

MITCHELL IS HOME

Oregon's Senator Discusses National Affairs.

REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS GOOD

No Danger of Moving Army Headquarters to Seattle—Congressional Appropriation for 1905 Fair Depends on Showing Made.

Senator Mitchell, on his return from Washington, D. C., said today that Republican prospects were never better. The Democrats can make no issue out of the Philippine triars question. There is no danger of the removal of the Army headquarters from Vancouver to Seattle. Congressional appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair will depend upon the appropriation made by the Oregon Legislature and the action of neighboring states. Cuban reciprocity stands a good chance at the next session. By dint of hard work Oregon fared well in river and harbor bill.

"My, but this is a fine breeze!" exclaimed Senator John H. Mitchell yesterday.

The Senator had just arrived in Portland. The exclamation voiced his pleasure at being home again. Oregon smiled her warmest, and although the sun beat down hotly, it was such a change from the hot sun of the Eastern States that Mr. Mitchell enjoyed his arrival extremely. "Is this hot?" he responded. "Well, you ought to be in the Eastern States." Mr. Mitchell arrived on a delayed train from Salt Lake. Immediately he drove to the Portland, accompanied by several of his faithful friends, who were at the depot to meet him. Among those who welcomed him were his two trustees in Oregon—they who led the stampede of votes to him at the last minute of the Legislature in 1901—State Senators Brownell, of Clackamas County, and Fulton, of Clatsop. Mr. Fulton had Mr. Mitchell's car for quite a while after the arrival at the hotel.

The Senator talked freely with a reporter about affairs of the last session of Congress, and dwelt affably on a number of other subjects. He looks the picture of health, and his face is fuller and rounder than when he left Portland last winter. Several of his friends said they had never seen him look better. He was dressed in easy Summer costume, which shined brightly in the cool Oregon zephyr.

Will Stay Three Weeks.

Mr. Mitchell will be in Portland three weeks. He plans to sail from San Francisco August 26 for Hawaii, where he will gather official information for the Senate committee on Porto Rico. He will also spend some time in the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Mitchell is chairman of a subcommittee of that body, appointed by Chairman Foraker expressly to look into specific Hawaiian matters relating to public lands and claims arising out of the recent plague and fire at Honolulu.

"Our committee finds it necessary to get official information on those subjects," explained Mr. Mitchell. "In order to deal with the business up before it. We tried to treat the business as it came up, but we did not have the needed information. I do not know how long I will be in Hawaii, possibly three or four weeks." Four other Senators were appointed to the subcommittee—A. G. Foster, of Washington; J. R. Burton, of Kansas; F. M. Cockrell, of Missouri, and J. C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky. It is probable that Senator Blackburn and Senator Cockrell will be prevented from going to Hawaii. Senator Burton will sail about the 15th of August, leaving San Francisco August 15. Damage claims against the Government amounting to \$2,000,000 were presented from the destruction of a large part of the city when the public safety had to be insured by burning plague-ridden buildings. Questions relating to crown lands under the rule of Queen Lili are to receive attention also.

Republican Prospects.

"What do I think of Republican prospects this fall?" repeated Mr. Mitchell to the reporter's question. "Well, they were never better. The Democrats will make no gains in the Fall elections. They have been unable to scare up an issue that will bother Republicans in the least. They tried to raise a hullabaloo about our Army in the Philippines, but the attempt ended dismally. Their main issue in the next election will be trusts."

"What is the outlook in regard to the Philippine triars question?" asked Mr. Mitchell.

The reporter replied that no complaint had arisen here against the policy of the Administration. "I look upon the Archbishop Ireland's exposition of the matter as a clear-headed, masterly treatment of the subject," went on the Senator. "The Archbishop showed that there was no cause for complaint about the treatment of the friars and that the question could be safely left with the pontiff. Yes, the Democrats looked over this subject for an issue, but wisely held their hands off."

Army Post at Vancouver.

The revival of the rumor that the Army headquarters would be moved from Vancouver to Seattle was brought to Mr. Mitchell's notice. "I don't believe there is anything in it," said he. "I have talked the matter over with the heads of the War Department, and they denied that any change was in view. Just two days before I left Washington I saw Secretary Root. He did not mention the matter and I think he would surely have done so were any transfer intended. There is no reason that I can see for the transfer. To be sure Seattle is nearer Alaska, but in my judgment this does not warrant the change."

"Have you ever felt any twitches of the pull toward Seattle, Senator?"

"No, I never have and if a pull is actually in exercise it has never manifested itself in any quarter at Washington."

"No, I don't think the consolidation of the Departments of Alaska and the Columbia was made in Seattle's interest, either present or future. I can't see the way the Washington delegations could work for a change. Vancouver is in Washington as well as in Seattle, and the transfer would only array one part of the state against the rest. When did the rumors start?"

It was explained that nobody knew. They had seemed to come into spontaneous existence. They had been treated and printed as rumors, but naturally they made apprehensions in Portland and Vancouver. They had been transmitted to Mr. Mitchell, who took them to the War Department where they were positively denied. This was last March.

How About 1905 Fair?

The interviewer asked if the Lewis and Clark Fair was ever spoken of at Washington.

"Very little," was the response. "Say, what have you done out here?"

"The board is trying to select a site."

"Still at it, are they? This reminds me of a story."

"Once upon a time a horse-stealing trial had gone to the jury, and the gentlemen who were to judge the guilt or innocence

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of the accused had been locked up. All afternoon and all night the jury stayed out, nor could the frequent solicitude of the court urge them to a verdict. In the morning impatience had reached a high tension.

"Have you reached a verdict yet?" asked the sleepy jurist.

"No," responded the head that poked itself out of the door. "We haven't elected a foreman yet."

"How much money can Oregon get out of Congress," asked the jurist.

"Oh, I don't know," replied Mr. Mitchell, with a careless look. "That depends. It is getting to be very hard to obtain appropriations for friars. How much will Oregon appropriate?" he asked in turn.

The interviewer responded that no consensus of opinion had appeared on this point, among legislators, or members of the Multnomah delegation, or even the Lewis and Clark board. Everything seemed to be holding back for a site.

"Our success in Congress" went on the Senator, "hangs upon what is done out here. If Oregon will make a good showing of what it intends to do, and show Washington and Idaho and neighboring states, our influence may be strong enough to win what we desire. If we can enlist the co-operation of the Pacific Coast, success is so much the surer."

"Do you think we could get additional money after the fair, as Buffalo and Charleston did?"

"No, never. It was only by the narrowest margin that these grants went through. No, we shall get any money that way."

Cuban Reciprocity.

"As to Cuban reciprocity, many people are not acquainted with the situation of this subject. The Republicans in Congress divided on it, but I am quite sure they will unite again next season for a reciprocal treaty with Cuba, whereby the present tariff imposed on sugar will be distributed over a number of products. I should be in favor of a rebate system, in the absence of a better recourse."

"No, I don't see why we should have free trade with Cuba, when we don't have it with the Philippines. I held out for a reduction of 5 per cent from regular Dingley rates on products imported from the Philippines to this country, but I believe in absolute free entry for Philippine products. It would be an easy matter to arrange so that goods shipped into the islands and re-shipped to the United States should not interfere with this system."

Mouth of Columbia.

"I certainly do believe in the efficacy of a dredge at the mouth of the Columbia. I do not see how the proposed extension of the jetty will afford permanent relief. The heavy west winds in winter pile up the sand at the mouth of the river, which could be easily cleared away with a dredge. However, a corps of Government engineers is to inspect the mouth of the river, and they will advise the best course to pursue."

"It was nip and tuck to get Oregon's needs fully cared for in the rivers and harbors bill. By dint of hard work I managed to get the Columbia River law down for \$1,500,000 and the Dulles canal project for \$500,000. Senator Turner, of Washington, rendered a service which we should not forget. As a member of the rivers and harbors committee he helped us out mightily."

"The last session of Congress was a very important one. As to what legislation for Oregon will come up next session, I am not prepared to say at present. Wait until I return from Hawaii."

"Yes, indeed, a great deal has taken place in Oregon since I left it. The state is developing a pace."

More Taxes From Big Corporations.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5.—The State Board of Tax Commissioners, after listen-

ing to the representatives of corporations for 10 days, has increased by \$1,125,000 the valuations upon which steam and electric, railroads, telephone, telegraph, express, pipe line and transportation companies must pay taxes. The assessment of the Monon Railroad was increased \$200 a mile of main track. The Lake Erie & Western was increased \$1000 a mile of main track.

SEATTLE MAN ARRESTED

Richard Service is Charged With Giving Knock-Out Drops.

Richard Service, who says that he is a Seattle bartender, was arrested in the Terminal depot late Monday night, and stopped from a train, by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow, on receipt of telegraphic instructions from the Chief of Police of Seattle. All that Service would say was that he had got into a difficulty over money with the proprietor of a saloon who had employed him, and that the matter would be settled by his friends. A message was at once dispatched to the Seattle police notifying them that Service had been arrested, but up to a late hour last night no word had arrived at the police station from Seattle. The following dispatch gives particulars of the charge on which Service is wanted:

"Seattle, Aug. 5.—Richard Service, or Pete Service, as he is known here, is wanted for administering knock-out drops and relieving Frank Covey, an Oso saloon-keeper, of \$500. The service was performed Sunday morning at Covey's place in Oso, on the Northern Pacific near Arlington. Service, who claims to be a druggist from Spokane, entered the place and began buying liberally, regularly treating the proprietor, who was on duty and alone in the saloon. A game of cards was started, with drinks flowing freely, and presently Covey felt drowsy and lapsed into unconsciousness. He had \$500 in his pocket, which he handed over. Service brought by his bartender, an hour later, his guest and money were gone. Covey and the bartender came down today and informed the local police."

FAN-TAN GAME RAIDED.

Police Arrest Nine Chiniks For Frequenting Gambling-Houses.

A quiet little game of something resembling fan-tan was snipped in the bud about 9 o'clock last night in a rear room at 1415 Second street, when the police made a raid, dodged two doors, smashed open a third door and arrested nine Chinamen charged with frequenting a gambling-house. Police Sergeant Church was chief of the raiding expedition, and he was assisted by Policemen Wilkinson, Gassett and Thompson.

Fortunately, the Chinese look-out was feeling drowsy from the effects of the warm evening, and the raiders "rushed" two doors leading down a long passage. But the look-out saw the raiders before they reached the third door, and he quickly closed it, but was not able to place the crowsbar in position.

One policeman had a crowsbar and another a sledgehammer. So they went to work on that devoted door and nearly battered the front portion to pieces, and then the door suddenly swung open. A tray containing what resembled pens was found on one of the tables, but there were none of the usual gambling implements present.

The Chinamen arrested gave these names: Joe Wing, Lee Gin, Lee Ott, Lee Ting, Wong Sing, Sitt Gong, Wong Gin, Wong Gong and Lee Lim. They were locked up for one-half hour, when one of their numerous cousins called and deposited \$500 ball in gold, for their appearance in the Municipal Court. They were then set at liberty.

A DAY'S EASY WORK

Labor Leaders See Sights About the City.

PLEASANT TRIP TO VANCOUVER

President Gompers' Lively Foot Race—Restatement of the Position of Labor Unions—A Fruit Episode.

A busy day was spent yesterday by the labor leaders of the city and visiting officers of the National Federation. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation, and Max Morris, fourth vice-president of the National Federation, and president of the Retail Clerks' International Union, passed the day here. The local labor leaders were going to see to it that the visitors enjoyed their stay, and in the afternoon a trip was planned to Vancouver. Those who took the trip were: Samuel Gompers, Max Morris and wife, J. E. Dale, J. E. Wilson, W. P. Mahon, H. A. Duke, Charles Mickle, H. G. Kundret and G. Y. Harry. They went in the street-car, and returned by the boat, giving all a chance to see as much as possible of the different routes.

Mr. Gompers is a very busy man, and can hardly be induced to give up any of his time to anything but work. He expressed himself as well pleased with the union outlook in the city, but says that there a number of false impressions as to the workings of the union, and that they will have to be corrected. "The supposition that the unions tend to decrease the productivity of the laborer," said he, "or to make his output any the less is a mistake. It is their object to establish a living wage, and this ought to be the first consideration of the employers in disposing of his wares—that he should get enough for them that he could pay a living wage."

"It is also a mistake to suppose that the unions want to diminish the output of the workman. They want to diminish the hours of labor, and this is always followed by increased productivity of labor. Men are more competent and faster men. Every reduction of the hours of labor is followed by the production of improved machinery, by improved tools of labor, and by the division and further subdivision of the branches of industry, all tending toward increased productivity."

"The trades-union movement, while it tends to improve the condition of the worker, helps to improve the condition of all workmen—not to the same degree as its members, of course, but the progress is upward, and they receive the advantage of the improvement in wages, hours and other conditions that are taken up by the unions."

Mr. Gompers was then asked concerning the local condition, and said:

"The labor here went into a strike that they were not well enough prepared for, and they have not won their victory, but I do not feel that their union has suffered. They have as large a following as they had before. My appeal to them is to stand by their organization, and I am sure that they will come out all right. Since my visit here 12 years ago, the growth of unionism has been something marvelous."

"Did you have a large audience when you lectured here at that time?" he was asked.

"Yes," said he, "I had a good crowd, but the people came out to hear me then because they thought that I was a freak, and not because they were interested in the movement. Through the state, outside of the city, the growth has been even more than here. At that time there were no unions except here and in Astoria. In Portland the growth has been fully 40 per cent, and at Oregon City and the union 150 strong in Albany, 200 in Roseburg, 300 in Salem, 500 in Grants Pass, and in none of these places were there any union men at all at the time of my last visit. Astoria has also kept pace with the general growth, and the success has been due to the efforts of President Harry and his colleagues."

The visitors were tired yesterday from their meeting the night before, and they were late in getting up, and after they were there were a number of important matters that needed their attention, and the forenoon was spent in their rooms, meeting the representatives of the various unions and attending to correspondence. The local situation was looked into, but the president was in sympathy with everything that they had done, and no changes in the policy were suggested. The trip to Vancouver carried a merry crowd. Mr. Gompers is a very sociable man, and when he can be induced to leave his work for a time he is first-class company. Here a short time looking over the city, and returned by the boat. Here a funny incident occurred. While looking about the city, Mr. Kundret, editor of the Labor Press, and Mr. Gompers, were away from the rest of the party, and were late getting to the boat. Just as they were coming into sight the boat gave a long whistle, which they interpreted as a signal that it was going to pull out at once. They didn't propose to be left, and so started to run. Both men are rather corpulent, and look like anything but footracers. Mr. Kundret soon began to forget about the president. He didn't please him, as he is a man who does not like to be outdone in anything, so, putting forth a special effort, he began to gain on his companion. Seeing that a race was on, Kundret buckled down to his best, and soon the National president was engaged in a genuine foot race. Those on the boat soon noticed them, and had much fun over the contest.

"I bet on the president," said one.

"No," said another; "he can't get ahead of the Labor Press," and soon the two came panting onto the boat, to find that they had lost the race. Both claim to have won the race, but there was no official judge, the money will probably have to be divided.

The ride on the boat was an ideal one, as Mr. Gompers insisted that he had, to attend to the boat. Here a reporter found him reading the letters that had accumulated during his absence. Just as he was in the midst of one that was from the magazine of which he is the editor, Mrs. Morris came in with a dish of delicious berries. "No," said he; "I don't have time for such things." She placed one to his mouth, which he opened mechanically, and then another, and more and more. Just then a third visitor came.

"Feeding the animals," remarked he.

"Yes, isn't he tame?" asked Mrs. Morris, at the same time offering another berry.

Mr. Gompers is always ready for a joke, and no sooner had she said this than he gave an angry growl and made a grab for the berry. He threw the whole force of his powerful voice into that

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