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### CITY POLITICS.

#### An Apparent Calm That Is Breeding a Lively Contest.

Today the delegates to the republican city convention are to be elected. The ticket selected by the central committee will doubtless go through.

The only surface contest is for the office of city attorney. George Welch would like to succeed Harrison Allen and will endeavor to secure the nomination.

It was rumored yesterday that some combination had been effected whereby Mr. Allen would withdraw from the race. The latter was seen by an Astorian representative and he emphatically denied that there was any such arrangement. Mr. Allen stated that he is a candidate and will ask the convention for a renomination. He had heard nothing of any kind of a combination for any office and could hardly believe that any such exists.

There is a chicanery among the leaders in the matter of the majority. Doubtless the candidate has been conditionally selected but no one will venture to say who it is. If Judge Nelson has any opposition it is afraid to show its bold rash head.

The democrats, it is reported, will nominate a citizen's ticket next week to be headed by Mayor Bergman. There is little stir about the convention however, and one might suppose that it is to be merely a perfunctory performance.

But there is activity behind all this calm and the forces are being lined up for a red hot city election all down the line.

### CAPTAIN SEIBOLD'S RETIREMENT

The Fort Canby Chaplain Misrepresented by the Washington Dispatches

In Wednesday's Astorian was a Washington dispatch referring to the

retirement of Army Chaplain J. S. Seibold, stationed at Fort Canby. The dispatch stated that Captain Seibold discovered an error in his record after he was ordered to the Philippines.

The truth is Capt. Seibold discovered six years ago, while visiting relatives, that the family records proved him to be three years older than he had always supposed, thus advancing his retirement by that many years. This was chiefly a matter of pay, as that would be reduced when he retired.

Some two years ago the chaplain wrote the department to have the records corrected, sending the necessary affidavits, but departmental methods are not always speedy and the matter was not settled until about the time the order assigning Capt. Seibold to the Philippines was made. A reporter got hold of the two items and guessed the rest.

Captain Seibold was seen by an Astorian representative yesterday. He said he had seen the account sent from Washington, but he cared little about the inaccuracy. The correction of the records was an old matter and he was retired by operation of law.

His retirement dates from the 15th of last month, but he only received notice last Saturday. He is packing up his effects and will start next week for his old home in New York where he will hereafter reside.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Luther Campbell and wife, of Warrenton were guests of the Occident yesterday.

Geo. W. Caldwell, of Portland, is at the Occident.

J. B. Mullay, of Portland, is in Astoria on business.

John Finley, of Union Peak, registered at the Parker house yesterday.

Dr. M. K. Hull, of Ranier, visited Astoria yesterday.

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C. Lütjens, of San Francisco, is registered at the Occident.

W. H. Calef, of Eugene, was in the city yesterday.

G. P. Konene, of Pendleton, was in town yesterday.

R. D. Potter, of Portland, is registered at the Parker.

Wm. Dixon, Chinook, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. F. R. Archer and son, of Westport, were in the city yesterday.

Wm. Reader, of Salem, is staying in the city for a few days.

Gus Carruthers, who has been attending the Washington Lee university, has returned home.

J. J. Pope, of Portland, is at the Occident.

E. J. Ormsby, of Portland, is at the Parker.

Capt. Blake, of the schooner Pacific, is registered at the Parker.

F. J. Korner, of Portland, is in the city.

A. N. Cook, of Portland, is in Astoria on business.

V. V. Vinson, of Butte, Montana, is a guest at the Occident.

Geo. Lawler, of Tacoma, is in the city.

L. A. Conn, of Vancouver, is in the city.

Mrs. C. H. Schutte, of Fairhaven, is at the Occident.

J. W. Hobbs, of Portland, is in the city.

Chas. M. Morgan, of Portland, is registered at the Occident.

J. A. Vaughn and wife of Portland, are stopping at the Occident.

P. Bush, of Goble, is in the city.

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