FRIENDS TROUBLED BY WEST'S SILENCE

Statement Regarding Senatorship Promised by ex-Governor Not Yet Here.

DEMOCRATS SHOW CONCERN

tend to Run Members of Party Act Accordingly in Matter of Registration.

Saturday was the fateful day-April 6. Yesterday was April 7. Still no nswer or intimation of any kind from Oswald West as to his reported Sena-terial aspirations, aithough the Ex-Governor, when, he and his friends importuned Judge Samuel White, chairman of the Democratic State Central on ways and means. Committee, who thought he had a right to seek his party's nomination for Senator, to withhold his announcement Senator, to withhold his announcement until after April 5, said on that date he would decide as to whether or not he would become a candidate for the Democratic nomination. In the meantime, Judge White has been eliminated as a possible candidate by acceptance of a Majority in the Reserve Corps which was tendered him through administration chapmels.

ministration channels.

Democrats particularly West's friends, who are generally registered as Republicans, are really anxious to be advised of West's intentions. If he is actually going to enter the Senatorial contest, they want an opportunity to change their registration from Republican to Democrat in order to give him their support in the Democratic primary. If the Ex-Governor does not intend to run, they will be satisfied to allow their questionable registration to stand and give their support to McNary and Olcott, as per their original intention. But with nintstration channels. their original intention. But with them it is always a case of West first.

Good Excuse Is Offered. There is a perfectly good excuse for West's delayed answer, it is explained. He left Portland last Tuesday night, extensibly for Washington direct, but it is reported that, Instead, he went It is reported that, instead, he went first to San Francisco, where, as re-ceiver for the Home Telephone Com-pany, he devoted at least a day, possi-bly two, to his efforts to effect a merger of the Home with the Bell system. Necessarily that would delay his arrival at Washington until today and possibly tomorrow, and a definite announcement from him with reference to his designs on the Senatorship could not be expected until he has had an

to his designs on the Senatorship could not be expected until he has had an opportunity to confer with his political god-father, Senator Chamberlain, and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoc. Behind the whole situation, Democratically speaking, is the apparent intrusion of the national administration. The friends of Judge Will R. Kung, who aiready has come out in the open and announced his candidacy for Senator on the Democratic ticket, resent the possible intrusion of West bearing the stamp of the Administration candidate.

Judge's Friends Concerned.

King's supporters maintain that insemuch as he already is a member of the Democratic official family, being chief counsel of the Heclamation Service, he has a priority claim to any advantage that might accrue from the Indorsement of the Administration. Prizends of King feel that his friend, Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior, has as much right as Secretary McAdoo is to be heard in the selection of an Administration candidate to run for the Senate from this state.

The main purpose and interest of the The main purpose and interest of the administration in bringing about the election of a satisfactory Senatorial candidate from this state, it is appar-ent, is to boost the tentative candidacy of Secretary McAdoo for the Presidency

"Between now and the time of holding the state convention," said Professor Leigh, "the party will carry on vigorous campaign for members. It also plans to nominate candidates for some of the state and National offices, and we fully expect to elect one member of Congress in the coming election.
"National organizers of the party have offered to come to Oregon for a special campaign this Summer."

The National party was formed at



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Chicago last month, when it effected a merger with the Prohibition party. Not all of the Oregon prohibitionists, however, have affiliated with the new however, have affiliated with the new organization, many of them having re-turned to the Republican or Democratic party, the platform of the new party being a little too radical for them. Aside from Prohibitionists, the mem-bership of the National party is made up largely of Socialists and single-tax advocates, with a scattering of former

Some Disposed to Wait.

"Many Oregon prohibitionists are in full sympathy with the purposes of the National party," said J. Sanger Fox. executive secretary of the Prohibition party, yesterday, "but they will wait and see how successfully the new organization progresses before they actively become affiliated with the usw

the prohibitionists will either abandon their party and unite with the Nation-al party or those forming the new party will leave it and join the pro-hibitionists."

Circuit Judge John S. Coke, of Marsh-field, was in Portland yesterday con-ferring with friends relative to his can-didacy for the Republican nomination for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on the Republican ticket.

K. K. Kubli, who represented Mult-nomah County in the House at the 1917 session of the Legislature, will this week announce his candidacy for re-election. At the last session Mr. Kubli was an active member of the House, serving as chairman of the committee

After three weeks in Central and Eastern Oregon L. J. Simpson will be in Portland today, temperarily calling a halt in his campaign for the Republican nomination for Governor until the third liberty loan is safely floated.

He was the principal speaker at three enthusiastic meetings which marked the opening of the drive in Malheur County. Malheur, indiging by the start County. Malheur, judging by the start it made, will have no trouble making its quota and everywhere the drive is rousing more enthusiasm than either

BIG SALE JUST CLOSED

A. COHN BECOMES OWNER OF LUM. BERMEN'S BUILDING.

Original Cost Was About \$230,000, and It Is Reported to Have Changed Hands at \$160,000.

The deal for the sale of the Lumbermen's building, at the northwest corner of Fifth and Stark streets, negotiations for which have been under way
a for several weeks, was closed Friday.
A. Cohn, president of the Northern
Grain & Warehouse Company, has purchased the building from William F.
Humphrey, of San Francisco. Mr.
Humphrey some time ago, it was said
by Mr. Cohn, purchased the interest in
the building held by Gay Lombard, former Portland capitalist, who built it.
The original cost of the building to
Mr. Lombard was about \$230,000. While
Mr. Cohn declined to give the purchase
price, it is understood that he obtained
the building for a figure in the neighborhood of \$160,000.
Mr. Cohn purchased the building,
which is used for office purposes, as an
investment. He has much confidence in
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realty, and says that real estate values have been at rock-bottom for some time, are now on the up trend and are certain to increase very considerably in value in the near future.

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With about 9000 pounds of halibut black cod, red snappers and ting cod, he city's fish boat Joseph Pulltzer

VISITS PORTLAND

Distinguished British Soldier Who Has Seen 25 Years' Service Is Touring West.

"In the meantime, we will maintain WAR OF TODAY DISCUSSED

Declared Purchased at Such Enormous Cost of Life as Will Hasten Inevitable Collapse.

Colonel Murray, Earl of Dunmore, V. M. V. O., D. S. O., distinguished British soldier who has fought in every British war for the past 25 years, reached Portland last night for a short visit on a tour of the West, and al-though disquisting dispatches have come from the west front while he has been in the United States, he gave it

been in the United States, he gave it as his opinion last night that the British line will hold fast and check the Hun advance before the Boches win farther into France.

Paris, he believes, is safe, and Amiens, too. Taking it by and large, he regards the German thrust in the west as being a failure, judged by tremendous cost and meager results.

Lord Dunmore himself left the west front after two years of fighting, during which he was twice wounded. He was gassed before Ypres in December, 1915, and was again wounded last October in the battle of Flanders at the capture of the Passchendacle Ridge. It is to recover from this wound that he is to recover from this wound that he is now in the United States. He has been thrice mentioned in dispatches during the present war and last year was awarded the Distinguished Service

"The German push on the west front can be claimed as a success for German arms," he said last night, "because the Germans succeeded in getting through three lines of defense and penetrating

"But in my opinion the advance was purchased at such an enormous cost in human life that it will hasten the in-evitable collapse of Germany.

Amiens Capture Not Expected.

Lord Dunmore was asked if he thought Amiens will be taken.

"I do not think so," he said. "If they do eapture Amiens, it will be a great blow to the allies, but it will not in any way affect the final issue of the war."

Lord Dunmore's tour of the country is under the auspices of the Chamber

is under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and his public appearance in Portland next Wednesday night at the Auditorium is wednesday night at the Auditorium is sponsored by the local Chamber. He will also appear at the members' council of the Chamber at noon today.

Lord Dunmore was met at the Union Depot last night upon the arrival of the Shasta from San Francisco by Harry L. Sherwood, British Consul; H. L. Corbett, W. D. Wheelwright, Mayor Baker, L. C. Gilman, J. D. Farrell and John M. Scott, and officially welcomed

to Oregon.

In 1329.

Temporary organization of the National party in this state was formed Saturday night at a meeting at Central Library. Professor Rebert Leigh, of Reed College, was elected chairman, and Miss Nelle Mae Rankin, also of this city, was chosen secretary-treasurer. An executive committee was manufacturer. An executive committee was manufacturer. An executive committee was manufacturer to call a state convention and electing of the primaries on May 17 for the purpose of effecting a permanent state organization and electing efficers. At the same time the matter of nominating candidates for office will also be considered.

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S. S. Kingery, for State Representative; (2) George T. Willett, for State Representative (Re-election); (3) W. W. Banks, for Joint State Senator From Multaomah, Clackamas and Columbia Counties; (4) Captain O. W. Hosford, for State Representative; (5) John H. Holston, for Labor Commissioner; (6) Paul M. Long, for State Representative; (7) Elmer E. Pettingell, for State Representative; (8) Mark W. Peterson, for Constable (Re-election).

Pro-German Utterances and Attempts to Obstruct Army Draft REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ANNOUNCED FOR OFFICE DURING THE LAST WEEK.

> WASHINGTON, April 7 .- With the Nation entering the second year of the war, Congress works this week on im-portant legislation designed to make

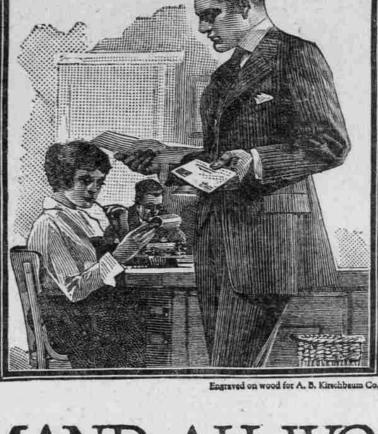
to enemy alien women, and providing \$10,000 fine and 30 years' imprisonment for destruction of war material or acts of propaganda curtailing its production. Conference reports on both bills were approved yesterday by the House and now await action in the

Senate.

Renewal of Senate debate on the

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SEDITION BILL IN LEAD

or Liberty Bond Sales Will Be Penalized.

war. Congress works this week on important legislation designed to make its powers more effective at the battle front and at home. While the House gives right of way to bills extending the draft law and other Army legislation, the Senate's schedule includes final disposition of several bills aimed at German spies and agents, to curb mob law against disloyalists and to stamp out propaganda.

Purther consideration also will be given the Overman bill, increasing President Wilson's authority. The sedition bill, penalizing pro-German utterances and attempts to obstruct the Army draft, and liberty bonds sales, temporarily has right of way in the Senate, which will resume debate tomorrow. Its passage, probably with some modifying amendments is expected within a few days.

Other bills which probably will go to the President early this week are the measures extending espionage laws to enemy alien women, and providing tra 0.00 fine and 30 years' imprison-

Overman bill is promised tomorrow. The discussion is expected to continue intermittently throughout the week. Beginning tomorrow, military bills will have the right of way in the House. The principal fight is scheduled for

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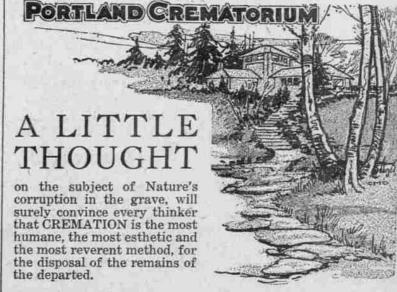
Thursday over the bill changing the A. C. Rexroad, in the regular Army Thursday over the bill changing the draft quota from state populations to the number of men in Class 1. Another Senate bill to follow, to which there is less opposition, is that requiring registration of youths reaching 21 years of age since June 5, 1917.

A vote by the House on the Senate amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill increasing to \$2.56 per bushel the Government minimum guarantee for wheat also is expected during the week. A close vote is predicted.

Residents of the St. Johns district Recent developments show that such assembled in such force last night to hear the patriotic address of Chaplain come to pass.

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