



SENTIMENT GROWS FOR ASSEMBLIES

Oregon Republicans Express Views

PARTY LEADERS BACK MOVE

Several Counties Respond to Queries on Matter.

ONLY THREE MEN OPPOSED

L. N. Blowers, of Hood River, ex-Marshall; George Wright, Albany; Mayor Rodgers, Salem, Take Contrary View for Reasons.

Sentiment among the Republicans throughout the state for state and county assemblies is developing rapidly.

Out of 41 prominent members of the party in seven counties who have been interviewed, 38 declared themselves unreservedly in favor of the assembly plan for recommending candidates for state and county officers to the voters.

Several Counties Respond.

These expressions were obtained for The Oregonian by its correspondents in the several counties, in response to letters requesting that prominent Republicans be interviewed as to their position on the proposed assembly.

They were asked to express an opinion as to the advisability of holding state and county assemblies, how the delegates to such gatherings should be selected, and the time that the assemblies should be held.

Only three of the 41 Republicans quoted are opposed to the plan of the Republicans, through duly elected representatives of the party, to confer and endorse for public office candidates best suited for the positions to be filled in the election next November.

They are: L. N. Blowers, United States ex-Marshall, of Hood River; George W. Wright, an attorney, of Albany, and Mayor George F. Rodgers, of Salem.

Blowers would give right to Democrats.

Mr. Blowers takes the position that it is all right for the Democrats to assemble in conference and select their candidates for office, but he would not extend to Republicans the same privilege.

Mr. Wright says he cannot see wherein the strength of the Republican party and the ticket may be nominated can be advanced by holding state and county assemblies. He insists that if the direct primary law is objectionable in the selection of candidates for office, the statute should be repealed.

Otherwise, affirms Mr. Wright, any plan of suggesting to the people more desirable candidates will make for the division of the party.

While not approving the direct primary law as the best method for selecting candidates, Mayor Rodgers holds that until the assembly or a similar plan is made a part of the direct primary law, the proposed plan for holding assemblies is not compatible with the provisions of the primary law.

Mr. Rodgers fears that, under the circumstances, it will be a mistake at this time for the Republicans to hold assemblies, for the reason that such a procedure may be construed by some voters as hostile to the primary law, notwithstanding the fact that such a course is not inhibited by that statute.

Two Change Views.

Of the 38 Republicans declaring for the assembly, two were State No. 1 advocates less than three years ago. Their experience with that scheme, however, served thoroughly to convert them to the need for party organization and counsel if Republican success is to be attained.

For that reason they have renounced this so-called vagary and are firmly advocating state and county assemblies at this time.

These men are: J. W. Perkins, now of Roseburg, who served as State Representative from Jackson County at the 1907 session, having been elected as a State No. 1 man, and John G. Eckman, of McMinnville, who was a candidate from McMinnville County on the State No. 1 ticket for the Legislature in 1908.

While the Republicans interviewed are almost unanimously in favor of holding assemblies, there is a difference of opinion among them as to how the delegates to the assemblies should be elected.

Eighteen of the 41 quoted, while strongly indicating the assembly, make no recommendations as to how the delegates should be chosen. They explain that this is one of the details which the official representatives of the party organization, either the state or the county central committees, are competent to work out equitably and satisfactorily.

Of the other 23, 15 propose that the delegates be elected direct from the precincts to the county assemblies, those

"COP" THROWN OUT BY "HOLY ROLLERS"

BARNYARD RELIGIOUS MEDLEY DISTURBS NEIGHBORS.

Girl of 14, Who Enthuses to Point of Exhaustion, Leads Strange Services.

Some crew like roosters, others cackled like hens and still others chirped like little chicks, according to their several parts in a strange form of religious ceremony yesterday morning after 1 o'clock, and Patrolman Swensen entered the "Holy Roller" hall, on Union avenue, between Ash and Ankeny streets, to tell those within that they were disturbing the neighbors.

The congregation stopped crawling and cackling and chirping just long enough to throw the patrolman into the street; then it went on as before.

Sergeant Keller and Patrolman Van Overa were passing and reinforced Swensen. The three were ignored, though the worshippers seemed to make less noise than at first.

Sergeant Keller's official report says that a girl of 14 seemed to lead in the strange exercises. She would become enthused to the point of exhaustion, he said, and would sink to the floor until she had gained strength sufficient to lead another outburst. The members of the sect call themselves the "Tongues of Fire."

FIVE FEATHERS STOLEN

Thieves Get Plumage Worth Thousands From Ostrich Farm.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Between \$2000 and \$3000 worth of fine ostrich plumes were taken by thieves who broke into the Sacramento Ostrich Farm early this morning. The robbery was discovered today when Manager Leitch opened the place to attend to the ostriches in the large field back of the office.

The thieves ransacked four large cases, taking feathers out of boxes and carrying them to the back room, where they were placed in sacks. The average retail price of the feathers was \$20 to \$25 apiece. The thieves overlooked \$15 in the cash drawer, which they were obliged to touch in opening the case, and several hundred dollars which Leitch could not put in the bank yesterday.

The police have no clues.

WATROUS NOW LOBBYIST

Civic Association Establishes Headquarters at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—General headquarters have been established here by the American Civic Association and Richard B. Watrous, its secretary, who has been placed in charge, will urge on Congress the enactment of desired legislation.

One of the things aimed at is the creation of a National Park at Niagara Falls. President Taft became a member of the association when he was Secretary of War.

The regulation of billboards and the abatement of the smoke nuisance are part of the association's program. The association has also undertaken a campaign for a "safe and sane Fourth."

WAR IS DECLARED ON "INSURGENCY"

Committee Quotes Declaration of Bryan.

BATTLE CARRIED TO POLLS

"Good Enough Democrats" Will Be Opposed Openly.

SENATOR IS CRITICISED

Combinations With Democrats in One State, at Least, Reported. Taft in Fight to Enforce "Party Solidarity."

ROCKEFELLER GETS BOOST

Oil Magnate's Son May Be Sent to Congress Next.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—There was an unusually large attendance at the Rockefeller Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Church today, with the effort being made to ferret out the "white slave" traffic by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as foreman of the grand jury, as chief topic among the members.

Mr. Rockefeller received the good wishes of the members, but made no comments. It was suggested in the class that Mr. Rockefeller's present public activities might result in his nomination for Congress.

"Well, that was the very thing suggested to Mr. Rockefeller some years ago," said a member of the church. "But at that time he laughed at the idea. From what I know of him he has no political ambition and no desire for public office."

The Rev. Addison Moore, the new associate pastor of the church, led the class. He dwelt on the duties of young men toward the state. He urged all young men to marry, claiming that two could live as cheaply as one.

JOHN BARRETT DECORATED

Venezuela Honors American for Recent Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—In recognition of his efforts to develop closer relations between the American republics, John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American Republics, has been decorated by the Government of Venezuela with the Order of the Boat of Bolivar, second-class.

This order is the only one given by an American republic. The first-class is conferred exclusively on chiefs of states.

DEER GOES WILD; TURNS ON OWNER

FARMER BATTLES OVER TEN-ACRE LOT WITH PET.

Animal at End of Rope at Length Overcome and Shot to Prevent Further Harm.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Henry Small, a rancher who lives near this town, had a desperate encounter today with a pet deer which he was leading to grass. The animal is 4 years old, and until today never had manifested signs of untidiness.

Small had taken the deer through the pasture gate and was making progress when it attacked him without warning. First it knocked him down and then trampled him. He clung to the rope but managed by a succession of nimble moves to keep out of harm's way. Up and down a 10-acre lot the battle raged. The deer charged repeatedly, but by dodging quickly and hanging to the rope, Mr. Small succeeded in bringing it to the ground. When it arose and attempted to jump upon him, he shortened the line and hung fast.

After battling an hour, Mr. Small got his end of the rope around a fence post. There he snubbed it fast. Then he went to the house and got a rifle and shot his pet, fearing that it might get away and do serious injury in the neighborhood.

CURTISS BIPLANE FLIES THREE TIMES

Fliers Gather for Los Angeles Meet.

FOREIGN AVIATORS ON HAND

Hamilton Out to Beat Speed Record of Paulhan.

HIGH SAILING PROMISED

Pointing to Mountain Range, Frenchman Says He Will Cross It in His Machine—New Monoplanes Arrive.

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KANSAS DIVORCE LAW LATEST BALM

NONRESIDENTS OF SUNFLOWER FIND LOOPHOLE IN STATUTE.

Trouble of Establishing Residence Unnecessary—Plan Works Out Beautifully.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—With the announcement that a loophole had been discovered in the new Kansas divorce law, whereby non-residents may secure legal separations without going to the trouble of establishing a residence, it is expected that the Sunflower State will soon become the mecca for those seeking quick divorces. The law reads:

"Plaintiff, in an action for divorce, must have been an actual resident in good faith of the State for one year next preceding the filing of the petition and a resident of the county in which the action is brought at the time the petition is filed, unless the action is brought in the county where defendant resides or may be summoned."

Either husband or wife may come to Kansas and file a suit, alleging that defendant could be reached by summons, and then the defendant could make it convenient to be in the state within reach of summons. After summons is served both parties have a standing in court and the case would proceed in the usual way.

After these preliminary steps have been taken, both parties may return to their native state and wait until the dates set by the court for their calling of the case. This beats the old divorce law of South Dakota and the present Nevada law, that requires six months' residence before a separation can be obtained.

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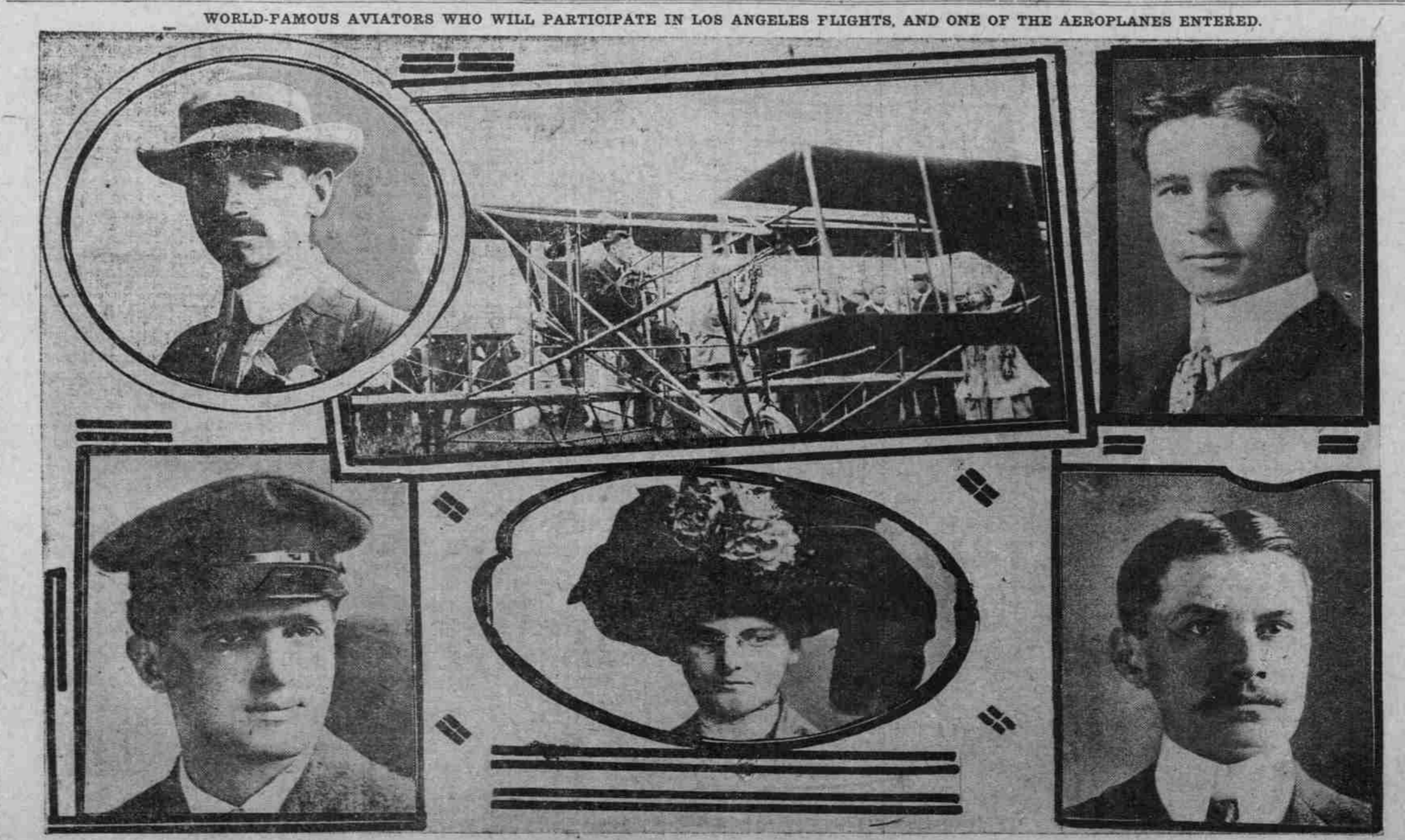
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