

CONTEST FOR SPEAKER FALLS INTO SPILLWAY OF POLITICAL RAPIDS

Claim by Umatilla Candidate That He Has Forty Votes Pledged Calls Repudiations

MR. BEAN GIVES FIGURES

Lane County Rival and Others Say Mr. Stanfield Is "Barking Up the Wrong Tree."

R. N. Stanfield, Umatilla county candidate for speaker of the house, has stirred up a hornet's nest by the publication of his claim of 40 votes pledged for his candidacy, together with the names of those 40 members who he claimed had made such pledges. Five out of the list have directly repudiated the allegation that they have pledged themselves to Stanfield's candidacy, while L. E. Bean of Lane county, Stanfield's rival for the speakership, comes forth with the statement that the Umatilla county man has no more than 21 definite pledges of support, with seven conditional pledges. Bean, incidentally, contends that he has received 22 positive promises of support, while additional members, some of them claimed by Stanfield, are favorable to his candidacy.

Mr. Goode Repudiates Claim. E. J. Goode of Multnomah county denies that he is lined up with Stanfield, as claimed by the latter, and has written Bean to that effect. "I write you at this time," he says in his letter, "to repudiate the statement of Mr. Stanfield as to his having my support. I am unqualified for you to the last and I am wishing you every success."

Mr. Bean also received four additional repudiations written or telegraphed from members who were included in the Stanfield lineup as published.

Apparently there has been a good deal of loose talk revolving about the speakership contest and claims of support have obviously been made with the hope of stampeding the handwringing boys while the stampeding seemingly was good.

Mr. Bean Receives "Once Over." Some little spice is added to the contest by Mr. Bean, who says he was called onto the carpet by the Oregonian and called down by the direct head of that tribune because "he had not come to see me first" and was informed that if he dealt in any way with John M. Mann of the Multnomah delegation, who is "very distasteful" to that institution, it would be a very regrettable incident all around.

Brownell Is Later.

George C. Brownell of Oregon City, is the latest aspirant for speakership honors. Mr. Brownell, who served 12 years in the state senate, and who was president of the senate one session, last night made formal announcement of his speakership candidacy. Mr. Brownell declares that it is paramount, if the Republican party is to have a future in this state, that platform pledges be kept. He declares for strict enforcement of the "bone day" law; retrenchment; abolition of consolidation of commissions; and enforcement of the tax limitation measure adopted at the general election.

Mr. Brownell Declares. "I am satisfied that an effort is being made by certain banking interests in Portland and other interests in other parts of this state to organize this legislature, with a direct purpose of overriding the people's wishes and expressed will at the ballot box, as well as to override the pledges of the leaders of the party in this state, as well as those made upon the stump and in the newspapers two years ago and repeated in this last campaign, to wit: Economy, reduced taxation, and abolishment of commissions."

Are "Excellent Gentlemen."

"As I view it, there is no present intention in certain quarters to observe the mandate of the people as to tax limitation."

"The candidates for speakers already in the field, while they are excellent gentlemen in every way, come from counties demanding increased appropriations. Normal schools, etc., the state to guarantee interest on irrigation bonds, and will by the very nature of their association, environment and locality, be compelled to join for increased appropriations, thereby over-

OREGON'S ESTIMATED POPULATION 850,000

Oregon's population just now is hovering around 845,000, according to estimates compiled by the federal department of commerce just received by R. P. Bonham, Portland agent of the immigration service. This estimate is based on comparisons with the government census of 1910, added to by statistics from all the sources available to the department. This indicates a gain in Oregon population of about 35,000 since July 1, 1915.

The general estimate of population for the United States, including Alaska, the canal zone and the insular possessions, is 113,309,285, including persons stationed abroad for military and naval service.

The figures by states, showing comparative figures, follow:

	July 1, 1915	Jan. 1, 1916	July 1, 1916	Jan. 1, 1917
Continental United States	100,396,319	103,396,319	102,396,319	102,396,319
Alaska	2,316,943	2,316,943	2,316,943	2,316,943
Arizona	247,209	251,422	255,544	259,696
Arkansas	1,143,106	1,143,106	1,143,106	1,143,106
California	2,848,275	2,848,275	2,848,275	2,848,275
Colorado	935,719	948,509	962,060	975,190
Connecticut	1,224,681	1,224,681	1,224,681	1,224,681
Delaware	211,508	211,508	211,508	211,508
District of Columbia	335,599	335,599	335,599	335,599
Florida	870,807	882,146	893,485	904,824
Georgia	2,810,259	2,810,259	2,810,259	2,810,259
Idaho	411,966	420,221	428,586	436,951
Illinois	6,089,519	6,110,888	6,132,257	6,153,626
Indiana	2,795,142	2,807,480	2,819,817	2,832,154
Iowa	2,224,771	2,224,771	2,224,771	2,224,771
Kansas	1,807,221	1,818,283	1,829,345	1,840,407
Kentucky	2,372,412	2,372,412	2,372,412	2,372,412
Louisiana	1,901,308	1,915,218	1,929,128	1,943,038
Maine	587,638	587,638	587,638	587,638
Maryland	1,351,941	1,351,941	1,351,941	1,351,941
Massachusetts	3,092,968	3,092,968	3,092,968	3,092,968
Michigan	3,012,442	3,012,442	3,012,442	3,012,442
Minnesota	2,316,701	2,316,701	2,316,701	2,316,701
Mississippi	1,902,182	1,902,182	1,902,182	1,902,182
Missouri	3,801,789	3,801,789	3,801,789	3,801,789
Montana	1,443,114	1,443,114	1,443,114	1,443,114
Nevada	126,624	126,624	126,624	126,624
New Hampshire	102,730	102,730	102,730	102,730
New Jersey	440,584	440,584	440,584	440,584
New Mexico	2,841,540	2,841,540	2,841,540	2,841,540
New York	10,179,971	10,179,971	10,179,971	10,179,971
North Carolina	2,371,005	2,371,005	2,371,005	2,371,005
Ohio	6,089,527	6,089,527	6,089,527	6,089,527
Oklahoma	800,490	800,490	800,490	800,490
Pennsylvania	8,852,962	8,852,962	8,852,962	8,852,962
Rhode Island	468,545	468,545	468,545	468,545
South Carolina	1,097,415	1,097,415	1,097,415	1,097,415
South Dakota	2,271,379	2,271,379	2,271,379	2,271,379
Tennessee	4,543,710	4,543,710	4,543,710	4,543,710
Texas	5,591,191	5,591,191	5,591,191	5,591,191
Vermont	282,452	282,452	282,452	282,452
Virginia	2,171,014	2,171,014	2,171,014	2,171,014
Washington	1,471,048	1,471,048	1,471,048	1,471,048
West Virginia	1,306,474	1,306,474	1,306,474	1,306,474
Wisconsin	2,488,341	2,488,341	2,488,341	2,488,341
Wyoming	174,148	174,148	174,148	174,148

OUTLYING POSSESSIONS
Alaska 41,834
Hawaii 12,998
Panama Canal zone 131,048
Philippine Islands 8,742,609
Porto Rico 1,200,284
Samoa 17,426

Total United States 110,713,400
Population April 15, 1910, decrease since 1900.
*Enumeration by census, 1910.
Includes 45,123 persons in military and naval service stationed abroad.

throwing the tax limitation amendment to the constitution of this state. "I am in favor of fair and just appropriations to support our schools and institutions, but I am opposed to increasing the tax burdens a single dollar, and favor a reduction where it can be made without destroying the efficiency of any school or institution."

"The people are demanding and will hold the Republican party of this state to a strict account, unless we stand for economy and a lower tax rate. Everything considered it begins to look as though the speakership contest had passed the tepid stage and might be said to have reached the boiling point."

Girl Says She Was Mistaken for a Spy

Netta Evans, Held at Police Station. Tells of Alleged Berlin Experience; Taken on Mother's Request.

Netta Evans, a pretty 17-year-old girl held by Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin at police headquarters, claims to have been arrested five times in Berlin between the fall of 1914 and the summer of 1915 on suspicion of being a spy because she refused to speak the language of the fatherland.

The girl was arrested in a hotel at Twelfth and Washington streets Tuesday night by Patrolmen Duhanks and Schum. Ray Byers, a cook, 24 years old, arrested at the same time, was charged with being a vagrant.

"If the girl has not been abroad, she has certainly read a lot about it," said Mrs. Baldwin after the interview. "She has her history and her geography down pat and I believe she is acquainted with the languages that she says she speaks. She certainly knows English."

The girl was arrested at the request of her mother in Seattle, who claims that she is wayward. The mother is Mrs. May Evans, 1836 Laurelhurst avenue, Seattle, Wash. The girl said that she had gone under the name of Carmen Dora in the movies. She has been before Mrs. Baldwin before for investigation.

Man Steals Butter; Made to Quit Town

For the theft of three rolls of butter George Weidenkeller has been ban-

JULY ONE OF MOST PROSPEROUS MONTHS IN RAILROAD HISTORY

Bureau of Railway Economics Presents Figures Showing Operating Results.

INCOME \$411 PER MILE

Increase Is 24.7 Per Cent All Over the Country; in West It Is 27.8 Per Cent.

Figures just made public by the Bureau of Railway Economics show that July, 1916, was one of the most prosperous months in the history of the transportation companies. The bureau is established by the railway companies for the scientific study of railroad problems. Frank Haigh Dixon is chief statistician, assisted by Julius H. Parmelee.

The operating results in brief, as shown in the July report, follow:

Operating Income.

The net operating income of railways of the United States for July, 1916, exceeded that for July, 1915, by \$82 per mile, or 24.7 per cent. Total operating revenues, \$302,917,817, exceeded those for July, 1915, by \$42,700,659. Operating expenses, \$195,359,512, were greater by \$23,408,076. Net operating revenue, \$107,558,006, made a gain of \$20,292,531; taxes, \$15,854,830, increased by \$1,192,953. Net operating income was \$94,660,285, an increase of \$19,104,596.

If spread over the mileage represented, operating revenues averaged \$1315 per mile, an increase of 16.3 per cent; operating expenses per mile, \$848, were greater by 13.1 per cent; net operating revenue per mile, \$467, increased 22.7 per cent; while net operating income per mile, \$411, showed an increase of 24.7 per cent. Taxes per mile rose 9.7 per cent.

This summary covers 230,407 miles of operated line, or about 90 per cent of the steam railway mileage of the United States.

Results Per Mile by Districts.

For the eastern railways, operating revenues per mile exceeded those for July, 1915, by 18.3 per cent; operating expenses rose 17.6 per cent; net operating revenue increased 19.7 per cent; and taxes 9.9 per cent. Operating income per mile increased 21.0 per cent.

For the southern railways, operating revenues per mile exceeded those for July, 1915, by 10.6 per cent; operating expenses rose 8.0 per cent; net operating revenue increased 17.3 per cent; and taxes 11.9 per cent. Operating income per mile increased 18.3 per cent.

For the western railways, operating revenues per mile exceeded those for July, 1915, by 16.1 per cent; operating expenses rose 10 per cent; net operating revenue increased 27.8 per cent; and taxes 9 per cent. Operating income per mile increased 31.1 per cent.

Comparative July Results.

July net operating income per mile was 24.7 per cent greater in 1916 than in 1915, 41.2 per cent greater than in 1914, 27.7 per cent greater than in 1913, and 33.7 per cent greater than in 1912.

On the girl's complaint Haney was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. He had a large knife in his possession.

Railroads Would Sell Out to Government

Representative Tells Newlands Committee Many Would Take Fair Offers on Short Notice If Made.

Washington, Nov. 30.—(U. N. S.)—Intimation of a desire of the big railroads of the country for government ownership of their lines was given yesterday by A. P. Thom, representing the railroads before the Newlands joint congressional committee.

Mr. Thom said that "many big railroads" would sell out to the government on short notice if fair offers were made. The statement was in response to an inquiry by Representative Stimmus of Tennessee, a member of the committee, who declared "government ownership of railroads is the only solution to the present situation."

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Crab Trust Latest To Raise Living Cost

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—(U. P.)—Now comes the crab trust to add to the cost of living.

An investigation of this trust has been urged on District Attorney Butler of Marin county, who has been told that 25 crab fishermen of Sausalito have 6000 boxes in storage in water. They are anxious to sell these crabs for \$1.50 a dozen. Butler was advised, but it was asserted that the crab trust has ordered the men to hold them for \$2.50 a dozen.

Druggist Acquitted Of Selling Alcohol

Gordon Rosendorf of the Ausplund Drug company, 110 North Sixth street, was acquitted by a jury Tuesday af-

noon on a charge of violating the prohibition law. The trial was held in the municipal court. The trial grew out of the arrest of a man charged with drunkenness who had in his possession a partly filled bottle of alcohol purchased from the Ausplund Drug company. According to the evidence, the affidavit named the quantity as 18 ounces, while the purchaser declared he had bought 32 ounces. Investigation showed that the alcohol sales of this drug company had increased from 73 in January to 599 in September.

Back Is Broken by Fall Down a Well

Dallas, Or., Nov. 30.—William B. Bowman of Ballston is at the Dallas hospital with a broken back. Bowman fell into a well which he was digging and struck on his back on the edge of a bucket at the bottom of the well, which was 30 feet deep. It is believed he is fatally injured.

Chinese Pheasants For Arlington Club

They Will Form Principal Item of Menu for Dinner to Be Given by Portland Organization Next Month. Albany, Or., Nov. 30.—Chinese pheasants grown on the game farm of Charles D. Alexander, near this city, will form the principal item of food at a dinner to be given early next month by the Arlington club of Portland. Mr. Alexander has received an order from the chef of that club for five dozen birds, three-fourths grown, to be shipped December 4. Mr. Alexander is an extensive raiser of these game birds, and is about to close a contract with an eastern state for several hundred pairs of them to be delivered at the age of three months next year. This state is going to stock the country with the birds.

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