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The tragic death of the ex-Chief of Police W. L. Meredith in Seattle on Tuesday evening at the hands of John W. Considine, serves to illustrate the desperate nature of the political situation in the Queen City, and the chance one takes against his life in swearing to the truth in behalf of the colored editor of an Afro-American publication. The whole trouble between Meredith and Considine was political. Editor Cayton's weekly paper, the Seattle Republican, had undertaken to expose the corrupt methods by which Chief of Police Meredith was growing fat in his office by bribery from factions against which Considine and his friends had arraigned themselves. Cayton said something editorially which caused his arrest and prosecution for libel. During the progress of the case Considine appeared as witness against Meredith and in favor of Editor Cayton. The jury failed to convict the latter. Meredith was forced to resign from his official place as chief of police. The result was the meeting of Meredith and Considine, Meredith's cowardly attempt to kill his former friend and the latter's fatal shot. The political feature of the tragedy, however, has not yet been concluded.

One of the leading citizens of Oregon, and the man to whom much of the credit for the rapid upbuilding of Eastern Oregon is due, is Hon. J. M. Church, the president of the Republican State League, and an honorable and polished gentleman, a consistent and progressive business man of much more than ordinary foresight and ability. Mr. Church is president of the La Grande National Bank and is interested in many enterprises in Eastern and Central Oregon through which the state's advancement is being very materially assisted. As a politician of keen foresight and most trustworthy judgment Mr. Church has no superiors in the state. His counsel is sought by the ablest party men in Oregon and his guidance and leadership are that of a man thorough in touch with the needs of the masses and familiar with the best means of supplying them. No man in the state stands higher in the esteem of those who know him, in business, in politics or in any legitimate pursuit, social, commercial or political, than does Hon. J. M. Church.

Mr. J. Edward Hawkins, a prominent citizen of Seattle and a very influential member of our race in every walk of life, having successfully practiced law in the Queen City of Washington for many years and now holding an important place on the Republican Central Committee of King county, has been in the city during the week engaged in the work of organizing a lodge of new degree in the order of Negro Masonry. Mr. Hawkins has met with excellent success in propagating a camp of Mystic Shriners for Washington and Oregon, many members of the local lodge of Colored Masons, Enterprise No. 4 enthusiastically allying themselves with the new organization of Shriners. Mr. Hawkins is a very able and popular man and he leaves no doubt in the minds of those who meet him that his heart is in the work in which he is now engaged.

Judging from the manner in which candidates are being named for prominent public offices for both local and state places, the politicians are eager to begin the fray for 1902. There is little doubt that the impending campaign will be one of the warmest in the history of the state and that a considerable number of new elements will be interested in the result, but the use of names of eminent politicians at this early day denotes that the factions feel that they can "kill off" a few and still have a sufficient number of ambitious aspirants left.

After assaying the role of peace-maker in connection with the Tillman-McLaurin imbroglio in South Carolina, it will be small comfort to Col. Bryan to be denounced as a meddler, on one hand, and a half-baked Democrat on the other.

Hon. Charles A. Towne's oil octopus is capitalized at \$2,000,000. And yet, only a few months ago, Mr. Towne was ready to throw a fit every time he saw more than six figures in a row.

There is a movement in Texas to send Bill Stewart to congress. Mr. Stewart is not exactly a plutocrat swatter, but his going to congress would be a fine thing for that body.

The French doctors who represent that the internal anatomy of man is not arranged on correct proportions evidently believe that the creature may be greater than the Creator.

It is understood that one of the reasons Senators Tillman and McLaurin had for withdrawing their great moral show was to give the Charleston exposition a chance.

It is a close struggle to determine whether Andrew Carnegie, J. Pierpont Morgan or the American jockies are making the biggest hit in England.

St. Louis is almost ready to begin the actual work of buying a municipal lighting plant for its public buildings.

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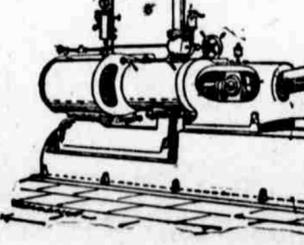
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