

MILLS IN RACE

Multnomah's Candidate for Speaker.

A. A. BAILEY WITHDRAWS

Legislative Delegation Meets in Caucus.

NO CHOICE FOR SENATE CHIEF

Political Leaders, However, Assent Multnomah State Senators Will Vote for Dr. W. Kuykendall, Insuring His Election.

Multnomah Legislators in caucus last night put forward A. L. Mills for Speaker and agreed to vote their influence in both Houses for his election.

It was passed out yesterday by leaders of the political organization in the county that Dr. Kuykendall is Multnomah's favorite for leadership of the Senate.

Six outside Senators have already allied themselves with Kuykendall, and there is good assurance that at least two others—Hobson of Marion and Linn, and Croisan of Marion—are waiting only for the Multnomah six to go to the Kuykendall camp before going their own way.

The seventh Senator from this county—C. W. Nottingham—having been elected in defiance of the regular Republican organization, is expected to carry as a free lance. Neither Carter nor Kuykendall seems to have him under control.

Kay is Still Confident. T. B. Kay, of Marion, was in Portland yesterday and scented the Mills boom but declared that it would not keep himself from being Speaker.

Right soon after the discussion began, it became evident that the delegation had convinced itself that Mr. Bailey could not bring down the game. As soon as the caucus was over, the spread that opinion was soon, Mr. Bailey neatly announced that he would pull out of the contest and bequest whatever influence he possessed to help elect the man they thought they could elect.

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BLOODY STRUGGLE TO FOLLOW

Hungarian Parliament Ends in Great Uproar.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 28.—There was a disorderly sitting of the Chamber of Deputies today, and Premier Tizsa was compelled, owing to stormy protests from the opposition, to abandon his attempt to induce the House to vote on indemnity for the government's expenditure without the sanction of Parliament.

NEW CABINET IN GREECE.

ATHENS, Dec. 28.—A new cabinet has been formed, with Delynis as Premier, and Minister of the Interior Skouzas as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mavromichalis as Minister of War and an interim Minister of Marine, Caradinos as Minister of Justice and an interim Minister of Instruction, and Goumarakis as Minister of Finance.

ASUTRIAN PREMIER HAS RESIGNED.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—The Neue Freie Presse says Premier von Koerber, at an audience with Emperor Francis Joseph this morning, tendered his resignation on the ground of ill health.

CHILDREN FORCED TO GO TO SCHOOL. TIFLIS, Trans-Caucasia, Dec. 28.—The Town Council of Tiflis has ordained compulsory education at the expense of the city.

ODELL HOLDS A CONFERENCE. Ex-Governor Black, Louis Payne and Others Meet Him in New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Governor Odell, ex-Governor Black, Louis Payne and many other prominent New York Republicans were in conference here today, but up to a late hour tonight no results of the conference which throw any light on the Senatorial situation were made public.

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SHOWS PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Circuit Court Should Have the Fixing of Rates.

JUDGE OF ABILITY TO PRESIDE

Senator From West Virginia Believes That No Attempt Will Be Made by Roads to Evade Execution of Instructions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Senator R. B. Elkins, of West Virginia, chairman of the Senate committee on Interstate Commerce, is busily engaged in framing a bill for the purpose of carrying out the views of the President in relation to the abolition of freight rates. The Senator, in discussing the subject today, said among other things:

"There should be some power in this country to declare what rates should be on the railroads. The United States Supreme Court has decided that the fixing of a railroad rate is a legislative and not a judicial power. So we cannot depend upon the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix these rates, and, in fact, no commission or court can be depended on for that important function. What we can do is to empower a court to declare when a rate is excessive and in that way send the rate back to the railroad to be lowered."

"I do not think we need fear that the roads will attempt to evade the execution of such instruction in good faith, by attempting to come back again with another rate, slightly lowered, so as to result in no benefit. We can depend upon public opinion as a power to force them to accept this method of regulating the rates in good faith. If the lower rate they fix is not low enough, it can again be declared to be too high and would go back to them."

"For several reasons I think the Interstate Commerce Commission is not the proper tribunal for the fixing of rates by this method. It should be done in a Circuit Court of the United States and that court should be presided over by a Justice of high character, who ought to receive a salary of \$10,000, \$12,000 or \$15,000 a year. Such a Judge would, of course, be appointed for life, and would be in a position to fix

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CRATER LAKE PICTURE FOR PRESIDENT.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Fulton today introduced to the President Judge Charles H. Page, of Astoria. He also presented the President with a magnificent photograph of Crater Lake, the gift of Frank Trent, superintendent of Crater Lake Park. The President was greatly pleased with the picture and expressed the hope he might some day see the lake itself.

RURAL ROUTE IN BENTON COUNTY.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 28.—Rural route No. 1 has been ordered established, February 1 at Montrose, Benton County, Or., serving 500 people and 120 houses.

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