



## SENATOR FULTON HAS CALLS FROM ASPIRANTS

### Secretary Hitchcock Not Yet Ready to Receive Recommendations--Appointments Will Not Be Made Just Now.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—A recent Washington dispatch announcing that Senator Fulton would name the Register and Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office has been forwarded to the Interior Department. "Secretary Hitchcock never gave Senator Fulton any such assurance," said one official close to the Secretary today. "He told Senator Fulton that any recommendations he might make would receive consideration, but that his and all other candidates would be carefully scrutinized before any appointment is made."

"The Secretary said he wished to avoid making any more bad appointments in Oregon, and would therefore exercise the utmost caution in filling these two offices."

"As previously indicated, there is no intention of removing Bridges and Booth until the grand jury meets next month."

#### Senator Fulton Being

PORTLAND, March 26.—Senator Fulton's door was the bourne of many patriots yesterday. Two fat jobs, each paying \$3000 a year, the receivership and the registership of the Roseburg Land office, are at the disposal of the Senator, practically.

Two of the gentlemen who would accept the jobs had audiences with the Senator—J. M. Handsbrough, of Roseburg, former Representative to the Legislature, and B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook, also a former Representative. Both were stalwart adherents of Fulton in the Senatorial battle of 1903.

"I'm in the fight, all right," quoth Mr. Handsbrough. "They've got to beat me to show me. I'm that kind of Missourian. Am I receiving encouragement? Well, I'm receiving about everything else but encouragement. But I'm not weak-kneed."

"Not Ready to Name Appointees." "I don't know when the new appointments will be made," Fulton said. Before I left Washington I had an interview with Secretary Hitchcock, who told me that he was not yet ready for recommendations, but would ask for them when the time came."

By this Secretary Hitchcock meant he would ask Senator Fulton for recommendations. And the Secretary's words indicated that he would not long delay.

"Mr. Eddy would no doubt make a good officer in the Land Office," said

the Senator, when the Tillamook man's name was mentioned. "Senator Dimmick is a very worthy man," spoke Senator Fulton of that aspirant.

#### List of Aspirants

Among the other recipients of booms or boomlets are the following: Charles Pierce, of Ashland, proprietor of a fruit-canning plant. J. H. Cochran, of Medford, insurance agent.

Gus Newbury, ex-County School Superintendent and ex-County Clerk of Jackson.

R. U. McClanahan, of Goldendale, tobacco merchant.

D. H. Jackson, of Jackson, member of the Lower House of the Legislature.

N. L. Norregran, of Medford, principal of the public schools.

S. L. Moorhead, of Junction City, chief clerk of the State Senate, newspaper man.

J. M. Shelley of Eugene, ex-Representative to the Legislature, miller.

S. M. Yoran, of Eugene, shoe merchant and prominent member of the G. A. R.

D. R. Shambrook, of Roseburg, ex-County Clerk, business man, color sergeant of the Second Oregon Volunteers.

F. B. Hamlin, of Roseburg, County School Superintendent, Lieutenant of Second Oregon Volunteers.

B. F. Mulkey, of Ashland, president of Ashland Normal School, ex-State Senator.

C. S. Jackson, of Roseburg, lawyer.

George Dimmick, of Roseburg, brother of T. M. Dimmick, of Marshfield.

George Waggoner, of Corvallis, author of a series of stories of Old Oregon, pioneer of 1852, member of Oregon Railroad Commission, now abolished.

George W. Riddle, of Riddle, Douglas County, farmer, pioneer, twice a member of the Lower House of the Legislature, member of the Lewis and Clark Fair Commission.

Ira B. Riddle, of Riddle, ex-member of the Lower House of the Legislature.

In the foregoing are 20 names, yet they are not all, for others have not come out of hiding.

**Senator Fulton Interviewed.**

Portland, March 24.—United States Senator Charles W. Fulton is back from Washington. The junior Senator ar-

rived in Portland this morning, and will remain in the city until tomorrow night or Sunday morning before leaving for his home at Astoria.

Senator Fulton expresses himself as well pleased with Oregon's share of river and harbor appropriations at the hands of the recent Congress, says she fared as well or better than the other states, and did remarkably well, considering the general disposition on the part of Congress to keep down all appropriations. The senator speaks encouragingly of the great Eastern Oregon irrigation projects, and thinks substantial work in that line is near at hand.

Senator Fulton says Binger Hermann was still in Washington the last he saw of him; that he will not be an attorney in the defense of John H. Mitchell; that the senior Senator stood in high regard in Washington, and that the Senators generally are full of sympathy for him, are hoping that he will be able to vindicate himself, and that Jack Matthews is safe from removal.

**Oregon Got More Than Others**

"Everybody in the East has heard of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," says Senator Fulton. "The cry that the Expedition is not advertised is no longer in order. People in the East know all about it, what it is for and where it is. They will be here in large numbers, veritably in mobs," the Senator says.

Appropriations for improvement of Oregon's rivers and harbors were not so large as was desired, says Senator Fulton, but they are as good or better than those given to other states of the Union. The amount for the Columbia river is short of what was wanted, and he would like to have seen more for the Willamette and other rivers. However, Oregon is very lucky to get what she did, he says.

I. E. Damewood, of Cottage Grove, who last year, while unarmed, drove off a large cougar that was just in the act of springing upon his little boy as he was going to school, last week killed a cougar seven feet long and weighing 130 pounds, that is supposed to have killed many sheep.

**GOOD MATERIAL FOR GOVERNOR**

After having selected a lengthy list of aspirants for the Roseburg land office the Oregonian continues the pastime further by naming 15 or 20 candidates for governor on the republican ticket among whom are W. Kuykendall and H. E. Ankeny of Eugene; Dr. James Withycome, C. A. Johns of Baker City; Phil Metcalf, M. W. Bailey, L. R. Webster, Chas. M. Carey of Portland; F. I. Danbar, Astoria; H. L. Benson, Klamath Falls; G. W. Haines, Forest Grove; E. V. Gear, T. B. Kay Salem; B. F. Mulkey, Ashland; Chas. S. Moore, Klamath Falls; W. R. Ellis, Pendleton; Robert Eakin, Union; Malcolm Moody, The Dalles; C. C. Masters, Roseburg.

Out of this bunch it would certainly be possible to select a good man for governor, but it is necessary to line up every public man of prominence in the state for governor. Why not select two or three of the strongest men so that effort at selection can be more centralized. Of course our democratic friends would be pleased to have an hundred candidates sparring for the honor, having probably as they will, only one aspirant for the coveted prize.

**A SENSATIONAL FAMILY ROW**

A spicy family quarrel is being aired at Eugene in which the principals are Prof. F. S. Haroun, president of the Eugene Business College, his wife and the former's sister, Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Haroun seeks a divorce from the professor on the grounds of too intimate relations with one of his teachers in the Eugene business college, Miss Maude Decker. Mrs. Stewart, the professor's sister, seeks to recover \$300 which she alleges she loaned to her brother through misrepresentation. The professor says his sister kicked up the whole family row and refers to her as "an adventuress of disreputable character," and alleges that she has been married and divorced four times. The pupils of the Business College seek to vindicate their teacher by signing a rebuke to the charges preferred against Miss Decker, whom they endorse as an "upright, honest and moral young lady." Owing to the prominence of the principals the case has occasioned much comment and created quite a sensation at Eugene. It is all the result of washing dirty family lines publicly.

**NEBRASKA OUTLAW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**

Lincoln, March 22.—By a bare constitutional majority—17 in its favor—the senate tonight passed the house bill outlawing the practice of Christian Science. A single amendment by the senate permits osteopaths to continue practice and this, the house managers announce to be confined in. The bill will then go to the governor.

The bill requires a certificate from the state board of health before anyone can practice medicine or healing. If scientists pass the required medical examination there is nothing to prevent them continuing as practitioners.

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## DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE NEAR ELKTON

### Hermann Shook Fatally Shot A. E. Cooper and Paul Howse Then Committed Suicide.

### Mysterious Murder of Jacob Reuter at His Home Near Oakland Last Week. No Clue To Murderer.

One of the most shocking triple tragedies probably ever recorded in the state was enacted at the home of Ev Cooper near Hancock bridge, nine miles southwest of Drain and near Elkton last Friday morning, the principals in the deadly encounter being Hermann Shook, A. E. Cooper and Paul Howse.

Shook, a farm hand about 25 years old, had been working for Cooper about a year past and of late Cooper had suspected that the young man was unduly intimate with his wife. His suspicions were greatly increased on the previous Friday when upon taking some medicine for a slight illness he was soon thereafter taken with violent convulsions. Dr. Wade of Drain, was called and found that Cooper had taken strychnine, the dose having been so large that it was expelled from his stomach before becoming assimilated into his system, thereby saving his life. Cooper suspected that someone had purposely tried to kill him, but said little about it awaiting quietly for further developments.

On Thursday night a dance was given at the home of Shook and Cooper. It was especially guarded to prevent her from injuring herself or some one else.

The exact theory of the jury as to the killing of Cooper and Howse by Shook is not obtainable here, as the jury was procured at Elkton. Rumors have been afloat since the affair took place that Mrs. Cooper was suspected of complicity in the killing, but the finding of the jury does not seem to confirm such rumors.

The body of Shook was brought here this evening, and will be shipped to Oakland, in this county, for burial. The father of the young man, J. A. Shook, of Oakland, came here today to meet the remains of his son and convey them to his home for burial.

The sad affair is generally believed to be the outcome of infidelity of Cooper's wife. The remains of Cooper and Howse will be buried tomorrow at Elkton.

**Jacob Reuter's Mysterious Death.**

Sheriff H. T. McCallan, District Attorney Brown, County Treasurer Geo. Dimmick and Ex-County Clerks D. R. Shambrook returned from Oakland Saturday

bullet holes were found in his body, one entering his back on the right side just below the shoulder blade, ranging downward; the second through the left arm from the rear, and the third through the left leg. From the fact that all bullet wounds ranged downward, was established the theory that the party who did the shooting was located on the knoll, it being from 30 to 40 feet higher than the door yard. Dr. Gilmore of Oakland made an examination of the wounds and extracted the bullets. Experts however, do not agree as to the size of the gun used, opinions ranging from 22-calibre to 25, and 30-30.

Peter stated that at first he was of the opinion that Jacob had killed himself as he had been worrying lately over money matters and the sickness of his father, but as Jacob had no gun with him he was soon aware that someone else had done the killing.

Sheriff McCallan made a thorough examination of the surroundings as did also Dimmick and Shambrook but no trace of a clue could be found from which to work.

District Attorney Brown is attempting to have the members of the county court offer a reward for evidence leading to the capture of the murderer. Thus it is believed may lead some one who knows of facts of the murder to "squeal" as it is known that most all settlers living near Reuter are not sorry of his removal as he was said to be a hard man to get along with and was in the habit of appropriating others' cattle and other stock.

About five years ago Jacob Reuter was examined before the district attorney upon the charge of killing one Fred Billings, an old German known as "Dutch" Fred. No direct evidence was obtained and Reuter was discharged. The story told at the time was that "Dutch" Fred claimed that Reuter owed him \$75 for work. When last seen "Dutch" was enroute to the Reuter place where he said he was going with the intention of endeavoring to obtain a settlement, after which he was never seen and it was generally believed that he was foully dealt with by Reuter.

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OREGON**

Population, 525,000.  
Value of fruit crop, \$2,240,000.  
Pack of Columbia River salmon, 463,700 cases.  
Area in square miles, 96,000—61,459,200 acres.  
Hope, 16,000,000 pounds; value \$4,000,000; profit to producers, \$2,500,000.  
Mohair, 450,000 pounds; value \$150,750; Angora goat industry on the increase.  
Lumber mills, 480; output in feet for the year, 1,405,000,000, valued at \$12,650,000.  
Value of livestock, \$2,920,000, which does not include horses and cattle in Western Oregon.  
Dairy products, \$7,052,810. Oregon cattle took first prize in St. Louis for both beef and milk production.  
Flax culture is receiving considerable attention and the fibre produced here is pronounced by experts equal to that of Europe.  
Wheat production, 12,950,000 bushels; oats, 3,221,744 bushels; barley, 639,378 bushels; total value of these crops, \$103,420,276. Alfalfa is a most important crop.  
Oregon's numerous waterpowers appeal to the manufacturer. Her enormous mineral wealth is only in the beginning of its development.  
Oregon apples are incomparable, while her prunes, cherries and berries are unequalled in size and unapproached in flavor anywhere.  
Oregon has 3490 manufacturing concerns, employing \$36,191,067 capital, producing \$52,007,775 and paying 25,380 wages—earnings \$13,135,422.  
Oregon occupies second place in wool output. Wool clip, 19,500,000 pounds; consumed by Oregon mills 2,500,000 pounds; total value of the clip, \$2,850,000.  
The Columbia and Willamette rivers are the most important commercial rivers west of the Mississippi and are so recognized by the National congress.  
Oregon's churches, schools, libraries and other public institutions would do credit to any of the older states.  
The Lewis and Clark expedition one hundred years ago, required 868 days in traveling from St. Louis to the Columbia River and back 7679 miles. Today the regular schedule between New York City and Portland is 96 hours.

**LAND OFFICE TO BE MOVED TO PORTLAND**

Washington, March 24.—President Roosevelt has signed an order directing the removal of the land office at Oregon City to Portland. The date of the removal is left to the discretion of the commissioner of the general land office who states that July 1 probably will be selected for the date of the change.

The removal of the land office from Oregon City to Portland is to be made simply for reasons of economy, according to United States Senator Fulton, who is in the city. It is in line with the retirement policy of the present administration.

The government building in Portland will be used for the land office, thereby saving rent. Another reason for the removal was that nearly everyone who desires to go to the land office from almost all parts of the state necessarily passed through Portland enroute. That unnecessary trip and the expenses attached to it will of course be obviated by the removal.

## PEACE OVERTURES BY EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS

### Russia Begins Negotiations---War May End in Six Weeks---Czar's Advances Favorably Answered---Quiet at Front.

London, March 26.—The czarina has won her long struggle for peace. She has convinced the czar, much against his will, that a continuation of hostilities will be disastrous to Russia financially, economically and politically.

She has one great ambition left. That is to be mother of a czar. In the present unsettled state of the empire she is besieged with the fear that her ambition is not to be realized.

Since the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius she has been in a state of constant fear for the safety of the czar, her daughters and above all her infant son. She knows the czar is on the death list and that the royal family of Russia is sleeping above a volcano which may give forth bloody revolution at any moment.

The pleadings of the czarina for peace are echoed fearlessly by the people and even the press of St. Petersburg.

Work has now begun in earnest to end the war. With the consent of Emperor Nicholas European diplomats have asked Tokio for an infor-

mal expression of the government's views. This is preliminary to negotiations. Russia has expressed herself as willing to concede more than Japan demanded before the hostilities began, but the czar is strongly opposed to any war indemnity.

Peace is badly wanted by the Russian people on any terms. They talk of nothing but the chances of somehow putting an end to the disastrous conflict, although they would like to be obliged to pay Japan an indemnity.

Informal preliminary overtures are being made through Berlin, for it is felt in Russian official circles that Germany has shown herself to be Russian's only true friend in her extremity.

The czar's advances were favorably answered by the mikado, and the terms to which the former can agree are said to have been proposed. Negotiations are already in progress, the private conference in Paris having paved the way for a settlement. Washington and Paris diplomats are optimistic, as well as those of Berlin and London.

**KUROKI IS MOVING ON VLADIVOSTOK**

St. Petersburg, March 24.—Russian officers connected with headquarters staff are convinced that General Kuroki is moving northeast with the intention of investing Vladivostok. It is reported that all women and children are leaving Harbin where business houses are closing.

It is stated that the minister of finance has proposed a series of reforms in the methods of taxation which will produce 22,000,000 roubles additional revenue yearly.

Advice from Port Said state that Admiral Nebogostoff's fleet, which forms the third division of Rojestevsky's squadron, has been sighted in the Indian ocean sailing eastward. All non-combatants are notified to leave Vladivostok soon or run the risk of standing a siege.

**PLANNING COTTAGES FOR SOLDIERS' HOME**

Portland, March 25.—Department Commander S. F. Pike, G. A. R., has been in Portland during the week getting out plans for the cottages to be put on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg. The Legislature made an appropriation of \$5000 to start the building of cottages for soldiers and their wives, and the G. A. R. posts and Women's Relief Corps throughout the state are to furnish them and put up others as they may be needed. The cottages will be simple and plain and not expensive. Commander Pike advocated erection of these cottages so that it would not be necessary to separate old soldiers from their wives when sent to the Soldiers' Home.

**British and Russian Royalty**

Will you be kind enough to tell me the relationship of King Edward VII and his wife to Czar Nicholas and his wife? A Subscriber.

The wife of King Edward and the mother of Czar Nicholas are sisters; daughters of King Christian IX of Denmark.

The Greek gang who are laying the new heavy steel for the S. P. are now side-tracked at Kreswon's spur. They will be putting down new rails through town tomorrow. There are more than 100 men in the gang. \$5000 in wages was distributed among the Greek gang Sunday.—Drain Nonpareil.

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