

# RELEASE OFFICIALS LOOT PORTLAND

### Fred Merrill, Candidate for Mayor, Says Contractors Doing City Work Are Compelled to Pay a Big Percentage to Officers Who Pass on the Improvements.

## CONDITIONS WORSE HERE THAN IN OTHER PLACES

### Steals Have Been Common, and Merrill States That He Knows the Men Who Have Given the Workmen the Money They Have Taken.

Portland contractors doing city street work have been compelled to pay money out of every job to city officials, declared Fred W. Merrill, Republican candidate for the nomination for mayor, today, as he talked about his candidacy. "Don't entertain for a moment the thought that I am likely to withdraw and throw my support to Williams, for in this fight to get the nomination, beat Williams and, when I take the mayor's chair I'll show up the rottenest condition of affairs that ever existed in any municipality."

"I have been pointing myself on the prices paid in Seattle for exactly the same kind of street work that is done here, and find that Portland pays 40 to 70 cents a yard more for crushed rock work than is paid in Seattle. Where does this extra 40 to 60 cents go? Draw your inference from this: I asked contractors why they bid so much more than Seattle contractors. I asked them if they would do the same work here. They answered that they would, and I discovered that they were compelled to hand over to certain officials a portion of the sum they received, which, of course, was in four directions among the officials."

"People have been saying that this is the condition of things that I would clear up were I mayor. Why, I'd be in the mayor's office no longer than one week before I would tell the people facts and prove them, too, that would open their eyes wide with astonishment and make previous revelations look like stories from the Sunday school books."

"I have been doing some figuring, and find that a mayor who will do the square thing by the taxpayers, can save them \$100,000 a year from present expenditures. That's what I would do with the money I save, for I'm going to get the Republican nomination and be elected. I have been receiving reports from my workers, and after discussing them liberally, find that I am not the leading candidate for the Republican nomination. This estimate is based on actual polling of the precincts, and I can show the figures to prove it."

"I am in a position to know what has been going on in the city government. I know the steaks that have been made, and the people who have tried to bribe and have bribed members of the city officials. I have been in the council for five years, and have seen close enough to keep records of the shady transactions that have enriched the graft administration now in power."

"I have facts at my command that will make the people hold their noses and crawl into them, who now are presumed to be spotless, and who are classed among the most moral and cleanest citizens of the city."

"The gamblers tell me they prefer the graft administration to an honest open one. They like the existing condition, because the law in control keep out the others and have a monopoly. It hasn't been an honest open town policy that has been enforced. It's been a grafting open town policy, and I would not favor it."

"Do the people want to have a continuation of the rule of the contractors, offering and paying money to officials every time a bit of work is done, or do they want to have a mayor who will clean up the government and make it square? This is the question I am asking. I claim a laudable one, and in preparing for this campaign I have been collecting information that I will use when the time comes."

"Perhaps you may not believe it, but I have been told personally by men who belong to the reform element that they

the third ward, has resigned his office, and the council will elect his successor at the regular monthly meeting on May 8. Mr. Dorris' reason for resigning is his inability, on account of poor health, to attend all the meetings of the council."

**Now Delegates.**  
Mayor J. M. Wilkins yesterday appointed the following delegates to the Oregon Development convention at Portland, April 26 and 27: H. McCune, T. W. Harris, Martin Starvorse, E. J. McClanahan, Robert McMurphy, W. G. Allen, George G. Gross, E. A. Davis, D. Mackay, W. H. Hoffman. These are in addition to those appointed by County Judge G. R. Christman and President S. H. Friendly of the Commercial club.

**Funeral of Mrs. Owen.**  
The funeral of Mrs. Fannie Owen, wife of J. W. Owen, a well-known business man of this city, was held this afternoon and the body interred in the Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Owen was born in Yamhill county, Oregon, in 1853. She was married in Eugene, Ore., and became the mother of three children. She leaves a brother, G. M. Coffey, and a sister, Mrs. M. E. Sheytha, both of Eugene, Oregon, besides numerous relatives in Lane county and other parts of the northwest. Before her death, which occurred Thursday night, she had been confined to her bed for over a year and a half.

**Firemen Meet Officers.**  
The Eugene engine company, one of the city's volunteer fire-fighting organizations, last evening elected the following new officers, the election being followed by a banquet, at which Mayor Wilkins, the members of the city council, exempt firemen and newspaper reporters were invited guests: President, L. L. Warnock; secretary, J. F. Ross; treasurer, W. J. W. Bloomfield; sergeant-at-arms, Carl Schaefer; foreman, C. P. Smith; first assistant foreman, J. J. E. second assistant foreman, V. D. Scott; trustee, C. M. Kinsinger; J. S. Mahon, M. C. Brent, M. S. Hubbs, F. W. Bloomfield, C. F. Smith.

**SALVATION ARMY SERVICES.**  
This evening at 125 First street the Young People's legion of the Salvation Army corps No. 4 will give a musical entertainment for the benefit of self-help. Miss Emma Harlan and other good singers will take part. Refreshments will be served. Tomorrow there will be special Roster services. Major and Mrs. Ryan will have charge in the evening.

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# Territory Observes Anniversary of its Birth, With Holiday and Rejoicings

### DISTRICT ONCE STYLED ITSELF CIMARRON LAND

### Formed as Territory and Chose Delegates to Congress Who Were Rejected.

Guthrie, O. T., April 22.—This is Oklahoma's birthday. The territory is celebrating its third anniversary. Thousands of a public character are being held in all the principal towns and a holiday has been declared.

When a resident wishes to impress a new-comer with the fact that he is an "old resident," he proudly boasts that "I came in on the first train on April 22, 1890." This, barring the "booster," is popularly supposed to be the "official" date of any legal settlement in old Oklahoma. But April 22, 1890, is very far behind the time when hundreds of legal settlers entered the territory, although this is not generally known.

A large settlement was made in 1889, at Beaver, in what was known as "No Man's Land." At this point, now the county seat of Beaver county, lived those genuine old residents known as "homesteaders" and for six years they were guided by the law of conscience or a wholesome fear of home-made statutes. Then, in 1890, three years before the first rush into the balance of old Oklahoma, they set up a territorial form of government, christened it "Cimarron Territory," elected a legislative assembly consisting of a council and a house of representatives, a delegate to congress, a governor and a secretary of the territory.

That assembly passed a bill creating Cimarron Territory and elected J. E. Linsley governor, T. P. Brainwood secretary and O. G. Chase delegate to congress. The latter presented his credentials to the law-makers at Washington, but they died before he could get to the capitol. The delegate was elected and went to Washington, only to meet the same fate as his predecessor.

"Cimarron Territory" found itself in an awkward predicament. It could enact laws, but could not enforce them. It was not within the jurisdiction of any court—federal, state or territorial. Kansas and Colorado were on the north, the Cherokee country on the east, the south and New Mexico on the west.

It thus remained until the passage by congress of the organic act in 1890, creating the territory of Oklahoma. It was attached to that territory by the following language:

"The seventh county shall embrace all that portion of the territory lying west of the meridian line, known as the public land strip, the county seat of which shall be at Beaver."

Although attached to Oklahoma, No Man's Land continued its desperate condition for 18 months by the home rule statute.

Tom E. Baldwin, first secretary of "Cimarron Territory," was elected to the house of representatives in the Oklahoma assembly in 1902 and 1903, and was assistant chief clerk in the eighth assembly just closed. He still resides in Beaver county, and is the oldest inhabitant.

All kinds of plans for government were discussed, from attaching themselves to surrounding commonwealths to setting up a republic of their own. The land might at one time have belonged to the republic of Texas, but there was no record of the fact. While the resident population was more law-abiding than that in most of the territory beyond the protection of law, and border ruffians when pressed by officers of the law, would rush across the line from every direction, their pursuance and becoming a menace to the settlers.

Sheriffs and their posse did not always stay at the borders of No Man's Land, but pursued the desperadoes across the line. Then a border battle would end the chase, the outlaws being converted by the rifle method to peaceful pursuits, or there would be a wave of bloodshed, and the territory would be the many counties surrounding the district.

All this has now changed. Up to about three years ago the cattleman grazed his herds on the public lands. Great pastures stretched across the county, which is 35 miles in width and 188 miles in length, and railroads were unknown. When the lines of the great agricultural areas, and every time pasture lines were reached it became necessary to open the barbed wire gates that separated them.

But hunger for land and permanent homes has sent settlers into Beaver county the last three years by thousands.

Wherever water was to be found they went to locate. The best desirable lands would be taken, and now the pastures are almost all broken up, their places being taken by the rude homes of settlers who have come to stay.

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The basis on which credit for votes will be given is, one vote for every 10 cents paid in advance for new or old subscriptions to the Daily, Daily and Sunday, Sunday or Semi-Weekly editions of THE JOURNAL.

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## SENATOR PLATT IS CALLED TO DEATH

### Aged Connecticut Man Passes Away From Cold Taken While Attending Funeral.

### FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS SAT IN FEDERAL SENATE

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Washington, Conn., April 22.—United States Senator Orrin Hitchcock, Platt of Connecticut died at his home here of pneumonia, aged 77 years.

Senator Platt took a severe cold during the last session of congress, which he added to during the funeral of Senator Hawley. Pneumonia followed, and after lingering for some weeks the senator passed away while surrounded by his family.

Orrin Hitchcock Platt was born in this town, July 19, 1827. He was a son of Daniel Platt, a farmer, and worked on the farm himself until he was 20 years old, receiving a common school education, supplemented by a course at Frederick Gunn's academy. He studied law in the office of Gleason H. Hollister, and was admitted to the bar in 1849. He practiced for two years in Pennsylvania, returning to Connecticut and settling at Meriden, where he has since made his home. In 1851, Mr. Platt was elected clerk of the Connecticut senate in 1855, and in 1857 secretary of state. In 1861 he was elected a member of the state senate, and in 1864 was a member of the house, serving as speaker in 1869. In 1877 he was appointed judge of probate, and the following year made state attorney for New Haven county. In 1878 he was elected to the United States senate to succeed W. H. Barnum. Since then he has been re-elected each term.

He served on important committees during his senatorial career, including the committee on pensions, contingent expenses, patents, revision of laws and territories. He was a forcible speaker, his style was finished, and he was regarded as a careful legislator and a close student.

His successor will be elected by the general assembly, which is now in its final session.

**Look for the Life of J. W. Beveridge in Sunday's Journal.**

In Sunday's Journal will appear an article descriptive of the life of a self-made man, J. W. Beveridge, a gentleman who aspires to public office. It shows the life of a boy, then a young man, then the man who has made personal sacrifices, and will be read with much interest by Sunday Journal readers.

**ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD MEETING.**  
The annual meeting of the members and friends of St. Stephen's church will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be in the parish house on Thirteenth and Clay streets. Questions of interest will be discussed, and the character of the meeting is mainly social.



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