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Republican Apathy May Make
Close Run.

DEMOCRATS VERY CONFIDENT

Gatch Wins a Hermann Button and
Other Prominent Republicans
Declare Their Loyalty
to the Party.

SALEM, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—Republicans are confident and Democrats hopeful, correctly describes the feeling in Marion County since the two leading candidates for the Congressional seat have been named. Republicans generally admit that Hermann will probably win, by a reduced plurality, but they say it is impossible for a Democrat to win this year in this district. Democrats say that Reames is an excellent campaigner, and that his popularity, together with Hermann's disapproval with his superior in the Land Office, will enable Reames to win.

Marion County Republicans feel greatly disappointed over the result of the convention at Eugene, but their disappointment does not find expression in denunciations of Hermann or his supporters. There is a very widespread criticism of the three leading candidates, who were given the privilege of choosing their own delegations to the convention, and who were enabled to defeat Hermann, but who would not get together to complete the victory. Marion County Republicans are likely to have a grievance against Kelly, of Linn, for some time to come, for they think his delegation should have thrown its support to Gatch, who was the leading candidate. Vawter is criticized on the same score, but as his county is in no way associated with Marion, there is less resentment expressed toward him.

If any considerable number of Republicans have any thought of "killing" Hermann, they are keeping very still about it. As a matter of fact, the nomination has been received here with very little comment. While no expressions of approval are heard, Republicans seem disposed to give Hermann the benefit of their silence at least. After the first feeling of disappointment has worn away, it is probable that Republicans generally will be out working for their candidate. Claud Gatch, the defeated aspirant from Marion County, wears on his lapel a big red "Hermann" button, as a notice to all his sympathizing friends that he is nursing no secret.

E. P. McCracken, who led in the organization of the convention against Hermann, is receiving warm praise for his able and successful efforts. The only regret is that the candidates themselves made it impossible for the combined opposition to secure the fruits of victory. A very quiet campaign is expected. What Republicans fear most is that there will be too much indifference, and that the Democrats will profit by it.

HISTORY OF SENATE BILLS.

Introduced by Washington Senators
in Six Congresses.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A prominent citizen of the State of Washington, who is interested in the matter, has prepared the following table of bills introduced by various Washington Senators and the action on them, in Congress, since and including the 53d Congress. The table is incomplete only in that no credit is given for important amendments to appropriation bills, through which money is raised by Senators for their respective states:

53d CONGRESS, 1891-1892.

Mr. Squire, of Washington, introduced and had referred:

Bills and joint resolutions 15

Passed Senate 1

Not passed by House 4

Mr. Allen, of Washington, introduced and had referred:

Bills and joint resolutions 47

Passed Senate 15

Passed both houses and became laws 4

Not passed by Senate 22

54th CONGRESS, 1895-1896.

Mr. Squire, of Washington, introduced and had referred:

Bills and joint resolutions 61

Passed Senate 7

Passed both houses and became laws 2

Not passed by Senate 62

55th CONGRESS, 1897-1898.

Mr. Squire, of Washington, introduced and had referred:

Bills and joint resolutions 45

Passed Senate 7

Passed both houses and became laws 2

Not passed by Senate 36

56th CONGRESS, 1899-1900.

Mr. Turner, of Washington, introduced and had referred:

Bills and joint resolutions 16

Passed Senate 14

Passed both houses and became laws 1

Not passed by Senate 12

57th CONGRESS, 1901-1902.

Mr. Turner, of Washington, introduced and had referred:

Bills and joint resolutions 30

Passed Senate 11

Passed both houses and became laws 4

Not passed by Senate 15

58th CONGRESS, 1903-1904.

Mr. Turner, of Washington, introduced and had referred:

Bills and joint resolutions 28

Passed Senate 11

Passed both houses and became laws 2

Not passed by Senate 15

SUMMARY.

By Squire, Allen.

Introduced 11

Passed Senate 49

Passed both houses 12

had been found dead on the Oregon Short Line track near Montpelier, Idaho. The old man came here from Eagle Valley two weeks ago, where he has a son who refused to care for him. He wanted to go to his relatives in Texas, and the county provided him with a ticket. It seems that he got off the train at Montpelier and was left. He started to walk down the track at night, but was overcome with the cold and froze to death.

Improving Vancouver Waterworks.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—John H. Norris, president of the Vancouver Waterworks Company, was in the city this week from Olympia. He says the company has expended nearly \$40,000 on improvements to the plant during the past year and that still more money will be spent in putting in new mains and adding machinery to the pumping plant. It is given out on reliable authority that the rates will soon be reduced somewhat from the existing prices charged consumers. This will probably result in the stopping of agitation over the contemplated putting in of a new plant by the city. The new system is giving excellent satisfaction.

New Twenty Acres Are Sold.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—At the last session of the Legis-

SALE OF LINN COUNTY LAND

BIDS MUST BE SENT IN UNDER
SEAL.

Public Bidding Was Spoken of but
State Land Board Decides on
Secret Bids.

SALEM, April 11.—(Special.)—Next Tuesday, at 2 o'clock P. M. the State Land Board will open sealed bids for the purchase of sections 15 and 16, in township 15 south, range 3 east, in Linn County. It is understood that the land bears considerable timber and is quite valuable, by reason of which there is great rivalry for the land. None of the bidders talk values for their interests do not lie in the direction of publicity, but from all that can be learned it is judged that good prices will be offered. There will be considerable interest in the opening of the bids.

On April 23, at 10 o'clock A. M., the State Land Board will open sealed bids for the purchase of sections 14 and 15, in township 11 south, range 3 west, and section 16, in

township 12 south, range 10 west, and bid of section 14, township 11 south, range 1 east.

These tracts of land lie in townships recently surveyed. The board has adopted a general rule requiring that all school lands in Western Oregon, in newly surveyed townships, shall be sold to the highest bidder after advertisement. The land has been advertised in The Oregonian, as a paper of general circulation, and also in papers of local circulation in the county in which the land is situated.

Some question has been raised as to the best manner of selling land to the highest bidder. Recently an attorney of one of the interested parties asked that the board put the land up at auction instead of receiving sealed bids. His argument was that if the bidders were present and bid against each other, they would be the price higher and the school fund would be the gainer. He also argued that where sealed bids are received the purchaser can combine and make an agreement as to the price that shall be offered. The board evidently thought that there would be less probability of a combine if the competition were left open to all persons who wished to make sealed bids, for no change was made in the plan. Requiring that bids be offered under seal gives all an equal chance, regardless of their place of residence, and no intending purchaser can know what other persons may be bidding on the land.

CHUCK-LOCK IS NOT ENGLISH.

Therefore Seattle Judge Sustains
Demurrer in Gambling Case.

SEATTLE, April 11.—Judge Bell today sustained the demurrer to the indictment introduced by J. J. Ferguson, indicted by the grand jury for operating a gambling game known as chuck-lock. The court

held that the word "chuck-lock" was not in the English language and for that reason there can be no such crime.

Working on Officers' Quarters.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—The contractors are laying the foundations for the large new officers' quarters at the barracks. The work is being pushed by a large number of workmen.

House Burned at Fairview.

FAIRVIEW, Or., April 11.—The house owned by J. P. Heslin, in Fairview, which has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Byers, was destroyed by fire. The loss was \$300, not insured.

Engines for Vancouver Railroad.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—The Portland, Vancouver & Tacoma Railway Company has received three new locomotives, larger than the old ones, and they are being put in order to go on

the run between here and Yacolt. The new rails are being placed on the road, and as soon as the work is completed the new engines will be put into service. The business of the road is increasing rapidly. It is also expected that a passenger schedule will be maintained soon in connection with the Washington & Oregon Railway to Kalama.

Officers of Salem Epworth League.

SALEM, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The Salem District Epworth League convention today elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, C. A. Dawson, Salem; first vice-president, Lena Stowell, Webfoot; second vice-president, Agnes Kurta, Salem; third vice-president, C. T. Bonney, Woodburn; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Maple, Oregon City; recording secretary, Miss Mae Johnston, Clackamas; treasurer, Claire Oring, Salem; junior superintendent, Mrs. L. L. Lee, Beaverton.

The convention will close tomorrow evening, when an address will be delivered by President Coleman, of Willamette University.

Logging Roads Common Carriers.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—The chief stockholders of the Mason County Logging Company have incorporated the Black Hills & Northwestern Railroad Company, with a capital stock of \$500,000, with the ultimate intention of extending their present logging roads from this city to the Quinalt reservation in Chehalis County. The immediate object of incorporation is to make the company's present logging railways in the Black Hills common carriers, and it is not anticipated that much extension work will be done this year.

New Officers of Union Iron Works.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Frank Jeffries, the newly elected general manager and vice-president of the Union Iron Works, which is now a subsidiary of the United States Shipbuilding Company, and H. A. Hart, who is to occupy the position of assistant secretary and auditor of the local company, have arrived from the East, and entered upon their duties.

Ballard Bank Officers Plead.

SEATTLE, April 11.—Demurrer to the complaint against W. W. DeLong and E. E. DeLong, president and cashier respectively of the defunct Bank of Ballard, were overruled by Judge Bell today and both defendants pleaded not guilty and the case was set for April 23.

Prohibition Oratorical Concert.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The local oratorical contest of the State Prohibition League was held here last night. Mr. E. S. Evenden being awarded first prize, with Miss Gertrude Vernon as a close second.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A colored porter on an Erie Pullman was found to have the smallpox. The car was quarantined.

Letters to the number of 32,770 were brought to New York yesterday by the White Star liner Teutonic.

Immigration authorities at Winnipeg, Manitoba, have appealed to the military for tents to house new settlers.

The falsework of the Panhandle bridge, near Pittsburgh, which is being rebuilt, caught fire yesterday and was partly destroyed.

Whittaker Wright claims to be a citizen of the United States, and says that after consultation he heard his case is without jurisdiction.

Bruce Marcum, a Jackson, Ky., young man of good family, has under the vagrancy law, been sold into servitude for six months, to a man who has no right to the highest bid was \$3.50.

Edward E. Fuller forfeited his bail in Chicago yesterday, and his brother E. C. Fuller's security bond was raised to \$1000. The brothers had stolen their possession stolen from Ponca City, Okla.

Ten skeletons in receptacles of flat stones, uncovered on a farm east of Hopkinton, Ky., are pronounced by Professor Morrell, of Phillips Academy, those of a race of prehistoric mound-builders.

Dr. N. Senn, Dr. J. B. Murphy and Dr. C. W. Adams, Chicago; Dr. Wilson O. Bridges, Omaha; Dr. J. D. Griffith, Kansas City; and Dr. C. H. Hughes, St. Louis, have sailed for Madrid, to attend the Triennial Medical Congress.

Edward Jackson, of Denver, was yesterday, at Indianapolis, elected president of the Academy of Otolaryngology and Otology.

Attention of street-car and railway companies was called to the sanitary and therapeutic value of noiseless car wheels.

A pony engine collided with the rear end of a passenger train on the Lake Shore branch line early yesterday at Ash-tahula, O. Fireman Bogue, of the pony engine, was killed, three trainmen were injured and several passengers more or less hurt.

Eight new veins of coal have been discovered just south of Wilkesbarre, Pa. The veins underneath now being worked, this makes 100 feet of coal. It is estimated there are 300,000,000 tons in this tract, which is owned by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company.

How to Get Rich Slowly.

ST. LOUIS, April 11.—United States

ADOPT REGULAR ARMY UNIFORM.

Companies to Be Organized in Wash-
ington Towns.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—Under the new method of admitting companies to the National Guard, as provided in the law passed by the recent Legislature, competitive examinations will be held in the cities of Ellensburg, Hoquiam and Seattle, on April 23, of applicants who desire to organize companies. The successful applicant in each city will be authorized to organize a company of 40 or more men.

This will fill three of the four company vacancies now existing in the National Guard of this state and raise the total enrollment to about 3000 officers and men, from 850, as at present.

It has also been decided soon to issue orders permitting the increase of company enrollments to 80 men. The limit is now 60.

Orders were issued today by the Adjutant-General adopting the uniform of the regular Army for the National Guardsmen and officers. Another order changes the name of the regiment from First to Second Infantry.

LEE GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

For Shooting of John A. Martin in
Malheur County.

VALLE, Or., April 11.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. George Lee, for the killing of John A. Martin in September last, in Jordan Valley, Malheur County, after a deliberation of 18 hours, rendered a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter. The verdict met with the approval of the conservative citizens of the county.

The case excited much interest throughout the county, and during the progress of the trial the courtroom was crowded. Lee claimed self-defense, after a deliberation of 18 hours, rendered a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter. The verdict met with the approval of the conservative citizens of the county.

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