

# HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS ASSURED

### Representatives Will Follow Lead of Their Senate Colleagues.

## "STATEMENT" NOT ISSUE

### Speaker Will Be Chosen Strictly on Party Lines, and McArthur Seems to Be in Lead, as Race Has Narrowed to Two Candidates.

Following the decision of the Republican members of the Senate to caucus as to its organization, the movement among the Republican members of the House to assemble a caucus has received substantial encouragement. Twenty-one of the 52 Republican members of the lower house already have signed the call for a caucus which seems assured. C. N. McArthur and L. E. Bean, leading candidates for Speaker, have united in their efforts to secure a caucus, and it is expected that the requisite number of signatures to a call will be obtained within a week. While McArthur and Bean are doing the principal part of the work toward bringing the Republicans together for an organization of the House on a party basis, John C. McCus, another anti-statement candidate for Speakership honors, not only signed the call, but is understood to be doing what he can to bring about a caucus.

### Large Caucus Probable.

Twenty-seven will be a majority in a caucus of the Republicans in the House, but it is reported that while the members will be invited to come into the caucus, the call will be considered effective only if 50 signatures have been obtained. It was on this point that McArthur and Bean for a time disagreed, but they have decided that the choice of a caucus of 40 members of the House shall be binding. The caucus is to be held at Salem, Monday, January 12, at 10 A. M.

The practical assurance that the Republicans will caucus in the House will eliminate Patton, of Marion, statement candidate, from the race for Speaker, since he has opposed any attempt to organize the House except along statement lines. At the same time the reputation of Campbell, of Clackamas, by a majority of the statement members throughout the state, who are reported to be training with Bean in return for concession as to committee assignments, has put the Clackamas County man out of the running. It would not be considered surprising that in return for this treatment, Campbell, was the first of the statement men to come out for the Speaker, together with his two colleagues from Clackamas, will eventually join the caucus movement and throw his support either to McArthur or to Bean; between whom the final fight undoubtedly will be decided.

### McArthur Seems Favorite.

It is said that McArthur has 22 votes pledged to his candidacy. This is only one short of the majority which every Republican takes part in the selection of Speaker. McArthur declines to give a list of his supporters, although it is thought that the following are pledged to him: Representatives-elect Applegate, of Douglas; Beal, of Tillamook; Belknap, of Crook; Grant, Klamath and Lake; Brooke, of Harney; and Mathew, Dods, of Hood River and Wasco; Farrell, of Multnomah; Hawley, of Polk; McKinney, of Baker; Muncy, of Coos and Curry, and Reynolds, of Marion. With the exception of Dods, all of these men are anti-statement Republicans. It is generally known that in the final line-up McArthur will have the support of seventy-five to eighty members of whom unquestionably will be found among the Multnomah County delegation.

"There is absolutely no doubt about the success of the caucus call for members of the House," said Mr. McArthur yesterday. "Signatures are being added to the agreement every day, and I feel warranted in predicting that the required number will be obtained within another week. As some of the Representatives live in remote parts of the state, considerable time is required in obtaining their signatures."

### Form on Party Lines.

"There is a feeling, however, that the Republicans should stand together and that statement No. 1 should have no place in the organization of either house. All Republicans who believe in the principles of their party will join in the caucus agreement and will abide by the result. The caucus call states distinctly that the question of the nomination and election of a United States Senator shall not be considered in caucus."

"With regard to my own chances, I will say that my prospects are first-class; notwithstanding the desperate efforts of the Bourne crowd to beat me, my chances, realizing my strength, and in their frenzied desire to defeat me at all hazards, the Bourne people have begun the circulation of numerous campaign lies. One of these charges me with being a corporation lawyer and of enjoying the use of a railroad pass over the Harriman line. This charge is absolutely false and without foundation. I am not a railroad attorney and never have received any retainers from any railroad company, neither do I enjoy the privilege of a railroad pass, but pay my fare when I ride, as any of the many railroad conductors who know me will testify.

"I wish it understood that I am a Republican candidate for Speaker of the House, and not an anti-statement candidate. My candidacy has the support of several Statement No. 1 men, and others will support me at the finish. I am standing upon my record as a Republican, and do not wish to see the party disrupted over side issues. If elected Speaker, I shall conduct the duties of the office impartially and in the best interests of the people of Oregon."

### EAST OREGON ANTIS READY

Three Counties Petition Against Election of Chamberlain.

Petitions relieving Republican legislators-elect from their pledge to vote for Governor Chamberlain for United States Senator will be circulated among the voters of at least three Eastern Oregon counties this week. The counties selected by the anti-Chamberlain anti-statement workers for initiating this feature of the fight against Chamberlain's election are Umatilla, Union and Wasco. These counties were chosen on the strength of the report of a missionary from the anti-statement camp, who recently visited that section of the state, and advised his associates that the sentiment in these strongly Republican counties very generally demanded the election of a Republican Senator

this winter. This same lieutenant reported further that the voters of the three counties were prepared to sign petitions absolving not only the legislators from their own counties, but the members of the Legislature at large, from a pre-election pledge which required them to vote for a Democrat for Senator.

The draft of the petitions was made last week, and printed forms were mailed to those associated with the movement in the three counties. In Umatilla and Wasco Counties the petitions are addressed to the members of the Legislature, regardless of the counties from which they were elected. In Union County, however, the petitions are addressed to S. F. Richardson, Representative-elect from that county, and to John P. Rusk, Joint Representative-elect from Union and Wallowa, specifically, and to the pledged members of the Legislature generally. Richardson and Rusk were both elected as a Statement man. Other Turner, Senator-elect from Union and Wallowa, is a Democrat.

In the Legislature the representation from Umatilla County will consist of Senator W. C. Cole, a holdover anti-statement Republican, from Umatilla and Union; and Representatives-elect T. J. Mahoney, anti-statement Republican from Morrow and Umatilla; L. L. Mann, anti-statement, and C. A. Barrett, statement, from Umatilla. From Wasco County, N. J. Sinnott, Senator-elect, was elected as a Statement Republican. Of the two Representatives-elect from Hood River and Wasco, J. L. Carter is an anti-statement man, and H. C. Dods is a Statement member. Although Dods was elected as a Statement man, he is understood to have disregarded the Statement question in the matter of organizing the Legislature, and is reported to have pledged his support to McArthur for Speaker.

### HONORED AT HIS OLD HOME

#### Untimely Death of Portland Young Man Mourned by Old Associates.

The remains of D. Dudley Witmer, who died in Portland recently, were laid to rest in the family plot at Forest Hill, O., where he was born 30 years ago. On the day of the funeral all the



The Late D. Dudley Witmer.

schools, banks and business houses were closed—a tribute of esteem and affection from the entire community in which his boyhood and youth were spent.

Mr. Witmer was reared on his parents' farm, and received an excellent public school and academic education. On his arrival in Oregon he engaged as public school teacher, and a few years ago he engaged in the mercantile business, and was one of the founders and partners of the Portland Sheet Metal Works. About a year ago he married Miss Ethel L. Manner, formerly daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Manner. A most happy married life and a bright career were cruelly destroyed by his recent death.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Foulkes, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and the remains were taken to Ohio by the deceased's sorrowing wife and mother. His was a nature combining great strength of character with gentleness, qualities seldom found in the same person.

### HUGE ELECTRICAL PAGEANT

#### Next Year's Rose Show Parades Will Be Made Over Carlines.

Arrangements are now being perfected by the Rose Festival Association and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for a route of the big electrical float parades which will be held one or more evenings during the Third annual Rose Festival, June 7-12, 1909.

The route as outlined will include practically the entire business district and a goodly portion of the principal residence sections of the city.

The parade of the electrical floats will be the greatest and most spectacular street pageantry ever shown in Portland. The subjects will be historical and mythological, and the entire city will be afforded an opportunity to witness these magnificent illuminated processions.

While the Rose Festival Association has no direct interest in the matter, the organization expects to offer a large reward for the arrest and conviction of the vandals who stole about 100 of the finest rose bushes planted in the City Park block between Main and Salmon streets, a couple of nights ago. When the matter was called to the attention of President Epiphany, he last night decided that he would conduct a personal investigation of the affair, and would advise the executive committee of the festival to put up a goodly reward in order to discourage any such vandalism in the future.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas—Ralph B. Fisher, a valiant Knight of Pallas, No. 14, Knights of Pallas, had by his sterling character and careful, honest business dealings earned for himself an enviable reputation among his fellow men; and whereas, by his loving devotion to his family, and by his loyalty to his brother Knights, he has so indelibly impressed his character on those who knew him well, that he has secured an exemplary the principles of our order; and whereas, while in the vigor of his manhood and the bloom of life, an untimely death has befallen him, and that we deeply deplore his unexpected and untimely death, and that in order to discourage any such vandalism in the future;

That we extend to his dear ones our warmest sympathies and earnest condolence;

That we commend his character and his life as an example worthy of the emulation of all, and bringing honor to our members an exemplification of the principles of our order;

And that a copy of these resolutions be enrolled upon the minutes of our lodge;

And that a copy be delivered to his family.

O. S. HENDEE,  
F. E. MELVIN,  
A. E. CLARK,  
Committee.

# Christmas Suggestions



No gift is so certain of a grateful welcome and lasting remembrance as a piece of fine furniture. Our stock of gift furniture is not equaled in the West, and our showroom just now is the Mecca of all those in search of distinctive, beautiful and useful presents. See extraordinary window display. Here are a few suggestions:

Sewing Tables	\$ 6.00 to \$ 50.00
Tea Tables	\$ 9.50 to \$ 50.00
Muffin Stands	\$13.50 to \$ 25.00
Book Cases	\$ 9.00 to \$150.00
Desks	\$ 9.00 to \$190.00
Parlor Cabinets	\$25.00 to \$150.00
Hall Clocks	\$32.00 to \$50.00
Morris Chairs	\$12.50 to \$ 60.00
Music Cabinets	\$10.00 to \$250.00
Davenport	\$ 1.50 to \$ 15.00
Tabourettes	\$ 3.50 to \$ 20.00
Screens	\$15.00 to \$ 30.00
Roman Chairs	\$12.00 to \$100.00
Hall Seats	\$25.00 to \$ 85.00
Cheval Mirrors	\$14.00 to \$ 75.00
Dressing Tables	\$10.00 to \$250.00
Dressers	\$15.00 to \$275.00
Wood Beds	\$25.00 to \$115.00
Brass Beds	\$ 9.00 to \$200.00
Chiffoniers	\$ 9.00 to \$200.00

Library Tables	\$ 9.50 to \$275.00
Inlaid Jew Boxes	\$ 15.00
Inlaid Tea Wagons	\$ 60.00
Inlaid Trays	\$ 8.00 to \$18.00
Shaving Stands	\$17.50 to \$35.00
Pedestals	\$ 3.50 to \$40.00
Candlesticks	\$ 5.00 to \$50.00
Nests of Tea Tables, per nest of 4 tables	\$16.00 to \$40.00
Parlor Tables	\$30.00 to \$100.00
Card Tables	\$ 5.00 to \$40.00
Leather Chairs and Rockers	\$20.00 to \$80.00
Costumers	\$ 4.00 to \$30.00
Child's Bedroom Set	\$ 55.00
Children's Chairs and Rockers	\$ 1.25 to \$ 8.50
Lace Curtains	\$ 1.00 to \$50.00
Portieres	\$ 3.00 to \$60.00
Couch Covers	\$ 1.50 to \$30.00
Table Covers	\$ 1.50 to \$ 15.00
Down Comforters	\$ 5.00 to \$ 25.00
Blankets, per pair	\$ 2.00 to \$ 12.00

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## SAYS HE IS SCAPEGOAT

### ALLEGED EMBEZZLER PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE.

Declares He Falsified Books of Detective Agency on Instructions of Manager.

Whether or not W. E. Douglas embezzled \$498.40 from the Thiel Detective Agency is a question which a Circuit Court jury will determine tomorrow, the taking of testimony in the case having been completed yesterday. It is charged against Douglas that he falsified the books of the agency and abstracted the money in small sums, departing suddenly from the city when the pecculations became so great that there was no hope of effecting a quiet settlement. Douglas makes the plea that he doctored the books on instructions from Manager Clouse, and that the agency is attempting to make him the scapegoat.

During the proceedings attention of the court was called by the defense that one of the state's witnesses, R. E. Fulton, was seen talking with jurors, evidently attempting to explain certain portions of his testimony relating to the books of the agency. The court was

## asked to caution witnesses against such conduct, and this was done.

### M. B. RANKIN IS EXONERATED

#### He Is Truthful Man.

Affirming the veracity of M. B. Rankin, who denied having made a verbal contract to pay J. P. Irwin \$27,450 in commission on the sale of the Abiqu tract in Marion County, a Circuit Court jury has decided that Irwin is not entitled to collect the amount he says is due him. The jury was out only 10 minutes. During the trial of the case an effort was made to impeach Mr. Rankin's veracity, testimony for this purpose being offered by Ira Russ, C. W. Nottingham, W. W. Beck and G. W. Allen.

The defendant had an array of citizens in court to prove that his reputation for veracity is above reproach. Witnesses who swore that he was truth were J. P. Irwin, J. M. Letter, Dr. A. S. Nichols, W. F. Woodward, S. C. Spencer, John H. Woodward, George Plummer, J. L. Hartman, John Corkin and A. M. Smith were in the courtroom to give similar testimony, but it was decided that their testimony was not required.

### Legally Technically Frees Him.

Legal technicality saved Peter Kollas from the penitentiary in the State Circuit Court yesterday. He was charged with burglary because of having entered a dwelling, where he stole a number of carpenter tools. It developed during the trial that Kollas had the stolen articles in his possession when arrested, but there was nothing to show that he had stolen them. He maintained that he secured them from a second party. The jury found that Kollas should have been charged with having stolen property in his possession, and that decision of the jurors made the basis of a verdict of not guilty.

### Tax Fixed on Inheritance.

An order was issued by County Judge Webster yesterday fixing the amount of inheritance tax in the case of the widow, Edith F. Goode, must pay 1 per cent on the net personal property, appraised at \$56,084, less the amount of \$5000 exempted by law; which makes the amount due the county from Mrs. Goode \$510.82. Henry F. Goode, the son, must pay on a fourth of the net personal property and half the real property aggregating \$43,567.25, less the exemption sum, which makes his assessment \$286.67. The daughter, Miss Helen Goode, pays a similar sum.

### Lents Grange Elects Officers.

Lents Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, yesterday afternoon elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, H. A. Darnall; overseer, Arthur Geisler; lecturer, W. A. Young; steward, Victor Damm; assistant steward, Frank Snuffin; chaplain, Mrs. A. F. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Hershner; secretary, Mrs. W. L. Hotchkiss; gatekeeper, W. E. Thomas; Ceres, Mrs. V. Damm; Pomona, Mrs. Frank Snuffin; Flora, Mrs. W. E. Thomas; lady assistant, Mrs. Zimmerman; members executive committee, A. F. Hershner, J. E. Kreuder and D. Fury. The membership at the close of the year was given at 170, 18 having been initiated yesterday. A new \$6000 concrete building is being erected, and will be occupied in February. Lents Grange was organized three years ago by A. F. Miller, who has been master to the present, but who retires from office at his own request.

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## CORPSE FOUND IN RAVINE

### Wm. Hawkins, Demented Poorfellow Charge, Wanders Away and Dies.

William Hawkins, an inmate of the County poor farm, was found dead yesterday afternoon in a deep ravine back of the City Park. The remains were removed to the morgue by Coroner Norden, who declared that the man had been dead for at least six days.

Hawkins disappeared from the poor farm last Saturday, a week ago yesterday. He disappeared frequently before that date, but had always been found easily or returned of his own volition. As soon as his absence was discovered a systematic search was inaugurated by Superintendent Jackson.

The search, however, was fruitless. It was continued, but unsuccessfully, until yesterday, when the body was discovered. The man had apparently wandered aimlessly about until exhausted, and lay down.

Little is known of the man at the county poor farm. He was 29 years of age and is said to have been partially demented. He was born in Wisconsin and came to Oregon three years ago. So far as can be learned he had no relatives. Coroner Norden will not hold an inquest.

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Underwear sale. McAllen & McDonnell.

## Pelton Reid, son of William Reid and grandchild of D. C. Pelton, Charles Smith, who has associated himself with these men, was for many years connected with the Columbia Ice & Fuel Company, of this city, and will have the general management of the business.

### This plant will have a capacity of 50 tons of ice per day and additional machinery will be installed to handle about 15,000 cubic feet of cold storage and refrigeration.

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