

### POLITICAL FIGHT WAGES FIERCELY

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS A KEENE CONTEST OVER THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN—FIGHT ENOUGH TO GLOOM THE EVENING.

The factional fight in the local Democratic organization broke out afresh last night when the new county central committee assembled to elect its chairman and executive committee. There was a fierce wrangle over the chairmanship, the arguments frequently becoming extremely personal, and the occasional appeals for harmony fell upon unheeding ears. In the end the Peery faction triumphed, and their candidate, John Van Zante, was elected chairman. He was also made chairman of the executive committee, the object being to avoid a conflict between the executive and the general committee, such as there has been for the last two years. Both factions are represented on the new executive committee, though probably the Peery following is in the ascendancy.

**Two Candidates for Place.**  
Two candidates for chairman were before the county committee. John Van Zante was put forward by the Peery faction and C. B. Williams was the candidate of the opposing faction. In behalf of Williams it was urged that his wide acquaintance among the business men of the city and county would be of greater value in raising funds to carry on the campaign. Van Zante received warm indorsement from members of the old executive committee, who declared that the party had no harder worker. There was a diversion when Henry Gray, who is now allied with the Sweek faction, accused H. B. Nicholas, one of the leaders of the Peery wing, of having voted the Republican ticket. Nicholas fiercely retorted the charge, declaring that he had "voted the Democratic ticket from top to bottom all the days of his voting life."

Pat Powers declared that Van Zante had no right to seek election to the office of chairman of the committee, inasmuch as he is one of the nominees for the legislature.

"I am astonished," said Powers, addressing Van Zante, "that you should think of such a thing as accepting this chairmanship while you are a candidate for election on the ticket. What will the other man think when the campaign funds are being raised and placed in your hands? If you resign from the ticket it will be different, but you have no right to take the chairmanship while you are a nominee."

**Boasts Williams.**  
M. H. Grafton protested against personalities and nicknames, and then launched upon a tirade against Williams, charging him with having been "two-faced" and with having secretly allied himself with the Sweek faction, while pretending to be an adherent of Peery. This brought forth acrimonious replies from supporters of Williams, and the debate grew bitter. Some semblance of harmony was finally restored by G. W. Allen, who made a strong plea for a cessation of personalities and abuse, urging that hostilities should cease. After more than an hour of wordy warfare the ballot was taken, resulting in Van Zante's election. The vote was: Van Zante, 36, Williams 34.

There was no contest over the election of secretary. Bert Haney being chosen by acclamation.

**Executive Committee.**  
The new executive committee, which will have charge of the campaign, is as follows:

Chairman—John Van Zante.  
Ward 1—T. J. Conanson.  
Ward 2—J. E. Cronan.  
Ward 3—G. H. Thomas.  
Ward 4—J. W. Grussel.  
Ward 5—E. Dwyer.  
Ward 6—H. W. Baker.  
Ward 7—J. G. Mayburn.  
Ward 8—M. D. George.  
Ward 9—Newton McCoy.  
Ward 10—Johnson White.  
County members—M. H. Grafton, A. M. Booth, J. F. Miller.  
The stormy session of the county central committee was preceded by a hand-to-hand encounter between one of Hearst's emissaries from San Francisco and a member of the committee. Without a preliminary bout or a referee J. F. Farmer and Louis E. Mooser tried to perform a one-act fistic comedy for the entertainment of the assembled Democrats. The trouble was due to a remark of Farmer, in effect that Mooser had bragged he would buy up the delegates. It was not clear whether state or national delegates were meant by Farmer.

**Fistic Encounter.**  
H. M. Wagner heard Farmer's statement and offered him first \$50 and then \$100 to prove the statement, but Farmer backed away. Just then Mooser entered the room and was informed of what had occurred. He demanded that Farmer face him.

"You're a liar!" yelled Mooser, as they came together.  
Farmer made a mighty round arm swing that would have hurt his fist if he had hit an ox, but fell short of the mark. Mooser squared off, but members of the committee thereupon held them apart, and then L. T. Peery called the committee to order, which ended hostilities.

"I'll have the delegation if I have to buy it," the language accredited to Mooser by Farmer.  
"I have never made such a remark to anybody," declared Mooser. "I have said that if the time ever came when I had to buy delegates I would put on my hat and go back to California. My political career in California has been one long fight against bribery. No 'Heath money' as it is called, was brought to Oregon. If such were the case I would know of it before anybody else."

M. F. Tarpey will go to Washington to be present at the Democratic convention in that state on May 5. Mooser and D. D. Tarpey will return to California in a day or two.

### PIONEER FLORIST DIES

W. G. Wallace, a pioneer florist of this city and at one time superintendent of the 125 East Stark street, aged 85 years. Mr. Wallace was twice married, having three children by his first wife, one of whom resides in Toledo, Ohio, the other two live in San Francisco. By his second wife he had one child, a daughter, born one year ago. Mr. Wallace was a Scotchman and came to the United States in 1864.

**Baby Grand PIANOS** thrown on the market at wholesale price. Read about it on page 3.



### EXTRA

Seats are now selling at the Marquam Grand Theatre for the Return Engagement of

## SCHUMANN-HEINK

Contraalto

DIRECTION LOIS STEERS.

The recital will be given at the First Baptist Church, Twelfth and Taylor streets, Saturday evening, April 23, 1904, at 8:15.

An entire change of program. PRICES—\$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c. Not more than six seats to one person.

### CONFIDENCE MEN SET AT LIBERTY

"SPINDLE" STEVENS AND G. SOWERS, CAUGHT IN ACT OF ROBBERY A MAN, RELEASED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AFTER BEING ARRESTED.

"Spindle" Stevens and Gus Sowers were caught in the act of bunking an unsophisticated countryman from Michigan out of all the coin he had Monday afternoon at the corner of Second and Washington streets, but Assistant District Attorney Spencer refused to issue complaints against the men because the victim at one time got the start of them by several dollars. All that remained for the police to do was to release Stevens and Sowers and the victim of their cunning game.

Stevens is one of the best known confidence men on the Pacific coast, and is dubbed "Spindle" because of the fact that for many years he operated a large wheel of fortune, a well known "sure thing" method of fleecing coin from the unwary. The last game he ran of that kind was on lower Third street about six months ago, when Chief Hunt forced him out of business by placing uniformed officers in front of his place to see that no one was robbed. Stevens and his partner were tried in the municipal court for larceny, were convicted and fined \$12.50 by Judge Hogan. The fine was placed below \$20 so they could not appeal to the circuit court, but was later declared illegal by the circuit court judges and the fine returned.

Sowers is a stranger to the Portland police, and has never been here before to their knowledge.

"There was no chance to convict Stevens and Sowers, because they gave back a portion of the money, anyway," said the victim played with them for the purpose of beating them out of their money," said Deputy District Attorney Spencer, to whom the case was referred. "In fact, the victim won as high as \$80 from the men at one time, and the victim played with them for cases that would not hold water in court, and there was no use in swearing out complaints."

### ALBINA WOODMEN FORM NEW CAMP

Monday evening a new camp came into the family of Pacific jurisdiction, W. O. W., by the addition of Rose City camp, No. 774, to that order. Twenty-two candidates were initiated.

For some weeks the "choppers" residing in Multnomah addition, Albina, have been interesting themselves in the movement, which culminated in the founding of one of the most enthusiastic fraternal lodges in this city.

The exercises were held in the hall at Mississippi avenue and Shaver street. The hall was lavishly decorated. Across the ceiling in all directions were beautiful streamers of bunting. The officers' chairs stood in a bower of evergreen trees, and the doors and windows were twined with vines and Oregon grape.

### \$1000 Reward

The undersigned will pay a reward of \$1,000 in gold for any case of Bright's Disease or Kidney Trouble we cannot cure. WE ABSOLUTELY KNOW that our system will PERFECTLY CURE either of these diseases in very short order.

### \$5 PER MONTH

Pays the bill. It is a treatment that would easily cost \$200 per month under ordinary medical conditions; but desiring to establish the efficacy of our methods and CONVINCING ALL PORTLAND THAT WE CAN MAKE THESE CURES, we make this liberal offer for a short time only.

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clared instituted. A banquet followed. Prominent among the Woodmen present were: Head Banker C. V. Cooper, Brig-Gen. W. E. Rapson, Col. James McKibben, Col. J. C. Jones, Lieut. Louis C. Boffinger, of Mount Tabor camp; W. W. Minar, of Multnomah camp, H. J. Scott, of Albina camp, and H. Kubick of Woodlawn camp.

SOMEWHERE IN THIS FAVORED LAND THE SUN IS SHINING BRIGHT.  
THE BAND IS PLAYING SOMEWHERE, SOMEWHERE HEARTS ARE LIGHT;  
SOMEWHERE MEN ARE LAUGHING, SOMEWHERE CHILDREN SHOUT,  
AND THERE'LL BE JOY IN PORTLAND WHILE THE FIRE SALE HOLDS OUT.  
—The Modern Eugene Field.

**THE FIRST PURCHASE FREE**  
Every morning the first customer gets his money back. It may be for a suit of clothes, or for a hat, a pair of shoes, or gloves, but no matter what the first one paying money to the dealer gets that money back. Up to date money has been returned as follows:  
Mon. morning, April 11, Richard O'Brien, manager Casino Mine, Big Oak Field, Cal., suit of clothes.  
Tues., April 12, Wm. Curson, Fremont street, City, pair of shoes.  
Wed., April 13, George Klimes, Killbuck, Or., suit of clothes.  
Thurs., April 14, — Brown, Cornelius, Or., suit of underwear.  
Fri., April 15, Wm. Young, Journal "A.D." room, Panama hat.  
Sat., April 16, George Glemay, 28, Charles Street, City, overcoat.  
Sun., April 17, Salesman, Woodard, Clark & Co., old coat.  
Tues., April 18, W. F. Reid, James & Poulson's Hill, City, pair shoes.  
Wed., April 19, A. J. Baker, Salesman, Marshall-Wells Hardware Co., pair dress gloves.

Yes, there's Gladness everywhere in the neighborhood of  
**STRAIN'S**  
285-287 WASHINGTON ST  
Since the Monumental, Gigantic, Stupendous, Appalling

# FIRE SALE

HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS DISPOSING OF THE \$100,000 STOCK OF SHOES AND CLOTHING PURCHASED FROM THE BALTIMORE SHOE & CLOTHING COMPANY AT THE TREMENDOUSLY LOW PRICE OF 25 CENTS ON THE \$1, because smoke and dampness had slightly soiled some of the top layers of the most stylish garments, thus enabling the owners to throw the stock upon the hands of the insurance companies, which paid 75 per cent of the total invoice price of all goods on hand.

THE FRIGHTFUL FIRE IN TORONTO, CANADA, will enable many a Canadian dealer to emulate our example and give his friends a benefit they had never known before. These fires are sorrowful calamities to the sufferers, but to other masses of people are sources of STUPENDOUS PROFIT. For example, we are selling suits of clothes at this sale for \$6.95 that sold regularly in Baltimore at \$15, \$17.50 and \$20. We are selling suits at \$9.95 that were sold in Baltimore at \$22.50, \$25 and \$27.50. We sell for \$12.50 the Baltimore \$30 and \$32.50 suits, and at \$15 we sell the \$35 and \$40 garments. WE COULD NOT DO THIS IF WE BOUGHT OUR CLOTHING IN THE ORDINARY WAY. That would be impossible, but by exercising energy, snap, "grab for the prize while it may be had," GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR, don't wait, "DON'T BE A CLAM," don't sleep—except in bed—don't be a dreamer, don't be dead! In other words, by BEING ALIVE all the time we are in position to retail goods to other merchants at smaller prices than they buy for from their wholesale dealers. THIS IS WHY WE DO THINGS THE WAY WE DO. WE NEVER MISS A TRICK IN THE BUYING MARKET, and if we do say it ourselves, we are just square and honest enough to give our friends the benefit of every advantage we secure by our alertness, perfect acquaintance with the business and the markets of the world. We do not make a great bargain for ourselves and withhold the advantage from our patrons. That's not our way. We divide with the people of Oregon. WE SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE, and for this reason the PAUL STRAIN STORES are nearly always crowded. There is no wall of hard times here.

## Tomorrow is Friday Bargain Day

That is one of the days of days at Strain's. It is always plump with the GREATEST VALUES BENEATH THE SUN, but with this Baltimore stock on hand the cup of good things tomorrow will more than overflow.

Here are a Few of Tomorrow's Offerings  
LOOK THE PRICES OVER FOR YOURSELF, ALWAYS REMEMBERING THAT EVERYTHING IN THE STORE IS FIRST CLASS, UP-TO-DATE AND SUMMER STYLES.

**Our Friday Suit Sale**  
\$6.95 Each for 1,000 Suits of the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s best Spring Garments, sold in Baltimore at \$15, \$17.50 and \$20.00.  
1,000 Suits Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$22.50 \$25 and \$27.50 finest spring woolen garments at \$9.95  
762 Suits B. S. & Co.'s extra fine \$30 and \$32.50 elegant fabrics, finest tailored garments, at \$12.50  
810 Suits of the B. S. & Co.'s cream of the dress world—Grandest of all the most stylish garments of the day, every suit made to sell at \$35 and \$40, our price \$15.00

**Friday Sale of Cravenettes**  
Imported, sold in Baltimore at \$15, \$17.50 and \$20, at Strain's \$10.00  
The Priestly make, sold in Baltimore at \$25 to \$35, at Strain's \$15.00

**Friday Sale of Topcoats**  
The Baltimore \$12.50 to \$20 kind, at Strain's \$7.50  
The \$22.50, \$25 and \$27.50 Baltimore kind, at Strain's \$12.50  
The \$30 to \$50 Baltimore kind, no better on earth, at Strain's \$16.50

**Friday Sale of Coats and Vests**  
50c Is the Fire Sale price on every Wool Vest in the house.  
1.95 Is the Fire Sale price on all the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$2.50 and \$4.50 Fancy Vests.  
2.95 Is the Fire Sale price on all the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$5 to \$7.50 Fancy Vests.

\$3.50 Is the Fire Sale price on 160 Coats that were left from the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$25 Suits, sack and frock.  
\$5.50 Is the Fire Sale price on 362 Coats and Vests from \$30 to \$35 Spring Suits, sack and frock.

**Friday Sale of Dress Gloves**  
50c Is the Fire Sale price on all the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$1 and \$1.25 Dress Gloves.  
1.00 Is the Fire Sale price on all the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$1.50 to \$1.50 Dress Gloves.

**Wholesale Dept.**  
TERMS CASH  
For the accommodation of Portland and out-of-town merchants we have opened a Wholesale Department, in which will be found everything in the line of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, Hats, Furnishing Goods, Shoes, etc. Merchants in the Northwest will find our facilities for serving them superior to anything that has obtained in this region heretofore, and our prices are so low as to create astonishment. Interior merchants visiting the city are cordially invited to inspect our stocks of this merchandise and see for themselves the tremendous values we offer and the stacks of goods we have to select from.  
Call either at STRAIN'S, 285-287 Washington street, four doors east of the Perkins hotel, or THE HUB, Third and Burnside, where polite attendants will escort the visitor to our wholesale depot. We feel sure that an inspection will create new friendships and extended business between the merchants of the Pacific coast and  
Very truly yours,  
PAUL STRAIN.

**Friday Fire Sale of Pants**  
\$1.99 Is the Fire Sale price on all the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$3 and \$4 Spring Pants, sizes from 22 to 30.  
\$2.99 Is the Fire Sale price on all of the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$5 to \$7.50 Spring Pants, all sizes.  
\$3.99 Is the Fire Sale price on all of the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s finest \$7.50 to \$10 Spring Pants.

**Friday Sale of Shoes**  
The very neatest and finest of the Baltimore \$2.50 and \$4 Shoes \$2.19  
Elegant Baltimore \$6 and \$7 ranch men's Shoes at \$3.19

**Friday Sale of Underwear**  
45¢ for Baltimore's \$1 garments.  
75¢ for Baltimore's \$1.50 garments.  
95¢ for Baltimore's \$1.75, \$3, and \$3.25 garments.  
\$1.45 for Baltimore's \$2.50 to \$3.50 garments.  
\$1.95 for Baltimore's \$4 and \$5 garments.

**Friday Sale of Neckwear**  
19c For the most exquisite of Baltimore's 50c and 75c goods.  
29c Each for Baltimore's elegant \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 Imported Neckwear.

**Friday Sale of Kerchiefs**  
100 doz. Baltimore's 25c Linen Kerchiefs at 10¢.  
20¢ for all kinds of 50c hemstitched linen Kerchiefs.

**Friday Sale of Socks**  
9c Buys all of the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s Imported 25c and 35c Black and Fancy Fast-colored Sox.  
19c Is the astonishing sale price on all of the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s finest 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50 Imported Sox, all makes, shapes and sizes.

**Friday Sale of Hats**  
\$1.39 Buys all of the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s \$2.50 and \$3 Spring Hats.  
\$2.39 Is the Fire Sale price on all the best brands of \$3.50 to \$5 Hats.  
50c Is the Fire Sale price on all the Baltimore Shoe & Clothing Co.'s 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 Caps.