

IN RACE TO STAY, CLAIMS M'KINNEY

Baker Man Denies He Proposes to Drop Out of the Speakership Fight.

Henry McKinney of Baker, candidate for speaker of the house in the next legislative session, who is in the city building up his fences, declares he is in the race to stay and believes he has as good a chance for election as anyone. The report that he would give way to Jerry Rusk of Wallawa, the other eastern Oregon candidate, arose from misinterpreting what he said, he states.

McKinney says he has nine of the 12 eastern Oregon votes. He concedes the other three to Rusk. Eaton had hoped to pick up some support in that section, but it appears he has been nosed out by the two men from that end of the state. One man in the Multnomah delegation is out for McKinney, and the Baker man says he has others, but does not care to disclose their names.

"I have the best of it, as between Rusk and myself," he said. "What I said about getting out of the race was this: That if Rusk could show a good bunch of votes in western Oregon, I would talk the matter over with my supporters in eastern Oregon and see if they desired to go to Rusk too in order to choose the speaker from that end of the state."

"I did talk with the eastern Oregon delegation, and found they would not be willing to go to Rusk, except those already for him. I found the only condition to which Rusk would agree was that I retire, and this I will not do, in view of the situation. I am in to stay, and the outlook seems good, for I do not believe Eaton has the support claimed for him, in Multnomah county or elsewhere."

As far as Multnomah county is concerned, the best information is that Eaton has four, possibly five votes, Rusk four, McKinney one and two non-committal. Rusk will pick up a number of votes in the valley, and his friends say he is now in the lead, with Eaton in second place and McKinney third.

Out of this situation, Rusk's friends figure, he will emerge the victor, for when the break comes, they argue, Eaton's force will disintegrate and enough will turn to the Wallawa man to elect him.

McKinney while declaring that Rusk can never gather in a majority of the eastern Oregon delegation, spoke a good word for Rusk.

"Jerry is a good man," he said. "I like him. He is a man for the people and one of the most independent men in the legislature."

Notarial Commission.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 22.—Notarial commissions have been issued to John W. Robinson, Madras; W. H. Cooper, Sweet Home; Newton Roundtree and Jefferson Myers, Portland.

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"There are fewer cases of contagious diseases under surveillance in Portland right now than there ever have been at one time before since the health office was established," said City Quarantine Officer J. R. Besman this morning. "The city is in an abnormally healthy condition. Perhaps this state of affairs is Santa Claus' gift this year."

"As compared with December, 1909, which was a normal month for disease, the quarantine cases now, under the observation of the health department are more than 100 per cent fewer. During December last year 58 cases of scarlet fever and 15 cases of diphtheria were placed in quarantine."

"At this time there are only 27 cases of scarlet fever and six cases of diphtheria in quarantine. Of course Portland's great climate and the pure water supply of the city are two factors that make for the present satisfactory conditions but an auxiliary to these should not be forgotten, the efficiently organized and directed work of the health department under Dr. C. H. Wheeler. The medical school inspection department has also been a large factor in preventing the spread of disease by detecting it at its inception and making prompt reports to the health office."

CHRISTMAS MATINEE AND PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN

Manager John A. Johnson of Pantages theatre today forwarded an invitation to County Judge Cleton for the inmates of all children's charitable societies to attend a special Christmas matinee given for their benefit, following the regular matinee on Saturday.

The children of the Boy's and Girls' Aid society, the Detention Home and other public and private institutions will be invited and there will be no charge made at the door for the little folk while grownups will not be allowed in the theatre.

WILL WORK FOR GOOD ROADS IN LEGISLATURE

"We are chiefly interested in good roads legislation and that is the subject I have most at heart," said Judge A. J. Derby of Hood River today, in discussing prospective legislation at the coming session of the legislature. Judge Derby will retire as county judge of Hood River in January and take his seat as one of the two Democratic members of the house of representatives.

As county judge the Hood River man has given much attention to the question of good roads. He says he has not had opportunity to study the bills pro-

posed by the Oregon Good Roads association, but believes that in the main they embody the principles of a good working system. He expressed the opinion, however, that some limitations should have been placed upon the

amount of bonded indebtedness which counties may assume.

"The people move slowly in matters of this kind," he said, "but when they do move they sometimes go too fast and their enthusiasm may carry them

beyond the point of safety. While I think there should have been some limitation on the amount of indebtedness, the legislature should be able to work out measures that will be generally satisfactory."

Cement Workers Fall; Two Dead.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Earrest Yeaman, 25 years of age, a cement worker, was instantly killed, and J. Lawrence, a fellow workman, was mortally injured when an elevator on which they were

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Charles Tenz and Steve Smith were injured, but not seriously.



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