

CAKE'S APPARENT APATHY GALLING

Fulton-Taft Forces See No Signs of Active Campaign in Oregon.

BEACH LEAVES FOR EAST

Reported That He Will Ask Chairman Hitchcock to Recognize Ralph E. Williams as Manager in This State.

Following a conference with Senator Fulton in Portland Saturday, State Senator C. C. Beach left for the "East." The Senator's destination was not disclosed, but it is suspected strongly that he has gone to Chicago to meet with National Chairman Hitchcock at Chicago. The purpose of his mission undoubtedly is to present to Chairman Hitchcock the situation in Oregon where W. M. Cake is state chairman, and plead to the election of Governor Chamberlain, a Democrat, to the Senate. In event the Fulton-Taft faction fails to oust Cake as state chairman, or decides not to try, the National chairman will be asked to ignore Cake and consent to the management of the campaign in this state through Ralph E. Williams, National committee chairman for Oregon.

Is there going to be any campaign in Oregon in the interest of the Republican Presidential ticket? That is the question many Republicans, especially those identified with the state chairman, are asking impatiently. They have been seeking the information for several weeks, but they have appealed to deaf ears. Their patience has about reached the limit of endurance and has been decided to present the situation to Chairman Cake and demand that he either inaugurate an aggressive campaign throughout the state and that immediately, or accept the alternative of resigning from the state chairmanship. It is generally known that if he resigns as state chairman he will be succeeded by State Senator Beach.

Cake to Return This Week.

After an absence of nearly two months in the East, Chairman Cake has telegraphed that he will return to Portland some time this week. Ralph E. Williams, National committee chairman for Oregon, has arranged to come to this city from his home at Dallas the latter part of the week. Some time during the week a conference will be held, and at that time the Fulton-Taft people propose to find out what Cake expects to do, if anything, towards lining up the voters of the state for the Republican ticket in November.

Ever since Chairman Cake left for Boston, shortly after the conference with National Chairman Hitchcock at Colorado Springs, the Fulton-Taft forces have been trying to learn from him what his plans were for the campaign. Letters were disregarded, and at last, after a fruitless effort to bring a response from the state chairman, Cake's refusal to reply to these inquiries had the effect of further impressing the fact upon the minds of the apparent apathy of his state chairman. In view of the extreme activity of the Democrats in this state, the Fulton-Taft men insist that the state chairman active campaign by the Republicans should have been arranged immediately following the Colorado Springs conference. They point out that the state chairman's absence from the city of Cake and his failure to initiate active campaign work before leaving.

Republicans Are Not Organized.

As it is, the Republicans of this state have no organization. Neither the State Central Committee, nor the Multnomah County Central Committee, has established headquarters. As a result, no arrangements of any kind have been made for conducting the campaign this fall. A list of speakers has not been arranged, neither has an itinerary been discussed for the campaign, which originally was scheduled to be opened in next month. The Fulton-Taft Republicans are protesting vigorously against this apparent apathy on the part of Chairman Cake, whose duty, they insist, it is to organize and conduct the campaign. It is charged against the State Chairman that he has done nothing in that direction except to issue a county chairman's circular letter requesting their co-operation and suggesting that lists of voters in their respective counties be obtained and clubs organized. These lists have been used a few days after the Taft rally early in July, when it was voted to proceed with the organization of Taft clubs throughout the state.

In Conference With Bourne?

After signing these letters, Chairman Cake left for Boston to attend a meeting of the Knights of Pythias as a delegate from this state. Between the time of the conference with National Chairman Hitchcock at Colorado Springs, and the date of his departure for Boston, Chairman Cake was in Portland only a few days. It is rumored persistently that, while Cake may have attended the gathering of his fraternal organization at Boston, he has taken advantage of the trip and called on Senator Bourne for a mutual discussion of political conditions in this state and the kind of campaign that should be conducted. Belief that Cake is hobnobbing with Bourne only adds to the restlessness of the Fulton-Taft Republicans, who insist that the time has arrived for definite and decisive action.

Republican workers from the other counties of the state have been organizing the voters in their respective districts as best they could without the direction of a vigorous state chairman. In the meantime, it is complained that party enthusiasm has dropped to a low ebb, while the Democrats, through the organization of precinct Bryan and Kern clubs, have launched an organized and systematic effort to reduce and, if possible, eliminate the Republican majority in this state. Aware of the activity of the opposition, the Fulton-Taft forces contend that Cake owes it to the party either to discard any personal grievances he may entertain and buckle into the harness and work faithfully for the success of Taft and Sherman or graciously to relinquish the position to more aggressive men, whose leadership would not embarrass the members of his party.

TROUBLES OF A LANDLORD

Pays His Respects to Swindling Tenants Who Won't Pay Rent.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's editorial of last Saturday deplores the scarcity of houses for rent, especially in Willamette Valley towns, and states as the reason that more houses are not built for rental, the high prices for lumber, building material and labor. In my opinion the main reasons are as follows: Mothers permit their children to

damage houses by breaking plastering, tearing papering, scratching woodwork, breaking windows and in many other ways. Coffee grounds, hair, dishcloths, and other articles are thrown out of ten families leave the houses in a filthy condition, and there is always a considerable bill for cleaning up and repairs. Coffee grounds, hair, dishcloths, broken dishes and crockery are put into the sinks and toilets, causing the sewers to become stopped; and a big plumber's bill is the result. Many families are filthy and dirty that they are not fit to live in a house—a sheep corral in Eastern Oregon being more suitable for their residence.

Then there is trouble in collecting rents, and the losses. Five out of every ten families figure on beating the landlord, the grocer, baker, laundryman, milk and vegetable peddlers. They have little furniture, and it is exempt under the law. They pay the first month's rent to get into a house, the second month they pay a couple weeks' rent after it is due. The third month they don't pay. They are profligate in hard-luck stories, the husband out of work, or there is sickness. Their promises are numerous. They will promise anything, and like pie crust, these promises are easily broken.

After they get in debt one or two months the landlord, as an attorney, will never forgive for his kindness, they have to be given ten days' written notice to get out. This will be ignored. Then the landlord employs an attorney, at a cost of not less than \$10, who commences a suit at a further cost of \$2. They have seven days to answer. A "shyster" lawyer is employed by the tenant, who first asks further time to answer in a trifling Justice Court, gets five days' delay, then files a trifling demurrer and gets five or ten days more. Then he will file an answer, and again an amended answer, each time gaining five to ten days. After a long delay judgment will be rendered and the tenant will be allowed three days more to get out. The result is that the landlord is doing some further damage to the house and taking the keys with him. Mr. Tenant will then remove to some distant part of the city and the landlord will be again working every one he comes in contact with. And there is no law to stop this petty thievery.

These are the main reasons why more houses are not built for rental. The landlord is boldly robbed out of two or three months' rent each time this process is worked. True, he can get judgment, but he can't collect, because household goods are exempt up to several hundred dollars, which is more than the average tenant's goods are worth. Fages, likewise, are exempt, and cannot be garnished. There is no remedy.

If more tenants were honest, if more were clean and careful in the use of houses, more houses would be built for rent and rents would be lower. There is a crying need for better laws protecting honest tenants from damage and making it a misdemeanor with punishment by fine and imprisonment for those tenants who swindle landlords out of their rents—a suitable punishment for these petty thieves.

Then more houses would be built and rents made cheaper for the decent and honest tenants who pay promptly.

G. W. McCOY.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

Orpheum Turns Hundreds Away.

Every night last week the Orpheum Theatre presented a new attraction, and last night hundreds were disappointed, and last night admission. The new bill looks to be more promising than the one just closed, and a repetition of last week's record-breaking houses is anticipated. "A Night on the Beach" is the attraction, and the other features—but why dwell on it—every act a feature act.

New Grand Bill.

This afternoon there will be a new programme of high-grade vaudeville at the Grand Bill. The bill is headed by Barney Fadus, one of the best-known comedians in vaudeville. He will be assisted by Miss Henderson, a new stage attraction, and other interludes. There will be more than half a dozen other clever performers.

Flying Gymnast Feature.

The Bottomley troupe of flying gymnasts will open at the Pantages Theater today. Their act created a sensation all over the Pacific coast, and is recognized as the highest salaried company of gymnasts in America.

New Bill at the Oaks.

Opening this evening, the delightful comedy-drama, "The Teddy Girl," is to be presented at the Oaks. The piece is handsomely staged, and the bill is headed by the comedienne, Miss York. There will be a number of songs and popular song hits, interspersed with jokes and comedy songs.

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NORTH END CONDITIONS

Employer Asks That These Women Be Left Undisturbed.

(This letter is from the proprietor of a large industrial establishment in the North End. He makes request that his name be withheld, and in the circumstances. The Oregonian prints the letter without his signature.)

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—(To the Editor.)—As a business man and an employer of female help, in the North End of this city, I want to protest against the Mayor's orders to drive the women of the "under world" from their present quarters. I also want to compliment our police department for its splendid work in keeping this class of unfortunate as well disciplined, for the "high class" has never been under such perfect control since I have been a resident of this city as at the present time. For 18 years I have been doing business in Portland, and during all these years have been an employer of female labor. Only for the existence of such houses as the Mayor now threatens to close, have I been able to assure my women help that they are perfectly safe in coming to and returning from their daily work. Now, to satisfy a few over-zealous people, or for political purposes, our chief executive says he will drive this necessary class of unfortunate from our city.

What will the Mayor do with them? They certainly still have the right to live. Where will they go when driven from their present quarters? What will be the effect upon other and more respectable localities of our city? Will the Mayor guarantee to our women employes a safe escort to and from their work? Will he agree to be responsible for the safety of our wives and daughters, after he has eradicated this seeming evil from our city? Will he dare point to a single city in all our land, with such a population as Portland now has, where this social condition does not exist?

I can remember, and so can the Mayor (if he tries to do so), when these unfortunate women were allowed to solicit, molested, on the principal business streets of this city. I can also remember, and so can the Mayor, when the harlot sat in her door and invited such passing strangers into her parlor. I can remember, and so can the Mayor, when in this manner of crimes were committed in these dives, but thanks to an efficient police force—and give the Mayor credit, if it is due—these conditions have changed. The "North End" is now as orderly as any part of our city.

As an employer of 40 good women, I protest against any such thing as driving these women from their present abiding place. Here they are and here let them stay. If not, the good people of this community will certainly learn, when too late, what a costly mistake an over-zealous, ambitious, unpractical, self-important chief executive can do, to undo the social, business and moral interests of our great and growing city.

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

BUILDERS ARE BUSY

Construction Heavy in All Parts of Portland.

CLUB PLANNED ON HEIGHTS

New Warehouse Projects Are Constantly Developing and Erection of Dwellings in Suburbs Continues Without Abatement.

Portland Heights is rapidly assuming proportions of a centralized neighborhood. The latest move in the direction of community interests is the organization of a club for social enjoyments and to provide a meeting place for the progressive residents of that district of the city.

The brick warehouse, 120x150, formerly owned by Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company, is being moved bodily from its location at Fourteenth and Davis streets. The site belongs to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad Company, which company requires the ground for terminal purposes. A Tacoma firm of house-movers has the contract for moving the building.

J. H. Rhinehart is having plans made for three dwellings to be erected at Gastenbein avenue and Fargo street.

Two additional barns are required to house horses expected at the opening meeting of the Livestock Association. With these there will be 12 barns for race-horses, five for show horses, three for cattle, two for sheep, one for goats and one for swine. The additional stables will be 4x120.

Contract has been awarded to M. E. Freeman to build two new schoolhouses for District No. 1. One is to be located on Wilson street, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth, and the other on East Alder street near East Twelfth.

Plans are being prepared at the office of W. C. Knighton for a business and stable building, 20x200, for the Oregon Transfer Company on the site recently burned over at Fifth, Sixth and Hoyt streets.

Work of driving piles for the dock to be erected at the foot of Ankeny street is progressing favorably. When the increased dock space is available several tenants handling building material will be provided with accommodations.

Grading is being done for the Portland Mill & Fixture Company's sash and door plant near East Twenty-sixth street at Sullivan's gulch.

Frederick Bornstedt, through the agency of Devlin & Firebaugh, has sold his residence property, being Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, Mount Scott View Addition, at Lentz, to N. Langell and wife, recent arrivals from Jackson County, who will make their home in this city. Consideration \$1625.

Work on the foundation of the warehouse of Parlin & Orendorff Company on East First street, between Belmont and East Yamhill, covering three-fourths of this block, is progressing. Several hundred piles were driven for the foundation of the basement walls, and also for the center supports. These piles have been sawed off well down and are being covered with concrete. The foundation covers more space than any structure heretofore built in this district. The total cost of the building will be about \$100,000.

Ganier & Shelton report the sale of a house and lot in Walnut Park to T. J. Munkers, of Seilo, Or. Consideration \$2550. Mr. Munkers is a citizen of Lun County, has large interests in farm lands, and has been connected with the Seilo State Bank for years. He will take up his residence in his new home in the near future.

The following sales are reported by J. R. Stipe: House and lot on Hawthorne street, near East Twelfth, sold to the former owner by the Fidelity Trust Company, to Albert Ferrara; consideration \$3000. Lot on corner of East Fourteenth and East Madison streets, Hawthorne Park, from Mrs. Jennie Kramer to Mrs. E. K. White, for \$2550.

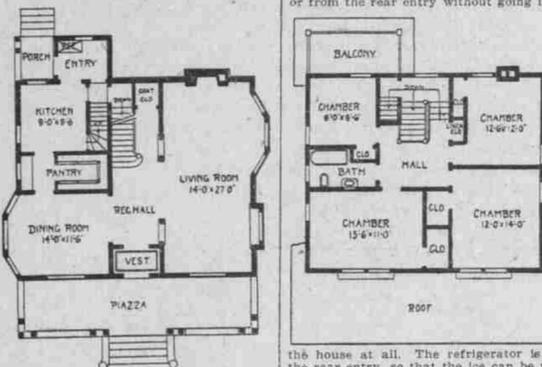
Lents Grange Hall Company has incorporated for \$3000. A. F. Miller, A. F. Hershner and W. A. Young are the incorporators. A two-story hall is to be built at once on ground 10x150 near the public school at Lentz. There has been talk of reinforced concrete for this hall, but that matter has not been settled. Lents Grange has 150 members and is a strong organization.

The contract for the basement of the west wing of the Homeopathic Hospital, on East Second and Hasall streets, has been awarded to the Hurley-Mason

AN ARTISTIC DWELLING



Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, \$125. Designed by Glenn L. Saxton, architect, 315 and 324, Security Bank building, Minneapolis, Minn. This home, from the exterior, would naturally impress one as a cottage, owing to the way in which the broad side of the roof in front is treated; but if you examine it carefully you will notice that



the rooms in the second story are all full height. In carrying out this idea of treatment of the roof, we get away from the stereotyped style of a hip or the gable roof, and not only get a design that looks better, but one that is symmetrical and harmonious in outline. The side of the house is 32 feet 6 inches wide, and 28 feet deep over the main story. There is a full basement. The first story is 9 feet and the second 8 feet in the clear. Birch floors are used throughout, with Oregon fir finish in the first story and pine to paint in the second.

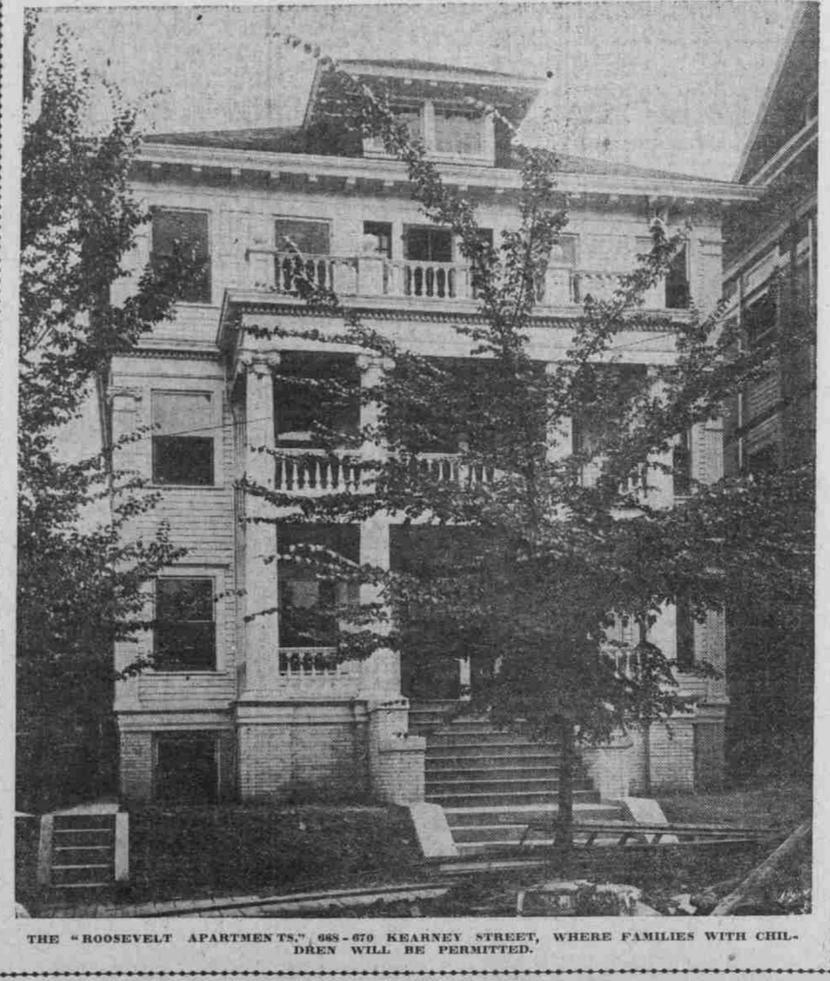
If you are looking for a practical plan the house at all. The refrigerator is in the rear entry, so that the ice can be put in from that part.

By special arrangements with The Oregonian, Mr. Saxton will furnish one complete set of plans and specifications for \$25. The plan will be complete in every detail. Mr. Saxton will also furnish to The Oregonian readers for \$1 a beautiful, practical and helpful book of plans, entitled "American Dwellings," containing over 200 designs of bungalows, cottages and residences, costing from \$800 up. In case plans are ordered from this book you may deduct the \$1 paid for book; thus the book will not cost you one cent in the end.

Work on the foundation of a large frame building has been started at Kern Park by Mrs. R. L. Clark. The building is irregular in shape—195x300x200, and will cost about \$30,000. It is the most pretentious building projected for that neighborhood this year.

Christie Valley, which is southeast of Mount Scott, has just been provided with telephone service with an exchange at Lentz. New houses and new barns have been erected all through this valley. It is an old district, settled by the Deardorffs 50 years ago. Frank Strickroff, a farmer, says that many newcomers have bought farms in this valley and are making extensive improvements.

Among recent contracts awarded are the following: For a \$2400 dwelling for K. V. Berglund, on East Tenth street between Broadway and Hoyt streets; for a \$1000 dwelling for C. G. North, in Commercial street between Broadway and Mount streets; for a \$10,000 dwelling for M. M. Hays, on East Tenth street between Broadway and Hoyt streets; for a \$1200 retaining wall for Mrs. E. W. Morris, in Flinders street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets; for a \$2700 dwelling for B. D. Budworth, in Jouness street; for a \$4700 flat building for L. A. Richards, on Second street between Hoyt and Irving streets; for a \$4700 dwelling for E. B. Stakes & Zeller, on East Tenth street between Broadway and Hoyt streets; for a \$3000 dwelling for D. Shashan, on Third avenue between Fremont and Beach streets; for a \$1700 dwelling for A. M. Gellens, on East Thirteenth street between Rhine and Bismarck streets; for James Reed, East Grant street between East Thirtieth and East Thirtieth-eighth streets; for a \$1300 dwelling for S. C. McKenna, on East Thirtieth street between Patton and Maryland streets; for a \$2000 flat building for H. S. Dornell, on East street between Cherry and McMillan streets; for Charles Rhoady, for a \$1200 dwelling for



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FACTORY WILL BE ERECTED

Two Acres to Be Occupied by Mill and Fixture Company.

The Portland Mill & Fixture Company and the Pulley Company, the one on East Morrison and Seventh, and the other on East Water street, will be united as a large factory on the north side of Sullivan's Gulch on East Twenty-sixth street. Here two acres were purchased several months ago, and the grading for the factory will be completed during the coming week. A side-track from the main line of the O. R. & N. Company is being built to the factory site. The main building will be of four stories, 6x125 feet. Beside this there will be a large dry kiln, several smaller buildings and a lumber yard. Manager M. W. Parelus says that the intention is to build a large factory grounds, and the grading is being done on a level with Multnomah street. A roadway will be built from the factory bridge to the top story of the factory and to the third and second stories. The road will wind around the grounds to the lower floor. Manager Parelus says the combined concern will employ 100 men. The investment will be about \$50,000. For 20 years the Portland Mill & Fixture plant has occupied the block on East Morrison and Eighth streets, but will be moved as soon as the buildings on the new site are completed.

PARK SITE AT BROOKLYN

Club Wants Three Acres Set Aside and Improved.

The tract on Milwaukee and Powell streets, which the Brooklyn Republican and Improvement Club is asking to set aside for a park, contains nearly three acres. A corner lot on Powell and Milwaukee streets was cut to allow the streetcar track to reach Powell from Brooklyn street. The lot has been improved by the Park Commission and a waiting place, fountain and concrete drinking trough for horses on Powell street are yet to be provided. The engine-house occupies one lot facing on Powell street. A large building, formerly the pumping station of the former East Side Water Company, stands on Milwaukee street. It is used as a storehouse by the water committee. The balance of the ground is not occupied. It is conceded that to get the full benefit of this tract for park purposes the old storehouse on Milwaukee street will have to be moved. It is a mere shell and of no great value. Then the lot ground will have to be filled in. With the streetcars running on two sides the low portions could be filled up quickly and inexpensively. Two acres would be made available for the people of Brooklyn. The park committee from the Brooklyn Club will undertake to have the ground improved for this purpose. The ground is under the control of the Water Board.

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