

CLUBWOMAN LIKELY TO ENTER REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CONTEST

Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens Is Considering Matter Seriously, It Is Said.

INTERESTED IN CHILDREN

Need of Legislation in Behalf of Young Is Felt by President of the Parent-Teacher Council.

Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, president of the Parent-Teacher council of Portland and one of the most active workers in the city in behalf of child welfare and educational movements, is expected in a short time to announce herself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from Multnomah county.

She is being urged by many friends to permit her name to go on the primary election ballot, and today she said she was considering the matter very seriously, and probably would consent to making the race.

"I feel there are a number of things that ought to be done by the legislature in the interest of child welfare and the schools particularly, and if my friends want to get behind a campaign for me, I would be willing to go to the legislature," said Mrs. Stephens.

Five state senators are to be elected this year from Multnomah county. If successful, Judge Langbehn, who is the incumbent state senator, resigns the senatorial seat will be elected.

ROUSING SPEECHES FEATURE MEETING OF JACKSON CLUB

Five short, rousing speeches made last night's meeting of the Jackson club one of the most interesting sessions that organization has held in a long time.

Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, presented the woman's viewpoint in politics. She made a plea for better government by appealing to the best sentiment in political life.

The financial condition of the nation under Democratic administration as compared with the 50 years of Republican rule was shown by Elton Watkins. The comparison was not favorable to the Republican administration.

Newton McCoy answered Elton Watkins' recent criticisms of the Wilson administration and declared that many of Roots' statements were not founded on facts.

The great things that the Wilson administration has done for the benefit of labor were briefly reviewed by George F. Alexander, who declared that the laboring man had much for which to be appreciative in the present administration.

Francis Clarno paid a fine tribute to women in politics. The meeting was largely attended.

Sellwood Republicans Meet.

Sellwood Republicans organized a Republican club last night at a meeting held in the rooms of the Sellwood Commercial club. The following officers were elected: President, E. L. McDougall; vice president, Mrs. Minnie Munroe; treasurer, James F. Kertchum; secretary, Charles B. Turley; executive committee, E. L. McDougall, A. J. Richmond, J. G. Reinke, A. N. Willis and E. O. Locke. The club will meet again March 6.

Offer for Private Plant Is Accepted

The St. Johns Waterworks & Lighting company has accepted the city's offer of \$108,000 for the private plant of the water company within the St. Johns district. Richard W. Montague, attorney for the company, notified the city commissioners yesterday that the offer had been accepted by the company and the bondholders.

Dr. Lyman Now Sought in California

Man Wanted as "Get-Rich-Quick" Swindler in New York Is Expected to Have Traced to Pacific Coast.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—(P. N. S.)—Police and federal secret service men are again on the lookout for Dr. J. Grant Lyman, "get-rich-quick" promoter, who is wanted in New York for a new \$200,000 alleged swindle, and is believed to have "hit the trail" for California.

Dr. Lyman still has an appeal pending in the federal courts from a recent conviction, the prison term of which he has not yet served. The promoter who began his western career in the Ellyott gold fields and finished it in Panama lands, is declared to be as elusive as the rainbow of his promised fortune.

A 750 mile automobile race across the state into Klamath Falls, Or., followed his last arrest, when he leaped through a window in the Providence hospital in Oakland and fled by automobile from his keepers.

Colorado Millionaire Is Victim of the Grip

M. D. Thatcher, Owner of Banks and Hydro-Electric System Control, Leaves Son as Head of Fortune.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 22.—(I. N. S.)—M. D. Thatcher, aged 78 years, multimillionaire, owner of dozens of banks in the Ellyott gold fields and towns and cities, died of the grip today.

Thatcher is credited with owning control of the Nevada-California hydro-electric system. His son, aged 33 years, will succeed him as head of the family fortune.

POWERFUL INTERESTS ARE IGNORED IN THE RULING OF THE I. C. C.

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equitable northwest rate structure based on the mountain haul can be overturned with the arguments of grade and proximity to the interior.

The great hope of the Columbia basin, it is further said, must lie in the success of the proceeding above outlined.

Portland traffic experts and business men at the same time, however, say that speculation on the course of proceedings before the Interstate Commerce commission, must not divert this city from the conclusion that not a theory but a fact is faced. That while the Astoria decision is just to Astoria, and due, this city's interests in the matter are not lessened by the decision and action in the development of water transportation both by sea and river as well as representations of the Interstate Commerce commission.

SPECIAL TRAINLOAD OF PORTLAND MEN LEAVE FOR ASTORIA

A special trainload of Portland men left here at 2 o'clock this afternoon for Astoria, where they will join with the Astorians in celebrating the rate decision by which the Columbia river tariff is opened.

The train will arrive at Astoria in time for a short auto trip before the celebration banquet at 6 o'clock in the Weinhard Astoria hotel. The train will leave Astoria at 3 o'clock in time to reach Portland by midnight. M. E. Smead, at the Chamber of Commerce, who has directed the organizing of the excursion of guests invited by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, had received the following acceptance this morning:

O. M. Clark, J. L. Meier, J. E. Daly, O. W. Taylor, L. B. Seeley, Edgar W. Smith, J. B. Yeon, M. H. Houser, David Morrison, H. H. Udahl, E. V. Hoagland, T. C. Burke, W. C. Smith and two guests, John W. Tait, John T. Douglass, Phil Metcalf, J. Marshall Dunn, John E. Beall, David M. Dunne, General Charles Theobald, J. Sailing, R. L. Brackett, J. P. Jaeger, M. E. Smead, E. N. Weinbaum, W. H. Beharrell, A. J. Bale, John T. Cronan, L. C. Gilman, president of the S. P. & S.; Judge W. M. Colvig, Dr. Charles B. Frisbee, Blaine Hallcock, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Dr. David N. Rogers.

Tailor Goes Bankrupt.
A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court yesterday by George H. McCarty, local merchant tailor, formerly doing business as McDonald & Collette. His liabilities total \$784.75 and his assets \$274.98.

CONFERENCES AMONG RAILROADS' OFFICIALS GIVE RISE TO RUMORS

Deal Between U. P., Western Pacific and O-W. R. & N. Believed Pending.

IMPORTANCE IS DENIED

Absorption of Western Pacific by U. P. to Give San Francisco Outlet Is Believed to Be Plan.

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 22.—(P. N. S.)—Several conferences here among railroad men prominent on the Pacific coast have given rise to rumors of an important transaction between the Union Pacific and the Western Pacific, and the possibility of including the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company.

Judge Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific directorate, denied that anything important was under way, but the sudden arrival of W. A. Harrison, vice president of the U. P. & N. & W. W. Cotton, chief counsel for the Oregon road, is considered significant. Local railroad men express a belief that the road officials are planning the absorption of the Western Pacific which would give the latter a first class entrance into San Francisco.

President J. D. Farrell of the O-W. R. & N. said this morning that, so far as he is advised, the conference at Riverside is without significance. Chairman Lovett has been spending a vacation in that popular watering place, and Attorney Cotton, who had been at San Diego on a vacation, stopped there to confer with him regarding physical valuations of the company property.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Averill Harriman, he explained, likewise stopped at Riverside during the vacation. The Harrimans by the resort and the conference was largely a coincidence.

Of possible significance in connection with the report that the Union Pacific is to acquire the Western Pacific is the conference of Union Pacific traffic men just ended at Salt Lake City. L. Winchester, president of the system, presided at the meeting. William McMurray, general passenger agent, and F. W. Robinson, traffic manager of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, is expected here Thursday. It is not known here whether or not the possibility of disposing of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, returned last night from the conference. Mr. McMurray said no transactions of importance were developed at the meeting.

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It was freely predicted at the time the government filed its suit to require the Southern Pacific to divest the Central Pacific that Union Pacific interests were ready to step in and acquire the Salt Lake-San Francisco line. The only question raised at that time was the right of the Union Pacific to take over a "parallel" line if the Southern Pacific were forced to relinquish it.

WILSON BILL ON O. & C. GRANT IS LAUGHED AWAY

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away valuable timber land to "applicants to purchase."

Lawyer to Defend His Bill.
Representative Hawley gave notice of his intention to defend his bill at a future hearing.

The committee resolved to hear at once Chief Counsel Blair of the Southern Pacific, who has stated he wishes to controvert the position of the attorney general.

Representative Ferris announced his intention to introduce the house Chamberlain bill, if no Oregon member does so, incorporating it in amendments proposed by attorney general, as this effort the committee desires to work on.

Oregon Is for Action.

The chief contention in the committee promises to be whether the government should stop with resuming title to the lands, as the Raker resolution proposes, or to decide what shall be done with them. Raker contends that it is the first duty of congress to take the title, leaving the disposition of the holdings to future legislation. Other pending matters, he holds, will not allow congress time in the six months allowed by the details of the settlement of the situation.

The Oregon view, to be pressed by Representative Simmott, is that the subject should be disposed of in one bill, instead of allowing the legislation to drag on, inasmuch as, in the meantime, nearly \$2,000,000 in taxes due to Oregon counties would remain unpaid. Oregon demands immediate relief for the tax situation.

O. E. C. LAND GRANT DECISION PUZZLES HOUSE INVESTIGATORS

Washington, Feb. 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Bewilderment as to the meaning of the supreme court decision in the Oregon & California land grant case was the first snag struck by the house committee on public lands when it took up consideration of bills dealing with the grant.

All but three of four of the committee, which is composed of 21 congressmen, started upon the hearing as children do upon a new lesson. The elementary things had first to be explained. When this had been done, in a limited way, they wanted to know what the supreme court had decided.

When the concluding part of the decision had been read, the committee concluded that they would like to study it over for a while, and ordered it printed, the supreme court's supply having been long ago exhausted.

Decision Is Not Understood.
"Does anybody know what the decision means?" asked Taylor of Colorado. "We are under a great deal of confusion," said Williams, representative of the department of justice, was testifying.

"I do not know, sir," answered the witness in the laugh that followed.

This fog to the hearing surrounded particularly the power of congress to legislate in such way as to resume title to the land. There was no indication that the committee from the attorney general's opinion that \$2.50 is the full measure of the railroad's interest in the land.

Four Men Have Head Up.
Questions asked during this first hearing suggested that Chairman Ferris, Sinnott of Oregon, Lenroot of Wisconsin, and Taylor of Colorado, have been storing up knowledge on the land grant question, while other members wait their turn to speak.

On the side line was C. E. Rittenhouse, formerly of Oregon, the head of the Washington office of S. A. D. Futer's "national information bureau." The function of this bureau is to gather "information" concerning the many thousand applicants for the railroad land, and to boost Congressman Wilson's bill granting preference rights to the applicant army.

Peter Keeps in Background.
Futer himself is keeping in the background in the plans he has on foot. He spends much of his time in New York, it is said, but he is the directing genius of the information bureau, which is the largest of its kind in the country to write to the owners and to other congressmen to stand behind the Wilson bill.

The Wilson, or Peter bill, was not brought to attention of the committee except in an incidental way. It was stated that Wilson has made no request to be heard. Two members of the committee said they had been receiving letters urging them to support this measure.

BAPTISTS OPEN THEIR INSTITUTE HERE WITH A LARGE ENROLLMENT

Study Classes Represented By Two Hundred and Eighty-seven Persons.

LEADING SPEAKERS HERE

Class Work Will Be Featured in the Afternoon Sessions—Prominent Speakers Are Named.

Two hundred and eighty-seven men and women enrolled in the study classes yesterday afternoon at the opening session of the Willamette Baptist Institute of Religious Education, which is being held at the White Temple. This large attendance was an agreeable surprise to members of the local committee. It marks the institute as one of the largest denominational meetings of the kind ever held in Portland.

Prominent speakers and instructors from Philadelphia and elsewhere are scheduled to give addresses in missions, child study, pedagogy, Bible study, Bible story telling, young people's work, the efficient Sunday school, child service and church administration, while Rev. C. S. Zema, pastor of the White Temple, will speak on "Evangelism" each night. The afternoon sessions are for class work, while the night sessions are more in the nature of popular meetings. Two addresses will be delivered at each night meeting.

Most of those present took notes on the lectures. Those who take notes on 10 lectures will be awarded a graduation diploma, estimated by County Engineer Nims. The road will follow the banks of the Willapa river into the city limits of Raymond. Twenty thousand dollars of the money needed will be taken from the state highway funds, the remaining cost will be met by the city of Raymond. South Bend has already spent \$10,000 on this end of the road.

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WOMEN MEMBERS OF CLUB ARE DISSATISFIED

Members of the newly organized Oregon Republican club are endeavoring to get the Lincoln Republican club to disband and the question will be debated at a meeting of the Lincoln Republican club to be held at 8 o'clock Thursday night at Library hall.

Republican women particularly resent the manner in which the Oregon Republican club ignored them and for that reason many of them are opposed to disbanding the Lincoln Republican club, which gave them full recognition in every way.

When the Oregon Republican club was organized, the women point out, not one woman was elected on the executive committee or to any other office. The name of Miss Lida M. O'Brien, a prominent worker among Republican women, was presented as a candidate for a member of the executive committee, but she was defeated and nine male members were elected as had been provided on the slate fixed up beforehand.

At the meeting of the Lincoln Republican club Thursday night, the election of officers is scheduled and on the speaking program are Senator Gus Moser, C. W. Fulton, Herbert McCusker, Mrs. James Hawkes and Mrs. H. A. Heppner.

All women members are being urged in particular to be present.

Raymond Votes to Complete the Road

Enlarged Improvement District Will Take in Enough to Include Last Link of National Park Highway.

South Bend, Wash., Feb. 22.—It was voted at the meeting of the Raymond city council last night to create an enlarged improvement district, which will assure the construction of the last link in the National Park highway between this city and Chabalia.

That the cost of construction of about one mile of hard surfaced roadway between this city and Raymond will be \$25,000, estimated by County Engineer Nims. The road will follow the banks of the Willapa river into the city limits of Raymond. Twenty thousand dollars of the money needed will be taken from the state highway funds, the remaining cost will be met by the city of Raymond. South Bend has already spent \$10,000 on this end of the road.

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THREE FIFTHS OF THE VOTERS MUST SIGN TO CHANGE THE SEAT

Attorney General Brown So Advises District Attorney Myers of Jefferson County.

Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—Three-fifths of the voters of the last election must sign a petition for the removal of the county seat from Culver, Jefferson county, before the question can go on the ballot. Attorney General Brown told District Attorney Myers today. Culver, the present temporary location, does not have to petition. If the petition is signed, the county seat away from Culver gets three fifths of all the votes, the seat will be removed. Otherwise, it will stay at Culver, and the question cannot be voted on for four years. There is no provision in the law for first and second choice.

Mrs. Martin Buried.
Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—The funeral of Mrs. Marinda T. Martin, aged 80 years, who died Saturday was held Monday afternoon from the residence, 1089 Court street, Rev. Carl H. Elliott officiating, and was largely attended. Mrs. Martin had been a resident of Oregon since 1879 and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John Scott.

No Recall Expenses Paid.
Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—Attorney General Brown told County Judge Keyes of Wheeler county, in an opinion, that a claim for expenses of a district attorney in a recall election directed against him could not be allowed under the law, although the people of the county had paid the expenses against whom a recall election was directed and who would be reimbursed in the amount of reasonable expenses out of the county treasury. However, the legislature failed to make any provision for the payment of such claims.

Justice Will Sit Tight.
Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—Justice of the Peace Webster of Marion county contends that he is serving a term of six years beginning January 1, 1913, stated today that he would pay no attention to the filing by candidates for his office but that he would continue to serve until the end of his term unless dispossessed through judicial proceedings.

New Auto for Committee.
Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—The city council last night authorized the purchase of an automobile for use of the street committee after the statement made that one could be bought for \$443. An ordinance placing the merchants' patrol under the supervision of the police after requiring that a license be procured and bond furnished was passed.

Dr. C. H. Chapman Speaker.
Dr. C. H. Chapman of The Journal will be the guest of honor and speaker at the regular banquet tonight of the men's club of Central Presbyterian church at East Thirteenth and Pine streets. The subject of Dr. Chapman's address will be "New Americanism." The banquet will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

Box Cars Are Wanted.
Albany, Or., Feb. 22.—Lumber mill owners in this section of the valley are facing a serious problem in the shortage of cars. Officials of a big mill at Mill City said yesterday, during a telephone conversation, that they had ordered 40 cars since the first of the month and have only been able to get six. They say they can use 12 a day from now on but are only able to

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STEAMSHIP DAMAGED BY BUNKER EXPLOSION

Vessel Kinks Into Port—Three Are Killed—Infernal Machine or Hostile Shell Suspected.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 22.—(I. N. S.)—The steamer Tennyson of the Lempert & Holt line, bound from Rio de la Plata for New York, has put into the port of Santos because of serious damage caused by an explosion in her bunkers on the morning of February 18. Three men were killed, an American, an English subject and a Dutch subject, believed to have belonged to the crew.

The explosion is attributed by some to an infernal machine, and by others to a projectile fired by a German warship.