

MR. FULTON'S PLAN

Will Ask State Convention to Indorse Him for Senator.

DOESN'T WANT TO BE GOVERNOR

Strong Fight to Make Baker a Republican County-Congressman Tongue's Chances for Re-nomination.

Now that the Republican convention dates have been announced by the committee, the game of politics will grow more exciting. Candidates will appear from under cover, each actively engaged in chasing the particular rainbow of his heart's desire. A number of politicians who were in attendance at the sessions of the State Central and Congressional Committees in Portland after adjournment, and missed several successive trains for their respective destinations. The explanation lies in that vague but expressive phrase, "political conferences."

What was done by the conferees will appear later, when the campaign begins and the strength of different candidates can be estimated. The situation in counties where a hard fight is expected was thoroughly gone over by the leaders, and they became acquainted with conditions throughout the state.

State Senator Charles W. Fulton, of Astoria, was a busy man yesterday, in the interest of his candidacy for United States Senator. Within the last few weeks a persistent rumor has been going to the surface that Senator Fulton was a possible candidate for Governor, if prospects pointed to his defeat at the hands of the Legislature for the United States Senate. This Senator Fulton denies. Not only does he say that his aspirations do not lie in that direction, but declares he would not accept the nomination under any circumstances. It is quite on the cards that Senator Fulton will endeavor to secure the indorsement of the Republican state convention for United States Senator, under the law passed at the last session of the Legislature, providing that a name may be placed on the ticket to be voted on by the people, the results to be given to both houses of the Legislature immediately after organization.

It is known that Senator Fulton attaches considerable importance to this indorsement, and believes that the will of the people, as expressed in this way, will have a strong influence on the Legislature when they assemble. It is hardly probable that Mr. Fulton will obtain this desired recognition at the hands of the convention, without a struggle, if at all. Other announced or possible candidates will oppose the indorsement of Fulton, according to political gossip, and will protest that to place one man's name on the ticket as the choice of the Republicans is a fusion movement under the alias of a Citizens' ticket elected both members of the lower house, but conditions existed then which were purely local, and have since been eliminated that may have caused the result. According to advices from Clatsop County, John C. McCreck, Congressional committee man from that county, will probably be one of the candidates in the Citizens' ticket. Republican ticket. In the gubernatorial contest Clatsop is expected to be against Governor Geer's re-nomination; but who the delegation will support is a question that cannot be determined until all the candidates are named.

In Baker County a Joint State Senator and a Representative are to be elected. Baker was the choice of the Democrats at last election, and it is going to be an uphill fight to win, but the Republicans are determined, and are planning for a hard campaign. A factor discouraging to the leaders is the fact that the vote in the panhandle acquired at the last session of the Legislature from Union County. At the recent session of the State Central Committee one delegate was taken from Union and given to Clatsop County, of 223 Republican voters who live in the panhandle. But the total registration exceeds 800, and the political inclinations of these, other than the 223 faithful, is a problem that will figure to some considerable extent in the fight for Republican supremacy. C. A. Johns, of Baker, who is credited with being the leader of his party there, has been exceedingly active in conference with other leaders. He reiterated his former declaration that he is not an avowed candidate for Governor and has no intention of being. If the district was offered Mr. Johns, but, as he says himself, that is quite another story.

Over in Clackamas, ex-State Senator L. L. Porter will not be a candidate for reelection. Senator Porter has his eyes on the State Printership, and will abandon any plans his friends may have made for him to succeed himself. Mr. Porter is a lawyer, and owns the principal Republican weekly newspaper in Clackamas County. The opposition to the candidacy of Congressman T. H. Tongue, in the First District, from State Senator George C. Brownell, has apparently vanished. Senator Brownell will be a candidate for the State Senate to succeed himself. This is doubtless good news to Mr. Tongue, and if the opposition to him which developed at the last convention of the Democratic party does not reappear, and it seems likely that it will not, he will apparently have no trouble in getting the re-nomination. Senator Brownell is counted on by the Republican organization of the county to poll a large vote for the ticket from the Populist dissenters, who have furnished the basis for opposition fusion in the past. Mr. Brownell was a champion of the initiative and referendum, and introduced the bill at the last session of the Legislature. There has as yet been no talk among the Clackamas leaders as to a successor to A. S. Dresser, who was Joint Representative with Multnomah at the last session. Mr. Dresser has declared he will not seek re-nomination, and it is presumed that Multnomah will ask for the Representative, on the basis of the county in alternate years.

A dispatch from Baker City, received yesterday, said that Chairman Samuel White, of the Democratic State Central Committee, will be in Portland the latter part of the coming week, and will then fix the dates for the Democratic conventions.

A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD VIEW.

John C. Luce sneers at Democrats Because of Fusion.

JOHN DAY, Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian of January 31 I notice the proceedings of the Democratic State Central Committee. I notice that the old adage holds good, that "birds of a feather flock together." Has Populism fallen so low that its only mission and sphere of usefulness is to give aid and to be used by Democracy in counties where their votes are needed to defeat the Republicans? If this is a fact, then God pity Populism, for they have fallen too low to exact pity from human beings. I see Clem of Linn was there. Like his advocate in the Populist party, he just "strayed in." Yes, Linn is in Linn, is Clem's only chance for political preferment. His joke on the Populist that now

advocated fusion when he had voted for a straight Populist ticket in convention, of course, was enjoyed by those present; but the unkindest of all was Clem's claim that he is still a Populist.

MR. GORGER'S EXPERIMENT

Famous Portland Epicure Falls Down on Devil Fish.

Estadwell Gorgor, of this city, who is something of an epicure, and who is always complaining that the number of animals and fishes used for food is too limited and do not afford sufficient variety to suit him, and who is always on the lookout for some gastronomic novelty, recently tackled a devil fish, or octopus. These loathsome-looking creatures are often seen in the local markets, sometimes weighing 50 pounds. They consist of a sack full of digestive organs, eyes to discover prey, half a dozen or more arms furnished with suckers to catch the prey, and a parrot-shaped beak to tear and eat. The thick part of the arms makes them look as if they would be good eating, and as it is known that the Chinese and Japanese buy and eat these devil fish, Mr. Gorgor concluded to test their quality. He procured from his fish dealer portions of the thick, fleshy part of the arms and had them skinned. The tough, leathery skin, on being removed, took away with it all the suckers, leaving the flesh clear of any objectionable feature and beautifully white.

Mr. Gorgor imagined he had struck a good thing, and directed that one of the pieces of the flesh be fried in oil, anticipating a treat. The fish, when placed in a pan of hot oil, absorbed it like a sponge, and then curled up into a ball. Mr. Gorgor cut off a liberal mouthful and essayed to eat it; but he found that, like many others, he had cut off more than he could eat. He then gave up, and chewed the larger piece he became, and when his jaws gave out he was forced to give it up, remarking that the stuff was as tough as the devil's ear. He then directed that the remainder of the fish be stewed, and well stewed, and it was kept simmering on the range all day. When served, the pieces which had been as thick as his wrist had shrunk to the size of a whip lash, and were as tough as the root of the plant known to farmers as devil's shoe string, which, when struck in glowing, throws sparks, and the man holding it over the heads of his horses, and is never feared. The looks of the stewed devil fish and the liquor stewed out of it were enough for Mr. Gorgor, and he gave up attempting to eat it, and with great vehemence and waste of words consigned it to the person for whom, judging by its name, it was originally intended.

FROM ST. HELENS MINES.

Work is Going On, Despite the Winter Weather.

Mr. E. D. McKay, contractor, has just returned from the St. Helens mining camp. He says the roads are in fine shape. Road Supervisors Doolittle and Ithems having, under the direction of Commissioner Studabaker, taken a force of men out and removed the timber that had blown down during the recent storms. The bridges built last summer have all stood the high-water test, and the route is open to the lake. Transportation, however, on the upper lake portion is over the snow, and supplies are taken in on large sleds. During the recent cold snap, St. Helens was frozen over, and the freight was taken across on the ice. The snow is unusually deep this winter, but the different camps are all prepared for winter work and development continues in spite of the cold weather. The camp operating this winter in the district are all owned by Portland companies, and the recent strikes on some of these properties have done great satisfaction in local mining circles.

On the lake front the Sweden, Bronze Monarch and Cadesco Calumet continue to engage on their respective dumps, while up on the divide the Ironclad group, recently taken over by local promoters, is tunneling in on the lead, with excellent results. The Chicago is over for the season and the camp is deserted. For some time assessment work only has been done on this property, as the claims are in little doubt, but the heavy snow and the great difficulty has caused adjacent properties to suspend operations until the trouble is settled. Over the divide the Earl group is doing excellent work with machine drills under the supervision of W. W. O'Connor. Further down, the Goat Mountain properties and the Polar Star group are working on the lead. Superintendent W. A. Gray in charge. It is expected that the district will experience a great rush next season.

DR. ELIOT NOT COMING.

President of Harvard Abandons His Northwest Tour.

President Eliot, of Harvard University, will not visit Portland and the Pacific Northwest during the coming Spring. The Press of his duties at Cambridge compels him to shorten his tour, and the preparation being made for his entertainment in Portland by the United Club will necessarily be abandoned. The following explanatory letter has been received by Mr. Ralph W. Wilbur:

"Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., February 3.—President Eliot directs me to inform you that greatly to his regret he has been obliged to abandon his intention of making a tour to the Pacific Coast, owing to the imperative necessity of shortening the time of his absence from Cambridge; and after leaving San Francisco he will follow the Southern route eastward in accordance with that part of his original itinerary. He will thus have no opportunity to visit Portland, and regretfully acknowledges the disappointment which you may have made for him there."

"He is very sorry for the inconvenience which this late change in his plans may cause, and directs me to thank you heartily again for your kind invitation and for the arrangements you have made for his entertainment."

JEROME D. GREENE,
"Secretary to the President."

FOWLER'S WIDOW.

Mrs. O. S. Fowler, widow of the best known phonologist and author, Professor O. S. Fowler of New York, was here tonight her series of six free lectures at A. O. U. W. Hall, on "Brain, Soul and Spirit." She thoroughly understands the science which her husband taught, and with unbounded enthusiasm loves to unravel the deep mysteries of life that have been "hid from ages, and from generations." Her new discovery of the functions of the brain has stirred the people in other cities to such an extent that when they listen to her inspiring lectures, wonder with amazement at her profound comprehension and her marvelous reasoning ability. When she speaks on the rhythm of the flow of eloquence and the power of oratory come from her lips, at an instant captures the audience. Her mind is active as a volcano, and she is not only called "The Mother of Reform," but also "The Intellectual autocrat of the times." She will be at the Imperial Hotel until February 22.

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ADOPT WIRELESS SYSTEM

WEATHER BUREAU TO EXPERIMENT AT TATOOSH ISLAND.

Warnings of Coming Storms and Shipping News Will Be Sent to Mainland.

The telegraphic dispatch in The Oregonian of yesterday announcing that work had been commenced on the wireless telegraph system to connect Tatoosh Island with Port Crescent, which is to be installed by the Weather Bureau, was now to be carried out by Edward A. Beale, within whose jurisdiction the proposed improvements are to be effected. Mr. Beale has known for some time past that the Weather Bureau had an appropriation available for installation of wireless telegraph, and that one of the points selected for the first experimental station was at the entrance of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. But the local official understood that the system was only to extend from Tatoosh Island to the mainland, a distance of three miles, while the dispatch from Port Crescent says the distance between the two stations will be about 50 miles.

"For the past year and a half an expert has been working to develop a system of wireless telegraph that would meet the demands of the Weather Bureau service," said Mr. Beale last night. "Experimental work has been done on the coast and from time to time reports on the progress of the experiments have been published. I understood that it was the intention of the Government to put the wireless system in operation from Tatoosh to Neah Bay, where there is a terminus of the Government telegraph line running from Port Crescent. If the Weather Bureau has decided to abandon the existing line between the two points and substitute wireless telegraph therefor I have not been informed of the change. The system would operate a wire from Port Angeles to Neah Bay, but when the Postal extended its lines to Port Crescent and laid a cable across the strait to Victoria, the Government line was sold to the Union Pacific from Port Angeles to Port Crescent, only that part being retained running from the latter place to Neah Bay."

"The wireless telegraph system between Tatoosh Island and the mainland will be many. The island commands a good view of the ocean both to the north and south, and is especially well located for reporting incoming and outgoing ships. But its greatest practical value to the Weather Bureau will be the aid it will give to forecasting. Weather conditions in this section of the Northwest are dependent largely on storms that blow in from the ocean, and the farther westward an observer's station can be maintained the more accurate can be his reports. It is the intention of the Government to erect a substantial building on Tatoosh Island, which will be equipped with a powerful telescope and other instruments for taking regular observations."

"A similar station, except that it will not be so elaborate, will be established at North Head at the mouth of the Columbia. So far as I am informed, wireless telegraph will not be used there at this time. An appropriation of \$20,000 has been made to construct a telephone line from North Head to Ilwaco, where connection will be made with the lines of the Pacific States Company. At Port Crescent the building will be erected where observations will be taken, and which will also be a relay station where reports from the Tatoosh Island station will be forwarded."

Wireless telegraph has been seriously considered by the Weather Bureau as a valuable adjunct to its present equipment for some time, and the last annual report of the Chief of the bureau, Willis L. Moore, of Washington, D. C., said: "The vast extent of our sea and lake coasts and the intimate communication between the Weather Bureau stations of this department, which are distributed along these coast lines, and the vessels of commerce have induced the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize persistent and systematic experimentation in etheric space telegraphy. Substantial improvements have been made during the past year in the department's system."

The line of research has been divided into three classes: First, the perfection of a more powerful transmitter, in which the energy of radiation shall be vastly increased; second, the devising of a more delicate receiver, that would be positive instead of depending upon an imperfect and variable contact, as do all systems now in use; and, third, the perfection of system of selective telegraphy whereby messages may become responsive to the waves of ether."

The first of these problems may be said to have been successfully solved, and transmitter device capable of radiating all the energy generated. The second is believed to be nearing a successful solution. The third is thought to be well demonstrated theoretically, but it has not been fully tested in practice. While there is much experimental work yet to be done before the present system is reliable for intercity communication, or before any two systems can work within the same field without each rendering the other useless, such progress has been made by the Government experimenters that, with no interference by private systems, stations can be operated over at least 100 miles of coast line, and they are now in operation on the North Carolina and Virginia coasts, and soon will be instituted between the Farallone Islands and the mainland and Pacific Coast."

TOO MANY BAD TREES.
Why a Woman Fought Shy of Government Timber Land.
An Eastern woman, with money to invest in timber lands, and who prefers to attend to her business herself, rather than to trust to the reports of timber cruisers with whom she is not acquainted, called at the office of Surveyor-General Meltrum the other day and asked to be allowed to examine the notes of the official survey of a number of townships in a well-timbered region of this state. She was furnished with the desired documents, looked through a large number of them carefully, and finally concluded that she did not care to buy any timber lands on which there was so much bad timber. She found "B. T." noted nearly 500 times on the notes of the survey of a single township, and this disgusted her. She told a friend that at first she thought "B. T." stood for "bee tree," and began to imagine that the land was literally dawning with honey. But she soon found out that "B. T." marked she knew there could not be that many bee trees, and it dawned on her that the mysterious letters stood for "bad timber," and she had no use for that. For the benefit of any who may not know any more about surveyors' field notes than this woman, it may be stated that when public lands are surveyed the corners of townships, sections and quarter-sections are generally marked by a stake or a stone, and, in order to render it possible to locate the exact position of these marks, in case they should be removed, a bearing and distance is noted, and the distance and bearing of four trees near by the compass are taken, and the trees marked "B. T.," meaning "bearing tree." For the purpose of the survey, the trees are called. As there are 36 sections in a township, and four quarter-sections in each section, the number of corners and bearing trees in a township in a timbered region runs well up toward 500, and it is scarcely to be wondered at that the woman came to the conclusion that so many "B. T." meant too much bad timber to suit her.

POSTOFFICE IN BAD WAY.

No Room for Patrons, and Employees Are Overworked.

Some special effort evidently is needed to secure an appropriation for the enlargement of the Portland Postoffice. Postmaster Crossman has been endeavoring for a long time to have this matter handled, but so far has failed. The office is 15 months since even an increase to the carrier service inside the city limits was made, and the present force, especially those employed in the business part of the city, are literally being worked to death, having to make three to four deliveries daily, taking all they are able to carry each time.

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CRIME BEGINS IN YOUTH

BOYS NOT CORRECTED IN EARLY YEARS ARE LOST.

Judge Frazer Reads a Lesson to Parents From Late Criminal Examples.

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)

An editorial in today's Oregonian under the title, "An Awful Indictment," contains some forceful and timely observations on the importance of proper training for children and the responsibilities and duties of parents during those years when the characters of their children are forming. I do not know that I can add anything to what you have said on this important subject; but, by way of further illustration, permit me to call attention to some facts which have impressed me in my experience with the criminals who have been brought before our Circuit Court in the past year.

The youth of Wade and Dalton has been noticed, also the fact that both had been leading lives of crime for several years before they committed the murder for which they suffered the death penalty. I believe the case of two other boys, aged 16 and 18 years, respectively, who robbed a boy in this port, and who were sentenced to the penitentiary for the crime of burglary, attracted general attention; but perhaps the fact that a day or two before these boys were sentenced two other lads, one aged 16 years and the other 17, were sentenced to the penitentiary for the crime of burglary, was not so generally noticed. Thompson, the Slavin-road robber, was but 22 or 23 years old. He had already served a term in the penitentiary, and before that had been in the Reform School, Wright, or Barker, his companion, was but 19 years of age when sentenced, and had served a term in the Reform School. Several other examples I will say that fully three-fourths of the criminals brought before the Circuit Court in the past year have been mere boys. Of the remainder, most, if not all, are young men, and many of them are in the same way from Louisiana and during the six weeks he was here before his arrest committed eight or 10 burglaries.

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My experience with criminals is practically limited to the past year, and is not extensive enough to permit of generalizing; but if the records of criminal courts generally show a similar state of facts these conclusions are obvious:

First—They would seem to demonstrate that youth is the age in which crime seems attractive and in which persons may be persuaded or led into committing serious crimes; and that if a youth can be kept from crime until he reaches the age of 21 years there is little danger that he will ever take up such a life.

Second—These records, and I believe you agree, show that a life of crime adopted in the years of youth is seldom abandoned. Reform schools do not as a rule reform the bad cases, and there are few instances of penitence in the penitentiary. When convicted term expires, he very commonly becomes a worse criminal than ever, and a more dangerous one, because his experience enables him better to avoid the officers of the law.

Abundant texts can be found in these records of the Circuit Court for editorialists such as the one which caused the writing of this letter, and possibly also texts for a few instructive sermons. Certainly abundant warnings can be found for the parents who allow their children to roam the streets at night with hoodlums or who in any other way neglect properly to instruct, guard and control their children.

If the youth is so trained, watched and controlled that he reaches legal age without a slip, he seems to be comparatively safe; but if he is allowed to wander away into the paths of crime during these

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in South Portland. The audience was swiftly transported through the valleys of the Willamette and Columbia, over wild mountain passes and frozen, trackless glaciers, ascending Mount Hood, Mount Rainier and Mount St. Helens, now catching glimpses of glorious sunsets on the sea and again watching a storm gather and spend its fury on some majestic mountain peak; then back again to fruit-laden orchards and wheat fields. So beautifully and naturally are the plates tinted and so cleverly were the scenes described that where the time light and the electric light went out, the audience realized with a something like a shock that it was seated comfortably in a studio. The subject will be "Where Rugs the Oregon," and he has prepared a handsome set of lantern slides to illustrate his lecture, selecting the finest he had in his extensive collection. It was to allow their friends a view of these pictures that Mr. Weister and his wife opened the doors of their charming home