

COUNTY ASSEMBLY UP TO COUNTIES

State Central Committee Expresses Sentiment on New Plan.

STATE BODY MEET FAVORED

As to County Candidates, Views Point to Nomination Under Direct Primary Without Formality of Advisory Assembly At All.

Settlement among members of the Republican state central committee, which meets here next Saturday, while pronouncedly for a state assembly, manifestly favors leaving for the determination of the Republican voters of the several counties the matter of whether or not county assemblies shall be held for recommending candidates for county offices.

It is the disposition of the state committee to provide a way for holding county assemblies, at the same time leaving to the voters of each county the decision on the advisability of proposing county tickets.

Of the 37 counties in the state, Republicans of three counties—Clackamas, Multnomah and Union—already have exhibited some doubt as to the expediency of holding county assemblies for the endorsement of candidates for county offices. The same Republicans, however, are enthusiastic for the state assembly and will send delegates to that gathering.

Position Taken on County Candidates

As to county candidates, they report that the sentiment in their respective localities favors the nomination of these candidates under the direct primary without the formality of an advisory assembly. This sentiment is based on the fact that neither of these three counties is so large that the average voter does not know personally or will have abundant opportunity during the campaign to become acquainted with all candidates and their merits for the positions they seek.

Those members of the state committee that have been interviewed favor recommending the holding of county assemblies throughout the state one month prior to the state assembly, which, it is generally believed, should be held during the month of August or September, 30 days before the time expires in which candidates may file nominating petitions under the direct primary law prior to the direct primary nominating election which will be held September 12.

The committee further favors the election of delegates to the county assemblies at precinct primaries which shall be provided by the various county central committees. It will be recommended that the county assemblies shall elect the delegates to the state assembly, according to the apportionment of representation which the committee may determine at its meeting Saturday.

The state committee will not make any effort to suggest that the county assembly, after selecting delegates to the state assembly shall then proceed with the suggestion of a county ticket. The committee will leave this course to be determined by the voters of the different county assemblies without any influence or suggestion from the state committee.

Procedure Most Practical.

The members of the state committee, so far as they have expressed themselves, feel that the procedure above outlined is the most practical one yet suggested to insure a thoroughly representative state assembly. They argue that any attempt to elect delegates to the state assembly by direct vote from the precincts would not work out satisfactorily for the reason that some of the delegates selected in that way might fail to attend the state meeting with the result that the representation from many of the outside counties would be materially reduced thereby.

By having all state delegates elected from the county assemblies, it is contended the task of ascertaining delegates who will not fail to go to the state assembly will be a comparatively easy task. This plan, it is suggested, will insure not only the selection of Republicans in the various counties coming directly from the Republican voters of these counties, but will make reasonably certain a full representation at the state assembly from all counties in the state.

An effort will be made by some members of the state committee to have the committee decide against the use of proxies at the state assembly. In order to make this restriction a practical one, the committee will be asked to suggest that all counties in electing state delegates at the same time elect alternates. Between these two lists of eligible delegates it is feared that a small number from each county may be depended upon and the abuses frequently prevailing with the use of proxies obviated.

This plan, if adopted, it is asserted, will guarantee a large and representative state assembly, thoroughly expressive of the Republican voters of every county and will eliminate a small handful of over-zealous local party workers who made a practice of coming to the old-time party conventions with a pocket full of proxies.

Large Assembly Favored.

A majority of the state committee favors a state assembly of between 400 and 500 members, or about three times larger than the membership of the former state conventions of the party. This will be one of the most important details to be decided by the committee when it meets Saturday. When the number of delegates has been determined, the committee will make the apportionment among the several counties on the basis either of the vote for President in November, 1908, or in the general election in June of the same year.

Mr. Williams said that while no candidate had been definitely suggested for chairman of the committee, it will be the purpose of the committee to select some good Republican, preferably of this city, but not necessarily an active partisan. The committee will see that the new chairman is supplied with a vigorous executive committee of active members of the party selected from throughout the state. The campaign in behalf of the assembly ticket will be state-wide and through all executive committee, such as is proposed, the state chairman will have the helpful assistance of an enthusiastic co-worker in every county of the state.

PHILLIPPS HOLDS RECORD

Vancouver Cadet Takes Honors at Hill Military School.

Hill Military Academy has just completed the first term of the current school year. The number of cadets

falling to complete the work required for the term has been unusually small, while the number obtaining a general average of 80 per cent and above is larger than in previous years. Cadet Lieutenant Wendell K. Phillips of Vancouver, Wash., made the best record with an average of 92.1-3 in his studies and 100 in deportment. Besides Phillips, the following cadets have been placed on the academic roll, which means that their deportment during the year was perfect and their average in studies 80 and above: Corporal Leroy W. Barnhart, of Saffies, Colo., 91.2-3; Cadet Edwin Stenberg, Minneapolis, Minn., 90.2-3; Cadet Carolus E. Strobel, Portland, 90.1-5; and Cadet Rankin Clark, Portland, 90 per cent.

In the preparatory department the following cadets made the honor roll: Cadet Richard E. Stanton, Milwaukee, Wis., 92; and Cadet L. Marcellus Mills, of Portland, 92.

Those on the roll of honor last month were: Lieutenants W. K. Phillips, Vancouver, Wash., George W. H. Bell, Portland; Corporal W. St. Martin, Carson, Wash.; Cadets R. Clark, of Portland; J. R. Coon, of Oswego; L. E. Garrison, of Portland; L. M. Mills, of

PORTLAND BOY WINS HONORS AT STATE UNIVERSITY.



Harold J. Rounds.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Harold J. Rounds, who will be the University of Oregon orator at the state intercollegiate contest in Salem next month, is a Portland boy. Rounds is in his senior year. Though he had never delivered an oration before, he stood out over four experienced competitors in the recent tryout. The subject of his winning oration, which he will give in the Salem contest, is "Patriotism and Progress."

Portland, R. E. Stanton, of Milwaukee, Or.; E. Stenberg, of Minneapolis, Minn.; C. P. Strobel, of Portland, and O. E. Winningslad, of Oswego, Or. The committee drilled for a bronze medal for members of Company C was won Friday evening by Cadet Meredith Eskridge, of Portland.

GOAT MAY IDENTIFY GIRL

TAMALPAIS VICTIM WORE GARMENT MADE IN PORTLAND.

A clew has been discovered by the San Francisco authorities which may establish the identity of the body of the murdered girl found on Mount Tamalpais on Friday, February 4, as being that of a Portland girl. The body was found with the skull crushed and lying hidden in the brush on a mountain side. A military jacket worn by the girl had been manufactured by the Spencer Company of Portland. Inside the collar of the coat was found the name of the firm. The garment was made of dark blue lady's cloth, was rather cheap, was slashed up at the seams and braided military fashion with black braid of part cotton.

Clew Will Disappear, However, if Purchase Proves to Have Been Made From Retailer.

Charles J. Bishop, manager of the Spencer Company until it went out of business on January 1, 1909, said that the jacket might be identified if brought here if it were a made-to-order garment. He said, however, the firm not only made coats to order, but also made them to be sold to retailers, and he was unable to say whether it was a made-to-order or job lot coat from the description. Coats answering the general description of that found on the murder victim were made by the Spencer Company both for jobbers and on special orders from individual customers.

J. B. ZIEGLER IS SPEAKER

Laxity in Enforcing Laws His Subject at People's Forum.

J. B. Ziegler occupied the platform at last night's meeting of the People's Forum. His subject was "The Lack of Law Enforcement and the Corruption of the Courts." In his criticism of the courts Mr. Ziegler called attention to the case of Dr. G. B. Whitney, of Forest Grove, a young dentist who was indicted for manslaughter in connection with the death of a young woman, on March 20, 1908. Dr. Whitney was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years, the case later being remanded by the appellate court of the state. Whitney is now out on his own recognizance and probably never will be brought to trial, said the speaker.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT SEEN

Coal Operators, Home From Conference, in Cheerful Mood.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 6.—Pittsburg coal operators who are back from the meeting with the miners at the Toledo conference viewed the situation optimistically today and several declared with emphasis that the danger of a general suspension of coal mining on April 1 is not so great as might appear at first glance.

FRUIT COMBINE IS URGED

Speculators Hurt Trade With Germany, Says Consul-General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—American fruit trade with Germany has been hampered in recent years by operations of

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Shur-On Eye Glasses, Kryptok Invisible Bifocals and Deep Curve Lenses, see Thompson, eye specialist, second floor Corbett bldg., 5th and Morrison.

The Meier & Frank Ladies' Orchestra, From 11 to 2:30, 7th Floor—Try Our French Pastry

Agts. John Brown Linens—Warner Corsets—Butterick Patterns—Largest Toy Dep't in the West

The "Digging Out" Sale Begins on 2d and Last Week At the Greater Meier & Frank Store this Morning

- \$3.00 Umbrellas at \$1.59**
Women's Umbrellas, with 15-inch Directoire handles, or assorted handles; covered with fast black rainproof union taffeta, \$3.00 values, at **\$1.59**
- Mrs. Potts' Irons only 99c**
A set of the famous Mrs. Potts' Sad Irons, complete with stand, nickel-plated, with aluminum tip; regular price \$1.25 for set of three; special **99c**
- Children's 35c Hose 19c**
Black Wool Hose for children, extra long, with elastic tops; a good wearing brand with gray yarn heels and toes; regular price 35c the pair, on special 19c sale at this low price, pair
- Ironing Boards only \$1.13**
Folding Ironing Boards, one of the best made, well braced and well made; regularly worth \$1.50, close folding style; Digging Out special, **\$1.13**
- New Veilings 25c to \$2.00**
French patterns in new Veilings in all the best colorings and new meshes; spider-web, crackley, hexagon, fishnet and double mesh. Priced at, yard, **25c to \$2.00**

See the First Preliminary Showing of Spring Merchandise--Second Floor

"Digging Out" Winter Suits---\$45 Vals. \$19.45

Over a thousand Tailored Suits in one huge lot and offered at six different prices for this week in Portland's largest and best Suit Store—The materials are serge, broadcloth, tweed and fancy worsteds—The season's best styles and all colors—The regular values run from \$15.00 up to \$45.00—For quick choosing they have been divided into SIX LOTS as follows:

- Women's and Misses' Suits, regular \$15.00 to \$20.00 values, special price, ea. **\$ 8.88**
- Women's and Misses' Suits, regularly priced at \$25.00 to \$30.00, special, suit **\$14.45**
- Women's regular \$35.00 to \$40.00 Suits, for this week only **\$18.45**
- Women's, Misses' Suits, \$20.00 to \$25.00 values, at **\$11.85**
- Women's and Misses' regular \$30.00 to \$35.00 Suits, on special sale at, the suit **\$16.65**
- Regular \$40.00 to \$45.00 Suits, on sale this week at the special price of, the suit **\$19.45**
- Women's new Spring Suits, in tans, light grays, navy blue and black, fancy worsteds, semi and tight-fitting effects, with 28 to 34-inch coats and new style skirts. Strictly hand-tailored, made from materials imported and controlled exclusively by the Meier & Frank Company. Prices run from \$35.00 to \$48.00. In domestic materials in large assortment, from \$25.00 to \$35.00. We invite every lady to inspect these. Don't fail to see the big assortment.
- Women's fur-lined Coats, in astrachan, squirrel, nearsel, caracul and black squirrel-lined, assorted fur storm collars; regularly priced at \$40.00 to \$250.00. Digging Out Sale **1/2 Price** at \$28 to \$100. During the Digging Out Sale they go at **1/2 Price**

Women's Hose 65c Values at 50c

Outsize hose for women, in plain black cashmere, with gray heels and toes, medium weight, regular 50c 65c values. Special at, pair **22c**

Brussels Room Size Rugs \$11.67

500 of the celebrated Roxbury Brussels Rugs; all clean, new goods and beautiful patterns. The Roxbury grade of rugs need no recommendation. They're famous as the most artistic and durable rugs of their class. Read the following savings:

- Rugs 7x9, regular \$15 value **\$11.67**
- 8.3x10.6, worth \$20, special **\$15.67**
- 9x12 feet, worth \$25, special **\$18.67**
- 11.3x12 feet, worth \$33, at **\$25.45**

Sale Suitcases \$9 Values \$7.60

24-inch cowhide leather Suitcases, made over good, strong frame, seven inches deep and leather lined, with shirt fold, bolts and umbrella straps, regular \$9.00 values. **\$7.60**

Books Found Tangled

FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE RELIEF COMMITTEE PROBES.

Funds Reported All Right and Secretary Kern Is Exonerated. Election February 16.

The auditing committee of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Relief Association of Portland appointed to expert the books of the association at the annual meeting in January, will report at the adjourned meeting, February 16, in Loggia Hall, Grand avenue, that they have found every dollar accounted for by the secretary, J. J. Kern, but that the books are "in a fearful mess."

Smith's Prices to Butchers and Other Wholesalers

- Spayed Heifers **8c**
- Veal **7c to 7 1/2c**
- Prime Fancy Steers, the very top quality **8 1/2c**
- Good Steers, also top quality **8c**
- Medium Steers, good quality **7c to 7 1/2c**
- Hindquarters of Steers **9c to 9 1/2c**
- Steer Rounds **8 1/2c**
- Steer Loins **11c to 12 1/2c**
- Steer Ribs **10c to 11c**
- Steer Chunks **8 1/2c to 7c**
- Good Small Mutton **10c**
- Veal **7c to 12 1/2c**
- Fancy Hogs, our own dressing **12 1/2c**
- Pork Loins **16c**
- Pork Shoulders **12 1/2c**
- Plenty of Hams, Bacon, Lard, Tripe and Sausage of all kinds.

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"Fighting the Beef Trust." 514 Williams Avenue (Wholesale), Portland, Oregon. Phones, East 290, C 1188.

Advance Sale 100,000 y'ds New Spring Embroid'y

New Importations Scotch Ginghams for Spring 1910

Tailored Models in Fisk Hats for Spring Wear Here

New Arrivals in Spring Neckwear Conceits 25c to \$3

Nyanza Silk for Neat Tailored Wash Suits at 35c yd

Linen Tailored Suiting in all Shades at the yard 65c

Tussina Silk, a Wash Fabric for Pretty Gowns, Spring Valentines now on Sale on the 4th Floor, 1c to \$5

The Great Edition de Luxe Book Sale—1/4 Reg. Price

Attend the Great Fifth Annual Food Fair—4th Floor

Willamette Sewing Machines, \$2 down and \$1 week

34-in. Trunks, Regularly Worth \$6.70 Selling \$5.65

34-in. Trunks, Regularly Worth \$13.00, at \$11.05

Buy Stoves--Ranges \$1 Week

Beginning this Morning we will sell High Class Stoves and Ranges on the Club Plan, and those who take Advantage of this very Liberal Offer will secure the Best Ranges and Stoves made at Lower than the Regular Prices—Come and Investigate this Easy Payment Stove-Buying Plan, and see what Splendid Stoves and Ranges we offer you and at such reasonable terms—Look up the Special Offers for this week—A Range at \$35.00 and a Heating Stove at only \$15.00—\$1.00 Weekly Payments

Poultrymen Will Meet

Portland Junior Association To Hear Valuable Addresses Friday.

The fourth monthly meeting of the Portland Junior Poultry Association will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. The speakers are well known in

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"FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST." 22 MARKETS AND ONE GROCERY.

Reg. \$6.00 Lace Curtains at \$3.95

Linen Cluny Lace Curtains, made of good French net, with linen edge or edge and insertion, 45 inches wide and 2 1-2 yards long, regularly worth \$6.00 the pair, Digging **\$3.95**

Strathmore Printed Serim Curtains, new designs, 40 inches wide and 2 1-2 yards long, regularly **\$2.95**

Velour Prayer Mats, suitable for table covers, chair covers, pillow tops, etc., 24x54 inches, in blue, red or cream, exact copies **\$1.89**

Matting Boxes, in three sizes, on special sale at **HALF** prices.

Small size, \$2.75 value, at **\$1.40**

Medium size, \$3.75 value, at **\$1.90**

Large size, \$5.00 value, at **\$2.50**

75c Insertions 15c

1000 pieces round mesh French Val. Lace Insertions, in widths from 1/2 to 1 inch; regular values to 75c **15c** the dozen, on special sale at

Net Lace Insertions in white or cream, also Venise Bands, 1 to 2 1/2 inches wide; regular values to 50c the **7c** yard, on special sale at, yard

75c Neckwear 37c

Women's hand-embroidered Linen Collars in assorted designs and styles, regular 75c and 85c values, **37c** your choice this week at, each

New Ribbons—plain taffetas, moires, dresdens and printed warp Ribbons, in new Spring arrivals, on display.

Country Merchants Farmers Stockmen

ship your good, fat produce to Smith. He never charges commission. Ship by express. He will pay as follows:

- Five Hens, 16c.
- Dressed Hens, 17 1/2c.
- Dressed Hens, 17c.
- Dressed Veal, under 150 lbs., 12 1/2c.
- Large veal legs, Eggs, market price.

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