

RACE IS CLOSE

Nip and Tuck Between Kay and Mills.

DEADLOCK IN SENATE FIGHT

Both Kuykendall and Carter Claim the Victory.

DOUBTFUL VOTES TO DECIDE

Carter Forces Must Ten Men in Caucus and Announce That Winning Combination is Formed.

Line-Up for President of the Senate.

The Kuykendall-Mills plan of action will probably have the Senate caucus over with speedily, in order that the example of the Senate will have a wholesome effect for Mills in the House caucus. If Mills should be defeated before the caucus nomination in the Senate were accomplished, the result might be detrimental to Kuykendall, at least so think the anti-Kuykendall elements. They believe that such an outcome in the House might wrench Multnomah away from Kuykendall, by inducing this county to put forth a candidate. The Kuykendall President, and they are of the opinion that that candidate would be Senator Malarkey, for whom they declare their willingness to vote.

Line-Up for Speaker of the House.

For Mills—20. For Kay—22. For Carter—16. For Kuykendall—12.

Corral Fences Tight.

Each side in the Speakership contest was confident of victory all day yesterday. The Representatives named in the foregoing Mills and Kay columns are generally conceded to be beyond doubt, except that McLeod is claimed by the Mills contingent as belonging to their list.

Very Close is the Race for Speaker of the House.

Very close is the race for Speaker of the House between Mills, of Multnomah, and Kay, of Marion—so close that up to an early hour this morning it was nipped and tuck between the contestants with such an exhibition of forces as made it impossible to determine who had the nip and who the tuck. The eight men whose affinity is in doubt, and whose allegiance will settle the contest are so equally divided that the Speakership evidently hinges on two or three votes.

What is the Combine?

If the combination could be one with Brownell, the Kuykendall workers said it was impossible, since, they declared, the Clackamas Senator had pledged himself to them; but it is well understood that Brownell has no real love for the Lane candidate and that if his one vote can wreck Kuykendall's candidacy, it will do so.

Three Hold Balance of Power.

The three men who hold the balance of power—Brownell, Croisan and Hobson—have had frequent conferences in the last few days. On their trip to Portland, the two Marion Senators stopped at Oregon City, where Brownell has his home, and

CHARGE SLIFTED

Mayor No Longer Under an Indictment

GRAND JURY'S ACT UNDONE

Judge George Takes Action; Urged by Manning.

CHIEF HUNT ALSO RELIEVED

Hardly Had the Adjourning Grand Jury Left the Courthouse Than Dismissal Proceedings Were Opened.

Major George H. Williams and Chief of Police Charles H. Hunt are no longer under indictment for malfeasance in office.

Both indictments were dismissed by Judge George late yesterday afternoon on motion of District Attorney Manning, who also asked that the record show that Mayor Williams is fully exonerated of any offense charged in the indictment.

Grand Jury Loses Control.

Mr. Manning was now master of the situation. He had the members of the grand jury reached the foot of the stairway leading from the courtroom than District Attorney Manning addressed the court, moving for the dismissal of the indictment against the Mayor.

Court Promptly Assents.

Judge George listened intently and, at the close of the remarks, briefly said: "The indictment will be dismissed."

DOWN TO BONE

River and Harbor Funds Will Be Cut.

MAY BE NONE AT ALL

Under Rule Adopted, Oregon Will Have Share.

PRESIDENT OPPOSES BILL

If Appropriations Are Made They Will Provide for Columbia River, Dalles-Celilo Canal and Willamette Falls.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 7.—The river and harbor committee has adopted the policy of appropriating only for waterways which are being partially improved at state or municipal expense.

Representative Williamson today laid before Chairman Burton a long statement showing that the City of Portland has expended up to December a total of \$1,698,000 in channel improvements from Portland to the sea, and that the State of Oregon has appropriated \$165,000 for building a portage road from The Dalles to Celilo and \$190,000 additional for the purchase of right of way for a Government canal between these points.

WILL GO BACK TO WORK.

Hermann Will Not Neglect Business Because of Indictment. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative Hermann reached Washington late last night when seen at his home today he gave out the following formal statement, which he declared contained all he wished to say at present:

MAY RECEIVE VISITORS.

Federal Judge Reverses Order Secluding Mrs. Chadwick. CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 7.—Judge Wing, of the United States District Court, today abrogated his recent order that no person should be allowed to see Mrs. Chadwick in the County Jail until she writes to be signed by the United States Marshal.

STILL AFTER AMALGAMATED.

"Frenzied" Lawson Will Ask Moody to Prosecute Copper Company. BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Thomas W. Lawson announced in an interview today that he was going to Washington, D. C., either tonight or tomorrow to consult with Attorney-General Moody regarding the prosecution of the Amalgamated Copper Company under the Interstate Commerce and anti-trust laws.

THEATER PANIC AVERTED.

Scenery Collapses, Injuring Chorus, but Audience Keeps Cool. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—More than 20 members of the chorus of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company were seriously injured tonight by the collapse of the bridge in the street scene in the opening act of "Carmen." None of the principals was on the stage at the time, and the injured members of the chorus heroically massed at the front of the stage and sang on in an attempt to prevent the public from learning what had happened.

Decrease in Anthracite Output.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The total anthracite production in Pennsylvania for the year 1904 was almost two million tons below the output of 1903. The total production for 1904 was 57,492,523, as compared with 59,362,831 during the previous year.

HOLD HIM GUILTYLESS.

Friends of Mayor Williams Send Confidential Letters to Him.

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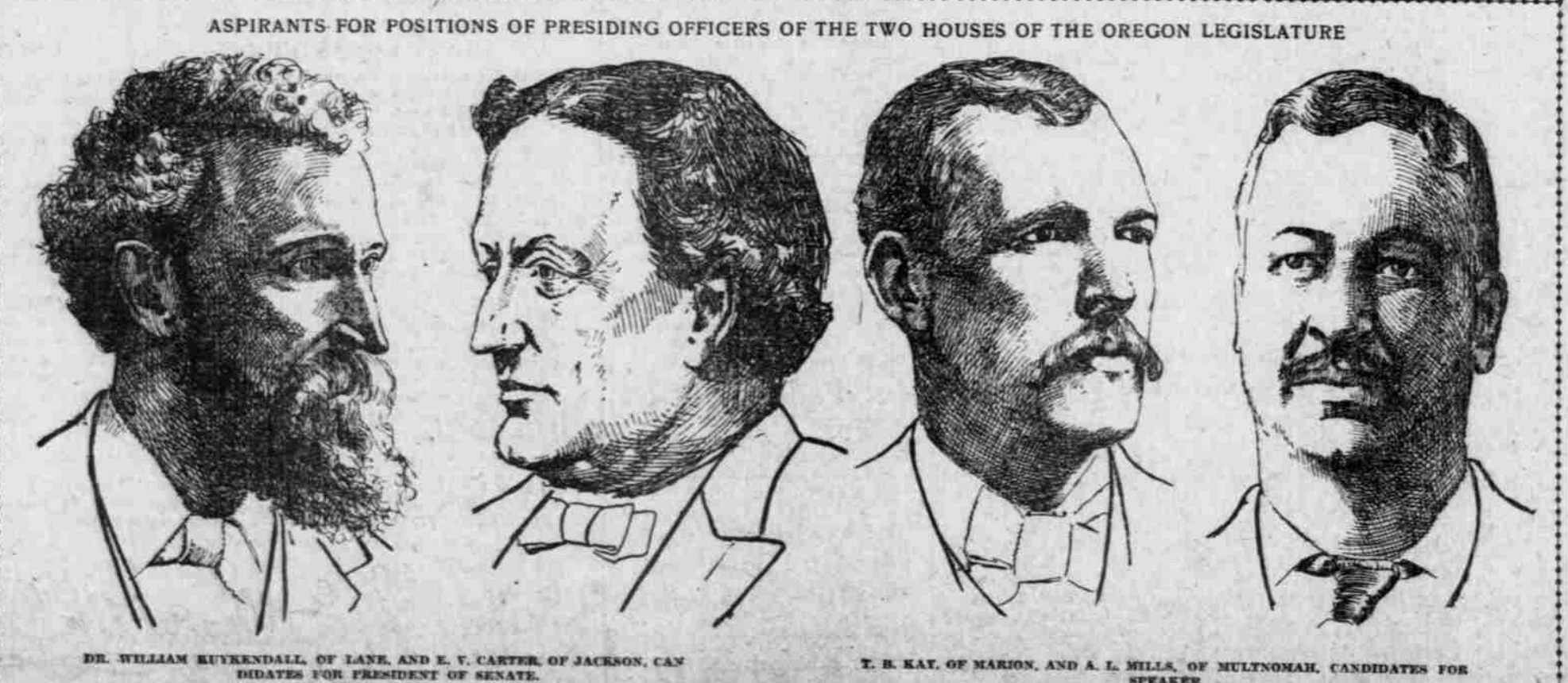
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CONFERENCE ON PROGRAMME.

President and Republican Leaders in Congress Consider Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—An important conference regarding legislative questions pending before Congress was held at the White House this afternoon. In addition to President Roosevelt, the parties to the conference were Speaker Cannon; Senators Allison, Iowa; Aldrich, Rhode Island; Spooner, Wisconsin, and Platt, Connecticut; and Representatives Payne, New York; Daisell, Pennsylvania; Grosvenor, Ohio, and Tawney, Minnesota.

ASPIRANTS FOR POSITIONS OF PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE



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