

ARE PLANNING FOR STATE POLITICS

Democrats Hope to Profit by Schisms in Ranks of Republicans.

OFFICERS TO BE CHOSEN

Those Who Are Mentioned as Possible Nominees for Governor of Oregon and What Parties Hope to Accomplish.

| STATE OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED NEXT YEAR. | |
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| Governor. | |
| Secretary of State. | |
| State Treasurer. | |
| State Printer. | |
| One Supreme Judge. | |
| Attorney-General. | |
| Superintendent of Public Instruction. | |
| Labor Commissioner. | |
| Two representatives in Congress. | |
| Seventy-five members of the Legislature. | |
| Five Circuit Judges. | |
| One Prosecuting Attorney (Union and Willamette). | |

With the next state election less than a year distant, politicians and men who aspire to office are "getting busy"—Democrats scheming to lay low the mightiness of their Republican brethren and encouraged by recent big victories in Multnomah County; Republicans laying plans to regain ground they have lost and to oust George E. Chamberlain from the Governor's seat.

On the Democratic side, all expectations center in Governor Chamberlain's re-election, nor does it appear that the unrelenting hope to exalt any of their brethren to other high places in the state government, save perhaps to a number of seats in the Legislature and perhaps a Circuit Judge in Baker County to succeed Sam White, appointed soon after the last Legislature by the Governor.

But inasmuch as the operation of the state officers is as yet a mystery, and Republicans know not but that it may set disintegrating forces working in their party, it is yet early to make prophecies of Democratic expectations. Democrats themselves hope that the nomination of candidates by the direct primary system will make further breaches in the Republican fortifications and Republicans fear that this may come to pass.

Will Make Vigorous Effort.

In the Republican camp a vigorous effort will be made to stay the march of the Democratic hosts. On all sides a cry has gone up for reunion of the Republican factions. Republicans everywhere admit that they have lost much ground in the last few years, and begin to see visions of Democratic power in the Legislature so strong as to control legislation. In late years Democrats have taken the lead in the Legislature and have had the control of its doings, except that Governor Chamberlain, by means of his veto, has wielded a strong influence over the Republican legislators at the last two legislative sessions. The weakness of the Democrats in the Legislature may be exemplified by citing that they had only 45 out of 94 members in the session last Winter and but 16 at the session two years before.

Democratic leaders expect to have more weight in the Legislature which will meet a year and a half hence, and they look to the direct primary law to aid them in splitting up the Republican camp, after primary nominations. A party so strong as the Republican has been in Oregon has made them despair many times. But Republican discord has helped them to think, and they think direct primary law, they think, will help them still more by stirring further discord.

Will Nominate Chamberlain.

That Democrats will nominate Chamberlain for re-election is regarded as inevitable in political circles. Republicans see that it will be very easy to beat Chamberlain, and are casting about for a nominee who will not be slaughtered to factionalism, as was Furnish, three years ago, the last Republican nominee, and who will be a magnetic vote-winner. Among the persons for whom booms for Governor have been heard are the following:

James Withycombe, of Hillsboro, director of the Oregon experiment station; L. R. Webster, of Portland, County Judge of Multnomah; T. T. Geer, of Salem; Governor Henry Arkeny, of Eugene; C. A. Johns, Mayor of Baker City; Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton; Charles S. Moore, of Kinmath; Falls State Treasurer; Malcolm A. Moody, of The Dalles, ex-representative in Congress.

Of the foregoing men, only Dr. James Withycombe is an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination. Ex-Governor Geer has been said to be wavering between Governor and United States Senator, but word came down from Salem last week indicating that he would enter the lists for Governor. Judge Webster, of Multnomah County, is said to be half-inclined to try for the nomination.

Politicians agree that the Republican who is to defeat Chamberlain must be a man who can draw to him the warring Republican factions. This is regarded as the first qualification of the man who would succeed to the Governor's seat. For this reason, Withycombe, Arkeny and Johns, each have a large number of boomers, who point out that their man has not been identified with either Republican faction or has not the reputation of having been so identified.

For Secretary of State.

Several aspire to the job to be vacated in January, 1907, by Secretary of State Dunbar. Among them are Claud Gatch and Frank Wrightman, of Salem; P. S. Malcolm, of Portland; and J. M. Keene, of Medford. F. S. Fields, County Clerk of Multnomah, has been spoken of frequently for the nomination, and there has been some talk in favor of Frank C. Baker, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. Willis Dunaway, of Portland, was boomed for the place until recently, and it is now said that he will be a candidate for State Printer.

For the office of State Treasurer, five men are prominently mentioned—E. W. Carter, of Ashland, State Senator; W. H. Hobson, of Stayton, State Senator; J. H. Altken, of Huntington; Thomas F. Ryan, of Oregon City, County Judge of Clackamas; Ralph W. Hoyt, of Portland, member of the Merchants National Bank.

The office of State Printer, through the richest plums in the state government, has not yet brought out many candidates. J. R. Whitney, present incumbent, will be a candidate for re-election. Others spoken of for the place are Willis Dunaway and C. W. Henson, both of Portland, the latter being a State Senator.

Among the eligibles mentioned for Rep-

representatives in Congress in the First District are Binger Hermann, incumbent; C. E. Moore, Walker Toomey, T. B. Kay and W. C. Hawley, of Marion County; J. H. Bingham, of Lane, member of the lower house of the Legislature, and W. I. Vawter, of Medford, also a member of the lower house of the Legislature. In the Second District little or no talk has been heard of a successor to J. N. Williamson. Malcolm A. Moody, who has served two terms in Congress, has been mentioned for the nomination.

The five Circuit Judges whose terms will expire next year are L. T. Harris, of Second Judicial District, composed of Douglas, Lane, Coos, Curry, Benton and Lincoln Counties; Alfred F. Sears and M. C. George, of the Fourth District, composed of Multnomah County; W. R. Ellis, of the Sixth District, composed of Morrow and Umatilla Counties, and Samuel White, of the Eighth District, composed of Baker County.

KELLY CLAN REUNION.

Descendants of Clinton and Thomas Kelly Gather in East Portland.

The seventh annual reunion of the Kelly Clan, representing the 200 descendants of "Father" Clinton and Thomas Kelly, pioneers of 1848, was held yesterday at the home of P. J. Kelly, East Twentieth and Holgate streets, about 100 members of the family and guests of honor being present. Driven from outdoors by the storm, the tables for the banquet were set in the basement of the handsome new home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kelly, host and hostess of the clan. Here the tables took up three sides of the large room. After the greetings of the morning the members of the clan went to the banquet, "Father" Plimpton Kelly, chief and oldest living son of Clinton Kelly, presided at the head of the tables, with Rev. Clarence True Wilson, son of Grace M. E. Church, on his right, and Rev. A. A. Winters seated at the other end of the tables, which were loaded with an abundance of home-cooked food, prepared by the women of the clan. Young ladies were the waiters and supplied every need. At the close of the banquet Miss Nellie Fawcett, historian, read the record of the year just closed, as follows:

"Since our last gathering Dr. and Mrs. J. T. R. Lathrop, formerly of Grace M. E. Church, who were elected honorary members of the Kelly Clan, have left our city for their new home in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, of Kenosha, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Irwin, of New York, have moved to our city; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelly celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in memory of Mrs. Sarah M. Kern, the Sarah Kern Memorial, Cal. U. was established; Clara Shaver graduated from the University of Oregon with honor; Rev. Dr. Godbey, of Perryville, Ky., held revival services in Portland.

Deaths—Rev. Ben Kelly, Portland; in Kentucky, Harriett Simpson; Martha Kelly, Ogburn, Marriages—August 22, Harold and Miss Essie Dougherty; September 24, Sarah Florence Fawcett, Portland, and Harrison Virgil Landingham, Bellfontaine; December 25, Ivan DeLashmuit and Margaret A. Rogers, Lone Mountain Ranch, New Mexico; Mary Kelly and Mr. Clark, Powell's Valley; May 1, 1894, Gustina Thiesen and Edward Fitzhugh, Nepa, Cal. Births—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Fawcett, a son, November 22, to Mr. and Mrs. George T. Fawcett, a daughter; December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hurd, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Parks, a son; February 1, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, a daughter; March 8, Mr. and Mrs. George New, a daughter; April 1, Mr. and Mrs. Frank New, a daughter.

Miss Agnes Kelly read minutes of the former meeting. Dr. Richmond Kelly read a letter from Dr. and Mrs. J. T. H. Lathrop, of Grand Rapids, Mich., bearing

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TOUCH OF HIGH FINANCE

Lafe Pence Has His Troubles, but Concludes a New Contract.

Lafe Pence has had a touch of high finance during the last few days that would floor any other man. When the Park Board refused to allow him to put his ditch through Macleay Park, the company which he had organized on the continent that permission would be given fell through, and he found himself with a force of unpaid men on his hands and the future a solid blackness. He was forced to lay off his men, while the great

water supply scheme could be again financed.

Mr. Pence took about two seconds to turn around after the solar-plexus blow the Park Board gave him, and immediately closed a contract for the completion of the upper ditch, while he maneuvered for a fresh start on the lower one. As yet he has not won over that august body to his side. Influence has been strong against him in this project, but he was comparatively fixed as far as the upper ditch was concerned, and said that all he needed was a few days more to put the Park Board to rights or to secure condemnatory action, and he would again be ready to finance his hill-top water supply system.

Pressmen to Hold Annual Meet.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—The seventeenth annual convention of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union closed its sessions today.

The proposition of biennial conventions was voted down and the yearly meetings will be continued. It was decided to leave the mode of election of international officers to the wisdom of the next convention.

Roy Miller Jury Is Out.

BAKER CITY, Or., June 24.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of Roy Miller, on trial for alleged criminal conduct in connection with the defunct Sumner Bank,

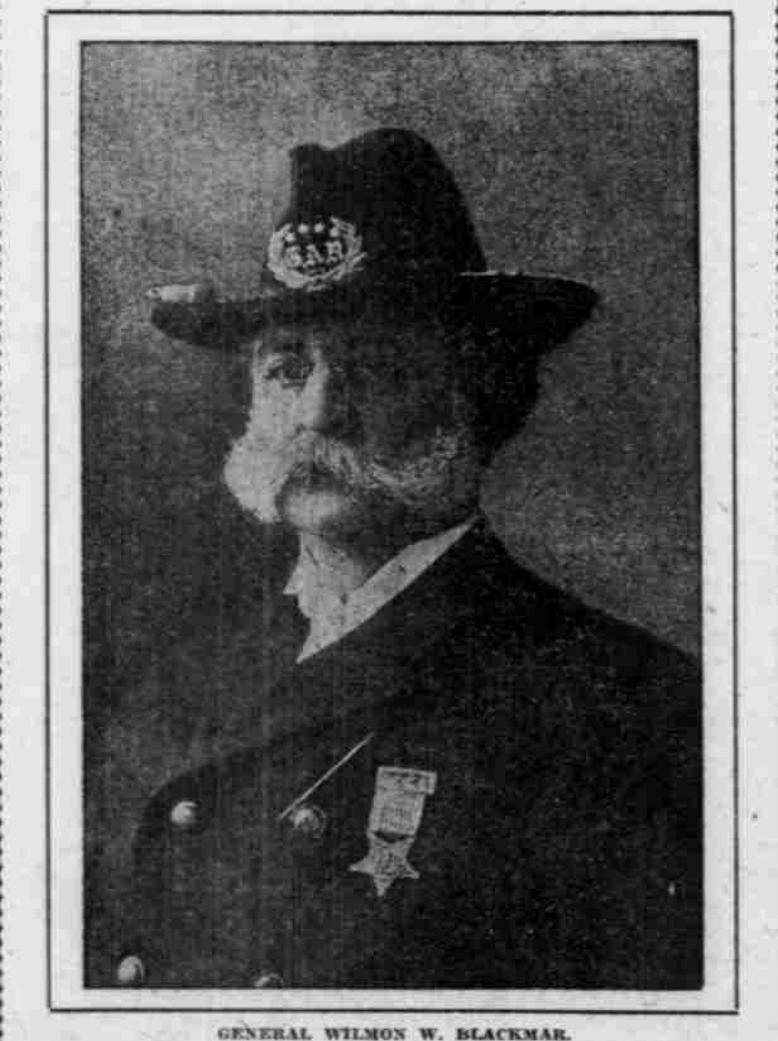
G. A. R. COMMANDER HAS HONORABLE RECORD

General Wilmon W. Blackmar Received Medal for Gallantry in Battle of Five Forks.

GENERAL WILMON W. BLACKMAR, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be in Portland July 12 to 16. A big campfire will be held in his honor on the evening of July 14. General Blackmar is making a trip of inspection, and the local G. A. R. Veterans are preparing for him a hearty welcome.

A hasty glance over the war record of General Blackmar shows that he was a trooper of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania, a Lieutenant in the First West Virginia Cavalry; served both in the Eastern and Western Armies, was engaged in 22 actions, among them Antietam, Stone River, Chickamauga, Wauhatchie, Chattanooga, the Shenandoah Valley campaign of 1864, and the final fighting from Dinwiddie Courthouse to Appomattox, and was promoted Captain by Custer on the field of Five Forks for conspicuous gallantry, which was subsequently further recognized by the medal of honor.

NATIONAL COMMANDER, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



GENERAL WILMON W. BLACKMAR.

A few years after the war he was appointed Judge Advocate-General on the staff of the Governor of Massachusetts, in which position he served ten years under four administrations.

That is but a brief glance over what was perhaps what would now be called the strenuous portion of a busy life. More detailed search shows that General Blackmar was a Pennsylvania boy, that he was born on July 25, 1841; that his father was a clergyman from Massachusetts and his mother from New Hampshire. So, even if he first saw the light somewhat away from the East, it is all New England blood that he has in him.

When the War of the Rebellion began Blackmar was fitting for college. He enlisted as a private soldier in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, was promoted corporal at the battle of Antietam and subsequently through every non-commissioned grade. While serving as first sergeant of his company he was offered a lieutenancy in the First West Virginia Cavalry, which he accepted, and was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tenn., to accept the Confederate side without orders. Then he was transferred to the new regiment in Martinsburg, Va., just as it was starting with General Averell's command on his famous raid among the mountains of West Virginia.

Blackmar attracted the notice of his brigade commander, Colonel James N. Schoonmaker, and was by him made Provost Marshal of the brigade. He subsequently served as Provost Marshal and assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of General William H. Powell and General Henry Capahart, who commanded brigades and divisions under General George A. Custer and General Phil H. Sheridan.

General W. H. Powell was attacked by a largely superior force of infantry and cavalry under Early near Newtown, about seven miles south of Winchester, Va., July 22, 1864. After fighting hard all day he found his command almost surrounded and nearly out of ammunition, was compelled to fall back, fighting stubbornly, contesting every foot. It proved to be an advance of Early's whole army and he called for a volunteer among his staff officers to make his way to Winchester, report the peril he was in and get reinforcements and ammunition.

Blackmar, his provost marshal, volunteered, and after a perilous ride, reached Winchester and guided reinforcements with extra ammunition back to his sorely pressed commander and comrades.

In the official records of the War of the Rebellion, Series 1, Vol. 37, Part 2, this incident is referred to as follows:

"Department of West Virginia, Winchester, Va., July 22, 1864.—General Crook: General; Lieutenant Blackmar, of Colonel Powell's staff, has just come in from Newtown and reports that Colonel Powell is being driven back by a heavy force of the enemy. He is out of ammunition and sent in to have General Duffie come out

and reinforce him. I will keep the officer here until you give orders. Very respectfully, JAMES L. BOTSFOORD, Assistant Adjutant-General."

He was promoted to a Captaincy on the field of Five Forks by General Custer. He received the Congressional medal of honor for gallantry on the field of Five Forks.

A quotation from the statement of General Capahart, who at that time commanded one of General Custer's brigades in Sheridan's Cavalry, reads: "Lieutenant W. W. Blackmar, who was transferred from the cavalry in the Southwest and commissioned in the First West Virginia Cavalry, and now on Capahart's staff, was promoted by Custer on the field of Five Forks for brilliant personal daring; during the entire engagement he rode in the front rank in the thickest of the fight, and without a superior for ability."

Blackmar did not know that Custer had seen what he did at Five Forks. He formed a line and led it over a ditch in the Confederate side without orders. Then a heavy hand was laid on his back, and he heard Custer say: "That's right, Lieutenant." If the charge had been unsuccessful the chances are that he would have been court-martialed.

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The arguments of the attorneys today on both sides have been marked by intense bitterness.

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