

### CANDIDATES ARE ONLY ACTIVE ONES

Public Apathetic as to Selection of Successor to F. W. Cushman.

### 7 TACOMANS WANT PLACE

Lincoln Davis Regarded as Most Formidable Candidate—Advisory Convention Will Be Called in Tacoma September 4.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—How to excite interest in the Congressional situation in the Second District of Washington and put a capable man in the shoes of the late Francis W. Cushman, is becoming a matter of genuine concern among certain Tacoma politicians.

These politicians are now proceeding on the theory that the candidates will be nominated by the convention method. The new law providing for the nomination of candidates in special congressional elections by the primary method becomes effective late in the year, and it is believed the government will not be able to find legal authority in the act for proceeding thereunder in time to choose Cushman's successor before the regular term of Congress commences.

Indications are that the election will be held early in November, and throughout the district candidates are busy, nearly a dozen being in the field. Pierce County and Tacoma alone produce seven avowed candidates for Congress, and have several others who are known to be in a receptive mood.

### Pierce Has Seven Candidates.

These seven are seeking the endorsement of an advisory primary called by the County Republican Central Committee to be held on September 4. It is the plan that the choice of this primary, based on the plurality vote, shall be the choice of Pierce County in the forthcoming district convention.

But while the candidates are awake, the voters at large are not, and the members of one faction claiming to have at heart the interest of those who would see the district well represented are seeking an issue to create interest in the situation.

The contention is made here that if this interest is not awakened the primary choice will be Lincoln Davis, ex-State Senator, life insurance man by profession and politician by nature.

The conservative element among politicians, or the "silk stockings," as they are termed in derision, don't want Davis, but how to defeat him is causing them worry.

In addition to Davis the men who will be voted on in the Pierce County primary are the following:

Those Who Want Office. James M. Ashton, lawyer and lumberman and representative of the substantial conservative element.

B. W. Coiner, a lawyer of attainments and of wide acquaintance in Southwest Washington.

R. W. Jamieson, Counselman and Deputy Sheriff.

Frank C. Baker, Assistant City Attorney and once widely known as a "Middle-of-the-Road" Populist.

Thomas C. Van Eaton, storekeeper at Van Eaton.

Frank Latham, Assistant City Attorney and Police Court prosecutor.

In addition to these there are known to be in a receptive mood Colonel A. E. Joab, well known throughout militia circles in Washington, and W. H. Doolittle, former Congressman, both of whom may yet become candidates in the advisory primary. Then if the convention should seek a dark horse from Pierce County and the primary choice be thrown down the lightning would find a willing recipient in State Senator W. H. Paulhamus, State Senator Ralph Matcalf, Representative J. W. Skayden or any one of a half dozen others.

In the advisory primaries Davis, Ashton and Coiner, according to present indications, will be leaders in the voting.

### Davis Has Formidable Backing.

"Link" Davis' chances lie in the fact that he is a born organizer, a "good fellow," will get the saloon vote and will have the backing of the Third Ward, which is the largest in the city. It is admitted that he will be able to get out his full strength in the advisory primaries, but the fear of his opponents is that the voters who favor them at heart will stay at home on primary day through lack of interest.

There are those who would down Davis are seeking an issue. They are afraid to make it a straight Davis and anti-Davis fight, for it is admitted that Davis and his friends cannot be kept out of the convention. If he should be defeated in an acrimonious primary contest it is feared Pierce County's chance of landing the candidate might be shattered in the convention by ill feeling among the county's delegates.

### Perkins Watching Fight.

The press of the city is keeping hands pretty much off the campaign. This is particularly true of the Perkins papers, which are said to be opposed to Davis, but uncertain how to wage a fight against him. They are expected to endorse Ashton before the campaign is over or may remain silent until after the primaries and then, if Davis is the choice, urge the selection of some person who took no part in the primaries.

Davis in Congress would probably be the subject of comment, at least upon his first appearance, because he is the very antithesis of Cushman. He is as corpulent as Cushman was thin. He is in no sense an orator, but might claim, with Cushman, the distinction of being a humorist. Davis' wit is not of the polished kind that Cushman interjected into his speeches. When he spoke on a bill in the Legislature Davis usually contented himself with saying something funny in a very few words. His is the humor that shows best in the meetings of the burlesque "third house."

Davis tells the story that he began in politics when 3 years old. This was in the election of a Sunday school superintendent whom the pupils were to choose by their votes.

Davis for Political Victory. "My mother wanted me to vote for Brother Smith," says Davis, "but Brother Smith had a habit of making long and tiresome talks. There was Brother Brown, however, who was a candidate, and Brother Brown didn't ever talk very long and when he did talk he told stories about the war with lots of scrap in them. I organized the other kids to vote for Brother Brown and he was elected."

"When I got some my mother said, 'Lincoln, I'm ashamed of you. I've a notion to send you to bed without any sup-

per.' But I remember I had supper, all right. I've been in politics ever since." Davis claims to have the support of R. L. McCormick, National committeeman, and a widely known lumberman. McCormick probably owes his position on the National committee to a convention organization created by Davis. Davis also claims Jefferson County through the influence of Charles E. Coon, ex-Lieutenant Governor, who is a powerful political factor in that county.

### Ashton Conservative Candidate.

Ashton, when asked to become a candidate by a committee of representative business and professional men, declined some time ago, but when a petition signed by 2000 persons was presented he consented to enter the race.

Ashton should get the votes of what is termed "the better element" of Tacoma, such as is not divided with Collier. Collier formerly lived in Lewis County, and if he were Pierce County's choice in the convention, would probably be able to control some strength outside his own county. Jos. J. Reed, formerly chief of police of Tacoma, and manager of the Cosgrove campaign in Pierce County, in the last general primaries, is managing Collier's campaign.

Pierce County's decision in the advisory primaries is important to the balance of the district for the reason that the county will have the largest number of delegates in the convention. The approximate number of delegates in the district convention will be 238, a majority consisting of 120. Pierce County will have 70 delegates. A combination with Chehalis and Clark Counties by Pierce would constitute this majority. It will require a combination of three counties to equal Pierce County's individual strength. The representation will be as follows:

Apportionment of Delegates. Chehalis, 32; Clallam, 16; Clark, 19; Cowlitz, 17; Jefferson, 9; Klickitat, 12; Lewis, 22; Mason, 6; Pacific, 14; Pierce, 70; Skamania, 4; Thurston, 16; Wahkiakum, 16.

Chehalis County has a candidate of its own in E. C. Finch, a lumberman; Clark County is backing E. E. Beard, a newspaperman, for the place; Lewis County has a candidate in T. Harmon, a lawyer, and Thurston County has a candidate in Charles E. Claypool.

There will be no opportunities offered for trading in the district convention unless it be on Federal patronage. Pierce County, if it sends a delegation solidly united on one man, has distinct advantage, because in view of the size of its delegation, a combination to win need not be so complicated as one on any candidate outside of Pierce. At present, however, the chances for Pierce County presenting a solid front are not favorable.

### CRAZY TERROR CAUGHT

SPOKANE POLICE BRAVE DEATH THREATS.

Man With Two Loaded Revolvers and Sharp Dagger Is Finally Overpowered.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—After successfully holding Detectives Lister and McCoud at bay with two loaded revolvers and a keen dagger, Herman Neitzel, an insane spiritualist, was overpowered, despite his formidable arsenal and threats to kill, by Detective Miller and Officer Benway early this morning.

Neitzel is a brother of Neitzel, the astrophysicist who was in Police Court a few weeks ago on a charge of vagrancy for practicing his profession of fortune-telling in violation of the state laws.

The insane man has been a neighborhood terror about his home for several weeks. Children and their parents, afraid of him, have complained of his strange demeanor and threats on the lives of different ones in the neighborhood several times in the last week.

Detectives Lister and McCoud were sent to bring him to the police station Thursday night, but Neitzel barricaded the doors and with two loaded revolvers in his hands stationed himself in front of a window, threatening to kill both officers should they attempt to enter. The detectives talked with him through his window for fully an hour in an attempt to coax him outside, but without success, then went away.

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### ALASKA TROOPS ARE HEALTHIEST

Major-General Bell, Chief of Staff, Makes Visit to Vancouver.

### INSPECTING COAST POSTS

Finds Conditions Very Satisfactory in Department of Columbia. Officer Has Received Rapid Promotion.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—"Health of the soldiers at the forts in Alaska is better than at any post in the United States," was the statement of Major-General Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff of the Army, who is here this evening. "Except that a man is killed by accident occasionally, there is hardly a death among the troops in the Far North. The average death rate in the United States Army is 12 to 13 to the thousand, and in Alaska it is about one-tenth less than that."

General Bell arrived this morning at 7 o'clock from Tacoma, where yesterday he ascended Mount Rainier as far as possible in an automobile. He is on a general tour of inspection, made annually, of all the posts of the United States Army. He will inspect the post here, that is, the buildings, before he leaves for Portland, where he will be the guest of General Bacon. Leaving that city Monday, he will go to Fort Stevens, and returning from there, will leave General Bacon's home for San Francisco.

### Additional Room Needed.

Speaking of the possibility that the headquarters of the Department of the Columbia would be removed from Vancouver Barracks to Seattle, or some other Puget Sound city, the General said: "The question of the removal of the headquarters has been agitated several years. Neither the Secretary of War nor the President has yet rendered a decision in the matter. I do not know what will develop. It is an economical question, and means only the removal of 10 or 12 officers, and possibly as many clerks, nothing more."

"It was not only discussed from an economical standpoint, but from a strategic one as well. The only reason for taking it away would be to make additional room for a battery of field artillery. "Other minor reasons have been given for its removal, but they are not of great importance. I hardly think that the Government would be influenced in its location for department headquarters by having any city or organization erect a building or quarters for it. The Government would be able to find any place it might decide to locate, buildings suitable for department headquarters."

"I have thus far taken no action or part in the present discussion, and have not yet decided what recommendation I will make. In fact, I do not know that I will be called upon to make any recommendation."

### Airships as Messengers.

Speaking of the use of airships in warfare, the General said: "I think that airships will be sufficiently perfected to become a valuable auxiliary in war for the purpose of carrying messages, and doing certain kinds of reconnaissance work. I don't believe that they will ever become the terrible means of destruction which some people imagine. For many years they will be attractive to the sporting element of the country, because the element of danger ever pres-

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### GREEN PRUNES SOLD

INDEPENDENT POOL DISPOSES OF LARGE QUANTITY.

Guaranteed 50 Cents a Crate and Will Get More if Market Justifies It.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Members of the independent-prune pool will commence Monday to pick a large quantity of green prunes to be shipped to the Eastern markets. The fruit is being purchased by the Earl Fruit Company, of California, and will be shipped through the Salem Fruit Union.

About 25 to 30 cars of 12 tons each will be sold green, and the growers are guaranteed 40 cents a crate net. F. O. B. Salem also a considerable advance over this figure will be paid if the market conditions warrant it. Forty cents per crate is considered equivalent to about 3-4 cents per pound dried, which is slightly better than the present market quotations on the dried fruit.

The independent pool members had a meeting this afternoon to consider a proposition for the dried fruit of the pool, made by the W. C. Tillson Company. The sales committee, consisting

of Bruce Cunningham, Ed Jory and J. L. Rickman, was authorized to sell the crop to the best advantage. The Eastern market, which has been quiet, is reported improving, so far as Oregon prunes are concerned, and the members of the pool have been holding off for the figure upon which they originally agreed.

### HAINES BANK TO PAY OUT

Final Dividend to Be Declared During September.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The depositors of the E. W. Haines Bank, at this place, which closed during the panic of 1907, are to be paid in full sometime after September 1. The last dividend is to be paid with interest.

The affairs of the bank have been put into the hands of an auditing committee. Since the reorganization of the First National Bank of this city, of which E. W. Haines has been chosen president, the latter has sold his banking property and fixtures on Main street to the new institution, of which he is at the head, and has disposed of collateral.

The amount Mr. Haines will pay to his depositors is about \$16,000. Felled at Amesham, near Harrow, England, a walnut tree measured 24 feet round, weighed 100 tons and the trunk realized \$245.

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Fair Warning! Sale Ends Tomorrow! The last two cars of the pianos offered in this sale have now been unloaded. When these are gone the biggest quick piano selling undertaking ever handled by Eilers Piano House will come to a close. Nearly a dozen were taken Friday. Over 20 went Saturday—this leaves but a few for Monday's selling.

Come first thing tomorrow if anyways possible. For those who do not understand what a most extraordinary piano-buying opportunity we now present, we want to say that during the Midsummer dullness we found two well-known piano manufacturers with a large stock of finished pianos. They were terribly anxious to realize. We secured these latest high-grade pianos at a most extraordinary reduction. We pass this advantage along to wide-awake Midsummer buyers.

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Guaranteed Worth \$225 Now \$140 \$5.00 Cash, \$5.00 a Month

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