SCHEMES AND GOSSIPS OF THE MEN WHO WANT SIMON'S TOGA

MAY BE FENTON OR H. W. CORBETT

Considerable Senatorial Gossip Flying.

Sol. Hirsch's Death Will Compel a Readjustment in Portland.

The death of Solomon Hirsch, who was a well known factor in the Senatorial situation in Portland, has compelled a readjustment of the affiliations not only in the city, but throughout the state. H. W. Corbett and W. D. Fenton are now being talked of by many people as among those likely to cut a figure in the fight to succeed Senator Joseph Simon.

The most significant feature of the week in the senatorial situation was the removal by death of Solomon Hirsch from the ranks of the available candidates. Mr. Hirsch was looked upon as available, and it is certain that he wielded immense influence with all sections of the Republican party. He was peculiarly a man who kept in touch with the situation, and yet who never had any personal enemies. To eliminate such a man from the political forces of the state is to compel somewhat of a readjustment. Politicians are speculating as to what will be the effect of the death of Mr. Hirsch.

During the past few days there has been talk of H. W. Corbett as a senatorial possibility. Although it is quite certain that he is not a candidate, yet his name enters into the speculations of the people who, lacking definite facts, must indulge their propensity for guessing. Mr. Corbett has said lately that he is out of politics, and that he wishes to remain out. Notwithstanding this, his name is not lost sight of in the present campaign.

W. D. FENTON TALKED OF.

There may be nothing written or spoken of concerning the senatorial campaign without resorting to mere gossip. Few facts are at hand. This is peculiarly true of this campaign. Usually at this time of year, just before a session of the Legislature which is to elect a senator, the movements of the parties to the fight are known to more people than appear now even to claim they have inside information.

One fact has been apparent, however, that W. D. Fenton has forged to the front lately, and that throughout the state his name receives frequent mention. One of the members of the Multnomah County Republican delegation stated to The Journal that the delegation was quite friendly towards Mr. Fenton, and that some of them would really prefer him to any other candidate.

C. W. Fulton is making his own fight, having no manager. He lays his own plans, and carries them out. He has made a thorough canvass of the state, and returned to Astoria the other day to rest, remarking to The Journal as he passed through Portland that he was confident of election.

The Fulton people propose to risk all upon the issue of a caucus. They want a caucus, for the reason that they believe they could win out. The anti-Fulton workers turn back the pages of the record and point to that which tells of Mr. Fulton and his friends remaining out of caucus at a former election, and they assert, at least some of them do, that they propose to return to Fulton the same dose of political medicine he administered to others.

The caucus question is being earnestly debated just now, with no indications that could be said to warrant final guesses.

STATE SCHOOL LANDS.

While a Journal representative was in the office of Alex Sweek, today, looking for political news, a prominent citizen of Portland entered and submitted a proposition for Senator Sweek to take up and present to the Legislature, touching the handling of state school lands. Senator Sweek, although deeply interested, did not agree to stand sponsor for the plan, which was:

That the Legislature decree that not an acre of school land shall be sold during the coming two years, between the 1903 and 1905 sessions of the Legislature.

That a non-partison commission be appointed to ascertain the amount of school lands remaining in the possession of the state.

That valuations be learned of all tracts in the state.

That a plan be formed by the commission for the future handling of the lands so as to conserve the interests of the school system and provide as large a fund as possible.

Senator Sweek himself has in hand the tax law, which he introduced and piloted through the last session, and which must be amended in some particulars. He does not intend to ask for any radical alterations in the statute, giving this reason:

"The existing law has not yet had a fair test. There has really been only one collection under it, and it is too new a law to be finally judged. As to some of the minor details, I believe there should be some changes, but in the main it should remain as it is until we have had a test such as several years would apply.

"I see some merit in the proposition relating to the state school land matters. A commission properly selected would consist of men who possess knowledge of land business, and also there should be upon it representatives of the heavy business interests of the state. It should be non-partisan, and should be willing to do some hard work. But the results would justify the labor. It would operate to the building up of the school fund, and provision for the children of the future would be made. The lands have been selling at too low a rate of valuation in the past. While I am not prepared to take charge of such a measure, I believe that it offers opportunity for some one to do something for himself before the people and perform invaluable services to Oregon."

SENATOR FROM THE BUNCHGRASS

Baker County May Block New Charter.

Eastern Oregon Men Say They Are Entitled to the Senatorial Toag.

Eastern Oregon politicians are seriously considering the holding up of the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation and the new charter for the City of Portland unless their demands for the formation of a new judicial district are acquiesced in by the Multnomah legislative delegation. Bunchgrass statesmen are out for the toga and mean business.

(Journal Special Service.)

BAKER CITY, Dec. 19.—Baker County and all of Eastern Oregon are in the throes of an acute political upheaval. But it is all under the surface, and on top and in the local journals all is smooth and placid.

Baker County and the rest of Eastern Oregon believe they have the political situation by the throttle. Perhaps they have.

They argue here:

Multnomah County wants and must have the half million dollar appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair. It is either this or die of stagnation.

Portland wants a new city charter; for the old one is obsolete.

Portland must have a speaker of the house and a president of the Senate favorable to these measures, or perhaps they may fail.

Baker County has a population of 22,000 and more wealth than any other county in the state with only few exceptions. Yet she has only one representative in the Legislature and a third interest in a State Senator. Many Webfoot counties with less population, wealth and importance have a senator and two representatives.

Baker County realizes that this cannot be remedied at present under the law, but she wants other things to make this discrepancy good.

Baker County wants to be formed into a separate judicial district and she will be or know the reason why. The plan is to retain the present judge and to have T. H. Crawford of Union County appointed judge of that district. Eastern Oregon will get this or know the reason why.

A BUNCHGRASS SENATOR.

Eastern Oregon also wants the United States Senator to succeed Senator Simon, and it begins to look now as if she would succeed. The indications are that if Multnomah gets the appropriation and the charter the senatorship will come to the bunchgrass.

Eastern Oregon has four candidates, some of them avowed and some otherwise. They are:

Hon. M. A. Moody of The Dalles.
Hon. W. R. Ellis of Umatilla.
Hon. S. A. Lowell of Umatilla.
Hon. John L. Rand of Baker.

THE ASPIRANTS COMPARED.

In Republican as well as in Democratic circles here Congressman Moody is regarded as the logical candidate, for the simple reason that he has given the region and the state such valuable service while in Congress. It is known that he is making no effort to obtain the place and should the lightning strike him it will be because the office sought the man.

Judge Lowell is regarded here as the Utopian candidate and he will probably not receive the consideration he deserves.

It will be well to draw the veil of charity over the race of Judge Ellis, who cut but few lemons in politics even in his palmiest days.

Hon. John L. Rand perhaps does not know that he is a candidate as his law business keeps him busy, still under the peculiar existing circumstances—circumstances that occur only at rare intervals—Mr. Rand is probably the most powerful factor in the next Legislature. He can obtain almost anything he may demand and can no doubt name Senator Simon's successor if he goes about it in the right way. He may not only be able to do that but he may be able to land the plum himself—if he wants to. He has not said that he wants to yet. In fact Mr. Rand has not been doing much talking here of late. Like "Bre'r rabbit, he lay low an' say nothin'."

It is understood that the Baker County and Eastern Oregon senators will vote for Dr. Andrew C. Smith for president of the Senate.

FOREST RESERVE MATTERS.

Judge M. D. Clifford of Canyon City, Grant County, is in the city, visiting his family, who are remaining in Portland during the winter. Judge Clifford was asked by The Journal for some political news, and replied that the people of Grant County are more interested in the issue of the forest reserve question than in any other.

"About three-fourths of the county was to be included in the forest reserve, according to the tentative order issued some time ago, and we naturally desire to secure modification of the order. This is what we really hope to accomplish," said the Judge. "There will be a reserve, in all probability, and the best we can do is to induce the Government to leave out therefrom as much as possible. I have no personal knowledge of the boundaries of the proposed reserve, but do know that it leaves so little that Grant County would be scarcely large enough to call a county."

TEA AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Roosevelt gave the third of her series of teas this afternoon, when she welcomed several hundred guests in the red parlor. Receiving with the hostess were Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Payne, Miss Wilson and other ladies of the cabinet circle.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!
All Oregon,
vs.
Multnomah. Xmas, 2:30.

BOOTH OF LANE NOT FOR SENATE

He Will Give Support to C. W. Fulton.

Would Not Discuss the Attitude of Gov. Geer---Contest Is Narrowing Down.

The contest for United States Senator from Oregon is narrowing down. In this city this morning State Senator R. A. Booth, of Lane County, positively denied that he would make the race, and as firmly announced that all in his power would be done to insure the selection of C. W. Fulton. He said Fulton's chances are the best.

Not in any sense is State Senator R. A. Booth of Eugene, Lane County, Ore., a candidate for the honor of representing this state in the United States Senate. All use of his name in connection with aspirations toward this office have been unauthorized by him.

Not only is Mr. Booth not a candidate himself, but he will use his best efforts in the interests of C. W. Fulton. He believes Mr. Fulton to be the best man for the place, and to stand the best chance of getting it.

Mr. Booth came to Portland Thursday evening to attend a meeting of the Forest Protective Association and spent a goodly portion of this morning in conference with those who are joining with him in the effort to make future forest fires impossible in the State of Oregon. A reporter for The Journal found him at the Hotel Imperial this morning. Although in a hurry, Mr. Booth was not adverse to being interviewed. He had no wish to conceal his feelings or his political preferences.

WALKED AND TALKED.

The Eugene politician walked rapidly down Washington street and talked as he walked.

"I am certainly not a candidate for the office of United States Senator," he said. "Any use that has been made of my name in this connection has been both without my sanction and approval. I am not in the running, do not want the place and most certainly will not get it."

Mr. Booth would say nothing regarding the position of Governor Geer further than to signify that the latter was entitled to his own views regarding the plain duty of the Senators and Representatives when they meet in legislative session.

"What do you think of Governor Geer's statement that the people have expressed a desire that he be chosen Senator and that the duty of the legislators is plain?" was asked. Mr. Booth replied:

"That is something upon which I do not care to venture an opinion."

"It is a matter upon which Mr. Geer has a right to his own opinion, but that opinion is his individually?" was hazarded, and Mr. Booth smiled and nodded in reply. He evidently agreed.

SUPPORTS FULTON.

"I favor Mr. Fulton for Senator," he said. "I shall support him.

"There is nothing either strange or startling in Lane County politics now. I did not come to Portland on political business, but to join with others in devising ways and means for the protection of the forests from future fires. Oregon needs her timber, and it is to be hoped that it can be preserved from the ruthlessly destructive furrows of the flames.

"I see the newspapers are finding a great deal to say about politics just at present, but nothing can be forecast for certain."

DRANK COPIOUSLY OF BOTTLED BEER

Seven Thousand Bottles Drank on Voyage From Hamburg.

The members of the crew of the German ship Herzogin Cecelia have given evidence of their Teutonic characteristics. When leaving Hamburg they had on board 8,000 bottles of beer, and upon arriving at Astoria, there were but 1,000 remaining.

The empty bottles were saved, however, and as soon as the ship had crossed over the bar an order was given with a local dealer to have them filled without unnecessary delay.

WILL GET THE CONVENTION HERE

Committee Is Working With a Vim to Get Livestock Association.

The joint committee of the commercial organizations which is out for the 1904 convention of the National Live Stock Association for Portland is very much alive and very much in evidence lately. Subcommittees are out now raising money for incidental expenses, which will amount to about $1,000. The committee held a meeting lately, organized and elected the following officers:

Charles E. Ladd, president; F. E. Beach, vice president; J. C. Ainsworth, treasurer; M. D. Wisdom and C. J. Millis, secretaries. Executive Committee—H. W. Corbett (chairman), Stephen A. Lowell, Thomas H. Tongue, W. O. Minor, R. Scott, C. B. Wade, S. M. Mears, Douglas Belts, J. W. Bailey, J. G. Edwards, J. N. Williamson, George Chandler, Jas. Withycombe, W. H. Wehrung, F. D. McCully, J. H. Aitkin, Henry Hahn, A. Bush, Louis Barke, Wm. Daughtrey, W. G. Ayers, Henry Heryford.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The committee has also had letterheads printed with the heading: "Headquarters Oregon Delegation National Live Stock Association, Portland, Ore." Letters will be sent to every live stock man in the state, requesting his assistance and cooperation in the work of the committee.

The solicitation committee consists of F. E. Beach, J. W. Bailey, M. D. Wisdom and C. J. Millis. So far the following subscriptions have been received:

H. W. Corbett	$100
Charles E. Ladd	100
Henry Weinhard	100

The O. R. & N. is aiding the committee in its work with a vim. It has even gone so far as to detail C. J. Millis, its live stock agent, to attend exclusively to the work of getting the convention for Portland. By virtue of Mr. Millis' experience as a live stock man and his vast acquaintance he has proven himself an invaluable member of the committee.

THE OREGON DINNER.

The funds necessary for badges, decorations for the excursion train, for the purchase of Oregon products for the big Oregon dinner to be given at Kansas City and for the purpose of having an Oregon headquarters at the convention to be held in January.

The committee's idea of the Oregon dinner is not to set an immense table and have every one come for dinner at the Oregon headquarters. Instead they will bring with them Oregon products and will distribute them among the leading hotels of Kansas City, to be used on Oregon Day. The bills of fare of these hotels will state the fact that the dinner is of Oregon products and will in this way advertise the state.

HILL WILL RETARD CANAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Friends of the Isthmian canal think they see a threatening figure of huge proportions in the person of James J. Hill, who came to the national capital with the avowed intention of staying for the winter.

That Mr. Hill will bring about delay in the canal construction if he can, goes almost without saying. The moment the waters of the Atlantic and the Pacific mingle and ships of commerce pass through, that moment will the shares of the greatest transcontinental railroads take a decided slump.

Like the great railroad man who has gone, Collis P. Huntington, Hill is mightiest when he is least obtrusive. Had it not been for Huntington, it is believed by many that the canal across the isthmus would have been built long ago.

Although Hill's interests are, perhaps, not identical with Huntington's in the individual properties they include, they are of the same sort, built on the same kind of foundations—the millions of ties that bear rails across the continent.

Mr. Hill, when he came here, announced that he was going to take a little rest, watch national affairs as a spectator, and leave for his home in the early spring. Congress will be through its labors "in the early spring."

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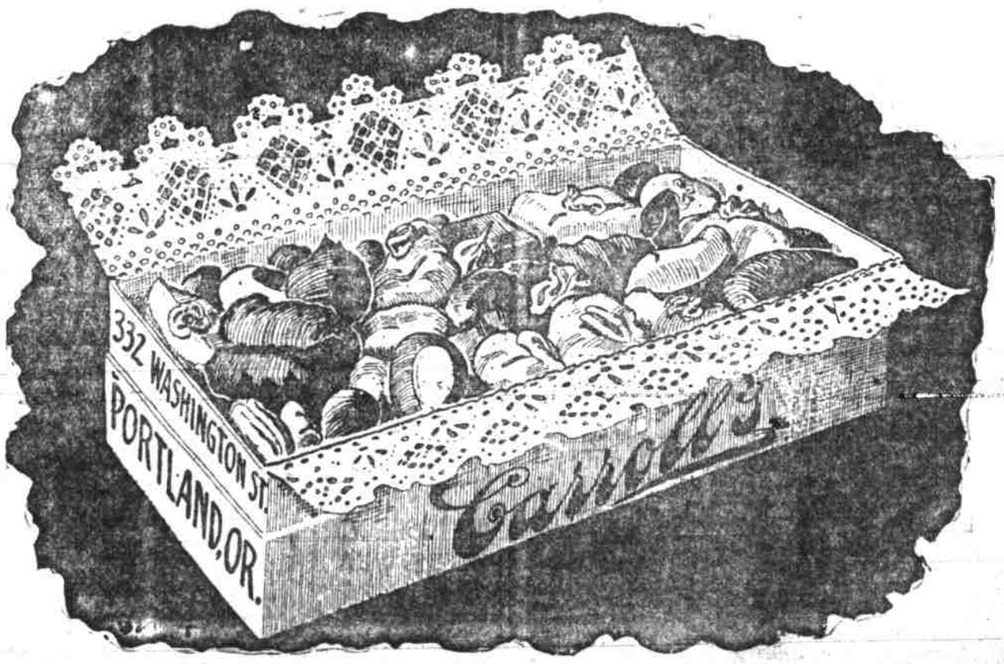

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