

REPUBLICANS NAME EXECUTIVE HEADS

Committee Has Nine Members and Is Representative of Entire State

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN PLANNED

John R. Latourette and O. C. Leiter Mentioned as Probable Candidates for Secretary; Women to Have Say.

Thomas H. Tongue, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, yesterday announced the appointment of an executive committee of nine members.

The members of the executive committee named by Chairman Tongue are: C. G. Huntley, of Clackamas County; Roy D. Smith, Hood River; S. S. Smith, Jackson; Dr. T. W. Harris, Lane; Ben W. West, Marion; W. W. Smedley, Morrow; David M. Dunne, Multnomah; Hugh McCall, Union, and R. L. Conner, Yamhill.

Chairman Tongue expects in the near future to appoint a special woman's committee of seven members, authorized by the state committee at its recent meeting in this city.

Entire State Represented.

"In the selection of the executive committee," said Mr. Tongue yesterday, "I have sought to give all sections of the state representation. It was my purpose to choose a committee that would be representative of the entire state. This insures a properly organized committee through which the interests of all sections of the state can be considered. It also insures united, harmonious action, to which all Republicans and former Progressives now affiliated with the Republicans, are committed."

"It was not the intention of the Republican organization with the country at war, to wage an active campaign in this state this year, but the political activity of the Democrats has forced upon us the necessity of conducting a vigorous campaign in behalf of our candidates. It will be the purpose of the executive committee and myself to conduct a thorough and effective campaign, which will be opened probably early in September."

Secretary to Be Selected.

Who will be the choice of the executive committee for secretary of the state committee at this time is altogether a matter of speculation.

COAL SHOULD BE AIRED

FIRE MARSHAL WARNS AGAINST STORING "GREEN" FUEL. Three Early Morning Blazes Caused by Combustion—One Attributed to "Green" Coal.

Three early morning fires engaged the Portland Fire Bureau yesterday, and one of which was due to "green" coal. The damage caused by the fire which broke out at 2:00 o'clock Saturday morning in the coal bunkers of the Pacific Coast Coal Company, Front and Overton streets, amounted to \$500, according to estimates made by fire department officials after the blaze had been extinguished.

Private Conklin, of the Oregon State Military Police, discovered the blaze at 1:50 A. M. and seven companies answered the alarm which he turned in. The spectacular blaze was under control within 30 minutes after it started. All suspicion that the blaze was of incendiary origin has been discarded by fire department officials.

Fire caused by spontaneous combustion in a pile of "green" coal in the coal bins of the Clifford Hotel, 411 1/2 Morrison street, filled the building with heavy smoke at an early hour yesterday morning. The blaze was extinguished before it had done any damage. The Clifford Hotel recently received a carload of "green" coal and this, being piled near dry wood, generated the fire.

Fire Marshal Grenfell said yesterday that he had notified coal dealers not to place "green" coal in basements but he has since received information that his request is not being complied with. He said that fire danger from this source can be overcome by giving the fuel a thorough airing.

Fire which was probably caused by spontaneous combustion, broke out in a pile of rubbish on top of an ice box at Estes Grill, 123 Park street, at 3:44 o'clock yesterday morning. The damage aggregated \$75. The blaze was extinguished with chemicals from Engine

No. 1, which was the first to answer the fire alarm.

SELECTS WILL BE GUESTS

Public Reception to Be Given to 450 Drafted Men Monday.

Four hundred and fifty young men who will entrain for a military camp on August 7 are to be the guests of the city at a public reception and dinner to be held at the Public Auditorium tomorrow night.

The dinner will be served at 7 o'clock in the evening. Acting Mayor Bigelow presiding. C. C. Chapman will be one of the speakers.

The two assembly rooms of the Auditorium will be used as dining rooms, with the main body of the building reserved for the relatives and friends of the drafted men.

The men will entrain at 3 o'clock A. M. Tuesday.

SIGN ROILS NEGRO TROOPS

Restaurant Notice Barring Blacks From Place Is Destroyed.

A sign bearing the words, "We employ only white help and cater to white trade," in the window of the Newport Restaurant, 147 1/2 North Sixth street, near the Union Depot, caused a riot and considerable trouble yesterday when it was discovered by a large group of the negro soldiers who passed through Portland yesterday.

The negroes, joined by others, threatened to break the large plate glass window, but they finally contented themselves with tearing the sign to bits.

ALLEGED FUGITIVE CAUGHT

Police Act Quickly on Telegraphic Warrant From Canada.

Basil Gray, aged 19 years, an alleged fugitive from justice at Ontario, Canada, was arrested by Inspectors LaSalle and Maloney at Third and Oak streets yesterday morning, following the receipt of a telegraphic warrant from Vancouver, B. C.

The arrest was made half an hour after the telegram was received in Portland. Gray is an American, and before his arrest in Ontario he was engaged in the stock raising business. Gray is charged with grand larceny.

Organ Recital to Be Given.

Lucien E. Becker, F. A. G. O., will give a recital of organ music on the Olds memorial organ at Reed College on Tuesday evening, August 6. The program:

"Evensong" (Johnston); "Elves" (Bonnet); adagio from "Second Sonata" (Dudley Buck); scherzo and fugue from "Fifth Sonata" (Guttman); "Orange Blossoms" (Friml); national anthems of France, England, Belgium, Italy, Japan and the United States.

18-Year-Old Boy Enlists.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Arthur Buker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Buker, enlisted in the cavalry this week, while Vern Spicker, son of Rev. and Mrs. Spicker, enlisted in the Navy. Each is about 18.

AUDITORIUM COSTS \$61.82 FIRST YEAR

Total Receipts Reported by Manager Hal M. White Are \$21,241.26.

EXPENSES TOTAL \$21,303

No Accounting of Sums Big Building Earned for Various Patriotic Funds Accepted by the Management.

After operating for one year, records compiled by city officials show that the public auditorium has cost the taxpayers of this city only \$61.82 for operation, exclusive of interest charges on the bonded indebtedness and despite the fact the building has been called upon regularly for use in connection with patriotic meetings and campaigns for which no rental charges could be assessed.

The auditorium was formally opened on July 4, 1917, but, due to the necessity of installing equipment, did not begin operation until September 1, 1917. The figures compiled for Hal M. White, Auditorium manager, show that the total receipts for the year were \$21,241.26.

The expense of operating the large plant, including the cost of light, fuel, oil, general plant supplies, repairs and personal services (salaries, etc.), was \$21,303.00.

New, permanent equipment installed in the building during the year cost the city \$513.87, but this charge has not been included in the year's operating expenses because the fixtures were installed for permanent use.

During the last 12 months, 107 attractions have been staged to which 250,500 persons were in attendance. In addition, there were 54 patriotic public meetings attended by 108,200 persons, making the total attendance during the year 458,700 persons.

It has been impossible to keep a record of the money that the building has earned for various patriotic funds. When entertainments were staged for one week by Mayor Baker for a fund which is now called the Oregon boys' emergency fund, the total receipts were \$12,000.

The allied Red Cross bazaar staged at the auditorium netted \$28,000 and the Paulist choristers appearing in behalf of the destitute French children raised \$2800. During the month of April dances were held in the building for the Red Cross and other war activity organizations and although a large sum was raised no record has been made of the exact amounts secured.

Several rental dates, which would have netted the city \$200, were canceled by the city in April so that the

building could be used for patriotic meetings. During Red Cross drives, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., or Y. W. C. A. liberty loan campaigns, or any similar campaign, dates are held open in the Auditorium, which deprives the city of a certain profit.

Because it is impossible for the Government to outline its speaking campaigns in advance, in connection with liberty loan drives, the Auditorium is reserved for two weeks for the benefit of the Government. Not all the nights are used, but it is impossible to tell in advance what nights are needed and therefore the entire two weeks must be reserved.

But although the Auditorium is doing its full share in war activities in Portland and Oregon, the actual cost of operation to the taxpayers was only \$69, an insignificant sum when compared to the benefits which the public at large derive from the large public building.

Operation of the public auditorium is under the supervision of Mayor Baker and under the direct control of Hal M. White, Auditorium manager. Bookings for the next 12 months indicate that the building will show a fair profit for its second year of operation.

Governor to Attend Fair.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Governor Ernest Lister will attend the Southwest Washington Fair on Thursday, August 22, which has been designated as Governor's day, according to a letter received by George

Walker, secretary of the fair commission. Those communities in Southwest Washington where there are Commercial Clubs have notified Mr. Walker that they will be represented on the days designated for them.

Dam Repairs Under Way.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Repairs will be completed during the coming week on the Yeomans dam in the Chehalis River at Pe Ell, a part of which was recently washed away. While the work has been under way the Yeomans mill has been cutting logs shipped in from Lebam and Bunker. Partial operations have been started at William Hendricks' new mill north of Pe Ell. Ties will be the plant's chief output.

Rev. Charles Poling Army Chaplain.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Charles Poling, formerly pastor of the Evangelical Church at Lewisville, has been commissioned Chaplain in the Army, with the rank of First Lieutenant. Mr. Poling is a brother of Dan Poling and has many friends in Polk County, where he resided for a number of years.

Red Cross Social Nets \$71.68.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—A benefit social for the Red Cross, held at the Spencer schoolhouse, The sale of a quilt brought \$48.25.

LUMBER CONTRACTS LET

KIERNAN & KERN SHIP COMPANY WILL RUSH VESSELS.

Steamer Katia Is Nearing Completion and Probably Will Be Given Trial Trip This Week.

Bills of lumber required in Ballin composite ships the Kiernan & Kern Shipbuilding Company are to turn out for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, the first contracts being to build four of the vessels, the last for delivery in July, 1919, have been received by the company and are being placed. The initial keel will be laid immediately on the material reaching the yard in another week.

Fred A. Ballin, of the Supple-Ballin Shipbuilding Corporation, designer of the composite ship, has had his men engaged on the mould for more than a week, and after they were done the bills of lumber were compiled.

Official announcement of the contracts being awarded was made yesterday through the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The contractors are putting the finishing touches on the wooden steamer Katia, formerly the steam schooner John Kiernan, which was purchased by French interests. On the

transfer of ownership being made it was ordered that a shelter deck be built, as it is intended to utilize the ship mainly for general cargo purposes. It is planned to have her undergo her official trial trip this week.

Daniel Kern, John Kiernan and Mr. Day have been consistent advocates of the use of double diagonal planking in the construction of wooden ships, the Katia having been so built, and the same system is followed with the Ballin vessels, so they are doubly pleased that they are to continue the utilization of that system.

J. B. Upton's Funeral Today.

The funeral services for the late James B. Upton, pioneer Oregon lawyer, who died last Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. H. Ostrander, will be held at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Fifth and Montgomery streets, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Rev. Levi Johnson, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be at River View.

Alleged "Masher" Arrested.

Vernon Taggart, 503 East Fifty-first street North, was arrested by Officers W. S. Morris at Fourth and Washington streets late Friday night, charged with violating the "masher" ordinance. Taggart, it is alleged, was in an auto firing or attempting to flirt with women and girls as they came down the street.

LIBERTY ICE COOLED LOOK Murtagh's concert today includes a musical novelty—a sight-seeing trip in New York. You visit Chinatown—you hear Jolson—then you listen to Caruso—a wild night in a cabaret, then—"We Won't Go Home Till Morning"—"So Long, Ladies" 'N EVERYTHING. "You'll Enjoy Every Minute of It"

NEW TODAY FOR FOUR DAYS SUNDAY NOON CONCERT 12:30-1:45 HENRY B. MURTAGH ORGANIST "AROUND NEW YORK IN 20 MINUTES" Plot by... H. B. Murtagh Scenario by... Henry B. Murtagh Music by... Henry Barnard Murtagh (It runs in the family.)

COLUMBIA BEACH FOR A SUNDAY OF REAL PLEASURE, GO TO Columbia Beach It's the place where the BIG CROWDS of merrymakers gather. The many thousands of people who were at COLUMBIA BEACH last Sunday and previous Sundays is proof that this is the POPULAR PLEASURE RESORT of the PEOPLE SWIMMING—The finest, cleanest and safest bathing beach in the Northwest. An ideal place for women and children. DANCING—All day Sunday and every evening. Delightful music. ROLLER SKATING and a world of other popular amusements for old and young. SPLENDID PICNIC GROUNDS—Take family and friends out today. Special! Next Week Dancing Carnival Every Night Splendid Prizes Gets the Crowds.

A Good Place to Eat Dinner Specials Coffee... 5c Cocoa... 5c Milk... 5c Doughnuts, Snails, etc... 5c Pie... 5c Soup... 5c Chili... 5c Beans... 5c Rice... 5c Roast Beef, with Potatoes and Gravy... 15c Beef Stew, with Vegetables... 15c Home Made Sausage With Potatoes and Gravy... 15c Hamburger Sandwich... 5c Hot Cakes (served any time)... 10c SHORT ORDERS SERVED ALL DAY Clean, Wholesome Food Served Right at Popular Prices Eat Your Next Meal at WOOD'S QUICK LUNCH Sixth and Stark

MISSING! THE MIND GROWS NUMB when it pictures the fate of those in the hands of the Hun, over in shell-swept France, but even Mars, the War God, whose work of destruction seemed complete, could not cool the ardor of this brave girl's love. A special song, written for "MISSING," will be played before each performance as a prologue. Liberty News Review "Her Blighted Love" MACK SENNETT'S NEWEST JOY-JAG Brimful of Breezy Brainlessness

All the wonderful new records now on sale. For VICTROLA GRAFONOLA OWNERS EDISON Eleno Siano OREGON ELLEN MUSIC HOUSE Broadway at Alder. Also Graves Music Store, 151 Fourth St. and 255 Morrison St.