Oregon City Man Misrepresenting Sentiment, Says J. H. Gibson.

#### POSES AS PEOPLE'S FRIEND

Member of Clackamas County Central Committee Declares Assembly Plan Meets With Favor of Majority of Voters.

That W. S. U'Ren is misrepresenting the sentiment of the Republicans of Clackamas County concerning the assembly is the direct charge made by J. H. Gibson, of Oregon City, while in Portland yesterday.

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Mr. Gibson is a member of the county central committee of Clackamas and was in attendance at the meeting of that organization held in the County Courthouse on Saturday last.

"Mr. U'Ren is posing as the great friend of the people, and the father of the direct primary law," sa'd Mr. Gibson. "U'Ren wants the people to rule, and seems to feel that they will not be allowed to do so should the Republicans of this state and the county, where we both reside, be allowed to come together through delegates and recommend candidates to the Republican primaries. He asserts there is grave danger in the He asserts there is grave danger in the plan and that the people of Clackamas County do not want it.

Proxy Game Didn't Work.

"Mr. U'Ren tried to attend the recent meeting of the county central committee of Clackamas on a proxy, as did his law partner, Chris Schuebel. The committee had been regularly called by Chairman Stipp and was holding an open meeting in the Courthouse when U'Ren appeared. The call for the meeting stated that no provies would be allowed as that no proxies would be allowed as it was the intention of the organization to have every member present in per-son. U'Ren tried to force his way into the committee's deliberations, and asserted that the meeting was not legally called. His purpose was to create the belief that the committee was being operated on the lines of 'gag rule.'

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"After giving him a hearing the committee voted to sustain the chairman and ruled all proxies out. During the debate, I was compelled to recount some incidents in the career of Mr. U'Ren as a protector of the right of the people to rule through the primaries.

"I told them of my aspirations for the nomination for member of the Legislature in 1896. At that time I wanted to go into the primaries, and I went to Mr. U'Ren to solicit his aid. When I asked for his support U'Ren sald:

"'I can't do it. We have about made up our minds as to whom we want to send to the Legislature.'

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a county assembly to name 55 delegates to the state assembly, and I have no hesi-tation in saying that the idea is not only favorably received by the committee of Clackamas County, but is satisfactory to the Republican voters. It may not suit the Populists and assistant Democrats."

SELLWOOD BACKS ASSEMBLY

Republican Club First in Field With Strong Indorsement.

The Sellwood Republican Club, a stalwart organization, is the first club in this county in the field with a strong indorsement of the assembly plan and representative methods. At the meeting of the club last night in the hall of the Sellwood Commercial Club resolutions were adopted declaring that the assem-bly plan is the only way by which party organization can be maintained and the real spirit of the direct primary law carried out.

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James F. Kertchem spoke at length on the assembly for suggesting candidates for the consideration of the voters at the primaries. He said that the people should be informed that the assembly is not a framed-up convention to nominate candidates, but to suggest candidates that would be acceptable in point of ability and honesty.

"The Sellwood Republican Club," said Mr. Kerchem, "has always stood squarely for Republican principles and has led the way in the past. What we do here tonight will have its weight in other places, It will be the first club in the state to take definite action on the assembly plan. I think that the very best men in the party should go as delegates to the assembly and that they should go absolutely without instructions, but perabsolutely without instructions, but permitted to suggest candidates. The people are watching this assembly movement and we can show the people that we stand for a purely fepresentative form of government by sending out delegates with freedom of choice."

E. A. Austin, Peter Hume and William LaForce spoke along the same lines. It was decided to hold a general meeting in Strahlman's hall Saturday night, July 9, to name 19 delegates to the county assembly, which meets July 19. John Goldman, William LaForce and E. L. Mills ware appointed to make a stranger of the county of the county assembly. were appointed to make arrangements for this meeting. A band will be engaged and several short addresses will be made

after the delegates have been elected.

After July 25 the club will meet twice a month. It is understood that the club will indorse William H. Moorehouse for Councilman from the Seventh Ward, and Peter Hume as a candidate for the Legislature. Under the new apportionment of precincts the Seventh Ward will have 29 polling-places, and including the Mount Scott district will come close to being the largest ward in the city.

#### POLICE GET MORE FACTS

Spokane Man Tells of Meeting of Mrs. Kersh and Murder Victim.

Carrie Kersh had known William A. Johnson, the trunk-murder victim, only two weeks when the pair left Spokane to come to Portland last Monday, according to a letter received by the detective bureau yesterday, from L. H. O'Nell, a resident of Spokane, who knew all of the persons involved in the murder in which the woman is implicated.

O'Nell conducts the Elito Bar, and

Johnson had been a frequenter of his place for about a month, he says. The letter says that the Kersh woman met Johnson at the Vincent Hotel, where she was employed. He was deaf and she was of assistance to him and gained a great influence over him. Johnson had arrived in Spokane from North Dakota a month before. Right of way will be given the case of Webb and the Kersh woman before the grand jury, which assembles today. A sheaf of subpoenaes was issued yesterday for the various persons who have knowledge of the case, to appear tomorrow afternoon. It is probable that an indictment will be returned before tonight and immediate action in the Circuit Court is promised by Presiding Judge Morrow.

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It is now believed that the wounds which caused Johnson's death were in-flicted by a doorknob which was discovfileted by a doorknob which was discovered by Deputy Coroner Frank Dane, hidden in a bureau drawer in the room where the act was committed. This weapon weighs nearly three pounds and, with the iron shank attached, is a good tool for the commission of such a deed. Drs. S. C. Slocum and Ralph Matson, who examined the body, believe that the wounds may have been inflicted with this knob.

## JURY ACQUITS SMOKE

CHARGE OF DYNAMITING MRS. PIPER FAILS TO HOLD.

Accused Man Declares Words Put in Son's Mouth-Is Still Charged With Blowing Up Wife.

John H. Smoke was acquitted at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon of having blown up Mrs. Agnes L. Piper with dynamite on the night of April 9. The jury was out two hours.

Upon taking the witness-stand in his own behalf vesterday morning. Smoke

Open taking the witness-stand in his own behalf yesterday morning. Smoke denice in toto the statements of his 12-year-cld son to the effect that he had dynamite in the house. He said the lad was not always truthful, and believed that on 'his occasion someone else had put the story in his son's mouth from a desire to send him to the penitentiary. Other witnesses said the lad is untruthful, although he apparently told a straightforward story when on the witstraightforward story when on the witness-stand Wednesday afternoop.

Smoke remains in jall, as the charge of blowing up his wife, Margar Smoke, with dynamite still stands against him.

Judge Gatens Moves His Court.

Circuit Judge Gatens moved his quarters yesterday from Department No. 5, on the first floor of the Courthouse, to Department No. 2, the noise made by the riveting machines on the new wing of the Courthouse preventing satisfactory progress in the trial of the Devlin-Reddy case. This case has been dragging on for weeks, the evidence being voluminous. It is practically the same as that threshed out in the criminal trials of W. Cooper Morris and W. H. Moore. The present action is a suit brought by Receiver Thomas C. Devlin against J. F. Reddy, S. W. Stryker and the directors of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank over the Pacific & Eastern Railroad deal. The attorneys expect to complete the case torneys expect to complete the case next week, although it may take

\$30,000 Asked in Suit.

George E. Moulton is suing the St. Johns Lumber Company for \$20,000 be-fore a jury in Judge Gantenbein's de-partment of the Circuit Court. This sum of the candidates they were going to support, one of whom afterward received the nomination at the primaries. He did not say I should not become a candidate, but did say that he was of the opinion I would not be successful in securing the nomination if I did run, and for the reason that I did not have the support of 'we,' whoever that was. It is also a notiorious fact that the U'Ren crowd did not support Colonel C. H. Dye for a member of the Legislature.

"I introduced the resolution calling for a light that it is in no wise responsible for his fall."

Grand Jury to Meet Today.

Presiding Judge Morrow will call the grand jury together this morning at 9 o'clock for consideration of the Johnson-Webb murder case, and such other matters as the District Attorney may have to lay before it.

## FINAL SOCIAL SWIM HELD

MULTNOMAH MEN AND WOMEN DISPORT IN WATER.

Diving and Other Aquatic Stunts of Women Exceeds in Some Respects Those of Men Swimmers.

Bigger, better and more successful than ever before was the fourth social swim for the women and men members of the Multnomah Club, which was held last night in the club tank and enjoyed by over 60 swimmers. These swims which were created by swimming committee, of which Frank E. Watkins is chairman, have proved one of the features of the club and in another season the swimming accommodations will have to be enlarged to take care of the enthusiastic aquatic lovers of whom the club boasts many. Led by Arthur Cavill the famous Australian swimming instructor of the local institution, the women started local institution, the women started the evening's fun by fancy diving and swimming, after which comical and daring stunts were introduced. In nerve and grittiness in diving the wom-en excelled the men, while a number of the fair sex held up their end of the swimming line with the opposite

sex.

In preparation for last night's frolic a new spring board was instalted which made spectacular diving the order of the evening because of the "springlness" of the board. This was the last of the mixed social swims to be held at the club until September when a regular schedule will open. These swims will be held either biweekly of monthly all during the Fall and Winter. It is also planned to have a number of these social swims this Summer at the Oaks Natatorium, of which Arthur Cavill is in charge.

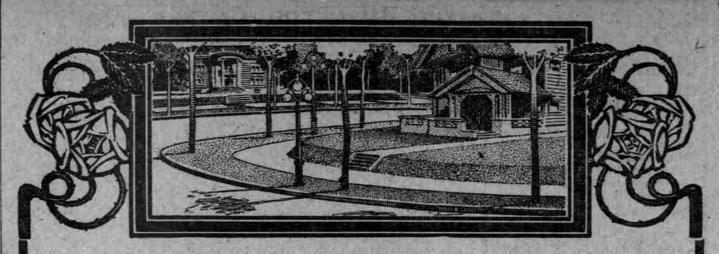
#### NEW PRESIDENT CALLED

Former Head of California Adventist College Goes to Laurelwood.

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Grand Ronde Pioneers Meet.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 23.—(Special.) here today. The meeting was attended

Jim Masterson, of Elgin, is president of the Grand Ronde pioneer re-union for the ensuing year; Attorney J. D. Slater, of this city, is secretary, and Elgin was chosen as the next meeting place, at the

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