LA FOLLETTE'S STAR UP IN CALIFORNIA

Decline of Roosevelt Observed by W. L. Houser, Campaign Manager.

DAKOTA VICTORY IS SEEN

Plans Being Made Here to Entertain Wisconsin Man for Projected Visit During April-Ultimate Victory Yet in Balance.

Pirmly convinced that Senator La Fulette is a formidable candidate for the Republican nomination for President, W. L. Houser, campaign manager for the Wisconsin man, returned yeaterday from California, passed a few hours in Portland and left last night for North Dakots, which will be the first state to put into operation the Presidential preference law March 15. Mr. Houser is greatly embouraged with the outlook for his candidate and saily sentenday that although La Foliette might not receive the nomination at the Chicago convention, be and his friends would hold the halance of power in that assembly. Mr. Houser declared Lefallette would surely carry North Dakots.

Dakota.

Simultaneous with the coming of Mr. House to Portland yesterday. Thomas McCusker who is directing the La Foliette campaign in this state received assorances from Senatur La Foliette that in all probability he would visit Portland before the primary election on April 19. Senator La Foliette has been contempating a trip to the Pacific April 19. Senator La Follette has been contemplating a trip to the Pacific Cosat for some time. The information Mr. McCheker has received in to the effect that he will be here early next mench. It is the purpose of Senator La Follette, in advance of the Freedmilal primaries, to visit Nebraska, Oregon, Washington and California. Tentative plans already have been made for receiving and entertnining the distinguished Wisconsin man, on the occasion of his prespective visit to this city.

Johnson's Alliance Distiked. "In California 1 found there is in-tense resultment among Republicans over the attempt of Governor Johnson to swing all of the progressive strength in California to ex-President Roosevelt." is California to ex-President Robsevelt."
said Mr. Houser, yesterday, "Up to a
very recent date Governor Johnson was
very scalous for La Follette and the
people there are inquiring why he
should change so suddenly his allegiance. There is no change in Sensior La
Follette. He represents the same ideas
he did when dovernor Johnson was
supporting him.
"We have represented in California

"We have reorganized in California since Governor Johnson and others, who promised to carry California for La Pollette, desected him. We will conduct a rigorous campaign in that stats right up to the date of the primary election. It is my judgment that a large majority of the women of California are for La Pollette. He is the only candidate who is an outright supperter of woman suffrage. They appreciate that and I net many women there supporting him actively.

"As an instance of the popular feeling for La Pollette in California, at a meeting arranged by Governor Johnson for Roosevelt at Los Angeles last Saturday sight and addressed by Lieutenant-Governor Wallace, a mere refer-We have reorganized in California

ant-Governor Wallace, a mere reference to Senator La Follette was greeted with enthusiastic appliance by fully one-half of the audience for several minutes. I am fully satisfied that be fore this month has passed, La Follette

North Dakota Win Predicted. Late advices from North Dakota, which will hold its Presidential pri-mary election March 18, indicate that mary election March 19, indicate that La Foliette will carry the state by a tremendous majority. This will give a great impetus to the La Foliette cam-paign and will enable us to carry other states in which the Presidential prefer-

states in which the Presidential preference primary is in operation.

There is no doubt but that the La Pollette people will hold the balance of power in the Republican National convention at Chicago. The men that are supporting La Pollette are men who fight for their principles without compromise or surrender. I am confident there will be not less than 200 delegates at the Chicago convention. delegates at the Chicago convention who will fight for La Folletts to the finish."

ELKS TO DEDICATE HOME

Engene Lodge Formally to Open New Structure April 8.

What is declared to be the finest Elks' home on the Pacific Coast will be dedicated at Eugene Monday, April 8, and Portland Elks are preparing to airend the festivities in a party of 500 or 500. At the last meeting of the

or 100. At the last meeting of the Fortland lodge a committee consisting of Harvey O'Bryan. Herman Polita. George P. Henry, W. M. Davis and H. G. Allen was appointed to make arrangements for the excursion. It is probable that a special train will be chartered to carry the crowd.

Mr. O'Bryan believes that if the dedication exercises are held Saturday night. April 8, or on the following Saturday the Portland lodge will double the size of its party, as it is easier for the Portland Elks to leave home Saturday night than it is on Monday night. He has started negotiations with the Eugene bodge in the hope of effecting a change in date. However, Portland will be heavily roughested will be heavily roughested the day to held.

The Visiting Elks 1912 Club, composed of Files in Portland, but holding membership in lodges in other attessed plans for joining in the exercision. The club also is adding in advertising the National convention in Portland next July.

ORPHANAGE NEEDS FUNDS

Oswego Institution Plans Its Annual

Tag Day.

All who know the orphanese and how it is conducted know that the children there are given excellent care and individual attention that is as near to that of the home as can be given in so large a place. The girls are not dressed in uniforms or made to conform to rigid rules in the machine-like way that is insisted upon by many institutions. Each little girl has her individual talents developed, and is ancouraged to follow her own hent in any direction for which she neems best fitted. Seedes a broad and comprehensive course of regular study, the girls are taught many practical things, including all the different branches of demestic science. A special feature is gardening, and it is one of the most interesting features of the home to see the little girls at work on the grounds of the institution, cultivating their



Dr. Harry Lane, Who Is Urged by for United States Senator.

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UNIFICATION PLAN INTRO-DUCED IN PORTLAND.

Rev. Asa Sleeth Favors Adoption of Pre-byterian Creed by Methodists and Congregationalists.

A move inward ine unification of the Methodists, Freshyterians and Congre-cationalists in the United States was made yesterday morning at the weekly section of the Portland Methodist Minmeeting of the Porland Methodist Min-isterial Association. Rev. Asa Sleeth, of the Laurelwood Methodist Episcopial Church, introduced resolutions favor-ing the unification of these churches and the adoption of the Presbyterian creed. They memorialise the Method-ist general conference to make over-tures to the two other denominations, in order that one denomination may be formed.

At first the ministers treated the resclution as a joke, but later came to re-card it seriously. They appointed a committee of five to committee it and to report at the next meeting of the ciation for its adoption or rejec-

The matter of uniting the Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Free Methodist has already been taken up, and will come up for final action at the general conference in May. The unification of denominations is also progressing rapidly in Canada.

Her A. E. Ayers endeavored to have

resterday's resolution adopted by the ministers, saying if the churches are not united they will find a colossal mistake has been made. He said that "in India they are practically doing

"in India they are practically doing this thing, and in all foreign countries the missionaries are feeling the need of a common ecclesiastical body."

Rev. T. R. Ford, formerly district superintendent, said the difference between the three denominations is "not big enough to make a shadow." But he said Methodists ought not to surrender themselves bouly to the Presbylerians. He said a powerful Protestant exchesiastical body was needed to cope with Catholicism, and that there should be no indefiniteness in the organization.

ganization.

Rev. B. J. Hondley was the only member of the association who openly opposed the plan. He said he did not opposed the plan. He said he did not opposed the plan.

opposed the plan. He said he did not think the ministers ought to try to infinence the general conference, that he believes "in standing by John Wesley and Jesus Christ."

The essentials of the Preshyterian creed are the Fatherhood of God, the essential deity of Jesus Christ, and salvation through him with a belief in sternal life.

The resolutions introduced by Mr. Sheeth read:

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Whereas, the Presbyterian Church has resembly revised her creed, eliminating from it all that was abjectionable to us, residering it a concise and accurate statement in midden Engish of the essential footifies of Christianity as believed by all Protestant evanceibed churches and

Whereas, this creed now expresses the real faith of Methodism far better than our own articles of faith, and
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28,006 VOTERS REGISTERED

Multnomah County Eurotlment Likely to Exceed 40,000.

The Oswege Orphanage for Girls will have its annual tag day on Salurday peal. With this tag day and possibly one next year, the orphanage hopes to view off its indebtedness and be freed from the burden of interest.

The home's tag day is usually held on St. Parrick's day, but because Marcis II falls on Sunday this year, it will be held on Saturday.

There are about IIS girls in the orphanage now, but this is not the full expacity of the institution. On account of the cripples (handal condition of the orphanage it has not yet been coubled to use its full capacity. There are numerous applications that cannot recognized the state law requiring a new registration of voters every two years.

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Prominent Democrats Call on ex-Mayor With Long Petition.

NAMES ARE KEPT SECRET

Real Party Men Plan to Defeat Strategy of West-Chamberlain Cabal Which Would Have Bourne Nominated.

Prominent Democrate yesterday pre-sented to Dr. Larry Lane a largely-signed petition requesting him to re-consider his former action and become a cardidate for the Democratic nomi-nation for United States Senator. Dr.

nation for United States Senator. Dr. Latte would not discuss his probable action last night, but admitted he had the petition under serious cansideration. He expects to make a definite announcement within a few days.

The circulators of the petition feel that it is so representative of the party in Oregon that, when the demand for a Democratic candidate for the Senatoracip who can land the nomination despite efforts to throw it to Senator Bourne or any other Republican is considered. Dr. Lane will respond to the urgency of the request and become a candidate.

Names Kept Secret.

Neither the text of the petition no Neither the text of the patition nor the names of those signing the call from the party was divided by those responsible for its circulation. This reficence was due to the fact that those who would force Dr. Lane into the contest did not desire to disclose the est did not desirs to disclose the

names of the Democrats Insisting that he get into the fight because of consideration for other Democratic candidates in the field.

Among the preminent Democrats who waited on Dr. Lane yestedday and presented the petition inviling him to become a candidate were: Bert E. Haney, chairman of the State Central Committee; H. B. Duzer, chairman of the County Central Committee; F. C. Whitten, Natjonal committeeman for the state, George I. Smith, president of the Jackson Club; F. S. Myers, vice-president of the Jackson Club; F. S. Myers, vice-president of the Jackson Club; F. Miller, H. M. Esterly, Judge Seneca Smith and Frank T. Berry.

In the opinion of the average Demo-In the opinion of the average Demo-erat, who is average to doing or saying anything purposely to injure the can-didacy of either Walter M. Pierce, O. P. Coshow or Milton A. Miller, the three Democrate already in the field for this nomination, Dr. Lane in the only hope of the Democratic party as a possibility for election over the Re-publican nominee for Senator.

"Coup" Is Disliked.

BERRY OUTPUT INCREASES Hood River District Estimates Crop

at 100 Carloads.

An increased production of straw-berries is expected in the Hood River and Moster districts this year and the O-W. R. & N. Company is preparing to give the growers special service to Eastern points where the berries are

In 1916 the Hood River districts experied 62 carloads of berries from the state. This year the output will be ap-proximately 100 carloads, according to early estimates. They are shipped to

******************* PETITION FOR RE-ELECTION OF PORTLAND JURIST NOW BEING SIGNED.



Judge Robert G. Marrow.

Petitions for the nomination on the Republican ticket of Robert G. Murthe county. Judge Morrow has been on the beach for one term and now seeks re-election as a Republican on the past." On the present dockst of the Oregon Supreme Court are 122 cases, of which only five are appeals

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oints in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wis ceeds the supply.

PARTY CONVENTION OPENS AT METHODIST CHURCH.

Cold-Water Politicians Determine to Put Up Full State and County Ticket.

Prohibitionists from Ashland to Portand and from Portland to Baker, no to say anything about numerous cold-water disciples from the interior part of the state, will assemble at the Tay-lor-street Methodist Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the opening session of a two days' meeting of the State Pro hibition convention. The actual work

"Coup" is Disliked.

Democrats were inspired to this action from the fact that reliable information was obtained that an element within the party was planning a neat come by which members of the party in this county were to write the name of Senator Bourns on their primary nominating ballots is sufficient numbers to win for the senior Republican Remator the Democratic nomination, regardless of the result of the Republican primary election.

Another element within the Democratic organization, and it represents the majority faction, particularly view of the interest in National politics and the bellef among Democratic that this is a "Democratic year" with the possibility of electing a President consistently stands for Democratic principles and insists upon the nomination by Democrats of members of their own party and the support by Democrate in the primary and general it is this element within the party that has demanded, through a petition, that Dr. Lanc consent to become a can-

that has demanded, through a petition, that Dr. Lanc consent to become a candidate and remove all possibility of the nomination by Democrats of a Republican particularly Bourne, through the machinations of the Chamberlain-West wing of the party.

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the Taylor-street Church a debate is scheduled between E. W. Chaffin, Prohibition candidate for President in 1998, and J. Frank Burke, superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League. The subject for discussion is "Party va Antididate for President in 1998, and J. Frank Burke, superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League. The subject for discussion is "Party va Anti-Saloon League Methods."

Detailed work of the convention, inciading the nomination of candidates, will not be taken up until tomorrow. The convention will be called together at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, with J. P. Newell, chairman of the Prohibition party in Multnomah County, in the chair. The opening address to the convention will be delivered by W. P. Elchair. The opening address to the convention will be delivered by W. P. El-more, of Brownsville. Wednesday night at 8 clock Mr. Chafin and other prominent Prohibitionists will be the

YOUTH ADMITS FORGERIES

George Wick Caught Trying to Pass Bogus Paper on Company.

Caught attempting to cash a forged Caught attempting to cash a forged check by presenting it in payment of a small account owed by his father, at the Eastern Outfitting Company's store, George Wickman, aged 15, was arrested last evening by Detectives latterland and Van Orn.

The bill that he offered to pay was \$5, and he presented a check for \$32, purported to be made in fayor of himself he his shter-in-law. Mrs. Grace

his sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace A. Wickman. Becoming suspicious, the store managers detained Wickman the store managers detained Wickman while they communicated with the police. After his arrest it developed that by a similar method he had obtained \$3.40 from C. E. Steathers. a grocer. At that time he presented a check for \$12 in settlement of an account for \$1.50, also owed by his father. Wickman confessed to both forgeries last

His father, I. A. Wickman, who lives at 75% East Ninth street North, told the detectives that his son was incor-rigible. He said he had previously asisted his son after he had committee a number of similar offenses and had attempted to reform him, but his ef-forts proved unwailing and he was now not disposed to help him further.

WORK ON LINE IS PUSHED

Albany Residents Watch Oregon Electric's Operations.

ALBANY, Or, March 11,- (Special.)-The construction camp of Copenhagen Bros. contractors, two miles southwest of Albany, was visited by several hun-

of Albany, was visited by several hundred Albany residents yesterday, to witness grading operations on the Oreson Electric Ballway.

Rapid progress is being made by the crew of Copenhagen Bros. on the grading work and more than \$500 feet of trestle work and a bridge across Calapsola Creek have already been completed. The beautiful Spring weather which prevailed in Linn County last week has facilitated operations.

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This is the first general sale of pianos that we have had-in 14 years in the music business, and we are simply forced into this one. At one time we were forced to sell off our rent stock, and another time we bought out a competing dealer, and sold out his pianos at bargain prices that have never been duplicated since by any other dealer, and in this, our first general sale, we are offering you bigger values for less money than has heretofore been attempted in the history of piano selling. Here are some of the bargains:

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ay Grand\$485 an Upright\$265	Hoffman	Bradford \$235 Everett \$185 Hallet & Davis \$125 Ivers & Pond \$145 Strober \$237
\$230 r \$157 all & Wendell \$185	Gardner & Sons \$162 Bradford Player \$375	

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STAND IS EXPLAINED

Taft Committee Firm in Upholding Popular Laws.

QUESTION IS NOT RAISED

W. B. Ayer, Chairman, Says Members Did Not Ask Interpretation of Statute for Nominating of Presidential Electors.

The movement to obtain from the dential electors was originated in the Republican State Central Committee, independent of the Portland Taft Committee. W. B. Ayer, chairman of the latter organization, said yesterday that

latter organization, said yesterday that the members of als committee had nothing whatever to do with the suggestion that a legal opinion concerning this or any of the other laws enacted by popular vote be requested from the state's legal adviser.

It has been the practice of the Taft committee to recognize strictly the most minute details of popular laws. These statutes are accepted as the expressed will of the electors of the state and will be rigidly observed as such. Mr. Ayer and individual members of the committee resent any insimuation from any

and individual members of the committee resent any insimuation from any
source that they question either the
legality or the expediency of any of the
measures submitted to and approved
by the voters of the state.

On the question of the election of
President and vice-President, Mr. Ayer,
chairman of the Taff committee, believes in and advocates the direct election of these officers. Discussing the
subject yesterday, he said:

"I am very much concerned that only

"I am very much concerned that only one Republican candidate has an-nounced himself for nomination as Presidential elector. It would be a Presidential elector. It would be a great calamity for Oregon Republicans not to be able to conform to the constitution of the United States by providing Presidential electors to vote for It would seem as if there should be sufficient patriotism among the members of the party to influence men to

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as natters stand now, they are a necessity.

"It is absolutely essential that at least five Republicans of the state file largers."

overlook their personal inclinations and assume the duites of the office.

"Republican candidates will not have to be affiliated with any Presidential candidate in order to fulfill the requirements. They simply have to be Republicans. This complicated method or electing President and vice-President in voting for Presidential electors is, in my judgement, antiquated. It would be much better if the President and vice-President were elected by direct machinery of Presidential electors. But as matters stand now, they are a presidential the number of the figures show that the number of the president was a presidential electors. But as matters stand now, they are a presidential candidates for this important office. Personally, I would like to see them representative of the entire state. It is up to the Republicans of the state to bring out men for nomination as Presidential electors in the April primary election. Surely there are five men the party who will agree to become candidates for this office and go before the people for their support in the Print president and the party who will agree to become candidates for this office and go before the people for their support in the Print presidential electors in the April primary election. Surely there are five men the party who will agree to become candidates for this important office. is up to the Republicans of the state to bring out men for nomination as Presidential electors in the April pri-mary election. Surely there are five men in the party who will agree to become candidates for this office and go be-

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