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PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1902.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

FACTIONS FOR FUSION

All Parties to Citizens' Movement In Perfect Accord.

Republicans Get Clerk, Assessor, Commissioner and Minor Offices.

The incubation of the Citizens' movement is going on as steadily, and as quietly as it is possible when the number and character of the different factors that enter into the combination are considered.

So far there has been no discord or friction, each party being willing to make concessions of any kind that have a tendency to strengthen the ticket. There were no formal meetings of any of the committees yesterday or this morning, but many conferences by those who will naturally be leaders in the campaign.

As far as has been agreed upon the Democrats will name the State Senator and four Representatives, the Mayor and the Sheriff. The Republicans will nominate the County Assessor, the County Commissioner and the County Clerk. They will also have the selection of four Representatives and a pro rata share of the Councilmen and the minor offices. The labor people are to name four Representatives and a goodly proportion of the City Council.

It is agreed unanimously that the Republicans will name Captain C. E. McDonnell for Assessor and Major J. F. Kennedy for County Clerk.

The Democrats will nominate John Gearin for State Senator if he can be persuaded to accept. The Democrats also want the County Judgeship and will probably nominate H. B. Adams, Thos. O'Day, Oglesby Young or J. W. Beach.

The question of the Mayoralty seems to have been solved by the consent of R. D. Inman to run. If he is the candidate John Lamont will likely get the nomination for Sheriff if he wants it. W. E. Robinson is also a probable candidate for Mayor and John Driscoll is mentioned for Sheriff. S. E. Wren also has many friends who would like to see him made Sheriff.

On the other hand, if the Fusion Committee decides to give the office of Sheriff to the Republicans the Democrats would take in its place the jobs of Clerk and Assessor. However, this contingency is not likely to occur.

As far as the members of the City Council are concerned, there seems to be

a disposition to select the best possible men regardless of any party affiliations. The labor people are very much interested in the legislative branch of the city government and they will be given almost anything they ask for.

The trend of events has made it likely that the question of indorsement of a United States Senator by the people at the June election may be an important feature in the campaign. It is said that Governor Geer's friends will place him before the people. This will necessitate the name of C. W. Fulton going on the tickets. The Democrats will probably do likewise and the preference now seems to be C. E. B. Wood of this city. Many of the personal friends of W. E. Robertson say that in the event he is not nominated for Mayor he would make a strong candidate for the Senate. There are those who advocate the election of R. D. Inman to the same high office, on the theory that "the best we've got is none too good for Riley."

The fusion idea is growing in strength among the Democrats. The Mt. Tabor delegation, which opposed it strenuously in caucus, is now said to favor the plan, and it is predicted that there will be no serious opposition to consolidation at the caucus on the evening of the 12th inst.

Some of those who worked hardest against fusion in caucus are now at least reconciled to the situation. Some of the Democratic advocates of a "straight" ticket will probably be nominated on the union ticket. Among these is Frank Schlegel, who was a recognized leader of the anti-fusionists. Being a brainy young lawyer and good legislative timber anyway, the nomination of such candidates, it is thought, will remove what little opposition remains to the movement.

For the first time in years the straight Republican ticket in Clatsop County stands in danger of defeat. There has been arranged a combination of Democrats and dissatisfied Republicans that is formidable. State Senator John H. Smith was up from Astoria yesterday and he says that the Republicans will not have a walkover in the county by the sea. Mr. Smith is a probability for the United States Senate.

LAND SLIDE

Occurs on the O. R. & N. Near Bonneville.

A landslide occurred on the line of the O. R. & N. Company this morning at Dodsons, a short distance west of Bonneville, which was due to the frequent rains. Advances received at the general superintendent's office show that a quantity of earth, 100 feet long and some 3 or 4 feet in depth, covered the tracks. This was of varying width.

The obstruction was not on the line when train No. 3 from Spokane came along, as that train reached Portland on schedule time, 7 a. m. Train No. 5—the through train from Chicago—was less fortunate. As soon as word reached headquarters here a train was sent to the scene of the trouble, to which passengers were transferred. No. 5 is due in Portland at 8:10.

Two gangs of shovelers were sent out, one from Troutdale and the other from Bridal Veil. O. R. & N. officials did not think that it would take long to remove the earth from their tracks, and there is no doubt but tomorrow's trains will run through without trouble.

OF LITTLE BENEFIT.

The question of whether the 2 1/2-cent fare for school children, now agitated by the Portland Board of Trade, would all the attendance at the High School was brought up at the principals' meeting last Saturday, and after much discussion the conclusion was reached that there would not be much difference, as there is a 3-cent fare now. In all, it might affect about 25 pupils.

BIG FIGHT

Between Whites and Negroes Expected.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 7.—A Lawton, O. T., dispatch says the situation there as a result of the efforts of the whites to get rid of the negroes continues serious. Four hundred armed negroes are now at Fort Sill awaiting developments before marching on Lawton. An equal number of armed whites are ready to repulse any attack the negroes may make.

The public pulse may be compared to a seething cauldron.

SAIDIE CAME BACK.

The Seattle Star says: Saidie Ritter, a young colored woman, said she didn't like Seattle. Portland was "home, sweet home" to her, and she was going to live there, whether her husband, John, liked it or not.

The couple came to Seattle last fall, but Saidie was discontented and unhappy and didn't want to stay. John, however, liked Seattle and said Portland didn't agree with him, and that if Saidie loved him she would stay here and be happy.

The bride didn't see it that way, however, and when Mr. Ritter came home from work one night he found that she had flattered away.

He went to Portland and tried to persuade her to come back, but she refused, and when she told him to choose between her and Seattle he said he would take Seattle every time.

He obtained a divorce in Judge Griffin's court on grounds of desertion.

Witness for the plaintiff was a young colored woman in whom John seemed to take a deep interest.

NOTED BURGLAR

TACOMA, April 7.—Burglar C. D. Emory, sentenced last week to ten years in the Walla Walla penitentiary, is now recognized as Peter F. Lowe, son of a former Governor of Iowa. He confessed to a startling criminal career twenty years ago in San Francisco. He has served four terms in prison.

POOR PROSPECTS

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) TACOMA, April 7.—Reports from Eastern Washington state that the season is very backward and dry for wheat. The prospects are the most unfavorable for six years.

STOLE PURSE.

Charles Irey, a mere child, was up in the police court this afternoon charged with stealing a purse containing \$1.75 from a room in a school house. The boy's father is deeply grief-stricken over the incident.

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Wheat, 71c. SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Wheat, 71c. 1/2 cent.

BRITISH BRUTALITY

Boer Women Made Protectors of English Soldiers.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) AMSTERDAM, April 7.—President Kruger of the Transvaal has received from General De Larey harrowing stories of the cruelties to defenseless Boers perpetrated by the British.

These stories are supported by affidavits.

General De Larey says that Boer women are placed at human screens around the British as a protection against his attacks.

He declares that a number of Boer women have already been wantonly killed. General De Larey's own wife, according to his reports, has been persecuted by General Methuen's orders for the past 12 months, and is now wandering about the world with her six children.

General De Larey's mother, aged 81, he claims, has been driven from Klerksdorp after being robbed of all her cattle and having her house burned.

The Boer General then enumerates specific cases of defenseless women who were shot, and also tells of the cold-blooded murder of prisoners.

General De Larey appends to his report a story of gruesome atrocities perpetrated on aged and decrepit Boers, pregnant women and small children.

DEDEW SWORN

Continuation of that Christmas Story.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The special committee appointed to investigate the charges made by Captain Christmas in connection with the purchase of the Danish West Indies was reconvened today.

Senator DeLoach was the first witness. He denied knowing Christmas or of having conferred with any one concerning the sale of the islands.

Charles Knox, mentioned in Christmas' report as a friend of Senator Hanna, testified that he entered into a contract with Christmas to further the enterprise, for which he was to receive \$50 a month and \$15,000 if the deal went through. Later Captain Christmas entered into objectionable contracts and he washed his hands of the entire affair.

Knox declared there was no understanding that he was to bribe any one. All he had done was to get the views of Senators as to the prospects of the proposed sale.

Senator Bacon of Georgia testified that he saw Captain Christmas twice, but denied he had promised to use his best endeavors to bring about the purchase.

A letter from Secretary Hay was then submitted. In it the Secretary stated that he thought Captain Christmas' story of sufficient interest to be worth an investigation, and would send a trusted agent to meet Christmas in Copenhagen.

He decided to send Henry White, assistant secretary of the American embassy in London, and gave Christmas an introduction to him.

Secretary Hay then says his connection with the matter ceased entirely.

WRECK ON THE GREAT NORTHERN

SPOKANE, April 7.—The Great Northern eastbound passenger was wrecked near Winchester, 100 miles west of here, this morning, jumping the track while going at full speed. The casualties are said to be serious.

SPOKANE, April 7.—The through passenger train on the Great Northern that left Seattle last night ran into a freight car that was blown off the siding at Winchester. There is no telegraph station at the scene of the wreck and the details are meager. One report says that an engine and seven cars left the track; another that only the engine and the mail and baggage cars were wrecked. A fireman was the only one hurt.

A special train with doctors left this city this morning.

The wreck will delay traffic 15 hours. The officials refuse information.

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CONVENTION RATES.

The Democratic State Central Committee has arranged with the Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. Company for a round-trip rate of a fare and a third from all Oregon points to the state convention to be held in Portland Thursday. Delegates will pay full fare to Portland and obtain a certificate from the secretary, which will entitle them to a return ticket for one-third of the regular rate.

STREET ASSESSMENTS.

The City Treasurer received today \$1063.80, money due on assessments levied for the improvement of East Yamhill street, between East Water street and Union avenue. There is still due \$1300. The property-owners contested the method of these assessments and the case was recently decided in favor of the city by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Will Be a Gain to the Town.

The Southern Oregonian is a new semi-weekly newspaper recently started at Medford, Ore. Sidney D. Charles is editor. It makes a good appearance and has a life and snap about it very pleasing to observe. Mr. Charles is from Portland, and if any one can give the energetic town of Medford a good newspaper he can do so.

ELECTROCUTION

Murderer Patrick Must Die Within a Month.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW YORK, April 7.—Albert Patrick, convicted of the murder of Millionaire William Rice, was sentenced this morning to be electrocuted during the week beginning May 5.

Because he will be legally dead as soon as he is sentenced, it is reported that Albert T. White, convicted of the murder of William M. Rice, the Texas millionaire, has made a will transferring all his rights to his wife. By the terms of the will Mrs. Patrick will administer her husband's affairs during his incapacity pending the decision of the Court of Appeals. If Patrick goes to the death chair his wife will try to sustain the Rice will of 1900.

WANT INFORMATION

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, April 7.—The resolution calling on the Attorney General to inform the House what steps he has taken to investigate the alleged beef trust, and what has been done to prosecute violators of the law, was introduced in the House today.

THAT MERGER SUIT

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, April 7.—Attorney-General Stratton of the State of Washington in the Supreme Court this morning entered the "motion for leave to file a bill of complaint against the Northern Securities Company in behalf of his state. His briefs were accepted by the court.

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APPOINTMENTS.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, April 7.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: John Maxey to be register of the land office at Stockton, Cal.; Frank Deansmore, receiver of public moneys at Independence, Cal.; and Stafford Austin, register of the land office at Independence, Cal.

BARRETT COMING.

John Barrett, commissioner-general of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, sent a telegram to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce stating that he would arrive in Portland on Wednesday and will stay till April 17. He offers his services to the chamber during his stay.

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EXCLUSION BILL PASSED HOUSE

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, April 7.—The House this afternoon in committee of the whole by a vote of 100 to 74 adopted the Kahn amendment to the Chinese Exclusion bill, prohibiting the employment of Chinese on American vessels.

Adams of Pennsylvania gave notice

FIVE HELD UP

Highwayman Strips Early Milkmen.

Five milkmen were held up on the Slavin road just this side of Bethany, near the Southern Pacific tracks, early yesterday morning and those who had any money were relieved of it.

The only one who escaped the lone highwayman was Gottlieb Zuercher, and his right thigh was perforated by a bullet which did not make a serious wound.

The robber, who was masked, went at his work very deliberately and held up the milkmen, one after another. When he called upon Zuercher to halt, the latter was driving at a rapid rate and could not stop instantly. The highway-

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