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FULTON ON THE GOVERNORSHIP

To a representative of the Baker City Democrat, Hon. C. W. Fulton of Astoria, United States senator for Oregon, who was there to deliver the oration at the Fourth of July celebration in Baker City, when questioned in regard to the Oregon gubernatorial situation, said:

"Nothing is being done now on the question nor, so far as I know, have any candidates been put forward by prominent men of the different localities or in any localities, except that prominent men are mentioned for the office. How far the mention of candidates is authorized or sanctioned by the candidates themselves I do not know. For instance, your own fellow townsman, the Hon. C. A. Johns, is frequently mentioned as suitable timber for the Republican candidate, and he certainly would be an admirable candidate and should be nominated. I have no doubt whatever that he would be elected by a large majority, but I do not know whether Mr. Johns is or would become a candidate.

"Other prominent men are mentioned in other localities, but I think no systematic work has been done by any man or the friends of any man. In truth, the situation is peculiar and we are treading on strange ground in view of the fact that the direct primary law will be tested for the first time next year. I do not see very well how any program can be arranged, for it is a matter that the people will have to settle, and they would not be disposed probably to look with favor on any prearranged program, no matter how carefully it may have been prepared. The man who will secure the nomination must have been sufficiently in the public eye to have gained the confidence and respect of the public and must be a man of known integrity, strength of character and individuality; a man who will be governor in every sense of the word and who will give the people a strictly honest and wise business administration.

SECRETARY HAY WORN OUT.

Secretary of State Hay sailed for Europe a number of weeks ago worn out from overwork. He was so weak and tired that as he stood on the dock in New York he was forced to call for a chair. The people realized when they heard this that the great Secretary of State had been killing himself for his country, and after almost half a century of public life, during which he has been connected with the greatest national movements, that he was compelled to give up. During the last few months particularly his strength has been much overtaxed, and he has submitted to a great deal of annoyance besides. The treaties he has drawn have been tampered with by Congress until they no longer were capable of bringing about the effects the Secretary hoped for, and in spite of ill health, he has persisted in going to his office and taking up the heaviest tasks of state. Mr. Hay has

been a world power, and has had a hand in matters directing the destinies of nations. He framed the policy of the "open door" in China by which the entity of that country was preserved, he placed obstacles in way of Russia encroaching upon the East, he settled the Alaskan boundary treaty, and he removed the danger of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty interfering with the Panama canal project. He began his public life with Lincoln.

But Secretary Hay didn't stop for rest soon enough to save his life. He returned to his home, and while apparently on the road to recovery, he died suddenly, thus passing to history one of the most brilliant and diplomatic statesmen this nation has produced.

Western Pacific Probable.

Gould's intentions in Oregon have not been changed by the trip of the Harriman agents into Central Oregon by way of Shaniko, Bend and Prineville. Doubt is expressed in some quarters that Harriman will furnish funds to build the Columbia Southern extension to Bend and Prineville, but, judging from the practical and thorough manner in which the Gould agents in Oregon are continuing their work, it is considered sure the Western Pacific will tap the territory ere long, and that move will be the cudgel which will force Harriman or his successors to furnish Central Oregon with railroad facilities.

The continued presence of Gould representatives in the Webfoot field after it became known Harriman would telegraph his Portland officers to minutely investigate the advantages and disadvantages to be encountered in the extension of the Columbia Southern gives color to the surmise that he is in this district to stay. The fact Gould has gone ahead with the establishment of his base of supplies for construction work at Salt Lake, and that he will push on to San Francisco with dispatch, is taken as indicating the branch line from a point near Eureka, Nev., to Portland will follow, for it is figured out the agreement of the stockholders and board of directors at San Francisco last week to increase the capitalization from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 goes to show the Portland connection is assured, for the \$50,000,000 is estimated to have been sufficient to build to the Golden Gate.

Gould will be encouraged to enter the territory, and already prominent influences in the state are at work in that direction. With his \$50,000,000 of bonds already sold in England and right of way offered him for a small sum the rising railroad magnate may yet hold the supreme hand in Oregon so far as transcontinental business is concerned.

Victory for Good Government.

Spokane Spokesman-Review. The conviction of United States Senator John H. Mitchell for his part in the Oregon land frauds is a victory for good government. The importance of it to the Northwest, if the jury's verdict is sustained on the appeal that will doubtless be taken, can hardly be overestimated. It means the end of the thieving that has robbed the people of this country of millions of acres of valuable public lands. It means the doom of many others even more guilty than the aged and infirm Senator from Oregon. It means a great advance in the enforcement of law and in public honesty all over the country. This first conviction in a long series of trials now about to open will nerve the Government's arm and make easier the conviction of the men who have fattened on the thefts.

Mrs. W. H. Wright of Bathgate, N. D., arrived in Madras Wednesday and is the guest of her friend Mrs. McTaggart. Mrs. Wright will visit with Mrs. McTaggart until September when they will take in the Lewis and Clark Fair together.

Furniture, undertaking supplies and building material at Louck's & Co's.

A company has been organized with a capital stock of \$150,000 for the purpose of building a railroad, 16 miles, from Vale to connect with the Oregon-Short Line at Ontario. It is said that \$50,000 of the stock has already been subscribed, \$25,000 by local capital and \$25,000 by outside capitalists. It has not been decided yet whether the new road will be a steam or an electric line. Construction work will begin as soon as the right of way can be secured.

James C. Stoner was in town Wednesday on business and called at The Pioneer office. Mr. Stoner says a portion of his crop is good this year and it is his observation that grain sown in December or January will make a surer and better crop than sown grain later in the Spring. Winter sowing gives the grain an opportunity to form a long, healthy root and is then more able to appropriate the moisture that falls in the spring months, insuring a long stem and well-filled heads, while grain planted in the Spring develops only a short root, many times has to contend with a dry season and what rain does fall soon sinks below the depth of the roots, they deriving only a slight benefit, with the result that the grain makes a short stem and the heads are poorly filled.

Prineville Review: The Review this week is compelled to print three days ahead of time, owing to a pressing invitation from Mr. Francis J. Heney for the editor to attend the trial of Hon. J. N. Williamson, which began at Portland on Monday. Mr. Heney refused to take no for an answer; and as he likewise insisted upon the whole office force being present at the trial, and our news-gathering was limited to three days, we are also compelled to come out on a half-sheet.

The Dalles Chronicle: As might be expected at this time, the fairs abroad, and strange to say, he still finds those who are just waiting to be faked. Most of these are the slick fellows who have left over goods from the St. Louis fair, which they couldn't find room in the Lewis and Clark fair to exhibit, and therefore will sell at any old price. Yes, and they are no sooner purchased than it is found they are any old goods. It should be remembered by our people that these transients cannot sell goods as cheaply as can our home merchants. Besides, what interest have these Arabs in building up your home town?

Cook County Journal: Preparations will soon be under way for the Crook county fair which will be held at the new grounds of the Central Oregon Livestock and Agricultural association during the coming fall. It was thought for a time that the Portland fair would be a serious hindrance to a successful exhibit in the city this year, but the conclusion has been reached that the late date at which the local fair will be held will assure a big attendance. Practically all of those who will attend the exposition in Portland will have returned home by that time. The board of directors will make an effort to give the county the largest and most complete display that has ever been seen in Central Oregon. The new grounds, including a new race track and new buildings, will aid materially in the success of the undertaking.

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