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PREACHER A BIGAMIST.

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PORT GIBSON, Miss. Jan. 21.—The jury in the case of Rev. Marion Lane, also known as Jean Skyles, charged with bigamy, returned a verdict of guilty today. He was one of the most learned theologians and eloquent orators in the state.

It was brought out at the trial that Skyles had been married seven times, evidence showing marriages in Carville, Tex.; Russellville, Ark., and Woodville, as presented to the jury.

Because She Was Vaccinated. CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Because her employer, Trux, Greene & Co., insisted that she be vaccinated, and because she alleged that that vaccination, Miss Grace Portner has brought suit against her former employers for \$50,000 damages.

To Investigate Coal-Carrying. WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Chairman Overman, of the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries, today appointed a subcommittee to investigate the object of coal transportation.

SIX DEATHS FROM PLAGUE

Many Houses Burned With Furniture to Kill Infection.

MAZATLAN, Mexico, Jan. 21.—There were six deaths from the plague here today. The house of the Chief of Police, with its furniture, has been burned, owing to contamination by the plague.

There are 45 serious cases in the lazaretto. The number of houses burned is 141.

Horrible Scenes at Mazatlan. MEXICO CITY, Jan. 21.—Reports received here say that the life of the poor at Mazatlan presents many horrible features. Unable to leave the city and without employment, they daily through the streets and watch patients being carried to the hospital. Nightly crowds of panic-stricken men and women gather in the streets to watch the burning of houses in which cases of plague have occurred.

Amnesty to Haytian Exiles. KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 21.—Advice received here from Hayti announce that President Nord has issued a decree granting amnesty to over 100 Haytians exiled from there. Letters which have reached here from Santo Domingo say the political situation in that republic is unsettled.

MAKES NO STIR

Fulton's Increase Was Expected.

HE GAINS TWO GEER VOTES

Representative Eddy Also Joins Him.

BOUQUETS FROM MULTNOMAH

An Hour of Oratory Preceded Ballot in Joint Session—Marion County Members Have Lively Tilt—Geer Is Loudly Cheered.

The ballot for Senator at Salem yesterday resulted as follows:

Fulton 31

Geer 15

Wood 12

Pittcock 4

George 2

Williams 2

Wills 1

Lithburn, Wolverson, Carey, Hermann, Calk, Fenton, Kundert—each 1

Absent 4

Total 90

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Staff correspondence.)—Three additional votes to Fulton and the loss to Geer of two is the story of today's ballot in joint convention for United States Senator. The Fulton acco-

nsions were Representative Huntley and Webster of Clackamas and Representative Eddy of Tillamook. The result had been fully anticipated, and so there was no great surprise when Eddy arose and in an effective speech attacked the Geer con-

tention that he was entitled to the vote of all Republicans because he was the people's choice, and then placed the Clatsop County candidate in nomination. It has, as stated, been well understood that the two Clackamas County Legislators have been for Mr. Fulton, and that their initial vote for Geer was complimentary only.

The result was: Fulton 31, Geer 15, Wood (Dem.) 12, Pittcock 4, George 2, scattering 11, absent 4.

The joint convention was marked by a superabundance of oratory. Formal nominating speeches were made in behalf of the several candidates, and the big lobby gave the usual demonstrations of approval when telling points were scored.

The contention lasted more than an hour, and the members were impatient to get long before it was ended. They expected no election and real developments, and were too anxious to get the work done.

The Multnomah delegation followed strictly its policy of throwing bouquets at various Portland prominent citizens, and it will doubtless pursue this plan for some days. No material change in the situation is to be expected during the current week. The Capitol is quiet tonight, and it is altogether probable that the vote tomorrow will stand the same as today.

IN THE JOINT CONVENTION.

Lively Tilt Between Marion County Members.

SALEM, Jan. 21.—(Staff correspondence.)—The first joint convention of the Legislature for the purpose of voting for a United States Senator was held in the hall of Representatives at noon today. The minutes—about 80 of them—before the hands of the big clock over the Speaker's desk pointed to 1 o'clock were given up wholly to oratory—good oratory, but just a trifle too much. But just as the large audience was about to stretch and yawn from surfeit of eloquence, a very lively tilt between several members of the Marion delegation dispelled the languor and let in the light on the sorrowful fact that all is not sweet harmony among members of the Legislature from this county. Senator Mulkey made a speech—a fine one—nominating Geer; Representative Eddy made a speech, also a fine one, largely impromptu, nominating Fulton; Pierce made a few brief remarks, all in good taste and spirit, naming C. E. S. Wood, and then Representative Davey seconded Geer's nomination with his usual ardor and force. Senator Rand followed Senator Fulton in high terms. There had been some rather pointed talk between Eddy and Davey on the effect of the vote last June, and Rand followed it up by saying significantly that he "was going to vote for a Republican who had been sound for many years, and who was sound in the last campaign. We hear much about the people's choice," he added, his voice rising slightly from an easy monotone, "but the people can't choose unless they have something to choose from. The people of this state have never decided between Fulton and Geer. Who put Geer on the ballot last June? The Republican party did not put him there."

This pointed tally brought to his feet Kay of Marion, who was visibly excited. "Who put Geer on the ballot last June?" he cried. "I'll tell you how it came about. The Republican convention unjustly turned Geer down as a candidate for Governor. Then the Republican voters of the state put him on the ticket for United States Senator."

Great cheering and uproar in the lobby broke out, and was repeated several times. Obviously Governor Geer's friends had not neglected to attend the session. But LaFollett of Marion also had something to say. Jumping to his feet, he caught the eye of the chair and proceeded to say Kay in a peculiarly high tenor voice:

"Mr. President: It has been asserted here by my colleagues that the Republican State Convention unjustly turned Governor Geer down when it refused to nominate him for Governor. I wish to resent any such charge, for I hold that the Republican party is greater than any man in it. (Cheers.) The Republican party, in its state convention, gave due consideration to the question of choosing

a candidate for the Governorship, and decided that Geer was not the man the party wanted.

"In the canvass in this county last May we were often asked what action we would take on the Senatorship. When Mr. Davey was asked whether he would vote for Geer for Senator, he replied that he would not go outside the party. I made no pledges at all, but told the people that I went to the Legislature I must go unpledged. I made that statement in Geer's own precinct, and I got more votes in that precinct than did any other man on the Legislative ticket. (Cheers.)

"In seconding the nomination of Mr. Fulton I do so knowing that it will be satisfactory to a majority of my constituents. Before I was nominated for the Legislature and all the time during the canvass it was known that I was friendly to Mr. Fulton's candidacy. When I go back to my constituents, none of them can say, 'LaFollett, you fooled us.'

"If Mr. Fulton should be elected, every man in the State of Oregon can conscientiously take him by the hand and say, 'Charley, I'm glad you were elected.' The only thing we hear against him is the charge made by the people of Portland that he lives down by the sounding sea."

"Well, if my friend and colleague from Marion every declared himself for Fulton, he took great care not to do it on the stump last Spring," rejoined Davey. And the incident closed.

"If those Marion County Representatives continue to disgrace one another's constituency in that manner, their constituents won't know them at the end of the session," remarked a Multnomah County statesman as the crowd after wards filed out of the chamber.

"Oh, well, we have troubles of our own," remarked a colleague.

The joint convention began promptly at noon today. The House had been considering a charter bill, and when rollcall was completed the Senate appeared, and President Brownell took the gavel. The roll was called and the fact developed that Senator Fulton and Representatives Adams and Hume were absent.

"The record shows that in the separate houses yesterday no candidate for United States Senator received a majority of votes. Nominations are in order," announced the President. The clerk has read so much of the House and Senate journals as pertained to the election of Senator Davey of Marion noted an omission.

"Will it be in order," he inquired, "to question the sufficiency of the minutes of the clerk chief relative to canvassing the popular vote for United States Senator?"

"I think not, sir," replied the President.

"Then I should like to have them read," rejoined Davey. So they were read.

Then Senator Mulkey arose and made his nominating address for Geer. He discussed human rights and popular suffrage, carefully developing an argument to show that the people's choice for United States Senator should be elected by the Legislature. "Every Republican who votes for Geer," he said, "will vote for a principle as eternal as ever principles are. The safe thing for any man to do is to vote for the people's choice. If he knows what they are, and in this instance it has been absolutely demonstrated."

Mulkey was loudly cheered when he concluded.

Representative Eddy followed in a warm address in which he sharply attacked the allegation of Geer's friends that the ex-Governor was the people's choice.

"I want to ask," he said in the course of his remarks, "if any of Geer's friends appeared before the last Republican State Convention and asked to have the name of any candidate placed on the Republican ticket? I was chairman of the committee on permanent organization in that convention, and I never heard a whisper of it. But how was the name of Mr. Geer put on the ticket? It was done by petition, and in such manner that there was no room for any other candidate named 'Republican.' The time has not come in this state when any man or set of men can usurp the name of the Republican party. I fall to find that when this petition was circulated any large number of people came knocking at the door of any County Clerk in order to get their names on it. And I do not find that the people of the state are clamoring at the doors of the Capitol to see that the alleged nomination of the people be elected." Mr. Eddy said further that the June vote at the most was no more than advisory, and that it did not properly represent the sentiment of the people. He closed by exhorting Mr. Fulton in very high terms.

Davey followed in a somewhat caustic reference to Eddy's statement that Geer was not the choice of the people. "I want to say that if that is so, Tillamook is the greatest of jokers in the world," he remarked. Davey showed from the returns that Geer beat Wood two to one in that county. He also made a speech seconding Geer's nomination.

Pierce of Umatilla then nominated C. E. S. Wood. Then followed the address of Mr. Rand, which led to the Marion County controversy.

The vote resulted: For C. W. Fulton—Booth, Both, Carna-

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FORCES BREAK UP

Anti-Caucus De eat Expected at Olympia.

M'BRIDE - PRESTON FALL

King County Holds Stormy Meeting.

REACH NO DEFINITE PLAN

Seattle Senators Refuse to Aid Commission Bill, and Preston Stock Takes a Fall—Eastern Washington Will Aid Ankeny.

The joint ballot for Senator at Olympia yesterday resulted as follows:

Ankeny 50

Preston 42

Wilson 12

Allen 5

Crow 4

Graves 4

Turner 22

Total 136

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 21. 1 A. M.—(Staff correspondence.)—Developments of the past few hours indicate that a break-up in the forces which have prevented a caucus for the past 10 days is imminent.

It is also believed that the inseparable twins—the McBride commission bill and the Senatorial prospects of Harold Preston—will go down to defeat together before the end of the week.

The King County delegation, which has for the past week held the fate of these issues in its hands, held a protracted caucus last night, the discussion running until nearly midnight. At the caucus all sorts of propositions were discussed, including the substitution of Jacob Furth, of John L. Wilson, for Harold Preston.

No definite plan of action could be decided on, and, after failing to take kindly to any plan that was suggested, the meeting adjourned.

The members refuse to disclose all that took place at the rather stormy session, but enough has leaked out to warrant the belief that it is practically an impossibility to get enough King County votes out of the Senate to pass the McBride bill.

Mr. Preston expresses himself as still hopeful, and the Ankeny people are also very well pleased with the outlook.

On today's ballot Ankeny is expected to gain two or three Eastern Washington votes from members who have abandoned hope of securing the passage of the commission bill, and are now free to act as they are inclined on the Senatorial question. It is also probable that John L. Wilson will lose one vote to Ankeny, but he will receive a complimentary vote to offset it. Preston's vote today is not expected to show much change. E. W. W.

ANKEY GETS FIFTY VOTES.

Wilson Is Practically Eliminated From the Fight.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Staff correspondence.)—The second day's voting in the Senatorial contest brought the strength of Levi Ankeny, the leading candidate, up to an even half hundred votes, Hare and Corliss, who had voted in the air the day previous, going over to the Ankeny column. Preston also gained a vote, Judge Moore, of Seattle, voting for him.

These changes had been expected, and their announcement when the roll was called caused no excitement whatever. Wilson retained his following of the day previous. The result of three ballots taken

today was as follows: Ankeny, 50; Preston, 42; Wilson, 12; Turner, 22; Allen, 5; Crow, 4; Graves, 1.

The votes for Crow and Graves were strictly complimentary, but that of Allen, showing a gain of two since yesterday, was probably taken rather seriously, for the former Senator could not resist the attraction of such rapidly increasing strength, and came in on the evening train, and if matters shape up right, might be regarded as a moderately active contestant for the mantle which slipped from his shoulders 10 years ago.

The prediction made yesterday that Wilson had reached his maximum strength was verified today, and according to reports, it was only by very strong persuasion that the Spokane man succeeded in keeping the dozen he started with throughout the three ballots which were cast today.

Meanwhile a new star has peeped up over the political horizon. Jacob Furth and John L. Wilson were not burning the midnight oil into this morning for the purpose of being sociable, and before the conference mentioned in this morning's dispatches had broken up the plan of retelling Preston and substituting either Wilson or Furth had been pretty well discussed. Wilson, of course, was very anxious to fall heir to the Preston strength, and, according to the reports that have been in circulation, Furth made a great effort to induce the King County delegation to tie up with him, not, however, until Furth had labored long and faithfully with the delegation in an endeavor to get them to deliver enough commission votes to Preston to complete his tie-up with McBride. Preston is undoubtedly Furth's choice for Senator, and he exhausted all possible means for promoting Preston's candidacy before the Wilson matter was brought up. The King County delegation would have none of the Wilson proposition, and they so informed Mr. Furth in language that was unmistakable. They are reported to have told him further that they were ready to vote for any man, for Mr. Furth himself whenever he would permit his name to be used, but under no circumstances would they vote for the commission bill.

Wilson Out of It.

One of the results of prolonged conference last evening is said to be the practical elimination of John L. Wilson from the fight. The hopelessness of his continuance in the struggle was so plain that he is now said to be perfectly willing to stand aside and give Furth a clear field whenever it is to the interest of the anti-Ankeny people to have him do so. It will probably cause some speculation as to the reason for dropping Preston, if he is to be dropped, and substituting Furth, and the explanation is that a great many of the King County members have become weary of being held in line while nothing was being accomplished. Some of them who have been chafing under the restraint in which they have been held state that they consider Preston's case hopeless, and had Mr. Furth not been brought into the contest it is hardly probable that they could have been kept out of a caucus much longer.

Furth May Ask for the Toga.

As matters now stand, it is believed that they have been lined up sufficiently strong to keep them out of caucus until Mr. Furth gives the word for them to go in. Mr. Furth is not the kind of a Senatorial aspirant that is generally found at Olympia, and he will need to be assured beyond the shadow of a doubt that he can be elected before he will permit his name to be used. He will not object, however, to sitting in the background and pulling the strings, first for Harold Preston, then possibly for John L. Wilson, and when he is satisfied of the inability of either of

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QUAY IN SADDLE

He Wins Test Vote on Statehood Bill.

INSISTS ON PRECEDENCE

Republican Senators Divided on the Main Issue.

HOAR CRITICIZES ROOSEVELT

Quay Demands That Debate on Statehood Close and Vote Be Taken—Hoar Objects to President's Interference With Legislation.

Quay yesterday forced a test vote on the omnibus statehood bill in the Senate, and won his point by 37 to 27, the majority including 16 Republicans.

He then demanded a vote on the bill, but relented so far as to let it go over until today, when he will move it to the floor before the Senate.

Hoar indulged in some sharp criticism of President Roosevelt for making known his opinion of bills before they reach him officially. This was provoked by Burton's statement that a certain bill was satisfactory to the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—When the Senate met today the test resolution requiring the finance committee to prepare and report a bill removing the duty on coal was referred to the committee on finance. Quay (Pa.) then, in accordance with his notice given yesterday, called up the statehood bill.

Burnham (N. H.) addressed the Senate in opposition to statehood for Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. After speaking for three hours Burnham suspended his remarks until tomorrow.

Cullom appealed to Quay to permit an executive session for consideration of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The request was not acceded to, and Cullom remarked that he would see if the Senate under the circumstances would sit here and do nothing, and moved an executive session. Quay said he hoped the motion would be voted down, and it was lost, 27 to 37. This vote was regarded as a test of the strength for and against the omnibus bill, and was as follows:

Ayes—Aldrich, Alger, Allison, Bard, Beveridge, Burnham, Burrows, Clapp, Cullom, Dohoe, Ditcher, Dooliver, Dryden, Fairbank, Frye, Gurnea, Hawley, Hoar, Lodge, McCamas, Millard, Nelson, Proctor, Quarles, Simon, Spooner and Wetmore—27.

Noes—Bacon, Bate, Berry, Blackburn, Burton, Carmack, Clark (Mont.), Clark (Wyo.), Clay, Cockrell, Culberson, DeLoach, Foraker, Foster (La.), Gallinger, Gibson, Hainsworth, Harris, Hatfield, Jones (Neb.), Jones (Ark.), McCumber, McLaughlin (Miss.), Mallory, Martin, Mason, Morgan, Perkins, Pettus, Quay, Rawlins, Simmons, Stewart, Tallaferro, Turner, Vest, Wellington—37.

The following pairs were announced, in which the first named would have voted for the motion: Warren with Daniel, Platt (N. Y.) with Penrose, Kearns with Mitchell, Smith (Ind.) with Hawley, Hoar, Teller, Dillingham with Tillman, Keam with Money, Kittredge with Patterson, Depew with McNary, Platt (Conn.) with Bailey, Hale with Foster (Wash.).

The Republicans offered or pulled in the negative vote: Burton, Hoar, (Wyo.) DeLoach, Foraker, Foster (Wash.), Gallinger, Hainsworth, Jones (Neb.), McCumber, Mason, Jones (Ark.), Penrose, Perkins, Quay, Stewart and Wellington.

Fairbanks gave notice that he would call up the immigration bill tomorrow morning.

The regular order was then demanded by Quay. "Now, Mr. President," said he, "we are ready for a vote on this bill."

Nelson was quickly on his feet, and declared Quay's course was clearly out of reason, as Burnham had not concluded his remarks.