

HARRIS HAS HOPES

Lane County Legislator in the Race for Speaker.

HIS VIEWS ON STATE AFFAIRS

Strong Supporter of \$500,000 Appropriation for Lewis and Clark Fair—Also an Advocate of Republican Senatorial Caucus.

"The trouble," remarked L. T. Harris, of Lane County, last night, during an interview with a newspaper man, "is that you fellows are not going to know too much."

From any other man this opinion might have been depressing, but as a flow of good humor accompanied it, the next question was in order:

"Will you be elected speaker of the House?"

Mr. Harris' eyelids quivered modestly, and he looked back in his chair to relieve himself of the severe gaze of his interviewer. "I hope to be elected," he responded.

"Are your prospects good?"

"My prospects, I think, are very bright."

"Brighter than Mr. Eddy's?"

"I must be excused from answering your question."

"Are Mr. Davey's prospects bright?"

"That is another question I do not wish to discuss."

"If you are not elected, will your friends support Mr. Davey?"

"I really can't tell you; that's for them to decide."

"Of course, you have estimated the strength of Mr. Eddy and Mr. Davey?"

"Excuse me—what did you say? I'm not used to these changing electric cars. We don't have them in Eugene. What did you say?"

"The question was repeated."

"Well, yes," resumed Mr. Harris, folding his hands behind his head and spreading himself easily in his chair, for he perceived he was in for a long siege. "Well, yes; but I don't wish to discuss it."

"The interview took place in C. W. Fulton's reception room, the first appearance of the reporter that gentleman had been around since he retired, but the invitation to stay was so cordial that he could not refuse. Visitors, however, became so thick after a while that Mr. Fulton had to work off the surplus by receiving them one at a time through the door in the wall as a physician would a line of reception-room patients."

"Who is going to be elected United States Senator?" Mr. Harris was asked, after Mr. Fulton was out of the way. But the Lane County gentleman kept himself fortified within his redoubts and wouldn't come out.

"Harris Favors a Caucus."

"Will there be a caucus?" came the next question.

"Yes, I think there will be. I favor a caucus. This was my record in the last Legislature."

"For what purpose?" asked the reporter, flitting around for a flank movement.

"To elect a Senator," complacently responded Mr. Harris.

"Do you think any candidate will get 40 votes?"

"That's another question I must pass by."

"Why?"

"Well, you see, if I say no, you'll follow with another leading question, and if I should say yes, you'd try me again."

"Then let's take it for granted," persisted the interviewer, "that you think somebody can get the 40 votes. Will it be Mr. Fulton?"

"Really, I don't know."

"If Mr. Fulton can get the 40 Democrats in the Legislature, can he raise together enough Republicans to elect him?"

"You'll have to go to Mr. Fulton."

"You have said that Mr. Fulton is a brilliant young man?"

Mr. Harris blushed and responded: "I don't think he is brilliant."

"Yes, you are quite right. He said rather that you were a bright young man."

Mr. Harris blushed again and the sketch artist broke in:

"I am making a profile sketch of you, Mr. Harris. A strong face shows off well."

Mr. Harris was duly thankful, and an auditor took occasion to remark that the sketch would be all the better since Mr. Harris had no wife to find fault with it.

"Not married?" echoed a surprised chorus of voices. "Well, well, we shall have to see about that."

"Don't know," spoke up Mr. Harris in answer to a further question, "how many benefactors there are in the House."

"If you're in the next Legislature after this you'll be one of them," predicted a wise elderly gentleman with whiskers. The whiskers evidently had a good deal to do with his wisdom, for he stroked them a good deal.

"Who," queried the interviewer, returning to the topic, "will win more votes, Mr. Fulton or Mr. Geer?"

"I am no prophet," returned Mr. Harris with a light cough as he thrust his thumbs into his vest pockets and spread his arms akimbo.

"But you have your own opinion about it?"

The gentleman blinked suggestively, and to break his sphinx-like silence the conversation turned to the Lewis and Clark Fair. He sighed as if relieved of a hard siege, and it was quite evident that his frequent light cough up to this time had not been caused by the vapors from Mr. Fulton's ever-plentiful supply of cigars on the center-table.

Favors \$500,000 for the Fair.

"I favor," said Mr. Harris earnestly, "an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Fair."

"No less?"

"More than that?"

"I regard that as the proper figure."

"And all of it to go to the Fair?"

"Yes, all of it."

"Should Oregon exhibit at St. Louis?"

"It should."

"Should it use any part of the Fair appropriation for that purpose?"

"No," said Mr. Harris, decidedly. "I think it should make an additional appropriation."

"How large?"

"That question I have not yet decided."

"As much as \$100,000?" persisted the inquirer.

"No, that is too much," responded the gentleman, and resumed: "In the past three months the Fair has gained in public favor. My constituents, as I judge them, think the Fair will require \$500,000 on the scale on which it is planned. That's a good deal of money, but it will be needed, and I think we can afford it."

"What kind of a Fair do the people of Lane County want?"

"Good, fair or none at all," came the reply.

"That's why they don't oppose \$500,000," he continued, "Oregon should

make an impressive showing at St. Louis. This will help our Fair."

"A third danger of a referendum on the Fair bill?"

"No, I don't think so."

"Is it well to provide in that bill for a special election should a referendum be required?"

"Yes, I think it is."

"Is your vote pledged for United States Senator?"

Mr. Harris, yet despondently, "I don't only get into trouble if I told you."

"Oh, no, I'd keep it secret."

"Would you? But I think if my vote wasn't pledged you'd ask why I took it and you'd ask to whom. No, I think we'll let your question pass, and Mr. Harris laughed it off."

For State Mining Inspector.

"Do you, Mr. Harris, favor a State Mining Inspector?"

"In a general way, yes. In our country are two large mining districts, Blue River and Bohemia. I think the miners would welcome such an office."

"A bill for an inspector," spoke up an auditor, "will be introduced from Grant's Pass."

"Last session," resumed Mr. Harris, "a bill like that was considered, but a disagreement arose over the salary of the inspector, and the measure failed."

"And another bill," remarked a second auditor, "will go from Multnomah County for a mining bureau. It will carry an appropriation of \$25,000."

"Hum," was Mr. Harris' only response, and the conversation turned to the State University.

"The university," said the Eugene gentleman, "will ask for a small special appropriation for the engineering and mining and several other departments."

"In addition to the \$75,000 which the university now receives from the state?"

"Yes."

"How much will it be?"

"I really don't know."

"About \$500?"

"I do not have the estimates or calculations with me, and cannot tell."

"Will other schools ask for appropriations?"

"I do not know."

"Do the Normal Schools want more money?"

"I have not been informed, but I presume they do."

Should Investigate Land Board.

"Will the Legislature investigate the affairs of the Land Board?"

"I think it should."

"How thoroughly?"

"Very thoroughly," said the gentleman decidedly, and went on: "There is no use of any investigation unless it is made that way."

"And if there are irregularities or frauds?"

"It is well to know of them. If there are no irregularities, the investigation will offend nobody and injure nobody."

"Do you think there are any frauds?"

"All I know is what I have read in the newspapers."

"In which house did the present tax law originate?"

"I think in the Senate."

"Is it constitutional for a bill for the raising of revenue to originate in the upper house?"

"I do not think the present law comes within the inhibition of the constitution."

"But would it not be safer perhaps to re-enact the law and to have it come from the lower house?"

"It might, but I think the law is constitutional."

"But might not some stubborn citizen knock over the law?"

"Well, he might if he should take the law to the courts and if the Supreme Court should decide it unconstitutional."

"While the reporter was stowing this away in his memory, the interview took a recess. When the scribbler caught up, he asked how citizens of Lane regarded the same laws."

Mr. Harris now sat down in a rocking-chair and felt for an easy place to rest his arms, for he saw that the interviewer was not going to leave right away. Then he resumed:

"In a general way, the people of my county are satisfied with the present same laws."

"And don't wish any change?"

"That's the way I judge them."

"And how about the use of streams for logging purposes?"

"I think the law should be changed. The arbitrary right to fix charges in the hands of corporations or individuals. It should be vested in the County Court."

More Taxes From Corporations.

"Do you favor larger taxation of corporations?"

"Yes, I do; but not because they are corporations. I believe in an equitable adjustment of taxation to conform to the value of property. How to attain this end is yet to be decided."

"What do you think of Mr. Dunbar's report on this subject?"

"I have not seen all of it, and, therefore, shall withhold criticism for the present."

"Do you favor lending out the Irreducible school fund?"

"Yes, I do."

"By taking in school and municipal bonds that bear 4 or 5 percent or over."

"And county warrants too."

"I think it is a good thing to have a few of these pretty well already. They sell at 2 percent premium in Lane County."

"Do the people of Lane County want any more of these?"

"I think they are pretty well satisfied with the law as it stands, but," continued Mr. Harris, "they want a law requiring warrants to be sold at 2 percent."

"Will you bill to this end from your delegation?"

"Yes, Mr. Shelley has prepared one."

Protect Forests From Fire.

"How," asked the reporter, "should forests be protected from fire?"

"By prohibiting settlers from burning slashings except at specified seasons."

"Would not settlers object?"

"Well, in our country the line of division is not closely drawn between settlers and owners of timber on this question. Lane County is greatly interested in this subject, and I think more standing timber than any county in the state."

"Will outside interests hold up the new Portland charter?"

"I see no reason why. The people of Portland ought to know what they want."

"Then you have heard nothing of the alleged purpose to defeat the charter by referendum?"

"I read in newspapers."

"Mr. Harris will stay in Portland all week. Senator Kuykendall will come down from Eugene in a day or two."

Ray Scores a Bankrupt.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 7.—United States District Judge W. Ray, the author, as a Congressman, of the National bankruptcy law, has handed down a decision in the case of D. Y. Leslie, of this city, declining to grant the petitioner a discharge in bankruptcy. The decision is the first made by Judge Ray since he went on the bench. He declares the intent of the law to protect creditors has been evaded by the petitioner, and says: "There is much in the evidence of this bankrupt displaying such gross ignorance, and such a lack of business affairs, that the court is justified in holding that his evidence is not entitled to credit."

Double Golden Wedding.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A double golden wedding was celebrated at Rye, N. Y., yesterday at the home of Postmaster Alexander Harriott by Mr. Harriott's aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harriott, and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burgess, the postmaster's uncle and aunt. Twelve children, 23 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren of the two couples attended and brought gifts of gold.

Going to Memphis?

Before starting out on O. R. & N. ticket office and ask about the new tourist car service via Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis. City ticket office, Third and Washington.

SAYS MR. MOORE IS SHORT

BOARD OF TRADE COMMITTEE TURNS IN EXPERTS' REPORT.

Books Show \$565,76 Unaccounted For, and a Committee Will Seek an Early Settlement.

The committee appointed to look into the alleged accounts of the late lamented secretary of the Board of Trade, Mr. M. Moore, reported at the board meeting yesterday afternoon that the accounts were short about \$565,76. A committee was appointed to see if a settlement of some sort or other could not be arranged with Mr. Moore.

Besides the matter of Moore and his

tricks recently reported as having suffered through the heavy rains. He said:

"There has been much exaggeration in the press reports. In the White River Valley, where I own considerable property, the floods were highest, and we were supposed to have lost everything; but this is a mistake. Fences and small buildings were carried away, but there was little loss to the livestock, and the farmhouses and barns in the valley were not damaged. The net loss is no greater than the benefit we will receive by virtue of the flood-for that always does great benefit to a farming community. It enriches the land."

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

R. Gerald Taken With Skeleton Keys in His Possession.

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CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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accounts; several other matters of importance were brought up and attended to. The O. R. & N. Co. has had six photographers out during the past Fall getting pictures along the lines of that company, and this was found to be a place of a suspicious person. A book was found lying on the mattress on Gerald's bed, and between the leaves of this book were several skeleton keys, known among the thieves' fraternity as "screws," used to open any kind of a lock. In one of Gerald's pockets was found a piece of dirty looking paper bearing these names: Frank Rothchild, Famous clothing store; William Deveny, 301 Alaska building; Davies' photograph gallery; A. N. Wright, Jeweler, and Fisher's music store, the location of the latter being written down as "next to Baker's Theater." It is supposed that the prisoner made the call at these places he had thus carefully marked out.

When Gerald was first traced to the second-story lodging-house the detectives followed him to his room and made the arrest before he had time to offer any resistance. If, indeed, he had thought of offering any, Gerald was too wary to offer any explanation as to the "screws" being found in his possession, except to mutter: "A friend gave them to me." Just before being placed in a cell he was asked as to his occupation, and replied:

"Put it down as gambler."

"How old are you?"

"Oh, about 25 or so," replied the prisoner, in an easy tone. He refused to make any statement, and declared he did not know of any plan to rob stores or smash windows.

What about pawn tickets for two watches found in your clothes?"

"Nothing to say."

He was locked up until his record can be looked up.

Two well-dressed young men, Joseph Duffy and Leo Brown, who were arrested as suspicious persons by Kerrigan and Snow Tuesday, had a hearing before Municipal Judge Hogan yesterday and pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy, saying they were willing to leave town if allowed to go.

We are satisfied, so far as I know, the police don't want these men here. They have been going about with a bad gang," remarked Detective Snow.

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