$20,000 FUND CAUSE OF LOCAL G. O. P. DISRUPTION

Twenty thousand dollars of good money from the Republican National committee!

That is the cause of the whole trouble, or in other words the whole bunch want a chance. It has been four years since any one of the G. O. P. in Oregon got a glimpse of so much good political gold and the prospect of it has given the heads and fronts of the leadership palpitation of the heart, so the political gossips say.

The golden glimpse, seen in anticipation, has caused William M. Cake, chairman of the Republican State Central committee, to want to hang onto his job. The knowledge that the coin is cached away waiting for the time when things grow warm in the presidential campaign has caused the Fulton camp to scent the air and, like wolves in the wind, raise their muzzles on high in one long howl of remonstrance at the chance of Cake's getting his retention hooks on the sack. And up in the tall tower the veteran editor, grown pessimistic because four long years have passed since last he has heard the mellow clink of campaign coin, fumes and frets at the decadence of the good old party.

That is the reason there is strife, and bickering, petty jealousies and contention of spirit among the stalwarts who want to take leading places in the ruling of the state.

Back in Chicago is a calculating gentleman by the name of Hitchcock. He is the chairman of the National Republican Campaign committee and has had entrusted to his care the somewhat strenuous task of seating William Taft in the presidential chair. Mr. Hitchcock has figured that it will take just $20,000 to make sure that Oregon will deliver over to the Republicans the expected 40,000 extra votes. That is just four bits a vote, pretty cheap, but comprehensive in the aggregate.

According to popular belief the jingling yellow boys have been tied up in a nice buckskin bag, labeled "For Oregon" and put away for future reference. And that little sack is what has loomed large along Oregon's eastern horizon and cast its shadow over the peace and harmony of the Republican State Central committee.

Every one of the leaders think he is specially cut out by nature, disposition and previous condition of servitude to spend that money. Each one knows that he could spend it, because he has spent money ever since his boyhood and knows the sensation. Therefore each, like the baby after the patent food, cries for it and won't be happy till he gets it.

Senator Fulton, National Committeeman Williams—who is, politically, a shadow of the senator, and the other friends and advisors, want to put the state through its paces and build up a big Taft majority. To do so would bring them prestige in the higher councils, and political honor. Incidentally it would give them the control of the party machinery and—parenthetically—would give them the control of the sack.

Cake Has Eyes On the Poke.

State Chairman Cake also would like to see the inside of the buckskin bag. His position as state chairman makes him, ex-officio, the custodian of the treasure. He wants to run the Taft campaign and disburse the Republican sack. But here a great howl goes up from the other side.

It is argued that there are debts under the Cake regime left over from the late lamented municipal campaign when T. C. Devlin was not elected mayor. Then there are debts waiting from the recent primary campaign and the June campaign, in the first of which H. M. Cake was nominated for the United States senate and in the second was defeated by Governor Chamberlain.

Loud cries come from the Fultonites that should Chairman Cake get the combination he would pay these back debts, and the Taft campaign would go lean and hungry to the ballot box.

And there is another protestant, loud and disgruntled. Over on the corner of Sixth and Alder is a gentleman of trenchant pen who considers that it is worth something like half the sack to pour the salve of honeyed words on the festered wounds of Oregon politics. From the present viewpoint the outlook is gloomy but the mellow radiance of 1,000 new and shining double eagles would light up the future and make the past seem glad.

Anyway that is the way they say it is. Money is the seed of strife and there is a $20,000 seed disturbing the peace of the Republican leaders.

SPURRED BIRDS STAB BARONS

Mother Hen of Oregon Sends Children to Combat Minions of Beef Trust.

The Oregon hen has again stepped into the limelight. This time she comes into the ring with a stiff fight uppercut for the beef trust and her myriad progeny are now crowing forth the slogans of victory all along Front street. Not satisfied with the great record she has made in past years with the millions on millions of oval bombshells with which she has kept up a continuous annual bombardment on the thousands of strongholds of the meat barons the good old bird has heeded the Roosevelt cry against race suicide and has after days and days of patient sitting been able to send into the field a horde of young warriors who are now waiting in their barred cages on Front street ready to be launched forth into the fray.

So it's back to the conifers with the pork chops and the lamb chops and the roasts and steaks and all the other cuts of the carnivorous trade. For spring chicken is now only 12 cents a pound. All hail to the hen!

All day Saturday the farmers poured into town with the spurred and feathered trust busters and the dealers at the local markets found themselves overloaded long before the zenith and in the rush to unload the price tumbled from 15 cents in the morning to as low as 12 cents in the afternoon. And best of all the dealers still have chickens! Chickens and then some on hand and after that some more. The price will probably remain stationary until the end of the week, but in the meantime there is no reason why every man, woman and child in the Rose City may not breakfast, lunch and dine on yellow-legged "springs" every day if they want to.

Peaches Advance 10 Cents.

Aside from the chicken market the most notable feature of day along the "street" was the advance in peaches. The Oregon peaches were plentiful two weeks ago and the price dropped a little, but with the increasing demand and the waning season came a scarcity in the supply and the price is likely to soar still further. The thrifty housewife who has been a little late in securing her fruit for canning should lose no time in doing so. Two carloads of the fruit are expected today or tomorrow from California.

Oregon Eggs May Be Cheaper.

Along with the decline in the price of spring chicken comes talk on the part of the dealers of reducing the price on Oregon eggs to compete with the eastern product which can be obtained for 20 to 21 cents. The local eggs sell for 24 cents a dozen.

Other Produce on the Street.

Cucumbers are coming in from Oregon gardens and the market is becoming more reasonable for this delectable salad requisite. Pineapples from Hawaii are scarce at from $3 to $3.50 per dozen. Egg plant is more plentiful and the price now ranges from 6c to 8c apiece. Grapes are still slow in coming, only the seedless variety from California having as yet made its appearance.

Front street quotations follow:

Grain, Flour and Hay.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, 85@87c; bluestem, 88@90c; red, 83@85c; Willamette valley, old, 89c bushel.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patents, $4.85; straights, $4.05@4.55; exports, $3.40@3.60; valley, $4.45; graham, ¼s, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $3.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price — Bran, $26; middlings, $30.50; shorts, $28@28.50; chop, $21@29 per ton.

BARLEY—Feed, $25.50; rolled, $27.50@28.50; brewing, $27.

OATS—No. 1 white, $27.50; gray, $27 per ton.

HAY—Producers' price—Old timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $13@13.50; ordinary, $12.50@13; eastern Oregon, $16@17; mixed, $10@10.50; clover, $8@9; grain, $11@12; cheat, $11; alfalfa, $9@10.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 26c; sour, 24c per lb.

BUTTER — Extra creamery, 27½c; fancy, 26c; ordinary, 25c; store, 16@17c.

EGGS—Select fancy, candled, 23½@24c; ordinary, 23½c; eastern, 20c@21c; Oregon, 24c.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 14½c; Young Americas, 15½c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12½c lb; fancy hens, 12½c; roosters, old, 9c; fryers, 12c@14c; broilers, 15c lb; geese, spring, 10@12½c; turkeys, alive, 17c; spring ducks, 13@15c lb; pigeons, $1.25 doz; dressed poultry, 1@1½c lb higher.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS — 1907 crop, first prime, 5c; prime, 4½c; medium to prime, 3@4c; medium, 2½c lb; 1906 crop, 2@3½c lb; contracts, 9c.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 13@15c.

MOHAIR—1907—Nominal, 18½@19c.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@15c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

HIDES—Dry hides, 13@14c lb; green, 5@6½c; calves, green, 8@10c; kips, 5@7c lb; bulls, green salt, 4c lb.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

CHITTIM BARK—3@4c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

ONIONS—California, $1.25; Walla Walla, $1.25 per sack; garlic, 15c lb.

POTATOES—New, selling, $1.10@1.25; buying, 85@90c per cwt.

APPLES—New, 90c@$1.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $4.00@4.25; bananas, 5½c per lb; crated, 6c; lemons, $4.75@5.50 box; grapefruit, $4@4.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $3@3.50 doz.; cantaloupes, $2.25@2.50; apricots, 75c@$1; blackberries, $1.50; peaches, 85c@$1; pears, $1.50@2; grapes, $1.50; raspberries, $1.00@1.10; loganberries, 90c@$1.00; cherries, Royal Ann, 3@5c per lb; Lamberts and Bings, fancy, $2 box; watermelons, 1@1¼c lb; currants, $1.50 crate.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 20c; beets, 20c; carrots, $1.50 sack; parsnips, 85c@$1; cabbage, $2; tomatoes, 75c@$1.00 box; beans, 7c; cauliflower, California, crate, $1.75@2.00; peas, Oregon, 3½@5c; horseradish, 8@10c; artichokes, (—) doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 8c; Chile, (—); head lettuce, 25@30c doz; cucumbers, local, 20c@50c doz.; radishes 15c doz. bunches; celery, 75c@$1.25; gooseberries, 5c; eggplant, 6@8c; green corn, 20c@30c doz.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—California & Hawaiian Refinery—Cube, $6.60; powdered $6.45; berry, $6.25; dry granulated, $6.25; XXX granulated, $6.15; conf. A., $6.25; extra B., $5.80; golden C., $6.30; D., yellow, $5.55; beet granulated, $6.05; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

COFFEE—Package brands, $16.50.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50c, $11.50; table, dairy, 50s, $16.50; 10s, $16.00; bales, $2.35; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 4s, $18.00; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5½@5¾c; New Orleans, head, 7¾c; Ajax, (—); Creole, 5¾c.

BEANS—Small white, $4.75; large white, $4.75; pink, $3.85; bayou, $3.85; Limas, $5.85; Mexican reds, (—).

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street—Hogs, fancy, 7½@8c lb; ordinary, 1c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 9c per lb; ordinary, 8@8½c per lb; heavy, 7½c per lb; mutton, fancy, 7@7½c per lb; spring lamb, 7@7½c lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 15 lbs, 17c per lb; breakfast bacon, 15½@23½c lb; picnics 11c per lb; cottage roll, 12c lb; regular short clears smoked, 12c per lb; backs, smoked, 12½c lb; smoked short clears, 13½c lb; clear bellis, smoked, 13½c lb; shoulders, 12c per lb; pickled tongues, 70c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 14c per lb; 5s, 14¼c per lb; 50-lb. tins, 13½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 13c per lb; 5s, 13¼c per lb; compound, 10s, 9¼c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 12½c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 8c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, chinook, 9c lb; bluebacks, 8c lb; steelhead, 8c lb; herrings 5c lb; soles, 7c per lb; shrimp 10c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 11c per lb; lobsters, 25c per lb; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; crawfish, 20c per dozen, sturgeon, 12½c per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelt, 7c per lb; black cod, 7½c lb; crabs, $1.00@1.50 dozen; shad, 2½c; roe shad 6c; shad roe, 12½c lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb sack, $5.00; Olympia, per gallon, $2.40; per 100-lb sack, $6.00@6.50; Eagle canned, 60c can, $7.00 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per 100.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box, 10c per doz.

Paints, Coal, Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 11¾c; standard, 11c; sisal, 9¼c; L. H. sisal, 8½c.

LINSEED OIL — Raw bbls., 51c; cases, 59c; boiled, bbls., 53c; cases, 57c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $34 ton.

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19½c per gal; iron bbls, 12½c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 72c per gal; wood bbls, 69c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c lb; less lots, 8¼c lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.85.

Or Worse, How Much He Earns.

From the Atchison Globe.

Every young man feels as though he had received a cold shower bath when his best girl asks him how much he gets a month.

WHEAT BALLOON GUY ROPES CUT

And Prices Begin to Soar—All Kinds of Wheat Go Up Cent.

With wheat the highest price it has reached in years so soon after harvest and the buyers for Portland mills scrambling to take choice lots of bluestem and turkey red at unprecedented figures, the outlook for the inland empire farmer this year is the most promising.

As high as 92 cents has been offered here for choice milling wheat, and the buyers at Walla Walla and other inland grain centers are instructed to go as high as 78 and 79 cents to get the best output. Club is bringing 76 and 77 cents right in the grain belt and the farmers are showing no anxiety to sell, although the transfers have been made freely.

Today was a record one in the local board of trade. The floor was crowded and bidding was spirited.

One bid for 92 cents touched the top of the market. This was for bluestem. All kinds of wheat closed strong and a cent higher, and this in the face of the biggest day's receipts of the season. Twenty-seven cars of flour-maker were brought in this morning.

Barley and oats held their own with a light inclination toward a decline.

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Sept.	86	87	86	87
Dec.	87	92	87	90

OATS.

Sept.	$1.15	..	..	$1.15
Dec.	$1.20	..	..	$1.20

BARLEY.

Sept.	$1.15	..	..	$1.15
Dec.	$1.15	..	..	$1.15

Mine Prices and Reports

Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 3.—The extensive copper-gold deposits of the Pickett Creek district, 14 miles below Grants Pass, are to be fully developed and shaped for mining and smelting operations by the United Copper-Gold Mines company. The Pickett Creek copper mines have been under development for several years and have an immense body of high-grade ore exposed. Assays made on the ore give returns of from $30 to $100 in gold, besides copper values of from 6 to 8 per cent. The new company will immediately begin driving the tunnels deeper and opening up the ore body for smelting and shipping. O. S. Blanchard of this city is president of the company, O. A. Thomas, who has charge of operations for the past three years, is secretary and manager.

The hydraulic placer mines on Paradise and Half Moon bars of lower Rogue River, which have been under development for the past year, are now fully equipped and ready for operation. Two placer mines were developed and equipped in this district last year, and the results were highly satisfactory. Los Angeles capital is behind the several enterprises, and about $500,000 is represented.

From all indications the old Greenback mine of Grave Creek district will resume operations again in the near future. W. H. Brevoort, the New York capitalist who owns the Greenback, was here recently and laid plans for the future operations. A few men are employed, and work has begun in a small way. The main ledge is opened to a depth of 1,500 feet. Most of the ore between the 900 and 1,500-foot levels is yet to be removed. The Greenback lode is remarkable in that it sustains its free-milling values on the deep levels.

The American Gold Fields company of Chicago, of which W. J. Morphy is manager, and which owns the Granite Hill miles of Louse Creek district, near Grants Pass, was unable to resume operations on the property this summer on account of financial stress. The company, however, has cleared up all its obligations and has a clear title to the property. It has also kept everything in splendid shape on the mine. The machinery and equipment is ready to begin operations on a day's notice. The company fully expects to begin work this fall, and is working toward that end.

EASTERN SHEEP AND HOGS DROP SHARPLY

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK MARKET.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	40,000	24,000	24,000
Kansas City	7,000	14,000	6,000
Omaha	8,000	6,700	11,000

Hogs opened 5 to 10c lower; left over from Saturday was 3,100. Receipts one year ago were at 3,700. Mixed come $6.20@7; heavy, $6.55@7; rough, $6.20@6.50; light come at $6.25@6.95. The cattle 10c lower, and the sheep are 10c lower also.

Latest News of Oregon Crops

HEAVY SALMON PACK FOR 1908

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Aug. 3.—Word reached here today that the Bristol Bay, Alaska, salmon pack for 1908 will exceed the 1907 pack by at least 150,000 cases. Last year's pack from there aggregated 436,000 cases, and the output this season will be in the neighborhood of 600,000 cases. It will be brought here this fall.

Oregon—Fair tonight, warmer south and east portions. Tuesday probably fair. Westerly winds.

Washington—Fair tonight and Tuesday. North to west winds.

Idaho—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

Seasons Extreme This Year.

Canyon City, Or., Aug. 1.—This year has been one season of extremes following another, and in many localities in this county complaint is already heard among the farmers that the crops are going to be very short. The most of the month of July was very warm and in localities where water for the irrigation of crops was not to be had, not only the crops but vegetation of all kinds have suffered.

Early this week frosts occurred in many parts of the county. In some of the higher valleys ice to the thickness of a heavy window glass was frozen, and it is believed has resulted in serious damage to grain. At any rate many an acre will be cut for hay that otherwise would have been threshed, had it not been for the severe frost.

ORIN L. PATTERSON.

Springfield, Or., Aug. 3.—Crops in Lane county promise to excel those of last year in everything but price. Hop growers who have taken care of their yards claim to have an abundant product. Some, however, have been so pessimistic as to claim that they do not expect to receive more than six cents for their output.

Grain growers are happy and believe that prices will be high. The custom, however, of turning the grain into hogs is growing, and less and less is being exported. The Washburne mill here has imported grain for a number of years from the lower valley points, as well as buying from local farmers.

Values in loose, good oat hay are ranging around $9 and $10, but as low as $7 has been received for poorer qualities of cheat and vetch.

Springfield wants a fruit cannery, and if a good proposition were put to the citizens it would meet with instant financial cooperation. The cannery at Eugene failed to handle anywhere near the full crop of this section, and thousands of pounds went to waste. The prune crop will be heavy this year. As many of the growers have their own dryers, little of it will be wasted. Prices are expected to be good. Several contracts have been made.

Athena, Or., Aug. 3.—As the harvest season approaches the belief is strengthened that the crop this year is far below par in yield. 30 to 25 bushels per acre, with one or two 40-bushel yields, is the record of the Athena wheat fields; and the smut is to be reckoned with also.

The market is strong and prices are good, and will go a long way toward making up the deficiency in yield. Only a few sales are reported in Athena today, but the wheat sold brought 75 and 78 cents per bushel.

The barley crop this season is proving far better than the wheat, most of it having fully ripened before the hot winds set, many 65-bushel yields being reported.

Heppner, Or., Aug. 3.—Morrow county's wheat crop for this season is estimated at 900,000 bushels. The market is starting off in good shape, and already buyers are in the field making offers of from 70 to 76 cents.

This is the first year that Morrow county farmers have given 40-fold wheat a thorough trial. While the season has been very dry and this is an off year, the results with a good-sized acreage of 40-fold are met with much favor, and this variety will no doubt take the lead in the future.

Milton, Or., Aug. 3.—The peach crop in the Milton and Freewater country will be unusually large this season. The trees have never been so well filled, and there were no adverse conditions since the trees first budded last spring. The apple and prune crop will also be immense this fall.

The shippers are now sending out pears, berries, apricots, early peaches, early apples, cucumbers and other vegetables, and there is a good demand. Something near 20 carloads of mixed fruits and vegetables have already gone to the eastern markets this season.

Hermiston, Or., Aug. 3.—L. W. Furnace bears the distinction of raising the first apples under the Umatilla project proper, although considerable fine fruit has been raised in the near vicinity of Hermiston, and the lands under the project. Three years ago Mr. Furnace, one of the pioneers of the project, set out a young orchard and this year the apple trees are bearing.

He has just plucked one of them, which weighs 12 ounces, of fine color and flavor. It is of the Duchess and Oldenberg variety. The specimen will be preserved and will bear the distinctive inscription of being the first apple raised under the Umatilla irrigation project.

Weston, Or., Aug. 3.—The local wheat market, which had been quiet, woke up yesterday and there was some spirited bidding. About 70,000 bushels changed hands on a basis of 76 cents for No. 1, the price ranging up from 75 cents according to grade. S. A. Barnes, agent for the Pacific Coast Elevator company, secured all that was sold.

Echo, Or., Aug. 1.—Thomas Ross, of the Ross woolen mills at Portland, has just been here and has purchased the wool clips of J. T. Hoskins, J. Corrigal, the Kilkenny brothers, and that of A. McIntyre. The clips amount to something over 10,000 pounds. It is understood that near 15 cents per pound was paid.

U. S. Government Bonds.

New York, Aug. 3—Government bonds

	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered, 1930	103¾	104
do, coupon, 1930	103¾	
Threes, registered, 1908	100	100¾
do, coupon, 1908	100¾	101¾
Threes, small, 1908	100¾	
Fours, registered, 1925	120¼	121½
do, coupon, 1925	122¼	3¾

Wheat and Barley Market.

San Francisco, Aug. 3—Barley brewing, 140@142½; wheat, December, 83¾@84¾; barley, December, 137, others unchanged.

MUST HAVE FED PIGS ON PEARLS

August Sharp Advance in Price of Hogs Is Feature of Week's Opening.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RECEIPTS.

	Horses.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Saturday	..	50	70	..
Today	28	200	6	755

Portland Union Stockyards, Aug. 3.—The first quotations of the year were made today on veal. The market is very strong, choice calves being in heavy demand at 5 cents a pound.

The receipts of hogs were the lightest in years, only a half dozen corpulent porkers coming into the yards. The price for choice animals weighing from 175 to 250 pounds is now $6.75, with every prospect of an unsupplied market at 7c before the end of the week.

The cattle and sheep market is about the same as last week, which closed very weak. The best 1,100 and 1,200 pound steers are only bringing 4c. The highest quotations for prime sheep and lambs is $3.50 a hundredweight.

The weeks' forecast at this time is promising of a lifeless trade.

Official stockyards prices today:

Hogs—Best stuff, $6.75; bloockers and China fats, $6@6.50; stockers and feeders, $5@5.50.

Cattle—Select eastern Oregon steers, $4; medium, $3@3.75; stockers and feeders, $3@3.25; medium steers, $3.50@3.75; best cows and heifers, $3; medium cows, $2.50@2.75; stags, $2.50; bulls, $2.00@2.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, $3.25; spring lambs, $4@4.25; straight ewes, $2.25@2.75; mixed lots, $3.00.

Veal—Choice young calves, $5; heavier and rough, $3.50@4.

Frisco Eggs and Butter.

San Francisco, Aug. 3—Butter and eggs unchanged. Butter receipts 8,834; eggs, 8,228.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ABDUL FROM T. R.

Washington, Aug. 3.—President Roosevelt today directed the state department to instruct Ambassador Leishman at Constantinople to convey to Sultan Abdul Hamid II his personal congratulations on the reestablishment of the constitutional government in Turkey.

Some hungry person entered the residence of A. Lumsden, 1055 Williams avenue, yesterday afternoon, prepared a lunch from the contents of the cupboard, sat down and ate it leisurely and then departed without troubling to sweep up the crumbs. When the family returned home in the evening they found every room had been ransacked, but except for the food eaten in the kitchen nothing had been taken.

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M'DOEL PARTY DELIGHTED WITH TRIP THROUGH OREGON

"I have never seen a party of men more completely surprised and convinced than were the McDoel party after their tour of Oregon. These men, after a complete investigation of the western part of the state, say Oregon is one of the greatest states in the union, and that it is the most delightful place to live," said William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines, who has just returned from a trip to Ashland with the visitors.

The private car of President McDoel of the Monon route, has been threading the western Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific for a week, and concluded the tour at Ashland Sunday. The party went through the Rogue River valley in an automobile driven by Mrs. John O. Olwell of Medford, who with her husband accompanied them as far as Ashland, there overtaking the Southern Pacific train, to which the McDoel car was attached. The visitors were enthusiastic over the resources of the valley. They visited the great pear ranches of F. H. Hopkins and Hunt Lewis, and other farms that have made Rogue River valley fruits famous the world over.

Mr. McDoel will go over the new Southern Pacific line from Weed to the Klamath lake region. McDoel station on this line is named in his honor.

30 HAPPY YOUNGSTERS EAGER FOR 60-MILE HIKE TO NETARTS BAY

Down across the hills and through the woods that stretch from Forest Grove to Tillamook an unusual sight may be seen today. Thirty boys, conveying a wagon load of camp equipment and provisions, are hiking along. It is "Go west, young man," with them, with visions of a sandy beach, campfires, fish, swimming and other like pleasures in view.

The 30 boys, more or less, in this party of hikers are from the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. of Portland. They left on their annual vacation at 7 o'clock this morning, the railroad taking them as far as Forest Grove. From that point the program is one long trudge to Netarts bay. At the rate of 15 miles per day the boys will be four days reaching their destination.

The party is in charge of J. C. Clark, director of the religious work of the Y. M. C. A. About two weeks will be spent at the beach by the happy youngsters. As they lined up for the start this morning no one could doubt their capacity for enjoying the sport of the trip.

SCREAMS MURDER OVER TELEPHONE

However, Man Had Only Killed $10 Borrowed From a Woman.

A woman who wanted her money played detective this morning and as a consequence the second false murder alarm within two weeks was turned in to police headquarters.

"There's a murder at 132 Fifth street," said a voice over the telephone at 9 o'clock. Out went the patrol wagon instanter. Captain Baty and the wagon-load of sleuths were met at the corner of Fifth and Alder by a woman dressed in black.

"He's right up those stairs," she said, pointing to one of the entrances to the lodging-house which occupies the place of that by-gone gambling house, the Portland club. Up went the detectives with drawn revolvers.

No murderer could be found. He had quietly walked down the other staircase leading to Alder street and had gone his way. He wasn't a murderer either, simply a man who had borrowed $10 from the woman, Mrs. Lawrence, and failed to return it.

Mrs. Lawrence met the unfaithful one on the San Francisco steamer. They became well enough acquainted for him to borrow $10, promising to return it when he reached Portland. He did nothing of the kind.

Mrs. Lawrence constituted herself a detective committee of one. She haunted the postoffice and finally saw the borrower. She followed him to the lodging-house and then asked a passerby to call the police while she watched the staircase. The volunteer aide wished to hurry matters so turned in a murder alarm.

PRISONER HURT WHEN ROCKS ROLL ON LEG

Thomas Wallace, a six months' prisoner at Kelly Butte, was brought to the county jail yesterday afternoon with an injured leg. He was injured by catching his foot between two rocks while he was running to escape some large stones that rolled from above and threatened to bound into a group of men at work. Wallace was examined by Deputy County Physician McCornick and is being cared for at the jail. It is thought that some of the small bones in the ankle may be broken. Wallace was sent to the rockpile on May 19 on a charge of larceny.

FERRYBOAT WEBSTER BACK ON REGULAR RUN

The county commissioners expect to have the ferryboat Lionel R. Webster running again tomorrow. It has been out of commission about a week because of a defect developed in the pump that runs the steering gear. A smaller pump is to be put in under guarantee that it will do the work required.

CONSERVATIVES WIN IN CUBA

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Havana, Aug. 3.—Election returns throughout Cuba at noon today indicate a general victory for the conservatives, who have carried most of the important cities. The liberals elected Azbert governor of the province of Havana, but the conservatives were victorious in the city of Havana. The liberals showed their greatest strength in eastern Cuba. So far no reports have been received here of serious trouble at the polls, though there was fear of great disorder.

PLATES BENT IN COLLISION.

Steamer Bucrania Goes on Drydock to Have Damages Repaired.

It will take about four days to repair the British steamer Bucrania which was lifted to the drydock yesterday, immediately upon her arrival from Honolulu. A couple of plates were bent in collision with one of the American battleships at Honolulu and these will be straightened out and replaced.

The collision was unavoidable in that it occurred while the steamer was coaling the battleship. The sea was running quite high and despite every precaution the two hulls crashed together.

According to Captain Tilsley it took the Bucrania but 10 days to make the run across from Honolulu to the Columbia river. Fair weather was encountered most of the way. But for occasional fogs better speed could have been maintained.

The crew of the Bucrania consists of Lascars and Malays who will be glad to get back to the orient, since they have been away for nearly a year. This is the first Lascar crew to visit Portland for some time. From here the Bucrania goes to Shanghai. The lumber for which she is under charter will be furnished largely by the mills of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company. The Pacific Export Lumber company is dispatching it.

WATERFRONT FIRE CHECKED.

An incipient blaze was put out yesterday morning at the foot of Davis street and a serious water front fire averted by the alertness of Captain Delmar Shaver and the crew of the steamer Sarah Dixon. The fire had started in the coal bunkers of the Beaver Hill company along the water front between Davis and Everett streets, and was beginning to make good headway when Captain Shaver noticed it.

The steamer Sarah Dixon was at the dock and she was immediately ordered out and her pumps set to work. By the use of two lines of hose and the fire was brought under control and put out without disturbing the fire department. The damage was nominal.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Aug. 3.—Arrived down at 5 a. m., and sailed at 8 a. m., steamer Alliance for Coos Bay. Arrived down at 2 a. m., schooner J. A. Garfield and steamer Northland. Arrived at 4 p. m. and left up at 5 p. m., steamer Asuncion from San Francisco. Arrived down at 2 p. m., steamer Sark.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Arrived at 8 a. m., steamer Roanoke from Portland. Spoken 2 p. m. yesterday, 50 miles south of Cape Mendocino, log raft from Astoria. Arrived at noon, steamer Rose City, from Portland.

Santa Rosalie, Aug. 3.—Sailed August 1, barkentine Puako for Portland.

Astoria, Aug. 3.—Arrived at 4:45 a. m., and left up at 7 a. m., steamer City of Panama from Coos Bay. Left up at 10:30, British steamer Ilford.

Astoria, Aug. 3.—Condition of the sea at 8 a. m.: Smooth wind, northwest, 15 miles, weather cloudy.

Tides at Astoria today: High—4:15 a. m., 6.5 feet, 4:45 p. m., 8.0 feet. Low—10:18 a. m., 18 feet; 11:15 p. m., 2.0 feet.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steam schooner Northland cleared today for San Francisco with 450,000 feet of lumber.

The tow boat Ottawa broke her shaft Saturday when towing near Vancouver. She was towed here this morning for a new shaft.

Clifton T. Smith, who was appointed observer at the local weather bureau a month ago, resigned this morning to accept a position as teacher in Idaho. John E. Hisong who arrived here today from Northfield, Vt., will fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of R. C. Mize to Tatoosh island. Mr. Mize leaves on the tender Heather tomorrow to assume his new position. He will be accompanied by his family. Mr. Mize is an expert telegraph operator and regarded as a fine selection for the position which is of great importance to shipping.

The weather bureau this morning received the following wireless message from the steamer City of Pueblo: "City of Pueblo, off Cascade head, 9 a. m. Moderate breeze, smooth sea; sky clear. Barometer 30.13. Temperature 60 degrees."