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SCHEME TO MAKE GEER SENATOR

Wood May Be Induced to Withdraw In Favor of Geer—Scheme Not Apt To Materialize.

Salem, Jan. 22.—Out of the multitude of interests are born many strange vagaries, and not the least mysterious of all is a great general political sweep to make Geer senator, and carry the party split into the coming congressional election in this district.

The first step in this direction is to get C. E. S. Wood out of the way and give the democrats in the legislature an easy way to walk into the Geer camp, as some of them were walked over to Mitchell in 1901.

to vote for Geer, and in return have the Geer men in this congressional district assist in the election of a democrat congressman to succeed Tongue next spring. They argue that such a trade was virtually made in the interest of Chamberlain without Governor Geer himself becoming a party to it, although not discouraging it. They could consistently make the same kind of a trade if it would ensure them an anti-administration congressman from the first district. Of course, there is no authority for the proposition, and at present the plan rests in the minds of a few managers, who will no doubt assiduously cultivate the trade microbe.—Journal.

Senatorial Elections.

United States Senators were elected last week in several states as follows: Pennsylvania—Boies Penrose. Missouri—W. J. Stone. Indiana—Chas. W. Fairbanks. Illinois—A. J. Hopkins. Arkansas—James P. Clarke. New York—Thomas C. Platt. Connecticut—O. H. Platt. Utah—Rood Smoot. New Hampshire—Jacob H. Gallinger. South Dakota—A. H. Kittredge. Michigan—Russell A. Alger. North Dakota—H. C. Hansbrough.

The result of the first ballot in Washington Tuesday was as follows: Levi Ackney, 48; Harold Preston, 41; John L. Wilson, 12; George Turner (D), 23; scatter ing, 10. Oregon, Washington and Colorado have deadlines.

AT THE SOLDIERS HOME.

Many Prominent and Interesting Characters Found Among its Inmates. Comrade E. J. Lamson.

If the lives and achievements of many of the old comrades at the Oregon Soldiers Home at this place were written and published in a book it would relate a volume of considerable size to the many stirring chapters in the career of these grand old veterans incident to the thrilling scenes enacted during the Civil and Indian Wars. In this connection we quote the following from the Chicago Inter Ocean, regarding a thrilling incident in the life of E. J. Lamson, a veteran of the Civil war and now an inmate of the Home.

Capt. Lucas, the old commander of E. J. Lamson's company having been asked by the publisher of a war book entitled "The bravest deeds of the war" to write an incident for publication, responded with the following:

"The coolest bravery I witnessed during my term of service was at Leesburg, Mo. General Tom Ewing, with a battalion of the Fourteenth Iowa Veteran Infantry, numbering 109 men and two or three hundred Missouri state militia, was forced to evacuate Pilot Knob by the advance of Marmaduke's and Shelby's commands, said to number three or four thousand troops. Ewing attempted to reach Rolla when he evacuated Pilot Knob. After a running fight of twenty-four hours, his tired and hungry little command, being pressed in flank and rear, took refuge in a deep cut of the railroad, at the village of Leesburg, at dark.

The lines of the enemy were drawn well about the beleaguered little command. The commands of the enemy were plainly heard while adjusting their lines for, as General Ewing believed, a night attack. In front of the beleaguered forces and inside of the advance lines of the enemy was a large barn with several haystacks surrounding it. General Ewing called for a volunteer to go to the haystacks and through the enemy's lines and set fire to the haystacks, in order to light up the field in front of the beleaguered little band and about the lines of the enemy. Earl J. Lamson, a corporal of Company B, Fourteenth Iowa, offered himself as the desired incendiary. I warned him of the imminent danger of such an undertaking and the few chances of escape from capture or death. He replied: "I fully comprehend the danger but General Ewing believed it necessary for the safety of this command that the barn be fired and I can't do my country a better service than to attempt to perform the service."

He stripped himself, stole over the banks of the railroad cut, and was soon out of sight. As we waited with bated breath for the result minutes seemed hours. Soon, however, a commotion was discovered among the enemy's troops, and about the same time a twinkling light was discovered in the upper part of the barn through a gable window. About the same time shouts and tramping men were carried to us on the night air. In the midst of the noise and excitement Lamson came bounding towards the railroad cut with the speed of a race horse. As he leaped over the barricade that had been hastily erected on the brink of the cut, he drew a long breath and said: "She's well fired, boys." By the time he reached his comrades the fire was going in full force, and the whole ground surrounding the railroad cut were lighted up as if with our own matches and two Parrot guns we had with us we were soon able to beat Marmaduke back out of range. The hay burned nearly all night, and maintained a light so the garrison was saved from capture. Daylight came and the enemy kept at bay until Colonel Beveridge arrived from Rolla with reinforcements, and Ewing conducted his brave little band safely to Rolla."

Earl J. Lamson is alive and is an inmate of the Soldiers Home at Roseburg. He is hale and hearty and one of the most genial and jovial old comrades at the Home.

Senator Marster's Valiant Fight

Against the Big Fair Graft

How the Bill was Railroaded through the Senate—Only Three Senators Opposed It.

Salem, Jan. 23.—Opposition in the Senate to final passage yesterday of the Lewis and Clark Exposition appropriation bill was confined to President Brownell and Miller of Linn, and their's were the only nay votes recorded. Marsters of Douglas, who had opposed two amendments which were generally regarded as being intended to obstruct, declined to vote, saying that he could not consistently vote for the bill, and he did not wish to go on record as opposing the wishes and opinions of so great a majority of his colleagues. So the vote on final passage of the Lewis and Clark Exposition appropriation bill was 27 ayes, two noes and one not voting.

Preceding this, though, there was a warm discussion of the measure. It began as soon as the bill was called up. Marsters, of Douglas, called up the morning session, and providing that the fair association must raise an amount equal to that which it was decided to appropriate before the appropriation should be available, and moved its adoption.

BEST OPPOSES AMENDMENT.

Hunt arose to oppose the amendment. "This bill," said he, "has been very carefully prepared and drawn by men in every way competent to prepare and draw such a measure. When it was before the House several amendments were offered. They were all regarded as filibustering measures, and were voted down. I cannot regard this proposed amendment as other than of a similar nature."

"Of the \$500,000 appropriation which this bill calls for, \$50,000 is to be used for the erection of a permanent Lewis and Clark memorial building. Another \$50,000 is to be used for the purpose of sending an exhibit to the St. Louis Exposition. This reduces the sum which it is proposed to expend on the 1905 fair to \$400,000. On the best of authority, the statement that a sum equal to this has already been subscribed to the fair fund being raised in Multnomah County. These subscriptions will be paid. I know a prominent Portland banker who stands ready to pay in his subscription in full as soon as this bill shall have been passed and approved. I know a prominent Portland manufacturer who will do similarly."

"Now as to my authority for the statement that this sum of money has been subscribed: It is the Lewis and Clark Exposition Commission. This commission is composed of some of the most honored and prominent citizens of the state. Their word that this money has been raised is enough. No evidence is needed that such an amount will be raised. The amendment proposed by the Senate from Douglas is superfluous. We do not need it."

FELLOW-EMPLOYEE BILL.

To Be Discussed in Committee Monday Night—The Bill as Introduced by Hansbrough's

Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—One of the most important measures that will be discussed at the meeting of the railway and transportation committee, when it meets next Monday night, will be the bill introduced by Hansbrough, the chairman of this committee, known as the fellow-employee bill. It was drawn up by the railway employees and is said to have been taken from the law of Minnesota. And it is further claimed by labor people that this is the strongest measure of its kind ever introduced in this state.

The meeting of the Railway Commission Monday night will be given over to a complete discussion of the bill and attorneys representing both the railroad companies and the employees have signified their intention of being present. The feature of this bill is as follows:

"That every corporation operating a railroad in this state, whether such corporation be created under the laws of this state or otherwise, shall be liable in damages for any and all injury sustained by any employee of such corporation as follows: When such injury results from the wrongful act, neglect or default of an agent or officer of such corporation superior to the employee injured, or of a person employed by such corporation having the right to control or direct the services of such employee injured, or the services of the employee by whom he is injured; and also when such injury results from the wrongful act, neglect or default of a co-employee engaged in another department of labor from that of the employee injured, or of a co-employee on another train of cars, or of a co-employee who has charge of any switch, signal point, or locomotive engine, or who is charged with dispatching trains or transmitting telegraphic or telephonic orders. Knowledge by an employee injured of the defective or unsafe character of any machinery, ways, appliances or structures of such corporation shall not of itself be a bar to recovery for any injury or death caused thereby."

Legislative Notes.

Senator Mulkey has introduced a bill withdrawing all the state lands from sale.

Senator Carter is the author of a bill relative to foreclosure of mortgages by the State Land Board.

Bills for amending the charter of Ashland have been introduced in the senate by Carter and in the house by Hansbrough.

The Legislatures of Oregon and Washington are so far "deadlocked," but they are not having one-tenth the fun, or excitement, that is being had by the Colorado Legislature.

At last a "flat salary" bill has been introduced, but it may have quite a rocky road before it gets through both houses and into the Governor's hands for his signature.

Barleigh of Wallowa introduced a bill to prohibit sheep from grazing in Eastern Oregon within a mile of dwellings. It also provides that sheep, horses and cattle shall not graze on uncultivated lands of the state without permission of the county court.

The Medford Success says that both Chas. Nickel and Horace Mann, newspaper publishers of Medford, want to be colonels on the staff of Governor Chamberlain and that they have been studying military tactics ever since Chamberlain's election in preparation of the coveted rank.

Bills have been introduced in the house to create a State Tax Commission, to supplement the initiative and referendum to create an agricultural society in each county, relating to the election and compensation of prosecuting attorneys, to define riparian rights; to amend code as to injuries to fruit trees and fences.

It is doubtful if the bill providing for a District Attorney for each county ought to pass, unless in the small or sparsely populated counties the salary is made very small. In some counties there is scarcely any business for a District Attorney to do the year through. It is possible that the number of District Attorneys should be increased, but outside of Multnomah and possibly two or three other counties there is not enough business for one to justify such an officer, unless his salary be kept down to correspond with the work he will necessarily have to do for the public.

Germany Busters.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—Public sentiment has become jingoistic in reference to the complications with the United States through happenings in Venezuelan waters.

The imperial government does not attempt to conceal its vexation at the attitude the United States has taken as a quasi protector of Venezuela, and its assertion of the Monroe doctrine as an authority in the settlement of differences between the European governments and the South American republic.

It is certain that the German government would take umbrage at any demand from Secretary Hay for an explanation of the Fort San Carlos bombardment.

The press today is almost unanimous in upholding the home government and asserting that any interference by the United States is unwarranted.

It is said a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. In looking over our accounts we note that some awful good women we know are not getting the pressure they deserve.

German Naval Attack.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Jan. 22.—The German warships made a concerted attack on Fort San Carlos yesterday.

The fort was silenced by the heavy bombardment, then the Germans steamed past and entered Lake Maracaibo. The Venezuelan gunboat Miranda surrendered without firing a shot.

The defenders of Fort Carlos fought desperately till the fire from the fleet drove them from their guns.

KILLED ON A TRESTLE.

Friday Afternoon's Train Causes Death of a Man Near Oakland, Oregon.

Oakland, Ore., Jan. 23.—A man by the name of Martin was knocked from a trestle north of here this afternoon by the north-bound stub train and killed.

The above brief dispatch tells the story of a sad snuffing out of a human life. The conductor on the special train told how the accident happened. The man was walking across the trestle, which is quite a long one, and was about midway when he heard the northbound train coming. He calmly climbed down to one of the extended braces as all bridge carpenters are accustomed to doing when a train approaches, and was apparently in a safe position. He was an acquaintance of the engineer and as the engine rushed past he looked up at his friend and recognized him.

He waved his hand at the engineer and leaned too far back and was struck by the hanging steps of the day coach. He fell to the water and the train was stopped. After some difficulty he was dragged out and the train put back for Oakland at great speed. He died about the time the train reached that place and nothing could be done for him. The remains were left in Oakland.

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