### **CHANGES SEEM TO** FAVOR M'BRIDE

Counties of Washington Are Lining Up Against Gov-. ernor Mead.

HOME COUNTY DOUBTFUL

McBride Said to Have Fighting Chance in Whatcom, Which Has Always Supported Mead-The Line-Up in Other Districts.

SEATTLE Wash. April 4 .- (Special) Whatcom County, which twice elected ernor Moad Prosecuting Attorney, and which stood behind him in a fight for political recognition in 1904, is debatable in the gubernatorial contest this Hunry McBride, whom Mead defighting chance against Mead in the lat-

ter's home county
Whatcom's support of Mead for Governor in 1991 was more or test of an accident. It is a bit of old political history that Mead was taken up by the anti-MeBride, or ratiroad faction, in Whatcom County four years ago as a candidate for Congressman to carry the county against The latter, then Governor, had A. L. Black brought out as a Congrescandidate, relying upon Black's personal candidate, retying upon balaxy personal popularity to swing the county. Whatcom had always been pro-rallroad, and on a railroad commission issue, with sheme candidate for Congressman in the field, it was figured by the McBride fol-lowing that be could take over the

As it developed, the Mend organization As it developed, the Main organizations with It was no secret among politicians that the Congressional candidacies were blinds for the real fight for or against McBride. When the state convention not, however, and it was shown there was a clear majority against McBride. Whateom wasted something to take home. The resonational of Congressiman winteem wasted something to take home. The renomination of Congressman will E. Humphrey was agreed upon as a result of a combination between the three Congressman, and the fiction of Mend's Congressional candidacy was early dispetted.

Governor Instead of Congressman

The Mead supporters were angry and demanded recognition. They were of-fered the nomination on Attorney General, but Harry Fairchild, since made chairman of the Ballroad Commission. chairman of the Galicour Commission, refused to seept it, declaring that they could take Mead back and nominate him for the Silpestor Court Judgeship at a salary \$100 a year better than the Attorney, General drew. He hit upon Goving. ernor, and determined that Meat should

All this is interesting and essential, because it indicates the Whatcom County situation of four years ugo, and sheds a light upon the situation at present. Mead was a convenient implement in that light—the county had not made him a "home candidate" affair. He subsequently gave candidate affair. He subsequently gave to Whateom County the chairmanship of the Ballroad Commission; gave then took away, the Superintendency of the Stellacoom insane Asylum; planted a Fish Commissioner at Bellingham; chose a traveling guard for the pentientlary from Whateom who drew a salary equivalent to that of Pentientlary Warden, and has shown numerous favour to Whateom shown numerous favors to Whatcom. Upon this recognition rests his principal claim to Whatcom's support.

Whatcom Rendy to Fight Mead.

A canvass of Whatcom County indicates a serious fight against the ernor is coming up. The estecti a Fish Commissioner is partiall a Fish Commissioner is partially responsible for this contest, but it only explains a small portion of the fight. The old contest has broken out agains and a serious fight is on which might terminate in the county's going against Mead, though his opponents do not that they expect that outcome. Here is a partial list of the prominent Whatcom County men who are opposing Mead and subporting Meadide! Hugh Eldridge, just reappointed postmaster at Bellingham; A. L. Black, twice Mayor of Bellingham; E. E. Kline, State Senator, who defeated I. N. Griffin and Charles I. Roth in a direct primary fight two years ago

L. Kilho, State Senator, who defeated I. N. Griffin and Charles I. Roth in a direct primary fight two years ago by a atear majority over both men; F. J. Wood, one of the best-known humbermen in the country, D. B. Rajewards, secretary of the Frirhaven Lund Company; E. M. Wilson, a well-known Bellingham business man; Edward Cowgell, a Bellingham humberman; Daniel Campbell, capneryman; W. J. Malloy, a Ferridale farmer prominent in country politics; Fenton Morrill, humberman and former State Representative, George Cooper, humberman, of Bellingham business man; W. R. Moulters, afformer y and former State Senator; John Simpson, an Eversole farmer; J. H. Strickfedden, of Maple Falls; George Singleton, who owns a big farm at Ten Mile Point; T. R. Kershaw, ex-State Fiel Commissioner; the Chinn brothers, humbermen; A. Brehm, a farmer at Custer, who is strong in the country; Ed Brown, ex-State representative and humberman.

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Michael Earles, who is at the head of the Puget Mills & Timber Company, the largest saw and shingle mill in Whatcom County lives in Scattle new and has signed a McRitideliub roll. His Whatcom County Influence will be for McBride. Certain powerful fishing interests not yet openly identified with the gubernatorial fight are lined up in a similar manner and there is organizing a strong pro-Mc-Bride movement in the counts.

Skagit to Go for McBride.

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Unless rollitohan are mistaken, McBride will carry Skagit County by a
big majorit. The old McBride organlastion is nearly bract and a movement last been started in the county
to organise a series of 20 McBride clubs
in Skagit County before the Fall primaries. The first of these clubs has
already been organized.

In Snohamish County the support of
the mill interests has been turned over
to McBride and representatives from
all the Snohemish County factions are
taking part in a McBride organization.
The situation in the country is more

The situation in the country is more pronouncedly McBrids than in Everott, where a delicate factional fight has where a delicate factional fight has always influenced results. Everett has been split in the past on Senatorial and local lines, but a significant fact that indicates McBride will make a strong showing in Everett is that these have been received letters from representatives of all the interests.

San Juan County split two rears ago on the issue of McMillin's control. The descinant faction has indicated it will appart McBride this Fall. What McMillin will do is still undetennined, but politicinar do not believe he will sup-

port Mead. His enforced resignation from the Riellroad Commission as a result of a legislative campaign has led McMillin's friends to condemn the present Governor for his failure to stand by an old friend and supporter. Island County has always been strong for McBride and similar conditions are reported from that direction at present.

McBride Has Mill Interests.

Only meager reports have been received from Clallam and Jefferson, though the attong mill and logging interests in Clallam are known to be for McBride. In Jefferson there has been worked up during the past four years an anti-Mead sentiment, but this might be materialized in favor of any one of the opposition candidates.

Kitasp usually votes with King and two interests control that district. The first is the mill interest and the second the Puget Sound Navy-yard. Comparatively nothing has been done in the county on gubernatorial pulltics. State Sensior B. W. Condon adds an appointment on the state commission for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and might feel grateful to Mead. But Condon will be a candidate for renomination himself, and as he depends upon Mason and Island County votes as well as upon Kitsup, he will not take up any embarrassing issues. The strong-est political factors in Mason County declared yesterday that they were supporting McBride for first and Agkinson for second choice, something that might reflect a pressure upon Condon. might reflect a pressure upon Condon.

King County Organization.

McBride followers have not attempted organization in King County, but they organization in sing County, but also will be ready during the coming week to take up active work. It is purposed to make the King County organization the central club for the state. For that reason progress is being made slowly and extreme care is being exercised to make the first list of members a representative

one.

It is certain that the president and vice-president of the King County organisation, will be men of pronounced business prominence. The secretary will unquestionably he-E. L. Heber, for 15 years prominent in newspaper work here. When the list of membership is given out, it is their to read the secretary from the organisation. is likely to read like a directory of promi-nent business and professional men, and the McBride supporters believe they can

go out into the state with the King County organization as a starter guar-anteeing the strength of their fight. Taking the gubernatorial situation in King and the Northwest as a whole, it looks, five months in advance of the priiones, two months in advance of the primaries, as though the chances were decidedly in favor of McBride. He has to fight Mead as his principal opponent. Atkinson has a lot of support, but it is not strong enough to carry any of the countles. Cosgrova's strength is not fully developed, and Ridpath is not a serious figure.

BEN SIMPSON'S 90TH YEAR

Appreciative Sketch of Pioneer by W. T. Burney.

Ben Simpson, who, on March 19, passed for the 90th time, the yearly milestone on the line of life, is still on the singe, and received the conis very first appearance in Oregon e became a cental figure, whose de-rudined will was courted by all who



meant success, or a light to the finish. He recognized no barriers that could bar his determination to succeed, and know no such word as "fail." He frught as the Son Erin, not only for the love of it, but to win.

This peculiarly characteristic feature of Ben Simpson's life has been, that his lightlies have all been fought for others. He has made and unmade Senators and Congressmen, Governors and other high functionaries, and then sat at their feet and atc the crumbs that fell from the table of his own creations. It was the over-powerful magnet of friendship that fired his brain and steeled his arm for battle. He knew no treachery or hypocristy, it was never to be asked how Ben Simpson stood on any proposition; he spoke it from housetops.

On one occasion, elected to the Legislature from Benton, though a resident of Marion, he championed the cause, now agitating the public, of the state's expectable of the locks at Oregon City. When the bill was before the House, after being amended and passed by the Senate, for its final passage, Simpson sparring for time, had spoken thrice upon a motion, and, rising the fourth time his chief opponent made a point of order? Judge Mallory, apeaker, who was in favor of the bill, sustained the point, and, as Simpson sank into his seat with a scowl upon his face and leecing at his of the bill, sustained the pelet, and, as Simpson sank into his seat with a scowl upon his face and leering at his opponent, elaculated: "You can step me from making faces at you, sir."

It was during this contest that he exclaimed: "Mr. Speaker, man imade the railroads and they are a subject of private property; but God made the rivers, and they should not be the subject of menopoly. Such have been some of the characteristic dets of this Richelleu of Oregun politics.

W. T. BURNEY.

Father Conrardy to Speak.

Rev. Patrick Contardy, for many lopers on Molokat, an Island of the Hawalian group, will speak at St. Patrick's Church at 10:28 this morning on his work among the lepers. Father Courards leaves tonight for San Francisco where on Tuesday he will emburk for China. A leper settlement is to be established by him in the vicinity of Canton. Thirty sisters will accompany him and asist in the work of the mission.

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LOUIS HILL PLANS CONSTRUC-TION IN PORTLAND.

Only meager reports have been res Head of Great Northern Leaves to Inspect North Bank Hoad, but Will Return.

> After holding important conferences here resterday on the subject of build-ing hig wheat docks on the Weidler preperty in North Portland, Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, left last night in the private car of Chief Engineer W. L. Darling, of the Northern Pacific, for Vancouve where he will leave this morning for trip over the new North Bank road Mr. Hill may return to Portland to-morrow or he may go on to Scattle where he will Join his wife, Mrs. Hill having left the city yesterday morning to join relatives in Scattle. At any rate, President Hill is expected to re-turn to Portland during the present week.

At that time Mr. Hill will probably

At that time Mr. Hill will probably decide the extent of docks to be built here by the fill interests, and it is also likely he will have comething to say on the vexed terminal situation.

In company with President Francis B. Clarke, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Hallway, and other Hill officials, President Hill spent a large part of vesterday at Vancouver, having reached Portland yesterday morning. The party went over the Vancouver yards and President Hill walked across the new bridge over the Columbia. yards and Fresident Hill waiked across the new bridge over the Columbia River to the Oregon shore. He ex-pressed himself as highly pleased with the bridge construction across both the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.

Prosident Hill dined at the Arlington Club hast night in company with President Clarks of the new North Bank road. After dinner he held an important conference with Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, on the subject of docks are for the export of whigh and flour. Other talks were had on this same subject and it is understood that Mr. Hill will have something to say of interest in this inderstood that Mr. This constitution of the say of interest in this connection upon his return to the city.

CHARITY BALL APRIL 30

Committee Arranging for Event at Masonie Temple.

Acting jointly with a committee apminted by the Knights Templars of Portland the following named women will have charge of the arrangements for the charge of the arrangements for the charity ball, to be given in Masonic Temple, April 39. Mrs. L. W. Sitton, Mrs. I. N. Fleischner, Miss Henrietta Failing, Mrs. Hannah B. Robertson, Mrs. William C. Alvord, Mrs. H. C. Brkenberger and Mrs. H. W. Goddard.

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An executive committee, composed of members of this joint committee, has in charge all details connected with the coming charity ball. The members were shown through the new Masonic temple yesterdus and were pleased with the quarters assigned for the event.

The Grand lodge hall, on the second floor, will be used as the ballroom, and this antercoms and committee-rooms will be utilized for resting-rooms and every corners during the progress of the ball. The asylum of Oregon, commandry, banquet-hall and kitchens will be given over to the committee on the night of the big entertainment.

ontertainment.

The funds received for the sale of tickets are to be turned over to the Babs. Home. Tickets are now on gale at Woodard-Charke's, Fourth and Washington: by W. S. Macrum, at the Merchants' National Bank, and C. V. Cooper, serretary of the executive committee, room \$13-\$14 Chamber of Commerce building. These tickets are priced at \$5 for man with one woman, and women's extra tickets, \$2.

The committee desires to be a sale of the committee of the co

thekets, \$2.

The committee glesires to inform the public that no special or exclusive invitations for the tail and entertainment will be issued, and hopes that friends of the cause will purchase thekets gener-

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The records are inquestionably among the very finest over made by the illustrious Victor Co., reproducing her marvelous voice with all its hearty and power.

Selections by (Saruso, Geraidine Pertar and other favorities of the operatic stage, were fleated, as well as the quintet from the Meistersinger and the famous quartet from Higoletto. The Rosary, sough by Schumann-Heink, was heartily encoured.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable musical executing given through the courtest of the Ellers House. Such splendidly arranged and attractive programmes will always fill the capacity of Ellers Recital Hall.

taking schooler Clara C., compped with auxiliary power, left out today for her smalden cruise for hallbut. She is bound for the Cape Scott Banks.

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