

McARTHUR'S SUCCESS IN DOUBT

Conferences to Be Held This Evening and Tonight Will Decide His Speakership Ambition—Factions Line Up for Test.

C. N. McArthur, candidate for speaker of the house, has his fate hanging in the balance today. This afternoon and tonight it will be determined whether he is to be speaker or whether the position, which up to this time has been undisputed, will be able to get together in force solid enough to defeat him. McArthur's friends say that such action can not be brought about. His opponents say that he is on the lower grade and will not be elected. Whether the opposing candidate will be Patton of Marion, Bean of Lane or McCue of Clatsop is now the question. Bean and McCue are both in the city. Both are working, each to bring the other into camp. This afternoon will hold a conference at which representatives of Statement No. 1 camp will be present and at this time it is expected that some definite line will be at least outlined.

Statement Men to Confer.

The Statement No. 1 men are to have a conference tonight. It will be decided whether the statement men will go into caucus and also who their speaker and bearer will be. The present time seems that H. D. Patton of Marion county is the leading Statement No. 1 candidate for speaker. Patton, also, is in favor of a straight Statement No. 1 organization of the house, holding that it would be best for the statement men to line up with any candidate on the other side, unless sure and sufficient guarantee of good faith were given by the outside candidate. As the matter now stands McArthur has some 18 or 20 men pledged to support him and he has been elected a man signed for a caucus. It requires 21 to call a caucus and McArthur contends that as soon as the caucus is called from eastern Oregon arrive that he will be furnished with three or four additional signatures, so that a caucus is sure.

Claims of Candidates.

McArthur has 18 or 20 votes pledged to him, so his friends say. McCue has five votes that he can depend upon. Bean has about four. The Statement No. 1 men have some 200 votes and can reasonably be expected to stay for either a Statement No. 1 speaker or some candidate chosen by them at their conference.

Campbell of Clatsop County.

Campbell of Clatsop county has agreed to measure up strength this evening at a conference, and if he is unable to show the strongest following to join with the other Statement men in the organization fight. This agreement is supposed to carry Jones and Dmick of Clatsop county with it.

Bean's Campaign Plan.

It is believed that should Bean be able to induce McCue to join with him that the Statement men might induce Bean and go into the caucus with him as their leader. Should this be accomplished, Bean would have a strong following to elect a speaker from either a Statement No. 1 speaker or some candidate chosen by them at their conference.

McDonald Out of Line.

McDonald of Multnomah county has sent word to McArthur to the effect that he does not intend to abide by his caucus signature nor his pledge of support to McArthur, for reasons which are "satisfactory to himself." The Statement No. 1 men are now trying to bring Brady of Multnomah back into the Statement No. 1 fold. Brady has pledged himself to support the caucus, to the Statement No. 1 plan, the caucus, to Campbell, to Patton. There is some hope therefore that he may forget these pledges since he has gone around the circle and come back to the Statement No. 1 camp on the organization.

Uses Whisk Broom to Clear the Track for His Streetcar.

A streetcar became stalled on Third street near Harrison early yesterday because of a snowdrift. The driver procured a small whisk broom of the kind we use on our velvet overcoat collars, and also a teacup almost full of water.

Melting Snow Used for Drinking Water at Mt. Scott.

A great many of the water pipes at Mount Scott and the suburbs have frozen during the cold spell and nearly the entire populace is without water. Residents have resorted to heat from the chimneys and dripped through for cooking purposes. The district is furnished by tanks and the pipes are laid just under the surface of the ground.

School Houses Are Damaged by Heavy Snowfall.

Snow has caused considerable damage to the roofs of school buildings in the past few days. The blizzard of Tuesday tore the chimney top off the Woodlawn school and the white stuff collecting on the roofs of the Chapman and Alsworth schoolhouses melted by the heat from the chimneys and dripped through the ceilings on the floors.

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No Quorum at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8.—There was no quorum in either house of the Illinois legislature today. The possibility that the governor may prorogue the session is causing anxiety.

THREE EVIDENCES OF THE FACT THAT THE COLD WEATHER IS STILL WITH US



TEN YEARS FOR HOMER BLACK

Sentenced at Salem for Attempt to Kill Dr. Robertson.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—Homer Black, convicted of attempting to kill and rob Dr. Clarence Robertson, was sentenced today by Judge Burnett of the Marion county circuit court to a term of 10 years in the state penitentiary. Black was found guilty Tuesday. The penalty imposed is the maximum. Dr. Robertson was shot while endeavoring to evade a holdup at the hands of Black one evening at the physical building in the city. Black was convicted on strong circumstantial evidence. Public sentiment was strong against him. The pronouncing of sentence had no apparent effect on Black. Dr. Robertson was shot in the breast, but has entirely recovered from his wound.

COAST ARTILLERY FOR MARSHFIELD

Adjutant General W. E. Finzer, O. N. G., received yesterday from the war department at Washington instructions to proceed with the organization of a full company of coast artillery at Marshfield. General Finzer will immediately take up the plans for the Marshfield company. He will request some public body in the Coos Bay town to furnish him with a complete roster of all the companies in all Oregon coast towns.

But one such company has so far been organized in Oregon, that at Astoria, although it has been nearly a year since the war department first sanctioned the suggestion of General Finzer to establish a company of coast artillery at Marshfield. The new company must have a suitable armory. All necessary equipment will be furnished by the United States government. This equipment will cost the government close to \$100 for each member of the company. The following letter from the war department authorizing the company was received by General Finzer yesterday.

"To Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard: Referring to your communication of the 10th inst. in relation to organization of a company of coast artillery reserves at Marshfield, Oregon, I am directed by the assistant secretary of war to inform you that your communication was referred to the chief of coast artillery, Oregon, on November 10, 1908, in his opinion in regard to the location of the company in question. He concurs in the opinion that the company should be organized at Marshfield, Or. It is deemed inadvisable at this time to organize a company of coast artillery at Marshfield, Or. In connection with the matter of organizing coast artillery companies the assistant secretary of war desires to be informed as to what progress has been made in that direction.

COLLECTORS SOON TO GO ON S. P. TRAINS

Several employees of the auditor's department of the Harriman line returned from San Francisco yesterday, having completed their examinations for train collectors. They will be installed on the trains of the O. R. & N. operating out of Portland as soon as General Manager J. O'Brien returns from New York. All the prospective train auditors are required to make examinations for their positions at Fourth and Madison streets, headquarters, and also to handle a train one way between Portland and San Francisco.

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STARVING BIRDS COME INTO THE CITY IN SEARCH OF FOOD



The birds of Portland, of much of Oregon, in fact, are starving. The thick blanket of snow that covers the ground has also covered up their usual food supply and the little creatures, unable to dig down to the ground, are having a hard time of it to keep alive.

Major James McL. Wood this afternoon said that yesterday he cleared a place in his yard a few feet square of snow and scattered on it some bread crumbs. In a few minutes the air was thick with the birds hurrying to get their first meals for days. This morning as soon as it was daylight there were hundreds of birds waiting for some one to throw out more food for them.

Judge M. C. George had the same experience. He says that the birds come by hundreds to the space he has cleared and eagerly pick up the crumbs of wheat and cereals which he throws out to them. Among those that came this morning were two Oregon red birds, one of which he had seen in his yard. The presence shows that the birds are coming into the city in search of food, being unable to find it outside.

Mr. Wood said that it would be an excellent idea if each household of the city would clear a small place in the snow on which to scatter crumbs, etc., to keep the birds alive until the snow clears off. There is food thrown into garbage barrels that might as well go to these helpless creatures, which would go far toward making their lot easier.

PLAN TO REGISTER VOTERS ONLY ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS

Members of the legislature who are coming in from the interior part of the state are discussing the amendment of the registration law. It is contended that the present law requiring voters to register every two years entails great inconvenience and unnecessary hardship on the voters of the interior districts.

An amendment will in all probability be sought providing that voters be required to register once in every 10 years. In case of change in residence, however, they will be required to change their registration to the precinct in which they live. Also young men coming of age will be required to register before they can vote.

The effect of the amendment, as discussed by Senator Chase this morning would be to bring out a larger vote and at the same time to prevent fraud just as rigidly as under the present law. The amendment would provide that the registration books be kept open during sufficient terms preceding elections in order to give all those not registered or who desired to change their registration, an opportunity to qualify as electors. While these books were open all those who had changed their residence could register in the new precinct and the new voters could also qualify. Any change in registration would be reported by the county clerk taking the new registration to the office in which the old registration had been taken. This would keep a check on the voters and prevent multiple voting or collocation. Senator Chase expects the matter will be ready for the opening of the session.

MEMBER OF COUNTY GRAND JURY VICTIM OF CLEVER SWINDLER

B. I. Cain, a member of the present county grand jury, and in business-life a restaurant man, at First and Columbia streets, is one of the men who register they ever harkened to the persuasive talk of D. A. McIntosh, who, the detectives say, has swindled a number of persons by selling them worthless accident insurance policies. McIntosh was arrested yesterday afternoon at Fourth and Madison streets by Detectives Coleman and Hyde, and was at first charged with vagrancy, but this charge was today changed to one of obtaining money under false pretenses. It is probable that he will face the grand jury, of which Cain is a member, this afternoon or tomorrow.

LEFT \$10,000 TO LOCAL CHURCH

Abbie L. Atwood Remembered Many Charities in Will Filed Today.

By the will of Abbie L. Atwood, filed for probate in the county court this morning, the Unitarian church of Portland is given \$10,000, the Baby home \$1000 and the Woman's exchange \$500. John C. Atwood of Seattle, a brother, is bequeathed \$15,000, and several smaller gifts are made to more distant relatives and friends.

Nelle A. Winch was named as executrix of the will, but she is unable to act, and John C. Atwood and Martin Winch, one of the largest creditors, joined in asking that G. G. Gammans be named as administrator. The total value of the estate is not named. It is stated that the personal property is worth \$1200, and the real estate brings a yearly rental of \$800.

The smaller bequests include \$1000 to Mrs. Josephine V. Capron of North Attleboro, Mass., an aunt; \$500 each to many friends, and Ellen Capron, cousin, of the same town; \$500 to Emily F. Davison, \$500 to M. E. V. Hess, \$500 each to Anna, Kate and May Collins, all of the same town; \$500 to the lot in Riverview cemetery and \$2000 in trust to Rev. William G. Elliot of the Unitarian church. The \$10,000 gift to the church is stated to be in memory of the mother of the deceased.

GERTRUDE RICE STILL MISSING

What is perhaps the most complete search ever made of Portland and vicinity for any missing person has been made for Miss Gertrude Louise Rice, the missing stenographer of the Oregon Life insurance company, yet no trace of her has been found. She was seen at 10 o'clock the day of her disappearance at Sixth and Grand streets, apparently in her usual spirits, and was traced to First and Alder, but no clue has been found. She has taken her farther than this point.

F. S. West, manager of the local house of the Goodyear Rubber company, and the cousin of the missing young woman, declared today that every possible action has been taken toward locating Miss Rice and that it seemed physically impossible to do more. The belief that Miss Rice, who had been in ill health for some time, has taken her own life has become stronger, and the only hope left is that, mentally unbalanced, she has lost her identity and is among strangers who have not yet recognized her as the young woman for whom friends and detectives have been searching so constantly for the past four days.

SIX NIGHT RIDERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

(United Press Lined Wire.)
Union City, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Six of the eight night riders on trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken were found guilty yesterday. The trial was concluded under great difficulties, as Mr. Rosen, one of the jurors, is suffering from measles and proceedings had to be conducted in the room occupied by him. The strain of listening to the argument aggravated his fever and the argument was shortened out of consideration for him.

ARLINGTON VOTES FOR LOCAL OPTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Arlington, Or., Jan. 8.—At Tuesday's city election the local optionists won out by a handsome majority. The voters elected are: O. D. Sturges, mayor; J. L. Hancock and George McLaughlin, councilmen; George W. Biggs, treasurer, and H. F. Shanks, recorder. The main issue was for a strict regulation of the "near beer" resorts which have taken the place of the saloons since the county went dry last June.

FURNACE EXPLODES AND STARTS FIRE

The furnace in a residence owned by John Hall, at 54 1/2 East Burnside street, exploded this morning, with the result that the fire department was called out to help put out the fire. It is thought that the fire was banked in the furnace, and that gas formed, causing the explosion. The furnace was blown to bits and several boards were torn out of the floor just above when the explosion occurred.

DAVID GOLDSTEIN GOES THROUGH A SKYLIGHT

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MANUFACTURERS GIVE RETAILERS FINE BANQUET

Members of the Manufacturers' association entertained the visiting members of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association at a banquet given last night at the Commercial club and her delegates was the close of the seasons that the merchants had held in the city. It was a fitting close for the convention.

The banquet room was decorated for the occasion with streamers and draped with American flags. The dinner was of seven courses. Fletcher Linn, president of the Manufacturers' association, acted as toastmaster and introduced the different speakers. During the evening music was furnished by a quartet.

Stirring addresses were made by different members of the two organizations and by the visiting delegates. The keynote of the addresses was the good of organization. It was expressed that the opening address of Toastmaster Linn that "combination not competition is the life of trade."

The dinner was attended by more than 300 guests who braved the cold and the uncertainties of car service in order to attend. The meeting partook of a dinner at 7 o'clock. From the opening to the close and undoubtedly today the retail men and the manufacturers of the state are clustered together in a business way than before the convention was opened.

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GROGERS TAKE ON NEW NAME

All Retail Merchants of State to Be Urged to Join Organization.

As the first step in a plan to incorporate all the Merchants' Protective associations in Oregon into their organization, the Oregon Retail Grocers and Merchants' association yesterday changed their title to the Oregon Retail Merchants' association. An attempt is being made this year to organize all the retail merchants of the state into the association and make it one of the most powerful bodies of its kind in the northwest.

As was forecasted yesterday, the annual election resulted in the reelection of president H. D. Gray of Corvallis. It was not made without a fight, however, for H. D. Gray of Pendleton, a dark horse, made strong fight for the office, and in the final ballot scored 26 votes against Kline's 40. R. H. Greer of Hillsboro was chosen vice president. N. A. Perry of Houlton scored vice president, Thomas C. Watts of Reuben third vice president and directors are A. M. Reeves, Lebanon; J. T. Ross, Astoria; E. D. Matlock, Eugene, all representing the Willamette valley district; one of the largest city districts are A. Ott, Rudolph Schmeer and Charles Schoenfeldt, representing Portland; John Collier of La Grande and F. H. Deary of Baker City representing the eastern Oregon district, and H. L. Truax, Grants Pass, representing southern Oregon. Those who are opposing the reelection of Charles B. Merrick as secretary and to Dan Kellaher as treasurer.

Eugene was agreed upon as the next convention city, although Salem was also in the race, and the eastern Oregon to make a strong case of selecting some city further north. Eugene won through the good fight put up by her Commercial club and her delegates at the convention. An attempt to change the time of holding the annual meeting from January to September was voted down.

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