to the national convention, which meets in Denver July 17. It also makes necessary the selection of presidential electors to be placed upon the ticket in November next.

Under the direct primary law there is no provision for the election either of delegates or of presidential electors who are to be elected by the people in November. The primary law is silent as to how these officials should be chosen either for nomination or finally. Therefore the question that confronted the committee was a new and a delicate one, as well as important.

After much discussion, during which the opinion of the attorney general on the question was read, it was decided by the members of the committee that the only way to choose delegates to the national convention would be by means of a state convention.

On the other hand it was decided that the only safe way to select the presidential electors would be by the direct primary nomination route. Ac-

cordingly S. M. Garland, a delegate from Linn county, proposed to the committee that it be the sense and recommendation of the committee that four presidential electors be put on the direct primary nominating ballots in April in the manner prescribed under the law for the primary nomination of candidates for all offices.

He further incorporated in his motion that a state convention be called for June 16, at Portland, at which time delegates to the Democratic National convention would be elected. The number of delegates to be elected at the convention was fixed at eight delegates at large and an equal number of alternates. It was further incorporated in the motion that the state convention, in order to lay all doubts at rest, would ratify the result of the primary election by endorsing the presidential electors placed in nomination at that election. This motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

There was much discussion over the choosing of electors and delegates. It was the consensus of opinion that a state convention had full authority to elect national delegates but the right in regard to presidential electors was uncertain.

It was the opinion of several attorneys present that opponents could contest the putting of electors nominated at the April election on the ballot for November. EAGINET the November presidential ticket. It was feared that this discrepancy in the laws would invalidate a direct primary nomination.

To make assurance doubly sure



REV. T. F. BOWEN, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who will introduce a vested choir in Oregon City.

therefore it was decided to have the electors nominated and voted upon in April in the same manner as other candidates. This will give the party members an opportunity to say who are the best men to send to the elec-

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GRANDFATHER GIVEN CHILD

CUSTODY OF SEVEN YEAR OLD BOY IS AWARDED TO D. L. WOLVERTON.

FATHER NOT COMPETENT

Boy's Parents Left Him Here and Went to Seattle, the Father Leaving an Unenviable Reputation Behind Him.

The fight for the possession of Harold Wolverton has been settled through an opinion of County Judge Dimick that has been handed down. The child is about seven years of age, and his parents, D. L. Wolverton, on one hand, and his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Forschner, and her husband on the other, have been wrestling to obtain the care of the boy for two weeks in the court, and for a much longer time out of court. Forschner asked to have the boy declared an "Abandoned" child, under the juvenile statute.

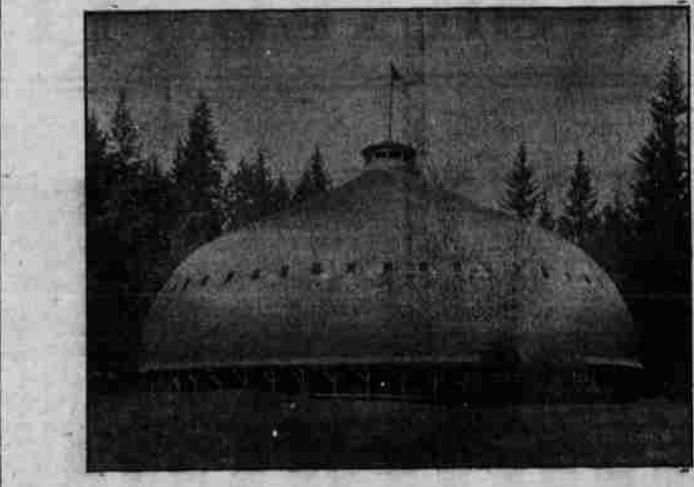
Last October the grandfather asked the County Court for permission to adopt the boy, stating that the parents of the boy had willfully deserted him and had neglected to provide for his proper care and maintenance. Judge Dimick's opinion says in part:

"The testimony of a great many witnesses was heard regarding the vicious habits of the father of said alleged dependent child and from the evidence adduced it seems to be clearly established that the father of said child was for a number of years prior to his departing from this city, which was about four months ago, addicted to the habitual use of intoxicating liquors to such an extent that he would at times become drunk and unable to properly care for himself, and a number of times while residing in this city with his family, was placed in the city jail on account of drunkenness, and from the testimony of city officials it seemed to be his common practice, or at least was so while residing in this city, and by reason thereof he became a nuisance rather than an ornament to the community, and it further appearing from the testimony of petitioner's witnesses upon one occasion while the father of said child was residing in this city, certain members of his family became sick and disabled and he came up town for the purpose of procuring certain medicines which were prescribed by the attending physician, but instead of procuring the medicine and returning home with it for the purpose for which it was intended, he proceeded to get drunk and was again placed in the city jail, and the city officials were compelled to procure the medicine and take it to his home, and upon another occasion, according to the testimony of Dr. Carl, the father of said child pretended to attempt suicide by taking carbolic acid, and in the pretend-

ed attempt, scattered the poisonous drug over certain members of his family, and it was the opinion of Dr. Carl, according to his testimony in the case, that the father of said child was not a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said alleged dependent child, and further it was the opinion of the police officers of Oregon City that by reason of the habits of said father, he was an unfit person to have the care, custody and control of said child.

While there was a great deal of evidence produced which had no bearing upon the issues in the case, a large portion of the evidence was directed at the general character and reputation of the father of said child, while living in Oregon City, and at other places prior to the time of his coming to this city, and it seems to be clearly established from the testimony that he has pursued a course that is not creditable nor elevating to himself, nor would his conduct while drunk and disorderly place his child in proper environments, or set a proper example for a child to follow.

In the testimony of N. L. Wolverton, the father of said child, he admitted that his conduct while living here was about as described by the police officers and other witnesses, regarding his habits and conduct when drunk, but testified that since he had left Oregon City that he had not drunk more than six or eight glasses of beer, but it is reasonable to presume that he has not altered his ways unless he could show that he has completely reformed, for when a man has followed the practice of getting drunk and being disorderly for a number of years, it requires more than his own testi-



Auditorium of Willamette Valley Chautauqua Assembly in Gladstone Park, where interesting programmes will be presented next session.

mony to convince me that there has been a change for the better, when the witness himself acknowledges that he has been "drinking some" even if he limits it to six or eight glasses of beer, which the witness did by his own testimony.

"I think that the strongest proof of abandonment is the solemn statement of the grandfather of the child, as set forth in his adoption proceedings, that no one would be in a better position to know than he, whether the child was actually abandoned. The grandfather knows the father of the child, his disposition, habits, character and ability to provide for his child, and knows far better than any one else whether the child was actually abandoned, and as that evidence originated in the mind of the grandfather who was in a position to know at the time of filing his petition, and taking into consideration the evidence of the other witnesses, I do not believe that the father or mother had any serious intentions of ever taking the child to their home in Seattle."

"The grandfather claims to have charge of the child without any legal control over it, and taking into consideration that he is an old man past the biblical allotted time for many to live, and has only had charge of the child at times during its life, and he having heretofore claimed that the child was abandoned by its parents and that it had no legal guardianship, which I am disposed to accept as true, and then comes the aunt, who is also a sister of the child's father, and shows that she has had care of the child at times from the date of its birth to the present time, and during its life it was with its parents a part of the time and with its grandfather a part of the time and the remaining time with her. Now under those circumstances the question presents itself to me, does the child have proper parental care and guardianship?"

"I think the evidence adduced in this case would indicate and convince the average man that if the child were in its parents' home it would not have proper parental care and guardianship, neither would it have with its grandfather, for the reason that he is too old to properly care for the child and teach it as it should be taught, nor does it have the proper parental care or legal guardianship with any other person, and as the child has been shifted around from pillar to post, I am compelled to believe that it would be for the best interest of the child to have a permanent and fixed domicile and parental care over it that a child of its age requires, and I think the prayer of the petition should be granted and it is so ordered."

Insurance Company Doing Well. The fourth regular annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Association of Portland, Or., took place Wednesday, January 15, at Portland. The meeting was well attended and the best harmony prevailed. The annual statement showed a fine growth, having added \$521,229.50 of risks during the past year, so that it has now, after taking out the cancelled policies, about one and one quarter million of dollars of insurance. The largest amount carried in any one risk is \$3,000. The total amount of cash received is \$3,252.32. All its losses, to the amount of \$1,421, were promptly paid, and so it can look with satisfaction back over the past and with well-founded expectations forward into the future. There is today no other fire insurance company in the State of Oregon that can with regard to cheapness, careful management and prompt payment of its losses be compared with it. All the old officers and directors were re-elected.

CIRCUIT COURT SPECIAL TERM

HUGE GRIST OF DIVORCE DECREES HANDED DOWN BY JUDGE MCBRIDE.

CRIMINAL HEARINGS SET

Four Canby Saloonmen Will Face Trial Early in February on a Charge of Selling Liquor to Minors—Kinzel Case

Nine decrees of divorce were handed down on the first day of the special term of the Circuit Court Monday by Judge McBride. The expected record-breaking grist did not materialize, as Court Stenographer Runyan was busy on other matters, and the decrees will come down piece meal during the term. Those whose married life was annulled were: Riley Billings vs. Edie Billings, Cynthia Addington vs. William M. Addington, Herman T. Dow vs. Lotta Dow, Pearl Ritter vs. Nicholas Ritter, Josie Smith vs. Floyd Smith, Zelma Borgman vs. John Borgman, Margaret Foster vs. E. W. Foster, Jennie L. Bowers vs. A. M. Bowers, Lena Schinnaman vs. John Schinnaman. District Attorney Hedges returned

Information was returned Wednesday by District Attorney Hedges against William Dickenson, his two sons, John Dickenson and J. M. Dickenson, John Riley, Earl Ransier and Vernon Hawes, charged with the murder of Bhangwan Singh, a Hindu, at Boring on the night of October 21 last. They entered a plea of not guilty and the trial of Dickenson and his sons, Riley and Ransier, was set for January 27. They will be defended by George C. Brownell. Hawes will be tried February 5, following the Canby saloon cases. He is represented by Attorneys Hedges and Griffith. The prosecution will be assisted by State Senator Dan Malarky, of Portland, who is said to be retained by countrymen of the murdered Hindu.

District Attorney Hedges also returned an information against Leroy Carden, who is charged with assault. Carden was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty without notice. He is a deaf mute, and will be tried July 31. He, with the seven men charged with murder, have been inmates of the county jail since early in November, and the legal holidays prevented an earlier hearing, as the regular November term of the Circuit Court was passed.

Judge McBride handed down the following decrees of divorce: Charles A. Rinehart vs. Addie Goff Rinehart, Mary Curtis vs. Owen B. Curtis, Minnie Stephenson vs. William P. Stephenson, Hattie E. Legg vs. W. Frank Legg, Hilda Hart vs. James Hart, Margaret Matheson vs. William D. Matheson, Nancy S. Cooley vs. John Cooley, Julia E. Livingstone vs. Harry Livingstone, Hattie Kooper vs. John P. Kooper, Charles William May vs. Sarah M. May.

Governor George E. Chamberlain was in town Wednesday and appeared before the Circuit Court on legal business connected with suit of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Co. vs. Charles Adam Ande et al.

BAR FAVORS MR. SCHUEBEL

County Attorneys Indorse His Candidacy for Office.

Nearly every member of the Clackamas County Bar Association has signed a paper expressing their confidence in the integrity and ability of Christian Schuebel, who has been nominated by President Roosevelt for the office of United States Attorney for Oregon. The intelligence was communicated, Friday, to United States Senators Fulton and Bourne and Congressmen Hawley and Ellis. It is more than probable that Mr. Bourne, who recommended Mr. Schuebel, will exhibit the expression of Mr. Schuebel's fellow townsmen to the President. The following attorneys, who are members of the association, signed the paper: Gordon E. Hayes, president; C. D. Latourette, secretary; D. C. Latourette; Grant B. Dimick, county judge; John W. Loder, V. R. Hyde, J. U. Campbell, Walter A. Dimick, O. D. Eby, M. D. Latourette, W. S. U'Ren, Thomas F. Ryan, Franklin T. Griffith, John F. Clark.

CYRUS K. BALLARD DEAD

Postmaster of Milwaukee and Civil War Veteran.

Cyrus K. Ballard, postmaster of Milwaukee and a Civil War veteran, died Tuesday morning at his home after an illness of several weeks. He was born in Illinois a little more than 69 years ago. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Fifth Illinois Regiment and served throughout the war with a creditable record.

About 25 years ago Mr. Ballard started across in the Plains in a wagon with his wife, and settled at Oak Grove, Or. He afterwards moved to Milwaukee and was appointed postmaster there five years ago. He was a charter member of Riverview Lodge, No. 179, I. O. O. F., a member of the G. A. R. encampment at Oregon City, and the Knights of Pythias, and a social member of the Knights and Ladies of Security. He is survived by a brother, Charles Ballard, of Milwaukee, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna De Ball, of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Addie Orr, of Laye, Oklahoma. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in Woodmen Hall under the auspices of Riverview Lodge.

MONSTER LAND DEAL

Northern Pacific Sells Nearly 20,000 Acres to Weyerhaeuser.

The Weyerhaeuser Land Company has purchased from the Northern Pacific Railway Company 19,229.80 acres in Clackamas County, and the deed has been recorded in the office of C. E. Ramsby. The consideration is given in the deed as \$1 and the actual purchase price is not made public. The property runs across the eastern end of the county, starting at the Clackamas River and continuing to the southern boundary.

Dramatic Recital.

The Saturday Club is preparing to present the talented and beautiful Mrs. Walter W. Bruce, of Portland, in a dramatic and musical programme at the Congregational Church on Friday evening, January 31. Mrs. Bruce was trained for the stage, but upon her marriage to Dr. Bruce gave this up and devoted her talent to entertainments only. One popular feature will be a Shakespearean presentation, Act 1, Scene 3, from "As You Like It."

The Women's Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Hiram E. Straight, and an interesting programme was in charge of the hostess, who is chairman of the Current Events department. Mrs. Theodore Omand rendered a vocal number, and Miss Myrtle Toozee gave a recitation. "Progress" was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. T. E. Beard. In guessing contests the prizes were won by Mrs. H. P. Brightbill and Mrs. Henry Salisbury. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that we, the Women's Club of Oregon City, heartily endorse the Mayor, W. E. Carl, in his recommendation for a rest room for Oregon City."

The marriage of Miss Eva Jackson, of Marquam, to C. A. Beugli, of the same place, was solemnized Wednesday at the courthouse by County Judge Dimick, in the presence of the bride's brother, Edward Jackson, and Deputy County Clerk Mulvey, who issued the license. Mr. and Mrs. Beugli have hosts of friends in the southern part of Clackamas County, who wish them a long and happy married life.

SPECIAL DAYS AT CHAUTAUQUA

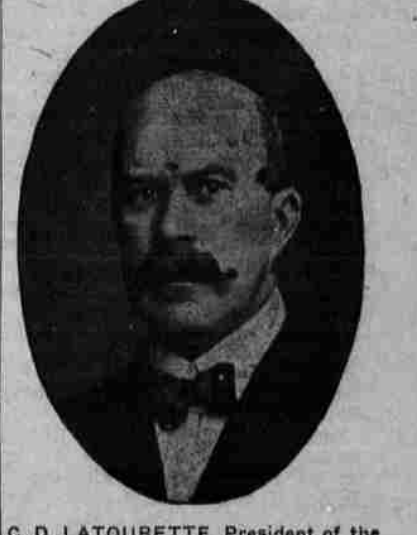
OREGON STATE GRANGE IS TO HAVE A PART IN NEXT SUMMER SESSION.

NOTED SPEAKERS COMING

John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, Will Be Here—Tent Dormitories To Be Established By Y. W. C. A. For Young Women.

In point of interest the coming session of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Assembly, which will be held at Gladstone Park next July, promises to be far ahead of previous sessions. The engagement of John Sharp Williams, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, is regarded as a master stroke on the part of the board of managers of the four Pacific Coast Chautauqua Associations at Gladstone Park, Ashland, Long Beach, Cal., and Pacific Grove, Cal.

Alfred Montgomery, the farmer painter; Dr. Robert McIntyre, of Los Angeles; Dr. Ira Landreth, of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. Edwin Southern, are among the men who will lecture at Chautauqua, and others in prospect are Leonora M. Lake, the noted Catholic woman lecturer, whose



C. D. LATOURETTE, President of the Clackamas County Bar Association, which endorsed C. Schuebel for U. S. Attorney.

talks appeal to the laboring class, and Rev. Maurice Penfield Sikes, of Franklin, Pa., who will be in Portland next Summer for several weeks to occupy the pulpit of the White Temple during the absence of Dr. J. Whitcomb Brogher. The executive committee of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua has been authorized to close contracts for talent. It is a matter of regret on the part of the directors that they were unable to secure Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, but her engagements would not permit her coming to the Coast.

Six special days have been set aside for the session as follows: Grange, Patriotic, Portland Oregon City Women's and Women's Christian Union. On Patriotic Day Dr. McIntyre, a famous word painter, will deliver his lecture on Abraham Lincoln. It has been given out that several new Chautauqua Associations may be formed on the Pacific Coast, at Boise, La Grande, and a point in the vicinity of Seattle and Tacoma.

The classes at the coming session will be augmented by the addition of the study of forestry, ornithology, biology and kindergarten. There will also be classes in United States history, music, elocution, literature, physical culture, Bible and domestic science. Through the efforts of Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Jessie M. Housman, president of the State Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, Miss Frances Gage, who had charge of the quarters of the Y. W. C. A. last year, and Mrs. Lucy Faxon Addison, the only woman member of the board of directors, a tent dormitory for young women will be established on the grounds, and it is probable that the Y. W. C. A. people will assume charge of the Chautauqua restaurant in connection with the school of domestic science.

COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Corporations May Be Given Time to Remove Poles From Main Street.

At a special meeting of the city council Wednesday night a special committee, consisting of Mayor Carl, City Attorney J. U. Campbell, Councilmen Anderson, Knapp and Pope were appointed to consider the matter of granting the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company further time to remove their poles and wires from Main street. The underground wire ordinance, that was passed nearly one year ago, has not been complied with by any of these companies, who were notified at the time of the passage of the ordinance to remove their poles from Main street by March 1 of this year, but nothing has been done.

Jacob Michels was elected councilman from the Third ward to succeed C. W. Frederichs, who resigned because he had moved out of the ward. Mr. Michels will serve during the remainder of this year. Councilmen Meyer, Jack and Betzel were appointed a special committee to confer with the Southern Pacific Company relative to the construction of an overhead crossing at Sixth street. This is a matter that has been under consideration for many months.

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