

MRS. HOUSTON IS OUR QUEEN

Popular Young Matron the Successful Candidate in Contest Ended Last Night.

GIVEN A DECISIVE MAJORITY

Miss Harriet Tallant Is Also Generously Supported and Is Second in the Pretty Race.

Mrs. Charles L. Houston, one of Astoria's most popular young matrons, has been elected queen of the 10th annual regatta. The final count of votes was made last evening and shortly after 9 o'clock the result was announced at regatta headquarters.

It has always happened that the friends of the various candidates have withheld their support until the last hour. This year's contest was in this respect no exception to the rule. The committee counted the votes yesterday afternoon, but, apart from a gain by Mrs. Houston, who jumped to third place, the result was not changed materially. After the dinner hour, however, the real balloting was begun, and the enthusiasts went at it in the old-time way.

At 9 o'clock a special committee, consisting of W. L. Robb, R. G. and H. F. Prael and Frank L. Parker, gathered up the ballot boxes. The tour of the committee had the effect of arousing interest to fever pitch, and soon regatta headquarters was crowded with a chattering throng. When the ballot boxes were finally taken to headquarters Messrs. Robb and W. O. Wilkinson commenced the count.

Secretary Halderman had prepared a tabulated sheet for the final count, and as the number of votes on each ballot was called the hard-working secretary tallied the result. At first the ballots were small ones, containing from 10 to 500 votes. Then Mr. Robb called out a ballot that contained 30,000 votes for Mrs. Houston. Immediately following Mrs. Houston received another ballot for 10,000 votes. Then a ballot containing 11,000 votes for Miss Harriet Tallant was called. The crowd was on the tiptoe of expectancy. Another ballot of 2500 for Miss Tallant was called, followed by one for 4000 for Mrs. Houston. Next came a ballot of 4750 for Mrs. Keuttner. Miss Tallant received another ballot for 1000, while Mrs. Houston received one ballot for 2000, three ballots each containing 1000 votes and one ballot for 1300 votes. Mrs. Keuttner received two ballots each for 500 votes.

When Secretary Halderman had footed up the totals he announced the result as follows:

Mrs. C. L. Houston	54,527
Miss Harriet Tallant	19,848
Mrs. F. D. Keuttner	10,804
Mrs. W. W. Ridehalgh	4,346
Miss Harriet Rafter	2,274
Miss Grace Stokes	2,092
Miss Lillie Lidwell	1,891
Miss Frances Norberg	1,357

A total of 97,169 votes was cast in the contest.

The successful candidate was warmly congratulated upon her election. Mrs. Houston is very popular in the city and she was very generally supported. Miss Tallant also received handsome support.

This year's queen will be known as Queen Neil.

AUGUST MAKES GOOD START.

More Than 10,000,000 Feet of Lumber Now Being Loaded.

So far as lumber shipments are concerned, August promises to be the banner month in the history of the Columbia. Two large steamers, the Pleiades and the Tottenham, have just cleared for the orient with cargoes ag-

gregating 8,000,000 feet of lumber. In addition to these, there is an unusually large fleet of schooners in port under charter, and all of them will be ready to clear before the expiration of the month. Those now loading will take out enough lumber to swell the amount of the exports in this line for the month up to more than 16,000,000 feet, and other vessels are coming. The following is a list of the schooners and barkentines now loading, and the amount of cargoes which they will carry:

Names.	Feet.
Mabel Gale	900,000
Lahaina	1,300,000
Inca	1,300,000
Bangor	600,000
Olga	625,000
Alice McDonald	650,000
Commerce	900,000
Virginia	750,000
James Johnson	1,300,000
Churchill	900,000

Total 8,620,000

The Churchill is at Astoria, but is expected to go to Portland shortly to load lumber. The carrying capacity with which each is accredited is based upon the cargoes which they have previously taken out.

In addition to this large fleet there are three vessels taking on lumber cargoes at the Hume mill. They are the Bula, the Jennie Stella and the Sequoia, which will take out in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 feet more.

DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT.

A writer in the Egyptian Gazette, describing the progress now being made in the agricultural and commercial development of Egypt, states that the country is enjoying a veritable boom. From the Mediterranean to the utmost confines of the Soudan, he declares, the authorities are being daily bombarded with applications for the purchase of large tracts of land for cotton and other cultivation, and for concessions of various kinds. Real estate values have increased enormously in price and have in some cases attained almost phenomenal figures. This does not apply only to Cairo, but to every town of any importance in the Nile valley, from Alexandria to Wady Halfa.

Building operations are also going forward at a wonderful rate in every direction. Those who remember the capital, Alexandria; Port Said and Suez or the large towns of the Delta—such as Mansourah Zagazig, Tintah, Dammanhour and so on, in former years cannot fail to be struck with the recent changes and the real progress to be met with on all sides. Cairo, "the Victorious," will soon vie with the larger European cities in respect to its fine buildings, its broad boulevards and its delightful promenades.

In lower Egypt and parts of the Soudan the rush for agricultural lands has been very great during the past year or so, and the price is ever tending upward. Quite recently the purchase was announced from the Soudan government of upward of 200,000 feddans situated on the banks of the Nile to the south of Berber, as well as an application for the purchase of 80,000 feddans of government land in the Sharkieh province for reclamation purposes.

Can anyone wonder at this desire to acquire land when it is remembered that in many sections four crops a year may be reaped, that fertilizers are not required and labor is cheap and plentiful? Such is "the land of the Pharaohs" under British domination. Thousands upon thousands of feddans of desert land have been transformed and by means of irrigation have been made to blossom as the rose. The khedive himself is a buyer—for he is a keen and scientific farmer, employing to the greatest advantage not only the native but the best known methods of cultivation.

Expedition Reaches l'Hasa.

Simla, British India, Aug. 6.—The British expedition into Thibet reached l'Hasa at noon on August 3.

GOOD THING FOR OREGON

Development League Will Prove of Immense Benefit in Building Up the State.

ONE BRANCH IN EACH TOWN

Uniform Letterheads Will Be Used by All and There Will Be No Effort to Hog the Returns.

That there is a great immediate future in store for Oregon as a result of the organization of the Oregon Development League is the opinion of Tom Richardson, manager for the Portland Commercial Club, now that the movement contemplated and prepared for by the club for the past month has been fairly and fully started.

"It's just exactly what those behind the movement wanted, and its influence on the future development of Oregon can not be otherwise than beneficial," said Mr. Richardson, after the adjournment of the convention. "Now everything is in readiness for a forward movement. The nucleus of the organization has been formed, and we will go to work at once and begin the statewide organization. No amount of labor will be spared until the Oregon Development League has branches in every community of sufficient size and interest to support one, all over the state.

"Our plan is to have but one branch organization in each city, town or community, for there will be constant correspondence between the different branch bodies and the central organization, and there must consequently be but one branch of the organization in each distinctive place. Another thing we want made plain is that no real estate company or corporation of a business nature will be admitted to membership. Nothing in the nature of an organization is desired other than those of an industrial or commercial nature, instituted and maintained not for the benefit of one man or a set of men, but for the general unbuilding of the community or the state at large.

Central Organization.

"The central organization will be formed of the various branches. These will have memberships in the central, primal body. The Portland Commercial Club will be the local member of the state organization, but it will have nothing in the nature of general equipment that is not enjoyed by the other branch organizations, or the least of any of them. Letterheads, unique and catchy, will be printed as soon as the design can be prepared, and the same style used here and by the state organization will be used by all the other organizations of the state. Portland will have nothing in the nature of organization equipment that is not enjoyed by the smallest branch in the state. In order to extend the influence of the league, new organizations will be instituted at places where nothing of the commercial or industrial order of organizations now exist, and the several communities will be asked to choose which of their present clubs, chambers of commerce and the like shall be selected for membership. It makes no difference what the name of the organization is, so long as it is admissible to membership. We are now ready to advertise Oregon, and there is every reason to believe that a new era is in store for the state. I am delighted with the work of the convention and the loyalty and enthusiasm of the people of Oregon every where."

Will Encourage Good Work.

H. M. Cake, president of the Portland Commercial Club, says of the outlook:

"I believe that the next noticeable result of this movement will be a vying between the various individual branch organizations throughout the state in an effort to build up their several communities. Heretofore there has not been this legitimate competition, but there is now good reason to believe that with the impetus to development work afforded by the convention, this state of affairs will grow, and then we shall see some lively and statebuilding competition springing up among the various branch organizations. This will stimulate development work in individual communities and react to the lasting good of the state.

"There is little doubt that the Oregon Development League will in time assume a political significance in this respect: That its demands for needed legislation at the hands of state or nation will come to be recognized in the very nature of things; for when

there are allied together for the encompassing of any particular industrial end, such, for instance, as irrigation or harbor legislation, the solid and substantial business men of the whole state, it will be met and proper on the part of the powers that be to act. The influence of the Oregon Development League can certainly be gilded for great good to the state at large.

"The personal advertising work that will undoubtedly be productive of immense results. By this I mean the united action on the part of every one interested in Oregon joining hands to spread the fame of Oregon and her resources by personal letters, marked copies of publications, and personally mailed descriptive literature of the state. This will be one of the special lines of work looked after by the league, and when we take into consideration the fact that Mr. Richardson effected the immigration of hundreds of thousands of people into the south by similar methods, some idea can be formed of the good that can be accomplished for Oregon by following this course."

E. L. Smith, president of the new league, expresses himself as follows: "I think this organization means much to Oregon, and will become a great factor in her development. I did not wish the presidency of it, and declined repeatedly in the committee meeting, but they were insistent and elected me anyhow. I have a good deal of work already on my hands, being president of the Hood River Fruit Growers and chairman of the state board of horticulture. My correspondence is larger outside of the state than in it, and this is good evidence that the state is attracting the attention of the outside world."

Astoria Chamber Joins.

The following organizations have already joined the league: Astoria Chamber of Commerce, Charles R. Higgins, secretary; Irrigon Commercial Club, A. Bennett, secretary; Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, I. S. Kaufman, corresponding secretary; Hood River Commercial Club, A. D. Moe, secretary; Hillsboro Board of Trade, F. M. Heidel, secretary; Oregon City Board of Trade, John W. Loder, secretary.

Ships Break Sailing Record.

Post-Intelligencer: The sailing record for ships between Puget sound and the orient has been smashed by the ship James Drummond and the schooner Forest Home, both of which sailed from Puget sound the same day and returned within a few hours of each other. The former vessel went to Manila and made the return trip in thirty-eight days. The Forest Home went to Cochinchina and made the homeward trip in fifty-seven days.

Both vessels left the sound on February 13, and though there was much difference in the length of their journeys, they both reached home almost together. This is a coincidence that seldom occurs, it is said. The time made by the Forest Home is considered particularly good because of the length of her trip and the fact that she sailed out of the sound instead of being towed.

NEW PLAN OF ROBBERY.

Burglar Uses Electricity to Put Victim Out of Business.

Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 6.—Abraham Schlossbach of this place has reported to the police that a boarder in his house had made him unconscious by an electric shock and while he was helpless, robbed him in his own room of over \$1000.

The stranger represented himself as the discoverer of a new electric process to cure rheumatism, and offered Schlossbach the treatment free. He attached his apparatus to Schlossbach's wrists and the victim knew no more for several hours. Then the boarder secured \$1000 which Schlossbach had just drawn from the bank and disappeared.

LODGE FIRES FIRST GUN.

Deals With Canadian Reciprocity in Massachusetts Speech.

Boston, Aug. 6.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge opened the presidential campaign in the east at Point Shirley, Winthrop, this afternoon, when he spoke to the North Dorchester Republican Club. Senator Lodge devoted his time principally to defining the attitude of the republicans on the question of reciprocity with Canada.

Launch Making Long Trip to Astoria.

Moro Observer: Rev. Evans and family returned home Thursday after an enjoyable camp life of three weeks goods across the Columbia to Biggs, they saw a launch pass which was making the trip from Kettle Falls to Astoria, presumably endeavoring to reach Astoria in time to participate in the annual regatta to be held there this month.

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LIFTED THE MORTGAGE BY PUMMELING HANLON

Battling Nelson's Victory Was God-sent to His Aged Mother, Whose Home Was Encumbered.

Regarding the defeat of Eddie Hanlon the other night at San Francisco by "Battling" Nelson, they are telling a human interest story about Nelson that is worthy of almost any press agent. However, it has added interest in that it is avowed to be true.

Just before the fight, the Chicago boy received a telegram from his mother, who is ill at Hegewisch, Ill. It was a short dispatch, stating that the mortgage on the farm was yet unpaid. "I am praying that you will be successful," wired the mother. The mortgage on that little farm is \$1350, and as Nelson's share of the bout was a little over \$2400 he will be able to send the money home. He expects to straighten it out so that his folks won't have to worry any longer.

The gate receipts for the battle amounted to \$3244. Of this, the Hayes Valley Club's share was \$1122, and Nelson and Hanlon split the remainder as follows: \$2473 for Nelson and \$1649 for Hanlon. Next to the Britt-Corbett receipts, this proved the biggest houses of the year in San Francisco, and, in fact, the only paying proposition for the club.

Judging from his work, Nelson's star has risen. He has been in the game for the past four years, but it was not until the past six months that he has done anything of note. He is now in a class with Britt and Corbett.

"Would you believe it," he asked the other night, "I fought for two years and didn't make as much in all that time as I made last month. In the early days I used to fight for \$5, and I have gone on and done my best for as little as \$2.50. I am willing and ready to fight anybody at the weight. Of course, I would prefer Young Corbett or Britt, because there would be more money in fighting them. But anyone who can draw a house can take his chance at me. I am open to engagements."

While Nelson is open to engagements it is quite evident that either the boxer or his manager has a good idea of his value as a drawing card. The Portland parties who were considering him

as a possibility for a Portland go discovered that Nelson wanted not only a big percentage of the house, but transportation for two as far back as Chicago.

Eddie Hanlon has proved himself to be a good loser, and he will lose no friends on account of what he said after the fight. He admitted that Nelson beat him fairly and squarely. "He was stronger than I was," said Hanlon, "and he beat me down. It may not be for a long time, but it is inevitable that I should meet him again. When I do, I hope to win." Regarding Hanlon, one of the San Francisco writers has to say:

"Not one follower of the game, though he won money or lost it, had anything but kind words to say of the boy who was beaten. Glancing over the list of pugilists who are at the top of the heap or near the top it would be hard to find one man whose defeat would not occasion a certain amount of gloating from the men who do not like him. But not so with Eddie Hanlon. Opinion as to his fighting ability may vary, but everybody has a good word to say for him. There was no gloating, and there was nothing akin to it. The general opinion seemed to be that Eddie's pugilistic career is yet a matter of the future. He is very young yet—scarcely old enough for the bones to be set and for his full strength to be developed. He climbed too high, was too ambitious, perhaps. At any rate, a lad who can fight the way he did for the first five rounds of Friday night's battle need have no fear of his fistic future."

SAID TO BE WORKING SLAVES.

Serious Charge Brought Against Prominent Georgia Man.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—A special to the Tribune from Savannah, Ga., says: State Senator Foye of Egypt, Ga., has been brought here under arrest by federal officers on a charge of holding negroes in bondage. Foye is one of the wealthiest men in southern Georgia and is a democratic leader. He conducts several large turpentine farms near Egypt and federal officers assert that he is holding many negroes as slaves. The negroes are confined at night in stockades and are worked in chains during the day.

WANTED—Wants for the want column of the Morning Astorian.



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