

LEAVES VOTERS TO PICK BEST KNOWN

Time Is Too Short to Make State-Wide Campaign for Governor.

CONTEST IN WASHINGTON

Race for gubernatorial nomination by direct primary presents some complicated and untold features.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 11.—(Special.)—With the direct primary election less than 60 days away, the sentiment of the voters at large throughout the state is far from crystallized on any one or more aspirants for the Republican nomination as Governor.

Only one candidate, S. G. Cosgrove, has attempted to make anything like a general personal canvass, and, although the others are expected to keep busy from now on the time is too short for personal meetings with the voters in general except through the medium of public meetings. The meetings so far held at which candidates for Governor have appeared, are of the nature of conventions, such as the G. A. R. encampment at North Yakima; the farmers' picnic at Elberton; the convention for time spent in traveling about the state; the like. Few attempts have been made by gubernatorial candidates to hold strictly political gatherings, and it is doubtful if the voters would respond in very large numbers to calls for such meetings.

The immensity of the task of journeying over the state for the purpose of meeting the voters in the rural districts can best be realized by pointing out that there are 37 counties in this state. If a candidate wishes to meet the voters in general in every county he can devote just about a day and a half to each county prior to the primary election. This makes no allowance for time spent in traveling from one county to another. One and one-half days spent even in a small county would accomplish little, and in a large county, like King, Pierce or Spokane, would be insufficient to attract attention.

Open Race to Four Leaders.

The result will be that the contest will lie among the candidates who are already known personally or by reputation throughout the state. For this reason politicians eliminate practically by reason of their long personal canvass, his extended residence in the state and his activity heretofore, in Republican state politics.

The political journey to and from the capital is pretty thoroughly agreed that the race does not yet belong to any one of the four mentioned, but the candidates are looking for the second choice provision of the Washington primary law is so untried a quantity that they are unable to speculate on the result.

McBride and Mead have heretofore been considered the leaders for first-choice votes. Both Atkinson and Cosgrove have gained appreciably on them in this respect of late, while there is still no indication that the two leaders will get a very great share of the second-choice votes. At the present time there are very few indications as to the nomination of a Republican candidate for Governor by first-choice votes. This is conceded by some of the leading workers for Mead and McBride, and it is likely that an effort will now be made by the organizations controlled by these two candidates to break up the majority of the voters of their rivals. If the second-choice votes can be pretty well scattered the candidate having the highest number of first-choice votes stands a good show of securing a majority of the votes when both first and second are counted.

Robinson Plans to "Get Even."

A report that has gained some circulation here is that the candidate of J. W. Robinson is due largely to the efforts of the friends of either Mead or McBride. It was predicted last week with a strong degree of positiveness that a dark horse would soon enter the race for Governor, and that he would be brought out as a dummy by one of the other candidates, with the idea that the latter would throw him his second-choice votes, thus preventing them going to Atkinson or Cosgrove.

Even if it be true that Robinson was brought out for this purpose, there were other considerations that put him in the race.

Robinson has a strong grudge against Judges Milo A. Root and Herman D. Crow, of the Supreme Court, who are candidates for re-election, and he also dislikes Attorney-General Atkinson. Robinson had that disposition that he will spend both time and money to pay off a political or personal score. The enemy for Root and Crow appears from the disbarment proceedings instituted by the Supreme Court last winter after Robinson, as attorney for Marie Carrau in the famous Sullivan will case, attacked the integrity of the court in his briefs. As a result of the proceedings, Robinson was disbarred for six months. He then declared he would "get even" and for a time considered running for Supreme Judge for the purpose of carrying on a campaign against Root and Crow.

It is now reported that he has decided that any attack from the stump against the Supreme Court candidates would be received with better grace if he were a candidate for some important office other than Justice of the Supreme Court. It is declared to be the intention of Robinson to use the prominence given him as a candidate for Governor to wage a bitter fight against the two Justices.

Aiming to Defeat Atkinson.

Judge Robinson's animosity for Atkinson dates back to the time when the Attorney-General put A. J. Falkner, of Olympia, in his office as an assistant. Robinson at one time controlled the politics of Thurston County, but a number of years ago was deposed by a faction of which Falkner was one of the leaders. Robinson and Falkner have been enemies for years and when Atkinson put the latter in his office Robinson demanded that Falkner be removed, but Atkinson declined to make a change.

against Robinson was prosecuted in the Supreme Court by Robinson's warmest enemy, Robinson, it is said, demanded that Atkinson either attend to the case himself or assign it to one of his other assistants, but the Attorney-General again declined to make a change.

That Judge Robinson is aiming also at Atkinson is indicated by his quiet and successful effort to secure a place on the primary ticket directly under the name of the Attorney-General and preceding the names of McBride, Mead and Cosgrove. It is said to be his theory that this position will better enable him to split up the second choice votes that otherwise would have gone to Atkinson.

The effect of place in securing second choice votes in the gubernatorial contest is subject to much theorizing. It is a very common argument that for the candidate who is seeking second choice votes first place is not the best. It is the theory that most voters will have but one choice and that they will cast their second choice votes at random. The inclination, it is argued, will be to go down the ticket instead of up.

Mead Dropped Out of Line.

It is a matter of fact that some candidates sought second place on the ticket. On the Governorship the place hunt has resulted without much advantage to any candidate. Riddpath holds first place, but is recognized only as a second choice candidate. Atkinson, who will poll a large second choice vote and is gaining on first choice, holds second place. Robinson, the weakest of all, comes next, with Mead, McBride and Cosgrove yet to file.

Governor Mead did not participate in the line in front of the Secretary of State's office, although a boy was placed in line for him, who held the third position from the head and the second place among the Governors.

It is an interesting bit of history connected with the scramble for place that Governor Mead and the Board of Control, the latter being custodian of the Capitol, for a time seriously considered clearing the corridor of the boys in line. T. D. Rockwell, Tax Commissioner by appointment from Mead, and a candidate for congress, openly declared the line scheme to be "outrageous and illegal." Yet when Governor Mead positively declined to accept the place provided in the line for him, his friend Rockwell took the boy and got second place on the Congressional ticket. The idea of clearing the corridor and Rockwell's position in the line, the legality of the "line-up" in court were both abandoned simultaneously, with Rockwell securing an advantageous place in the line.

HEAVY YIELD GOOD WHEAT

EXCELLENT REPORTS FROM UMATILLA COUNTY.

Every Bushel So Far Threshed Grades as No. 1.—Hot Winds Have Done Little Damage.

PENDLETON, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—Every bushel of wheat threshed in Umatilla County so far this season, according to reports which have reached this city, has made a grade one or two points, and the reports from those portions of the county in which threshing has been carried on during the past week show that the yield is going to be much heavier than the most sanguine had hoped for.

Many farmers are harvesting just as large crops as they ever did, and it is believed that the average for the county will not be more than 20 per cent short of the regular crop, though the hot winds of the last few days will undoubtedly damage all wheat that was not harvested before maturity.

STEAL HORSES FOR RIDE

Washington County Farmers Annoyed by Loss of Fine Animals.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—Horse stealing is again becoming common in this county. Nathalia Garborno, a Beaverton gardener, lost a black mare this week, and last night John Johnson, of Gates Creek, lost a bay mare. In many years it has been the habit of persons who were passing through the county, en route for Portland, to take some farmer's horse and ride to the top of the Portland mountain, turn it loose, and then walk into the city. Sheriffs are always at a loss to catch these fellows, as they generally take the horse on the night, and as it is but a few miles to the city limits, they are in town in an hour or two, and there is no means of identification.

TOY PISTOL CAUSES DEATH

Lockjaw in 10-Year-Old Boy Results From Fourth of July Accident.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 11.—(Special.)—A fatal steel ball case, which died this morning of lockjaw, as the result of an accident on the Fourth of July. The boy's death is the result of his misadventure in playing with a toy pistol, the wadding of which he fired into the eye of his left hand. Until last night, the boy's parents thought nothing of the injury, and the boy continued to play with his brothers and sisters. Shortly after 8 o'clock, the boy's father, a fisherman in the Sunnyside branch of the Northern Pacific, and until recently resided in Spokane.

HEAVY RAILS ON WEST SIDE

Southern Pacific Improving Roadbed on Entire Division.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—Heavy steel rails have been strewn from Portland to Whiteoak, on the Southern Pacific, West Side, and by Fall the old steel will have been replaced on the entire division. This will make the West Side safe for the San Francisco overland trains, in case of track disaster between Portland and Albany in the rainy seasons.

Closing Up Johnson Estate.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—After many years in probate the A. H. Johnson estate, comprising over 300 acres of farm lands in Washington County, has been ordered sold, and the administrator, W. M. Laid, of Portland, is now advertising for private sale. These lands comprise the Johnson farms near Reedville and the celebrated Spring Hill farm, near Gaston, the latter of which comprises 540 acres.

EDUCATORS TO MEET IN VANCOUVER

Washington Association Invites Newspapermen of Oregon and Alaska.

EXCURSION UP COLUMBIA

Three Days' Programme Begins Thursday.—Governor Mead to Be Guest.—Addresses by Men Who Have Learned by Experience.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 11.—(Special.)—All preparations are complete for an elaborate entertainment of the delegates to the Washington State Press Association which meets in this city next Thursday. In addition to a good programme of speakers from the state, the convention will be addressed by a number of people of National reputation from outside the state, including E. W. Emery, the author; Charles H. Fuller of Chicago, head of one of the largest advertising agencies in the world; Third Assistant Postmaster-General A. L. Lawless, and others.

The State Press Association of Oregon and the newspaper men of Alaska have accepted invitations to attend the Vancouver meeting, and the local committee is preparing to entertain 500 visitors. Governor Mead and Supreme Judge Root will be in attendance during the entire session. All the newspaper men will be given handsome souvenir badges furnished by the Pacific Paper Company, the Blake McCall Paper Company and the American Foundry Company of Portland.

Mingle Pleasure With Business.

The programme for the three days' session follows: July 15, 10 A. M., application and election new members, registration, etc. At 1 P. M., appointment of committees, reports of officers and committees, annual address of the president, J. B. Best of the Everett Herald; report of Historian, E. C. Kibbe of Elma; poem, "An Epic of the Press," by H. L. Williams of the Coast Magazine; Seattle address, "Suggestions for Better Relations Between Publishers and Advertisers and Advertising Agencies," by Charles H. Fuller, president of the Fuller Company of Chicago; address, "Constructive Journalism," by Fred Ornes of the Mt. Vernon Argus; address, "New Law Regulating Legal Publications, Books and Private," by Eugene Lorton of the Walla Walla Bulletin; address, "Can a Weekly Paper Be Published at \$1.00 a Year With a Living Profit," by G. Lee Odgers of Davenport.

At 4:30 P. M. the delegates will be taken for auto rides about the city, arriving at the State School for the Deaf at 5 P. M., where luncheon will be served, followed by address of welcome by the Mayor, and other speeches and dancing.

Excursion Up Columbia.

Friday morning at 9 the visitors will leave by chartered steamer for an excursion up the Columbia River, and take dinner at Stevenson. After dinner Mrs. E. W. Emery, Dye, will make an address on the topic "Bonanza Fishing on the Old Columbia," and R. E. Gosnell of Victoria, B. C., will make an informal talk.

Returning to Vancouver late in the afternoon, the association will reassemble Friday evening at the auditorium, where the following programme will be heard: Address by ex-Speaker John L. Wilson of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer; address, "Political Advertising Under the New Direct Primary Law; the Statute Interpreted and Restated in a simplified Code Form," by Attorney-General John D. Atkinson; address, "Poetry for the Country Weekly," by Albert Johnson of the Seattle Times; address on the New Postal Rules Regulating Newspapers and Suggestions on How to Handle It," by E. P. Mitchell of the Stevenson Pioneer.

After receiving reports of committees, electing officers and choosing place of next meeting, the association will then adjourn at 1:30 P. M. for a ride about Portland on special trolley cars. At 7 P. M. the convention will wind up with a banquet with Frank S. Cole of Tacoma as toastmaster, for which some stunts are in preparation which are not on the announced programme, but promise a good measure of fun for the scribes.

Club May Visit Albany.

Bury I. Dasset, manager of the Albany Commercial Club, has invited the members of the Portland Ad Club and their friends to visit Albany and its Commercial Club, Tuesday, July 21. The matter of organizing an excursion in response to Mr. Dasset's invitation has been referred to a committee of the Ad Club, consisting of Lewis M. Head, Fred Muller and James M. Reeves. Until Mr. Dasset went to Albany a few weeks ago to direct the exploitation work of the Commercial Club of that city, he was an active member of the Ad Club.

Clerk Bailey Files Demurrer.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—County Clerk J. W. Bailey has filed his demurrer to the contest case entered for a recount by his late opponent, E. L. McAdam, of Portland, in the case he is thrown out on the ground that he is not in court, his first petition having been set aside by Judge McBride. McBride gave permission to amend, and the matter will be docketed, unless on the court's right to grant the privilege.

Mrs. McAdam Secures Divorce.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 11.—(Special.) Mrs. M. McAdam was granted a divorce from L. H. McAdam, of Portland, and Tillamook, by Judge McBride yesterday. The cause given by the plaintiff in her suit was desertion and non-support. The parties to the suit were married July 25, 1890, and the defendant is a well-known man in Oregon. The defendant did not contest the case.

Brilliant Street Lights in Albany.

ALBANY, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—The electric lighting displays on business thoroughfares during the big

Fourth of July celebration have been made permanent on a number of blocks, and Albany now enjoys a feature not presented by any other city in the state. Every evening the strings of lights make a brilliant showing, and have attracted great attention from visitors to the city. Both sides of First street between Washington and Ferry streets and between Broad and Ellsworth streets, are strung with lights, and there are rows of lights on business buildings on other parts of First street, and on Second and Broad streets. A big electric arch at the corner of Second and Broad streets has attracted a great deal of favorable attention.

SCATTER HIS ASHES AT SEA

Friends Will Carry Out Wish of Late P. L. Cherry.

ASTORIA, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late P. L. Cherry, British Vice-Consul, was held at 5 o'clock this afternoon from Grace Episcopal Church, the services being conducted by the rector, Rev. William Seymour Short, assisted by Rev. John Warren, rector of Holy Innocents Chapel. The pallbearers were S. S. Gordon, Judge C. J. Trenchard, B. Van Dusen, S. D. Adair, G. Wingate and Judge F. J. Taylor, and the remains, attended by a large crowd of personal friends and citizens, were escorted to the evening train and taken to Portland, where they will be cremated tomorrow. The ashes will be taken out to sea and buried in fulfillment of the expressed wish of the deceased.

M'CREIDIE AS CANDIDATE

Judge Announces Intention of Making Race for Re-election.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 11.—(Special.)—Announcement of candidacy were filed today with the Secretary of State by Stephen J. Harrison, Sunnyside, Senator fifteenth district; W. W. McCredie, Vanouver, and Klatt, counties; E. L. Balmer, Cleelum, Senator, Klatt, counties; and Chelan; Miles Polinder, Spokane, Congressman.

GOOD TIMES COME AGAIN

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Bumper crops are reported from both grain and fruit regions. In Ohio crops are uniformly good and prices on farm products are the best in years. Every trunk line railroad entering Cincinnati reports a steady increase in freight business.

Improvement Around Pittsburg.

Investigation made at Pittsburg showed that a gradual improvement has set in in all lines in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio. Building lines are reported active in Ohio, but not up to normal. New England generally is prosperous, with the cotton mill industry gaining. In Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Kentucky inquiries elicited the same story of a general renaissance in trade and industry.

Ship Prisoners to Bremerton.

VALLEJO, Cal., July 11.—One hundred prisoners, ordered transferred from the Island prison to the ship Nipale at the Bremerton yard, were taken to San Francisco today in a navy-yard tug, under a heavy guard. In Ohio crops are uniformly good and prices on farm products are the best in years. Every trunk line railroad entering Cincinnati reports a steady increase in freight business.

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MURDERED BOY IN A GARBAGE HEAP

San Francisco Police Detectives Work on Mysterious Crime.

SUSPECT UNDER ARREST

Employe of Reduction Works Is Thought to Have Killed Lad in Fit of Temper—Intended Corpse to Be Burned.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—Working on the theory that John Buchneck, the 14-year-old lad whose body was found buried in a bin of garbage at the sanitary reduction works last night was murdered and his body thrown into the bin to conceal the evidences of the crime, the police today placed August Delmonte, an employe at the plant, under arrest pending further investigation. A post-mortem examination of the body showed that death resulted from a wound in the head described as such a one as might have been made by the prong of a rake or a small-caliber bullet. No bullet was found, however, and the police are working on the theory that the lad was playing about the bin and when ordered away did something to anger some employe of the plant, which resulted in his being struck on the head. It is thought possible that when the seriousness of the lad's hurt became apparent to his assailant, the latter threw the body into the bin, hoping that the lad would be consumed with the mass of debris thus protecting him from the consequences of his act.

STOP ALL WORK ON JETTY

Men and Engineers Have Misunderstanding as to Saturday Holidays.

ASTORIA, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—All work on the construction of the jetty at the mouth of the river was temporarily suspended this afternoon on account of a misunderstanding between the employes and the engineers in charge. It appears that the men who are employed by the month, there being about 220 of them, claim they are entitled to Saturday afternoons off under full pay, but the engineers in charge claim they have no authority to grant this. As a result, all the work was stopped at noon today, pending a ruling on the matter by the higher officers of the Department. It is expected the affair will be adjusted so that construction can be resumed within two or three days.

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GRAY'S GREAT SALE OF Chesterfield Suits THE SALE OF REAL MERIT Never such value-giving in Portland's history on highest-grade apparel for men—All this season's Chesterfield Suits on sale at the following great reductions. All \$20.00 Suits on sale at \$15.00 All \$22.50 Suits on sale at \$16.50 All \$25.00 Suits on sale at \$19.00 All \$30.00 Suits on sale at \$23.50 All \$35.00 Suits on sale at \$26.50 All \$40.00 Suits on sale at \$29.50 All \$45.00 Suits on sale at \$34.50 All \$50.00 Suits on sale at \$39.50

R.M. GRAY 269-271 Morrison Street. County Coroner, Dr. D. A. Schumaker and Paul Smith; Sheriff, George Dean and Ed Payette; County Superintendent, E. A. Williams; N. D. McKillip; Prosecuting Attorney, A. M. Wade, W. E. Campbell; County Commissioners, C. W. Adams, E. Williams, H. C. Watkins, F. L. Thuy; her; Representatives 29th district, E. G. Posing; R. A. Wiley; Representative 30th district, H. B. Hewitt. The electrical house of Siemens & Halske in Prussia employs more than 25,000 men

FIRE UNDERWRITERS' POSITION State Their Side of Recent Discussion of Advance in Rates In view of what has been said relative to the action of the Underwriters in regard to the recent increase of rates on account of the improper electrical installation in this city, it is only fair that the public be given an idea of the Underwriters' position in the case. On December 24th, last, the Portland Office of the Board of Fire Underwriters informed the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company that their method of installation of motors for commercial purposes was not in accordance with the National Electrical Code—the accepted authority. The company took no action, and in March the matter was referred to the Board of Fire Underwriters' Office in San Francisco. To verify the opinion of the Underwriters' Electrical Engineers in Portland, they sought the opinion of Professor Chas. L. Cory, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering of the University of California, who reported as follows: San Francisco, March 23, 1908. Mr. Alfred Stillman, Secretary Executive Committee, Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal. Dear Sir:—My attention has been called to a communication bearing the date of March 14, 1908, addressed to you, from the Portland office of the Board of Fire Underwriters, this communication containing a list of three hundred and eighteen risks, each of which has connections with 550-volt direct-current electrical circuits, so that electrical energy is supplied from the same generators which furnish electric power for the operation of electric street railway trolley cars with ground returns. Such grounded 550-volt direct-current service to general customers is absolutely wrong and creates an undesirable state of affairs, and one which should be rectified at the earliest possible moment. The generally adopted standard for electrical installations, viz., the National Electrical Code, states specifically that: "Lighting and power from railway wires must not be permitted under any pretense in the same circuit with trolley wires with a ground return, except in electric railway cars, electric carhouses and their power stations; nor shall the same dynamo be used for both purposes." The practice of furnishing electric power to individual customers contrary to the above rule is condemned, not only by underwriters but, as I stated in my opinion rendered to your Executive Committee of the Board in October, 1901, such electrical service is condemned by electrical engineers and street-railway managers as well. The National Electrical Code also forbids such electrical service in an entirely different section, where it is stated that: "Two-wire direct-current systems having no accessible neutral point are not to be grounded." Where such power service is done to the extent reported in Portland, there exists not only the individual hazard in each risk where the 550-volt grounded service is in use, but, owing to the very large number of such grounded services, there can be a complete and serious conflagration hazard. Very truly yours, (Signed) C. L. CORY, Consulting Engineer.