

F. A. BANGROFT BOSS?

A Scheme to Displace W. F. Matthews.

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Control of Republican Organization Is at Issue.

WHERE DOES MITCHELL STAND?

The Battle Is On Among His Friends and He May or May Not Be Supporting One or the Other Faction.

WHO WILL HEAD THIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE?

Rosecoe Ashley, Roy Leigh, Amos S. Grose, Frank Kierman, G. G. Willis, W. S. Buchanan, D. L. Williams, A. L. Pease, F. O. Burkhardt, A. J. Capron, Frank S. Grant, Whitling, D. D. Jackson, J. J. Cole, J. A. Arment, T. C. Fowles, W. L. Finley, W. M. Bodman, E. Walling, James W. Mathena, F. Byerly, F. A. Bancroft, G. H. Howell, D. F. Dryden, B. G. Sigler, J. K. Carr, A. Strauss, E. F. Jones, J. E. Courtney, Joseph Webber, A. N. Willis, W. Seton, A. W. Curry, A. C. Cooke, Thomas Hislop, E. G. Clarke, M. E. Gruber, Charles R. Frazier, Joseph Buchtel, James Stott, C. E. Fields, W. W. Peaslee, C. J. Bush, W. H. Smith, J. C. Jameson, F. C. Barnes, W. H. Moore, Thad S. Potter, W. H. Carter, C. W. Oliver, F. W. Prasp, Henry Chapman, George R. Funk, Isaac Buxton, J. L. Beeder, M. F. Dixon, Charles H. Carey.

A schism is brewing in the Mitchell-Matthews faction in the Multnomah. It is said, will develop when the foregoing title is hyphenated. Certain adjuncts of Senator Mitchell in this county, are encouraged by alleged hints which have floated out from Washington, to believe that they can wrest the political mechanism from its present manipulators. They believe that their success in doing so will keep the Simon faction out of power next year.

Therefore, the patriots who, it is reported, are inspired by Senator Mitchell have their eyes peeled for a new engineer for the mechanism. They say that the Republican organization which sprung into life last year is sadly in need of a strong popular man to run it; that it is not making ground, and is even losing under the present regime; that, moreover, Mr. Matthews is incapacitated from being the engineer by his duties as United States Marshal; that the sooner the apparatus is put into shape for the coming year the more certain will be the continued subversion of Simon, and that therefore the machinery should be slicked up right away.

Furthermore, the patriots are hostile to a one-man rule. They think that, while one chief engineer is necessary, there should be consulting engineers, so as to insure peace, harmony and victory. "It was a one-man power, the people turned down last year," is their admonishing whisper.

The new-born movement is only a few days old. In it are understood to be F. A. Bancroft, who covers his appointment as Postmaster to Mitchell; T. C. Devlin, City Auditor; C. E. McDonnell, County Assessor; George H. Howell and E. D. Curtis, members of the executive board of the city government; and W. M. Calk, ex-County Judge. The councils have been kept very secret, and only stray leaks have got out. The gentlemen scheme to get into shape for the coming year by a new franchise for the constant increase of travel over Morrison bridge the car company suffers very great and constant delays, the schedule time constantly being broken into, but wide bridge, which is contemplated the cars would be less delayed. With the delays out of the way it was thought the car company could well afford to pay for its franchise over a fine, wide bridge. It is desired to have a full attendance at the meeting next Monday evening so that committees may be appointed and necessary action taken.

There was also some talk about the proposed removal of Postal Station A. It was decided to have reconstructions printed and placed in the hands of the interested men. Also, a meeting in Congress will be asked to assist in retaining the station on the East Side.

HARD TO PICK A FENDER

Managers of Street-Car Companies Face a Difficult Task.

Manager F. S. Fuller, of the Portland Railway Company is still at work on the question. He has been in communication with a number of manufacturers and inventors, but he reports that so far he has been unable to secure a fender that will be of good service. Many inventors turn their attention to planning car fenders, and the number of these appliances in the market is legion. It might be expected that with so many to choose from a good and practical one would be found. However, the fender is not durable, and when the time for actual life-saving arrives, they fall miserably. There are a few good appliances on the market, but the companies will endeavor to get one that will be as serviceable as possible.

Fireboat Committee Meets Today.

The special committee on fireboat will have held a meeting in the rooms of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon to consider the advisability of purchasing the steam tug Ernest. Ernest, a Hamill, of Fairhaven, for a fireboat for this city. As several of the members did not show up, the meeting was postponed until today.

Is Matthews Out Already?

Bancroft has assumed the leadership in the new movement. A prominent member of the county central committee and a friend of Matthews said yesterday that Bancroft's motive for heading the sedition comes from the fact that Matthews is stopped from engaging in politics by being in a Federal office.

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Shirtwaist Suits

The past few days have made you think of the light and airy dresses, something that's pretty and stylish for the warm days we are going to have—The Shirtwaist Suit, so popular and pretty, styles the latest—Should you be thinking of purchasing a suit, do not fail to inspect our excellent assortment—Then the organdie and white net dresses, exclusive styles, no two alike, prices from \$14.00 up. Cloak and Suit Dept.—Second Floor.

Millinery Department

We are just in receipt of an express shipment of ladies' headgear, all the latest in burnt straw hats, shapes and styles to suit all—Also the new and famous "Ratiron flat" exceptionally stunning and very becoming—Second Floor.

"Hawes" A Hat for men equal in every particular to best \$5 hat in market—Derbys, Fedoras, in the newest Spring shapes at \$3.00 each.

Great May Sale

Muslin Underwear

Ladies' Corset Covers Trimmed in val. lace, broidery, edgings, tucks and insertion. Low high, round, V, and square necks, made of nainsook, lawn and cambric, with and without beading at waist line. Special prices for this week only, \$2.43, \$1.98, \$1.58, \$1.27, 98c, 82c, 68c, 58c, 43c, 29c and 23c.

Cambric Drawers Open and closed, umbrella shapes, made of fine nainsook, cambric and lawn, elaborately trimmed in embroideries, val. lace, torchon lace, tucks, and insertion. Special for this week at \$1.98, \$1.68, \$1.29, 98c, 87c, 68c, 39c and 22c.

Ladies' Gowns Made of nainsook, cambric and muslin, high and low necks, long and short sleeves, elaborately trimmed in val. lace, torchon lace, and embroidery, tucks and insertion. Special for this week, \$2.48, \$2.28, \$1.68, \$1.23, 83c and 68c.

Ladies' Long Skirts Made of nainsook, cambric and muslin, elaborately trimmed in torchon and val. lace, embroidery, tucks and insertion, separate dust flounce. Special for this week, \$3.98, \$3.48, \$2.98, \$2.48, \$1.98, \$1.68, \$1.29 and 99c.

Ladies' Chemises Made of nainsook, cambric and muslin, trimmed in val. and torchon lace, embroidery, tucks and insertion. Special for \$1.98, \$1.39, 82c, 48c.

Ladies' Short Skirts Made of nainsook, cambric and muslin, elaborately trimmed in val. and torchon lace, embroidery, tucks and insertion, hemstitched—Special at \$1.37, 82c, 68c, 43c for this week.

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Croquet Sets of all kinds—Prices to suit all. Portland agents for "Vudor" Porch Shades—Third Floor.

Neckwear Specials

The light and summery kind—Those that make you feel and look cool—All the newest styles and pretty creations are always to be seen at Meier & Frank's neckwear department—Among the specials we are offering today are:

- Plain hemstitched collar and cuff sets, regular values 25c, special price. 19c
- Lace turnovers, very neat, pretty and practical, 50c, 75c values, special at 39c
- Fancy silk embroidered turnovers in an excellent assortment, special at 26c
- White Croats with colored fruit embroidered ends, same as shown in the cut, and one of the newest in neck pieces, special at 39c

Great Toilet Soap Sale

- Here are a Few of the Many Low-priced Items:
- Kirk's Juvenile Soap..... per cake 12c
 - Woodbury Facial Soap..... per cake 15c
 - Pears' Soap..... per cake 11c
 - 4711 White Rose Glycerine..... per cake 12c
 - Castile Soap..... per bar 4c
 - Long Bar Glycerine, Armour..... per bar 7c
 - Magic Antiseptic Skin Soap..... per cake 4c
 - Colgate Shaving Soap..... 2 cakes for 5c

Shirts

Neglige, stiff bosom, all sizes, fit perfectly; no need to have your shirts made to order; assortment complete, prices moderate—Mor. St. Ent.

A Great Silk Sale

The value is a splendid line of Peau de Soie Silks, in pink, old rose, sky, royal, brown, tan, gray, yellow, red, garnet, cream, white, Gobelins and black; all our \$1 values reduced 77c to, per yard. The above is an extraordinary value, so do not delay making your selection as early as possible.

Extraordinary Crockery Values

- MANY MONEY-SAVING VALUES
- Oval Vegetable Dishes, 6-in., ea. \$1.19
 - Oval Vegetable Dishes, 7-in., ea. \$1.23
 - Oval Vegetable Dishes, 8-in., ea. \$1.27
 - Oval Vegetable Dishes, 9-in., ea. \$1.31
 - Round Vegetable Dishes, 6-in., ea. \$1.19
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 - Round Vegetable Dishes, 8-in., ea. \$1.27
 - Round Vegetable Dishes, 9-in., ea. \$1.31
 - Bone Dishes, dozen..... \$1.35
 - Bowls, thirty-six, each..... \$1.13
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 - Covered Vegetable Dish, round..... \$1.50
 - Bone Dishes, dozen..... \$1.35
 - Fruit Saucers, 4-in., dozen..... \$1.68
 - Fruit Saucers, 4 1/2-in., dozen..... \$1.70
 - Cat Meal Bowls, dozen..... \$1.13
 - Pickle Dishes, each..... \$1.23
 - Plates, 4-in., dozen..... \$1.00
 - Plates, 5-in., dozen..... \$1.00
 - Plates, 6-in., dozen..... \$1.24
 - Plates, 7-in., dozen..... \$1.46
 - Plates, 8-in., dozen..... \$1.68
 - Platters, 9-in., each..... \$1.33
 - Platters, 10-in., each..... \$1.33
 - Platters, 12-in., each..... \$1.56
 - Platters, 14-in., each..... \$1.79
 - Platters, 16-in., each..... \$1.24
 - Platters, 18-in., each..... \$1.80
 - Covered Vegetable Dish, oval, each..... \$1.50

SOURCE OF THE TROUBLE

Light Rails and Pickled Ties in Cow Creek Canyon.

J. M. Hansbrough, a conductor on the Southern Pacific, agrees that the track of that company through Cow Creek Canyon is unsafe. Mr. Hansbrough is a member of the lower House of the Legislature and is the father of the fellow-servant law enacted at the last session to apply to railroads. His home is at Roseburg and he does regular service in the canyon. Several days ago a letter was published in these columns, signed by a number of passengers who had been shaken up by an accident on the road. Their complaint was that the road was unsafe.

"I thoroughly coincide with them in this matter," said Mr. Hansbrough last night. "The complaint is timely, very timely."

When asked how the track should be improved, he responded: "By cutting out pickled ties and by laying heavier rails. By pickled ties I mean ties that have been treated with preservative."

"No, they don't, and that's where the mystery comes in. The life of an ordinary tie is seven years. A pickled tie will last only about four years. A pickled tie is brittle and lifeless. The rail cuts into it and it breaks off sooner than a tie not treated with preservative. Why, I have seen pickled ties fall to the ground and break in two. This shows they are pretty brittle, doesn't it? Ordinary ties don't snap in two when they fall, do they?"

"Then, why does the railroad use them?" "That's pretty hard to say. It's like the last breath you know; it comes pretty hard."

Mr. Hansbrough said the road in the canyon had 56-pound rails. "They should be heavier," he remarked. "The rails are behind the progress of up-to-date roads. Should they be 75 pounds? No, sir; they should be 90 pounds. Fifty-six and 50 pound—good deal of difference, isn't there?"

"A heavy rail will not bend as do the light rails now on the road. The light rails sag down under the weight of locomotives and cars and cut into the ties. This destructive process is worse on pickled ties than on common ties."

"Why?" was asked. "Simply this: As I have said, a pickled tie is brittle to begin with. When a rail digs into it, it loses its resisting power. The continuous sagging of the rail on each tie as the train passes over loosens the spikes. Besides, a pickled tie won't hold spikes as well as a common tie, anyhow."

"Would you suggest any other improvements?" "Yes, but they would be too expensive, perhaps too expensive. Their execution would require many years. They would consist mainly in reducing curves, cutting off projections in mountain sides around the spikes. Besides, a pickled tie won't hold spikes as well as a common tie, anyhow."

Mr. Hansbrough said that cars do not mount the rails when the roadbed is in

SUICIDE BY CARBOLIC ACID

Mrs. Brink's Second Attempt Succeeded.

Mrs. Candis L. Brink, aged 81, drank carbolic acid shortly before 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, from the effects of which she died two hours later. Mrs. Brink, who lived at 87 East Eighth street, in a two-story cottage in a part adjoining that of her son, Thomas J. Brink, ended her life because she believed that her son no longer cared for her. Despondency prompted her to make a similar attempt on a previous occasion, but this was frustrated in the nick of time by her son.

Mrs. Brink's husband died some three years ago, and since that time she had lived in the little cottage built expressly at her request. Occasionally she visited another son residing on the Lower Columbia, but the greater part of her time was spent at the cottage.

The thought that she was a burden to her children seemed to worry the old lady so that she had been thinking of suicide for many years.

About three months ago she made an unsuccessful attempt to take her life. Procuring a lot of twine, she plaited a short rope and attempted to strangle herself with it. The attempt failed, and her son on the scene saved her life, and with some difficulty she was revived. Her determination to end her life seemed not to abate, and since the first attempt at suicide her actions have been closely watched.

At 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon Mrs. Brink called at her son's house, inquiring of her daughter-in-law if he was at home. On being told that he was at work, she replied, "Well, tell him good-bye for me," and, crossing the yard to her own cottage, entered and slammed the door.

This act immediately aroused the suspicion of the daughter-in-law, who summoned the aid of a neighbor and rushed to the old lady's house. Both doors were locked on the inside, but with the help of a passing man one of them was broken down, exposing to view the prostrate form of Mrs. Brink stretched out upon a lounge, a half empty bottle of carbolic acid and a tin cup on the floor showing the mode of death.

Dr. W. R. Hamilton, of 60 Williams avenue, responded promptly to the call for medical assistance, but this time the attempt was successful and death occurred at 4:40 o'clock. Coroner Finley, who had been notified, was at the deathbed and

Loggs Loose in Shotgun Creek.

EVENEY, Or., May 5.—(Special).—A dam in Shotgun Creek, a tributary of the Mohawk, broke yesterday, and about 80,000 feet of logs, belonging to the Hyland Lumber Company, escaped. The logs will be recovered after some expense.

NEW COLLAR