

HERMANN IS HERE

Ex-Commissioner Arrives From Washington.

BESIEGED BY EAGER INQUIRERS

But the Gentleman From Southern Oregon Declines to Say Whether He is a Candidate for Senate or Congress.

Binger Hermann, a name to conjure with in Southern Oregon, formerly Commissioner of the General Land Office, and now a source of anxiety to many politicians, is at the Imperial.

Mr. Hermann arrived yesterday from Washington, D. C., and was immediately besieged by throngs of Eager Inquirers. After asking solicitously about the ex-Commissioner's health, each Eager Inquirer sought, in confidential whispers to gain some information as to whether Mr. Hermann proposed to launch himself as a candidate for the United States Senate.

And when with many deprecatory waves of the hand Mr. Hermann began to explain that he really had not time to think about Oregon politics, the Eager Inquirer asked if the Congressional nomination would be more suitable or more easily attained. But the ex-Commissioner was non-committal.

"Really," said he last night, as an artist rapidly sketched the Roman features which Secretary Hitchcock so much disliked to see in office, "I really have not been in Oregon only 24 hours, and I have not had time to familiarize myself with the political situation." A look of incredulity crept over the face of the reporter, and Mr. Hermann became more earnest.

"It's a solemn fact," he said, "I have been very busy in Washington getting ready to turn the office over to my successor, and while I am, of course, acquainted with the general status of affairs at Salem, I do not feel that I could safely discuss them for publication.

It was explained that Hermann had at this juncture been of interest to the public, and Mr. Hermann was disposed to admit the point.

"Still," said he, "I do not know what I shall do myself. Give me a little time in which to see my friends, let me have an opportunity to get my finger on the political pulse of the state, and then I possibly could say something definite."

"It has been rumored, among other things," said the reporter, "that you would be a candidate for the Congressional vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Tongue."

Mr. Hermann only repeated that until he had become more thoroughly conversant with the state he would not give the nomination if it were offered to you."

And Mr. Hermann refused to authorize the statement that he would have any radical objection to being sent to Congress.

"What led up to the friction between Secretary Hitchcock and myself? Oh, many things—little differences of opinion as to the policy to be pursued in different cases, such differences as might arise between any two men. Just to illustrate: There are millions of acres of the public domain which have been fenced in by private corporations. Down in Arizona one company has fenced in one million acres of Government land. It was necessary for me to take vigorous steps to put them off. That involved the adoption of a policy. Do not say that Mr. Hitchcock differed from me on this point, but it will show you how easily differences might arise."

Mr. Hermann had not heard of the serious indisposition of Representative Moody, telegraphed from Washington on Sunday last, and was much surprised to learn of it. "He was quite well on Saturday," said Mr. Hermann. "For I was talking to him. Senator Simon is looking well and eating regularly."

"No, I have not seen the charges against Surveyor-General Melstrom, and I do not think they will amount to anything. There was much more published in Portland about the matter than there was in Washington, and I have not read much of the affair."

And as Mr. Hermann turned a swarm of Eager Inquirers swept upon him in a cloud and the buzz of confidential whispers arose in the land.

HOW COULD HE LIE?

Namesake of the Father of His Country Appears in Court.

Whether George Washington owes John Linstrum \$24.50, Linstrum owes Washington \$20, or a case in court that has no right to be there, is a question that Judge Reid is trying to decide.

"See an honest man," declared Washington as he took the stand in his own defense. "See just as honest as the man that I've named after. I never bought no \$24.50 worth of whiskey. I did buy \$4.50 worth, but I loaned Linstrum \$20, and he owes me the difference." Linstrum was making for a judgment for \$24.50 against the negro, who, he declared, had run a still of \$24.50 at the corner of the second and main roads. He said that the liquor had been sold during the months of November and October, and Wilkins and Bennett, who reported the matter in the case, brought evidence to show that Linstrum's liquor license had expired the last of September.

"See a fightin' one way, and they're fightin' the other. That's all there is to it," testified Washington. "But law, Judge, we used to have some great times out there," and his face beamed with pleasure as he recounted the good times he had had in the days gone by.

"I didn't think this suit would ever come about, but, Judge, they allus was stealin' from each other. The wife used to steal from the old man, and that time I loaned the old man \$20, he said for me to be sure and not let the old lady know of it."

"You see, Judge, the old lady kin play the piano some and I ain't so slow at singing. They used to have a lot of pretty ducky gals come out there, and I would come in the parlor and we would sing and dance."

Judge Reid has taken the case under advisement and will give a decision later.

FAVOR STATE BUREAU.

Colonel F. V. Drake So Finds Leading Men in Line.

Colonel Frank V. Drake, who made a trip over the Southern Pacific with a view of interesting the people in the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon counties in the proposed State Bureau of Information, returned yesterday, and said that the members of the commercial organizations in all the cities he had visited were strongly in favor of the plan.

"The leading men in every city are strongly in favor of the bureau," he said last night. "And they were gratified and pleased to learn that Portland had taken the initiative in a movement for the benefit of the entire state, and that 100 citizens of this city had raised a fund of \$1000 for the purpose of giving every county an opportunity to display its climatic and industrial advantages through the bureau. In each place I visited I noticed a revival of business enterprise and a determination to make Oregon's re-

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held and the addresses of the others were taken, and their parents will be notified that their daughters have been in the habit of hanging about the saloons. Chief Hunt says that he intends to raid the combination houses often and that wherever young girls are found, every one in the saloon will be placed under arrest.

The raid last night was brought about by the arrest of a girl of 17 the day before.

"There are lots of girls that come to the Brunswick every night," said the girl when she was questioned, "who are younger than I am, and then there the Chief announced that the practice would have to be stopped. He learned that the girls were at the saloon as a rule early in the evening, and went home about midnight. In order, as he thought, to catch them all he sent Detective Sam Simmons and Policemen Hawley, Vaughn and Caswell to the Brunswick about 2:30 P. M. An older crowd than they were looking for was found, yet among the number were two girls under the age of 18. Old and young alike, however, were ushered into the Chief's private office and questioned closely. After taking their addresses and asking a number of questions, the Chief told them that he was going to put a stop to the combination house arrangement, and that he was especially opposed to young girls going into the saloons. All were then allowed to go but the two youngest.

"Remember, though," said the Chief, "as they were leaving, 'I am after you, and if I find you around the saloons again I will not let you go.'"

"Babe" Gilson and Clara Williams, the two who were under the age of 18, were turned over to Officer Hawley of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. They will not be taken to the Home, but the officer says that he knows something of their families and that he thinks they will be glad to get their daughters to come home.

Those who were arrested were: "Babe" Gilson, Clara Williams, Marie Bowing, Mabel Rogers, Louise Jankins and Carrie Capell.

LOOKS FOR HER HUSBAND

Mrs. A. N. Scoggin Searches for Her Errant Spouse.

Looking for her husband, whom she says deserted her for another woman, Mrs. A. N. Scoggin came from Baker City to Portland to try and induce the man to go back to his home and family. Mr. Scoggin, the fugitive husband, is said to have been seen in Portland recently and the police have taken up the search. He is described as having sandy hair, black eyes, smooth face, forefinger of left hand stiff. When he left home he wore a black suit, black stiff hat and a black overcoat.

Mrs. Scoggin has been in Portland for some time looking for her husband. She says that he left a large family and ran away with another woman.

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The resolutions in full were as follows: Whereas, Our enterprising sister state of the West Coast empire, Oregon, has declared its intention to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Lewis and Clark exploration, in 1905, and has taken the initiative of appropriating \$500,000 of state funds for that purpose—an equal amount having been privately raised by citizens—Resolved, That the Legislature of Oregon do hereby endorse the enterprise of the people of the Pacific Northwest to celebrate the exploration by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark; we contemplate with infinite satisfaction the outgrowth of that discovery which established and secured to the people of the United States eminent domain to the Pacific; the honor to the memory of intrepid pathfinders and pioneers of the Oregon country (now Idaho, Washington, Montana and Wyoming); also, incidentally, to furnish the work of other pioneers of the sister State of California and our own State of Nevada; for through these was secured to us natural wealth of country that has added to the prestige and growth of our National life; whereas, be it further

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SIDEWALKS MOSTLY CLEAR

Provision Dealers Now Display Wares Inside Their Stores.

In obedience to an order from the Chief of Police, grocers and marketmen generally made no display of their goods and wares, fruits or vegetables on the sidewalks yesterday. Some dealers heartily approve the change, saying that it is a great improvement; that it is not right that the sidewalks should be obstructed and that any kind of fruits or vegetables exposed are spoiled by the sun in Summer and defiled by the filth and dust of the streets blown over them. Where all are treated alike in the matter and no such displays allowed, no one has any cause for complaint.

Others, especially those who are crowded for room to accommodate their business, look upon the order as an oppression. They say the absence of displays of goods from the sidewalks makes the city look as if it were Sunday. They further allege that dealers are allowed to display their wares on the sidewalks in Paris, London, New York, Chicago and other large cities. Many say that Portland is an inconvenient city to do business in, owing to the small size of the blocks, the narrowness of many streets and the entire absence of alleys, by means of which goods can be received at back doors. All that goes

EARLIER THAN EXPECTED

General O. O. Howard to Lecture Before Local Y. M. C. A.

General O. O. Howard, the author and lecturer, will make an address in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association on Sunday afternoon, H. W. Stone, the general secretary of the association, received a message from him yesterday which stated that his visit to Portland would be made a week earlier than had been arranged, and that he would spend one day here. The engagement made some time ago for the General to speak before the members of the association will be kept, but the date put forward a week.

General Howard is one of the most prominent men who will appear before the association this year, and his reputation as the writer of several semi-religious books, besides a volume of war reminiscences, gives him an acknowledged place among men of letters. He has also the distinction of being the sole surviving member of the many Major-Generals of the Civil War, and has a war record of high standing. He was at one time in charge of Vancouver Barracks, and was among the first presidents of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association. For the past several years he has devoted his attention to lecturing, and is known

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- \$10.00 Suits at \$ 7.95
- \$12.50 Suits at \$ 9.00
- \$13.50 Suits at \$10.65
- \$15.00 Suits at \$12.10
- \$16.50 Suits at \$13.10
- \$17.50 Suits at \$14.35
- \$18.00 Suits at \$14.85

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Will Push Fair in West Indies.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—George W. Fishback, formerly of St. Louis, has been appointed World's Fair Commissioner to the Windward Islands, Trinidad and Porto Rico. Mr. Fishback is now a member of the Legislature of Porto Rico, making his headquarters at San Juan.

Have your friends coming from the East? If so, send their names to the Denver & Rio Grande office, 124 Third street, Portland, Or.