

PLAN OF ASSEMBLY TO BE WORKED OUT

Meeting of Republican State Central Committee Called for February 12.

CHAIRMAN TO BE CHOSEN

R. E. Williams, of Polk County; Frank Curt, of Umatilla, and S. C. Beach, When Census Work is Over, Are Mentioned.

W. M. Calk, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, yesterday issued a call for a meeting of the committee in this city Saturday, February 12, in the assembly hall of the Portland Commercial Club at 10 o'clock A. M.

Among the business to be transacted will be the acceptance of the resignation of Chairman Calk and the election of his successor and the formulation of some definite plan for holding state and county assemblies.

Discussion is being given by Republicans as to the probable successor of Mr. Calk. It is safe to presume that this important detail will not be determined finally until the committee assemble. In the selection of another state chairman the members of the committee will not be confined in their choice to one of their number. This tends only to enlarge the field for speculation.

It is admitted by all Republicans that the existing political situation in the state and the efforts to revivify the Republican party through the assembly plan of suggesting candidates require the selection of a leader of aggressive force—one possessing executive and initiative ability. It is conceded that the campaign to be waged this year will be one which will vitally concern the party in Oregon. For that reason a general consensus of the assembly plan and a leader and an organizer is demanded.

Williams of Polk Mentioned. There is a possibility that R. E. Williams, member of the State Central Committee from Polk County, may be the choice of the committee to succeed Mr. Calk. It is understood that Mr. Williams does not seek or desire the chairmanship, but his friends say he can be induced to take up the chairmanship of the office if it becomes necessary. Mr. Williams is a foremost advocate of the assembly as a method of procedure and is an active member of the organization of the Republican party in the state. The fact that he is National Committeeman for Oregon does not disqualify him for the chairmanship. In fact, it is urged that his connection with the National committee and the knowledge of Oregon political affairs acquired in that capacity, make him an ideal candidate.

Beach Tied Up With Census. Political associates of Seneca C. Beach, State Senator from this county, are recommending him as the proper man to succeed the retiring chairman. Just at present, however, Mr. Beach is not in a position to talk politics. While Census Supervisor Beach is barred from any active participation in politics. However, the official relations of Mr. Beach with the Government in his present capacity, do not prevent him from next July and possibly as early in June. This would enable the Multnomah County committee to take up the reins not too late in the campaign to give the cause an aggressive leadership. Mr. Beach is one of the pioneer advocates of Oregon party organization as much responsible as any other Republican for the fact that this suggestion has met with such a responsive response throughout the state.

Curt Also Talked Of. Still another man who has been suggested as a desirable successor to Mr. Calk is Frank Curt, for years an active and influential member of the party in Umatilla County. Mr. Curt resides at Pendleton and has a wide acquaintance among Republicans throughout the state. He is in hearty accord with the assembly plan and a firm believer in organization as the prime essential to party success and supremacy.

Republicans all through the state who are demanding an assembly are relying on the state committee at its meeting next Saturday to evolve some uniform plan of action for organizing and holding both state and county assemblies. The state committee, representative of every section of the state, will be expected to make suggestions as to the method which should be adopted by Republicans in the various counties for holding assemblies and determining their representation in the state assembly which follows. Having determined on the advisability of holding these advisory gatherings, Republican voters in the various counties have left to the state committee the task of working out the details.

UNION COUNTY FOR ASSEMBLY C. E. Cochran Believes Only in State Gathering, However.

Union County Republicans favor an assembly for the purpose of suggesting for state officers if such a gathering shall be strictly representative of the Republican voters of the state and candidates

are suggested without the influence of any clique or combination in the interest of any particular candidate or group of candidates," said C. E. Cochran, of La Grande, member of the Republican State Central Committee from that county, at the Imperial Hotel last night. "While there exists a division of sentiment in my county as to the advisability of holding an assembly, Republicans generally agree with me that they have the right to assemble together and deliberate over the unhappy plight of the party in this state. The only thing we are asking is the right of Republicans to get together and determine on some plan which will insure an effective party organization and the success of the party's candidates. "Essentially I see no need for holding county assemblies as a preliminary to the endorsement or suggestion of candidates for county officers. I would leave the nomination of all such officers to be determined by the voters under the direct primary. There is no necessity for proposing suitable candidates for county officers to the voter of average intelligence. It is possible for the average voter to de-

SALVATION ARMY SPEAKER WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MEETINGS.



Brigadier R. Dubbia. Commencing tonight and lasting till February 22, the Salvation Army will conduct a special temperance campaign in Portland's North End. Big meetings will be held every night in the hall at 255 Davis street, and several special speakers will be secured for the work.

On Monday evening at 8 P. M. there will be a public enrollment of soldiers and a united service, terms the merits of the various candidates on the ticket, with the large majority of whom he is personally acquainted, and he may be relied upon to make an intelligent choice.

Representation in the state assembly from the several counties should come as nearly direct from the Republican voters of the various counties as is possible. I would have the State Central Committee, when it meets, determine the apportionment of delegates from the several counties to the state assembly. Under that authority the County Central Committee in each county should be directed to order an election in each precinct for selection of the county's quota of delegates to the state assembly. This election should be open to aspirants for election as delegates to the state assembly. Those candidates receiving the highest number of votes should be declared delegates to the state assembly.

In a county as large as Multnomah it might be advisable to hold a county assembly, however, it is possible for the average voter personally to measure the qualifications of rival candidates for nomination without the formality of any suggestion from a county assembly.

Mr. Cochran said last night he would attend the meeting of the State Central Committee, of which he is a member, next Saturday. At that time he will present his views on the formation of a state assembly. It also will be his disposition to oppose the holding of county assemblies.

LOGGERS TO ELECT TODAY

Annual Meeting of Columbia Association on This Afternoon.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Columbia River Loggers' Association will be held this afternoon. Owing to the past year having been the most prosperous since the one immediately following the San Francisco earthquake and fire and with the prospects excellent for another good year, the loggers are happy.

Since the last election, the president, Albert Brink, has become a lumber mogul, but they will seek to have a successor elected. As he is still a logger, it is said by some members he may be again elected to that office.

MONEY MADE EAST

Quarter Block on Washington Sold Thrice in Year.

TWO DEALS IN ONE MONTH

Wyoming Capitalist Pays L. B. Menefee \$25,000 More Than Seller Paid Month Ago—Will Build Apartments Shortly.

A sale negotiated yesterday shows the remarkable increase in value of Portland business property. L. B. Menefee, a wealthy investor, sold to Timothy Kinney, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, a quarter block at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Washington streets for \$200,000. This is the third transfer of this property in the last 12 months.

First it was purchased by Scott Brooks from J. N. Tuxill of the estate of Rachel Wells Morris, for \$135,000. This sale was negotiated in February, 1909. Then on the first of this year Mr. Brooks sold to L. B. Menefee for \$175,000, through the agency of E. J. Daly. This deal was completed only this week. Mr. Menefee now has sold to Mr. Kinney for \$200,000, or at a profit of \$25,000 and in one month an increase in valuation of over 14 per cent. In the last year this property has increased in value \$65,000, or 48.2 per cent.

This corner is occupied by a frame structure filled on the ground floor with a number of small stores which bring in a decidedly good rental. Mr. Kinney said last night he was buying with the idea of improving it so as to make the property bring in a good income, and to that end he contemplated erecting a substantial business block covering the entire property.

"I bought to build," said Mr. Kinney, but I cannot do so until the lease on the corner expires. This will be about a year. Then I will put up a good building, but I want to say that by selling this now I am not binding myself. If I got an offer tempting enough I would sell. I never owned any real estate in my life that I wouldn't sell. I really expect to build, but will qualify the statement with the remark that I will build at the expiration of the lease if I haven't sold the corner."

Mr. Kinney is a wealthy investor from Wyoming, who is now building two fine structures on Twelfth and Washington street. These buildings are of the best type of apartment-houses in Portland, one having stores on the Washington-street frontage and another with nothing other than apartments. The sale to Mr. Kinney was negotiated through the office of Chester G. Murphy.

APPEAL IS SENT TO TAFT

Comrade William H. Taft, President of the United States, Washington, D. C., Scout Young Camp, No. 2 United Spanish War Veterans, the largest camp of soldiers in the United States, on the twelfth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine, asks that you recommend to Congress that the wreck of the vessel be raised, and that the bodies of the American sailors lying in it be given Christian burial.

It was February 15, 22 years ago, that the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana Harbor, and resulted in hastening the Spanish War. Many of the bodies of sailors and marines who perished in the wreck were removed and properly buried, but more than 30 could not be located among the ruins, which have since lain undisturbed where the battleship sank.

Of late there has been a growing agitation among the veterans of the war to have these bodies removed and given burial. Oregon's Senators and Representatives have been called upon to champion the cause, but nothing has resulted. It was determined last night to make an appeal direct to the President.

A general movement has been inaugurated throughout the United States by veteran organizations to press the matter until Congress is induced to act. Last night's programme consisted largely of short talks by leading members of the local camp on the experiences of the late war. Among the speakers was J. U. Campbell, Circuit Judge for Clackamas County, who left the subject of a war long enough to give his ideas of good citizenship, which he declared consisted in simple loyalty to one's locality, as well as to the Government.

BURIAL ASKED FOR MEN WHO PERISHED WITH MAINE.

Spanish War Veterans at Smoker Observe Anniversary of Philippine Rebellion.

Stirred with the sense that the neglect of the Government in allowing the bodies of more than 30 men to lie for 12 years in the wreck of the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor has become a national disgrace, the members of the local Spanish-American War Veterans, at a smoker last night, authorized the sending of a telegram to President Taft, calling his attention to the subject.

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From 5:00 to 8:30 Tonight This evening, from 5 to 8:30, we will serve in our Seventh Floor Tea Room a special Table d'Hote Dinner for 75c. Special concert by Meier & Frank Ladies' Orchestra, 7th floor.

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