

WARRIED BY GEER

"Keep Out of a Hole," Says He to Lawmakers.

"AND VOTE FOR ME ONLY"

"Anybody Who Tramples on the People is Sure to Get into a Hole"—Ex-Governor Confident of Election.

"No," announced ex-Governor Geer last night, "I haven't got my opponents in a hole. I am trying to keep them out of a hole."

"My popular vote," and the Governor cleared his throat, "my popular vote will keep them out of the hole—that is, if they regard it."

Mr. Geer has retired to the pleasures of private life, a majority can afford to do it. Vernon. He came down yesterday from his farm in Marion County to catch a glimpse of the passing show.

"And," he resumed, "anybody who tramples on the people is sure to get into a hole. Some Republicans are hovering around the hole now, and if they don't obey the will of the people they are liable to fall plump into it."

"Did you wish Mr. Fulton to go on the ticket with you last June?" was asked.

"Indeed I did. I expected him to do it."

"And you were willing to take chances with him on the ticket?"

"Yes, I was. Nobody was more surprised than I when he came out afterward as a candidate," and the Governor straightened himself up until he was as tall as a grenadier.

"You would have welcomed him on the ticket?"

"Yes, sir. I should have been glad to have him run with me."

"When will you be elected?"

"Well, if I am the choice of the people, I think I should be elected on the first ballot. That is, if the Governor, if the Mayor law was passed in good faith."

"So you have no doubt of your election?"

"None whatever."

"Do you expect to be elected on the first ballot?"

"That depends on the gentlemen in the Legislature. If they are going to be true to the people—but that's for them to decide."

"Now, I don't see," went on the Governor, "how a member from a county which gave me a big majority can afford to disobey the mandate of his constituents. He wouldn't get into a hole by voting for me. In fact, he might keep out of a hole," and the Governor blinked significantly.

"Now wouldn't anybody else," resumed Mr. Geer, "who had received the vote that has come to me make strong claims to the Senatorship? Wouldn't anybody else keep talking about it a great deal more than I am doing?"

This was a convincing question, and the Governor resumed:

"I'm taking a vacation now."

"How long?"

"About two weeks."

"And perhaps shorter, if you are elected?"

Mr. Geer smiled assentingly and intimated that he was willing to cut short the vacation just as much as the Legislature wished.

"How about the story that you are yoked with Jonathan Bourne?"

"You can't bank on stories," laughed the Governor.

"Is it true?"

"Nobody in Oregon knows less about it than I do. I am acquainted with Mr. Bourne only slightly. About his plans I know nothing."

"And are you a candidate for Representative to Congress?"

"If anybody knows that I am," returned Mr. Geer, "he knows more than I do."

"I'm not after glory," said Frank Davey last night. "My only ambition is to serve my constituents."

Mr. Davey is a member of the House from Marion County, and ex-candidate for Speaker.

"I'm no politician," he continued, recovering from the reverie that followed his first announcement.

"We're real sorry," ventured the reporter.

"So am I. If I was more of a politician I wouldn't get shut out of the fun so often. You see a politician has to lie and wait around and give out strong impressions. That's why I don't cut any ice in the business."

"You're very modest," put in a bystander, sympathetically.

"Well," resumed the Marion gentleman, with an appreciative air, "well, I always was that way. Back in Iowa, when a boy I never could crawl to shoot ducks. That's why the other fellow got more ducks than I did."

"Indeed?"

"Yes, that's the reason. And," straightening himself up, "that's the way with me yet. I'm just as liable as not to blurt out what I think of a man. When I like a man I say so, and when I don't like a man, I speak out just the same."

"Are you for Mr. Geer for Senator?"

"That's what," replied Mr. Davey, folding his hands in front of him, and looking as if he felt very comfortable, indeed.

We can. We cannot do it if we begin to look around now for a chance to land elsewhere. It was a warm personal and political friend of the late Representative Tongue, continued Mr. Davey, changing the subject, "and I feel a sense of personal loss in his death. When he was last here I saw him and remarked to him that he showed signs of the wear and tear of his busy Congressional life, and I cautioned him to take things a trifle easier; but he dismissed the subject lightly, and said he was there to do all he could for his constituency, and would continue to do it. He did, with the sad result of a fatal termination of a useful and honorable career."

"Democrats in the Legislature," said Sam White last night, "will vote for Mr. Wood for United States Senator."

Mr. White is chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

"How long?" was asked.

"First, last and all the time."

"Who else is for a Republican?"

"Not for any of the Republican candidates now in the field."

"Why?"

"Because they are going to obey the law and the mandate of the Democratic voters, who last June chose Mr. Wood as their candidate."

"How many Democrats are in the Legislature?"

"Twenty-seven," replied Mr. White proudly.

"And," he resumed, "they will not break away from Mr. Wood. There is no disposition among them to vote for any one else, and no such disposition will develop. They include some of the best men in the state. There's Wehrung and Pierce and Smith of Umatilla, and Miller, and Robbins, and Galloway, and Galloway—they're the best men on earth."

"Might not the Democrats be persuaded to help Republicans elect a Senator?"

"Would it not," replied Mr. White, returning a question of his own; "would it not be a sad commentary on the power of Republicans in this state if they could not find a man in their ranks big enough for the Senatorship? There are plenty of big men in the party. Why can't the party find them?"

As to the possible nomination of Mr. Herrmann for Representative to Congress, Mr. White was pleased with the prospect of it. "We want nothing better," said he. "His nomination would be good politics for Democrats. If we couldn't beat him on his record—well, then the people don't care who represents them in Congress."

F. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, who was near by, gave expression to similar sentiments. Both he and Mr. White are old-line Bourbon Democrats.

"There's fine stock among the Democrats of the Legislature," remarked Mr. Seufert, "fine stock. It won't sell its price for nothing. Democratic members should vote for a man for Mr. Wood. And," continued the gentleman decidedly, "the ones that vote for a Republican should be shamed for good. We've sold out too often already."

Mr. Seufert abhors fusion. "The Democrats of Multnomah County," he said, "should be put out of the party. They come into the convention run it and then sell out to one of the Republican factions in Multnomah."

"The project for the new county of Rockman is getting along all right," said Representative Burgess, of Wasco, yesterday. "I am assured of the united support of the Legislative delegations in the Twenty-first and Twenty-eighth Representative districts, and I have so far heard of few or none in the House who will object to it. The Senate? Well, I have been able as yet to make no canvass there, but I see no reason why the Senate should not be as ready to concede the merit of the enterprise as the House. Yes, there is some objection to the new county from the people of Crook County, but it does not come from the residents of the affected district, with a few exceptions. As to Wasco County, I am satisfied that there will be no complaint. We propose to cut off merely that portion of Wasco which is remote from the county seat and which geographically should be attached to a new county organization. The Deschutes River makes a natural boundary line. The whole scheme is quite popular up our way, and I have every hope of favorable legislative consideration."

The nomination of a representative to Congress from the First District is a subject of several opinions just now in the Republican camp the politicians don't know whether to nominate by the District Congressional committee or by the district convention the next April or by a new convention. The Democrats are up against the same problem.

Dr. T. W. Harris, chairman of the district committee, came down from Eugene last night. He said that he thought the old convention should nominate. "That convention," said he, "would be freer from political bias than any that could be chosen. If new delegates should be elected, local strife would ensue in all the counties."

Dr. Harris said he was not willing as a member of the committee to take the responsibility of naming a candidate without a convention.

"Precedent will govern in this case," he remarked. "There is no law covering the question and party usage will have to guide." Dr. Harris is now looking up precedents. In 1873 Joseph Wilson, a Representative to Congress, died and Governor Grover ordered a special election. Sam White, chairman of the Democratic State central committee, said that his party nominee would probably be elected by that committee. He saw no reason why the committee could not do so.

Governor Chamberlain will set a day for a special election on at least 20 days' notice. Inasmuch as there is no need of an early election of a Representative, unless a special session of Congress should be called, the election may not be held until May or June. Even if a Representative should be chosen within the next month, he could do little or nothing at this session of Congress. Besides, the Legislature will be in session until the last part of February, and the holding of party conventions and of the election would be inconvenient while political interest is centered at Salem.

Ex-Governor Geer thinks a new convention should be called, because plenty of

time is ahead for nomination by this method, and because Republicans would then have full opportunity to choose a candidate. Furthermore, sentiment would be more mature as to the proper candidate. He thinks all aspirants should be permitted to try for the nomination, and to this end he believes a new convention is necessary. He remarked last night that a new issue has arisen, and that therefore a new convention is required.

If the vacancy had occurred before election last June, the Democratic Central and the Republican District Committees could have made the nominations. Most politicians are inclined in the view that conventions must now make the nominations. For the Democratic candidate, Robert Smith, of Grant's Pass, and E. A. Heams, of Jacksonville, have been mentioned. The Democrats think Reams a particularly strong candidate, and many of them believe he could win out. He is a son-in-law of the late Mr. Tongue.

Republican aspirants are numerous. They are said to include: Binger Herrmann, ex-Governor Geer, George C. Brown; L. T. Harris, speaker of the House; Thomas Ford, of Salem; E. V. Carter, of Ashland; W. I. Vawter, of Grant's Pass; B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook; A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene; H. H. Hewett, of Albany; J. C. Fullerton, of Roseburg, and others.

WANTED MORE THAN DRINK

W. Connors Arrested for Stealing From Man Who Was Treating.

W. Connors and Al McKinnon were standing in front of a bar in a saloon on First street near Oak yesterday afternoon, drinking. McKinnon placed a \$5 gold piece on the bar to pay for more drinks, and was much astonished to see Connors pick up the money and place it in his left-hand pants pocket.

"Excuse me, that's mine," yelled McKinnon.

"What's yours?" asked his companion, sarcastically. He would not give up the money, and Detective Ford and Coriano were sent for, and took both disputants to the police station. When Connors was first searched no money was found in his possession.

"He's got my \$5, I'm sure of it," protested McKinnon. The police told Connors to strip, and he did so, in spite of his protests, and in removing a garment usually worn by all masculines, he suddenly clutched something and closed his right hand over it.

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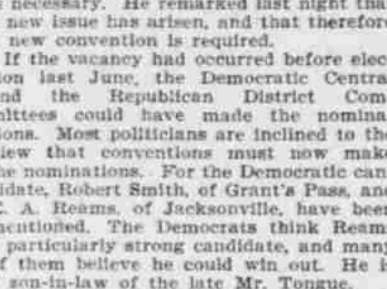
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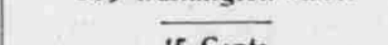
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Wife-Murderer Will Hang.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 17.—Samuel Miller, who came here from Kansas City a few weeks ago with the avowed intention of killing his wife, and who shot her death in her store on Main street, was today convicted of murder in the first degree. He will be sentenced to hang by Judge Moss on Monday.