

### SAYS TO FREE USE OF MONEY

### Ex-Governor T. T. Geer on Campaign Before the Primary.

### HE STATES HIS POSITION

### Wants the Expenses of the Legislative Session Carefully Framed, and Tells of His Purposes if Elected.

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, who is a candidate for nomination for the executive office, at the coming primaries, thinks he can see an altogether too free use of money in the efforts to carry the primary election, and he says what he thinks about it. He would like to have a public opinion, in account of their campaign expenses so that the people may know to what extent the use of money determines the result of the election. He would also like to see the professional lobbyist driven out of the Statehouse during legislative sessions, so that the Legislature could get down to business, pass needed laws in proper form, without the aid of a horde of useless clerks, and then adjourn and go home.

### T. T. Geer's Views.

He was in Portland yesterday and will be here until Friday. In giving expression to his views yesterday he said: "This has certainly been unlike any other campaign the State of Oregon has ever seen and I regret that a law should be enacted compelling candidates to make public their campaign expenses. No doubt advertising pays, but the wholesale manner in which it has been done in this campaign puts it on a level with a mere nickel-in-the-slot proposition, where the candidate with the longest purse and 'staying' qualities seems to imagine that the people will choose for their public servants the men whose purses can cover the greatest number of telegraph poles, show windows and stacks of cordwood with their more or less attractive count."

### Too Much Red Tape.

"No doubt all this expenditure of money by candidates is legitimate, but the sanity of it all, as well as its wholesome effect, is to be seriously questioned, and I regret that the entire expenses of every candidate cannot be forced into publicity two days before the primary election, that the voters might see to what an extent money is expended upon to secure their favorable consideration. In fact, one of the great needs of the times is greater simplicity in our governmental affairs. There is too much red tape in our government about it. Our Legislatures are becoming too heavy with added paraphernalia, superfluous clerks by the score, useless reports and modern calendars printed day by day, and the Legislature, two years ago. Time is wasted, bills are not examined, imperfect legislation is enacted and the taxpayers foot the bills. And much of this would be avoided if some steps could be taken to keep the pestiferous and professional lobbyist away from the Statehouse corridors. Important measures are passed while members are slacking in groups in the lobby—modern Gamaliet's lurking at the feet of the professional instructor. Propositions are voted down, or up, or even out, by votes that cannot be accounted for until some appointment follows some time after they have been made by the people. It is certainly time a halt was called.

### Favors Economical Session.

"If the members of the coming Legislature will elect the United States Senator on the first ballot by choosing the man selected in June by the people, and get down to work at once, as they should, and send the clerk home by the first outgoing train, reduce the printed bills one-half by cutting out all unnecessary trimmings, vote down the motions to adjourn about twice as often as they usually do, stay at Salem more and run to Portland less, study the bills until when a member votes 'aye' he knows what his vote will probably mean, and have the same lively regard for the real interests of their constituents in the city, on the farm and in the foothills, in January as they had in the preceding May, our great campaign would, figuratively speaking, blossom as the rose.

### Needs of the State.

"Our state is entering upon a new era of material development and we need careful legislation which, while preserving the rights of corporations will remember also the interests of the plain people for, as Lincoln said: 'God loves the plain people best or he wouldn't have made so many of them.' We need to encourage railroad building as a necessary means of state development and our legislation relating to them should be just, holding them down only as they show a disposition to hold us up. With intelligent legislation along conservative lines, less money in politics, a more efficient government of grafters in the public service, economy and simplicity in government and the impartial enforcement of the laws, the people of Oregon will have the right to expect a happy and prosperous future.

### Five Minutes for Talks.

With the prospect that all candidates for Republican nomination for state, district and county offices will be present, the Republican Club of Portland will place a five-minute limit on addresses at the open meeting Wednesday evening. The candidate who wishes to make a good impression upon the large crowd of voters who will be present, must crowd a whole lot of wisdom in or out of something like a five-minute talk. The officers of the club have under considera-

tion the plan of holding a watch on the candidates and call them down with the tap of a bell when they have consumed their allotted portion of time. Secretary Lockwood will handle the bell to put a stop to a five-minute preliminary address by President Beach, and then the candidates will be called upon in turn. The meeting will be held in the Seiling-Hirsch Hall.

### Municipal Association Meeting.

The Municipal Association will hold a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tonight to hear the report of the executive committee regarding candidates who merit the association's approval and merit its endorsement. The report will be considered and amended, if desired, and approved. It is thought that the association will not go outside the field of its special work and will in-jure only candidates to be voted for in Multnomah County.

W. J. Lachner, aspirant for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Second District, came in yesterday from a tour of Oregon, requesting to be in Portland until time to go home for the primary election.

### DENY DANGER OF STRIKE

### OFFICIALS OF O. W. P. CONSIDERING MEN'S DEMANDS.

Will Not Indicate What Will Be Done, but They Say That Walkout is Unlikely.

It is the claim of the officials of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company that the present difficulty with the freight men in the employ of the road can be settled amicably. In interviews with the Oregonian, they disavow the reports that a strike is probable and declare there is not the least friction between the company and the men, and state the two interests will probably get together on the proposition of wages.

"There has been no decision reached as yet in the question of an increase of wages for the freight men," said President Hurlbut. "The request for more pay is based on the increased cost of living, and there is something in it. The cost of living in Portland has been increasing right along. I have not yet had time to confer with the men in regard to the matter, but if their demands are reasonable, they will be granted, while if they are unreasonable, they will not be."

"The men in the freight service of the road will not declare their intentions in case their request is turned down, but in view of the fact that they are strongly organized as members of the United Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, it is believed a strike is likely if their claims are refused."

### Motor-Car Will Arrive Today.

The new motor car designed for service on the Southern Pacific lines out of Portland, now on its way from Omaha, will reach the Albiha shops today, where it will have to undergo repairs before being placed in commission. The car traveled under its own power for a large part of the distance, but broke down near the state line and is being towed the remainder of the way to Portland. As soon as the necessary repairs can be made, the car will be given a trial spin and will probably be put on the Forest Grove run.

### Fixed Cost for Condemnation.

In the suit of the O. R. & N. Co. against Jacob Slaughterbach to condemn an acre of ground at St. Johns, the jury in Judge Cleland's court returned a verdict for the defendant for \$12.50.

Vote for Charles A. Johns for Governor and give Eastern Oregon a member of the State Land Board.

### HOGE BACK AGAIN

### Valuable Data From San Francisco Board of Trade.

### CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Both in the Golden State and in the East, President of Chamber of Commerce Finds Great Prosperity.

R. R. Hoge, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who has been absent from the city for the past two months, returned from California and the East yesterday. It was Mr. Hoge's intention when he left to spend considerable time in California for the purpose of studying the work of the commercial bodies in that state. Unfortunately it happened that he was called East soon after arriving in San Francisco and was therefore unable to devote as much time as he desired to an investigation of the methods of advertising in vogue in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Nevertheless, in the short time allowed him, he was able to accomplish a great deal for the Portland body which he represents.

### Situation in California.

During his stay in San Francisco he spent two days in looking over the work of the Board of Trade and returns to Portland with considerable data which will be of great value to the chamber in the campaign for an increase of membership and for better advertising of the state which it proposes to inaugurate during the coming summer.

"Business conditions in California are excellent," said Mr. Hoge yesterday. "Abundant rains have fallen in every county of the state and there is a prospect of the largest crops of all kinds the state has known for years. In the East I found business conditions excellent. The only cloud on the horizon for the steel and iron industry, in which I am particularly interested, is the coal strike, and this, I am confident, will soon be dispelled."

### No Bituminous Coal Strike.

"Thanks to the efforts of F. L. Robbins, of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and of President Mitchell, of the mine workers, the bituminous mines are all being operated and the Pittsburgh district does not feel the effects of the strike in any way. Mr. Robbins, by his stand in favor of individual action, rendered it possible for Mr. Mitchell to control the situation in favor of peace in this district, and to rescind the Ryan resolution, which was for what may be termed the unit rule."

"The failure of the bituminous miners to strike safeguards the interests of the steel and iron industries, but I am informed that the anthracite workers have little popular support and will not be able to hold out long."

### POSITION ON FRANCHISES

### Walter M. Pierce's Opinion of Public Utility Legislation.

Walter M. Pierce, candidate for Democratic nomination for the State Senate from Umatilla and Inland Counties, has answered The Oregonian's inquiries regarding his views upon franchise and bank legislation, as follows: "I do not believe in the granting of perpetual franchises, which do believe the perpetual franchises ought to be repealed and limited franchises substituted. I do not believe city charters ought to be granted by the State Legislature which would allow City Councils to grant perpetual franchises, nor to create excessive city indebtedness. I believe city charters ought to be granted to the people through their proper officials the right to fix reasonable maximum charges for public utility corporations, but when said charges are so fixed, if they are, at such a low figure that it is a practical con-

dition of the public utility corporation, then I believe the city fixing said maximum charges should pay to said public utility corporation the value of the property of said public utility corporation less the value of the franchise and watered stock; which simply means, pay to the public utility corporation the cost of construction, I believe in the regulation of state and private banks. I drew such a bill during the last session of the Legislature. It was not introduced, but should I again be elected Senator from this district, I will introduce the bill that I drew over a year ago. I believe that franchisees are property and ought to be taxed. If I am elected I will support a measure that will impose ad valorem taxes upon public utility franchisees."

### DOGS BURNED IN FLAMES

### Residence Catches Fire and Animals Perish in Blaze.

The lives of two dogs were lost, and property valued at \$100 was destroyed by fire at the residence of T. J. Welch, at East Twelfth and Falling streets, early this morning. The residence was occupied by two brothers named Weeks, who conduct a butcher shop. While both were absent fire broke out in the rear of the building, and had almost completely destroyed that portion of the fire department arrived. The fire is of unknown origin.

The two dogs were imprisoned in the building and had no means of escape. Their yelps and cries could be heard by the neighbors, but they were burned before assistance could be given them. Accounts and notes of the Weeks Brothers, pertaining to their business, were also destroyed. There is about \$500 insurance on the building and furniture.

While J. H. Johnson and his family were absent from their residence at East Belmont and Forty-sixth street Sunday, their residence was partially destroyed by fire. The blaze is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. The damage was slight.

### SHE CAUSES MAN'S ARREST

### Seeress Alleges She Gave Him Money to Speculate With.

Being unable to see in advance that an investment of \$40 in bucket-shop speculations would go astray, Mrs. Mary E. Clay, a fortune-teller and palmist, practicing in the Cosmopolitan Hotel, caused the arrest of R. Watke yesterday morning, on a charge of larceny by bailee.

Mrs. Clay told Detective Snow and Reising a tale of woe that would turn the spirit of a spiritualist from spiritualism. She said that on Watke representing to her that he could more than double the money by making investments in wheat, corn, oats and other horse and cow feed, she had given him \$40 to invest for her. Mrs. Clay caused a warrant to be sworn out for Watke's arrest, and the speculator was arrested at First and Madison streets yesterday morning by Detectives Snow and Reising.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

D. M. C. Gault, editor of the Western Oregon, of Cottage Grove, was a visitor in the city yesterday. At the Perkins Hotel he said: "Things are booming in our section. The lumber business is especially prosperous. The mill-owners are taking to the woods and sitting on the stumps to avoid taking further orders."

Word has been received from New York that Dr. A. J. Gleay, who left Portland for that city to have an operation performed on his eyes, will return fully recovered. It was found necessary to operate upon both eyes, one of which was treated last week, and a second operation will be performed Thursday. After a diagnosis by Dr. John P. Weeks, it is said that the sight of both eyes will be restored.

CHICAGO, April 16.—(Special.)—L. Anderson, of Portland, registered today at the Auditorium.

NEW YORK, April 16.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered today as follows: From Portland—H. D. Wallace, at the Astor; From Seattle—P. T. Oleary and wife, at the Marlborough; From Spokane—J. W. Trailer, at the Grand Union.

The popular country candidate for State Printer is William J. Clarke from Marion County.

## DR. CLARENCE TRUE WILSON'S ADDRESS

### At Grace M. E. Church in Portland, Sunday Evening

How much longer will the respectable voters of the State of Oregon allow Mr. Crofton, the hired manager for the Brewers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association to write their laws and pick their party candidates? It is known that in the last state election there was a red ticket run from this source. This is the organization that boasts of spending \$100,000 to defeat the local-option bill two years ago, and being voted down by the sovereign people. They have made a most desperate effort to get the Legislature to cancel the people's law by the enactment of the iniquitous Jayne bill. It now develops that they have marked for sacrifice every man whom they failed to cajole, browbeat or buy in the last Legislature. An illustration of this is the case of Senator E. V. Carter, of Ashland, who, in the Senate, after a thorough investigation of the Jayne bill, though many of his friends were his friends, was compelled, conscientiously, to vote against it. Now Mr. Carter is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer. In an interview yesterday, Mr. Crofton said that the Liquor Dealers' Association proposed to beat Mr. Carter, not that the office is worth paying much attention to, but we do not propose to allow him to be elected so that church people could hold that as a club over our heads at the Legislature. He added: "This man has cost us \$200,000 by the defeat of the Jayne bill, and we propose to beat him. We have our own candidate and we propose to beat Carter with him, and we have him beat today."

In subsequent interviews one of the most prominent liquor dealers said: "Our candidate is Ralph W. Hoyt, of the Merchants' National Bank, and we propose to do all we can against Carter for what he did to us in the last Legislature." Why should the Liquor Dealers' Association undertake to control the selection of a Republican nominee for State Treasurer? There are two reasons: First, they are determined to defeat Senator Carter because he will not support their iniquitous Jayne bill. Second, it is clearly remembered that when the leading citizens of this city went to the prominent business men to get their names in support of the local-option bill every bank in town lent its aid and influence until they came to the Merchants' National Bank, of which Mr. Hoyt, their present candidate, is cashier. It is also known that the officers of this bank, after the people had expressed themselves at the polls, used their utmost influence by personal interviews and letters to get the last Legislature to defeat the will of the people by adopting the Jayne bill; so that the liquor dealers are but paying their debts when they are honoring Mr. Ralph W. Hoyt, for State Treasurer. This deal between the Merchants' National Bank and the Liquor Dealers' Association for the election of Ralph W. Hoyt ought to line up every decent citizen who believes in fair play and independent conscientiousness on the part of our legislators and as against rum rule in Oregon on the side of Mr. Carter, whom the liquor dealers are trying to slaughter.

It is well known that the State Treasurer's position has been for years a notorious graft. The salary was small—only \$600—and for that reason the State Treasurer was permitted to pocket all interest accruing on state funds in his custody. The last Legislature raised the salary from \$600 to \$4000 a year, evidently with a view to giving adequate support and to cut off this necessary graft, which will be saved to the taxpayers from \$10,000 to \$20,000 every year. The Senate also passed a bill providing for the payment of the interest to the state, but this bill died in the House committee. Mr. Carter comes out in the open and declares that if elected State Treasurer he will personally conduct the office, will pay back to the state every dollar of interest accruing on state money, and will not deposit any state funds in any bank in which he has any pecuniary interest.

As neither of the Portland candidates has made any such declaration, many of the better citizens of Portland have taken up Mr. Carter as their candidate.

A political club has been formed called the Hoyt Boosters, with motto "Get Busy," and they have sent literature to the liquor dealers throughout the state, and also the following letter: "Dear Sir: You are doubtless aware that Mr. Ralph Hoyt is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer, and that one of his most dangerous opponents is E. V. Carter, of Ashland. Now as the liquor dealers are a unit against Carter and for Hoyt, ought not the better element to rally to the support of Carter against Hoyt? When bad men combine the good must associate, else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle. One difficulty with the average good citizen, however, is in knowing who the worst elements are and supporting those who represent the best. I can not go into that matter, but suggest that we have an organization in Portland known as the Municipal League. It is made up of hundreds of the best citizens in our city. Not a man connected with it ever expects a dollar of salary or a moment of office through it, and yet they have individually given their money and personal time investigating the careers of the various candidates. The liquor dealers claim they can influence 300 votes at will. Are there not 600 good citizens in Portland who will take the ticket to be gotten out by the Municipal League and see to it that the candidates gain two votes for every one they lose through the liquor dealers' advocacy. When Christian citizens get it acting sensibly as this it will be recognized that the element against the saloon is worth infinitely more to a candidate than the element for it. If I were a voter and did not know all the candidates, I would trust some organization like the Municipal League, the Y. M. C. A. or the Anti-Saloon League that did have the time to look them up and vote the men they recommended, as all saloonists will vote for Mr. Crofton's ticket straight. REV. CLARENCE TRUE WILSON. Pastor Grace M. E. Church and President Oregon Anti-Saloon League.

What is the business interest of the state that it is so dangerous to vote in conflict with and which the "Hoyt Boosters" commend so highly for paying one-third of the state taxes? No other deserves so little and claims so many special privileges.

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### KAY GETS REBUKED.

### He Is Too Hasty in Making Arrest of Dornmees.

On a presumably unfounded and unwarranted charge of falsely claiming to be man and wife E. G. Dornmees and Mrs. Dornmees were before Judge Cameron yesterday morning on a warrant sworn to by Patrolman Kay. The officer's conduct seemed to be based on the fact that the Dornmees declined to exhibit their marriage certificate when requested to do so by the policeman. Attorney Eason, in asking for a dismissal of the farcical case asked that the officer be reprimanded for making the arrest.

"An officer who will do a thing of that kind is a menace to the community," said the attorney, "and I think he should be reprimanded. There is not one iota of evidence here to show the guilt of these persons, and unless this sort of practice is discouraged it will become so that married persons will be forced to carry their marriage certificates around with them to show to inquisitive policemen."

Judge Cameron promptly dismissed the case, saying that all members of the police department should be sure of what they were doing when making arrests.

George Pierce, a pitifully crippled old man, with a large family, was up on a charge of stealing a few sticks of wood from the ample acres of the

Ranfield-Vesey Fuel Company. Pierce had been short of money and his household was out of wood. He admitted going into the big woodyard near his home and taking an armful of dry sticks.

The old man was on his way home to build a fire with the wood when a man named Gibson, employed by the fuel company, detected him. Arrest followed at once. Pierce's crippled arms and pleas of poverty availed him nothing at the fuel yard.

M. C. Ranfield, manager of the company, was in court to testify against Pierce's conduct. Mr. Ranfield said he lost lots of wood through such depredations and thought something ought to be done.

Judge Cameron sentenced the crippled man to 23 days in the County Jail.

Retribution may come swift in the case of Robert Dornmees, the 14-year-old stripling who engaged in consigning his sister to the penitentiary presumably that he might profit himself to the extent of the witness fee involved. Robert has now come forward with the statement that he lied when he testified last week against his sister Clara and a renegade Chinese.

The court has not yet passed sentence on the girl and possibly will not in the light of present developments. However, an effort is being made to

Must Adopt Big Nine Rules. CHICAGO, April 16.—At a meeting of the managing committee of the "Big Nine" colleges which has in charge the athletic meeting to be held in this city on June 2, it was decided that the meeting will be open to students of all colleges that adopt the rules of the "Big Nine" colleges. Inquiry has been received from Stanford

University as to the requirements necessary to enter teams.

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### How to Avoid "Lard Taste" in Cooking

When you use lard, your cooking often has a disagreeable, greasy taste. It is a cheap substitute for the only true shortening—butter, a rather expensive product of milk. Use

## Carnation Cream

(Sterilized) in your cooking and you'll need less lard. It is so extremely rich in butterfat that less shortening is required. Your cooking will taste better, and will cost you no more than before. Carnation Cream takes the place of milk and cream in the kitchen.

Use Carnation Cream, instead of milk, in making Doughnuts. They'll be surprisingly light and toothsome.

### HARRY MURPHY SKETCHES SOME OF THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOW WINDING UP THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION



## GHIRARDELLI'S COCOA

Ghirardelli's Cocoa is now made by a new process which retains more of the oil of the health-giving cocoa bean. That's why the color is darker than heretofore. But it's the taste that is improved most by this new process. Ghirardelli's Cocoa is a breakfast delight to all who love pure, rich cocoa with a taste that pleases with every spoonful. At your grocers in hermetically sealed tins.

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