

LAFFERTY'S PLACE
IN CONGRESS

McArthur Already Preparing
for Race for Republican
Nomination.

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"Flopping" Tendencies of Present
Holder of Third District Seat
in Congress Likely to
Prove Handicap.

There probably will be a lively contest for the Republican nomination for Congress from the Third Oregon District (Multnomah County) this year. A. W. Lafferty, who is serving his second term, has announced that he will seek the nomination again as a Republican.

Lafferty was nominated and elected to Congress as a Republican in 1910, and was re-nominated by the Republicans at the primary election in 1912, after which he accepted the Bull Moose nomination.

Lafferty has done no little amount of "flopping" in the last five or six years. In Congress he has worked "hand in glove" with the political fences for the coming campaign.

"The situation is most encouraging," said McArthur, "and I have done some work preparatory to the vigorous campaign which I expect to make later and have received assurances of support from many quarters. I do not propose to have a campaign manager or elaborately furnished headquarters, but shall manage my own campaign and do so directly to the people for my support. I intend to make a personal campaign throughout the city and county and to meet as many voters as possible. I shall make no trades or secret agreements of any character, nor enter into any offensive or defensive alliances with any other party or person. I am willing to stand upon my record as a public official in this state, and my candidacy must win or lose upon its own merits."

Heretofore Lafferty has been nominated by small pluralities and his opposition has been divided among several parties. This was particularly noticeable at the Republican primary election in 1912, in which the vote was divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Includes names like Gantenbeil, Lafferty, and others with their respective vote counts.

Political prophets already are speculating as to the chances of the coming fight. McArthur's friends assert that Lafferty is not as strong as he was two years ago and that a large percentage of the vote that will be thrown against him. Predictions are freely made that in a dual contest with McArthur the present Representative will be the victor. It is said that even in a large field, Lafferty cannot win. On the other hand, Lafferty's supporters are confident of the outcome and are preparing to make a vigorous campaign. It is said on good authority that Lafferty will leave Washington early in April, come to Portland and personally direct his campaign for nomination in the primary election, which is scheduled for May 15. Lafferty and McArthur are at present the only avowed Republican aspirants for the nomination from this district.

It is said that Arthur I. Moulton, a young lawyer and erstwhile political friend and adviser of Lafferty, is rumored to be the confident of the outcome and that John H. Stevenson, Municipal Judge of Portland, is the most likely Democratic candidate.

W. C. Hawley, Representative from the First District, already has a rival in the person of B. F. Jones, of Roseburg, but Hawley's friends appear to have the strong hold in Pettit.

N. J. Slinnot, Representative from the Second District, in all probability will have no opposition for the nomination.

MICHIGAN OFFICER COMES

Prison Guard Seeks Clarence Bradish, Alleged Parole Breaker.

A. D. Pettit, night captain of guards in the Michigan State Penitentiary at Jackson, was registered at the Perkins Monday. He came with a warrant for the arrest of Clarence Bradish, alias Thomas Monroe, serving a 30-day sentence at the County Jail for vagrancy.

Bradish is charged with breaking his parole from Jackson prison six years ago. He had served a year and a half of an indeterminate sentence of from one to five years for larceny from the person, according to Mr. Pettit.

Bradish was located by the Jackson prison authorities by a description sent to the local police which tallied with that of Thomas Monroe, convicted of vagrancy. The man admitted that he had used both names. It is said.

Mr. Pettit has gone to Roseburg for a brief visit with his son, W. A. Pettit, a newspaper man, and expects to leave for Jackson on Thursday.

The Michigan law requires that Bradish must serve the remainder of his five-year sentence.

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BY WALTER MAY.
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BANK ORGANIZES
TO BE HERE TWICE

Itinerary of Federal Party Calls for Portland Hearing February 2.

FIRST VISIT JANUARY 30
Committee Will Receive Facts and Figures Showing Why City Is Right Location for Reserve Institution.

Members of the organizing committee of the Federal reserve board have completed the itinerary for their transcontinental tour and have provided for two visits to Portland.

The first one, on the night of Friday, January 30, will be informal and will be of about five hours' duration. The second visit, on Monday, February 2, will be to conduct a formal hearing on Portland's application to become a regional reserve center under provisions of the newly-enacted currency law.

In addition to Secretary McCauley and Secretary Houston, who compose the organization committee, the party will consist of about 12 other persons, including their respective secretaries, stenographers and clerks. It is probable that the party will also include a Pullman office car has been chartered for the trip, which will start from Washington, D. C., Saturday night, January 10, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, officials of which will have charge of the entire trip.

First Hearing in Chicago.
The first hearing will be conducted in Chicago, where a two-day's session will be held. St. Louis, Kansas City and Denver will be the only other cities visited. The party will reach the Northwest.

Leaving Denver the night of January 28, the officials will go direct to Seattle, where they will arrive on Friday, January 30, on the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company. The party will arrive here on train No. 17 at 7:15 o'clock Friday night, January 30, and will leave at 11 o'clock for Portland.

In the four-hour stay in Portland it is probable that the visitors will give some official attention by Portland and the visiting authority. For the first time, an effort will be made, however, to have the party leave Seattle Saturday night so as to stay in Portland Sunday.

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BETTER ROADS TALKED OF

County Commissioners, In Turn the Commissioners, suffering from an ague, are talking of better roads.

This view of the trouble is held by nearly all the farmers of the county, but it is only partly shared by the good roads advocates of the county communities, who, admitting this farmer's responsibility for the halting of the work, make the explanation that the good roads advocates of the county Court, had held that if the taxpayers didn't want to help themselves to a good road, the court couldn't aid them, and forthwith, spread the 16-mill tax on the three parallel roads, giving enough money to each of the three to enable the building of a few yards of hard surface.

Following the squabble, Judge Beattie and one of the Commissioners were recalled, and the promise made that the road will be repaired next summer and will be in passable condition by 1915. But whatever the cause of the delay, it is a temporary one, and the road improvement, and whatever the likelihood of renewed activity next summer, the road north of New Era is impassable either on foot or by light buggy and team. And beyond New Era the road is in a deplorable condition all the way to Brooks.

In fact, it is true, the highway is passably good and could be made satisfactory by the liberal use of crushed rock, but it averages bad. South of Canby the highway is rolling, with patches to 10 per cent, and beyond Barlow the roads, although passable, are a rebuke to the farmers. The highway is a rough places, holes and patches as the way to the Marion County line, where the improvement at once is apparent. The distance covered is less than the farmers' antagonistic attitude before their 11th-hour conversion. That their conversion has been complete was plainly evidenced by the outspoken enthusiasm of the farmers we encountered along the way. At New Era we made our way for a few rods along the railroad track to a logging camp, and there we found a few men at the end of a path that carried up from the river, and while my wife was still talking with the abandoned uten-

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silts that had been left in the cabin to welcome the next visitors, a talkative farmer, who had accompanied us down the track, sat cross-legged on a log, and talked good roads with all the enthusiasm of a pioneer in the movement. He reasoned that short-sightedness had influenced the farmers' opposition, just as prejudice years ago made the trail-blazers resent the coming of the railroad.

"As for me," he concluded, "I've got a lot of property here and I know it's going to be crushed stone and a heavy roller to fix that impassable road north of New Era. It'll take a new road foundation. The road is so bad that no coating will hold it. It will have to be rebuilt from the bottom up."

Scientific Workmen Sought.
And one big hope is found in the realization of men like Sullivan that this is true. Another big hope is found in the sudden and active co-operation of the farmers, and in the splendid organization that has been perfected for road work in the three counties, Clackamas, Marion and Multnomah.

"This whole section," said Mr. Sullivan, "is thoroughly organized. Improvement clubs are springing up in every community. The good road sentiment recently has grown so rapidly that the farmers now are openly advocating the abolition of the wasteful political system of road building and strongly favoring the appointment of a trained, scientific builder to supervise all county road work, with a view to constructing the kind of roads best suited for the present and the future. Personally, my idea is to have trunk lines of the very highest grade of construction such as can be maintained economically for many years. At the present time, taking into consideration the amount of travel, 16-foot roads would be wide enough, supported by macadam shoulders."

The way Clackamas County is planning to pay for the projected road improvements is to get a share of the state appropriation and then issue bonds to an amount sufficient to create the balance required.

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