

GEER TO SAY "NO"

Extra Session Not Likely to Be Called.

HOW GOVERNOR REGARDS IT

Politics Has a Great Bearing on the Project—What Multnomah Delegation Will Discuss Tonight.

Politics has been eating under a slow but sure process for some time. The gentlemen of the legislature are just as eager for political renewal as ever, but each of the ineffables is waiting for the other fellow to jump. They are on the watch for Governor Geer's reply to the petitions of the Taxpayers' League and the members of the Portland City government for an extra session.

The general belief of the gentlemen who study the political barometer is that His Excellency has suffered a change of heart since the obnoxious fact came to his notice that the Legislature would have to proceed to the election of a United States Senator. When Caesar is ambitious it is customary for him to avail himself of all the advantages that fall to his lot. provided he is a true Caesar. Many politicians of gentle disposition believe that Mr. Geer would rather be elected Senator after the expiration of his term of Governor. There is little room for doubt that His Excellency would make friends by abstaining from a special session. The sentiment of the lawmakers is unquestionably against an "extra." And in the country districts where his main support exists his decision will win approval. His Excellency is courting political favor with strong heart and good courage just now and there is a "sneaking idea" that he may collect more strength in the Legislature than sneers at his popular vote generally credited to him.

Are Taking It Easy.

Mr. Geer's rivals are taking things less strenuously than they were a little while ago. Two months is a good long time to keep up making "goo-goo" eyes, and this is the length of the interval until the meeting of the Legislature. Senator Mitchell was the flower that monopolized the attention of the political bees about two weeks ago. Since his return to Washington the bees have gone back to their hives.

State Senator Fulton, a prominent candidate for Mr. Simon's seat in the upper branch of Congress, "blows into" Portland quite frequently. This city is the most convenient center for the Legislative members to visit, and hence the best place for them to meet others. George C. Brownell, candidate for presidency of the Senate, "floats" down from Oregon City so frequently that he is getting to be as familiar a figure here as in his own town. He and Mr. Fulton commonly meet to discuss the weather—a good subject nowadays because the rain is rather wet.

And Hermann Also.

As to other Senatorial boomlets, that of Binger Hermann is stirring up a quiet reserve, perhaps for a loud noise when the time comes. The Land Commissioner is far back in Washington, busy with timber land affairs. He keeps his eye on Oregon, where he is a promising favorite with certain gentlemen in Southern Oregon. Mr. Hermann received a substantial vote in the last Legislature without half trying to get it. The question is now whether he could obtain support substantial enough to elect him if he should go into the game with the vigor for which he is known. Jonathan Bouvier is said to be sniffing at the Senatorial breeze that blows past the Chamber of Commerce building, and to be careful to keep the other candidates the weather of him. The Senatorial position is well understood to be between Senator Brownell, of Clackamas, and Senator Andrew C. Smith, of Multnomah. As Mr. Booth and Mr. Brownell seem to be allied for certain objects there would appear to be little chance for a clash between them in this matter.

The struggle for the Speakership is a less strenuous one. B. L. Sperry, of Tillamook, is high tide for the contest. His open rivals are L. T. Harris, of Lane, and Frank Davey, of Marion. Mr. Eddy's candidacy is viewed approvingly by the Multnomah delegation, and accounts of past favors received by this county at his hands.

No Caucus Is Likely.

A caucus by the Republicans on United States Senator does not seem likely, although Mr. Fulton would probably like to have one. Two years ago he declined to go into caucus when Mr. Corbett was the leading candidate. Caucus on President and Speaker records with the precedents of the Legislature, so that these heads of the two houses will probably be chosen in the regular way.

Politics Not to Be Talked.

It is given out that the meeting of the Multnomah delegation tonight will not be tinged with politics at all. The gentlemen will come together in a sort of "social function." Questions of legislation will be discussed only in a general way.

Hardly anybody expects Governor Geer to call an extra session. Even the members of the Taxpayers' League, who initiated the petition, do not look for him to do so. The subject will not die out until His Excellency makes reply to the petition. Should he not respond for two or three weeks, the subject will doubtless come up again before the Lewis and Clark board at the meeting of the directors Friday, November 14. It is understood that two or three directors will make a final plea for an "extra" session, picturing the setback that will come to the fair should the appropriation drift along to the end of the session. These gentlemen fear that the grant of the money will be deferred at least until the time for passing the general appropriation bill. This comes late in the session. Should the fair appropriation be put off so long they insist it will be almost impossible to get assistance from Legislatures of neighboring states.

RALLY OF BUCKEYES.

Ohio Society Makes Plans for Entertaining Visitors in 1905.

Over 150 members of the Ohio Society met in a social meeting at Alisky Hall last night, and had a general good time. Songs were sung, and several of the members gave recitations, and all together such an entertaining evening was had that steps were taken to form a permanent organization.

The members present were called to order by Vice-President Ward. The double quartet, composed of Messrs. Littlefield, Cummings, Pratt, Bullock, Tracy, Buchanan, Powell and Pratt, all over 50 years of age, rendered selections, and Mrs. Schlopp gave a recitation, followed by a recitation and music by Messrs. Justin and Klineham. Remarks for the good of the society were made by Judge M. C.

COMING TO CONVENTION

IRRIGATION WEEK WILL DRAW THOUSANDS OF VISITORS.

Business Men Have Provided Interesting Programme for Entertainment of Delegates.

The Irrigation Convention to be held in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18 and 19, is drawing wide attention all over Oregon. The convention will probably be the largest attended of any yet held in the state. Business men of this city have arranged to entertain the visitors. Several thousand people will come to Portland during the four days in which business men have planned to entertain them. Government engineers of the reclamation service will be present to enlighten the discussions. The Oregon Bar Association will hold its annual meeting at the same time.

which was held against Watts, was dismissed. He was taken to Salem tonight by Sheriff Shaver and Constable Moody, along with J. F. Kramer, who was yesterday sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for forgery.

A decree of divorce was handed down today in the case of Lizzie Scott vs. Edwin L. Scott.

FIGHT OVER ESTATE ENDED

Heirs of Millionaire George C. Gillman Come to an Agreement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Notices of an agreement between the "half-blood" and "full-blood" heirs of George C. Gillman, the millionaire merchant, who died in his mansion, Black Rock, Bridgeport, Conn., leaving an estate over which was started a legal controversy that threatened to be long continued, was filed today in the Supreme Court of Brooklyn.

Under the new agreement, the business formerly conducted by Mr. Gillman is to pass into the hands of a corporation to be organized in New Jersey, with a capital of \$2,100,000, \$1,200,000 of which is to be issued to the administrators of the estate. They in turn are to divide the amount

BRIDGE IN HEART OF CITY UNSAFE.



VIEW OF ALDER-STREET ROADWAY.

being born out of the state, he can be a member if his wife was born within the borders.

"These meetings are rather of the social order, but we will be getting down to business soon to see about our big membership in 1905."

CHURCH RIOTS IN MANILA

Priest is Attacked for Violating Confessional Secrets.

MANILA, Nov. 6.—The Pandacan Church has been the scene of serious disturbances, approaching riots, and many arrests have been made. A portion of the congregation announced its intention to leave the church, and the priest, Father Soriano, preached a sermon rebuking the dissenters. It was asserted that Father Soriano, during his sermon, violated confessional secrets, and he was later attacked in the streets. All those concerned in the disturbance were arrested. The dissenters then took possession of the church, but the priests dislodged them. The dissenters recaptured the building, and on Thursday Bishop Aglipay, the leader of the dissident movement, celebrated mass before a large crowd. Later, the dissenters dress up a deed of gift transferring the property to the Government and offering the deed to Governor Taft, with the keys of the building. The Governor replied that the church belonged to the Roman Catholics. He advised the dissenters to surrender, if suggested an appeal to the courts if they thought they had rights in the case, and strongly counseled them against disorder. The dissenters accepted his advice and surrendered possession of the church. During the quarrels, crowds of natives surrounded the edifice, and a strong detachment of police alone prevented a serious outbreak.

Ladrones Are Very Active.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Manila papers received at the War Department state that the ladrones are making more troubles than ever in the Philippines. They occasionally attack constabulary officers and prey upon defenseless natives. The paper says that all bona fide insurgents have returned to ways of peace and are maintaining at least a semblance of a law-abiding career.

To remedy the evils, the constabulary is to be increased to such a number that the lawless bands may be hunted down.

Miles Returns to Manila.

MANILA, Nov. 6.—Lieutenant General Miles has returned here from Dagupan, where he inspected the proposed sites for permanent posts on the Northern Railroad. After an inspection of the barracks at Manila, General Miles will depart southward Saturday.

A delegation of former insurgent leaders, headed by General Malvar, called on General Miles today.

ISLAND DEAL A FAILURE

People Who Blocked Sale of Danish West Indies Are Downcast.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 6.—The time for subscribing to the stock of the Danish West Indian Company has expired. Of the \$1,000,000 nominal capital only one-fifth was subscribed for, notwithstanding the advertisement given to the concern by King Christian and Crown Prince Frederick taking stock. The promoters, who are anti-slavery, are downcast because of the weakness of the sentiment in favor of aiding the West Indian plan. The leaders of the movement intend to appeal to King George of Greece, Queen Alexandra and the Dowager Czarina of Russia to buy shares. The banks and a few individuals will probably face the matter and stand the losses, since the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States was rejected partly on account of their promises.

Anti-Sale Faction Sorry for Error.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 6.—The smallness of the subscription, one-fifth of the proposed capital of \$1,000,000, to the proposed Danish West Indian Company, is discussed everywhere in this country. The leading promoters disagree on the subject, some insisting that the deal is abandoned of the plan. Many former anti-slavery are wishing that the islands had been sold. The prospect of assisting the inhabitants of the islands is now more problematical than ever. The Folketing has chosen Jorgen Jensen as a member of the commission for the islands. Mr. Jensen has passed five years in the United States.

Ministers, lawyers, teachers and others whose occupation gives little exercise, should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and biliousness.

Mexican Railroad Strike Settled.

Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Mexico, Nov. 6.—An increase of 17 per cent in the wages of engine, train and yardmen of International road was decided upon by the arbitrators selected to adjust the difficulties between the employees and management over the question of wages.

Watts Pleads Guilty.

OREGON CITY, Nov. 6.—(Special.)—A. A. Watts this morning pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and was sentenced by Judge McBride to 18 months in the penitentiary. The charge of uttering a forged check,

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EYESORE AND OBSTRUCTION IN HEART OF THE CITY.

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In the very heart of the city, directly adjoining the High School, is one of the closed bridges, on which the warning sign, "Danger," warns the wayfarer to go around some other way to his destination. This bridge is in the form of a cross, extending from Lowndale to Chapman street in one direction, and from Morrison to Washington street in the other.

In both directions it spans a deep gulch, the sides of which are clothed with a thick growth of timber. Hidden among the trees on the southwest corner are two abandoned houses, without doors or windows, the moss-grown roofs of which are about level with the deck of the bridge. In the northwest angle of the cross the gulch has been filled almost to the level of the decking, and is occupied by a row of small houses fronting on Washington street.

The bridge is an eyesore within plain view of the handsome High School, and of passengers on the cars passing along Morrison and Washington streets. The bridge has settled in several places, so that its surface resembles a swayed-backed horse. It is strewn with broken planks and logs and is here and there broken by trap doors, through which dirt has been dumped. Filling has been going on in a spasmodic way for several years, for the gulch has been used as a dump by the Street-Cleaning Department and by the graders of adjoining lots. The lot on the southeast corner has been graded and the dirt taken out has filled the bridge for half its width at that point. Many people have made a practice of dumping garbage in this gulch, despite the efforts of the police to prevent the practice. It is filled almost to grade along Alder from Fifteenth to Sixteenth, and half filled from the latter street to Chapman. Sixteenth street is half filled from Alder to Washington. It may not be long before the bridge by which Chapman street crosses the gulch will also have to be closed, for it has begun to settle near the end of Alder street.

The decay of many of the bridges is greater than it appears to be a casual observer. The timbers often appear to be sound, but when an auger hole is bored in them the inside is found to be nothing but punk, which would crumble under any unusual weight. The normal life of a wooden bridge is 12 years, and nearly all those in this city have stood for the allotted time, for they were built in the boom times from 1889 to 1892, when lots were being rushed on the market, and the cry was anything to make them accessible and therefore salable. Some of them are outwardly all right, but are so rickety that they have shifted, or as engineers call it, kicked.

It was noted yesterday by City Engineer W. C. Elliott that the Front-street bridge, the only one open for travel across Marquam Gulch, was unsafe and swayed when cars or heavy vehicles passed over it. He immediately reported the fact to Superintendent Swigert, of the City and Suburban Railway Company, and the latter offered to furnish 10 men and pay half the cost of the lumber and other materials if the city would furnish six men and pay the other half of the cost of material. This offer was accepted, and work will begin today, the city's repair gang being temporarily withdrawn from the First-street bridge for the purpose. When this work is done the repair gangs of the city and the railway company will unite their forces and complete the work on the First-street bridge.

Who Can Beat This?

CLATSkanie, Or., Nov. 4.—(To the Editor.)—I read in your paper about two weeks ago that a man brought in 12 apples that weighed 33 pounds. Please publish this to beat it: I brought to Clatskanie, Or., six King apples that weighed 7 pounds.

Malny's Money Situation Is Acute.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The situation caused by the depreciation in the value of silver in the Malay Peninsula has grown so acute recently that Colonial Secretary

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