

DEMOCRATS HAVE DREAMS OF POWER

Thomas Hopes to Make Total Change in Political Complexion of Oregon.

WAR WITH SWEET HINDERS

State and County Chairman Each Seeks to Eliminate Other—Hope Built on Chance of Fat Appointments to Be Made.

Dreams, induced principally by Oswald West's success in the contest for Governor, of turning Oregon into a Democratic state "all down the line" have been actively fermenting in the minds of Democratic leaders during the past few weeks. Everything would be smooth sailing, they believe, if dissen- sion within the ranks could be eliminated, but about that dissen- sion there are varying opinions. Each side wants to eliminate the other. Each believes that it has a better opportunity of carrying the state for the party.

On one side is George H. Thomas, chairman of the Multnomah County Central Committee, and on the other are Alex Sweek and J. B. Ryan, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the state committee, which carried the banner of Oswald West to victory. Even now Thomas, pleading for straight Democracy of the Jefferson and Jackson type and the elimination of one-man campaigns, is plotting the ousting of Sweek, seeing in him the personification of that non-partisan wing of the party which has sent all Democrats seeking the "small fry" offices to the party's political graveyard for the sake of elevating one or two, notably George E. Chamberlain and Oswald West.

Each wing of the party is talking of entering the newspaper field, although all seem to be more or less hazy as to how this invasion is to be accomplished. The Sweek wing sees the prospect of West's being given the opportunity of appointing a secretary of state. It is generally believed that John B. Ryan would receive this appointment should Frank W. Benson be obliged to vacate the office on account of failing health or for any other reason.

O'Day Stated for Judge.

If Judge McGinn should retire within a year, as some Democrats hope he will, Thomas O'Day is the man most spoken of in Democratic circles as his successor. There is no expectation among Judge McGinn's friends, however, that this contingency will arise. E. S. J. McAllister is also mentioned for an appointment on the Circuit bench should a vacancy arise.

This would give the Democrats control of the state administration and three out of the five judges of the circuit court bench of Multnomah County. Judge Gates, recently elected over John Ditchburn, Republican, being the third.

There is small prospect of the Thomas faction being given a chance to show in the appointments, principally because Thomas saw fit during the recent campaign to center his fire on Governor George E. Chamberlain, Republican, Governor-elect West's patron saint. For this reason, and for others, the Sweek faction intimates that it does not take Thomas seriously. "He, they say, will not 'cut much ice' in Democratic politics hereafter."

Thomas Wants Sweek's Scalp.

Thomas has a different view of the situation. He declares that he is willing to rise or fall with his belief that the Democratic party should be rescued from the state's non-partisan agitation and compete with the Republicans all along the line from United States Senator, Governor and Congressmen to Constables. He declares that he is an unpractical dreamer and accuse him of trying to work a "game" which has for its object his selection as the Democratic candidate for the Portland Mayoralty, a nomination which he has two or three times before tried unsuccessfully to land. Still, he does not deny that Thomas has many converts, some of them with money which they are willing to spend in promoting the spread of his political doctrines. It is reported that Thomas is even now preparing to make a man through the state for the purpose of gauging public sentiment as to his ideas and reporting the names of those who can be depended upon in the various communities to back his ideas.

Just how he intends to manipulate the information which he would gain in this way is not clear, but the chopping off of the head of Sweek and the substitution of a man more imbued with the Thomas idea as chairman of the state committee, is one of the objects sought. The Sweek-Ryan wing scoffs at the prediction that Thomas may be able to "turn the trick." Their idea of the situation is that the militant county chairman is dead and buried politically.

Fight for County in Prospect.

The Democratic county committee is practically of Thomas' choosing. He is said to have interviewed practically every man on it in advance, and to have been instrumental in having them selected at the September primary. He is thus in control of the committee, but the has not deterred a few of the Sweek-Ryan faction adherents, who slipped in as precinct committeemen unaware of the plotting, downfall in the committee. They are seeking to depose Thomas from the position of county chairman and to give the sentiment of the committee, the "spiral twist" to such an extent that they may come a part of the Sweek-Ryan combination. It is rumored that the attempt to relegate Thomas will be made at the next meeting of the county committee, but it rests with him when that meeting shall be called.

John B. Ryan admits that he believes the Thomas campaign against non-partisanship and his attacks upon Chamberlain were instrumental in losing West 1500 votes in Multnomah County alone. Thomas, on the other hand, is certain that the tail of the "Republican ticket" or, rather, those Democratic candidates for the Legislature who so dubbed themselves, were "knifed" by a great many Democrats on election day at the suggestion of the Sweek-Ryan faction. As proof of his contention he points to the fact that John H. Stevens, H. W. Stone and D. M. Watson, three candidates who took practically no part in the campaign against non-partisanship, led the legislative ticket in the number of votes received on November 8.

Bourne's Ambition Feared.

Already many Democrats are apprehensive that Jonathan Bourne, who has been repudiated by the Republican leaders, may so play the game as to

secure the Democratic nomination for United States Senator two years hence, and are beginning so to build their fences as to guard against Bourne's name being written in on the ballot to the detriment of their own. Dr. Harry Lane and John M. Gearin are the two most prominently mentioned for the nomination. In any event it is probable that the Democrats will get together and get a fight started for the nomination so as to obviate the possibility of its being captured by Bourne.

RADIUM STUDENTS ACTIVE

Enrollment at Vienna Institute No Longer Open.

VIENNA, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—The new institute here for the investigation of radium is already proceeding rapidly on its experiments. Professor Franz Exner, the directing spirit of the enterprise, has announced that for a time no students will be received, nor will the experiments be run with a view to un- locking the secrets of medical or practical importance that cling around this marvelous mineral. The laboratory will content itself first along with a thor- ough research into the physical and chemical properties of radium and the painstaking examination of rocks and mineral waters believed to contain it. A lively controversy has already arisen in these newly christened halls of science. Professor Exner has made a spirited rejoinder to the announcement of Sir William Ramsay, the great English chemist and authority on radium, that the best radium in the world was being conjured from Cornwall in Southwest England. His throws cold water on Cornish radium altogether, contending that the English pitch- blende, from which all radium is ex- tracted, is only a third as rich in radium as that of Joachimthal where the magic element for the Vienna labo- ratory is mined at the rate of three grams a year. Six grams a year is the record of the Cornish mines, but so large a medical use of it is made in England, he affirms, that Cornwall will never swamp the radium market.

EXCLUSION LAW IS WANTED

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The act of last June is a tremendous step forward in the building up of good morals and the exclusion of the vicious elements of foreign countries. That young man who is United States Attorney for Oregon is evidently fearless in presenting these cases to the courts. It is the right course and the Immigration Department will give him every aid in its power.

Convictions Arouse Hope.

"Since Oregon has established the fact that convictions can be had under the 'white slave' act, there have been



Daniel J. Keefe, Immigration Commissioner, Who Declares for Rigid Exclusion.

many inquiries from other states as to the manner in which the good work was accomplished.

"I shall sail on November 29 for Honolulu and will return January 31. My report will deal largely with plans to Americanize the islands. Hawaii is using a considerable portion of her taxes to encourage white immigration to the islands, and at the recent meeting of the American Federation of Labor Samuel Gompers declared that wages were lower on the sugar plantations of Hawaii and the cost of living higher, and complained that the product of the sugar factories was being admitted to the United States free of duty. The total population of the islands is 191,000 of which 105,000 are Asiatics, 38,000 natives and only a small proportion Caucasians.

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STRANGERS BESET GIRL ON DEATHBED

Property of Portland Steno- grapher Sought by Boarding- house Keeper.

PRIEST SENDS WARNING

Landlady Said to Have Taken Pos- session of Jewels and Trunks. Father Black Will Help to Protect Relatives.

With a Catholic priest at her bedside, endeavoring to thwart a scheme to despoil her of her property, Miss Marie Murphy, a pretty Portland stenog- rapher, lies dying in a boarding-house in Denver, under circumstances of a mysterious character. She left Port- land six weeks ago, going direct to Denver, where she gave her name as Mrs. Montell. She fell sick shortly after arriving there, and, according to the telegram of the Denver priest, Rev. Hugh L. McMinamin, "she is surround- ed by persons striving to get possession of her property."

"We have endeavored to protect relatives by a will," the priest tele- graphed.

The telegram was received by Father John H. Black, of St. Francis Church, Portland, Tuesday, and he could re- call no one in his parish of the name of Marie Murphy, and made an in- vestigation. It was developed that Miss Murphy was born in Portland, and that her grandfather, Daniel Cunningham, is an inmate of the Old Folks Home; that her father is foreman of the section of the Corvallis & Eastern Rail- road at Munkers, Or., and that her mother resided at Arlington, Or., the father and mother having been divorced some time ago.

Girl Makes Two Wills.

It also was developed in the course of the investigation that Miss Murphy when in Portland and just before her depar- ture had resided with Mrs. Chester Martell, of 27 Johnson street. Mrs. Martell received a letter Wednesday night from the nurse, who is attending Miss Murphy. The letter said that the young woman could not live much longer and that it was evident that the land- lady in whose house Miss Murphy lived was striving to persuade the girl to will what property she had to her; that she had possession of the girl's jewels and trunks and that if the girl had any relatives they should be apprised as once of the condition of affairs.

A telegram received last night from Denver said that two wills had been made by the dying girl. One was secured by the parish priest, the other, it is believed, is the one in favor of the board- ing-house keeper.

Miss Murphy has considerable money in the bank in Portland, and owns ten acres of land near the railway station at Garibaldi and several lots in the Mount Scott district. The aged grandfather yester- day employed J. J. Hennessy Murphy to look after his granddaughter's interests.

Father Black Will Aid.

Father Black said last night: "I am trying to comply with the wishes of Father McMinamin of Denver. So far as I can discover this poor girl was seized with a fatal illness while among strangers in a strange land and now mercenary people are trying to take advantage of her in her loneliness and weakened condition. If there is anything that can be done for the poor girl we propose to do it. I never knew her and know nothing of the circumstances of her going to Denver. Her grandfather told me that she was a very lovely girl, possessed of extraordinary ability in her chosen field."

It was said that her father is not strong physically and in the past year received financial assistance from his daughter. Before leaving for Denver, it is said, she visited him and left a sum sufficient to pay for his maintenance for several months.

SOCCER LEAGUE IN SIGHT

SCHOOLS WILL PROBABLY VOTE TO ORGANIZE TONIGHT.

Four Teams Already Forming and Others Are in Prospect—Game Is Training for Athletes.

Whether or not an intercollegiate Soccer Football League will be organized this year depends upon the meet- ing to be held tonight at 5 o'clock at the Washington High School.

P. Chapel Browne, who has been the chief factor in getting the soccer game introduced in the high and public schools of Portland, has been invited to appear before the directors of the intercollegiate Athletic Association to- night to define soccer, and if necessary, to outline the league.

As several athletic delegates from the high schools and preparatory schools are in favor of soccer, it is assumed that a league will be organized.

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Browne has undertaken to coach the Washington squad.

As yet Lincoln High School has not organized a team, but plans to have one in the league.

It is the plan of the association to have the soccer league season extend over a period of two months, or until the beginning of track practice.

Pendleton High Defeats All-Stars. PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Pendleton High School defeated an all-

star team of former college players to- day, 12 to 6. Almost the entire town turned out and enthusiasm displayed has seldom been surpassed here. The points were made on two field goals and a touchdown.

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