

ENOUGH OF FUSION

Washington Democrats Tired of Being the Under Dog.

THE RECENT MEETING IN SEATTLE

Party Making a Pain-Hearted Attempt to Rehabilitate Itself—Populists Also in Trouble.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—The democracy of this state is making a pain hearted attempt to rehabilitate itself. It had been the underdog of the fusion scramble; and it had been so rudely buffeted about that it pretty much lost both courage and self-respect.

Thirty democrats were present at a meeting. They included a number of familiar names, as follows: H. T. Jones, chairman of the democratic state committee; Jay Allen, John Collins, Fred Rice, Rowell, John Maher, William Blackman, J. W. Gordon, Alpha Byers, F. A. McDonald, George H. King, Judge Moore, E. C. Carter, Daniel Keenan, J. C. Brown, Thomas Church and the following members of the city committee: G. A. C. Rochester, chairman; A. B. Ernst, secretary; Jay C. Allen, John Livingston, J. W. Gordon, J. A. Braces, J. C. Carson, F. F. Randolph and J. W. McLeod. Mr. Jones made the important speech. He declared that populism no longer exists in Spokane county, where he lives. "It is dead," he said, "according to the admission of their own leaders."

Having thus walked up the democratic hill, they held scraps walked down again by providing another "underdog" in the populists and silver republicans refuse to participate in the primaries, the convention may entertain negotiations for fusion through the democratic state committee. It will doubtless occur to the populists that this is a highly unwise and original method of assuring them that they are dead, and that the democratic party is to be made their residuary legatee. The decent thing for the populists to do would be to die according to resolution, in order to remove the embarrassment the democrats find in the way of their own name and restoring its lost integrity.

But the populists find as much, or more, trouble in the late confessions in making a way out into the open. Their organization is pretty badly wrecked, and their leaders seriously divided in their councils. One faction, apparently the stronger, is vigorously upholding a nonpartisan movement, whose chief impulse is its advocacy of municipal ownership of street railways. The other holds out for principle and wants to have a tight rein on the old lines. The chairman of the city central committee has stirred up a great row by his refusal to call that body together and the latter is now in an approaching campaign. Chairman McLaughlin is said to sympathize strongly with the so-called nonpartisan movement, and to be bending all his energies and influence toward it. The outcome is altogether uncertain, but it is not at all uncertain that any union between the silver forces, under whatever name and under whatever flag, in the local campaign, will be far from perfect.

The complex local situation leads naturally to a survey of state fusion politics. The complete failure of fusion in 1896, has led to the opinion in many quarters that there would hereafter be no similar alliance. Republicans who are anxious to take so complacent a view of the outlook are sadly misled. They underestimate totally the unceasing perseverance of the fusionists. They are not all three of the silver parties, and who know that success is hopeless without an actual working combination of all the forces opposed to the republican party. The placidness of the fusionists is due to the position Lewis in the democratic. Governor Rogers in the populist, and W. C. Jones in the silver-republican parties. Despite his unpopularity in the fusion ranks, Lewis is the most potent voice in the silver ranks today. He is the one man who is regarded by democrats as a demagogue and by populists as a populist. He is fusion personified. He has lost some 500 votes ahead of his ticket, or, more accurately speaking, the rest of the ticket ran 500 votes behind Lewis. It is doubtless true that his personal course on the stump contributed more than any other cause, except single tax, to the great disaster on November 5, 1898, but the consequences were visited more heavily on his fellow-commissioners. Single tax was the wedge that entered the fusion log; Lewis drove it home. Circumstances have since contributed much to soften the resentment against him, and to secure his old following to turn to him again as a leader. The chief factor in Lewis' favor is that Tacoma now has two congressmen. Seattle must therefore, first, to the publisher's victory in 1898, and second, the action of Senator Wilson in throwing it votes to Foster at Olympia in order to punish King county for its refusal to support him, thus electing the Tacoma candidate. Lewis has made his usual copy play about being a candidate for no office. But he is. He is a candidate for two offices, just as he was in 1896—governor and representative in congress. He could not then receive the first, and he gladly took the second. If the voice of his party now rings out for him, he will take the gubernatorial nomination, he will take the great glory. If it demands that he will sacrifice his inclinations and time to the role of nominee for congress, he will cheerfully make the sacrifice. As it looks now, it is reasonably certain that he will be nominated for his old place. He will be vastly more formidable in the latter candidacy than in the first. Current demands that Cushman be renominated, and it will be difficult to defeat him in con-

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strom's family from the Lewis and Clark to testify in the case. The filing of two different complaints against Hilstrom, one charging him with being insane and the other with having committed murder, makes the case rather a complicated one. Under the law both examinations must proceed, but if he should be adjudged insane it will stop all proceedings on the criminal charge.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS.

Shipment of Lumber for Use in American Warships.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 22.—Two big lumber ships, the bark Guy C. Ross, a 140-ton wooden vessel, and the Italian bark Altair, an iron ship of 119 tons gross, were recently arrested in Port Moody, B. C., by the customs authorities. A load of lumber to be used by the Cramps, of Philadelphia, in the construction of American warships now being built at the Cramps' shipyards. Her load consisted of 600 tons of lumber, and was valued at \$100,000. The Altair loaded at Moodyville. She sailed today for Callao with 300,625 feet of choice lumber.

STRIKING MINER ARRESTED.

Charged With Intimidating Nonunion Men.

SANDON, B. C., Jan. 22.—The ill feeling between representatives of the Silver-Lead Mine-Owners' Association and members of the Miners' Union, which has extended over the past eight months, has culminated in the arrest of Secretary Hegler, of the Miners' Union, on a charge of making threats against nonunion miners and of intimidating against the business interests of the mine-owners. Recently there were brought from Minnesota 22 Finns, who were going to work at the mine-owners' rate of pay. The bank on which is charged that Hegler, as the leader of a crowd of strikers, has persistently threatened the Finns. Hegler was released today on \$1000 bail.

Violation of the Game Law.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 22.—The case of the alleged infringement of the game law, by exposing for sale birds imported from Seattle, was decided in the police court today. The defendant, a judge holding that, while, in his opinion, the game protection act did not affect imported birds, a decision of the county court had ruled otherwise, and the police were bound to act in accordance with the case will be carried to the supreme court for ultimate decision as a test case.

Man May Vote Twice.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 22.—The committee engaged in the revision of the civic charter, by the way of precedent, has provided that a man may vote twice, once on the vote in aldermanic and mayoralty elections on property of which his wife is registered as owner. The existing regulations prevent laws from voting in such cases, and it is claimed that much property is thus unrepresented on the voters' list. A man may thus vote twice, once on his own property and again on account of the property qualification of his wife.

Escaped Lunatic Recaptured.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 22.—James Durie, a market gardener, recently taken to the provincial insane asylum at New Westminster, escaped from the institution Saturday night, and was captured here today and taken back to the asylum. He had walked the entire distance without boots and in a heavy rain storm.

A Vancouver Assignment.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 22.—The firm of Sivert, Bell & Smyth, retail provision dealers, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors.

ON TO SHANIKO.

Will Be One of the Liveliest Towns in Oregon.

The railroad will be completed to Shaniko about April 1, and then will spring into existence one of the liveliest towns in Oregon. This will be the terminus of the Columbia Southern railway, and about the largest wool-shipping point in the world. There will also be thousands of cars of cattle and sheep shipped from Shaniko in safety. The town is on the south side of the bridge had washed away until the abutment was supported by only about 37 inches of dirt and gravel. Two 100-foot piles were driven into the bridge structure, while the other ends of the big timbers are weighted down with heavy logs. The structure is now said to be safe, even if 50 feet more of the bank should be washed away. The Portland water commission, has a proprietary right to this bridge, having paid half the expense of its construction.

Company F Smoker.

After a short drill this evening, separate company F, O. N. G., gave a smoker to its members, there being a full attendance. Dr. W. E. Carl was master of ceremonies, and among the speakers were Captain L. L. Fickler, who spoke of "The Officer's Duty in the National Guard"; Lieutenant W. A. Huntley talked of "Noncommissioned Officers and Privates"; and Lieutenant J. J. Campbell of "The War and the Effect of Drill in Action." Many of the members contributed volumes of standard works toward the formation of a library.

REWARD OFFERED

For the Recovery of the Body of William Smith.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 22.—Fred Smith, brother of William Smith, who was drowned in the Columbia while en route from La Camas to Portland, last week, was in the city today, and offered a reward of \$25 for the recovery of the body. The testimony and argument of counsel in the divorce case of Seal vs. Seal was concluded in the superior court today. Before the evidence for the defense had been concluded the allegations of the prosecution of failure to provide and habitual drunkenness were abandoned. Contrary to the expectations of the large number of spectators in attendance at the trial, the case was void of sensational features. The decision of the court was that a decree of absolute divorce be granted; that the plaintiff, Mary E. Seal, have the care and custody of the minor child.

Philadelphia at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 22.—The cruiser Philadelphia has arrived here from Magdalena Bay. She comes for mail and supplies, and will join the Iowa and Marblehead. Magdalena Bay the latter part of the week.

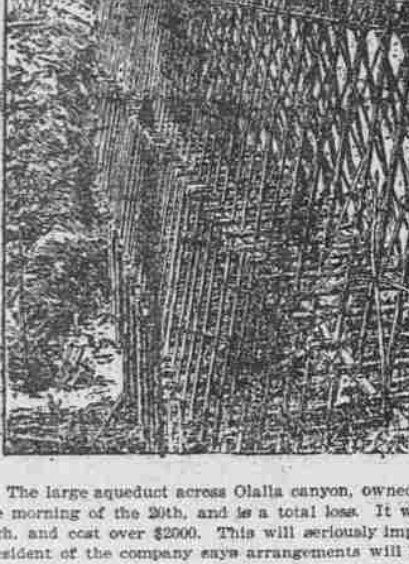
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ing election is proceeding slowly in this county.

A band of gypsies passed through this city Sunday in two wagons, on their way over the country, and during the afternoon, a party of about a dozen gypsies in the city on the lookout for the gang, as some horses had been missed from that section, and it was feared that they had stolen some property. They were captured and taken to the city jail, where they were held until their arrival here that the band had divided, and some of the number went another way.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

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Revivalists' Work.

Rev. St. Clair, of the Methodist church at Heppner, Or., who has been holding revival services here for the past few weeks, preaching each day to large congregations, closed the series of meetings this evening. Conversations during the meetings have numbered 28, among them being Hon. William McDonald, judge of the superior court, and who had been for more than 20 years a minister of the Christian denomination, but who, during the course of the meetings, has stated on occasions that throughout the long course of his ministry had never before felt that he was a Christian.

SCAFFOLD FOR MURKERS.

Dallas Murderer Still Protests His Innocence.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 22.—This morning workmen commenced the construction of a scaffold for the execution of the murderer. He still stoutly denies his guilt, but is more interested in the visits and advice of the Christian people who are allowed to see him. He reads the Bible and the papers, and seems very much concerned about the future. He said to the guard, "If you live five years you will know that I am innocent."

Northwest Dead.

William Lizenby, one of the early settlers in the Willamette valley, died in Walla Walla Friday night, aged 80 years. He came to the valley in 1861, and took up a farm in the foothills near the Oregon line, where he resided until a few years ago, when he moved to Walla Walla.

Captain G. P. Adams' Funeral.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 22.—Captain G. P. Adams, whose death was announced yesterday, was buried today from the family residence, under the auspices of the G. A. R. A large concourse of friends attended the funeral.

Mrs. M. Brumback.

MUMMINVILLE, Jan. 22.—Mrs. M. Brumback, aged about 70 years, died here this morning. She was a native of Oregon. Professor A. M. Brumback, of McMinnville college, coming here with him two years ago.

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It's a cold day when Anderson gets left, however, in the absence of a doctor, and without proper instrument to scarily the flesh, Anderson has inoculated every populist in Dufur, using a curry-comb to spread the blood, and scotching the patient with a virus obtained, he says, direct from Lincoln, Neb.

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The Dalles Chronicle. M. J. Anderson, the village blacksmith and populist statesman of Dufur, thinks he can see as far into a republican millstone as the man who picks it. While in town today he strongly denounced the present smallpox scare as a deep-laid scheme of Mark Hanna and the McKinley administration. "It is notorious," said Mr. Anderson, "that only populists protect have got this Filippino itch, as they call it over in Sherman county. Moro, a populist stronghold in Sherman county, has got it bad. So has Wacoma, in this county, which is almost solely populist. Tygh is badly threatened, and Tygh is Bryanage to the core. Antelope and Hood River, two republican strongholds, have not a single case. Now, if you have a case in The Dalles, this shows beyond controversy that Mark Hanna is at the bottom of the whole business. The affected districts have all been quarantined, and thus prevented from registering so that they may not be able to vote at the next election."

LONG TOM PRECINCT.

Five of the Pioneers of 1853 Yet Reside There.

G. W. Turnbow furnishes the Junction City Times the following collection of items about Long Tom precinct, 47 years ago: At that time the population of Long Tom precinct was about 50. There was one schoolhouse, and 54 miles of road. The nearest postoffice was Starr's Point, in Toke, January 29 and 30, and another house, on his donation claim, where Emery H. Herson now lives. There are about 54 square miles in this precinct. In 1853 there was but little if any taxable land, and at this time there are about 30,000 acres taxed. Of the 30 people that were here in 1853, there are but five remaining, namely: W. R. Goodman, Milton Robinson, G. W. Turnbow, J. S. Robinson and Mrs. Oliver Mays. The present population is about 27, with about 70 or 80 legal voters; about 100 school children, 42 miles of public road, 1 postoffice, 1 sawmill, 10000 yards of a fishpond, 1 hophouse and 20 acres of hops. In those days farming was not so extensive as it is now. They had 10, 20 or 30 acres of wheat, which was cradled and bound by hand. The wheat was threshed with horses or cattle by tramping it out of the straw.

Woodburn Merchant Assigns.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 22.—J. J. Mattson, who has conducted a general merchandise store in this city for several years, assigned today to R. L. Sabin, representative of the Merchants' Protective Union, of Portland, a mortgage of \$12,000; assets, approximately the same. D. J. and J. J. Long sold 82 bales of hops to George W. Hubbard, of Salem, for \$100,000. The hops were of the highest quality and the highest price offered here for 30 days past.

Plowing Weather.