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Republican County Central Committee Hits the Trail.

GIBSON SETS OFF FIREWORKS

All Seek Shelter Behind Solid Breastworks and Throw Up Their Hands.

Meetings of county committees are usually tame affairs. Not so, however, the session of the Republican County Central Committee that assembled last Saturday in the County Courtroom in Oregon City. Most of the precincts were represented either by the com-

mittees in person or else by proxy, the members seeming to realize the importance of the questions that might come up, J. H. Wewer coming from the distant precinct of Cascade and Mr. Tracy from George, and other dis-

tant precincts being represented in person by their respective committees. Many not members of the committee were in attendance or lingered outside the Courtroom evidently suspecting that "something might drop."

Gibson Sets Off Fireworks.

The session was hardly under way when John Gibson, of Harmony precinct, arose and stated that he had a resolution to offer. The disturbing document was handed to the acting secretary, Livy Stipp, who glanced it over with a disapproving scowl, then arose and read it. In substance the resolution declared against Statement No. 1 and was an effort to commit the Republican party of Clackamas County to the support of the legislative candidates who should ignore the pledge to support the people's choice for United States Senator, George W. Dixon, of Canby, who is a candidate for the Legislature on a Statement No. 1 platform, was on his feet in an instant. In a forceful speech he denounced the resolution as an effort to extort from the people a precious privilege that they had won after years of strife and perseverance. He said that he believed in Statement No. 1 and that he believed the people of Clackamas County would resent as an affront any effort to commit the party to a contrary policy. Gibson backed up his resolution with a fiery argument, and Chris Schuebel, chairman of the committee, calling Adolf Aschoff to the chair, replied with equal spirit. His charge that the "fine Indian hand" back of the resolution was not that of Gibson, brought back the retort that Schuebel himself was not capable of drafting an instrument so subtle in meaning, so apparently harmless on



CHRIS SCHEUBEL, Chairman of the Republican County Committee.

its face and yet so comprehensive in its effect. But Gibson did not deny the insinuation that the resolution was part of a plan to commit Clackamas County Republicans to the candidacy of Fulton for United States Senator, and he later admitted that while he was a candidate two years ago for the Legislature on a Statement No. 1 platform, he was out now to do all he could to return Charles W. Fulton to the United States Senate.

Jim Campbell Stems the Tide.

The purport of the resolution was now fully comprehended by the committee. Jim Campbell, war horse of many political battles, arose and in a speech for party harmony poured oil upon the troubled waters. He urged Gibson to withdraw his resolution and at the conclusion of his discourse motioned Gibson to an adjoining room. There were a few hurried whispered words, Gibson returned to his seat, arose and stated that with the consent of the second he would withdraw the resolution. Thus the members of the committee were not permitted to come out in the open for or against the principle that is to be the chief issue in this and every other county in the state during the coming campaign. Adjournment was taken until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The smoke of battle had cleared away when the committee, after breathing the fresh air and partaking of the noon-day meal, reassembled. It immediately got down to the business of apportioning delegates and arranging the time and place for holding a county convention. It was decided that the county convention should be held in Oregon City April 25, and that primaries for election of delegates thereto should be held in the different precincts on March 25th. The convention will elect delegates to the state convention and possibly recommend planks for the platform that will be adopted in the state convention. As the convention will be held subsequent to the nominating primaries it will have nothing to say about candidates. The delegates that the several precincts will be entitled to send to the convention were apportioned on the basis of the vote cast for Supreme Judge at the last election. Each precinct was allowed one delegate at large and one for every 30 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Supreme Judge.

Trouble Brewing.

Routine business was drawing to a close. There seemed to be a feeling in the air that something was yet going to happen to ruffle the serenity of the hour. When Dixon, of Canby, arose muffled whispers went around and as he began to speak many crowded in from the corridor. Statement No. 1 has been assailed during the morning session, and it was evident that its friends had been busy during the noon hour. With an eloquent speech in behalf of that measure, Dixon drew forth a resolution which he presented for the consideration of the committee. In few words it committed the Republican party of Clackamas County to the popular election of United States Senator as embodied in Statement No. 1. Charley Miller, of West Oregon City, immediately moved to lay the resolution on the table, and his motion was seconded by John Bradley, of Oregon City. Bradley spoke again for harmony, but the motion to table

PROMINENT ATTORNEY DEAD

LEADING MEMBER OF BAR IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY SUCCUMBS TO PARALYSIS.

WAS ACTIVE IN POLITICS

Tilmon Ford Passes Away at Salem After Three Weeks' Illness.

Tilmon Ford, for many years recognized as the leading member of the bar in the Willamette Valley, died Monday afternoon at the home of his cousin, W. M. Kaiser, at Salem. He had been ill about three weeks, suffering from an attack of paralysis, burial being made in Odd Fellows' cemetery. The services at the grave were conducted by the order of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased was a member.

Mr. Ford was born in Missouri in 1843, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ford, were crossing the plains to Oregon. The family arrived in Oregon in the fall of that year and settled on a farm north of Salem, where Tilmon spent his boyhood days.

Taking up the practice of his chosen profession, Mr. Ford soon won recognition as a reliable legal adviser, a tactful trial lawyer and an orator of unusual ability. Like most of the old school of attorneys, he spent little time searching for precedents, but was well grounded in the principles of law and equity. The suits which brought him most to public attention were the damage cases against the Southern Pacific arising from the wreck of a passenger train at Lake Labish in the early '90s. He was attorney for nearly all of the claimants, and won every case.

His ability as a public speaker made Mr. Ford a strong factor in politics and he served two terms in the Legislature. He was chosen one of the Presidential electors from Oregon in 1900. As a stump speaker he presented convincing arguments in an entertaining manner, and was one of the most popular Republican campaign speakers in the State.

Mr. Ford left one sister and two brothers—Dr. Angle Ford, of Portland; Charles D. Ford, of Seattle; and Frank Ford, of Rochester, Mont.

The resolution was lost. It then came up on motion for its adoption. A spirited debate followed. Chris Schuebel called Everhart, of Molalla, to the chair and took the floor in behalf of the resolution. He regretted, he said, that the question had been made an issue at this time, but inasmuch as the principle that he believed the people of Clackamas County cherished had been assailed, he believed that the Republicans of the county wanted to know where the men who represented them on the committee stood. He had spent too many days and nights battling for this right of the people to sit by and permit corporate influences to crush the life out of it. He said the Republicans had a 40,000 majority in the State and there were certainly Republicans in the party clean enough and capable enough to be elected Senator by the people. He did not believe a State overwhelmingly Republican would elect a Democrat to the United States Senate, unless the Republican candidate was so corrupt or so incapable that he ought to be defeated. He urged the committee to go on record as expressing the sentiment of the Republicans in Clackamas County unalterably committed to the doctrine of the popular election of United States Senator, as embodied in Statement No. 1. He referred to letters from absent committeemen who had sent their proxies, declaring themselves, as well as the precincts that they represented, emphatically in favor of Statement No. 1.

On the vote the resolution prevailed



JOHN GIBSON, who made the fight for Fulton in the Republican Central Committee.

by a large majority and the Fulton forces had not only failed to pass their resolution dealing a body blow to Statement No. 1, but had precipitated a resolution endorsing it. Amid great excitement, Miller arose to declare that measures had been taken that day to put a Democrat in every corner of

the Courthouse and as those in attendance fled out many stopped in the corridor to listen to Commissioner Lowell's denunciation of those who were attacking the people's rights and privileges by false pretenses and by indirection and subterfuge. He had been declared out of order when he attempted to address the meeting, but he took opportunity to let it be clearly known where he stood.

LITTLE EXCITEMENT AT THE POLLS. BURNS WINS FOR CHIEF.

Only 116 Votes on the Head of the Ticket—Good Set of Officers.

At the election of the Fire Department held in the rooms of Fountain Hose Co., Monday, there was little in the way of a contest and few were out to vote. The polls opened at 10 A. M. and closed at 4 P. M. The judges of the election were Charles W. Pope and John Finucane, while Sam Stow held down the clerk's chair. Less than two-thirds the strength of the department voted, there being 120 votes cast.

For Chief of the Department, Chas. E. Burns, Jr., of Columbia Hook and Ladder Co., received 68 votes and Clarence Bruner, of Hill Hose Co. No. 3 received 48 for assistant Chief. Al Cannon, of Fountain Hose Co. No. 1, received 59 votes, and Edward Rechner, of Cataract Hose Co. No. 2, was a close follower with 56 counts.

In the field there were four candidates for commissioner, and the three successful ones with their votes, were: John Gleason, Columbia Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, 102; Henry W. Stratton, Cataract Hose Company, No. 3, 89; David Williams, Hill Hose Company, No. 2, 63. Forty-seven votes were cast for G. M. Caldwell, of Green Point Hose Company, No. 5.

CANBY'S FAIR INDUCEMENTS.

Offers Permanent Grounds to the Clackamas County Fair Association. Level Tract Near Railroad.

Canby has come to the center with an offer to the Clackamas County Fair Association of a fine tract of land as a permanent location for the County Fair, and to back up their offer they have invited the Committee on Sites of that association to go to the little village by the river bank and eat turkey next Monday and view the sight. The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: Thomas F. Ryan, George Lazzelle and T. J. Gary.

The offer by the people of Canby is in the manner of a long-term lease on certain property along the S. P. railroad, and, being within a short distance from that village, this tract being large enough to admit of the usual buildings necessary for the proper exhibition halls, grand stands, etc., together with a half mile race course. The offer also includes many of these buildings and the fencing in of the property.

At the conclusion of the viewing by the gentlemen on the committee the good people of Canby will entertain in royal manner and will make a strong endeavor to have the fair located in their village.

But the matter has not been decided as yet. There seems to be a large feeling in favor of Gladstone Park as a permanent location, and for many reasons the latter place has the greater advantages, the proximity to the outside world—that is, its being so conveniently located in Lane County—that have racing for their main attraction, as is always the result, and the fact of the lagging interest in the exhibits where the attractions run to racing, is a barrier that will not be easily gotten over by those interested in the movement for horse racing.

MR. U'REN WOULD NOW GO BACK

Throws Challenge to Debate Broadcast and Later Asks Cake To Resign With Him.

MULTNOMAH REPUBLICANS MIXED

They Have a Smoker Saturday—Are All Broken Up—Looking for Other Counties to Follow Suit

Republicans in Multnomah County are in a pretty bad mix-up since they turned down Statement No. 1 at Portland last Saturday. The Republican press of that county are making a strong endeavor to smooth the matter over and have the thing appear as a jolly little smoker and are hoping

publican Club with an invitation to speak at its hall, corner of Front and Gibbs streets, Thursday evening, March 5, at 8 o'clock. I shall affirm and endeavor to sustain and justify the principles of Statement No. 1 for the election of United States Senators from Oregon.



GEO. W. DIXON, who fathered the endorsement of Statement No. 1 by the Republican County Committee.

against the inevitable that other counties will join the ragged procession. But they will look in vain. In reference to the matter, the Oregonian says in a half-hearted way:

"Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, the leaders of the hosts which battled Saturday look for the rest of the counties in the State to follow the trail Multnomah County has blazed and hold conventions to put the 'kibosh' on Statement No. 1.

"While Multnomah County Republicans were going on record against the Statement, party leaders in Lane County were following suit. Party standard-bearers clamped the lid down on Statement No. 1, and a number of the speakers peppered W. S. U'ren with verbal hot shot."

On top of this hotbed of antis comes the announcement from W. S. U'ren that he will meet any and all speakers in a tilt over Statement No. 1, and in this he has been accommodated by the South Portland Republican Club giving him a chance at a smoker last evening. In accepting the invitation, he issues the following wide-open challenge:

"To Messrs. C. W. Hodson, S. C. Beach, A. A. Bailey and other anti-Statement No. 1 Republicans: I am honored by the South Portland Re-

"I am authorized by President Lillis to divide the evening in joint discussion of this question with any Republican who may be chosen by yourselves to represent the opposition to Statement No. 1. I invite all of you to be present and ask questions, and hope that Mr. Beach, especially, will be present and ask the questions he thought of after I left the hall at the club meeting early in last month. I shall remain to the close of the meeting and promise my opponents the same courteous consideration I ask for myself. Come, let us reason together. Respectfully yours,

"W. S. U'REN."

There seems to be a very sorry condition in the Republican ranks. A split-up that threatens to shake its foundation. The leaders know this and there is no one who feels it more strongly than U'ren. He would like to patch the matter up now and offers to withdraw. In strength of his latest views he writes a lengthy epistle to H. M. Gale, in which he cites the seriousness of the situation, and offers to withdraw from the Senatorial conflict if Gale will do the same and decide on some good man to run on Statement No. 1. To all of which Gale refuses.

IN THE LEAD

MT. PLEASANT CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB GOING AHEAD.

ALONG EVERY LINE

Membership Increasing and Good Work in the Battle Cry.

At the regular meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Civic Improvement Club Tuesday night the election of officers took place who will serve for the ensuing year, and are as follows: President, A. A. Pease; vice-president, Bert Clark; secretary, S. T. Roman; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Warner. Miss Mollie L. Holmes was appointed chairman of the social committee. The committee who will have charge of the lumber for the proposed sidewalk, made a report and it will take 12,700 feet of lumber and the cost of same will be about \$112.

The financial committee on the construction of the walk consists of Mrs. J. Y. Humphreys, Mrs. Ralph Miller, and Mrs. Bert Clark, and report that they have \$50.00 on hand in the treasury for the building, and the work will be pushed along as rapidly as the lumber is on the ground.

The members of the Civic Improvement Club have been untiring in their efforts to improve the appearance of one of the mostly sightly suburbs—Mt. Pleasant, of Oregon City, and by their hard work a great deal has been accomplished. They worked faithfully by giving entertainments to raise funds for the building of the sidewalk from Mount Pleasant to the head of Fifth street, and they are now to build a sidewalk extending from Mount Pleasant school house to the Taber residence about a mile and a quarter below the school.

Maple Lane Grange.

Maple Lane Grange will hold its regular meeting on Saturday at the Maple Lane Grange hall. At noon a hot dinner will be served and a splendid musical and literary program for the lecturer's hour will be rendered. Delegates to the Clackamas County Grange convention will be chosen.

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