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Harriman Returns From Mexico.
EAGLE PASS, Tex., March 23.—The Harriman special, returning from Mexico, passed the frontier here today. In the party were E. H. Harriman, S. M. Felton, of the Chicago & Alton; Julius Kruttschnitt and Dr. Lyles, Mr. Harriman's private secretary. Their trip embraced the principal cities of Central and Southern Mexico, including Durango, Guadalajara, City of Mexico, Cuernavaca, San Luis Potosi, Tampico and Monterey. The party was met here by First Vice-President Markham and Manager Van Vleet, of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio. The special train left for San Francisco via El Paso tonight.

Associated Press Men Entertained.
NEW YORK, March 23.—Dr. Mantel, general manager of the Continental Telegraph Company (World's News Bureau), of Berlin, entertained members of the executive and editorial staffs of the Associated Press at dinner at the Deutscher Verein, in this city, Sunday night. Eleven gentlemen enjoyed the doctor's hospitality. Charles C. Boynton, superintendent of the eastern division of the Associated Press, occupying the chair at the host's right hand. After the feast a fraternal message from the Associated Press men was cable to the Wo'ta Bureau, in Berlin.

GEER IS CONFIDENT

Johns and Furnish Also Satisfied With the Outlook.

AS SHOWN BY THE PRIMARIES

Marion County Republicans Will Throw Their Strength to Ankeny, If Geer Fails to Get the Nomination.

SALEM, Or., March 23.—Asked for my views on the progress of my campaign for re-election, I can do little better than to repeat the editorial declaration in today's Oregonian. As long as reporters continue to speak of Simon and anti-Simon contests in the several counties, as some of them did yesterday, when Senator Simon has certainly not been in any sense a Senatorial candidate since the Multnomah primaries, many of the printed reports are rendered practically valueless on account of being confused, since they throw no light on the contest for the nomination for Governor. Private and reliable sources, however, from many of these counties are strictly accurate, and if the convention succeeds in steering clear of entanglements that might prevent registering the will of the people, I feel that my nomination will easily follow. I see very few people from over the state have made very little or no effort to carry any county outside of Marion, and would not know how if I should try. At this time the outlook seems very encouraging, and quite satisfactory.

T. T. GEER.

Furnish Believes He Will Get It.
PENDLETON, Or., March 23.—I am well satisfied with the progress of my campaign for the nomination for Governor. Eastern Oregon is practically a unit for me, with the exception of Wasco County, with encouraging reports of much strength from west of the mountains. All reports at hand seem to justify the claim that I will receive the nomination.

W. J. FURNISH.

Johns Satisfied With the Outlook.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 23.—In response to a query as to the condition of his campaign for Governor, as it appeared to him, C. A. Johns said this afternoon: "I am very well satisfied with the outlook. I am not in the least disappointed with the manner in which my candidacy for the Governorship has been received throughout the state. Further than this I do not care to make any statement as to the condition of my campaign at present."

IF GEER FAILS,

The Marion County Delegation Will Support Ankeny.

SALEM, March 23.—"Who will be nominated for Governor?" is the question now paramount in Salem political circles. This refers to the Republican nomination of course, for it is conceded that George E. Chamberlain will be the Democratic nominee. Practically all the counties have held their primary elections, and the interest now centers in the selection of delegates to the state convention. Marion County wants Geer for Governor, and will send a delegation in his favor. The question that is now bothering Geer's friends is whether they can get enough outside help to make up the 172 votes necessary to a nomination. The state convention will be composed of 343 delegates.

As is generally the case, the distribution of votes will be governed by mutual concessions or trades among the various delegations. Geer's friends in Marion have 22 delegates to trade on. They expect that with this, and the initial support they can get from other counties, they can secure the necessary number in the convention. The Capital Journal, a Geer supporter, published last evening a list of delegations which Geer's friends claim, the total aggregating 171, with others to draw from. In the list were the 14 from Linn County, 19 from Union, and 12 from Baker. The Linn County delegates, however, are interested in the nomination of Whitney for State Printer, and their support of Geer for Governor will probably depend upon some support for Porter for State Printer. The situation thus indicated applies to many counties throughout the state, and it follows that all the nominations must depend largely upon the exchange of favors on the part of the friends of the various candidates. Some of the Geer leaders were in Portland this week, looking over the situation there. So far as appears upon the surface, they received little encouragement, but are hopeful that affairs will shape themselves so that Geer can get at least a part of Multnomah's 67 votes.

The Geer leaders took Simon's defeat very much to heart, and were despondent over the outlook, but have lately concluded that they yet have a fighting chance. The situation appears desperate, however, and they propose to employ heavy artillery. They will not only ask for a state delegation in favor of Geer, but will also ask that a legislative ticket be made up in such a manner as to subvert Geer's interests. In this latter attempt trouble is expected, for some of the delegates to the county convention are already protesting against such a course. They say that all Geer is entitled to is a delegation to the largely upon an exchange of favors on the part of the friends of the various candidates. Some of the Geer leaders were in Portland this week, looking over the situation there. So far as appears upon the surface, they received little encouragement, but are hopeful that affairs will shape themselves so that Geer can get at least a part of Multnomah's 67 votes.

son that it would make the breach between the factions wider, and there is an earnest desire to have a united Republican front to 'our friends, the enemy.' It is urged by these that there should be a buying of the hatchet. They agree that the legislative ticket should be composed of friends of Geer, but the fight should not be carried into the making of the county ticket. The contest, they hold, was a little family affair, and as it is now settled, should not be used as a club against those who are in the minority."

It is practically determined, however, so far as the Geer leaders in Salem are concerned, that the legislative slate shall be made up to suit Geer's interests. It is not expected that it will contain any anti-Simon men. The principal objection to this will come from those men who supported Geer with the understanding that all he wanted was a state delegation in his own favor. The county delegates have not been consulted, and it is not known what view they will take of the matter. As a rule, however, a slate formed by the city delegates goes through whether the country delegates like it or not. The leaders will formulate the slate, and the only question is whether the rank and file will break it.

Since Henry E. Ankeny has made a fight in Jackson County in favor of Geer, it is generally believed that if Geer should receive the nomination, Ankeny would support to Ankeny, if he should enter the race. Ankeny has many personal friends in this county, and many friends in this county who would like to see him Governor, but none of these will be on the list of delegates to the state convention. The delegates will be for Geer as long as the Governor has any chance of renomination.

One of the heroic measures which the Geer people propose to adopt in order to strengthen themselves is to make a radical change in the manner of selecting delegates to the state convention. From time immemorial it has been the custom in this county to select delegates by precincts. In other counties has been the rule to select delegates by a vote of the entire convention, and not by precincts. In the recent primary election, Geer did not carry Marion County solidly, and in order that the delegation may be perfectly satisfactory, it is the intention to change the rule at this convention. Geer's friends are divided upon the wisdom of this course. Those who uphold it say that it is the method pursued in other counties. Those who oppose it say that to make such a change at this time would be an indication of weakness, which does not, in fact, exist, and that Geer will have the support of the whole delegation, without any such methods being employed.

Marion County has some good material for the making of legislative slates. Among the men who have been talked of for legislative honors are the following, some of whom are avowed candidates: Senators—J. L. Pearce, Salem; N. H. Looney, Jefferson; J. N. Smith, Salem; J. Adams, Silverton; W. H. Hobson, Stayton; J. M. Poorman, Woodburn; C. P. Bishop, Salem; Squire Farrar, Salem. Representatives—J. H. Settler, Woodburn; Frank Davey, Salem; Henry Keene, Stayton; H. A. Snyder, Aurora; J. S. Ritchie, Scott's Mills; J. M. Watson, Turner; Alexander LaFollet, Mission Belton; Abner Lewis, Aumsville; J. A. Shaw, Mill City; E. T. Judd, Aumsville; W. G. Hubbard, Salem; Charles Sappingfield, Macleay.

Besides those whose names have been frequently mentioned, there are the following, who have been talked of as men who would make legislative honors. The office should go hunting for the men: Claud Gatch, Tilmon Ford, Charles McNary, John W. Reynolds, E. M. Croisan, Theodor J. Jones, K. A. Adams, Salem; M. L. Jones, Brooks; John W. McKinney, Turner; Charles Hicks, Silverton; Frank Anderson, Howell; George Henderson, Hubbard; M. A. Wade, Gervais.

IN YAMHILL COUNTY.

Solid Delegation Will Be Sent to Portland to Support Geer.
YAMHILL COUNTY, Or., March 23.—The political caudron in Yamhill County is beginning to boil. Plans for the coming campaign are assuming a definite shape, an understanding of which was greatly facilitated by yesterday's primary. Yesterday's vote decided conclusively that Yamhill County would send a delegation to the state convention in Portland pledged solidly to support Geer for Governor, but the direction which the undercurrent of minor offices will take is not at all certain. The fight was made entirely on the gubernatorial office, being tacitly understood that the Yamhill County had no candidate in the field the minor offices should not influence the primaries, nor the convention next Saturday. At that time the necessary number will be elected to a nomination. The state convention will be in harmony with that resolution. Should the returning bill be introduced in the Senate on the question of United States Senator, it is hard to determine what would be the outcome, as the party here is divided on that issue. It was because of this that the Senatorial question was relegated to the shelf. To carry the county for Geer was an easy battle; to have carried it for Geer with a Senatorial running mate would have been an entirely different fight.

Tongue has his usual strength in Yamhill County. The feeling is unanimous for returning him to Congress, and Saturday's convention will send a solid delegation to the Congressional convention at Roseburg, pledged to give Mr. Tongue every possible support. He will have no opposition in the convention here—it will be merely a matter of naming 11 delegates who will use every effort to secure Tongue's renomination.

For county offices a number of candidates have entered the field. With the exception of School Superintendent, which is a hold-over office, an entire county ticket is to be elected. A number of the present officers will be renominated, with good chances of re-election. F. W. Sitton, who was elected Sheriff on the Democratic ticket two years ago, will undoubtedly be re-elected. The candidates of the party, Judge R. P. Bird and Recorder H. L. Hootkins will be renominated by the Republicans. For the offices of Clerk and Assessor the present officers have served two successive terms, and will not be before their party convention for renomination. Candidates for these offices are springing up in all sections of the county, and only the county convention can determine the nominees. Prominent among those mentioned for the nomination for the Clerkship are Charles V. Galloway and Ira G. Nelson, on the Democratic ticket, and Samuel Laughlin, of North Yamhill, on the Republican ticket. But the fight for county offices will not be begun in earnest by Republicans until the nominations for state officers are made. The party will use its entire strength to renominate Geer.

WILL BE RETAINED

Appropriation for Improving Mouth of Columbia.

TONGUE CANVASSES SENATE

Mitchell Will Be Heard by the Commerce Committee in Support of the Oregon Items in the River Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—After canvassing the situation carefully, Representative Tongue feels confident that the appropriation carried in the rivers and

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harbors bill for improving the mouth of Columbia River will be retained in the bill in the Senate. The cash appropriation in this bill is larger than in the bill of last year, although the authorization is less. When the committee was framing the bill he protested against a reduction in the authorization, fearing that the Senate would make a horizontal cut on all large appropriations, but was assured by the leading members of the House committee, who will be conferees to consider the bill after it passes the Senate, that they would, as far as possible, protect the mouth of the Columbia River against such a contingency and hold the item as it now stands. Mr. Tongue, however, thinks the Senate will not attempt to cut the item.

Senator Mitchell has arranged to be heard by the committee on commerce early next week, in support of the Oregon items in the bill, and will contend for several increased appropriations in line with amendments which he recently offered in the Senate. One amendment calls for \$100,000 more cash appropriation for the mouth of the Columbia than is carried by the House bill, or \$600,000, and \$25,000 more for the Willamette and Columbia below Portland, although both bill and amendment provide \$175,000 for construction of a dredge. Senator Mitchell also desires \$20,000 for the Columbia between the mouth of the Willamette and Vancouver, the House appropriating nothing. He will advocate more liberal treatment of the improvement at the Dalles and the positive authorization of a continuing contract, but failing in this, will insist upon the retention of the provisions now carried. With the aid of Senator Turner, who is a member of the committee and soon to return to Washington, it is possible a more liberal provision may be made for opening the Upper Columbia.

Secretary Wilson Will Remain.

When the report was circulated that Secretary Wilson is to retire from the Cabinet, Representative Tongue addressed a letter to the President in which he said that throughout the West, especially among the farmers, Secretary Wilson is held in high esteem, that the people have great confidence in him and believe that under his administration the agricultural interests of the country will be given careful and sincere consideration. The farmers regard him in his position as one of the strongest members of the Cabinet, and very much deprecate any change, believing it would have a tendency to weaken the administration. In reply, President Roosevelt assured Mr. Tongue there will be no change. "In fact," said he, "they can't get Secretary Wilson out of the Cabinet, even with a charge of dynamite."

Portland Postoffice Bill.

Representative Moody has been assured of a favorable report from the subcommittee on public buildings of his bill for enlarging the Portland Postoffice and Federal Courtrooms. The subcommittee will recommend an appropriation of \$250,000 for this purpose, which amount will go into the omnibus public buildings bill now being framed by the House committee, unless it is found that the bill is too large and a horizontal cut is made, in which event the Portland proposition will suffer in proportion to all other items that are favorably considered.

BOTH MUST GO.

Immigration Commissioner Fitchie and Assistant McSweeney.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Commissioner of Immigration Fitchie, who has returned from Washington, talked very freely today of his call on President Roosevelt. He said he felt that his visit had done no good, and that both he and Assistant Commissioner McSweeney would have to surrender their positions. He said: "I asked the President to send gentlemen of his personal selection, in whom he had perfect confidence, over the island and let them look into our methods and see where we could do better for the immigrant than we are doing. He would not listen to my proposition, but said that he had decided, because of the friction between New York and Washington, that the best thing to do was to remove the Commissioners at this place. I told him he was mistaken; that there had never been any friction between New York and Washington, but between Washington and New York. He would not listen to my argument, and flatly announced his determination."

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Cruise of the Wheeling.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The gunboat Wheeling sailed today for Magdalena Bay direct, where it is expected that the flagship Wisconsin will have arrived. The Wheeling will spend a few days on the peninsula bay engaged in target practice, and will then proceed to Pichilique coal station, en route to Honolulu and Fanning Island. At the last named port the Wheeling will take the place of Abarenda, which has been on that station for a long time. The Abarenda, Commander Kimball, will return to New York. After leaving Pichilique the Wheeling will keep a sharp lookout for uncharted rocks or shoals which are reported as existing about midway between Cape San Lucas and Honolulu, in the neighborhood of latitude 18 deg. north.

Mississippi Fish Hatchery.

TUPELO, Miss., March 23.—Hon. George M. Bowers, Fish Commissioner of the United States; John W. Pitcomb, chief of the Fish Culture Division, and George Van Mauer, engineer and architect of the Fish Commission, who have been here for some time, have selected a beautiful spot comprising about 30 acres near this city for the new Government fish hatchery. The Government officials left tonight to inspect the hatcheries at Neosho, Mo., and San Marcos, Tex.

President's Day at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 23.—April 9 has been set apart as President's day at the exposition. The feature of the day will be the presentation to Major Jenkins by his former chief of the Rough Riders of a beautiful sword from the South Carolinians.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS.

Philippines.

Four more cholera cases and two deaths are reported from Manila. Page 2.
The Third Infantry will be sent home a week ahead of time. Page 2.
Mindanao Moros attacked Signal Corps men. Page 2.

Foreign.

A Boer delegation has arrived at Pretoria, probably the interest of peace. Page 1.
Trouble has broken out at Batoum, Tiflis and Baku. Page 2.
Belgian socialists gave a suffrage parade at Brussels. Page 2.
Cecil Rhodes is weaker. Page 2.

Domestic.

Tongue says the Senate will retain in the river and harbor bill the appropriation for the mouth of the Columbia. Page 1.
The miners' convention may adjourn today without a strike declaration. Page 2.
Rescue of the captain and crew of the Spanish steamer Es. Page 9.

Pacific Coast.

Geer, Johns and Furnish are equally confident of success. Page 1.

Advocates of legislative reform address Non-Partisan Association. Page 8.
Lewis and Clark canvass begins today. Page 5.
Mrs. Ada Taylor, young bride, commits suicide. Page 10.

Timeline Savings Association reorganizes. Page 10.

POINTS TO PEACE

Boer Delegation Enters the British Lines.

HEADED BY SCHALKBURGER

The Party Has a Conference With Lord Kitchener and Then Leaves for the Orange River Colony.

A party of Boers, headed by Acting President Schalkburger, had a mysterious conference with General Kitchener at Pretoria, and were afterward given safe escort through the British lines to Orange River Colony. It is believed at London that direct negotiations for peace were opened.

PRETORIA, March 23.—Acting President Schalkburger, F. W. Retts, ex-Secretary of State for the Transvaal, and Commandants Louw, Meyer and Krieger, with their secretaries and attendants, arrived here yesterday at 2:04 P. M. on a special train from Balmoral, about 80 miles east of here. They came into Balmoral under a flag of truce.

Upon arriving here Mr. Schalkburger and his party drove immediately to Lord Kitchener's headquarters, where they had an interview with the British General. The Boers afterward proceeded to the railroad station and entrained at 5 o'clock for Kroonstad, whence they will go out under a safe conduct.

REGARDED AS HOPEFUL SIGN.

London Speculation as to the Latest Movement.

LONDON, March 23.—The news that the wandering Boer "Government" has entered the British lines is regarded as having but one meaning—namely, that another movement is being made toward peace. The fact that the Boers passed the news of this movement is accepted as confirmation of this opinion. Nothing is actually known here of the intentions of Messrs. Schalkburger, Retts, Meyer and Krieger. It is possible they have sought permission to traverse the British lines in order to talk with President Steyn and the Boer Government. Whatever their object, the news has been welcomed in London as pointing to the possibility of peace.

ABSENCE OF BOTHA.

Standing Aside Because of Failure of His Negotiations a Year Ago.

LONDON March 23.—Few of the papers here comment on the news from Pretoria. These take it for granted that Mr. Schalkburger and his companions are on a mission of peace, and again engaged in a discussion of possible peace terms, expressing hope that the Boers will have a successful outcome. The presence of Lucas Meyer is regarded as significant, as he is an intimate friend of Louis Botha. The Daily Chronicle, commenting on the absence of Botha from the delegation, suggests that he is standing aside, owing to the failure of his overtures of a year ago, and says that all the conditions then offered by Lord Kitchener to Botha having been annulled, it is highly probable that peace may still be arranged on similar lines, but that the Boers cannot expect more lenient terms.

Believes England Made Overtures.

BRUSSELS, March 23.—The Petit Bleu, referring to the arrival at Pretoria of Messrs. Schalkburger, Retts and Commandants Meyer and Krieger, says it believes that Mr. Schalkburger's move is in response to fresh British overtures for peace, made out of gratitude for the release of General Methuen, and predicts that these overtures will lead to no result unless Boer independence is conceded.

HOMESEEEKERS COMING.

One Train of Five Sections Passes Kallispell, Westward Bound.

KALLISPELL, Mont., March 23.—Five sections of the west-bound passenger train, on the Great Northern Railroad, went through Kallispell this morning carrying about 800 people, who are seeking homes in the West. Over 100 stopped off in Kallispell and will look over the valley, with a view of settling here.

Zelaya May Visit Costa Rica.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 23.—President Zelaya has accepted an invitation from the President of Costa Rica, Señor Iglesias, to visit Limon, Costa Rica, in order to confer on matters pertaining to the proposed Nicaragua Canal. The acceptance of this invitation is contingent upon the passage by the United States Senate of the Nicaragua bill. The date for the visit has not yet been decided upon.

Hunting Stable Burns.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The hunting stable of P. F. Collier at Eatontown, N. J., and 15 valuable hunting horses were burned before daylight today, the total loss being about \$100,000.