

NO MACHINE THERE

Marion Voters Not Controlled by Any Clique.

WARM FIGHT IS PREDICTED

The County is Not Favorable to the Return of Simon—No Walk-Over in Polk—A Trick That Failed.

SALISBURY, Feb. 16.—The warmest political fight Marion County ever saw is what is predicted for the coming campaign. This refers to the contest in the ranks of the Republicans, which is expected to be a hard battle. So far as this county alone is concerned, the general election will be little more than a ratification of the Republican nomination, unless, perchance, the Republicans should make some serious blunder.

Ticket Scratching Not Probable.

The fight will be between the two factions of the Republican party, the line of which are not yet clearly drawn. The present indications are that, so far as the two factions are concerned, the fight will end when the nominations have been made. There has been no talk of ticket scratching in Marion County. It is expected that the ticket will be made up by the county committee, and that the voters will support it. The ticket will be made up by the county committee, and that the voters will support it. The ticket will be made up by the county committee, and that the voters will support it.

No Machine in Marion.

No machine exists in Marion County. The Republican party in Marion County, because of the manner of selecting delegates to the State convention, no man or clique of men can control the vote of that delegation. State delegates are appointed from the several precincts, and are selected by the precincts and not by the county convention. In Marion County, the delegates are selected by the precincts, and are not controlled by any machine. The delegates are selected by the precincts, and are not controlled by any machine.

Simon Depends Upon Geer.

Marion County is generally considered not favorable to the return of Simon to the United States Senate. From what can be learned from politicians who come here from other parts of the valley, Linn, Lane and Polk counties, it seems that the Legislature delegations that will not vote for Simon for Senator. One prominent citizen of Salem, who has not so small a political power as to be considered a "puppet," has said today that there is not a precinct in the county where a Simon delegate could be chosen as such. Simon has the reputation of being a "puppet," and that he will not be able to secure the nomination of some of their number for seats in the Legislature. For the accomplishment of this, the Simon delegates must endeavor to secure the nomination of some of their number for seats in the Legislature. For the accomplishment of this, the Simon delegates must endeavor to secure the nomination of some of their number for seats in the Legislature.

A Trick That Won't Work.

The political work of the past week here has been principally in securing the probable presence of men who might be available in making up states for the primaries. One important political move made to the surface but which has not yet been made, is the securing of the support of the Legislature. An effort was made to induce D. H. Loomis to become a candidate for Sheriff. Mr. Loomis was once a candidate for the office, but he has since been elected. He is now a member of the Legislature. He is now a member of the Legislature. He is now a member of the Legislature.

No Walk-Over in Polk County.

From several Polk County men who were in this city during the past week, it is learned that political affairs across the river are running up a little. There will be a contest over the state delegation, the effort being to carry it over against the opposition of Governor Geer. Senator Malley is in the list of hold-overs. Polk will elect a Representative, and at present D. L. Kite, of Sheridan, is credited with the nomination as the proper man for the place. He is a well-to-do farmer and has served one term in the Legislature.

Brownell Working for Brownell.

State Senator George Brownell, of Clackamas County, was a visitor at the capital last Monday. He called upon all the state officers and was also in conference with political friends who are not in office. To the Oregonian correspondent he declined to discuss political questions for publication. He said: "I am fighting no one's battle but my own. I am a candidate for return to the state Senate and I am working for George C. Brownell." He also stated that the information of the public that he has heard of no opposition in his county is a mistake. He has a general merchandise store. Mr. Brownell declined to discuss political matters for publication, but said that he and Henry Keene, who is a pos-

Mix-up in Union County.

Sheriff D. Y. K. Deering, of Union County, was an official visitor at Salem yesterday. When asked regarding the political situation in his county, Mr. Deering said: "Everything is pretty badly mixed. The fences are all down and the politicians are having a hard time putting them up." Mr. Deering expressed himself as friendly to the present state administration.

Ex-Senator Hobson in Evidence.

W. H. Hobson, of Stayton, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for nomination for the state Senate next year. Mr. Hobson served one term in the Senate, beginning in 1886. He was in Salem today on his way to Stayton, where he has a general merchandise store. Mr. Hobson declined to discuss political matters for publication, but said that he and Henry Keene, who is a pos-

PRESTON'S CANDIDACY

GOVERNOR M'BRIDE A FRIEND OF THE SEATTLE MAN.

Attitude on the Railroad Question Will Aid Him in Reaching the United States Senate.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 16.—When Governor McBride assumed office, it was just at a time when his predecessor, publicly expressed his inability to grapple with the railroad question as affected by the contemplated merger. Governor Rogers had literally thrown up his hands, stating that he was advised that there was law sufficient to circumvent the Northern Securities Company in Washington. Governor Rogers held out against the operation of the law, stating that he was advised that there was law sufficient to circumvent the Northern Securities Company in Washington. Governor Rogers held out against the operation of the law, stating that he was advised that there was law sufficient to circumvent the Northern Securities Company in Washington.

NEW ROUTE PROPOSED.

Northwest Railroad May Be Built Out From Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Feb. 16.—Lewis Rosen, who represents Charles M. Reed, of Erie, Pa., the owner of the Iron Dyke mine of the Seven Islands and the North-west railroad, will be here this week to begin preparations for commencing work on the new route.

WILL COMPETE IN OREGON INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Herman Tharier, State Agricultural College.

J. Arthur Gumber, University of Oregon.

R. B. Wilkins, Willamette University.

W. G. Hale, Pacific University.

Miss Nervin Wright, Pacific College.

City, for the student preparing the best oration.

PACIFIC COLLEGE, NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 15.—The representative of Pacific College in the state intercollegiate oratorical contest will be Miss Nervin Wright, a junior. Miss Wright is a leader in college life here, popular in society, of striking appearance on the stage, and will make a strong representative for her college. Miss Wright did not win her place easily, as she had to excel four other students. The orations were all of a high order, and the delivery an improvement over any previous contest.

The subject of his oration at the local contest was "The Spirit of Progress." He received a marking of 99 out of a possible 100 points.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, FOREST GROVE, Feb. 15.—W. G. Hale, of Hillsboro, who will represent Pacific University in the state intercollegiate oratorical contest, at Salem, March 14, is 19 years of age, and a member of the senior class. He was leader of last year's debating team. In addition to being declared the winner of the local oratorical contest last evening, he was awarded one of the prizes of the contest. He was awarded one of the prizes of the contest. He was awarded one of the prizes of the contest.

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