

BASE TRAIL FOR OTHER COUNTIES

Multnomah Republicans Confident Their Example Will Be Followed.

STATEMENT NO. 1 ROUTED

So Say Party Leaders Who Expect County Conventions Throughout Oregon to Take Decisive Action Against It.

If the Democratic foe spent yesterday looking for sore spots resulting from the Republican meeting Saturday their search was fruitless except, perhaps, as to the dispute over temporary Chairman Griffin's remarks. It is usually at the post-mortem that gaping wounds are revealed. The aftermath of the mass meeting, according to the Republican leaders, is sun-kissed and rosy, for both factions weathered the skirmish and both declared themselves to be satisfied.

Now that the smoke of the battle has cleared away, the leaders of the hosts which battled Saturday look for the rest of the counties in the state to follow the trail Multnomah County has blazed and hold conventions to put the "kibosh" on Statement No. 1.

While Multnomah County Republicans were going on record against the Statement, party leaders in Lane County were following suit. Party standard-bearers clamped the lid down on Statement No. 1, and a number of the speakers peppered W. B. U'Ren with verbal hot shots. The next big county convention will be held at Salem, Marion County has issued a call for it and has set it for March 14.

The Fulton wing of the party is in control in Marion County, and the way things look at this writing, Dr. J. N. Smith, F. E. Southwick, F. A. Turner and John Knight will rule the convention.

Will Spank Bourne's Pet. The Marion County Republicans, if the programme now settled upon is carried out, will go a step farther than their brethren in Multnomah County. There will be no effort apparently to prevent free expression of their opposition to the Statement. The god-child of Senator Bourne and U'Ren is expected to receive a good old-fashioned spanking, and the convention is expected to endorse five legislative candidates opposed to Statement No. 1.

Hal Patton and L. Genser are the leaders of the Statement brigades in Marion. There is some talk of their placing an opposition ticket in the field. Just at present, it is said, they are flirting with the Democrats and talking some of the party in that the Democrats are not to put a ticket in the field. If the Democrats do not put a legislative ticket in the field, they will support the candidates for the Republican Statement No. 1 candidates.

For the past two weeks a like rumor has been current in Portland. There has been plenty of gossip to the effect that the Democrats will not get out a legislative ticket, preferring to line up with the Republican Statement No. 1 candidates who, it is believed, will serve the purposes of the Democratic party just as well as Democrats.

Hodson Gives Views. C. W. Hodson, in speaking yesterday of the results of Saturday's convention, expressed the opinion that the stand the delegates took against the Statement will be far-reaching and beneficial in its effects.

"The fight on the floor of the convention," said Mr. Hodson, "was not made because the majority of the delegates present favored the Statement. It was made because some of the party leaders did not wish to have the matter brought up in the convention. When Senator Beach did bring the matter up, it was passed that those who still believed in the Statement were to come up. Friends of the Statement that opposition to the Statement is purely local, but it is not, and when the news of Saturday's convention gets abroad, I look for almost every county in the state to take similar action."

Douglas County has gone on record and has declared Statement No. 1 cumbersome. Through the manipulation of Schubele, the anti-Statement people in Portland do not deny that the track turned by Schubele is a true sounding of the sentiment of the Republican voters of Clackamas County, so the "ants" are not worrying.

Next Big Meeting. The next big political powwow on the programme is the meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, at G. A. Westgate, the State Chairman, has not issued a call for the meeting, nor has a date been set. The law requires that the committee must meet 30 days before the date set for the election of candidates for the election of the delegates will be made in May.

By the time that the call for the meeting of the committee is made, the fate of Statement No. 1 will have been settled.

SAYS WOMAN SELLS SELF. Writer Argues Against Woman Suffrage and Its Promised Good.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 29.—(To the Editor)—I have read with interest the appeal for woman's suffrage that is being made in this city. It is a noble sentiment and it appears to me that the very foundations of the suffrage argument are against the woman and against the very rights of woman.

was a slave—bought for a price. Today the wily captive has learned much cunning. She has made for herself the soul, yet she now desires to take into her too mercenary hands whatever else power she may wrest from a materialist's grasp, and to get which she sacrifices every purpose of her divine place in the life of humanity.

If, then, through the many ages of ignorance, she has been degraded, and in creation, can it be regained through the ballot? I do not think so. We need now, as ever, reforms in operation in our commercial and governmental life. But no reform will long prevail until our women are reformed. Idealize the commonplace in life—to be a source of godward inspiration, to be a comrade, active and ever by Godlike spirit of unselfishness, justice and love for all the world, that through the higher and more potent powers of her womanly life she may sustain in faith and hope father, husband and brother. God that through her more blessed laws of God she may give to the world sons and daughters of wisdom, so that the earth may again seem heaven, as it was once, before she sold herself.

Whenever I find a strong soul like Mrs. Griffin, I feel that the noblest endeavor of loyalty to bring some light, some aid, to the conditions of our times. I know that back of her must have been a noble mother and an honorable father. And I wish that such as she might have had the various opportunities of a more elevated education, many actual walks of life, that perchance such a mind might take up the battle of reform along these higher and surer lines. I believe that Mrs. Dunaway is conscientious, but I also believe she is laboring at the wrong end of the problem she endeavors to solve for the betterment of our sex and of the public in general.

LORENA R. DE FOIL.

WILL SUPPORT FULTON BILL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR NEW LAW. Committee Meets to Urge Passage of Measure Affecting Railroad Rates.

Announcement from Washington that Senator Fulton's interstate rate bill would probably be reported adversely by the Senate committee on interstate commerce has aroused the Portland Chamber of Commerce to renewed efforts in support of that important legislation. Henry Hahn, chairman of the Chamber committee on transportation, will assemble that committee in special meeting today, when the situation will be reviewed and such steps directed as will strengthen the claims of the bill to a favorable consideration before the committee and its ultimate enactment by Congress.

The pending bill is of vital import to the shipping interests of the country and has been endorsed by the commercial organizations of this and other states. The measure proposes that no interstate freight rate shall be increased arbitrarily and put into effect until after the Interstate Commerce Commission has had an opportunity to investigate and find that the advanced charge is reasonable. The bill also provides that no rate shall be increased until after the Interstate Commerce Commission has had an opportunity to investigate and find that the advanced charge is reasonable.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce of this city cannot reconcile that part of the Washington dispatch which says the report of the committee will be based on the recommendation of Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Mr. Knapp is represented to have charged that if the Fulton bill should be passed the work of the commission, which already has its hands full, would be unnecessarily increased for the reason that it would give an opportunity for a complaint to be filed every time any railroad undertook to advance its rates.

Viewing the subject in this light, Mr. Knapp is said to have written Chairman Elkins of the Senate committee, complaining that if the bill should be passed the effect would be to embarrass the work of the commission by overburdening it to the extent that decisions in the more important questions which now require its attention would be greatly delayed.

This bill is of vital importance to the shippers of Oregon and every other state," said Mr. Hahn yesterday. "Many of the large cities in the East have endorsed the same measure and at a meeting held tomorrow we shall decide on some plan of co-operation with the other organizations throughout the country that favor the bill and see if united action will not accomplish results. We are at a loss to understand the reported attitude of Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission. We had presumed that he supported the Fulton bill and cannot yet believe that it is antagonistic to it."

Members of this city, who in Washington to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission as counsel for the lumber manufacturers of this state in favor of the restriction of the rate on lumber products shipped from this territory, is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. He has taken an active part in securing a general endorsement of the pending bill by the commercial organizations of his district and is expected to champion the measure vigorously before the Senate committee, whose chairman apparently is unfriendly to the proposed legislation.

FEW CANDIDATES ENTER FIGHT. Linn Aspirants Hold Back Over Statement No. 1.

ALBANY, Or., March 1.—(Special).—A dearth of legislative candidates continues in Linn County. Aspirants for the lawmaking positions are remarkably scarce this year. The cause is doubtless the fight that has begun over Statement No. 1. There are some bitter opponents of that statement in this county and also many ardent admirers of that plan of electing United States Senators. Thus men running for Legislature this year are facing a fight whatever stand they take.

Thus far the city of Brownsville has furnished all of the legislative candidates. Fred M. Brown, who was one of Linn's three Representatives in the last session, will make the race again, and W. B. Blanchard and J. D. Irvine, two of Brown's fellow-townsmen, are also candidates. All are Republicans. Not a single Democrat has yet announced himself for the Legislature.

Candidates for county officers are also a little slow this year in declaring their intentions. But there are already a number of avowed candidates and many more in prospect. The following candidates have already announced themselves: County Judge, C. H. Stewart, incumbent, and Charles L. Shaw, both Democrats; County Clerk, J. W. Miller, present Clerk, Republican; Sheriff, D. S. Smith, present Sheriff, Democrat; and Robert L. White and F. L. Bayne, Republicans; County Recorder, Grant F. Man, present Recorder, and J. W. Stillwell, both Republicans; Assessor, E. B. McKnight, incumbent, Republican, and L. M. Taylor, Democrat; County Treasurer, C. Scott, W. W. Francis and J. B. Leatherman, Republicans; and G. C. Turner, Democrat; School Superintendent, W. L. Jackson, incumbent, Democrat; County Surveyor, Alfred L. Geddes, Republican; County Commissioner, T. J. Butler, present Commissioner, Republican.

GRIFFIN DENIES IT Says He Did Not Declare for Machine Rule.

MISQUOTED, HE ASSERTS

Alleges That All Reporters Present Misunderstood His Speech in Republican Convention, but Party Leaders Contradict Statement.

Whether M. G. Griffin, who was chosen temporary chairman by the Idlemann-Davis camp at the Republican convention last Saturday, did or did not say that he hoped to see the direct primary law repealed and a machine re-established, is a matter that is bothering Griffin and his friends. Griffin says that he did not attack the direct primary law and that he did not say that he favored a machine, while C. M. Idlemann, W. M. Davis, C. W. Hodson and others are equally certain that he did make the statements attributed to him by the newspapers of the city in reporting his speech accepting the temporary chairmanship of the convention.

Both the Beach-Batley faction and the Idlemann-Davis people went into the convention with complete states. Griffin was the choice of the Idlemann camp for chairman, while Frank F. Freeman was the choice of the Beach-Batley element. Griffin was looked upon as a safe and sane chairman because the harmony advocates did not want to get before the convention the very thing that Griffin gave utterance to during his speech of acceptance. Griffin, perhaps, did not intend to say what he did say, as he said it. What he said fell like a bomb in the Idlemann camp. Idlemann and Davis both took Griffin to task for the talk he made during the noon recess.

Griffin defended himself by saying that they knew what his sentiments were before they made him chairman. This was denied by both sides, and Griffin then expressed his willingness to step down and out.

The fact remains that what Griffin did say was offensive to the followers of the Idlemann-Davis flag. During the noon recess they held a conference and decided on another chairman. Leaders of the harmony crowd were not willing to have Griffin quit, but when he appointed S. C. Beach on the committee of permanent organization there was a groan of disapproval from the Idlemann camp.

Resents Griffin's Blunders. It was after Griffin had made these blunders that Idlemann and Davis got their heads together and decided upon Ben Selling as permanent chairman.

Griffin yesterday sent a communication to The Oregonian denying that he made the statements attributed to him by the newspapers, but his denial is not supported by the testimony of Idlemann, Davis and Hodson, all of whom say that during his speech he said he favored the repeal of the direct primary law and that in its place he hoped to see organized a strong Republican machine.

"I cannot attempt to quote Mr. Griffin's language," said Mr. Idlemann last night, "but the newspapers printed in substance what he said and I am on the floor. He did attack the direct primary law and did say that he favored a machine."

"I don't believe that Mr. Griffin knows just what he did say," said Mr. Davis. "I did not hear all of his talk because I was busy with another matter, but I did hear that part of his speech in which he said that he hoped to see a machine in control of things."

Mr. Hodson, when told that Griffin had made the statements attributed to him, said: "There was no mistaking what Mr. Griffin said and what he meant. I distinctly recall hearing him say that he favored the repeal of the direct primary law, and also something about the building up of a strong Republican machine. I cannot say how he said it, but I know what he really did say."

Mr. Griffin's communication is as follows: "PORTLAND, March 1.—(To the Editor).—Referring to the county convention in this city last Saturday, of which I was temporary chairman, I am glad to appear in the city and to hear the reports of the delegates that the published report thereof, unintentionally without doubt, has done me an injustice and made it necessary for me to acquaintances and the public that I gave utterance to sentiments which were opposite to what I said."

The Oregonian believes in fair play, therefore I ask that you publish this short statement. I am not a politician, but I am a citizen and I am interested in the welfare of my country. I am reported also as speaking against the primary law and advocating going back to the political machine. I have no objection to this and I am placing me in a position I do not desire to be placed in. I ought to be glad for he knows less about many things."

Cut it out, Molly. Chit Chat can't help you out. Pearl Casey is married. You might slip this leap year bunk to Manager McCredie or Bassey. Both are city-broke, gentle and willing to take one chance once.

Edgar Beard indignantly denies the story told by Joe Day that Baker City is entitled to the solo championship because they teach the game in the public schools. Beard says George Small will be his affidavit kid in this denial.

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