

FIRST GUN FIRED

Republican Campaign Opens at Woodburn.

RALLY OF THE VALLEY

Big Crowds Are Inspired by Eloquent Addresses.

ROOSEVELT'S NAME CHEERED

Cannons Roar Salutation and Hundreds of Men Form in Long Line of Parade Through the Principal Streets of the Meeting Place.

WOODBURN, Or., May 7.—(Special.)—The first gun of the county, district, state and National Republican campaign was fired here tonight, when two large mass meetings were addressed by prominent Republican speakers.

The perfect harmony which prevailed in the Marion County Convention, the Congressional District Convention, and the State Convention was reflected in the enthusiasm with which all Republicans joined in this first campaign rally.

Special trains were run from Albany, Salem and Silverton, bringing some 300 persons from those places.

The meeting was held in the opera-house, but that room was crowded to the doors, and an overflow meeting of 500 persons was held in the Association Hall.

Many people returned to their homes because they could not get admission in either place. The principal speakers were L. T. Harris, of Eugene, and Dan J. Malarkey, of Portland, both of whom electrified their hearers, and by their logic and eloquence started round after round of applause and cheers.

As the special trains drew into Woodburn at 7:30 o'clock, a salute of 20 guns was the first of a cannon on the public square. The Salem and Chemawa bands discoursed patriotic airs while a parade was formed. The procession passed up Main street and counter-marched to the Opera-house. The procession was by far the most spectacular event ever seen in Woodburn.

Over 400 men were in line and as the bands joined in playing national airs the men in the parade waved blazing torches, fired Roman candles, burned red fire and joined in cheer after cheer for the national emblem, for the Republican party and for Theodore Roosevelt. The enthusiasm displayed on the streets was no less manifest in the hall than on the streets, though it was less demonstrative.

Dr. J. L. Shorey, president of the local Republican Club, called the meeting to order, and after remarking that this meeting was the first of the first gun in the county, state, and also National campaign, introduced Walter L. Toose, Congressional chairman, who would preside over the meeting.

In taking his place as presiding officer, Chairman Toose spoke briefly of the result of Republican Administration, showing that in 1902 under Democratic rule the balance of trade was against the United States, while now the balance is still larger but on the other side of the ledger.

In 1893 the National revenue far exceeds the expenditures. Mr. Toose referred briefly to the speakers for the evening calling forth applause as he mentioned their names and told of the work they have done.

Harris Warmly Greeted.

Mention of the name of L. T. Harris, who took defeat in the Congressional convention so gracefully, was the signal for long-continued applause and cheers, which were renewed with vigor when the gentleman arose to speak.

EVASIVE A BATTLE

Russians Evacuate Feng Wang Cheng.

JAPANESE ARE IN CONTROL

They Are Now Masters of Very Important Territory.

ANOTHER ARMY MAY COME

It Would Move North Along the Railway of Liao Tung Peninsula—Port Arthur Rail-way Is Cut.

TOKIO, May 8.—(Sunday noon.)—A detachment of the Japanese army operating on the Liao Tung Peninsula dispersed small bands of Russian troops on Friday and captured Pulan Tsa, a railroad station. The Japanese destroyed the railway and telegraph, thus severing the Russian communication with Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 8, 2:15 A. M.—When the War Commission adjourned this morning, it failed to give out any official dispatch regarding the situation on the Liao Tung Peninsula or at Feng Wang Cheng. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the Japanese troops were in touch with the Russian forces at Feng Wang Cheng, and a report that the latter evacuated the place is generally credited.

Surprise is caused by the withdrawal of General Kuropatkin toward his base at Liau Yang, as it is thought that immediately after he learned of General Zassalitch's losses he sent reinforcements to him to enable him to retain his position. The officials here frankly confess, however, that they are not fully informed of Kuropatkin's plan.

Long War Is Now Certain. The energy of the Japanese meets with unwilling admiration, and it is expected they will continue a vigorous campaign. The nation is fully awakened to what this means. It understands that Russia must

HILL PROOSTIGER

Ex-Senator Shows No Mercy for Enemy.

TACTICS HURTING PARKER

Tammany Men Will Fight Hard in National Convention.

THE HEARST BOOM IS KILLED

Jurist's Manager Plans to Make Campaign on a Trust Plank and Have Prominent Capitalists Do the Shouting.

NEW YORK, May 7.—(Special.)—Republican leaders are viewing with satisfaction the enervated condition of the Democratic party in this state. It looked a month or so ago as if the 23 electoral votes of New York could be counted on with a reasonable degree of safety for the Democratic Presidential candidate, but the hopes of Roosevelt's opponents are growing fainter every day.

It is true that the Republicans have not been in a good condition to make a fight, but they are getting closer together every day, while on the other hand, the position in the Democratic camp is getting more strenuous with the passing hours.

The cause of the whole trouble is Hill. The ex-Senator is following his old-time political methods of kicking a political opponent who is down, and while that may have a fine spectacular effect in conventions, it is a boomerang when the time comes to vote. Tammany men who have been saying that Judge Parker "may" not carry the state now declare with more or less profanity that they know he cannot carry it, and they talk as if they meant to see that he didn't.

For the organization of the state committee, Hill followed out his own idea, and it is generally believed that he has hurt his candidate, Parker, and also given the Republicans ammunition which they can use with effect in the coming campaign.

SOON PICK A MAN

Delegates Will Find Successor to Hall.

MEETING IS SET FOR JUNE

District Attorney Will Hold On Until Land-Case Trials.

BANCROFT CASE REVIEWED

Department Would Be Pleased If the Postmaster Would Retire—Report on Charges Against Potter Not Yet to Hand.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—The Oregon delegation will not recommend the appointment of a successor to District Attorney John Hall until after the election in June. Notwithstanding Hall's term expired some time ago, it has been decided to allow him to continue undisturbed until the pending land fraud cases are tried. Inasmuch as Hall was instrumental in causing the indictment of various participants in fraudulent land operations in Oregon, and is acquainted with all the facts and the records of the Department of Justice interceded in his behalf, and the delegation gladly yielded.

Political reasons have also caused the delegation to delay, but it now expects to hold a meeting in Portland the first week after the election, at which a successor to Hall will be agreed upon.

Case of Postmaster Bancroft. Other appointments in Oregon are pretty well cleared up, but it is by no means improbable that the delegation will before long have to nominate a postmaster at Portland. Nothing will be done, however, until the investigation just ordered is completed. It is very apparent that the Postoffice Department is dissatisfied with Bancroft's conduct of the office, and would be gratified if he would voluntarily retire.

As heretofore stated in these dispatches, Bancroft is not accused of any violation of law, but is accused of repeated violations of departmental instructions, and following methods not approved in good business circles. His offenses are such as might be committed without financial injury to the Government, as is now believed to be the case, but which might also result in a deficit should he fail to act throughout in perfect good faith. In other words, his offense is one which may be construed as a reason for demanding his resignation if the department is so inclined, or one which may be passed over with a mere reprimand, or overlooked altogether.

Bancroft, however, was once before notified that he was exceeding his authority in taking money from various funds in his care, and leaving his personal I. O. U.'s, and if the present investigation should show, as indicated in the reports of the inspectors, that he has continued to violate the regulations in face of special instructions of the department, his offense will be regarded as more grave and of more consequence than that which was first disclosed, when he was not fully aware of the strict methods followed in the State service.

Portland being Senator Mitchell's home, he will have the naming of a successor to Bancroft, should it be determined a new man must be appointed. The delegation will merely concur in his recommendation, as it did in the case of Bancroft.

No Report Yet From Chemawa. As yet, no report has received from the officials who are conducting the investigation into the affairs of the Chemawa Indian School, and nothing is known as to the correctness or falsity of the charges that have been brought against Superintendent Potter. If Potter is found guilty of maladministration, and is dismissed, his successor will be a civil service man and will be taken from the Indian service. His is an important office paying \$2000 per annum, which, with three exceptions, is the highest salary paid to any superintendent of Indian schools. In the past several superintendents of Indian schools have been found guilty of offenses similar to those which it is charged Potter has committed. Each of these superintendents was promptly dismissed. This probably foreshadows Potter's fate, in case the charges are sustained, but because of their gravity, and the importance of Potter's position, Secretary Hitchcock sent two inspecting officials to Salem so that he could ascertain facts and do no injustice to any one.

Northwest Postal Orders. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—William F. Frank was today appointed regular and Thomas R. Ellwood, sub-rural carrier at Bellingham, Wash.

Rural free delivery service was today established June 1 at Elgin, Union County, Or., with one carrier.

Charles T. Beicher was today appointed Postmaster at Collins, Wash., vice John Leist, resigned.

Mills Again Named as Brigadier. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—President Roosevelt today appointed Colonel A. L. Mills, commandant of the West Point Military Academy, a Brigadier-General.

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