

CANDIDATES CAN'T
DUPE THE ELECTORS

Diverse Schemes to Evade the
Law Against Direct Pay-
ment to Papers.

CONCOCT NEW SCHEMES

Washington Publishers After Office-
Seekers With "Most Beautiful
Lady Contest"—Olympia the
Mecca for the Solicitors.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)

Several brilliant schemes have been
devised by the publishers of country news-
papers to get around the law which prohibits
newspapers from accepting money for
promoting the candidacy of men seeking
nomination to office.

There has been quite a pilgrimage of
country editors to the capital in the last
week or two, for here temporarily reside
a dozen or so Republicans who will seek
nomination to state office in the primary
election.

A Spokane newspaper is attracting possi-
bly the most attention with an adaptation
of the old-time church fair "most beau-
tiful-lady" contest. The paper each
week publishes an unofficial ballot show-
ing straw votes for every man it has
ever heard mentioned as a possible candi-
date. If the friends of a candidate
want to see him get a big straw vote in
this contest, they can do so at the rate
of \$10 per 100.

The paper has mailed circular letters
to nearly every candidate in the State
House calling attention to the scheme. A
sample voting card is enclosed, with the
request that the candidate purchase the
names of any of his friends he thinks
might like to invest in his behalf at the
rate of \$10 per.

It is naturally suggested that the candi-
date also drop a note to these friends
telling them he has authorized the paper
to open negotiations with them. The
Spokane paper has the monopoly on this
scheme, and in view of its circulation
and the number of votes some candidates
have received, at least some of the bait
offered has been nabbed.

Other Schemes Unique.

According to the stories brought to
Olympia by certain publishers, there has
been an unprecedented purchase of new
presses by country papers which really
could not afford the improvement at
this time. These papers solicit loans
from the candidates to help pay for the
presses.

Another "touch" adopted by several
papers has been more refinement. The
publisher begins by informing the candi-
date of his undying friendship and
pledges his support without asking re-
muneration. After two or three nice
notes concerning the candidate have
been published and called to his attention
by marked copies, the publisher
sets the inspiration that it would be a
mighty good thing for Mr. Candidate
to place a few hundred subscriptions to
the newspaper in needed quarters.

The plan is suggested, of course, softly,
from a desire to see the candidate suc-
ceed in his aspirations.

A representative of a Seattle weekly
was in the field a few days ago, seeking
the attention of candidates by circulating
photographs that had appeared in his
journal. From his story it appears
that this journal has received a certain
class of voters and needs money in
order to properly expound Republi-
can principles for the benefit of its
subscribers. Candidates are asked
for the good of the party.

This same paper has worked the
scheme more boldly in previous years,
when there were no primary elections
to forbid mulcting candidates. Photo-
graphs were published without the
solicitation of the candidates and
then bills, some for as much as \$50,
were mailed to the recipients of the
"favor." Failure to contribute then was
generally followed by some nasty little
filings.

OREGON AS AN EXAMPLE.

When the primary election law was
before the legislature the experience
with a similar law in Oregon was
used against its passage. There it
cost one candidate as high as \$7000
to get on the ballot. He had to buy the
support of numerous country news-
papers. The Washington legisla-
ture attempted to prevent the
candidate from getting an
unfair advantage and provided that the
candidate who purchased the support of a
newspaper should be disqualified. It
forbade any person paying out money
to newspapers directly or indirectly
in furtherance of his aspirations for
nomination. It also provided that a
newspaper that accepted money for
supporting or furthering the aspira-
tions of any candidate in the primary
should be fined as high as \$500 or be
representative accepting the money
might be imprisoned for six months,
or both fined and imprisoned.

The disqualification section is the
most potent of all, and most candidates
are very cautious about the expense
money for anything aside from the
personal expenses defined in the law.
The tendency is to obey the spirit as
well as the letter of the law, and it is
apparent here that the newspapers
who profit from candidates will get
their money from those who are so
weak as to suppose that they are willing
to take a long chance on disqualifica-
tion.

BUY GRAIN BAGS IN PORTLAND

Umatilla Growers Contract for 400,
000 Sacks at \$7.15 a Hundred.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—
The Inland Grain Growers' Association
of this county, today purchased of the
Ames Harris Neville Company, of Port-
land, 400,000 grain bags at \$7.15 a hundred,
delivered in Pendleton. The bags pur-
chased are those manufactured by this
company in Portland, the farmers tak-
ing them in preference to the Calcutta
bags.

Other firms bidding were Koshland &
Co., Kerr, Gifford & Co., and the In-
terior Warehouse Company. The bidding
was very close.

WANT VAN DUSEN RETAINED

Lower River Fishermen Send Pro-
test to the Governor.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The
Columbia River Fishermen's Protective
Association today filed with the State
Commission a long protest against the
removal of Master Fish Warden H. G.
VanDusen. The protest is signed by H.
M. Lortsen, of Astoria, secretary of the
association. The communication was
transmitted, so it declares, because of
the published report that Governor
Chamberlain desires a successor to Mr.
VanDusen elected at once. One of the

FEAR OF PLAGUE
STRIKES STATE

California Warned Fleet Will
Shun It if Infection Is
Not Killed.

WORLD QUARANTINE NEAR

Federal Health Officials Appeal to
People to Clean Up and Slaughter
Rats—Bay Cities Are Now
Aroused to Action.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—
"Unless the bubonic plague is
checked by the time of the arrival of
Admiral Evans' fleet here, the battle-
ships will not be allowed to land at
this port," was the statement made
this afternoon by Dr. John D. Long, of
the United States Marine Hospital and
Public Health Service, in an address
before over 100 ministers of San Fran-
cisco, Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley,
who had gathered in the Council cham-
ber of the City Hall at the request of
Mayor Mott, to consider means of
arousing public opinion on the plague
situation.

"San Francisco and California face
the peril of a world-wide quarantine,
and the United States Government may
find it necessary to quarantine the Bay
cities," said Dr. Long.

Ships Barred at Many Ports.

Collector of the Port Stratton, of the
San Francisco district, said: "I know
that California faces a desperate
menace because of the swiftly-
spreading fear all over the world that
this port has been stricken with the
plague. This fact has been silently,
but none the less startlingly, manifest-
ed. Our ships are being refused en-
trance right now in Mexico, Panama,
Central and South America."

VAIN APPEAL TO UNCLE SAM.

The Mayor, in a passionate appeal to
the ministers to emphasize the gravity
of the situation before their congrega-
tions, said:

"The Federal Government has abso-
lutely ignored the call of the City of
Oakland for help. The administration
has not answered my repeated requests
for financial aid. We cannot handle
this plague alone. We must have aid.
I have written a personal letter to
President Roosevelt, asking him to in-
vestigate the condition of affairs here.
That letter remains unanswered. Such
neglect on the part of the Federal
Government is little short of criminal.
We must have money to put an army
of sanitary inspectors and rat-catchers
in the field."

INFECTION AT DANGER POINT.

Dr. Long, who was assigned by the
Government to take charge of the City
plague fight here, further stated that
the number of infected rats has in-
creased to 2 per cent, the danger point.
Dr. Long's statement concerning the
quarantine of San Francisco and Cali-
fornia, and his avowal that the fleet
of warships may not be allowed to land
here, has created a tremendous sensa-
tion here, and the ministers signified
their intention to speak of the plague
situation in their sermons tomorrow.

THOROUGH INSPECTION BEGINS

San Francisco Rigidity to Enforce
All Sanitary Laws.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The City
Health Committee this afternoon
authorized Dr. Blue to employ 200 inspec-
tors to begin the work on Monday morn-

GARMEN TO GO ARMED

SPokane Companies Provide
Against Hold-Ups.

Reward of \$500 for Robbers, Dead
or Alive—Employes Ordered
to Shoot to Kill.

SPokane, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—
Determined to put a stop to hold-ups on
their cars, which have been frequent
recently, the Washington Water Power
Company today announced that a reward
of \$500 would be paid for apprehension of
the guilty parties, and the Traction Com-
pany officials say, has seriously dis-
cussed the advisability of taking like
action.

Orders have been given by both lines
to train crews that they be armed with
on duty, and if attacked to shoot to kill.
Officials declare the reward will be paid
for the capture of the thugs, dead or
alive.

Prominent officials of the companies, in
statements tonight, declare that hold-up
men are better dead, and they will be
pleased to pay the reward for anyone
who need be. One company at its own
expense will provide garmen with guns.

Question Raised at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—
Leading attorneys hold that a consid-
erable number of candidates for councilmen
are disqualified under the new primary
law for the reason that they did not
name either the short or long term in
their application. The matter will be
referred to the Attorney-General.

BURNETT BACKS McNARY

Indorses Salem Man for Office of
United States District Attorney.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—
Judge George H. Burnett, who has been
suggested to the Oregon delegation at
Washington as a suitable man for ap-
pointment as United States District
Attorney, indicated today that he is
not a candidate, for he recommended
recommending him to the position.
The United States District Attorney
generally accepted view is that he
could get that support himself if he
wishes. If, on the other hand, he is
willing to take the position, he has
offered. Many telegrams have been
sent to all the members of the Oregon
delegation, indicating that the members
unite in agreeing upon McNary.

Week of Racing at Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 15.—
(Special.)—The State Fair Commission
announced today that it will open the State
Fairgrounds at this city, June 28, for
one week of racing, including July 4, the
first half of the week to be devoted to
contests between the runners and the sec-
ond half to purses and trotters. It has
been determined to distribute \$2000 among
the runners, the amount to go to the
harness events not having yet been fixed.

Three More For
Educational Work

Seattle, Walla Walla and Mt. Vernon
High Schools Select Costly
Pianos at Eilers.

SEATTLE FOR SOUND CITY.

The Seattle Educational Board de-
cided on a beautiful Kimball Grand
for the new Lincoln High School just
completed. This is the second Kimball
Grand selected for the Queen City
High Schools. The other Kimball
Grand was selected a number of years
ago and is in daily use at the Broad-
way High School in that city.

The Kimball Grand just selected is
the latest creation of the famous Kimball
factory of Chicago, the largest
piano and organ manufacturing concern
in the world. The case is of dark, rich
mahogany of superb design. The tone is
the new improved Kimball type, and
the action the most carefully and ac-
curately adjusted of any Grand Piano
made.

It is the same type of Kimball Grand
used by George Hartig in the famous
concerts made desperate efforts to
commemorate these sales, offering the
most attractive inducements, but ap-
parently their pianos did not satisfy
the discriminating musical tastes of
the Educational Board.

The Walla Walla High School Board
secured one of the new Eilers Orchestral
Pianos, an instrument rapidly be-
coming very popular with schools and
colleges. The piano is of the latest
scientific lines, the new Eilers
piano possessing a beautiful tone of re-
markable strength and clarity.

The third piano selected for educa-
tional work is the Eilers Grand, which
was selected for the pretty town of Mt.
Vernon, Wash., who chose a superb
Eilers Grand piano, a piano of great
burl walnut case of beautiful tonal de-
sign.

The Story & Clark Pianos are ac-
knowledged by America's foremost mu-
sical experts as one of the few really
great pianofortes of today, and enjoy
the homage of the foremost living
artists, both here and abroad.

Virtually all the pianos in daily use
in the leading colleges, musical con-
servatories and public schools in this
country are Story & Clark Pianos, which
come from the House of Eilers, which
from a modest beginning several years
ago has grown into one of the largest
piano and talking-machine establish-
ments in America.

Representatives of the Government will take
summary action.

OLSON MAY ESCAPE PEN

Friends Promise to Make Good His
Losses to School District.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—
Otto F. Olson, who is in the County Jail
charged with stealing \$3000 from the Wil-
lamette school district, will probably be
admitted to bail Monday. This is the
statement made this afternoon by
Olson's attorney, George C. Brownell,
who held half an hour's conference with
the ex-school clerk. At the preliminary
hearing yesterday Olson's bonds were
fixed at \$500, but he declined to make
any attempt to procure bail and preferred
going to jail. His wife and neighbors
interested themselves in his behalf and
after his release, it is very probable that
an attempt will be made to make good
the amounts embezzled and to have
Olson from a term in the State Penitenti-
ary. While this is an extremely delicate
matter to handle, it is possible that he
will eventually be done, though Olson is
quite willing to take the punishment that
he says he deserves. He still has many
warm friends and there will be no diffi-
culty in obtaining bail for him.

J. W. Jones has filed a suit in the Cir-
cuit Court against Olson and his wife,
claiming that the latter had stolen from
C. A. Miller and J. R. Hickman to recover
\$300, being the balance due on a promissory
note executed January 6, 1904, for

CLATSKANIE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS

Ethel Barnes. Zenas Eastman. Lella Page.

CLATSKANIE, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The
Clatskanie High school in a debate
held here last Friday night, on the subject
"Resolved, That the United States
should Exclude the Japanese."
The winning team, took the
negative side of the question and was
composed of Zenas Eastman,
Ethel Barnes and Lella Page. Gresham
chose the affirmative, with
Mary Hanson, George Schmitt and John
Shattuck as its representatives.
The judges were President Ferrin, of
Pacific University, Forest
Grove; A. L. Clark, city superintendent
of Astoria schools; and I. M.
Walker, of the Behrke-Walker Business
College, Portland. At the con-
clusion of the exercises a banquet was
given the visitors, pupils of
the High School, teachers and members
of the School Board, under the
supervision of J. E. Collins, principal
of the local school. The winners
of this contest will meet a team from
Astoria at the latter place during
the next few weeks.

Assessment Made at Salem Meeting

to Continue Work of Organiza-
tion—Majority Must Sign Up
or Work Will Be Failure.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—At
a meeting of the members and directors of
the Oregon branch of the Pacific Coast
Hop-growers' Union this afternoon, there
was unanimous sentiment in favor of
continuing the effort to perfect an orga-
nization, and it was voted to levy an
assessment of 25 cents a acre upon the
growers already signed up, for the pur-
pose of carrying on the work. This will
raise a fund of nearly \$2500, which will
be used in reaching those growers who
have not already joined and in convin-
cing them of the good to be gained by an
organization. About 60 growers were
present. A number of addresses were
made and there was not a dissenting
voice on the question of persevering in
the work.

Conrad Krebs, who declared several
days ago that the union movement will
fail, was present and announced his
sympathy with the union project, but
repeated his doubt as to ultimate success
in securing required acreage. He said
there is evidence of his interest and de-
sire to see the movement succeed, he
would pledge 50 cents per acre to the
expense fund. But he did not believe in
holding out to growers the prediction of
success when there is nothing to justify
it, for such a course will deter many
from joining. They will think the union
will be formed without them and they
will get the benefit of it without giving
aid to the movement. Krebs believed in
telling the growers plainly that the union
will not be formed unless they come in
and sign up the union agreement.

Secretary Baumgartner, who is the ac-
tive manager of the organization work,
says the efforts will now be renewed.
He hopes the required 88 per cent
of the acreage can be secured, he is not
ready to say that it will be.

Gives Bachelor Dinner.

Martin A. Schacht, who is to be mar-
ried to Miss Helen Lucille Palmer next
Wednesday, was a guest at a bachelor
dinner last night at the Portland Hotel.
Those at the dinner were: T. Morris
Dunn, Henry Meers, Arthur Meers,
Lawrence Holman, Carl Jackson, Dave
Jordan, Morris Dooly and R. R.
Warner.

FARMER HEIR TO MILLIONS

Lord Drake, of Calcutta, Leaves
\$13,000,000 to Son in Whatcom.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 15.—
(Special.)—Heir to \$13,000,000 is Francis
Drake, a Whatcom County rancher,
through the death of his father, Lord
Francis Drake, of Calcutta, India. The
news of the father's death was re-
ceived by the son yesterday, when a
telegram from India announced that

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The examinations for county and state
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this afternoon before the examining
board, consisting of Miss Emma War-
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County certificates were granted as fol-
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