

SECRET CONCLAVE HELD

PEERY WING OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY HOLDS A MEETING.

Denial is Made That Slate Was Fixed for County Convention Which Meets Tomorrow.

About in secluded corners and hidden nooks could be found groups of men engaged in earnest conversation at all hours of yesterday. The same thing will occur today.

They are getting ready for the Democratic County Convention. And all the conferring and secret communion of clans probably indicates that the slate is being fixed.

Nor do they feel that all the burnishing of steel and the expenditure of midnight oil and gray matter is at all a waste. Miss Democracy's faithful admirers declare that offenders against the peace and dignity of the County of Multnomah are to be arrested in the future by a Democratic Sheriff. They say there will be a Democratic Judge on the bench before they get through, to try the offender after he has been taken into custody by the aforesaid Democratic Sheriff.

T. M. Word is the name on many Democratic lips for the Sheriff nomination. With disapproval the Republican ranks over this plum and Storey poising his own raft they say their nominee ought to fare nicely. Then they speak of George W. Allen as one candidate for a Circuit Judgeship, and H. B. Nicholas, Mark O'Neil, T. G. Greene and Seneca Smith are also mentioned in the same connection.

Editorial aspirants require much ink and paper for the writing of the list, among the probabilities being Newton McCoy, H. W. Parker, F. V. Holman, T. G. Thornton, M. J. Malley, N. A. Peery, A. King Wilson, H. B. Conner, D. M. Donough, Dr. John Welch, John Van Zante, Charles J. Schnabel and J. A. Bushman.

That there is a slate is unblushingly denied by party leaders. Alex Sweek says there isn't and L. T. Peery says there isn't. Their various supporters substantiate them in saying the convention will be an open one.

Peery's admirers will not say just why they held a meeting Monday evening in the Alsworth building, where a staunch Republican explains his action in allowing them his office as a meeting place by saying they are a misguided but by no means a bad lot. For several hours they parleyed there with sentiments at every door to keep out interlopers. What they were talking about or what they were doing is, they say, chiefly their own business.

Sweek and his clansmen are holding a meeting on the installment plan. Mr. Sweek says he does not believe in a mass meeting. So he was kept busy all day meeting groups of political friends who visited him in delegations of from two to half a dozen in a bunch.

Not until today, they say, will be formed or known the list of those who are to be considered as candidates for the various minor nominations. There is a host of plum-seekers who are willing to risk themselves on the political sea in the frail Democratic craft, and the really eligible, it is explained, have not been entirely sorted out from the impossible aspirants.

Articles of Incorporation. Incorporation articles of the United States Launch Company, capital stock \$5000, were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by R. J. Kiss, H. A. Reynolds and E. H. Irwin.

CHANCE TO SEE OREGON

EXCURSIONISTS TO THE FAIR MAY STOP OVER ON WAY.

Privilege Asked by Pendleton is Granted by O. R. & N. to All Points on Its Line.

Through the efforts of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the O. R. & N. has consented to grant stop-over privileges at all Oregon points on excursion tickets to the Lewis and Clark Fair.

"I found that people in the East do not know much about our intention to have Lewis and Clark Fair in Portland," said G. W. Simons, auditor of the Columbia River & Northern Railroad, who has returned from a three weeks' visit to Chicago. "I was surprised to find how many business men do not even know who Lewis and Clark were. They know very little of Portland or Oregon. The general impression that we are pretty well advertised is a mistake. Railroad agents and bankers may know us, but it is the general traveling public that we want. People I met were surprised to hear that ships come to Portland and that we have boats on the largest cargoes of flour and lumber ever loaded. They were astonished to hear that we have 120,000 people. They think that San Francisco is the only seaport on the Coast and that Seattle is getting into the ocean commerce. This is not the idea of ignorant people, but of business men worth hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"What is the remedy?" was asked. "One remedy is to have newsstands in the Eastern cities where our people can get the Portland papers. I went to one newsstand where I got The Oregonian of ten dates, but I could get no Telegram, though I could get the San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle papers. This town can become generally known if the people interested in it will mail marked copies of the local papers or magazines to their friends in the East. Suppose 10,000 people mail ten copies of a paper every month, but it would cost them about 30 cents, but it would get information about the country to 100,000 people. If they only send one paper a month, it will do much good."

"I cannot endorse the statement of many Portlanders returning from the East that everybody is looking to the West. I did not find that so. Ten persons are going to Texas and other parts of the South for one who is coming to the Coast. There is a new element going to that section and buying out the conservative old families. They are ditching, dyking and draining the land and introducing modern ideas."

The following new members were elected to the Chamber: The Pacific Construction Company, James Pools, The German Publishing Company and the Hawthorne estate.

FLIRTATION NIPPED IN THE BUD

George McKinney Horsewhips Motorman, Who Denies Offense. George McKinney, a confectioner, treated G. L. Thompson, a street-car motorman, to a horsewhipping Monday evening. He says the motorman had been conducting a flirtation with his wife.

Thompson, the horsewhipped, called at the police station yesterday forenoon and got a warrant for the arrest of the outraged husband charging him with assault and battery. McKinney was arrested during the afternoon by Officer Hammerly. The trouble is to be threshed out in Police Court this morning.

The whip was administered within the sight of a large crowd of people. Thompson was aboard an East Ankeny car which was standing at the corner of Third and Yamhill streets when the other man stepped aboard and lashed him. Thompson, who is by far the smaller man of the two, closed with his assailant and gave an excellent account of himself by throwing the larger man bodily off the car.

McKinney says that the flirtation had not reached serious dimensions. Thompson, he says, had been waving at his wife as she passed his store on East Morrison street and Grand avenue and followed this up by writing her a letter. McKinney says this letter will speak for itself when presented as evidence this morning.

CARS FOR THE HEIGHTS.

Ten on the Way for Ford-Street Line - Bridge Finished in June.

The Portland Railway Company is planning to install a number of new cars and make several improvements in its service, preparatory to handling the Summer traffic.

One of the first improvements to be made is the installation of new cars. Ten cars are now on their way from the shops of the American Car Company at St. Louis, designed to be operated on the Portland Heights Line. They are convertible, so that they can be used in Summer and winter. They are 48 feet long, finished in quarter-sawn oak, and have transverse seats and center aisles.

These new cars are expected to arrive here by the time that the steel viaduct across Jefferson-street canyon at Ford street is completed. The bridge, which is the first steel street structure of its kind in the city, is now being built. It will be completed about the middle of June, it is said, and the car-line will be in operation across it as soon thereafter as possible.

This line will be one of the scenic street-car lines of the West. It traverses a section of the city that affords a magnificent view of Portland and its surroundings. The tracks wind up the hills through a veritable garden of beauty.

The viaduct itself will be something extraordinary in its class. It will have double tracks and afford a driveway almost as wide as Washington street. Footwalks are provided on the outside. More than 450 tons of steel will enter into its construction.

Besides the new cars that will be put into service on this line, the company is building a number in its own shops. Two of these were put into service last week and two more will be added this week. Eight others are in process of construction and will be put into service within the next few weeks.

SPRING FARMING STARTS.

Weather Conditions Favorable for Plowing and Seeding. The weekly crop summary of the Weather Bureau follows: The first two days of the week were rainy and cold, but the latter part was warm and pleasant and ideal for farm work. A few frosty mornings occurred, but the frosts were too light to do any harm.

Plowing and seeding has been pushed as rapidly as possible. The soil on the high lands is in excellent condition for plowing, and that on the bottom lands is fast drying out. Early gardens have been started and some early potatoes have been planted. The season, however, is very backward, the farmers generally are behind with their work, and many fear that they will not have time to prepare the land they intended for Spring seeding before it is too late for wheat and other small grains. Fall wheat is doing nicely, and but few complaints are made regarding its condition.

Hops are beginning to sprout, but the growers have not yet had time to thoroughly clean and cultivate their yards although they are now very busy at this work. Goat shearing has begun and the wool, so far as learned, is an average one. Pastures and stock are improving, and in some sections stock has been turned out on the range.

Early cherries, peaches, plums and bush fruit have come into bloom during the week, and the outlook for fruit of all kinds is much better than usual thus early in the season.

East Side Notes.

The Mothers' Club of Brooklyn, will hold a meeting Friday afternoon in the Brooklyn School, when the study of child-nature will be continued, and Miss A. L. Dimick will give a drill on parliamentary usages. Also there will be considerable business to transact.

The Portland Railway Company is completing its double track to Woodlawn, and laying a special siding at that place west of the car barn. The crew is to re-ballast and otherwise repair the Albina branch. The management has no information to give as to when the East Burnside-street extension is to be completed, although the people interested are anxious to know.

The City & Suburban Railway Company is pushing work on its double tracks on Mississippi avenue, Albina. Tracks have been laid to Fremont street, and will be laid to Skidmore, the end of the improvement. The street contractor has suspended work to allow the street-car company to catch up with its work.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, April 12.—Maximum temperature, 57 deg.; minimum, 50. River reading, 11 A. M., 11.4 feet; change in 24 hours, rise .7 feet. Total precipitation, 0 P. M. to 8 P. M., none; total since September 1, 1903, 44.13 inches; normal, 39.83; excess, 4.34. Total sunshine April 11, 1904, 18 hours 10 minutes; possible, 15 hours 18 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), at 5 P. M., 29.77.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

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