

GAMBLERS PLOT TO CHANGE CHARTER

Vicious Element in Connivance With Republicans Plan to Change Date of City Election—Want Open Town in 1905.

The scheme to secure an amendment to the city charter at the coming session of the legislature, so as to postpone the municipal election until 1905, which was proposed by the Oregonian, the organ of the gambling trust, is declared to be the direct outcome of a bargain between the gamblers of the city and the dominant Republican machine. In return for the aid given by the gamblers to the Mitchell-Matthews organization in the primaries last month, the pledge was given that there would be no change in the city administration next year, insuring a "wide open town" during the period of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

The fact is notorious that in the fight at the Republican primaries, with the possible exception of Larry Sullivan, whose dubious aid is supposed to have been given to the Simon cause, every gambler in the city was lined up for the Mitchell-Matthews machine. The Grant brothers, Nate Solomon, Blaisie, and all the rest of the gambling fraternity were working tooth and nail to elect the machine's ticket. Simon's greatest strength was supposed to be on the west side, and there the gamblers got in their work. For weeks prior to the primaries they were busily engaged in registering and colonizing voters, and on the day of the primaries they spent thousands of dollars in buying votes.

Open Town Promised.

It was no zeal for the re-election of Senator Mitchell that inspired these extraordinary efforts on the part of the gamblers. They cared nothing about the differences between the two factions of the Republican party. Their course was dictated by purely business considerations, and they were to be rewarded by immunity during the Lewis and Clark fair. It was stipulated by the gamblers that the charter should be so amended as to postpone the city election until after the fair, and this was agreed to. Judge Carey has denied any knowledge of such an agreement, and it is commonly attributed to Jack Matthews, whose control of the organization is about absolute.

Among the legislative nominees of

the Republican county convention are a few men of recognized independence who will doubtless oppose the job, if attempts are made to amend the charter in the next legislature. But a decided majority of the nominees are machine men. They can be depended upon to follow the instructions of the boss. Their nomination was not the result of an open contest before the county convention, but every one of them was selected by the master of the machine and placed on the ticket by him. They will go to the legislature, if elected, for the express purpose of doing his will. The few men of independence who were nominated are so decidedly in the minority that their votes will count for little.

A part of the scheme as originally proposed was to substitute for Mayor Williams some one who would lend more active aid to the plans of the machine, and especially who would use his influence to lineup all city employees for the machine candidates in the next election. As Williams could not be removed from his office, it was proposed that he be given a nomination for the circuit bench in place of Cleland or Fraser. The office of mayor would then become vacant and it would be the duty of the council to elect his successor. Councilman Burnham was slated for the job and it was this deal which led him to withdraw from the fight for the Republican nomination for sheriff. But Mayor Williams proved intractable. He did not want a nomination for the bench and he saw no reason why he should resign the office he now holds.

The idea of displacing Williams was finally abandoned and nothing remained but to allow him to continue in office, extending his term for another year. This was eminently satisfactory to the gamblers, who are quite content with the policy which he has pursued toward them. Their only complaint is that other city and county officials have been too exacting in their demands and that the "graft" is becoming excessive. They figure, however, that they can afford to stand this if assured that they can run undisturbed next year, when the harvest is expected to eclipse even the huge profits they are making now.

DEGREE OF HONOR

REPRESENTATIVES FROM BENTON, LAKE AND LINN COUNTIES MEET AT ALBANY—SEVERAL OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE IN ATTENDANCE—NAMES OF DELEGATES.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., April 21.—District convention of the Degree of Honor lodges of Benton, Lane and Linn counties met in convention in this city yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Bertha T. Parker is secretary. There are a number of delegates present, and several officers of the grand lodge are in attendance to assist in the work before the convention. Yesterday afternoon and today questions of law were discussed and proposed new legislation considered to be brought before the grand lodge at its session in July. Last night the delegates visited Greenleaf lodge, No. 23, of this city, where seven candidates were initiated, and the work of the order exemplified. Tonight an open session will be held and the members and delegates together with the members of the A. O. U. W. and their families will be present, and a social hour will be enjoyed to be followed by refreshments. The delegates already here are:
Eugene—M. Kaykendall, Jennie Ziegler, Delphine Goldsmith, El Rossie Starr, May Julian, Dana Brabham, Millie Appareo and Maude Dorris.
Harrisburg—Ethel Hendee, Kittie Baber, Ethel Baber, Nina Bennett, Louisa Maxson, Maggie Cartwright, Mrs. W. L. Wright.
Junction City—May Moorhead, Mame Mahon, Mrs. A. M. Lee.
Lebanon—Anna Robbins, Julia Springs, Hattie A. Cruser.
Corvallis—Mary Schoesgreen, Sadie Moore, Mary Gerhard.
Grant's Pass—Anna McCarthy.
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Portland—Mrs. Mary Randall, grand receiver.

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GIRL OF FIFTEEN CREATES A SCENE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., April 21.—Hugh Roby, his sister, Mollie Roby, and Robert Longmeyer, all of Athens, are under the eye of the district attorney, charged with having enticed Anna Githens, an Athens girl about 15 years of age, into a saloon, where she was furnished with whiskey, made drunk and taken to a house at Adams where the whole company spent the night.

Monday several of the witnesses were before the attorney, who listened to their testimony. The Githens girl was the chief witness, and told of the night's experience. She said that she was drunk, that she was in the saloon and that she staid at the hotel, but she was not sorry for it. In fact, it had not been the first time that she had done such things, and she had no charges to make against any of the people under examination.

The Githens girl is well-known here, having worried the police force with her disgusting behavior last summer.

WIFE BEATER IS PLACED UNDER BOND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., April 21.—G. D. Trotter, the Stayton merchant who made a murderous assault on his wife last Sunday, was taken into custody late yesterday, and when arraigned before Justice Quamer of Stayton, was placed under \$500 bonds pending his preliminary examination, which will probably be held today.

Mrs. Trotter is still at the home of relatives in the country, and will remain there until she is assured of protection from her husband.

Governor Chamberlain has gone to Roseburg, where he will inspect the Soldiers' home.

The engagement of Miss Stella Hurst and Albert Albert has been announced to take place here April 27.

Salem dogs expect to carry of a number of premiums from the kennel show in Portland this week. Jack Ryan, Paul Hauser, Ray Gilbert and Frank Moore have fine animals entered in the show. Carl Gabrielson took his pointer down yesterday.

DEATH BY DROWNING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hillsboro, Or., April 21.—The sheriff and deputy prosecuting attorney of Washington county, assisted Coroner Large in an inquest held at Burton yesterday to determine the cause of the death of John Oliver, aged 74 years, who was found in the Nehalem river, April 19, and was buried at that place. Many citizens in the vicinity of Burton thought that deceased had been murdered and thrown in the river, but the jury found that death was caused by drowning.

REORGANIZATION OF LINN DEMOCRATS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., April 21.—The central committee selected by the Democratic county convention recently, met yesterday afternoon at the courthouse with the candidates of the county ticket, and reorganized by electing E. M. Miller chairman, A. J. DeVany treasurer and T. J. Stites secretary, the three gentlemen forming the executive committee. The organization will be thoroughly prepared for and fought out in every precinct in the county, and the committee is leaving nothing undone that can in any way help toward carrying the county for the ticket named.

COLD WATER MEN RECTIFY ERROR

There was an enthusiastic meeting of local prohibitionists last night in response to a call for delegates of the Second congressional district to meet in convention. Over 200 delegates were present.

The convention was held to rectify an error which occurred in the state convention held recently. In the state convention H. W. Linn was nominated for congress, but the authorities at Salem refused to issue a certificate of nomination for the reason that a separate congressional convention should have been held.

The decision of the Salem authorities reached Portland at noon on Tuesday and efforts were at once made to arrange for another convention. It was hoped that the necessary 100 delegates would be present. Instead, there were over 300 enthusiastic delegates at the convention last night. It is probably the first convention on record that was held 24 hours after the call was issued. F. MacKercher presided at the meeting, while E. P. Northrup and A. P. Johnson acted as secretaries.

A similar convention to remedy the same trouble in the First congressional district is in session at Newburg today.

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ANTOINE LABBE'S WILL IS FILED

The will of Antoine Labbe was filed for probate with the county clerk this afternoon. His estate consists of real and personal property valued at \$100,000. He leaves his residence property on Portland heights to his wife, Louise, who is also to receive \$200 a month during her life; at her death the property is to be divided equally among John and Blaise Labbe and the children of Peter, Henry and Pierre Labbe.

M'MINNVILLE HAS FEW COURT CASES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
McMinnville, Or., April 21.—Judge Bole dismissed a number of circuit court in department No. 2 at this place on Monday and Tuesday. No cases of importance were decided, and the judge returned to Salem Tuesday evening.

DECIDES THE COUNTY CONTROLS ROADS

The petition of Rosa Rhose for an injunction preventing the county from widening the Whitehouse road was denied this morning by Judge Fraser. The decision was of large import, inasmuch as it establishes the right of the county to improve county roads within the city limits where no provision to the contrary has been made. Judge Fraser held that Mrs. Rhose had received ample notice of the intention to widen the road through the report of the viewers and in other ways.

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ATTORNEY WATTS IS SCORED BY COURT

The fee which Watts claims is due him for the services he rendered Whale is far greater than would have been asked by counsel of experience, who had spent years in studying law. It appears that this is true, though Watts had only been admitted to the bar about two months previous to the time he alleges he performed the services. I think the claim is unreasonable, and that the general trend of evidence is clearly against the plaintiff. Therefore, I find in favor of the defendant, "Whale."

This language was used by Judge Fraser this morning in deciding the replevin suit of Attorney J. F. Watts to recover a piano from C. A. Whale. The

evidence showed that Watts took the piano and gave several notes in payment. He failed to pay the notes and the piano taken away from him. He brought suit for the piano, claiming that \$400 was due him from Whale for legal services. It was on this claim that Judge Fraser commented in giving judgment. He supplemented his statement by adding that about all Watts seemed to have done for Whale was to draw up three or four bills of sale.

Whale was recently arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and after being kept in the city jail over night was found guilty and fined \$15 by Police Judge Hogue.

DEFINES POWER OF BAR ASSOCIATION

For the first time in legal history, so far as is known to local attorneys, the courts have decided the status of bar associations. This morning, on the demurrer of John Ditchburn to the amended answer of Lewis Nixon to the suit brought against him for damages in the amount of \$50,000 for libel, Judge Cleland held that the Oregon State Bar association is a quasi-judicial body and that all Oregon lawyers are subject to its actions, whether they be members or not. He refused to order, therefore, that Nixon's claim of a privileged communication be stricken from his defense, though he did hold that one claim set up in justification should be stricken out.

"It is contended by the plaintiff that

the Oregon Bar association is not a judicial or a quasi-judicial body," said Judge Cleland, "and that the communication was not privileged. He further contends that if it were he would not be subject to its actions, not being a member. The court is not prepared to hold that the grievance committee of the association is not a quasi-judicial body. It has been its custom to supervise the actions of the bar and attend to such complaints as were made against the plaintiff, when Mr. Nixon appeared as counsel for the complainant. This action has been taken without regard to membership and has never been questioned hitherto. It shall overrule the demurrer to that clause of the defense."

TROUBLE SETTLED IN SKIBBE FAMILY

The marital troubles of Paul E. Skibbe and Lizzie E. Skibbe were ended this morning by the decision of Judge Fraser in the state circuit court. Mrs. Skibbe was granted a divorce, a one-third interest in the house at Sunny-side, \$250 expense money and \$10 monthly alimony for the support of her 10-

year-old child, of whom she was awarded the custody.

Judge Fraser asserted that many of the acts of cruelty alleged by Mrs. Skibbe were corroborated by other witnesses, while Skibbe alone "ouched for the facts of the defense. The admission of Skibbe that he was often intoxicated told against him.

"The defendant admits that he was intoxicated about three times a month on an average," said Judge Fraser. "The indications are that he was often intoxicated when he didn't know it. When he was sober, I believe he was a good husband."

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POSSIBILITIES OF CENTRAL OREGON

LAKE COUNTY RECLAMATION TELLS OF THE WONDERFUL NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE DISTRICT—A CALL FOR IRRIGATION—CROOK COUNTY FARMERS PITCHIN.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, April 21.—The chief engineer of the reclamation service has received an interesting letter from F. M. Chrisman of Silver Lake, Or., describing the numerous natural advantages of the northern lake country, and urging its early consideration by the engineers of the service.

Mr. Chrisman describes this region as one of unusual attractions and presenting numerous favorable sites for the construction of irrigation works. He calls attention to the fact that the water of Summit lake, Davis lake, and the upper waters of the Crook and Deschutes can be readily diverted to a very large area in that section of the state. He believes each of these lakes can be readily formed into a large storage reservoir furnishing an ample supply for the irrigable lands under them.

According to Mr. Chrisman, the benefit derived from such a government work would be to make homes for at least 10,000 people, and make productive an immense area of arid land now practically worthless. As the lands of the proposed forest reserve in this region are to be definitely settled this summer, he deems it advisable that a preliminary investigation should be made at once in connection with the forestry work. Mr. Chrisman believes that under the impetus of government work the Northern lake region would be the center of the whole state in the near future. It is a natural alfalfa country wherever water can be placed on the sage brush plains. Barley and oats yield abundantly when irrigated, and the growing of fruit has proved successful.

An investigation will be made early this season by the government engineers to determine the feasibility of constructing a large irrigation work there.

Senator Mitchell Interested.

The Farmers' Co-Operative Irrigation association, an organization of certain farmers of Crook county, Oregon, has sent a petition to the secretary of the interior bearing 300 signatures and asking that a thorough investigation be made by the reclamation engineers of the irrigation possibilities in that section of the state.

Senator Mitchell has interested himself in the matter and has urged upon the department an early investigation of this section. The location of the proposed work has been studied in a general way by the engineers of the reclamation service, and the situation has been found to be complicated by the fact that the water supply must apparently be obtained either from Crooked river, the summer flow of which is practically all appropriated, or from the Deschutes river, the water supply from which must be carried across Crooked river valley at great expense.

It has been found that the lands which are to be watered from the Deschutes river have, to a large extent, been selected by the state of Oregon and will require the greater part, if not all, of the flow of the Deschutes. The question of water rights in this region is a very serious one, and under the circumstances the reclamation service does not think it practicable for the government to go into this region while the state is attempting to reclaim large tracts under the operation of the Carey act, or before it is definitely known what action will be taken under the contracts made with the state for the reclamation of lands along the Deschutes river.

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SEATTLE BARBER FIGHTS THE LAW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, April 21.—F. J. Cunningham refused to post up his card as a licensed barber in a Seattle shop and was arrested at the instance of F. C. Brown, chairman of the state board of barber examiners. He was fined \$10 for the offense by a justice of the peace and appealed his case. Cunningham declares he will carry the case to the supreme court, if necessary, in his attempt to prove the state law unconstitutional.

If the barber wins in his contention that it is not necessary for him to comply with the state law, barbers and others say it will mean the death of tonorial reform in the state.

MASKED ROBBERS IN SEATTLE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
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