

DOUBTFUL OF VICTORY

Republican Warhorses, Here to Attend State Convention, Quietly Pass Out Tip That It Is Not Safe to Bet on Cake Right Now.

Republican warhorses and old-line leaders are scared and have grown timid and are hushing their voices. They see George E. Chamberlain, in their dreams, with the United States senatorship in his reach, and the vision makes them stammer while they about for cake. In many sections of the state they have their hands ready to throw up, and in all parts they are very cautious about giving votes to any prophecy which might make them out to be poor oracles. In other words, they believe, down deep, that Chamberlain is going to win.

Portland today is full of politicians, come from the east and the west to attend the state convention. These men know as nearly as any men could know the sentiment of their districts and regarding the senatorial battle, and tell you in a friendly way to "keep your money in your pocket. I wouldn't bet one way or the other." This coming from men who in the wool party men in, to say the least, very significant.

"Cake? Oh, certainly." If the wandering newspaper man butts into a bunch of politicians talking about the organization of the convention and things political generally and asks about the senatorial situation, the following dialogue is pretty sure to take place. "First they shake hands all around and ask the newspaper man to smoke. Then they chime in chorus about the senatorship."

"Oh, it is cake," they say in an off-hand sort of way. "Sure it is cake. My county is Republican. We have a big Republican majority up there and I think cake will get more votes than Chamberlain. I know a man who voted for Chamberlain when he ran for governor who is going to vote for cake this time."

"That is your official opinion, is it?" "That is what I think about it." "But tell me, not for publication, but as a friend, if you knew that I was going to bet on the senatorial election and you did not want me to lose any money or go against an uneven bet, would you advise me to put my money back on cake?" And each time the political oracle will cast aside his official dignity, poke you in the chest in an earnest manner and say in a subdued voice:

"Take this from me, but keep it between us. Keep your money in your pocket. Up my way cake may win out, but if he does it is going to be by a smaller majority than I would want if I were in his place. Multnomah county is going to swing the senatorship, and all that I hear down here is Chamberlain. I have to come up to the headquarters to hear anything about cake. On the streets and every place it is Chamberlain. The counties may give cake a little lead, but he has got to fight for what he gets. You had better save your money until later in the

SAVED FROM GALLOWS—LOOKS FOR LIBERTY



Harry K. Thaw is making a desperate attempt to gain his liberty. The fight on the part of the slayer of Stanford White will be hard fought by District Attorney Jerome. This photograph was taken in court at Poughkeepsie, while the preliminary hearing of the Thaw case was in progress. Harry K. Thaw is shown on the left and his attorney, James G. Graham, at the right.

game. There will be plenty of time to bet it just before election." This is the line of talk that comes from the outside where men know each other and can size up what their neighbors are going to do. It shows that even the men who are working for the party ticket are dubious lest it be de-capitalized at the polls. It shows that Chamberlain is in the lead when his opponents will not back their candidate to win. It is a pretty good index that Governor Chamberlain will be the choice of the people when the votes are counted in June.

PIONEER MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER DIES

Mrs. Mary Liscomb McRae, a pioneer of Portland, died at her home, 745 Mississippi avenue, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock of old age. Mrs. McRae was born on Cape Breton in 1818. In 1838 she was married to John McRae. She was the mother of 10 children. Four sons, Will, Alexander, George and Douglas, and one daughter, Mrs. Louise Valentine, survive the late pioneer. Eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren are left to mourn the kindly old lady.

Mrs. McRae had been a resident of Portland for 30 years preceding her death. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Dunbar's chapel, East Sixth and Alder streets. Burial will be in Lone Fir cemetery, where the body will be laid to rest by the side of Mrs. McRae's husband.

EPWORTH LEAGUES TO CONVENE MAY 21

Convention of Portland District Being Enthusiastically Prepared For.

The first annual convention of the Portland District Epworth leagues will be held in University Park Methodist Episcopal church May 21 to May 24 inclusive. Over 30 churches are contained in the Portland district, owing to the later rearrangement of the districts by Bishop Moore. Most of these districts have an Epworth league, and many of them two chapters with a junior chapter in addition. Nearly half of the churches in Portland support junior chapters.

The program for the meeting a week hence includes many well-known church speakers. Rev. F. L. Young of the St. John Methodist church will address the opening meeting Thursday night on the subject of "Optimism." Friday night J. R. Knodell, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league for the state, will conduct a temperance meeting. Saturday night will be given up to social affairs. The day sessions will be given over to business meetings, and to the reading and discussion of

various papers by the members of the league.

Sunday afternoon at the Centenary church there will be a meeting under the direction of T. S. McDaniel and Rev. T. B. Ford of the Sunnyside church. Various other pastors will assist, their names not yet having been selected. Sunday night the main meeting will be in the University Park church, where Dr. Ford will speak on the "Paramount Authority of the Scriptures in Faith and Life." After the sermon will come the installation of the new district officers. Friday and Saturday at noon and 8 p. m. meals will be served under the direct management of the league.

The league has made wonderful progress during the past year in this city. New chapters have been organized, and several hundred new members secured. Great preparations are being made for the convention next week. Usually it takes a year to prepare for such an event, but all the work for the first Portland league convention has been done in a little less than seven weeks. The business condition of the various chapters is excellent, and there is no lack of funds to make the coming convention an assured success.

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL ORDERS MORE PAVING

Eugene, Or., May 14.—The Eugene city council has ordered Olive street between West Fifth and West Tenth streets paved with bitulithic; also West Fifth and West Sixth between Williams and Olive streets, a total of seven blocks. This, in addition to those streets already paved and under contract will make a total of 37 blocks. Property owners on other streets are clamoring for the improvement.

COMMENCEMENT A SOBER AFFAIR

Stanford Seniors Quietly Boycott It—Undesirables Doomed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Stanford University, Cal., May 14.—The 1908 commencement exercises began here yesterday without the usual brilliancy given by the presence of numerous embryo alumni. The faculty and quite a coterie of alumni are pulling out the usual exercises and functions as best they can. Many of the seniors have already left the university, and it seems that the senior class' determination not to participate in exercises from which so many of their classmates are missing because of the ill-fated parade of March 13, has been lived up to.

It is rumored here that many students will be notified not to return because they are "undesirable." No member of the committee will speak. The number of fankouts is expected to be abnormal because of the unsettled period of last month, which was not conducive to hard study. College work ceased today, to begin again September 1.

SOON TO PASS UPON FIRE ALARM FRANCHISE

Councilmen Debate Over Provisions of Automatic Company Measure.

Despite the efforts of Councilman Rushlight to amend the franchise of the National Automatic Fire Alarm company in the council yesterday afternoon so that the company's entire system would revert to the city at the end of the life of the franchise in 15 years, the members voted to advertise the franchise according to charter provisions without Rushlight's amendment. Councilman Annand's amendment made the valuation of the franchise equal to 1 per cent of the gross earnings of the company and the auxiliary fire alarm boxes. The executive board fixed the valuation at 1 per cent of the gross earnings. This was the only change made in the franchise which has been bitterly opposed by Councilman Kallahaer and other members of the minority party. Chief Campbell and City Electrician Savarlan have also opposed the franchise on the ground that it would not be proper to have the company's wires attached to the city's fire alarm system. Despite the opposition the measure went through the council and after it has been advertised the required length of time will be placed upon final passage, when it will go to Mayor Lane for his approval.

SUNNYSIDE READY FOR BIG FESTIVAL

Tom Richardson of the Commercial club was the attraction which crowded the schoolhouse at Sunnyside last night, when the well-known booster addressed the members of the Sunnyside Push club. Mr. Richardson spoke in the in-

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terests of the Rose Festival and dwell at length on the benefits which will accrue to all the people of Portland as a result. The club has accepted the generous offer of H. E. Cowell of Sunnyside to provide a team of white horses for use in the Sunnyside parade contingent during the festival. The committee appointed to take charge of the Sunnyside display for the festival is composed of the following representative citizens: Mrs. Edward McPherson, Mrs. R. H. Walker, R. H. Walker, Professor Curtis, J. N. Davis, W. P. Fell, Mrs. Shay and M. C. Davis.

LAWYER'S FEE FOR SECURING ACQUITTAL

Widow Obtained Property, and Now Wants Title Quited in Her Favor.

Claiming that he sold property to which she held the legal title, Mrs. Sarah Smith has begun suit in the circuit court against Robert Gosman. The latter's wife is made a defendant as she joined in the conveyance. The plaintiff is the widow of the late B. M. Smith, an attorney. Smith defended Gosman when he was tried on a charge of burglary and secured his acquittal. Mrs. Smith states that her husband's fee, amounting to \$140, was never paid, and Smith in his lifetime secured judgment on an assigned claim against Gosman, under which the latter's property was sold by the sheriff. It was bought by Henry P. Ford and by him transferred to Mrs. Smith. Gosman is alleged to have sold the property to Eric C. Uie in 1903 for \$4,000, although the title was then in Mrs. Smith's name. She asks that the court quiet the title in her favor.

REAL ESTATE MEN TO PUBLISH UMATILLA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pendleton, Or., May 14.—At a rousing meeting of the Real Estate Men's association, covering Umatilla county, plans for a publicity campaign were started. A committee to have charge of the publicity campaign for the real estate men was appointed, with James H. Gwin of this city, John S. Vinson of Freewater and W. H. Skinner of Hermiston as members. The Pendleton Commercial association will name a committee to cooperate with this committee, to have charge of the expenditure of a publicity fund to be raised in the county. Umatilla county will be thoroughly advertised in the east through a local bureau to be established here, with an experienced publicity agent in charge.

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