

# STATE ASSEMBLY WIDELY APPROVED

George Chandler, of Baker City, Finds Oregon Republicans Favor Plan.

## FACTIONAL STRIFE DEAD

Member of State Central Committee Says Some Oppose County Gathering but Only a Few Are Against Larger Meeting.

First among the out-of-town members of the Republican State Central Committee to reach Portland for Saturday's meeting of the committee was George Chandler, of Baker City, who arrived yesterday and registered at the Imperial.

Mr. Chandler will go to Salem to attend a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, of which he is a member. He will return to this city in time to attend the committee meeting Saturday, although in doing so he foregoes the pleasure of being present at the Lincoln day banquet of Baker City Republicans, to be held in that city Saturday night.

### Popular Choice Favored.

"Those Republicans with whom I have discussed the subject contend that the delegates from the various counties to the state assembly should be chosen direct from the body of voters of the counties, rather than from county assemblies, Baker County Republicans, questioning the advisability of holding a county assembly, take the position that the state assembly should be held first, in any event. What is more, they believe the delegates to the state gathering should be elected by precinct vote.

For instance, when the state committee has decided the apportionment of delegates to the several counties, the Republicans of my county would have the County Central Committee call an election by precincts, when the county's quota of delegates might be elected direct from the Republican voters.

## PLAY AND MONOLOGUE GIVEN BY DOROTHEA CHAPTER OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.



RAYMOND BRANNON AND TEN GIRLS WHO HAD "THINKING" PARTS IN "HIS OLD SWEETHEART." A sprightly little five-part play, "The Burglar," and a well-enacted monologue, "His Old Sweetheart," interspersed with a musical programme, drew a large audience Saturday night to the parish hall of St. David's Church, East Twelfth and East Morrison streets.

equal in number to the delegates to be elected. This would insure the selection of delegates by direct vote of the party electors. What is more, that representation would be strictly representative of the different counties, and that is what is wanted in the state assembly.

### Procedure Up to Committee.

"Personally, I am not altogether in favor of the delegates to the state assembly being elected by the various county assemblies, even though the delegates to the county assemblies may be chosen by precinct vote. However, the plan of procedure remains for the State Committee to determine. The views I have given simply reflect the ideas of myself and those of the Republicans with whom I have discussed the matter."

Mr. Chandler reports that the Republicans of Baker City are expecting an auspicious reunion of Eastern Oregon Republicans at their Lincoln banquet, which will be held in that city on next Saturday night. Then the subject of the proposed assembly, as it relates to the reorganization of the Republican party in the state, will be second only to the commemoration of the anniversary of the martyred President. The banquet will bring together many of the prominent members of the party in that section of the state, and is being relied upon to accomplish much toward burying factional strife which has been disastrous in Eastern Oregon and other sections of the state. Principal among the after-

dinner speakers will be Governor Benson and Jay Howerman, State Senator of Gilliam and contiguous counties.

## SPECKART FIGHT STILL ON

Daughter of Brewer to Take Case to U. S. Court of Appeals.

Miss Harriet Speckart, who recently lost her suit in the Federal District Court of Washington for a division of the estate of her father, the rich brewer of Olympia, has determined to carry her case to the United States Court of Appeals. The estate amounts to \$750,000.

The Speckart estate has been in the hands of Leopold Schmidt, the Olympia brewer, and a relative of the Speckart family. Schmidt has invested the money and has been issuing dividends to the members of the family. Until a few years ago Miss Speckart lived with her widowed mother and seemed contented, but after they moved to Portland and Miss Speckart gained new friends here, she deserted her mother and demanded her share of the fortune left by her father.

The mother accused the young woman of being influenced in this act by Dr. Marie D. Equi, a woman physician of this city, with whom Miss Speckart has been in friendly association since she left her mother. Miss Speckart has spent much money

in fighting her case and has had employed a number of lawyers, one of whom was E. E. Heckbert, of this city, who was awarded by the court for his work about \$5,000, which will come from Miss Speckart's share of the fortune. At present Miss Speckart is living at the Norton Hotel, in company with Dr. Equi.

## PEANUT HULLS CAUSE FINE

Three Young Men Raise Disturbance on St. John Car.

Wilbur Emerson, Ray V. DeBozart and Charles Toole, were fined \$20, \$10 and \$15 respectively yesterday morning in the Municipal Court by Judge Bennett for disorderly conduct on the St. John owl car Saturday night. The police accused these young men with having raised a disturbance on the car and with using insulting language in the presence of women. It was brought out that the trouble arose over throwing peanut shells.

Chief of Police Cox is contemplating making a recommendation to the City Council that the eating of peanuts, dropping or throwing of the shells in street-cars be prohibited by city ordinance. Numerous complaints have been received at police headquarters of this nuisance on the streetcars.

## RAILROAD MAKES BRIDGE PROPOSAL

Counter Proposition Goes to Estacada, Seeking Annexation.

## JOSELYN HAS OPINION

Questions of Formation of New County or Annexing With Multnomah County Meet With Opposition From Railway Co.

The proposition that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would contribute half the cost toward the construction of a wagon bridge over the Clackamas River at Barton was made by President Joselyn yesterday to a delegation of Estacada citizens who called on him.

The primary object of the visit of the delegation was to sound the head of the electric railway company on the alternative propositions of Estacada and Oak Grove and surrounding districts becoming annexed to Multnomah County or the formation of a new county from the upper end of Clackamas.

Mr. Joselyn expressed himself in opposition to both movements and offered the bridge proposition as a means of relieving one of the conditions that have brought about the two movements.

### One Reason Is Lack of Bridges.

One reason for the movement for a division of Clackamas County, it is said, is the inability of the residents of the county south of the Clackamas River to induce the county authorities to provide bridges which would give them access to the Estacada electric line to Portland.

"Annexation of a part of Clackamas County to Multnomah County could not be accomplished without the consent of Multnomah County and I do not believe that the annexation plan would carry in this county," said Mr. Joselyn yesterday.

"The golf links, just over the line in Clackamas County, interests, and annexation would mean the inclusion in the near future of the golf links in the Portland city limits. The golf grounds would then be subject to city taxes and would make a too expensive playground. There are a large number of very influential Portland men interested in the golf links and I am sure they would oppose annexation."

There is also considerable discussion of the plan of combining the city and county governments and it seems to me that is a wise thing to do, as it would dispense with numerous offices. The city would then be the county and the county the city. In view of the possibility of this plan being carried out, I believe it would not be wise to add more territory to Multnomah County.

### Railway Company Biggest Taxpayer.

"The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company would be the largest taxpayer in the proposed new county, by reason of the location there of its power plants, tracts of land and railway. The company has been the chief factor in building up that portion of Clackamas County and the line has never been a paying enterprise, although it is drawing nearer that condition daily. The additional

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burden of taxation that would be created by the formation of a new county, with the attendant necessity for erecting public buildings and maintaining a full set of officers, would postpone the day when the railroad operation would pay a return on the investment.

"Therefore, I am personally opposed to the formation of a new county, at the present time, although when the district is better developed it may be a wise course to pursue.

### LYLE TO WELCOME BOOSTERS

White Salmon Also Sets Date to Invite Railroad Party.

The Portland railroad and business men who will participate in the annual booster meeting of the Klickitat County Development League at Goldendale, next Thursday, will perform a like service at Lyle on the following day.

The meeting at Goldendale has been called for 2 P. M. Thursday, with another meeting to follow in the evening, the object being to organize an advertising campaign for the year. President French and other officials of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad are to take an active part.

The following day there will be a meeting of the Lyle Development League at Lyle, and arrangements have been made for the entire party to stop off there on the return trip and lend its efforts to the movement for the upbuilding of the country.

White Salmon is also in line for a booster gathering. The date for this meeting has been set for February 19, by the White Salmon Valley Development League, and plans are now under way

for the organization of another party to attend that meeting also.

### Spokane Man Promoted.

E. H. Rupert, district baggage agent of the Great Northern at Spokane, and well known in Portland railroad territory, has been appointed general baggage agent at St. Paul for the Great Northern, vice S. A. Smart resigned.

### Y. M. C. A. FOR MT. SCOTT

Branch May Be Located on Lot Donated by W. E. Spicer.

A branch Y. M. C. A. will be established in the Mount Scott district, near Anabel. If the present movement is successful, W. E. Spicer, a resident and property-owner, now sojourning in California, has written that he will donate one lot valued at \$500 toward the establishment of such a branch. Y. M. C. A. Assistant Secretary G. N. Wonscott, of the city association, said yesterday that he was glad that the people are agitating the establishment of such a branch, and intimated that the people would receive every assistance.

"There are 15,000 people in the Mount Scott district," said Mr. Wonscott, "and provision is certainly needed there for the boys and young men. We have the branch Y. M. C. A. at Sellwood under way, and other similar branches in the suburbs will be encouraged—one in the Mount Scott district, Mount Tabor, Albina and for the railroad men of the terminal works."

When the movement in Mount Scott district takes form it is probable that the money will be raised along the same lines that were followed in Sellwood. For a site at least 100x100 will be required.

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