

INMAN BACKS OUT

Declines Positively to Run for Mayor.

FUSIONISTS ARE ALL IN THE AIR

Pennoyr Would Suit Many of Them, but He Won't Have It—W. E. Robertson Will, and He May Be Nominated.

The fusionists are once more engaged in the nerve-racking hunt for a candidate for Mayor. R. D. Inman, who has been looked upon as the assured nominee, informed his brother Democrats yesterday morning that he would be positively unable to make the run. They have given up without a struggle, as he is looked upon as the best man who could be put up; but, unless he experiences a decided change of purpose between now and April 15, he will not be allowed to go before the convention. So certain, in fact, are the Democrats that Mr. Inman has firmly and definitely made up his mind, that they have already begun looking for a substitute. Pennoyr was taken down from the shelf upon which he is now perched, dusted and looked over, and it was agreed that he had a few more runs left in him, although there is no room to doubt that he will poll the same vote against George H. Williams that he did four years ago, when D. Solis Cohen and Charles F. Beebe were dividing the Republican strength. Mr. Cohen, it will be remembered, was at that time the Regular Republican nominee, and finished third in the race. W. E. Robertson, who has served the Democracy in the capacity of candidate for Mayor, is anxious to try his strength again, and it looked yesterday as if he stood a better chance of the nomination than any one else. While the Democratic leaders are in doubt as to whether or not Pennoyr would become a candidate, even if he were unanimously urged, they believe they will be able to persuade him to do so, and will make the attempt if they decide that he will do it. They have no doubt at all, however, as to Mr. Robertson's willingness, and are looking on him all the time with increasing favor. The news that Mr. Inman had again decided to stand aside has widened among Democrats yesterday and created general consternation. This business of shifting about from one man to another, when the opposition candidate is already in the field, is a strength, does not look at all good to the Democrats, and a large number of them were in favor of dropping the quest for Mr. Inman and selecting forthwith and without more delay a candidate like Robertson, who does not ask that a nomination be handed him on a silver platter, or any other kind of a dish, just so it is handed to him. There will be a few more attempts, however, to change Mr. Inman's mind, but as the day of the convention approaches they will become less and less frequent.

This tangle on the Mayorality matter has not tended to clarify the rest of the situation. The plan to make Pennoyr run for Congress, whether he would or no, has been sidetracked until it is determined if he will be elected to the city ticket, and the Congressional delegates are once more in the air, with no landing place in sight. Charles E. Ladd is still a hot favorite for State Senator, but with no one chosen to enlighten the Democrats or any one else as to his intentions. For Representatives, L. G. Clarke has been talked of as a top of the Republican malcontent, and will probably be nominated if he will take a place on the ticket. Thomas G. Greene and Dr. John Welch, one a gold and the other a silver Democrat, will also be recommended to the convention, but nine places on the ticket, and a number of nominations for Joint Senator and Representative, then remain to be filled, and there will be no end of trouble for the state-makers before enough men have been selected to get down to working basis. A search among the numerous Democratic camps scattered through the various office buildings in town, reveals the fact that the number of Democrats who would be willing to go to Salem and serve their constituents for the pittance paid by the state is almost as large as the number of members of the party. There are also many dissatisfied Republicans who would be willing to go to Salem and serve their constituents for the pittance paid by the state is almost as large as the number of members of the party. There are also many dissatisfied Republicans who would be willing to go to Salem and serve their constituents for the pittance paid by the state is almost as large as the number of members of the party.

the delegates. The opening session will be held at 2 P. M. Thursday, and there will also be a session Thursday evening. Delegates from a majority of the commercial organizations of the Northwest will be present, and the Portland Board will be represented by 20 voting members. All members not delegates are, however, invited to attend. The Pacific Company will grant special rates to all Valley delegates who expect to attend the convention.

WILL ARRIVE TODAY.

Mr. Barrett and His Important Mission to the Orient.

John Barrett, ex-United States Minister to Siam, will arrive in Portland this afternoon by the Overland Limited, on his way to Asia and Australia as Commissioner-General for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Mr. Barrett will remain in Portland a week or 10 days, attending to private business matters and visiting with old friends. He intends to sail from San Francisco April 23 by the steamer China, going first to Honolulu, and then determining whether he will proceed to Japan, China, or to New Zealand and Australia. Mr. Barrett is undertaking a high diplomatic mission to all the independent countries and dependencies of Asia and Australia to confirm the invitation of the United States Government and of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to these foreign governments to participate in the St. Louis World's Fair. His chief responsibility will be negotiations with the high officials of these lands, and he will not be burdened with the collection or preparation of exhibits. President Roosevelt has taken the deepest interest in the work before the Commissioner-General, and has himself personally instructed and aided him in every detail of his mission. He will probably be gone from the United States about nine months, and he will travel over 25,000 miles. In letters to his friends, Mr. Barrett states that he regards his mission as the most interesting and important of his life. He is returning from the far East to settle down permanently in Portland. His prolonged absence from this city has been due to work he has had to carry out for the Government, such as delegate to the International Conference at Mexico and to the positions such as he now holds. Although absent most of the time from Oregon, he has invariably advocated its interests wherever he has been. He will make his headquarters at the Portland Hotel during his stay in this city. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce has sent him a special invitation to deliver an address before that body before he sails. Matters connected with the World's Fair and the development of our commerce with Pacific countries. While in Portland Mr. Barrett will confer with the officials of the Lewis and Clark Exposition with regard to its plan and scope. Mr. Barrett is accompanied by Theodore Hardee, late special agent of the Postoffice Department and assistant secretary of the delegation to the Pan-American Congress, in the capacity of assistant and secretary.

A NEW YORK PRODUCTION How "By Right of Sword" Will Be Given at the Baker. There has never been a theatrical company in Portland which produced plays as they are produced in New York, choosing only fine dramas, mounting them with every detail of scenery and property that ingenuity and taste can suggest, and giving them an interpretation by players who are of recognized ability and experience in their profession. That is the reason that the Ralph Stuart Company, which will open a season at the Baker in "By Right of Sword" Sunday afternoon, will make an impression. The services of a scenic artist have been secured for the entire engagement, and the stage is being supplied with the most beautiful scenery which can be had. The properties will be under the direction of a specially trained man, whose duty it will be to see that everything that should be on the stage is there, whether it is a mahogany parlor set, with piano to match, a dining-table laid with linen and covered with silverware, cut-glass and Haviland china, or an exterior with real porches, glass windows and blinds. The company is composed of actors who come from New York and know how things are done there, and the women are as attractive, as well as talented, as a combination of personal charms with taste and ability to dress in that style which appeals to every member of both sexes. Mr. Stuart has for a long time been looking forward to a season in New York theater, and he will give his personal attention to the stage as well as to the company. Such an attraction as this has been long looked forward to by this city, and it will be here Sunday afternoon, and there is no doubt that it will receive the patronage necessary to make the expense incident to the engagement profitable.

WORDS FROM A MOTHER.

Mrs. W. J. Cuddy Thanks Friends for Kindness in Her Bereavement.

PORTLAND, April 8.—(To the Editor.)—I wish you would give place to these few lines from a mother who is grieving out her heart on the death of her little girl. To our friends of the newspapers and all others I wish to say this is all very hard to bear, especially over this one, who could never think of contention. I do not blame Mr. Cuddy and friends for feeling that an explanation is due from Dr. Zan. Not that he should not use all caution in such cases, but why he should single out our family for such others as not to be so treated, or he could never hold such a position. At such a time why could he not for a moment consider the matter of information to the press, where a real time at the telephone would have given it all I said to him: "Dr. Zan, come and look at my baby; he is just as pure as any one. All day before she died she lay with her head on my shoulder, her face close to mine, and her breath was just as sweet as mine." He said: "We know no good; we could die of diphtheria and have that." Nothing would move him. She was carried from us like a contaminated thing. To her friends all along her little path of life; to those who were obliged to stand out in the rain around our home; to us who give regret. We know it was a comfort to those who loved her to see how peaceful she looked. It was peace—perfect peace. She has gone from this world, and we are left here, no more suffering. Let her rest; let her rest. Drop it all. Let one who can see all hearts be the judge, in the wish of her mother. D. M. CUDDY. I have taken the children out of school of my own motion, and will send them back when I get ready, that no other parents' children shall be liable to the suspicion of contagion. Time will tell who is right. And here let us drop the newspaper part of it. W. J. CUDDY.

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TO OPEN MAIN STREET BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IGNORES GASTON'S REQUEST. Suggestion to Delay Improvement Meets Opposition of Property Owners and is Overruled.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday a request from Joseph Gaston for further delay in opening of Main street from Chapman to King, was ignored and bids for the work ordered to be advertised. Contracts were awarded for the improvement of a number of streets and bids for the improvement of a number of others were ordered advertised for. When the ordinance providing for the improvement of Main street from Chapman to King came up, Joseph Gaston, with Seneca Smith as counsel, appeared and Mr. Smith explained that this street passes through land of Miss Gaston, who had now a suit before the Supreme Court, endeavoring to enjoin the opening of the street. There was doubt as to whether there was a street there at all or not, and as the opening of the street would necessitate quite a deep cut, he thought that if the board suspended the grading until the suit was decided it ought to do so. It was explained to him that the board had nothing to do in the case but to let the contract and oversee the work; but Mr. Smith thought the board had power to fix the time for opening the street, and as there was no hurry about this, if they could put it off, they ought to do so. Mr. Harodon, who lives on Main street, said the people there had been trying for years to get a road through the Gaston property, and everybody on the street, except Gaston, was in favor of it. It would be one of the most beautiful streets in the city, and he hoped the board would grant their request. He gave a synopsis of the history of the troubles and law suits that had been gone through in endeavoring to secure the opening of the street. Fred Page also spoke in favor of the street being opened, and told of the benefit it would be to property owners. Chairman Mills thought it would be a reflection on the Council for the board to undertake to hold up the improvement, and a motion by Breyman that bids for the work be advertised for was carried by a unanimous vote. The contracts for the improvement of streets were awarded as follows: An alley from Commercial street to

Albina avenue, to Louis Janin and Peter Lynch. Union avenue from East Oak to East Burnside, to Lind & Manning, Reilly & Stevens, and J. R. O'Neil. King street from Main to the end of King street, to Fraimley & Keating. Twelfth street, from Stark to Everett, to Star Street Company. Rodney avenue, to Louis Janin. Contracts for sewers on Hawthorne avenue and Kerby streets were awarded to J. B. Siemmons. An application was received from Calvin Brown for a position as engineer of the new steam road roller, which was referred to the committee on streets. It was ordered that bids be advertised for improvements of Main, East Mill, East Salmon, and East Everett streets and Albina avenue. F. P. Dunton, manager of the Puget Sound Timber-Processing Company, appeared and offered to send the City Engineer specimens of wood blocks for paving streets, treated with creosote, in order that they might be tested as to absorption durability, etc., as compared with blocks treated with carbolineum. He was told that the Engineer would be pleased to receive and test them. Manager Fuller, of the Portland Railway Company, appeared and presented two schemes for paving between the tracks of the road; that company is about to lay through two blocks on Burnside street, which are paved with brick in a concrete foundation. One was for replacing the brick, and the other for replacing them with stone blocks. It was explained that the board had no authority to change the material, but that they much preferred the stone blocks, and would pass a resolution advising the Council to have the stone blocks used.

PERSONAL MENTION. State Senator C. W. Fulton, of Astoria, is at the Imperial. Smith French, a banker and capitalist of The Dalles, is at the Perkins. J. E. Sibley, one of the prominent lawyers of Dallas, Or., is at the Perkins. P. H. D'Arcy, Democratic champion and lawyer, is registered at the Imperial from Salem. A. M. Smith, a prominent lawyer of Astoria, is at the Imperial, accompanied by his wife. T. H. Crawford, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Attorney-General, is at the Imperial, registered from Union. Among the prominent Democratic politicians now in the city is W. F. Butcher, of Baker City. Mr. Butcher's friends are urging him to accept the nomination for Congress against Hon. J. N. Williamson. Among the Democratic delegates to the state convention who are already in the city are A. D. Stillman, of Pendleton; C. E. Redfield, of Heppner; J. A. Woolley, of Ione; Lark Bilyeu and J. D. Matlock, of Eugene; P. D. Healy, of Sumpter; V. G. Casad, of Canyon City, and W. J. Cook, of Astoria. Forecast Official Beals left yesterday.

MISSION WORKERS MEET. Foreign-Field Topics Discussed by Methodist Women. The second quarterly meeting of the Columbia River branch of the Woman's Episcopal Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held yesterday at the Grace M. E. Church, on Twelfth and Taylor streets. The reports of the seven conferences comprising the branch, and of the various officers of the branch, were read. They showed a remarkable activity, and some highly gratifying results in both missionary and evangelic work. Mrs. Earl Cranston presided over the meeting. Mrs. James Barr led the opening devotional services. The report of the branch secretary, Mrs. A. M. Fisher, was especially interesting. It showed remarkable activity among the young people in missionary work, making mention of a recent student's volunteer

meeting, where 70,000 student volunteers were enrolled, whose motto was "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation." Especially among women was this spirit shown. "Eight young women within branch boundaries," Mrs. Fisher said, "stand ready to go forth into foreign missions as soon as an opportunity of this kind is offered." "Eight young women within branch boundaries," Mrs. Fisher said, "stand ready to go forth into foreign missions as soon as an opportunity of this kind is offered." "Eight young women within branch boundaries," Mrs. Fisher said, "stand ready to go forth into foreign missions as soon as an opportunity of this kind is offered."

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people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Spokane, W. M. Robbins, at the Gilesey. From Sumpter, Or.—H. T. Stewart, at the Portland. From Port Angeles, Wash.—C. A. Cushing at the Astor. From Seattle—A. Gardner, at the St. George. Z. Carrison, at the St. Denis; T. E. Murdoch, at the Albert.

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Professor Richard Max Meyer, formerly of Tacoma, a portrait and landscape artist, is in the city, and will remain here to establish a studio. Professor Meyer has had considerable difficulty in securing rooms in the business district, as he says, the office quarters in all the buildings have been rented, and high figures have been asked for the places which have not been engaged.

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