WAR FOR CONTROL OF COMMITTEE

Republicans Fight for Places on County Central Organization.

POWERFUL IN CONVENTIONS

Influence of Body Is Felt in Controlling Selection of National Delegates and Candidates for Presidential Electors.

Republicans are warring in Multnomat Republicans are warring in Multnomth-not only for nominations in the com-ing primaries, but also for control of the county central committee, which has one member for each precinct. Two years ago there was no strife for the committee, since it was imagined that under the direct primary law the "or-manization" is not important. But sub-sequent events have stirred the factions to fight for mastery of the party ma-chinery.

The influence of the central commit-The influence of the central commit-tes in the precincis is seen to be of some importance, especially in election of dele-gates to conventions. In the makeup of county delegations to state and district conventions, including the ones soon to be held in Oregon for choosing delegates to the National convention and for nomi-nation of Presidential electors, several county organizations, acting together. nation of Presidential electors, several county organizations, acting together, can wield some force. Besides, there are authorities who hold that the county central committee, under a law of 1891, still holds the power to fill vacancies on the ticket. The primary law of 1906 affirms that law, but says in another section that the central committee shall fill a vacancy "where caused by death orremoval from the electoral district, but not otherwise." Here is a plain conflict between two sections of the primary law. If the county committee can fill vacan-If the county committee can fill vacan-cies on the tickets, it still possesses a very important function.

Two-Sided Fight.

White there are four factions working for nominations—known as the Hodson, Idleman, Chapin and McCusker factions—each working for a separate ticket—there are but two groups in the fight for the county organization. On the one side is the organization. On the one side is the sec-tailed Hodson contingent; on the other the Idleman and the Chapin camps. Idleman, as chairman of the present county central committee, heads the element that seeks to keep control of the "organization." While it is perhaps too much to say that the county canted. "organization." While it is perhaps too-much to say that the county central committee as a body is engaging in the fight, the fact remains that the mem-bers of the committee are working to maintain themselves in power. In the same way the influence of the Union Republican Club is exerted in this di-rection—through the individual work of its leading members. its leading members.

s leading members.

For the II6 precinct places on the bunty committee, about 125 men have led notice of their intention to run the primaries in their respective receives. It is expected that the number will be swelled to more than to. Nearly all the candidates for the of. Nearly all the candidates for the ectinet places represent one of the co factions that are striving for astery of the county organization. Or example, in Precinct i. J. J. Brown alls from the Idleman camp and filliam Feustel from the Hodson ump; in Precinct 71, J. F. Sinnott from william Feustel from the Hodson camp; in Precinct 71, J. F. Sinnett from the Iddeman faction and S. J. Jones the Hodson faction. In some of the other precincts the rivals in the samporder are: Precinct 73, E. C. Robbins and F. E. Reed; Precinct 94, Woodstock, W. G. Carliste and C. F. Spaulding; Precinct 102, Troutdale, T. W. Corder and James H. Hoyt; Precinct 103, Powell Valley, W. W. Clark and H. P. Christonsen; Precinct 108, Linnton, A. J. Van Boldah and Jefferson Brooks; Precinct 33, J. F. Singer and James Warner; Precinct 34, A. J. Fanno and W. J. Beutelspancher; Precinct 36, J. E. Beach and W. P. Swope; Precinct 39, Frank Hummell and E. J. Finely; Precinct 43, J. F. Kertchem and H. S. Upham; Precinct 45, T. H. Compton and H. J. Wehoffer; Precinct 46, M. G. Griffin and H. W. Strong; Precinct 47, O. A. Peck and Thomas Sweenes; Precinct 12, P. O. Breslin and Thomas Hislop.

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These are but a few of the precincts where the fight is growing hot. Should the Idieman candidates, or a majority of them who are running for places on the committee, be defeated, the present "Organization" will be overtrained.

As Multinomah's delegation to the Republican state convention will be the largest in the state, it is important for the purpose of each faction, to control the county convention agalast its rival. The element that dominates the estiral committee will have an advanage in controlling the election of delegates to the county convention in the several precincts. The big prizes to be contended for are the choosing of four National delegates at-large in the state convention, the selection of two National delegates in the convention of the Second Congressional District convention and the nomination of Presidential electors in the state convention. Should any vacancies occur in the county ticket after the primaries, on account of withdrawal of any nominee, the county committee will probably fill the ticket, under section 280 of the statutes, which has not been repealed by the primary law, according to some authorities.

No Lack of Candidates.

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"The candidates for precinct com-mitteemen who have filed thus far are mitteemen who have need thus the are as follows: Precipet 1—Sanderson Reed. Procinct 2—D. D. Day. Precipet 1—R. B. Lassell. Precipet 4—Charles Courcy: Precipet 5—J. J. Brown, W. M. Fenstel. Precipet 5—J. J. Brown, W. M. Fenstel. Precipet 5—L. W. Allyn. Precipet 5—L. C. Whiting, Max G. Cohen. Precipet 8—L. C. Whiting, Max G. Cohen. Precipet 8—L. C. Whiting, Max G. Cohen.

Precinct 10-R. R. Wood, Lon de Yar-

mond.

Precinct 12-L. C. Coulter, J. H. Cahadh.

Precinct 14-James G. Menane, W. B.

Fechheimer.

Precinct 18-W. A. Charles H. W. Binck.

C. S. Riely.

Precinct 10- F. C. Marie.

B. Niely.
Precinct 10—F. C. Middleton, J. D. Asher.
Precinct 21—W. L. Murray.
Precinct 22—J. H. MucKenzie.
Precinct 25—McKniey Mitchell.
Precinct 26—J. F. Kennedy.
Precinct 27—James A. Kelly.
Precinct 25—J. S. P. Copeland.
Precinct 25—J. S. P. Copeland.
Precinct 21—C. H. Odthert.
Precinct 31—C. H. Odthert.
Precinct 34—A. J. Panne, W. J. Beufelaccher.

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Finley,
Precinct 40—George E. Streeter, C. A. Feldman, H. G. Neville,
Precinct 41—B. C. McCarthy,
Precinct 12—James Maliat,
Precinct 42—H. S. Upham, J. F. Westchen,

Certchem.
Precinct 44-T. P. Holmes.
Precinct 45-J. Webnifer, T. H. Compton.
Precinct 46-H. W. Strong, M. G. Griffin.

not 52-P. O. Breslin, Thomas direct 53-C. W. Pallet, George Mc

M. Tuttie.

T. F. Pierce.

Vinct 51-C. T. Evans.

Inct 52-C. B. Jodon R. W. Parker.

Vison, T. J. McNamee.

1 61-O. S. Hutchinson.

64-O. S. Hutchinson.

66-Richard.

L. Day
Precinct S1—R. P. McDonald.
Precinct S2—J. J. Noonan.
Precinct S3—James Shaw
Precinct S4—E. L. Shaffer.
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Precinct S3—Issac Butcher.
Precinct S3—Is T. Gregg.
Precinct S3—J. T. Gregg.
Precinct S4—J. T. Gregg.
Precinct S4—J. W. Gregg.
Precinct S4—D. W. W. Windle, St. John.
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Precinct S4—W. W. Murshall, Russellville
Precinct S4—C. F. Spaulding, W. G. Carsie. Whoolstock.

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Precinct 27-G. W. Henderson, — Rayburn. Arleta.
Precinct 28-H. Chapman. Lents.
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Precinct 39-A. L. Stone, Fairview.
Precinct 100-John Brewn, Rockwood
Procinct 102-James H. Hoyt, T. W.
Corder. Troutdale.
Precinct 103-H. P. Christensen, Powell
Valley. W. W. Clark, Gresham.
Precinct 104-Emmett H. Kelly. HurlburtPrecinct 104-J. P. McDonough, George L.
Brooks, Holbrook.
Precinct 109-A. J. Van Dold, Jeff Brooks,
Liniton. Innition.

Precinct III.—Thomas Sizief. G. W. Sunderson. Mount Ziop.

Precinct 113.—H. T. Page. Riverdale.

Precinct 114.—W. H. Burke, West Portand.

CAMPAIGN ISSUES DISCUSSED

Many Candidates Address Fortyfifth-Precinct Republicans.

Many candidates attended the meeting of the Forty-fifth Precinct Republican Club last night held in the hall at Powell and East Twenty-seventh streets, C. Ben Riesland presiding. The meeting was thrown open to candidates, but before they were granted the floor, it was voted that all further indersements should be made at special meetings called for the purpose, when no candidates should be

R. G. Morrow, candidate for Judge of Department No. 2, addressed the club and supported the measure to increase the number of Supreme Judges from three to five. James Cole, candidate for District Attorney, addressed the meeting, promising to enforce all the laws, espe-cially those pertaining to Sunday closing and gambling. Judge George Cameron. and gambling. Judge George Cameron, candidate for the same office, defined his position to be the enforcement of all laws. D. F. Hardman, candidate for the Legislature, spoke against Statement No. and declared that he favored electing a Republican to the United States Sen-ate. Other candidates spoke briefly.
 If was announced that a big rally

would be held a Gresham next Wednes-day night, and the club decided to attend in a body. Those who go will take the cars from First and Alder streets shortly after 7:20 o'clock.

BRYAN INDORSED IN ILLINOIS

Even His Old Enemy, Roger Sullivan, Votes for Him.

CHICAGO, March 25.—In a harmonious meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee held here today, W. J. Bryan was indorsed for the Presidency in emphatic language. It was decided that the state convention should be held in Springfield, Ill., on April 22.

The friends of Roger C. Sullivan, Illinois member of the Democratic National Committee, were in complete control.

The resolution indoraing Mr. Bryan was adopted by a vote of 23 to 1, James H. Donohue, of East St. Louis, being the only dissenter. Mr. Sullivan voted CHICAGO, March 25 .- In a harmo

the only dissenter. Mr. Sullivan voted in the affirmative.

SIGNS FIVE-YEAR LEASE

Chamber of Commerce Takes Contract on Present Quarters,

Papers were signed up yesterday between the Chamber of Commerce and Major Silva, representing the Seattle Dock Company, owner of the Chamber of Commerce building, for a five years' lease of the quarters now occupied by the Chamber, and which the organization has occupied for the nast three years. While the terms of the lease were not given out for publication, Secretary Giltner said yesterday that they were considered quite reasonable, the rate being made by the owners in consideration of the importance the tenancy would be to the owners of the building.

Work is progressing rapidly on the alteration of the ground floor rooms west of the Stark-street entrance, being prepared for occupancy by Hartman & Thompson.

THE NORTONIA HOTEL.

After theater parties are the proper thing at the Nortonia Hotel. Special music by Herr Bettman's Orchestra from 9 to 12. Special dinners each evening.

ROGER B. SINNOTT.

GROWING STRONGER

Apparently, With Advancing Age.

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"In 1896, at the age of 50 years. I collapsed from excessive coffee drinking," writes a man in Mo. "For four years I shambled about with the aid of cruiches or cane, most of the time unable to dress myself without help.

"My feet were greatly swollen, my right arm was shrunken and twisted inward, the fingers of my right hand were clenched and could not be extended except with great effort and pain. Nothing seemed to give me more than temporary relief.

"Now, during all this time and for about 30 years previously, I drank dally an average of 6 cups of strong coffeerarely missing a meal."

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"My wife at last took my case into her own hands and hought some Foatum." She made it according to directions and I liked it fully as well as the best high-grade coffee.

"Improvement set in at once. In about 6 months I began to work a lit-tic, and in less than a year I was very much better, improving rapidly from day to day. I am now in far better health than most men of my years and apparently growing stronger with ad-vancing age.

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"I am busy every day at some kind of work and am able to keep up with the procession without a cane. The arm and hand that were once almost useless, now keep far shead in rapidity of movement and beauty of penmanship."

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co. Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Read to Wellyille," in pkgs.

Hard Battle.

WEAK SPOTS ARE FEARED

McCusker Forces Would Change Several Names, While Leaders of Chapin-Lockwood Camp Meet With Poor Success.

H. R. Albee to take the place of F. Dresser on the Statement-one ticket for the State Senate is a likely result of Mr. Dresser's refusal to run. The other Sen-ate condidates on this ticket, as favored McCusker forces, are Ben Selling, Nottingham, Dan Kellaher and A. H Willett, Albee ran for the Republican nomination for Mayor in 1906 against George H. Williams, He has been a member of the City Council. How to keep "mongrels" off the State-

POUND OUTTICKETS

off. On their ticket were Louis G. Clarke, J. M. Healy and Ed Ehrman, for the State Senate, and Thomas D. Honeyman Dr. E. G. Clark, R. L. Durham, R. F. Praci, J. R. Rogers, George Lawrence, Jr., Charles E. Runyon, H. W. Mitcheil, W. H. Brice, Thomas Corder, H. M. Timme, for the House, The outlook for this licket was rather dismal last night.

Ask Kubli to Withdraw.

In the Hodson camp there has been a long wrangle over K. K. Kubli, candidate for Representative. Kubli was vouched for by the Balley wing of this camp, but the other wing, leaded by Hodson and S. C. Beach, has wanted him to withdraw. This Kubli has stoutly refused to do and has been backed up by Balley. Kubli is regarded by various persons in that camp as the weak member of the ticket and he was asked to pake way for a stronger the weak member of the ticket and he was asked to make way for a stronger man. Charles Cleveland, of Gresham.

Kubli was a Lane supporter for Mayor, worked hard for election of the Democratic candidate and bet heavily on the election. These matters have been brought up against Kubli, but he is not dismayed by the fight that will be made on him in consequence.

The last day for filing primary petitions with the County Clerk will be next Wednesday, 5 P. M.

PORTLAND CLUB IS FOR TAFT

Passes Resolutions' and Hopes to Start State Movement,

Taft's boom for President was taken up by the Fortland Republican Club last

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF BATTALION CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT







Captain Frank Dowell, of Truck Company No. 1, and Captain Jay W. Stevens, of Chemical No. 2, of the Portland fire department, are the successful candidates for the two vacant positions of battalion chief of the department, for which positions civil service examinations were held several weeks ago. Captain Dowell, who acted as chief of the department at the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds in 1995, and has several times been acting chief of the Portland department, passed with the highest percentage of all who took the examinations. His average perfection in the requirements of the position was 97.71 per cent, showing that he possesses a thorough knowledge of the fire fighting art. Captain Stevens, who will be remembered as the hero of the Chamber of Commerce fire, passed with a percentage of 24.50. Dowell has been a member of the department for over 14 years, and is a Portland boy. Captain Stevens is a younger man, but since he has been in the department has demonstrated that he is a splendld man for the position. Captains Dillane and Hale passed the examination with averages of 88.55 and 84.55 per cent respectively. Captain Dowell will probably be appointed to take the position formerly held by Battallon Chief Lee Holden, who resigned several menths ago, while Captain Stevens will probably take up the dutles Captain Frank Dowell, of Truck Company No. 1, and Captain Jay ago, while Captain Stevens will probably take up the duties of chief of the new district recently created.

nt-one ticket is a question bothering McCusker forces, in boosting "peo-a choice" over Republican voters' hoice for United States Senator. Several andidates have presented themselves for nomination on that ticket whom the Mc-Cusker element does not want, because they do not represent substantial interests. Their presence on the ticket, it is feared, will split up the Statement-one vote and endanger the ticket's success. Among the unwelcome men are Raiph C. Clyde, candidate for State Senator.

Several Weak Candidates.

Several of the Representative candidates are regarded as weak, and stronger men may be put up to run against them. The Statement-one candidates thus far flied for Representatives are; W. J. The Statement-one candidates thus far-filed for Representatives are; W. J. Clemens, James D. Abbott, John Brown, K. C. Couch, J. Fred Wilkins, Charles J. McDonald, J. C. Bryant, A. W. Orton and J. F. Cassidy. Dr. L. M. Davis will also run for the House. John D. Wilcox may run for State Senator. The ticket of the Chapin-Lockwood camp—put forth by the Postland Re-publican Club, of which Chapin is president and Lockwood is secretary, met poor success yesterday. These two

met poor success yesterday. These two men, together with McKinley Mitchell, made the rounds of the business streets

Tuesday night and commended by reso-lution. W. H. Chapin is president of the Club and Charles E. Lockwood secretary.

state. The resolution is as follows:

The Republican Club of Portland, Or., reaffirms its loyalty to Theodore Roosevelt
and would have been glad to have seen him
nominated for another term as per our
resolutions of a former meeting. We are,
however, fully convinced that this is no
longer likely, and wishing to see his policies
carried forward fully and completely, we
feel that no other person is as certain to
work out the great problems which he has
inaugurated as the man whom he is known
to favor for nomination as President. This
club therefore puts itself squagely on record for the nomination at the coming National Republican Convention of the Hon.
William H. Taft.

The suit of H. T. Booth against the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company has been transferred from the Circuit Court to the Federal Court. Booth de-mands \$20,000 damages for being ar-rested last Summer on a charge of hav-ing embezzied \$979 from the company, of which he was the agent. He says his humiliation, and the injury to his reputation as a result, are worth the ant of damages for which he is

PRICES OF LOTS IN

ROSE CITY PARK

ABOUT TO BE RAISED

All inside lots in blocks 131 to 137 in ROSE CITY PARK, being

that section which lies on the upper plateau, just north of The

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located in the most desirable part of ROSE CITY PARK, being

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and easily worth a great deal more than the figures at which they

are now held. This is the first announcement of raised prices

that we have ever made and is significant to those who have con-

templated purchase of property in this excellent residence section.

They hope to make the resolution the forerunner of a Taft movement in this state. The resolution is as follows:

Suit Transferred to Federal Court.

State Prohibitionists Will Hold Convention Tomorrow.

MEET IN LOCAL CHURCH

Probable That Delegates Will Pledge Support to Certain Candidates Already in Field for County Offices.

Encouraged by the success of the local option movement in this state, the Pro-hibitionists of Multnomah County and the state at large will meet tomorrow in mass convention, in the First United Brethren Church, East Fifteenth and East Morrison streets, for the purpose of reministing complete state district and commutating complete state, district and county tickets. The call for the mass meeting, which must be attended by at least 100 persons, was issued by E. G. Baton, chairman of the Prohibition county central committee for Multnomah

county central committee for statemental County.

N. A. Davis, of Milton, will probably be the choice of the assembly for Representative from the Second Congressional District. The Prohibitionists of the First Congressional District will hold a similar mass meeting at Newberg today for the purpose of selecting a candidate for Congress. It is possible the Multnomah County mass meeting will not nominate a full county ticket. In that event, the quegtion of indorsing certain candidates already in the field, prohably Tom Word, for Sheriff, and Judge E. C. Bronaugh for, Circuit Judge, will be brought up, Chairman Eaton predicts that the mass meeting in its platform will indorse Statement No. 1 and declare for proportional representation.

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The mass meeting also will be expected to indorse the National Issue Movement, a plan adopted by the National Probibitionists and which proposes the pledging of voters not to support either for President or for Vice-President any candidate that does not approve of the principle of prohibition. Some plan will be devised for circulating these pledges generally throughout the state, on the theory that the greater number of signatures that are secured the greater will be the influence that can be exerted in the Republican and Democratic National conventions next Summer.

The Prohibitionists are actively assisting in the work of the Anti-Saloon League which expects to hold local option elections in every county in the state next June in an effort to extend the "dry" district. A central committee from the Anti-Saloon League, the W. C. T. U. and the party Prohibitionists, has been formed to have general supervision of the local option campaign in the state. The purpose of this organization is to avoid, all friction and duplication of work by the different organizations which are banded together for the one purpose of restricting the liquer traffic.

DAVID C. CURRIE IS DEAD

Well-Known Portland Resident Victim of the Grip.

Funeral services over the remains of David Chalmers Currie will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the United Presbyterian Church, Mr. Currie, a well-known resident of Portland for 29 years past, deal at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, the immediate cause of death being the grip. The end came at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. Currie was born in Ohio 78 years

ago and came to Oregon in April of 1866. He first settled on a farm near 1866. He first settled on a farm near Albany, but in 1888 came to Portland to engage in the commission business. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church and was held in high regard by a wide circle of friends. He is survived by four grown children, Mrs. W. H. Wrenn of Alendale, Cul. Thomas W. Currie of Oregon City and John C. and William A. Currie of Portland.

SHEET MUSIC ALMOST HALF

Classic, sacred and popular, vocal and instrumental, duets, etc., 9 cents a copy in Graves' forced-out sale, five copies 35 cents and 12 copies for 75 cents. Take your pick. 225 Washington.

Emmons' \$50,000 Suit Continues. The suit of A. C. Emmons against Thomas Owens and T. J. Tobin to recover \$50,000 damages for alleged false arrest, was continued in Judge Ganten-

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that the arrest charging him with stealing certain papers from the office of the C. E. Loss Company, at Drain, when he had an order for them, in-

bein's department of the Circuit Court yesterday. The case was not finished before 5 o'clock, and is to be taken up again this morning. Emmons alleges' moves about with difficulty, being crippled with rheumatism. Owens and Tobin base their defense on the allega-tion that there was probable cause when the arrest was made.

DAINTIES COOKED BY ELECTRIC CURRENT

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