

BUILDS HIS FENCES

Representative Cushman Is Taking a Tour.

SEES NUMBER OF CONSTITUENTS

He Is Not Looking for Trouble by Fighting Two Senators, but is Interested in Improvement of Vancouver Harbor.

Representative Francis W. Cushman, of Tacoma, passed through Portland yesterday on his way to Vancouver, Wash. He is making a tour of as much of the state as it is possible for him to reach during the vacation period. This is a practice Mr. Cushman has been following for several years, and as the state of Washington is rather a large bit of territory, it requires constant moving to get over it all, even at that there are sections of the state that he cannot visit often than once in two years.

Mr. Cushman insisted yesterday that there was no political significance attaching to his visit. Despite the fact that there are two fat government jobs to be handed out in Vancouver and the applicants are still "in the air," Mr. Cushman declared that he had no intention of mixing with political affairs on this trip.

Not Looking for Trouble.

"I have no desire to be constantly searching for trouble with the two United States Senators, as the papers would indicate," protested Mr. Cushman at the Hotel Portland yesterday, "but I am not recommending and will allow the matter to rest there.

"I have other uses for my time than to devote it to fighting over 90-cent appointments. I believe something more is expected of a member of Congress than that he should devote himself to making political appointments. Of course, I have my opinion as to the fitness of candidates for public office and have been glad to recommend honorable men to the departments at Washington. But the picture that has been painted of me rushing about and insisting for things that are not true, I have found it necessary to devote my time to other matters.

"It is true that at Vancouver I have recommended Mr. Dan Crowley for postmaster. Others have suggested the name of C. G. Shaw. My recommendation is on file in the Postoffice Department and will be acted upon at some time. My present trip to Vancouver has no connection with that matter. I am simply going to that city to consult with the people that I may meet relative to their wishes for Congressional legislation.

"The land office, there is another matter in which I have been misquoted and misrepresented. Now, I did not recommend the appointment of Mr. Shaw. I recommended Frank Vaughn, and the Department of the Interior has seen fit to appoint Mr. Vaughn temporarily. My recommendation that he be appointed to fill that position permanently is on file, and the record shows that I have advised that Mr. Phillips, of Goldendale, be named is also of record.

Mr. Cushman Never Insists.

"Insist upon Mr. Vaughn's appointment? Now, that is a mistake. I never insist. I have made recommendations, and will probably continue to do so, but I am not seeking an opportunity of opposing the two United States Senators from my state. There are other and more important matters to which I can give attention. I do not believe that the people will sanction the attitude of a man who gives his time to filling these places. I have been satisfied to make my recommendations and advise the department to do as it sees fit."

The question of a probable fight against his renomination in Pierce County, where the anti-Cushman faction is declared to be lining up against him, was suggested to Mr. Cushman.

"Oh, I do not believe there is going to be any trouble in Washington next Fall. Yes, I know they are talking about me, but they have said that before and no trouble has arisen. I do not expect a fight will develop. But it may; you never can tell. However, I do not expect any serious difficulty for my part."

During the last Republican state campaign in Washington Mr. Cushman was allied with the McBride forces. He made a speech at the Tacoma convention which swung the Pierce County Republican convention into line for an elective railway commission. Subsequently the men Mr. Cushman named as delegates to the state convention, together with some elected by the Pierce County convention, voted for the McBride plan of an elective railway commission. Mr. Cushman was asked yesterday whether he expected a railway commission plan to be inserted in the next state platform and whether he sympathized with the declaration that a plank of some kind should be inserted. He returned an evasive answer, declaring that he knew nothing of this.

Improvement of Vancouver Harbor. The matter Mr. Cushman preferred to discuss and the one that is responsible for his visit to Vancouver and Portland is that of the improvement of the river on the Washington side.

"The people of Vancouver have felt that they should be granted an appropriation for the improvement of their harbor," Mr. Cushman explained. "This is a project that I have favored before the River and Harbor Committee, and something, I believe, should be accomplished. The appropriations in the past have been devoted to the improvement of the Lower Columbia and the Willamette from Portland down.

"The people at Vancouver have endeavored to aid themselves by building dykes, which have diverted the water in a manner calculated to scour the river bottom and clean away the accumulation of silt. I understand, however, that the bottom of the river at this point is a hard formation and some dredging will be necessary. Then it is figured that by diverting the channel in such a manner as to keep the harbor open Vancouver can be given an excellent landing place for vessels.

"No, I do not believe that the people of Vancouver can do this work themselves. I believe the estimated cost runs somewhere between \$75,000 and \$100,000. That is too much to ask them to spend. I shall urge upon Congress that this improvement be made.

"Do you know," he asked suddenly, "that these improvements to rivers and harbors always cost more than the original estimate? An appropriation is granted and subsequent sessions of Congress meet the proposition again of devoting more money to the improvement purpose. But once a sum of money is set aside to begin the work, it is carried out."

Mr. Cushman recently made a trip through Southeastern Washington. He was within hearing distance of the battle between the Ankeny and "Boxer" forces in Walla Walla County, yet despite the fact that Mr. Cushman and Senator Ankeny are political enemies, Mr. Cushman would not be drawn into a discussion of the merits of the controversy.

"I visited all the Southeastern Washington counties save Walla Walla," he said. "I wanted to visit that county, but I was unable to do so at the time," and with the bare acknowledgment that he realized there was a fight on, Mr. Cushman dismissed the subject.

Two Democratic Tickets. Speaking of national political topics, Mr. Cushman insisted that there was no question of the outcome of the Repub-

lican national convention. He predicted the nomination of President Roosevelt, and then, explaining that he believed he spoke without bias, he gave this prediction as to the national Democratic situation.

"I would not be surprised if there were two Democratic tickets in the field. I would not be surprised if it proved impossible to reconcile the Democratic elements and nominate a ticket and agree upon a platform which all factions can support. But in this connection you must remember that the Democrats, better than any other party, have the faculty of raising the partisan feeling and uniting against a political enemy.

HUSBANDS ALL LEFT HER

Woman With Young Baby Falls Into Disreputable Hands.

With but \$1.40 to keep herself and a 2-months-old babe, Mrs. Betty Sounders was found last night in a cheap lodging-house by Officers Bailey and Gibson. She was looking for her husband, whom she said had deserted her at Albany after she had been married to him but a week. She thinks that he is in Vancouver, and wishes the police to make an effort to find him.

The story told by Mrs. Sounders is a pitiful one, and from her actions it appears that the future of the baby may be even more pitiful. She was married to a man in Albany whose name she gives as Mark Sounders. They lived happily together for several years, and finally had a trouble which resulted in their separation. She had been separated from her former husband but one week when she was married to her brother. With the brother she had more trouble than she had with her first husband, and after a week he deserted her, leaving her nothing with which to care for the baby. He said when he left that he was coming to Portland to look for work. Since he left she has not heard from him or been able to find a trace of him.

Even though he has not taken the pains to communicate with her she cannot feel that he has forgotten her or that he intends to leave her, and she came to Portland to look for him. She has seen but little of the ways of the world, but her willingness to become acquainted with the most questionable of Portland characters led Chief Hunt to reprimand her severely last night, and charge her that she must either take better care of the baby or give it to some one who would give it proper attention.

Shortly after she had arrived in the city she met a man named Phillips. The officers know him, and say that no good can be expected of him. He is a man who has deserted his own wife but a short time ago, and since that time has been leading a fast life in the city. The woman had planned to pass the evening with him at Fritz' Theater, and was just getting ready to start when the officers found her. The baby was attired in a dirty cloak, with a dirty hood tied about its head, and she intended to take it with her on her tour of the bad lands.

"I did not know what kind of a place he was taking me to," said the woman, when the officers censured her for going to such a place with the little babe. "The landlady in the house where I spent last night introduced the man to me and told me that he was all right. He told me that it was a nice place to go, and I thought that it was out of kindness that he was taking me."

Chief Hunt listened to the story, questioned her as to her chances of taking care of the baby, and then insisted that she spend the night at the station.

"You are not able to care for your own child and the baby," said he, "with \$1.40, and it will save you money to stay here. We will make an effort to find your husband and will make some arrangements to help you. You cannot take the baby into such places as you were intending to. It will not be tolerated in the city."

Proposal to City & Suburban.

The franchise of the City & Suburban Railway Company on the Morrison-street bridge will be before the Executive Board at the meeting today. Representatives of the traction company will be present and the members of the Board will make to them the proposal upon which they have agreed. The members of the Board will not discuss the proposal, but say that in due time it will be made known to the interested party, the City & Suburban. Before anything can be done in regard to the new bridge at Morrison street the status of the franchise must be ascertained and an agreement reached with the company which holds it.

Cloudburst Drives Hoopsters Out.

PERU, Ind., July 2.—A cloudburst in the hills just north of the city early today did much damage in this vicinity. The water backed up to the Wabash railway tracks and entirely submerged the north street. The greatest damage was at Elmwood, where 250 families live. That suburb was under six feet of water in

JOB NOT IN DEMAND

Few Applicants for Positions as Firemen.

SEVEN RESIGNATIONS REPORTED

Civil Service Commission Has No Names on Eligible List and Chief Campbell Has to Hunt Up People to Fill Vacancies.

The resignations of seven firemen of all classes, as reported by Chief Campbell, started the fire committee of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon.

"What's the cause of all these men leaving?" asked Mayor Williams as he read the report of the Chief.

"It's because they can get more pay elsewhere," replied Chief Campbell. "When times were hard the men were glad to get work in the department, but now they can make more money by going somewhere else, so they go."

"Do you have any trouble in filling the places?" asked the Mayor.

"Yes, it's a mighty hard thing to get good men to enter the department, for the same reason that the other men leave. I have had to go around and ask men that I know if they wouldn't join the Fire Department. It's hard to have good discipline when you have to ask men to do the work; it's lots better to have them anxious to get into the places." Thus did Chief Campbell tell how he acted as an employment agent.

"Could the Civil Service Commission supply you?" questioned William Fiedner.

"I asked Mr. Potter when men he had for me and he said none at all," answered the Chief. "So I had to get out and rustle for them myself."

"Yes; that Civil Service Commission doesn't seem to be very much good in this case," said Mayor Williams, meditatively. The others laughed.

The fire committee felt the absence of Colonel Weidler, the secretary of the committee and general head of the works. He is dangerously ill, and before the meeting came to order inquiries were made as to his condition. Mr. Curtis was also absent.

Whether or not the city could stand another auxiliary fire alarm system was a question which the committee didn't care to decide all by itself, so it was passed up to the superintendent of the alarm system, G. J. Walker, and the Executive Board. Mr. Reed, a representative of the American District Telegraph Company, asked that permission be granted his concern to turn in the alarm which came in on the private system to the Fire Department.

There is already an auxiliary system, and the permission will not be given until the committee is assured that two concerns in competition will not result in a general mix-up. The plan as set forth yesterday was to establish boxes in the buildings of subscribers which would turn in an alarm to the head office when a certain book was pulled. A system of registration for night watchmen is to be conducted in connection with this, and Mr. Reed told the committee in most positive tones that the installation of his system would mean a great decrease in disastrous fires. The Mayor and the solitary member of the committee wanted to know all about it, and the scheme was explained at considerable length.

"I think that the people who run the automatic boxes should be asked what they think of this before we give our consent," said William Fiedner.

"It will not interfere with the city system in any way, and will only conflict with the other concern as competitors, I don't see why we should ask their advice," replied the Mayor.

Superintendent Walker was instructed to prepare a written report upon the new system which will be read at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

UP THE COLUMBIA.

One Dollar for the Round Trip. Make it a happy Fourth and Sunday by making a trip up the grand Columbia to Cascade Locks and return on board the steamer Bailey Gatzert. Leaves Alder street at the corner of 12th at 8 A. M. Sunday 9 A. M. Returning, arrives 7 P. M. Fare \$1. Phone No. 914.

some places, and in some of the homes the water stood two feet on some of the lower floors. The people were driven from their homes. In Cass County much damage was done by a storm. Near Logansport several buildings were wrecked.

WILL ELECT A CHAIRMAN

Republican State Central Committee Is Called Together.

A meeting of the Republican State Central Committee has been called for July 15 for the purpose of electing a chairman to resign in the stead of W. F. Matthews, whose long-dormant resignation has apparently finally taken effect. The committee will meet at 2 o'clock on the date mentioned in the parlors of the Imperial Hotel.

Senator J. H. Mitchell expresses an entire satisfaction with the action of the committee's secretary in issuing the call. When urged last night to express gratification the Senator diplomatically declined to do so.

In fact one would gather from Senator Mitchell's attitude that contrary to the common impression, he had absolutely nothing to do with the matter, and was concerned about it merely to the extent that any other good Republican would be.

"Will the election of a successor to Mr. Matthews have any effect upon his control of the committee?"

"Really," said the Senator, "I do not think I should make any statement on such a matter. I am not a member of the committee and have not even a vote."

"Who will be the probable successor of Mr. Matthews?"

"I could not say," said Mr. Mitchell. "The names, I understand, of several good men have been suggested, and any one of them would be satisfactory to me. I would not assume for a moment to dictate to the committee, but I do think it will have a good effect to have the matter settled. I take no stock in the suggestion that Mr. Matthews' resignation, which was made about the time that he assumed the office of United States Marshal, was not made in good faith. While I have not discussed it with him I have no doubt that the election of some good man will be acceptable to him. I do not think the election of a chairman of the State Central Committee has any bearing upon the politics of Portland or Multnomah County."

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Catholic Orphans Will Benefit by Festivities on Columbia Campus.

The Catholic orphans' annual benefit picnic will be held on July 4, on the Columbia University campus. A number of contests have been arranged, as well as a baseball game between bachelors and bachelorettes, and a balloon ascension by Madame Aurelia. Prizes will be awarded in the different contests, and the mammoth gymnasium gives a guarantee to baffle any attempt upon the part of the weather to spoil the day's amusement. Following is the programme and the prizes offered:

11 A. M.—Speech by Hon. Frank Davey.

12 M.—Boys' race, 12 to 16 years; prize, suit of clothes, donated by Mr. Ben Sellings.

1:30 P. M.—Girls' race, 12 to 16 years; prize, bicycle lamp, donated by F. T. Merrill (Cyclo Company).

P. M.—Young men's race, not under 18 years; prize, hat, donated by Famous Cycle Company.

1:30 P. M.—Donkey race; first prize, valuable bridle, donated by P. J. Cronin Company; second prize, whip, donated by F. J. Cronin Company.

2 P. M.—Ball game between the married and single men; J. Driscoll, captain married men; John McEntee, captain single men; prize, box of cigars, donated by Allen & Lewis.

2 P. M.—Fat man's race; prize, briar pipe, donated by Sig Sichel & Co.

1 P. M.—Spikedriving contest for married women; prize, sack of Olympia flour, donated by Portland Flouring Mills.

4:15 P. M.—Ballon ascension by Madame Aurelia.

4:30 P. M.—Three-legged race; prize, box of cigars, donated by Allen & Lewis.

4:45 P. M.—Potato race; prize, umbrella, donated by Portland Hotel Haberdashery.

1 P. M.—Married women's race; prize, hat, donated by O'Donnell & Driscoll.

4:15 P. M.—Egg race; prize, pair of shoes, donated by Export, Young & Co.

4:30 P. M.—Championship pillow fight; prize, box of cigars, donated by Allen & Lewis.

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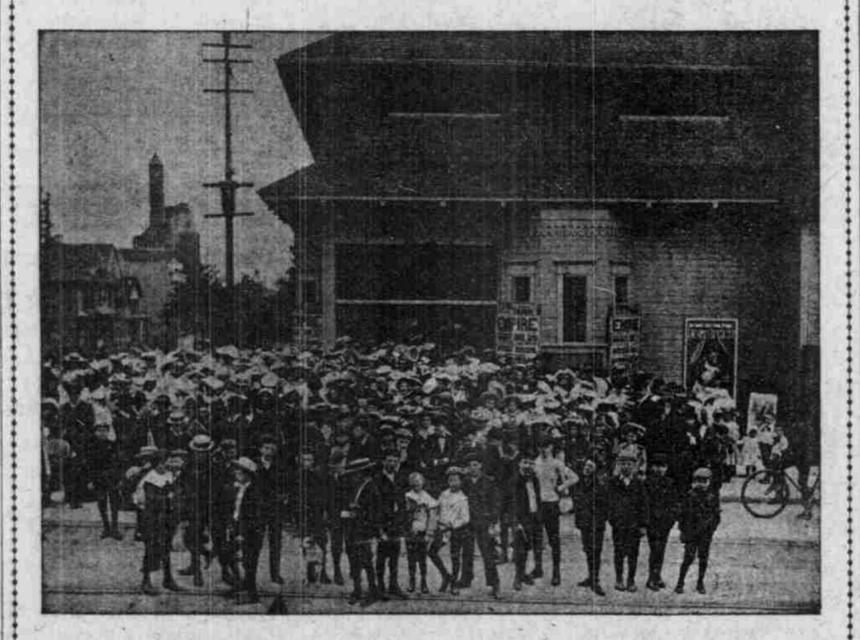
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COMPLIMENTARY MATINEE GIVEN AT THE EMPIRE THEATER TO THE CHILDREN OF PORTLAND



It looked like fairyland yesterday afternoon at the Empire Theater on the occasion of a complimentary matinee given to the children of Portland by Manager George L. Baker. There were little toddlers just able to walk and talk, blue-eyed chubby-cheeked tots, with their hair brushed to a nicety by loving hands before they left home, and they were of their best behavior. For around them, all talking at once, were all sorts and conditions of older boys and girls, just old enough to be interesting. Everybody clutched the Evening Telegram coupon, which entitled them to free admission to the pretty vaudeville theater. Several boys were industriously indulging in baseball practice before the show opened, and for security's sake they mostly held their coupons in their mouths. Suddenly one baseball catcher, aged 7, uttered a yell and he placed his hands dramatically on his breast. "What is it?" asked a small boy near him. "Never mind him; he's only swallowed his coupon, see?" said the baseball captain. One little girl was at the theater about noon, and she marched up to the box-office, coupon in hand, and said: "Please, sir, I'm the firstest, and I want the firstest seat." But she had to stand in line, all the same. Other children frankly admitted they had lost their coupons, but they were welcomed, all the same.

What delighted excitement there was when the theater door was opened, and everybody was orderly. Never did actors face a more quivering, amused audience. Every seat was taken, and every number on the regular programme was given; nothing was left out, and the juvenile audience laughed at and appreciated all the jokes. The man who imitated all the sounds made by birds and other animals held the small folk spellbound. So did the clowns, with their clever acrobatic work and funny boxing match. The actors smiled in spite of themselves when they heard those peals of innocent, delighted laughter from the audience. The various ushers were very kind to their guests, and saw that all had a good time. Everybody sighed when the vaudeville was over. "I wish I could see it three times. I'm tired. Carry me," said a small girl to her big sister, as they walked up Morrison street homeward-bound.