

TRIED MAN PUT OUT

Why Superintendent Bickers' Head Had to Fall.

POLITICS WAS BEHIND IT ALL

Dr. Calbreath Stays in Asylum, Too, as Result of Combination That Bears All the Earmarks of a Deal.

SALEM, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—In the re-election of Dr. J. F. Calbreath to the Superintendency of the State Insane Asylum and N. H. Looney to the Superintendency of the State Reform School, the last slice of political pie has been handed out. The political phase of these elections, which were announced in today's Oregonian, has been the subject of wide discussion in this city, and it is generally felt that the distribution of the offices will have no small political effect.

One thing is very clear—that, although the "Mitchell" wing of the Republican party controlled the last state convention, the Simon adherents have secured more than two-thirds of the political pie, so far as the Republicans had the power of distribution.

Two Out of Three.

Three appointments have been made since the last election. They are the clerk of the State Land Board, Superintendent of the Asylum, and Superintendent of the Reform School. The first place was filled by the election of George G. Brown, whose affiliation in the last campaign was with the Simon-Geer people. Brown was a deputy in the land office, and was promoted because of his merit. The second place was filled yesterday by the re-election of Dr. J. F. Calbreath, who has always been a Simon man, and who was a very active worker in the last primary campaign, when the fight for control of Marion County was red hot.

The third place was given to N. H. Looney, of Marion County, who was a member of the Legislature of 1901. He came before the joint convention, when he was elected to the position, and sided in his election. He has always been a staunch adherent of the Mitchell wing of the party, and for that reason was refused a renomination for the Senate, the county convention being in the control of the Simon-Geer people.

Indications of a Trade.

The fact that Simon man and a Mitchell man were given places yesterday does not prove that there was a trade, but many people have drawn that conclusion. The boards which filled the two positions by election are composed of Governor Chamberlain, a Democrat; Secretary of State Dunbar, a Mitchell Republican; and State Treasurer C. S. Moore, a Simon Republican. In using the qualifying terms, it is not meant to convey the idea that either the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer wears any man's collar or obeys any man's dictation, but merely to indicate the wing of the party with which they affiliate.

In filling these two offices yesterday the two Republican members of the board voted together. Governor Chamberlain acquiesced in the election of Calbreath, but vigorously protested against the election of any person in the place of Superintendent Bickers at the Reform School. The only evidence of a trade lies in the fact that Dunbar supported a Simon man for the asylum, while Moore supported a Mitchell man for the Reform School. This fact would not necessarily indicate a trade, but it is known that State Treasurer Moore was very much averse to putting a good man out for political reasons, and he stood with Dunbar only to preserve harmonious action between the Republican members of the board.

This harmony of action included the election of Calbreath, which, however, was a foregone conclusion since the superintendent had made a good record.

Doc Smith Scalped Bickers.
The true story of the ousting of Superintendent Bickers, in order to make a place for Doc Looney, is this:

In the last campaign Bickers made a very aggressive fight on behalf of the Simon-Geer faction, but particularly the Geer interests, for he was a Finnish man in his home county, Umatilla. He went so far in this county as to permit employees at the Reform School to "colouize" in precinct Salem No. 2, where the factional fight waged the hottest. That was the precinct of Dr. J. N. Smith, an anti-Simon-Geer leader and a zealous supporter of Dunbar.

Smith was defeated by an overwhelming majority, and naturally didn't feel kindly toward Bickers. Smith carried the fight to the Secretary of State, and gave Mr. Dunbar to understand that he couldn't retain his friendship and vote for Bickers. Many of Smith's friends added their voices to the demand for the official head of Bickers and their request was granted. Dunbar tells the story in the manner just related. He says that the administration of Bickers was satisfactory, except in so far as he let himself take an offensive interest in a local political fight. State Treasurer Moore says the same thing, and adds that he favored the re-election of Bickers upon the record he had made, but that he does not like to insist upon the election of any man who is distasteful to any member of the board. Chamberlain wanted Bickers; Dunbar wanted Looney, and Moore had to take his choice of voting with a Democrat and against his party colleague, or letting Bickers out. He chose to vote with Dunbar.

It is worth while to mention that Dr. Smith was a candidate for the position of superintendent of the asylum, and would have been pleased to have the ax fall on Dr. Calbreath's neck. But it was clear that Moore wouldn't have stood for anything of that kind, and Smith had to be satisfied with getting the head of Bickers. As a matter of fact, State Treasurer Moore was in control of the situation, and could have had Simon men at the head of both the asylum and Reform School if he wished. But he would have had to do this with the aid of a Democratic Governor, and he evidently thought it best to let the Mitchell people have something, and thus preserve the peace.

A noteworthy feature of the whole mat-

ter is the fact that the last Legislature passed an act for the sole purpose of saving Bickers from dismissal, but the outcome proved a disappointment. Prior to the last Legislature, the Reform School Board was composed of the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. In the last campaign Superintendent Ackerman was suspected of being a Simon man, though he took no part in the fight further than to go down to his home precinct in Portland to vote at the primaries.

The anti-Simon people carried Multnomah County, and were out after Ackerman's scalp. They wanted to slaughter every man who was not of their faction. In the stress of circumstances, Ackerman managed to make a break in the combination against him by promising not to vote for the re-election of Bickers, who had the amity of Senator Hunt, of Multnomah. This promise was known to the friends of Bickers, and they knew that Ackerman would keep his promise. In order to save Bickers, they secured the passage of an act taking the Superintendent of the Reform School Board and substituting the State Treasurer.

State Treasurer Moore had been seen,

RESCUED FROM THE HILLS

AGED HUNTER WANDERS IN STORM FOR TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS.

Mayor of Woodburn Heads Party That Finds ex-Mayor Doud at Point of Exhaustion.

WOODBURN, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—At noon today the citizens of Woodburn received the joyful news that Jason F. Doud, ex-Mayor of the city, who had been lost in the mountains since Saturday morning, October 3, had been found. He arrived here at 1 o'clock P. M. in an exhausted condition.

Mayor Corby, ex-Mayor Doud, who is over 70 years of age, Amos Beach, City Marshal, and Mr. Menier had been hunting for deer near the Red Rock mines, east of Crooked Finger Prairie, some 35 miles east of this city. On Saturday Mr. Doud shot a deer, as did another of the party, and the hunters started for camp. Doud concluded to go over a high bluff to reach camp, while his companions took a circuitous but easier route with

most extensive in the history of the fair. All of the space allotted to the stock department is filled. The races promise well if the track can be got in condition and the managers say it will be all right tomorrow if there is no more rain. There are 54 stables of race horses filled and waiting the pleasure of the weather man. It is clear and cool tonight, with the promise of a fine day tomorrow.

ROUTE ON SAGITT RIVER.
Will Require a Tunnel of Two or Three Miles.

WHATCOM, Wash., Oct. 6.—The Belknap Bay & British Columbia Railway company's surveying party, which has been engaged in trying to find a practicable route through the Cascade Mountains between the present line of the Great Northern Railway and the International boundary line, reached home today after seven months spent in the work. From a member of the party it is learned that a great number of routes and alleged passes were examined, and that a route was finally found that will permit of the construction of a road over the mountains with a maximum grade of 25 per cent. This route follows the Sagitt River and to secure the grade above mentioned it will be necessary to dig a tunnel between two and three miles in length. This tun-

FROM FARMER TO BANDIT

GAY HARSHMAN HAS NO FRIENDS IN FORMER HOME.

While Living Near Arlington Was Accused of the Murder of Rancher, but Escaped Sentence.

ARLINGTON, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Gay Harshman, the bandit, alias Jim Conner, formerly residing in the Eight Mile neighborhood, about 15 miles from here. He came here about 20 years ago and took up a homestead claim and followed farming for about ten years. He was inclined to be quarrelsome and was continually in trouble with his neighbors.

A short time before he left here he was accused of the murder of a young rancher who lived near him, but at the trial the evidence produced by the state was not sufficient to warrant a conviction otherwise the hold-up of the O. R. & N. train might never have occurred. Harshman was married and left a wife and three boys, who are quite well thought of in this community. His wife after-

balancing wire used to tie the dynamite on the rail. Superintendent Boyle is still here and there is an engine in the yards with steam up ready to go out on an instant's notice in case the dynamite should make another attempt tonight.

That the train escaped being wrecked last night was a miracle, as 36 cars after the explosion passed over the rail out of which 15 inches had been torn.

From a farmer living near Arlington, Or., to a train-robber, is the metamorphosis through which has passed Gay Harshman, otherwise Jim Conner, the injured man, who is believed to have been the leader of the bandit gang which held up the O. R. & N. train September 23.

The man now lying injured in the Good Samaritan hospital has confessed to his identity as Gay Harshman, a counterfeiter, who did time on McNeill Island, Washington, and also in 1894 in San Quentin, Cal., for the same offense.

Believing that concealment can no longer better his case, the man wounded by the shot of Express Messenger Fred Korner has frankly told his history. Counterfeiting gold coins seems to have been the principal feature of Harshman's criminal career. In California he worked so expertly that it would have been almost impossible to catch him had not a member of the counterfeiting gang turned state's evidence. On McNeill Island, to which he was sent for the same offense, Harshman was known as Billy Montclair. He was arrested at Gates, Wash. In San Quentin he was registered under his own name, Gay Harshman.

It is believed that Harshman has been identified with crooked operations in other states of the Northwest, though the detectives here have no official information on this point.

To a reporter who visited him yesterday Harshman openly admitted that he had been masquerading under the name of Jim Conner, and that he was Gay Harshman, formerly of Arlington. He believes that death is calling for him, and wishes to tell the truth before unable to speak.

Harshman is known to the detectives in Tacoma, and they identified him by the description sent out by the Portland police.

WHY GIBSON IS ON TRIAL.

Alleged to Have Murdered John Schenck in Cold Blood.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The crime for which Thomas Jefferson Gibson is on trial for the third time is the shooting of John Schenck at his home about four miles from Merlin on Friday, April 18, 1892. According to evidence brought out at previous trials there were two witnesses to the tragedy, Mrs. Schenck, wife of the murdered man, and Charles Van Dorn, a neighbor, who was in his doorway across Rogue River, and heard the fatal shot and saw the prostrate form. Gibson immediately surrendered himself and was taken to Grant's Pass and confined in the county jail.

The tragedy was the culmination of a dispute of many years' duration over the boundary line between the Schenck and

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ranch and the rented place on which Gibson was living. Numerous threats of bodily harm and even threats to kill were made to have been made on both sides, and both men were expecting trouble. Schenck, the afternoon on which he was shot took his ancient muzzle-loading shotgun and told his wife he would go out to shoot some birds. Gibson going past the place carrying a 30-30 Winchester saw Schenck coming toward him with the gun and commanded him to throw down the gun, at the same time shooting his victim in the head, killing him instantly. Gibson walked nearly around the prostrate body at some distance and fired again, this time the bullet entering his shoulder.

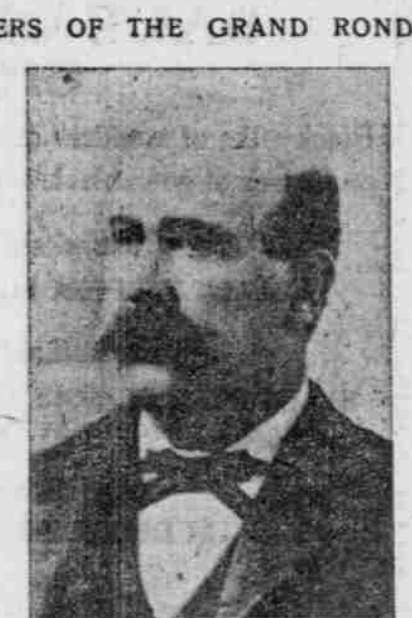
The Gibson case comes up at this term of circuit court for the third time, and out of a panel of 30 jurymen only one juror was secured. The counsel for the defense then made a motion to have the case taken out of court on the ground that Gibson was insane. A commission was appointed by Judge Hanna to examine the Gibson. They decided that Gibson was sane and the drawing on jurors was continued.

In the previous trial the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, and Judge Hanna sentenced Gibson to be hanged.

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and, while he would make no pledges as to what he would do, he expressed satisfaction with the record of Bickers. All seemed smooth sailing for the continuance of Bickers at the Reform School. Ackerman has kept his promise not to vote for Bickers, and Moore has broken no promises. Dunbar has satisfied the demands of his friends, Moore has secured for the Simon people a much larger proportion of the political pie than they had any reason to expect, and Governor Chamberlain has strengthened himself by going on record as opposed to changes in institutions for purely political reasons.

It is true that Chamberlain threw out all the Republican officials at the penitentiary, but he has the Tracy escape as a defense.

Change is Criticized.
Thus far the dropping of Bickers is receiving much criticism and very little, if any, commendation. It is agreed all around that Bickers' record was all that was desired, and that the press of politics was all that made his removal advisable. He was not an experienced man when he came to the school four years ago, but he has become an efficient officer. Mr. Looney is a chairman, who has had no training or experience that fits him for the supervision of a reform school.

That he will become as good a superintendent as Bickers is now is generally conceded, but everywhere there is heard the criticism that a tried and successful

man should not be dropped for one who has nothing to commend him as particularly fitted for the place. Looney is a practical man, of spoken character and one who will attend to business.

Mrs. Looney, who will probably be elected matron, in accordance with custom, is a lady of high educational qualifications, energetic and possessed of an abundance of common sense.

KNIFE WOUND IN HIS NECK.

Question Whether Carpenter Committed Suicide or Was Murdered.

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 6.—At Martinez today Coronado Curry was called upon to investigate the mysterious death of J. W. Blundon, a carpenter, who was found in an unconscious condition near the station at Pinole, suffering from a severe wound in the neck. In his pocket was found a large pocket-knife, the blade of which was closed, but which was covered with blood. In the pockets were also found cards showing that he was connected with a realty syndicate of Oakland and a card from Carpenter's Union No. 121, of Seattle, and a memorandum showing that he had a divorced wife, Mrs. M. C. Blundon, residing in San Francisco.

The officers are unable to determine whether it was a case of suicide or whether Blundon was a victim of foul play.

HOLD-UP AT THE DALLIES.

Blacksmith Gives Up \$600 at Request of Two Footpads.

THE DALLIES, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—As L. Richardson, a blacksmith of this place, was going to his home at 9 o'clock last night, he was held up on one of the principal thoroughfares of the city and robbed of \$600. Two footpads, working silently and swiftly, did the work, one holding a pistol in Richardson's face, while the other emptied his pockets of his collection day harvest.

So quickly was the work done that Richardson can give no description of either robber.

the game killed. On arrival at camp the ex-Mayor had not arrived. Guns were fired and search commenced at once.

Beach came to Woodburn and several citizens at once started on the search. The ex-Mayor was found at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Mayor Corby, who carried him to camp on his back, a distance of nearly two miles. Mr. Doud gives a graphic account of his awful exposure and wanderings. He says: "I started toward camp but soon became bewildered. For hours I wandered on in the awful storm, firing my gun at intervals. That night I built a fire, but being without food became very weak and chilled."

"On Sunday I endeavored again to reach camp, but without success. The storm increased in violence and when night came on I could not for my life light a match on account of tremulousness and extreme weakness. Without shelter or cover I wandered around all night and when morning came made up my mind to leave and laid down to meet death upon the mountain side."

"The sound of Mayor Corby's rifle and his cheerful voice aroused me, but I was absolutely helpless when found and life could not have been sustained many hours. I was not an experienced man when he came to the school four years ago, but he has become an efficient officer. Mr. Looney is a chairman, who has had no training or experience that fits him for the supervision of a reform school."

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BY A MAJORITY OF TWO.

McBride is Returned to Power in British Columbia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 6.—The most remarkable election ever held in British Columbia has done to an unsatisfactory, because indecisive, end. The McBride government has been returned by a majority of two, which will be reduced to one when the Speaker of the Assembly is chosen. The figures are: Conservatives, 22; Liberals, 17; Socialists, 2; Labor party, 1.

Two Cabinet Ministers went down, Attorney-General McPhillips being defeated in Victoria and Provincial Secretary Goodhue losing in Rossland. Martin, the stormy petrel of Canadian politics, and the unofficial leader of the Liberals, was snuffed under in Vancouver, and the Conservatives count the loss of two Ministers as beside the crushing of Martin. This city was overwhelmingly Conservative, the ministerial five getting an aggregate vote of 12,000, while Martin and his four Liberals received 780.

Among the surprises of the contest was the defeat of former Attorney-General Eberts by H. Tanner, Liberal, and the decisive majority of former Finance Minister Carter over ex-Prov. The Secretary "Winchester" Brown in Richmond.

CORVALLIS HEARS COLONY SCHEME

Mayor Wanted to Start Great Industrial Combination.

CORVALLIS, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—A colony scheme, involving the proposed construction of a railroad through Benton County from Portland to Coos Bay, the establishment of a beet-sugar factory, the operation of mills and various other industries, was explained to the Citizens' League at a public meeting last night, with a view of enlisting financial aid. The plan is the renewal in a new form of the colony scheme that failed to materialize at Monroe a few years ago.

The promoter is Rev. H. S. Wallace of Junction. At the meeting last night, he read a letter from an officer of a well-known Portland bank, which announced a belief that bonds of the proposed colony industries could be sold in the East within a reasonable time. The issue of bonds is proposed to run well into the millions. The credentials carried by Mr. Wallace and the explanations made are interesting to all and impressive to some.

The sum of \$300, to be subscribed in bonds, was asked of Corvallis as her portion for the preliminary expenses for the bond sale. The league tendered Mr. Wallace a vote of thanks and referred the matter to the executive committee.

RAIN DELAYS FAIR OPENING.

La Grande Exhibits Are Coming in at a Lively Rate.

LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Today was the day fixed for the formal opening of the First District Fair of Eastern Oregon in this city, but on account of the inclement weather which has prevailed for the past three days there was no attempt made to open the fair today. Exhibitors came in very lively today. Before noon there was enough to fill comfortably the new pavilion which has just been completed.

There is an exceedingly fine display of fruits on exhibition. The display of vegetables and grains is very large and attractive. The fine stock show is the

nel will be between Granite Creek and the Methow River. The party has succeeded in connecting its preliminary from Spokane through the mountains with the end of their constructed line on the Western side.

CITY ELECTION AT ROSEBURG.

Councilmen, Recorder and Treasurer Receive Light Vote.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Yesterday's city election here was one of the quietest ever held in Roseburg. Four Councilmen were chosen, one from each ward for a term of four years, and a Recorder and Treasurer, each for two years. Those elected are: Councilmen—First Ward, W. A. Burr; Second Ward, I. J. Norman; Third Ward, Frank G. Mills; Fourth Ward, J. H. Sykes. Recorder, H. L. Marsters; Treasurer, H. C. Slocum, Jr.

Mayor Hoover and Councilmen C. W. Parks, H. Wollenberg, E. L. Basford and N. Rice held office. An exceedingly light vote was polled, no issue being presented to create interest in the election.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE IS CLOSED.

Running Logs Batter Away the Underpinning of Approach.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The old approach to the McKenzie bridge across the McKenzie at Coburg went out this morning, caused by running logs striking the underpinning. The approach has been in bad condition and has been undergoing repairs for some time past, travel across the bridge being suspended. Workmen were putting in a new approach spanning something over 100 feet to take the place of the old one.

Yesterday a drive of logs arrived and began to batter the false support, which gave way this morning and allowed the old span to fall into the water. The damage is not considered great, but bridge will not be open for travel for some time.

Wants to Help Build Up Country.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—A lot of inquiries are received by State Land Agent Oswald West, regarding this state and opportunities for investment. One of the most amusing of these was received today from a man in Louisiana, whose name is heretofore omitted.

State Land Office, Salem, Or.—Dear Sir: Is there still any good state and United States lands in Oregon, well timbered? I was raised in Arkansas, my father voted against secession, and they tried to kill him in time of the Rebellion, and gave him and me trouble in a hundred ways. I would love to have my new home in Oregon. I will come and help develop your commonwealth all I can. Write soon, Yours, T. E. B. P. S.—If you want my reference, write to Jake Shular, Eldorado, Ark.

President Campbell for Football.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The members of the football squad held an enthusiastic and interesting meeting last evening. President P. L. Campbell was the principal speaker, and stated that athletics were a very important phase of college life, as good athletics tend not only to develop physical perfection, but the training rules put a check on dissipation. Speeches were also made by the manager, coach and captain.

Plan to Visit Ontario Hatchery.

SALEM, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The State Fishery Commission is planning to visit the new salmon hatchery at Ontario some time this week or next. The hatchery is completed. The Master Fish Warden's report for September shows that 2,500,000 eggs were taken at Salmon River this season and that 2,000,000 have hatched and will soon be ready to turn out. At Clackamas hatchery 3,500,000 eggs have been taken and at Wallawa 2,300,000.

Applicants at Oregon Bar.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The following applicants for admission to the bar were examined in the Supreme Court today: John E. Tracy, Arthur C. Dayton, Hugh C. Gearn and George F. Brice of Portland; F. C. Hackman, of Astoria; James R. Burgett, of McMinnville; Thomas H. Tongue, Jr.

Matron at the Penitentiary.

SALEM, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain today appointed Mrs. Irene James as matron at the State Penitentiary. This appointment is made under an act of the last Legislature, providing a salary of \$40 a month for the position. The matron is the wife of Superintendent James.

Graduate Becomes Assistant.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Miss Sibyl Thurston, a university graduate, has received the appointment as assistant instructor in the college French and German department. Miss Thurston resigned a position at the Hill Military Academy.

ward sued for and was granted a divorce and has since married and resides in this county. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Eight-Mile, are substantial, well-to-do people who have the respect of their neighbors, as does his former wife.

When Harshman left here he went to Seattle and while residing there was arrested and tried for leading counterfeit money and upon conviction was imprisoned for a term of years. Not much has been heard of him by residents of this county since that time, but the old settlers here who knew him are not at all surprised that the Gay Harshman they formerly knew proves to be Jim Conner, the bandit.

While here he was quite an industrious man but did not succeed in acquiring much property during his residence here. He was not generally given to very much dissipation, although he sometimes indulged in the use of liquor. He was not thought of and left so far as is known but few friends in this neighborhood.

RAIN OBLITERATES THE TRAIL.

Bloodhounds Lose Scent of Dynamite on Northern Pacific.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 6.—There have been no developments in the dynamite outrages on the Northern Pacific today. After a thorough investigation of the explosion at Birdseye last night, the detectives are convinced that the men who placed the explosive on the track drove to the point in a light rig and left in the same manner. Owing to a heavy rain after the explosion the bloodhounds could follow the trail only a short distance.

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