COUNTY ASSEMBLY TO HAVE FEW GAPS

Only 19 Vacancies Expected in Total of 827 Entitled to Seats.

DELEGATES TO BE FREE

County Committee Frowns on Seeking of Pledges in Advance by Candidates for Office—Few Additions Made to List.

Certificates have been issued to 778 of the delegates chosen by the Republican electors of Multnomah County to represent the various precincts at the assembly of next Saturday.

That was the figure when Republican headquarters closed yesterday for the day, and information was at hand showing that at least 30 additional certificates will be called for today. That will leave a gap of but 19 in the array of 827 precinct representatives to which the county is entitled. It is believed the gap will be filled in today or Friday.

All but 11 of the 114 precincts of Multnomah County now have their lists of delegates at hand and of the remaining 11 four are known to have met, four more are to meet tonight and three remain to be heard from. These three are Nos. 106 at Palmer, 107 at Sauvies Island, and 110 at Sylvan. In the Seventh Ward 44, 48, 49 and 51 meet tonight. Precinct 95 at Anabel, 96 at South Mount Tabor, 100 at Rockwood and 103 at Powell Valley have held meetings, but the reports have not yet been received at headquarters.

There is every indication that there will be few if any absent delegates when the assembly is called to order in the Masonic Temple hall day after tomorrow at 10 A. M. The decision of the county central committee that proxies will not be recognized has left no avenue whereby the possible derelict may evade the duty assigned them by the Republican electors of their precincts. Delegates who do not show up will lose their representation.

Advance Pledges Frowned On.

The action of the central committee in adopting resolutions against the practice of delegations deciding in advance to favor particular candidates for indorsement has served to curtail to a large extent the activities of many aspirants for office. There have been several calls at headquarters for lists of the delegates. The lists are open to any and all, but copies are furnished to none. Few have undertaken to copy the roll privately.

It has been made clear to the various aspirants that preliminary efforts may be of little account. The subject of fitness will be considered publicly, so it is announced, in connection with every office. And it is the purpose of the meeting that the best man shall win the coveted recommendation of the representative electors assembled. It is being predicted that the assembly will select and recommend to the voters at large the strongest county ticket ever put up by the Republican party in Multnomah County.

The list of candidates who are avowedly out for office is ample, although there have been few additions to the list in the past few days. However, the assembly is not restricted to those seeking its recommendation. In deciding the question of fitness the country representatives may find it necessary, in several instances, to go outside the lists of those who want the official places, at least outside the ranks of those who are seeking.

With the positive assurance of a fair and open assembly the political situation has taken a lull, except as to interest in the coming meeting and speculation as to the men who are likely to meet with the public's indorsement for the various offices. Activity of open candidates is confined to pressing forward their good points and getting acquainted personally with as many delegates as possible. Other candidates are doing nothing, saying that anything they might do would not affect the conduct of the delegates and hence they are willing to stand on their merits.

New Candidates Come Out.

One new name has been added to the list of those who are being talked of in connection with the County Judgeship. This name is that of A. T. Lewis. County Judge Cleeton, John Shillock and Municipal Judge Bennett have been out for some time and each hopes for the assembly's recommendation.

Another name has been added to the contest for the Circuit Judgeship in Department No. 5, to succeed Judge Gatens. George W. Stapleton is being suggested by friends. T. J. Geisler has had aspirations for the recommendation for that place for some time. John Ditchburn is also a candidate. It is believed other names will be brought up before the assembly for the judgeship in Department No. 5.

The situation as to the 12 Representatives, one joint Representative, one State Senator and one joint Senator, is not very well defined as to what men are likely to be called upon by the assembly. Many names have been suggested, including those of J. J. Hendricks, E. L. Rayburn, Louis Kuhn, George Lawrence, McKinley Mitchell, C. V. Howard, John Brown and Joseph Beveridge. All are being urged by friends, but whether any will be recommended by the assembly remains to be seen. Among the names being put forward by friends for State Senator are those of Dr. E. G. Clark, Dan Malarkey, A. B. Manley and S. C. Beach. For joint Senator C. N. McArthur, of Multnomah, and C. G. Huntley, of Clackamas are being talked of by friends. No one of these men are openly out, however. It is believed the list when brought up at the assembly for consideration will be greatly supplemented.

Clarke Would Be State Printer.

W. J. Clarke, editor of the Gervais Star, has sent out a circular letter to delegates to the Multnomah County assembly, announcing his candidacy for State Printer. He will seek the recommendation of the state assembly, and says in his circular that he wishes his record placed before the delegates to be selected from Multnomah County for the state assembly in order that they may judge of his merits when his name is presented. He announces his belief in a "flat salary" for State Printer and says he has had 23 years' experience in the printing business.

Wheeler County Names Delegates.

Wheeler County delegates to the Republican state assembly have been selected. The official list as selected by the electors of the county was received at Republican headquarters yesterday. The delegates are: J. L. Barnhouse, Mitchell; R. N. Donnelly, Richmond; George McKay, Waterman; R. J. Carsner, Spray; J. H. Patterson, T. J. Smith, Charles W. Morris and W. W. Steiwer, Fossil.

ASSEMBLY PLAN IS INDORSED

Grants Pass Meeting Votes on Most Practical Methods.

GRANTS PASS, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—Under direction of Joseph Moss, chairman of the County Central Committee, well-executed plans for a Republican assembly came into form last night, and as a result of the various precinct meetings a large body of prominent Republicans have been elected to attend the Republican assembly that meets in this city July 16 to elect delegates to the state convention.

This county is entitled to 19 delegates and a full quota will be in attendance at the state convention when held in Portland.

The assembly plan was fully demonstrated tonight as being a practical method for good political work by giving the party a good, clean slate freed from Democratic affiliation.

Geisler Will Run for Judge.

Theodore J. Geisler, of 631 Elm street, who was expected by some to be nominated for a place on the Circuit bench by the bar assembly last Friday night, has prepared his declaration of intention to run for the office, and will probably file it with the Secretary of State within a few days. He says: "I will endeavor to so faithfully discharge my duties as to hold the confidence of all the people." He will run against Hon. William N. Gatens, the Democratic candidate for Department No. 5 of the local Circuit Court.

CHORUS GIRL AID OPENS

BENEFIT PLANS FOR MISS MAHR IN FULL SWING.

Donations Will Begin to Pour in Today—Two Performances to Be Given at Lyric July 26.

DONATIONS TO AID INJURED CHORUS GIRL NOW BEING RECEIVED.

Donations for Miss Marjorie Mahr, the chorus girl who lost both legs as a result of an accident on the Fulton bridge last Sunday, and remittances for tickets to the benefit, to be given at the Lyric Theater on the night of July 26, should be made to the Treasurer, Miss Mahr Benefit Committee, care of The Oregonian. Tickets will also be on sale at the box offices of the various theaters in Portland today.

The price of tickets, good for any seat in the house at any performance, is $1 each. Boxes will be sold to individuals or parties at prices to be fixed by themselves.

W. Reidt, a prominent real estate man, was the first to send a subscription to The Oregonian for the Miss Mahr benefit fund. He mailed a check for $25, which was turned over to the treasurer of the finance committee.

Generous Portland has already begun to respond to a suggestion of a relief fund for Miss Marjory Mahr, the chorus girl in the Armstrong Musical Comedy Company, whose legs were cut off by a train on the Fulton bridge last Sunday afternoon. A woman, who refused to give her name, telephoned to Mrs. Armstrong yesterday, that she wished to give $20 to the unfortunate girl, and several applications have been made at the box office of the Lyric by persons desiring to donate.

R. D. Cannon, city editor of the Telegram; John L. Travis, city editor of the Journal; Edward L. Moriarity, city editor of the News, and O. C. Leiter, city editor of The Oregonian, have been chosen by the theatrical folk as a finance committee to take charge of all the funds for the benefit of Miss Mahr. Mr. Leiter was selected by the committee as treasurer, and he will have charge of the sale of tickets and all donations.

The committee, in charge of the benefit, is composed of D. Flood, Edward Armstrong and L. C. Keating. The committee proposes to put on the best show ever seen in Portland. Managers of other theaters have offered their "stars" and headliners to assist. Not one item of expense will be incurred at the benefit, so that every penny will go to Miss Mahr. Tickets will be $1 each, or as much as any person desires to pay, and the names of persons paying more than the regular price will be taken and the amounts duly accredited. Reports of donations and sale of tickets will be made daily.

Among the first to respond to a request for assistance in the benefit was Tommy Burns, who is now in Seattle. The gruff prizefighter, generally considered by many as "grouchy," was anxious to come to Portland at his own expense and appear in the benefit if it would materially assist in the charitable undertaking. All theatrical managers are just as anxious to help and the actors themselves, who represent a class known to have hearts big as mountains, are more than willing to offer their talents to help the crippled member of their profession. The problem now confronting the committee is how to accept all offers and cut the programme down to a reasonable length so that two or more performances may be given on the night of July 26.

Tickets will be good for either performance and any seat in the house. Boxes will be sold to persons or parties at prices they may fix themselves. The first show will be put on at 7:30 P. M., and the second at 9 P. M. If all are not accommodated by the two shows, a third will be given. The bill will be arranged so that actors from the various theaters may appear so as to not interfere with their regular performances in their respective houses.

Miss Mahr continues the brave fight she began immediately after the accident. The uppermost thought in her mind is how she will make a living. Although she will be an almost helpless cripple, she bravely faces the future. She does not know of the generous and charitable public that is opening its heart and purse to help her along when she recovers.

MAYOR IS SENT TO PRISON

Massachusetts Official, Convicted of Conspiracy, Gets Severe Sentence.

SALEM, Mass., July 13.—Found guilty of conspiring to secure the confirmation by the Board of Aldermen of his appointment of James A. Hamilton as Chief of the Lawrence Fire Department, and of conspiring later to secure Hamilton's removal from that position, William P. White, Mayor of Lawrence, was sentenced today to three years in the House of Correction and fined $1000.

LAFFERTY AT WOODSTOCK

A. W. Lafferty, direct primary candidate for Congress, speaks tonight at Woodstock; tomorrow at St. Johns. Carl S. Kelty, campaign secretary. **

MAN BEATEN, SUES

E. T. Hanley Seeks Damages From John H. Tuttle.

LEG IS BROKEN IN MELEE

Victim of Attack Demands $7000 as Salve for Injuries, and $497 Additional to Defray Expenses of Hospital Services.

Dr. John H. Tuttle, a dentist with offices in the Columbia building, is being sued in the Circuit Court by Edward T. Hanley, a ladies' tailor, employed by the Moyer Clothing Company, for $7497.25 damages because of a row which ended in a broken leg for Hanley. He filed his complaint yesterday.

According to Hanley's story, Tuttle violently assaulted him on April 1 last, in his room at 631½ Washington street, giving him such a beating that his right leg was broken in the mix-up. The break was just above the ankle, he alleges. He says Dr. Tuttle's fist also came into violent contact with his face. These injuries he thinks are worth $7000.

Among the other items is one for the surgeon's work in setting the injured limb, which amounts to $75, and which, he says, he has been unable to pay. Other expenses he enumerates as follows: Hospital bills, $47.75; crutches, $1.50; rubber tips for crutches, $1.75; walking cane, 60 cents; medicine, $1.35; bandage, 30 cents; auto services, $3; loss of work for 13 weeks at $22 a week, $285.

SILENCE COSTS MAN DEARLY

Because Thief Says Nothing He Gets Nine Months' Jail Sentence.

Roy Henry was given a nine-months' jail sentence for larceny by Judge Morrow yesterday, while his partner-in-crime, Leo Hartman, may get off with a parole. The District Attorney thought both men equally guilty, and that as both had pleaded guilty they should be dealt with alike. But when the judge asked them if they had anything to say in extenuation of their crime, Hartman said he wanted the judge to give him another chance, while Henry said nothing. Thereupon the judge said he thought Henry ought to go to jail, because he manifested an air of nonchalance. Henry had already pleaded guilty to larceny in a dwelling, the penalty for which is from one to seven years in the penitentiary. But the judge told him he had better withdraw this plea, and enter one of guilty to simple larceny, which he did. The judge then pronounced the nine-months' sentence. Hartman's case was continued.

Bennie Linnton pleaded not guilty to a charge of having stolen $120 from Bert Bertholl on June 10 and his bail was fixed at $500. Linnton was arrested in Denver.

C. M. Haybl, accused of having stolen $775 from the Painters', Decorators' & Paperhangers' Union on September 6, 1907, was arraigned, and allowed until 2 P. M. Monday to plead.

ESTATE IS LEFT TO WIDOW

Charles Barenstecher's Will Disposes of Property Worth $25,000.

The will of Charles Barenstecher, giving all but $200 of his $25,000 estate to Effie Barenstecher, his widow, was admitted to probate by County Judge Cleeton yesterday morning. The $200 he leaves to his two children, Viola, 19 years old, and Herbert A., 17 years old. He says his reason for not giving the children more is that he knows the widow will do toward the children what is right and just."

The will was made June 13, just 13 days before Barenstecher died. The witnesses were N. B. Hickey and F. J. Alex Mayer. Mr. Mayer is named as executor, with the provision that if he is outside the state J. C. Veazie shall be appointed special administrator until his return. The petition of the widow shows that Mayer is not in Oregon at present, and will not return until October. Judge Cleeton, therefore, appointed Veazie administrator with the will annexed. Barenstecher was born in Baltimore, Md., July 4, 1858. He married Effie Fey-Deckerman, of Chicago, in San Francisco, November 12, 1890.

ESTATE IS WORTH $100,000

Widow of Henry Fleckenstein Is Appointed Administratrix.

The estate of Henry Fleckenstein, worth about $100,000, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday upon the order of Judge Cleeton. Mr. Fleckenstein, a member of the firm of Henry Fleckenstein & Co., Inc., died July 3, leaving no will. His property consists of household goods and cash worth $2000, 279 shares of stock in the wholesale liquor firm worth $47,900, and real estate in Fulton Park in addition to four acres in this county, the whole worth $50,000.

Judge Cleeton appointed Christiana Fleckenstein, the widow, administratrix of the estate, providing that she files a bond of $50,000. Besides the widow, the heirs are H. F. Fleckenstein, B. B. Fleckenstein, Mrs. J. S. Copland and Mrs. W. P. Adams.

"LOVING WIFE" NOW DESERTED

Woman Seeks Divorce; Another's Conduct Is Questioned.

Christian Berlis filed a divorce suit against Ernest Berlis in the Circuit Court yesterday, saying that although she "has been a loving wife" to him, he deserted her. She desires the custody of their only child. They were married at Winnipeg, Canada, January 15, 1905.

An effort to exclude Mrs. Cora D. Hallack from visiting her baby, Leona Hallack, is being made in the Circuit Court by the father of the child, Manuel Hallack, who has filed an affidavit in which he alleges that when his ex-wife calls she uses vulgar language and her conduct is violent. Mrs. Daisy Parker, has also filed an affidavit saying that Mrs. Hallack has threatened her with bodily harm. She has been employed by Hallack as a nurse for the child. Judge Gatens granted the divorce last October, after Hallack had testified that his wife carelessly left a cup of lye where the children could reach it, one of the children dying from drinking the mixture.

MRS. GARDNER GETS SHARE

Provision of Father's Will Cutting Her Off Set Aside.

County Judge Cleeton signed an order yesterday closing the Martin Gillihan and Sarah C. Gillihan estates, which have been in process of administration since 1906. Martin Gillihan's will provided that, if Mrs. Lucy Ann Gardner, their daughter, did not survive her husband, Nelson Gardner, she was to be cut off with only $1.

The estate was valued at $20,000. The will provided it should be divided into nine parts, to be shared equally by the children except Mrs. Gardner. Judge Cleeton held last February that this provision as to the husband's death was invalid, and the executor was ordered to pay her her share.

PORTLAND MAN INVENTOR

Special Policeman Devises Clock to Keep Check on Watchmen.

J. J. Fitzsimmons, for 29 years a resident of Portland and who for three years acted as special policeman in this city, has invented a changeable dial watchman's register which, Mr. Fitzsimmons says, will enable the employer to keep a reliable check on the faithfulness of a watchman.

As Mr. Fitzsimmons explains it, the clock is to be placed in a padlocked case, the key to which being in possession of the employer, the clock cannot be tampered with by the watchman. Where possible, the clock is placed on the inside of a window. In a convenient place is put a receptacle containing small slips of paper on which the watchman or other employe makes notation every hour or half hour, as the case may be. The dial of the clock is made up of ciphers, which change every half hour. Each time a watchman reports, he marks on the slip the cipher which appears on the face of the clock. These cipher signs can be changed each night by the employer, there being 1728 combinations, which will be known only to the employer.

It was while Mr. Fitzsimmons was serving as a special policeman in Portland, when he was on numerous occasions accused of not reporting at the proper hours, that he commenced work on his invention. Two patents have been obtained, says Mr. Fitzsimmons.

A New Haven company will manufacture the watchman's clock, and Mr. Fitzsimmons states he expects to place them on the market in about six months.

During the 14 years preceding the Courrieres mine disaster in 1906 there was not an explosion in France in which there were more than nine men killed; in the Courrieres explosion nearly 1200 men were killed.

SELLWOOD COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT.

Dr. H. C. Fixott.

At the meeting of the board of 15 governors of the Sellwood Commercial Club Tuesday night, Dr. H. C. Fixott was elected president. Dr. Fixott has been a prominent member and one of the most enthusiastic workers for the organization from the beginning. He was one of the leaders in the movement to erect a branch Y. M. C. A. in Sellwood.

The other officers are: Vice-president, L. J. Hicks; secretary, R. W. Edwards, re-elected; treasurer, Peter Hume, re-elected. The night for holding monthly meetings was changed to Wednesday.

The general policy of the first year of the club will be continued. Social and civic organizations will find a welcome at the clubhouse. The Sellwood Board of Trade, out of which the Commercial Club grew, will hold its meetings there, and the women of Sellwood will be invited to have a day every week at the club rooms. The re-election of Mr. Edwards as secretary is satisfactory to the membership, as much of the success of the first year is credited to his efforts.

YIELD IS BETTER

Wheat Harvest South of Snake Upsets Predictions.

AVERAGE IS 30 BUSHELS

Crop in Region North of Snake and in Palouse Country Estimated at Two-thirds or Three-fourths of Last Year's.

Reports received by the freight department of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. indicate that the wheat yield in Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla counties will be higher than previous estimates. Harvesting is now in progress and the threshing results are overturning predictions. It is now believed that the district mentioned will produce an average of about 30 bushels to the acre.

These same conditions exist throughout the wheat growing country south of the Snake River. North of the Snake River the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.'s reports indicate that the yield will be about 75 per cent of last year's yield.

The North Bank road has similar reports from the Palouse country, some of its estimates going as low as 66 2-3 per cent of last year's yield.

Throughout the Big Bend country of Washington the railroad reports indicate that there is about a half crop. In the Ritzville country it is about the average of the last few years.

OBSERVATION CAR IMPROVED

Oregon & Washington to Carry Regular Shasta Limited Equipment.

Beginning Friday the equipment of the Oregon & Washington limited, operated by the O. R. & N. between Portland and Chicago, will be the same as that of the Overland limited of the Union Pacific and the Shasta limited of the Southern Pacific.

The principal change is in the observation cars. At present the train is carrying what are known as section observation cars; that is, only part of the car is devoted to observation purposes, while the remainder is given over to berths.

The new cars that will be placed in service will be observation cars exclusively. In the rear will be the general observation section, while one side of the car will be devoted to the long smoking-room now characteristic of the Shasta limited observation cars.

The usual buffet and other accessories of modern limited train service will be found in the car.

Heretofore the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company observation car has run through to Denver, being replaced at Cheyenne with a compartment observation car. To provide for Denver travel the train will hereafter carry a through drawing-room sleeper between Portland and Denver, thereby giving an additional car to the train.

JOLLY WOMEN INDIGNANT

Intoxicated Pair Insulted at Questions of Policemen.

"I won't tell my age, and I insist upon seeing Chief Cox. I am falsely accused and I shall make these police smart for it," said Mrs. A. O'Conner, supporting herself by the edge of the counter of the Police Station to keep the room from turning around.

Mrs. O'Conner, with Mrs. J. Culbertson, was arrested yesterday afternoon at 251 Morris street, while they were in the midst of a bibulous jollification. Patrolman Vessey brought them in, and the women agreed that he was no gentleman.

Mrs. O'Conner was exceeding coy when asked her age. At first, she refused to tell it at all. Then she said she was 32 years old. Pressed for a more accurate statement, she confessed to 42 years and the police believe that she still has a few in reserve. The hilarious feminity was consigned to the care of Matron Simmons.

Woman's Insanity Recurs.

MILTON, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Werner, wife of Peter Werner, of Walla Walla, became insane yesterday when visiting at the home of her sister, near Milton, Sunday. She will be committed to Medical Lake, from where she was discharged some time ago as cured.

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