TLEADS OTHER O. P. CANDIDATES

President's Strength Arbiter must have Disclosed His Steadily Increas-

OCARATS DOUBTFUL

Wilson Leading Candidates Underwood and Harmon Dead Horses

the national nominating tions but three months off, ines tighter, and their suptheone state and the other ming to take on concrete with Mr. Taft well in the the other Republican canabout evenly divided be-Governor Wilson and Speak mp Clark. However exat Rosevelt and Senator lette are making strong farmon, of Ohio, are strong ratic possibilities.

in the North Dakota priwhere he captured the elegation, notwithstandpre-election reports sent Taft and Roosevelt head that they would carry The North Dakota put new hope in the La ranks. Senator La also carried his own etting a solid delegation which gives him 36 instelegates already. Mr. third of the delegates field. lana, and broken even

thern delegate at the field. convention, he will have werwhelming majority hat the south will main reverbial solidity.

cratic situation, howne uncertain. Goverstarted out the strong

HOPEFUL GROOM WILL UMPIRE THE BIG GAME

Intention to be Married in Next

The greatest difficulty has been experienced by the managers of the married and single men's ball teams in finding some one to umpire the game who is acceptable to both sides. Name after name has been suggested, but there are serious objections to all of them. After a conference Wednesday afternoon, the managers decided that they must have a bachelor to umpire, who expects to get Republican and Democratic are beginning to draw married in the next three months. None other will be satisfactory as the arbiter in the big clash next Sunday.

The Pioneer is authorized to announce that all applicants for the position must appear in person, accompanied by the prospec and the Democratic tive bride, and each must swear that they intend to get married within the next three months. As remuneration to them for their services, also for the advance notice of their intention, as for the Republican the price of the marriage license tion, and Congressman will be presented to the young official, out of the gate receipts. We would advise that all who would have the job, put in their liggest surprise thus far application early, for the manain political circles since gers reserve the right to make melunexpectedly dropped their choice from the list of appli in the ring, was the cants. The name of the success shown by Senator La ful applicant will not be made public until the hour set for the game. The "big leagues" have indicated that they will have a 'scout" at the game, and if the local official "shows anything" he will promptly be advanced to the ranks of those who give deci sions against Connie Mack, John FIRE DEPARTMENT McGraw, Hughie Jennings and their hirelings.

The following is the line-up for

the game: Married Men-

beat Taft and La Fol- Colby catcher; Siler pitcher bined almost two to one | Smith first base; Stanton second Minois primaries this base; Ashley third base; Pillette secured a large maj- short stop; Bergland left field; the delegates from Okla- Dizney center field; Gerbing right

Single Men-

in Vermont. Mr. Taft Rhoads catcher; Shugert pitcher steadily gaining in the Tucker first base; Atkins second instructed delegates, base; Crawford third base; Camp bell short stop; Stritte left field tile he will not control Lowe center field; Savage right

Game called promptly at three

Witical observers at the of his party, but the friends and stilities are inclined to admirers of the Missouri Conat Roosevelt is prepar gressman have brought about a by to bolt the Chicago change, with good prospects of in case it shows an the veteran congressman getting position to nominate the nomination. Wilson at pre-Taft, They reach this sent, seems not to be extending because of the fact his popularity, and enthusiasm weevelt managers have for the ex-college president is reated notices of inten- not as conspicuous as it was durmatest Taft delegates, ing the winter and fall, while last forces claim were Speaker Clark is becoming a hosen. If Roosevelt more formidable candidate each quate water supply with which himself before the week, both as to instructed delein independent cand- gates, and in the general estiwould change the com- mation of the voters. Harmon the entire situation, hardy will enter the Baltimore all advantage of such a convention on an even footing Democrats, especially with Wilson and Clark, nor nominate such a can with as good a chance for the Wilson or Clark, one of nomination as Oscar Underwood, reasonably sure of minority leader in the lower house at Washington.

Oregon will probably declare for Taft and Clark in the pri- the welfare of the city, and esmaries next week, directing her pecially property holders who maries next week, directing have interests to be protected, Deting his western to secure the nomination of these are urged to be present at the d the sure nominee tried office holders.



JUDSON HARMON

C INCE the Ohio election of 1908, in which, while Taft carried the state by 70,000, Judson Harmon was elected governor by 19,000, the availability of the Buckeye jurist as presidential timber has been generally disstate by 100,000, being the first Democratic governor since the war to win two consecutive victories, did much more to encourage his backers. His abilities as a judge-he filled a number of important judicial offices before he became attorney general in Cleveland's second cabinet-and the prestige which he has gained by his administration of the affairs of a pivotal state constitute the strength of his candidacy.

TO BE ORGANIZED

Mayor Turner and Water Commis-

sioner Pearce Call for Meeting

Tuesday Night

At a meeting to be held at the organized, and made ready for dicate anything. duty. The call for the meeting and organization of the depart- up over the fact that Washingment has been issued at the in- ton and Oregon millers are sendstance of Mayor Turner and wa- ing the artificially whitened ter commissioner Pearce.

The primary purpose of the organization is to better protect the property in the city from fire, which can only be done through an organized depart-

However the insurance rates for the city property, especially in the two business blocks on Fifth street will be lowered when satisfactory evidence has been presented to the insurance companies that there is an adeto fight fire, and an organized, working department.

The water service is in satisfactory condition at present, and those who are working on the pro ppusition are satisfied that a pro berly organied fire department will enhance the value of property in all parts of the city, and prove of much benefit. For this reason, all who are interested in meeting Tuesday night.

OREGON MILLERS ARE

Northwest

Flour bleachers are going to City Hall, in the Cowherd Build- have very rough sledding from dras Fire Department will be re- activities of the trade would in-

California buyers are stirred flour into that territory, and there is strong agitation against a continuance of the practice.

According to an advice from the south received last week, the trade there will practically boycott all northwest flour that does not show on the sacks that the product is not bleached. This, it is reported, will be taken as a last resort. If the government prosecutes the offeners for a violation of the pure food law the private interests will not take the matter up.

Flour millers who are not bleaching their product are joining the fight against the dopers.

according to those that are not trying to evade the laws, is unjust competition. - Oregon Jour-

to business matters.

C. O. M. CO. PURCHASES NEW MEASURE SILENT THE HAMMER STOCK

M. Foster and Manager Oisen of Local Store

The Central Oregon Mercantile Company, of this city, closed a deal Wednesday with the R. L. Sabin Company, of Portland, tak ing over the W. F. Hammer Company stock. The invoice of the Hammer stock was close to \$12, 000, the C.O.M. Co. taking the entire outlay, consisting of groceries, hardware, machinery, buggies, wagons, farming implements, phonographs and records and fixtures. The deal was completed through J. M. Foster, who has had charge of the Hammer store since last fall, as agent for the Sabin company.

The stock will not be moved until the greater portion of it has been sold, it being the intention of the purchasing company to inaugurate a big sale, beginning April 24, disposing of the greater part of the stock at prices which, it is hoped, will halls and bowling alleys in this make the goods sell quickly.

Bridgeman Injuried

R. V. Herrick, a bridgeman employed by the Missouri Valley Bridge Company, was struck by a beam while at work moving false work on the Deschutes bridge at North Junction last Saturday, suffering a fracture of the collar bone and a bad cut on the head. He was brought to Madras on the work train, and his injuries dressed by Dr. Arthur Gale.

Herrick lives with his family at Celilo, and was taken to that point after his wounds had been properly cared for.

Dies at Metolius

Mrs. J. M. Pierson

Mrs. Jessie M. Pierson, wife of Edward T. Pierson, editor of the Metolius Central Oregonian, died at her home in Metolius Sunday morning at 9:30 oclock, death being due to neuralgia of ing next Tuesday night, the Ma- this time forth if the present the heart. She is survived by her husband, two daughter and a son, aged 12, 10 and 5 years respectively, and her parents who live in Milwaukee.

Her body was taken back to her former home at Granville, N. D., Tuesday morning for

New Paper at Sisters

The Sisters Herald, a weekly paper will be started at Sisters this week or next by George E. Aitken, formerly of Roseburg, and J. M. Crenshaw, of Redmond. A small plant will be installed, to turn out six pages a week, the inside being ready

Charlie McCall, who has been spending the winter in Portland, tories. The only reason why flour is and other Willamette valley bleached is that it enables the points, came back Sunday night. miller to purchase low priced He will go to work Friday for wheat and after bleaching make Sellars & Rust, taking the the product resemble the grind- place of Al DeShazza, who leaves ing of higher priced grain. This, Saturday morning for St Joe,

Champ Smith and Frank Central Oregon. Brosius, of Prineville came over R. R. Rogers, of Spokane was Friday with Jerry Cramer in the in Madras Thursday, attending latter's car, spending Friday and Saturay here.

ON SUNDAY CLOSING

Big Deal Closed Wednesday by J. Old Pool Hall Ordinance Repealed and New One Passed

LICHT FRANCHISE REFUSED

Council Takes View That Ordinance In Present Condition Calls for Exclusive Privilege for ensuing Twenry-Eight Years

After repealing the whole of ordinance No. 47, which placed a license on pool and billiard halls and bowling alleys, and prohitited their operation on Sunday. the Common Council at the regular meeting Tuesday night passed another ordinance putting a license of \$6 for each table and alleys in the city, but was silent as regards the Sunday closing feature. This action clears up the status of pool and billiard city again, ordinances having been passed and repealed so regularly during the past two months, that hardly two consecutive Sunday have found them in the same status.

At the last meeting previous to this week, section six, the Sunday closing section of the original pool hall ordinance, was repealed, and the action this week cleaned the slate, making way for the later ordinance which simply provides that the pool halls and bowling alleys be licensed. The new license ordinance passed Tuesday night received the vote of all members present, councilman Pearce being the only absentee.

Ordinance No. 49, granting a franchise to the Madras Light & Power Company, given its first reading at the last meeting of the council, was taken from the table, given its second and third reading and voted down, it being the sense of the council that the ordinance in its present shape, called for an exclusive franchise.

The usual quoto of claims against the city were allowed and ordered paid. The monthly report of the City Treasurer was read and accepted.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor Howard W. Turner, and Councilmen B. Randolph, J. L. Campbell, W. R. Cook, G. V. Stanton and S. E, Gray.

Cyrus W. Walker, who bears the distinction of being the oldset living native of Oregon, has been in Maras for several days in the interest of the State Grange. However this is not Mr Walker's first visit to this section, he having been with the first party that drove down through this valley. He addressed the children of the local public schools Wednesday on the pioneer history of Oregon telling stories and experiences that are not to be found in the school his-

Tom McCormack is renovating and papering his place of business. He is especially proud of his collection of deer horns, and with the several more, for which he has the promise, he will have one of the best collections in

Charles Dizney, ex-assistant postmaster, was up Wednesday from his home at Vanora.