

WILL BASIS BE NEW?

Probable Status of Republican State Convention.

SMALL GAINS IN DELEGATES

If Apportionment is One Delegate for Each 150 Votes in 1920, Aggregate Membership Will be 346.

Will the Republican State Central Committee make a new apportionment of delegates based on the vote cast in the Presidential election of November, 1900? Local political circles have been discussing the probability, and the impression seems to be general that such action will be taken. The existing apportionment was made upon the basis of the vote cast for Governor T. T. Geer in June, 1908, one delegate at large being allowed each county, one for each 150 votes cast, and one for the remaining fraction if over 75.

This gives a total of 335 votes in the convention. Telling the vote cast for President McKinley in 1900 as a basis of calculation, with the same apportionment ratio, 11 additional delegates would be divided among the different counties of the state, making a total of 346. There has been some discussion along the line of making the new apportionment on the ratio of one delegate for each 200 votes, and for the remaining fraction of 100 or over, in addition to the delegate at large. Chairman George A. Geer of the committee, has not indicated as yet when he will call the members together to issue the call for the State Convention. It is thought that the date will be some time about the middle of April, and the convention will probably be held in Portland. There is every indication that Congressman Moody will adhere to his original intention of having the Congressional Convention called several days in advance of the State Convention so as to avoid any entanglements or alliances in the scramble for places on the state ticket.

Following is a table showing the vote for Governor Geer in 1908, upon which the present apportionment is based, and the Republican vote for President McKinley in 1900, upon which the new apportionment will be based, if the State Central Committee decides to make one:

	Geer, 1908.	McKinley, 1900.
Baker	1,191	1,438
Benton	985	1,013
Blackman	2,161	2,221
Catston	1,088	1,229
Columbia	734	803
Cook	957	1,123
Crook	310	308
Curry	210	1,910
Douglas	1,053	1,422
Gilliam	422	422
Grant	973	914
Harney	347	375
Jackson	1,262	1,262
Josephine	827	827
Klamath	433	433
Lake	1,229	1,229
Lane	1,929	2,521
Lincoln	472	472
Linn	1,292	1,292
Malheur	3,216	3,112
Morrow	532	723
Multnomah	10,351	9,145
Polk	1,207	1,163
Sherman	478	451
Tillamook	478	451
Umatilla	1,247	1,098
Walla	1,028	1,028
Wallowa	538	531
Wasco	1,280	1,076
Washington	1,423	1,655
Wheeler	428	428
Yamhill	1,646	1,686
Totals	45,104	46,065

Assuming that a new apportionment, if one is made, will be at the same ratio as the last, which was one delegate at large, one for each 150 votes, and one for fraction remaining over 75 votes, the 346 delegates will be as follows, the figures of the first table denoting the present representation:

Counties.	Present	New
Baker	11	11
Benton	10	10
Blackman	15	15
Catston	12	12
Columbia	5	5
Cook	7	7
Crook	2	2
Curry	3	3
Douglas	12	14
Gilliam	4	4
Grant	7	7
Harney	3	3
Jackson	10	12
Josephine	6	6
Klamath	4	4
Lake	4	4
Lane	14	14
Lincoln	4	4
Linn	14	14
Malheur	3	3
Morrow	22	22
Multnomah	70	67
Polk	9	9
Sherman	5	5
Tillamook	5	5
Umatilla	12	14
Walla	11	11
Wallowa	5	5
Wasco	10	10
Washington	13	12
Wheeler	4	4
Yamhill	12	12
Totals	335	346

The figures in the second table show the following counties will have an increased representation:

Baker, 2; Blackman, 1; Columbia, 1; Cook, 2; Douglas, 2; Harney, 1; Jackson, 2; Josephine, 1; Lane, 4; Morrow, 1; Umatilla, 1; Wasco, 2.

The following counties will have the number of delegates they will be entitled to reduced by the figure following their respective names:

Benton, 1; Catston, 2; Crook, 1; Multnomah, 3; Union, 1; Washington, 1.

I. S. GEER'S NAME WITHDRAWN.

Signs Point to Early Appointment of Bureau Land Office Receiver.

The delay in naming a successor to George Hays, who resigned from the position of Register of the Bureau Land Office, is in a fair way to be terminated, according to information from Washington, which has come to Portland politicians, who are close to both Senator Mitchell and Simon. Up to the present it has been generally understood that the hitch grew out of Senator Simon's persistence in changing the candidacy of I. S. Geer, who represented Malheur and Harney counties jointly at the last session of the Legislature.

Senator Mitchell absolutely refused to endorse Geer for the place, but offered to recommend any of the seven others who wanted the position, among whom were close friends of Senator Simon. From an authoritative source it was learned yesterday that Simon had been urging Geer for the position because of a promise made to a political and personal friend some time ago. It is said that at no time was Geer the personal choice of the senator, and now that the two Oregon Legislators have agreed to get together on some man it is more than probable that Dunnington, Harney, will be the one named by Senator Simon. Dunnington has always been regarded as a Simon adherent, and, in fact, as the story goes, he was bitterly disappointed when Simon refused him endorsement before the latter went to Washington, just previous to the opening of Congress.

It has been over two months since Hays was removed because of charges preferred against him, and since that time there has been no official head to the office. It has been reported here from time to time that Hays was still at the office and transacting business, but local leaders familiar with the situation say that such a state of affairs is impossible.

While Hays may be spending considerable time about the office, he is out, and has absolutely no authority.

DEATH FROM HIS OWN ACT

Coroner's Jury Investigates Cause of Andressen Accident.

The Coroner's Jury inquired yesterday into the circumstances connected with the death of Harry N. Andressen, 47 North Seventh street, and found that he had been accidentally killed by being crushed by the elevator in the Washington building last Saturday night. This was the jury's decision: That Andressen in some manner opened the door leading to the elevator, stood on top of the elevator cage to pull the rope so that it could ascend, and that he was caught between the elevator cage and the top of the door leading to the well on the street landing. It was also decided that Andressen had died from internal injuries, but that his injuries were not caused by any one's negligence, excepting his own act in starting the elevator.

Mrs. Koch, Washington building, testified: "Last Saturday I went out shortly after 5 o'clock and had a four hours' walk, as I had a headache. I saw Andressen at Fourth and Washington streets when I had nearly reached home. When I entered the building I heard him scream, and knew he had been caught in the elevator. I think the elevator must have been in the basement, and that Andressen had climbed over the top of the cage to pull the rope, and was caught before he could get out of the way."

"After I helped to take Andressen out of the elevator he told me that he went on top of it to get it started, so that a woman could go upstairs in it. Andressen

PORTLAND'S MORTALITY FOR 1901.

Following is a statement of the mortality of the City of Portland for the year ending December 31, 1901, as prepared for the annual report of Health Commissioner Menefee, giving age, color, sex, nativity and social relations, showing also a comparative statement for the year 1900:

	1900.	1901.
Age of decedents—		
Under 1 year	112	115
1 to 5 years	64	62
5 to 20 years	36	30
20 to 40 years	205	201
40 to 60 years	216	242
60 to 100 years	119	220
Color—		
White	841	1041
Colored	5	3
Mongolian	63	28
Sex—		
Male	374	462
Female	355	681
Social statistics—		
Married, widow	407	54
Single, over 20 years	203	342
Single, under 20 years	256	260
Total No. deaths, 1901	842	1143
Total No. deaths, 1900	359	
Nativities—		
Foreign	254	434
Other states	354	354
Oregon	261	291
Here for treatment	69	175

meant Mrs. Koch, testified J. F. Killen. Other evidence showed that three tenants in the building carried keys to the elevator to operate it at night, and that one of these keys was carried by Mrs. Koch. The lock on the elevator door operates from the inside. One witness testified that someone had hammered the catch of the elevator lock, so that the bolt could slip out, rendering the use of a key unnecessary.

The funeral will take place today from the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, at 1 P. M.

MR. HUGHES TAKES HIS TIME

He Will Call Together Port of Portland When He Is Ready.

President Ellis G. Hughes, of the Port of Portland Commission, said yesterday that he would not issue a call for a meeting of the board Wednesday, as requested by Commissioners Adams, Kelly and Bantfield.

"No," he said, "I shall not call a meeting for Wednesday. I shall, however, call one very shortly. No," he said, in answer to a question, "I have no objection to a meeting on Wednesday any more than on any other day in the week."

"Will you state your reasons for not calling a meeting?" he was asked. "Not at present," answered the president, with a smile that carried conviction with it, and prohibited further questioning on that line. "When will a meeting be called?" "That I cannot tell you today."

"May the members meet legally, disregarding a call?"

"The members may not assemble without having been called together. I presume that if they are not called together within a reasonable time, they will have a remedy. That remedy they will have to find out."

A Democratic member of the Legislature said that the Commission would meet when called; when not called, it could meet when a quorum was present.

IMPROVEMENT BONDS SOLD

U. S. National Bank Gets \$45,000, and A. Tichenor \$5000.

The committee on ways and means of the Common Council, which recently rejected the bids submitted for the purchase of \$50,000 of improvement bonds, and advertised them, yesterday opened new bids, as follows:

United States National Bank, for the entire issue, 4-1/2 per cent premium.

J. W. Crutcher & Co., for the entire issue, \$800 premium.

H. E. Noble, for the entire issue, a premium of 2 1/2 per cent.

A. H. Maclester, for \$10,000, 3 1/2 per cent premium.

T. W. Jenkins, for the first \$5000, 3 1/2 per cent premium.

A. Tichenor, for the last \$10,000, 5 per cent premium.

The United States National Bank was awarded the first \$5,000. The committee would have been pleased to award Tichenor the \$10,000 bid for, but the bank would not agree to this and they compromised by granting Tichenor \$5000.

These bids are the best received for improvement bonds since the bonding act was amended, which shows that money is more plentiful than it used to be, and that good bonds are in demand.

BRIEF NOTES.

The public installation of the newly elected officers of Oregon Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F., will take place this (Tuesday) evening at the Hirsch-Selling building, 8 o'clock.

The violin and chamber music recital to be given this week by the pupils of E. O. Spitzer and the Spitzer-Konrad Quintet will take place Thursday evening, January 16, at Parsons Hall, and not Tuesday, as announced.

The Portland Savings Bank building was sold at public auction at the Courthouse door yesterday morning, by Sheriff Brazier, to satisfy a mortgage for \$140,000 in favor of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company. It was bid in by that company for \$157,700. This amount lacks about \$2000 of satisfying all claims against the property.

"The New Vintage" Being more delicate and breezy than the 1893 and similar to the 1898, is represented by O. H. Mumm's Extra Dry now coming to market, and immense reserves guarantee the maintenance of quality. Of this brand, 125,000 cases were imported in 1901, or nearly \$2,000,000 cases more than any other.

Twenty-fourth Annual Clearance Sale

This simple headline from the store of

Olds, Wortman & King

Holds widespread interest for all economists. Most everyone knows what a wonderful help it is to buy from this big stock when EVERYTHING IS REDUCED. Among other things, it's the best chance of the year to buy

SEWING MACHINES

We always sell them cheaper than you'd pay for as reliable machines elsewhere, and our clearance prices—\$15.00, \$19.45, \$21.60 and \$23.95 each—make it possible for any home to be supplied with a HIGH-CLASS IMPROVED

Olds, Wortman & King Machine

Made with strong iron frame, quarter-sawn oak cabinet, with three or five drawers, upright or drop head, case-hardened ball bearings and full set of attachments. In short, a strong, simple, light-running sewing machine that we GUARANTEE FOR 10 YEARS. Their superlative goodness makes these prices ridiculously low. Full instructions given by expert operator.

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At 3c, 5c, 9c, 15c, 19c, 23c, 48c and 98c yard.

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800 Yards
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BLACK TAFFETA SILKS

Real Value 85c
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A sterling fabric—
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Quick selling will rule.

HOLD-UP ON SLAVIN ROAD

PROFESSOR W. C. ALDERSON
ROBBED AT POINT OF A GUN.

Highwayman Appeared Near Southern Pacific Tracks and Secured Purse Containing \$40.

After a month's absence the lone highwayman of the Slavin road is back at the old stand, seeking to relieve lonely pedestrians of their cash and valuables. Despite the fact that he has held up a score of persons, more or less, often in broad daylight than after twilight, this dashing Dick Turpin has managed to elude the vigilance of the city and county aldermen, and he is still among the unidentified.

Professor W. C. Alderson, principal of the South Portland School, was the victim Sunday night, and he was relieved of nearly \$40 in cash, \$25 of which was in gold and the remainder in silver. The scene of the hold-up was within 20 feet of where the Slavin road crosses the tracks of the Southern Pacific. It happened about 9:30, and although there was considerable light from the new moon, Professor Alderson did not see the highwayman until an ugly-looking gun was poked into his face and a peremptory order was given to throw up his hands.

The robber had been concealed behind a large fence-post, which was of sufficient height to hide him. Professor Alderson obeyed the command, and the man with the gun went behind him and commenced searching his victim's pockets. In the trousers he found the purse containing a little less than \$40. He was apparently satisfied with this, and discontinued his investigations, telling Professor Alderson to move on, an injunction obeyed without argument or remonstrance. Professor Alderson reported the affair to the police, and could give but a faint description of the man. All he noticed was that he was rather tall and wore a light overcoat and light-colored slouch hat. This general and vague description tallies with former reports of hold-ups in the vicinity. Professor Alderson believes that he was a marked man. He received his salary Friday night, but did not sleep at home. Mrs. Alderson was positive that she locked the front door securely before retiring, but in the morning it was found unlocked and ajar. Professor Alderson believes the house was entered, but the intruder, not finding him at home, departed without molesting anything, as nothing was missing.

CHURCH CONCEALED ROBBERS.
Candy Man Yields Up \$3 to Two Footpads With a Gun.
Two highwaymen with handkerchiefs

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TABLE LINENS
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Muslin Underwear
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JOHN S. BROWN & SONS' FINE TABLE LINENS AT CLEARANCE SALE PRICES.

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Wonderfully low prices prevailing on Cloaks, Suits, Waists, Etc.

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Ladies' viol, velour calf and kid Shoes, heavy soles, very stylish \$2.53 pr

Six styles in ladies' kid and box calf Shoes, kid or vesting tops, light, medium or heavy soles, all sizes \$1.73 pr

Linen Sale

68-inch, all linen, silver-bleached table Damask, in a great variety of patterns, at the unusually low price of 73c yd

Extra values in all-linen Satin Damask Tablecloths in a variety of sizes and styles—The prices are very interesting to every economical housewife. 2x2 \$2.08 ea 2x2 1/2 \$2.68 ea 2x3 \$3.12 ea

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A great lot of 16-inch bleached cotton Crash 3 1/2c yd 18-inch, heavy, absorbent cotton Crash at 7c yd 17-inch, checked linen, glass Toweling 8 1/2c yd

Towel Bargains

20 dozen all-linen hemmed huck Towels, 19x38, 19c at each

20 dozen all-linen hemmed huck Towels—damask border, size 20x39—great bargain, each 24c

Great special in a big lot of bleached Turkish Towels, 23x54 inches, 23c

All Wrappers and Silk Petticoats at greatly reduced prices.

Cloak Dept.

Black Sateen Petticoats, deep plaiting and ruffles or flounce \$1.52

Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, crocheted edge with silk frogs; \$1.10 value 82c

Creme Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, sailor collar with ruffled ribbon, silk frogs, all sizes \$1.48

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"Willamette" drop-head, \$25.00 style for \$21.50

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"Eldredge" B. A standard Machine for 25 years; fully guaranteed. The \$27.50 style, in 3 woods, reduced to \$22.50

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find one, so I walked to the police station. No, they did not ask for a piece of candy."

TWO BAD MEN JAILED.

Came to Town With Loaded Revolvers to Loot Saloons.

Two bad men, George A. Avery and H. F. Cantwell, shook the dust of Seattle from their feet four days ago and arrived in this city with the intention of looting a few saloons, or separating cash from innocent wayfarers. They did not care which—but their ambitious career was nipped in the bud last night when they were arrested by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan, at Third and Burnside streets. From a confession the duo made, the detectives were able to find two murderous-looking revolvers, with every chamber loaded, which Avery and Cantwell admitted a friend had hid for them behind a woodpile in the neighborhood of Second and Couch streets.

When Avery and Cantwell first arrived in town, Snow and Kerrigan met them in Whitechapel and at once became suspicious of their movements