

SMITH SUES SENATOR MORGAN TO FULTON FOR SLANDER

Ex-Warden of Penitentiary Asks Damages for Statements Growing Out of Heney Controversy—Papers Served Last Night. Fulton Refuses to Make Reply

Salem, Or., April 4.—Papers were filed today in a slander suit in which J. S. Smith, ex-warden of the penitentiary brings suit against Senator Fulton for \$5,000 damages. The suit grows out of the campaign statement made by the senator in answer to Heney. The papers were served on Senator Fulton tonight. Senator Fulton refused to make any statement. He said that he would rather keep quiet until he had

learned just what the suit meant. Smith was mentioned in the controversy between Fulton and Heney as the man "who would not stay bought," according to Senator Fulton's alleged interview which was quoted by Heney in his speeches. Fulton has said that Smith told a falsehood when he said that he did not take money to vote for former Senator Mitchell and then "throw the old man."

Railroad Will be Rescued From Slough of Financial Despond by Money Raised by Use of Multi-Millionaire's Name.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, April 4.—The Erie company is to be saved from receivership proceedings if persons vitally interested can carry their point. For the first time since it was admitted that the corporation was in "financial distress" the magic name of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. was used today. It had been intimated that the railroad company needs succor, owing to the fact that one year ago short-term bonds were sold at a discount to realize cash, and this, aggravated by the recent financial stringency, was responsible for the failure of the Erie directors to take care of the demands of creditors. It was not that it was not a good railroad system, rather the proposition was more that official obligations must be met, and the result has been that there has been doubt as to the future of the Erie. Today, however, the Morgan firm appears back of a plan of reorganization. On the face of statements made, but every body concerned insists that it is merely a rehabilitation of the concern. Morgan & Co.'s plan provides for a new issue of three-year 6 per cent notes aggregating \$15,000,000, guaranteed by the \$12,000,000 worth of bonds now in the Erie's treasury, and which are marketable at exceeding \$9,000,000. From this is proposed there shall be taken up the one-year notes aggregating \$5,500,000, which come to maturity next week. Holders of this particular issue will be asked to take proportionate shares of the new issue, and this will result in their being placed in the balance about \$5,000,000 in cash in Erie's treasury.

ST. JOHNS FIGHT IS NEARING END

Final Struggle Between Two Factions Takes Place at Polls Tomorrow.

One of the warmest political battles a municipality of Oregon has ever engaged in will culminate at St. Johns tomorrow. From the firing of the first gun by the Good Government league six weeks ago up to last night the whole city has been stirred as never before. The contest is between the Good Government league and the People's or Taxpayers' faction. The Good Government league stands for a better St. Johns and a more economic administration of the city's affairs, together with the Sunday closing of poolrooms, skating rinks and all places of amusement. The People's ticket stands for an open town. In former years there has never been such clearly outlined issues; it was before principally a scramble for office.

DRISCOLL SORE OVER LANE'S VETO

Mayor Contends Councilman's Ordinance Would Benefit Saloons.

Mayor Lane has vetoed Councilman Driscoll's ordinance providing for the punishment of minors who secure liquor by misrepresenting their ages to saloonkeepers. And thereby hangs a tale. Councilman Driscoll is angry because the mayor has vetoed his ordinance, which Driscoll contends will remove all doubt as to who is to blame when such cases come before the courts. Mayor Lane, on the other hand, contends that the ordinance will only result in the benefits of the saloonkeeper. An effort was made by the mayor yesterday to come to an agreement with Driscoll on the ordinance, and Mayor Lane proposed that an amendment should be added to the ordinance compelling the saloonkeeper to keep a register and sign up all doubtful refreshment.

WILL SPEAK ON PROHIBITION WORK

Elliott H. Hicks, the man who is holding special services at the Second Baptist church, will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this after-

BLOW AIMED AT TRACK GAMBLERS

Greatest Anti-Racing Movement New York State Has Ever Known.

(Herald News by Longest Leased Wire.) Albany, N. Y., April 4.—While the supporters of the Agnew-Hart anti-race gambling bills are expressing emphatic opinions today that these measures will be taken up and passed next Wednesday, it is plain they are by no means easy over the five days' respite won by the race track interests. They have heard the rumors of a million for defense of the race track betting ring. The race track men are jubilant. They see great possibilities in the five days. They know that only three senators stand between them and the death of the bills which, if passed, will sound the death-knell of the betting ring in this state. Both sides are watching each other like cats. The moves are marked. The situation is a tense one. Never in the history of legislation in this state has there been a crisis where the senate has taken sides with such grim determination as in this case. The turf men know, and so do the men opposing them, that \$1,000,000 would be a cheap price to pay for victory for the racing interests, which means the interests of the

J. M. Glass.

noon on the subject "Fishing in Salt River." The big chorus choir from the Second Baptist church will sing two or more special selections before the address.

A feature of the afternoon's program will be a discussion group led by J. M. Glass, the prohibition orator, on a subject which every opponent of temperance and prohibition is always talking about "Does Prohibition Prohibit?" This will be an open parliament and every man who attends will have an opportunity to speak freely his views on the subject. Mr. Glass will speak for about 15 minutes. Immediately after the discussion group and fellowship luncheon Mr. Glass will speak again on the "Economic Side of the Liquor Question."

MAGNATES CHEER

(Continued from Page One.) will toward them. We are a power in the orient, for the benefit of the Philippines. We should use this influence as a fulcrum in our trade with China by wise revision of the Philippine tariff. Taft was perhaps the busiest man in Chicago from midnight until midnight. He began a round of conferences, lunches and banquets at 9 o'clock this morning by receiving the politicians at his headquarters. At noon he dined at the Press club. An hour later he addressed the Irish Fellowship society, and before returning to his headquarters he held private and public receptions at the Hamilton club. He was warmly received everywhere. While moving from point to point, the procession of autos, mounted police and the silk-hatted body-guard of picked detectives, comprising the secretary's party was followed and cheered by thousands.

SENATOR FULTON SPEAKS AT SALEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., April 4.—Senator Fulton spoke to a large audience at the Grand opera house here tonight. He made his usual defense against Heney's charges, and closed by repeating that so far as he was concerned he would prefer to have many Republican candidates for the legislature sign statement No. 1. His speech was repeatedly greeted with applause.

SIXTY ACRES BURNED BY BLAZE IN BRUSH

(United Press Leased Wire.) Gloucester, Mass., April 4.—A brush fire which started last night burned 60 acres and destroyed one summer cottage and is now threatening the summer residences at Starkburgh Heights. The fire is being fought by chemical and hose companies from the Gloucester department, assisted by volunteers. The fire is thought to have been set by boys hanging around the summer cottages, which line Long Beach.

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