

DEMOCRATS IN CAUCUS

RESOLUTION FOR FUSION MOVEMENT IS PASSED.

Delegates to County Convention Favor "Taxpayers-Citizens' Union Labor" Ticket.

After a protracted session lasting over three hours, the caucus of Democratic delegates which met last night declared, by a decisive vote, for fusion. From what could be learned last night the session was a stormy one, and the fusion proposition was carried only after a long and heated debate.

C. K. Henry was one of the leaders against the citizens' movement, and he was aided by other leaders who favored the nomination of a straight party ticket. Names were not discussed, and will not be for several days. The subject came up in a resolution offered by William Riddit authorizing the chairman to appoint a committee of 10 to confer with citizens on the nomination of a fusion ticket. Mr. Henry and others spoke earnestly against the resolution, and urged that the chances for a Democratic victory were good, and that it would be to the party's detriment to do otherwise than nominate a straight Democratic ticket. But the fusion enthusiasts had a comfortable majority, and the vote showed that fact.

The fusion planned is to be a "Taxpayers-Citizens' Union Labor" ticket. The committee to be appointed by the chairman of the caucus will confer with representatives of the factions named. Fully 50 per cent of the Democratic delegates were present, but none other than straight, well-known Democrats were admitted. It was essentially and absolutely a Democratic caucus of delegates to the county convention to be held here April 2.

Socialists Meet Today.

The Socialists of Portland municipality will hold their candidates' meeting this (Sunday) afternoon at 2:30, Third street, Pleasanton Building, for the purpose of arranging for the coming campaign. The Socialists held their city convention on Wednesday evening at the same place. A full city ticket will be put in the field.

Not on Fusion Slate.

PORTLAND, March 29.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in today's Oregonian that you say my name is on the slate of the Fusion ticket. I wish to state that my name is on no such slate it is there without either my knowledge or consent.

C. W. NOTTINGHAM.

PAULSEN IS NOT DEAD.

Montana Swindler Said to Be Living in Germany.

BUTTE, Mont., March 29.—A sensation has been caused here by the declaration in court of attorneys and an associate and business partner of John C. Paulsen, ex-State Architect, that the latter did not commit suicide five years ago, as reported and generally believed, but that he is still alive and probably residing with his family in Germany. Paulsen was charged with having collected nearly \$10,000 in bribe-money from contractors who built state educational buildings, and subsequently promised to make restitution. He went to his home in Germany, where he was reported to be living. The alleged purpose of securing the money, but the following day he was reported dead, the statement being made that he had committed suicide. The body was at once placed in a vault. There was no inquest and friends were not permitted to see the remains. A few days later the widow departed for Germany, taking with her to New York the body of the deceased. To contain the remains of her husband. An insurance company paid a policy for \$5000 of life insurance carried by the architect. The statements that Paulsen still lives were made during the trial of a case growing out of the alleged building frauds.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. G. Cotton has returned from a six weeks' business trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

J. P. Howe, theatrical manager, of Seattle, was in Portland yesterday, and returned home on the night train.

E. M. Croisan, leader of the Marion County delegation to the state convention, came down from Salem this evening, and will stay until after the state convention.

Frank T. Wrightman, candidate for the nomination for the office of Attorney-General, and leader of the anti-Simon-Gore forces in the primary fight in Marion County, is in Portland looking after his interests before the state convention.

Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, former president of the Union Pacific Railroad, spent yesterday in Portland, and during the day conferred with the Board of Trade on the subject of an open river.

Mr. Adams' trip at this time has no special significance, but is his annual trip to the Northwest to inspect his holdings in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Mr.

Adams will leave today for Denver en route to Boston.

YOKOHAMA, March 29, via San Francisco, March 29.—Among the passengers of the German mail steamer Klausdon, which sailed for America March 29, were May Yabe (Lady Francis Hope) and Captain Putnam Bradley Strong, of New York. Captain Strong stated that he would proceed leisurely, but that he must be in New York in May, at the latest.

RAILROAD TO BE EXTENDED

Bellingham Bay Company Puts Engineers in the Field.

WHATCOM, Wash., March 29.—At the offices of the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia Railway, it was announced today that a corps of engineers had been placed in the field for the purpose of locating an extension of the line from its present terminus at Maple Falls, across the Cascade Mountains, to Methow County. Contracts for construction work will be let as soon as the first 10 miles are located, and the road will be built to a point the season from which either of several passes through the mountains may be taken. Next season it will be completed to Winthrop, in Okanogan County, and possibly into Spokane. The owners of this road, which is some 40 miles in length, are D. O. Mills, of New York, and Alvinza Hayward and P. B. Cornwall, of San Francisco. The extension will tap Mount Baker and the Slate Creek mining districts, on the side of the mountains, and Methow Valley and the mining districts of Okanogan County, on the eastern side.

A Double Presentation.

The employees of the Columbia Engineering Works yesterday afternoon headed by the foreman of the machine shop, W. A. Viggers, waited on John Wood, the superintendent, and F. Hesse, the secretary of the company, and presented each of these gentlemen with a testimonial of esteem. Mr. Wood received a fine gold ring and Mr. Hesse a valuable memento.

The occasion was the removal of the company's new shops on Tenth and Johnson streets, from their old quarters on East Water street. Many of the men have been in the employ of the Columbia Engineering Works since the establishment of the business, and nearly all were under the supervision of Mr. Wood when this gentleman was connected with the old Wolf & Zwick Iron Works.

Booker Washington Will Not Talk.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 29.—In reply to a request from Mrs. Caroline M. Severance, of this city, for an expression of his views on the admission of colored women's clubs to the Federation of Women's Clubs, Booker T. Washington writes as follows:

"I have absolutely and determinedly refused to be drawn into discussion of the matter now disturbing the Federation of Women's Clubs. My concern is with the larger aspects of the problem as it affects our people, and I have not allowed myself at all to discuss these extraneous phases, which are, of course, to be expected."

IT'S ENGLISH, YOU KNOW.

The new two-for-25-cent size of the LA Sinceridad cigar, the Edward VII—the largest and best cigar on the market for the money.

Famous Mexican Mine Sold.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 29.—Spencer Penrose and Charles M. McNeill, of this city, have purchased for \$200,000 the famous Pinos Altos group of mining claims, embracing 31,000 acres in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Homeowners' Attention!

We take this method of informing homeowners that farming, fruit and pasture lands can be purchased in vicinity of Astoria, Oregon. Or, for less money, quality considered, than elsewhere in the Willamette Valley. Address W. W. Briggs, secretary Board of Trade.

THE VERY FINEST.

The Three Leading American Pianos Costliest Because Best.

In buying a piano you are buying an article that should mean much to your family for very many years to come. You are securing an instrument that should be in use two or three generations. Naturally the selection of a piano ought to be given the most careful consideration.

Should you desire to secure the very best possible, you will have to come to Eilers Piano House, for here are found the three really great American pianos of today—the genuine Chickering, of Boston; the beautiful Weber, of New York; and the now famous Kimball, of Chicago. These are the instruments for you. If price is not too much of a consideration, if you can afford to own the very best, you should have one of these three makes, and really the cost of the very best over other good instruments is but slight after all.

You should buy a piano now. We have the finest array of fine pianos in the great West at the present time. There are grand pianos and upright pianos—large and small. We have many different styles in all the various shades and rare woods, and are glad at all times to show our stock. Eilers Piano House, 331 Washington street, opposite Corday's Theater.

..... IMPORTANT SALE OF
Walking Skirts....

Our popular Walking Skirts, make of imported Melton and extra fine Kersey in all the latest shades. Seven gores with all seams strapped and stitched. All Skirts cut in the latest style with an unequalled fit and finish. They cannot be equaled elsewhere for \$8.00.

Monday and Tuesday only

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New Ostrich-Feather Boas

FUR BOAS, COLLARETTES, COATS, ETC.

In all the fashionable furs.

FUR ROBES AND RUGS. Highest cash price paid for raw furs.

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Spring and Summer supplementary catalog of Ladies' and Children's Wearing Apparel now ready and mailed free to any out-of-town address.

Meier & Frank Co.

McCall Patterns

and Publications—Daily increase in sales gives evidence that they are right in every particular—All patterns have seam allowance—10c and 15c—None higher.

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"Hawes" "Stetson"

The two best lines of Men's Hats in America—Correct shapes in Derbys or Fedoras—Spring \$3, \$4 styles now ready

Meier & Frank Co.

Merchandise purchased tomorrow on credit will go on April account.

Ladies' Fancy Hosiery—Handsome new styles just received.

"Priestley's" Black Dress Fabrics in all the new weaves.

Infants' Wear for Spring and Summer—Complete stock to choose from.

Very large variety of Ostrich Feather Boas in black or gray—All lengths.

Immense line of Etamines in all the leading shades—\$1.00 a yard up.

Cheney Bros. Foulards Reduced



Foulard Silk bargains of commanding importance—Fashion's favorite silks at a great reduction from regular selling price—The reason for this extraordinary offering:—We bought too many, and that's the only reason—Nothing wrong with the silks—We're selling more than ever before, but the stock on hand is much larger than we anticipated with the result that today we take the entire stock, and every yard "Cheney's" famous make, and mark them at figures that should create the liveliest kind of silk selling for some days to come—All this season's newest designs and colorings—An opportunity for every lady in town to possess a handsome Foulard gown.

Cheney's Foulards
The \$1.00 Grade 69c

Thousands of yards of Cheney Bros. famous one dollar Foulards, in all the latest color combinations and designs, 24-inches wide and the prettiest of dress silks, your choice of the entire stock at.....

69c yd

Cheney's Foulards
The \$1.25 Grade 89c

Our entire stock of Cheney Bros. famous \$1.25 Foulards, in beautiful color combinations and designs; these silks make handsome street or evening dresses, and are very desirable, your choice of the \$1.25 line at.....

89c yd

Special Bargains in Under-Muslins

Prices that will almost compel buying after you have looked at the style and quality of the Under-muslins we are offering for the coming week. We mistake our guess if this muslin underwear store doesn't have a wider circle of friends than ever this year.



300 White Petticoats, having separate dust flounce and beautifully trimmed with wide lace edging and three rows of insertion, all lengths, worth \$1.50, your choice.....

\$1.19

75 dozen fancy hemstitched and lace trimmed Drawers, open or closed styles, all sizes, 50c values.....

29c

50 dozen Ladies' Gowns in five leading styles, empire, Bishop, high or low neck, muslin, cambric or nainsook material, torchon, Valenciennes or embroidery trimmed, big full sizes, great value at.....

\$1.21

"La Grecque" Corsets



Through our department many women who find their trading home with us have learned the merits of "La Grecque" Corsets—These corsets are made of the finest materials and follow the French lines as far as they are adapted to the American figure—We carry a complete stock of the belt and lattice styles in all sizes and qualities, from.....

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Expert fitters to serve you.

Traveling Bags



Just come to hand—An immense shipment of Traveling Bags and Suit Cases, in every new style and size, and all the new leathers—Without doubt the largest showing of high-class traveling necessities ever brought to the Coast—Prices from.....

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Trunks in every size and style, and at department-store prices.

"Gendron" CARRIAGES AND GO-CARTS

—Prices range from \$4.25 to \$40.00—(Third floor).

Meier & Frank Co. || Meier & Frank Co. || Meier & Frank Co. || Meier & Frank Co.

Important Bargain News In Suits, Waists, Skirts

Dame Fashion was never on more intimate terms with special values than she will be in the Cloak Store tomorrow. As we write we can almost see the host of animated buyers that will be here bright and early. The garments we have to tell you about—Eton, Blouse and fly-front styles having the modish effect—the skirt fitting snugly over the hips and flaring below the knee and touched off with silk strapping in profusion, etc.—read.....

\$18.00 and \$20.00 Suits, \$14.85

90 handsomely tinted Suits, in Eton, blouse and fly-front styles, covert cheviot and Venetian materials, colors black, gray, Oxford, blue, eastor and brown, well tailored, the \$18.00 and \$20.00 values at.....

\$14.85

\$7.50 Waists \$5.95

\$9-\$10 Skirts \$6.95



Peau de Cygne Taffeta Waists in Gibson or embroidered fronts—over 100 of them in the newest styles and colorings—beautifully made and trimmed—all sizes—for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the \$7.50 values for \$5.95.

and leading shades—Gibson front or tucked yoke and hemstitched effects—all sizes—the regular \$6.00 values for three days at.....

\$4.98 each

Black Dress Skirts, handsomely trimmed with braid and taffeta bands—correct styles and all lengths. Tan, gray and blue Dress Skirts in best style and materials—a splendid skirt for immediate wear and selling regularly at \$9.00.

Shirwaist Skirts in Oxford, blue, brown and gray—handsomely made throughout—all sizes.

The three above lines all new this season's skirts selling regularly at \$9.00 and \$10.00—your choice for three days

\$6.95 each

Peau de Crepe

A New Silk Fabric for Costumes and Waists—The style, the finish it gives to a costume or waist will appeal particularly to those interested in evening or calling gowns—26 inches wide and a variety of 22 leading shades to select from—"Peau de Crepe" woven in the selvaige of every yard. For sale in Portland at this store only.

\$1.00 yard

(At silk counters.)

Window Shades

The upholstery man wants to get in touch with folks wanting new Window Shades. Let us know the want and we'll talk over with you qualities and color of shadings and fringe and the rest you can safely leave to us. We'll take measurements and give you estimates for the work. If we do the work it will be done promptly and satisfactorily.

....NEW.... CARPETS

In Brussels, Velvets and Axminsters—correct colorings and styles and in every instance a great saving on the price asked in exclusively stores—all we ask is the opportunity to bid. (Third floor.)

THE CAMERA IN BUSINESS.

The Increasing Use of Photography in Everyday Life.

Business photography has become a branch of the art by itself. It helps in the punishment of crime and it is used in the business world to detect forgeries and to do other work of a similar nature. One little New York studio where it is carried on may be shabby, but it holds many secrets. And very frequently, says the New York Sun, the telephone bell tinkles and the secrets are carried to court at double-quick time, for business photography is hasty, if it is anything.

In many cases a letter, bank book, bill-head or business ledger is brought to be photographed, even while the witness is testifying on the stand. The work accomplished, back to the court it is hurried, and the witness, if untruthful, is proved so by the photographs.

Once the books of a firm failed to show the consignment of certain goods. Inspection of the books was refused, so the firm suing managed to get possession of the stock book sufficiently long to have its pages photographed, when the camera proved that the disputed goods were not only received but sold.

The Mollieux trial was an instance in which photography did much to influence the jurors. The Fayerweather will case is another one in which photography will help settle a dispute for money. En-

largement of a signature clearly shows that the first half of the name is not like the latter half—the very point at law. The dying hand that wrote the trembling first half never completed the latter portion. It is declared, and photography is expected to be a most important factor in the settlement of that will case.

Only recently the photographer had a peculiar incident to deal with. A will was brought to be photographed, because it stated something about carrying out secret instructions. There was none. The lawyer was puzzled and vexed.

Then photography came into play, for the photographer discovered the will to be wrapped in a blank paper, that when heated showed writing in so-called sympathetic ink. The paper was photographed and immediately became blank again. It was an amazed lawyer who re-

ceived the photograph of those secret instructions.

Photographing in cases of personal accidents has also become quite a feature of late years. This is largely used in damage suits. Patients are pictured in all sorts of places and in all conditions of injury. Evidence of that sort is used to moneyed purpose by clever lawyers.

Perhaps one of the quickest pieces of work accomplished in this class of photography was when the pages of the Alabama treaty brought to the photographer by a man who simply borrowed it a few moments were photographed. And while the camera was working the telephone wire was held open by sending Scriptural verses that the treaty might be sent to a newspaper office for immediate publication.

Another rush order was when the first picture of the Marlborough baby arrived from Europe. It was known on what steamer it would be. That picture was copied late at night, and appeared in print a few hours later.

Shot in Self-Defense.

PHILADELPHIA, Mont., March 29.—Thomas J. Wilson was today acquitted by a jury of the charge of murdering Levi C. Johnson. Johnson was formerly a deputy sheriff and was killed during a quarrel with Wilson. Self-defense was the plea.

Minister Hart Coming Home.

COLON, Colombia, March 29.—United States Minister to Colombia Charles B. Hart has arrived here from Bogota. He will sail for New York Tuesday.