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terest in state and local politics as

There are a few here and there-like the unchastened tippler and the bootlegger—who persist in keeping up their interest in the good old game, but they are mostly office holders or those who would like to be, or those other unfortunates who have contracted the habit so firmly they simply can not stop it. Broadly speaking, however, there is still one uncertainty of the pending ampaign that is intriguing the minds of those who follow politics at all, and that is whether Charles Hall is going' to run as an independent candidate for governor at the eleventh hour, or leave the field to Governor Olcott and Walter Pierce.

The rumor has been persistent for have some fire behind it.

Some have gone so far as to say that Hall's friends have felt out Secretary of State Kozer regarding his SORRY THEY SPOKE construction of that statute which inlibits defeated nominees from becomng independent candidates, and that

efforts to reach the governorship. Then, on the same subject, a good the governorship and various other

That convention was a good deal of a dud, not having enough "electors" shot and others, might yet drum up peace for the general public. the necessary 100 electors to indorse the executive committee might see fit to do.

It would not make much difference who put Hall's name on the ballot if it could be put there, just so long as it was there, but it would make a whale of a lot of difference in the closing days of the campaign should that contingency happen.

In the meantime both Olcott and

Pierce are pussyfooting it about over the state in a sort of shadow-boxing tour. It seems to be the general opinion that Olcott is in a stronger position than he was at the close of the great gobs of political dynamite under primary campaign, but there are still waiting for any chance kick to NOT TO BE EMBARRASSED set it off. On the other hand, Pierce has not forgotten the art of effective has not forgotten the art of effective ed out several of the speakers, Repub-campaigning, and there are few un-lican candidates on refuse to answer blased observers who do not concede that if it remains a two-handed contest the fight over the governorship is ng "to be some horse race."

AFRAID OF SPLIT Republican leaders are making a Chairman Tooze has just completed, ent seemed to be of the opinion that covering 4200 miles and 32 counties of it would be dangerous to the party if the state, as it is the underlying rea- an attempt were made to change it or

them back on the reservation in spite of all the unkind things they had said about Gicott immediately after Gates was boosted off the fair board. JAZZING 'EM UP

mind. They want to bolster up the party morale until the Hall forces Voters So Far Deaf to Noise; will see nothing but mistortune anexu of an independent candidacy, and then Hall as Possible Independent they want to Jazz 'em up to go down the line for the ticket and plug up Candidate Hangs Like Sword. the gaps Pierce has been digging in the party dike. Just how effective this ef-

fort is going to be on election day is problematical, for the fellows who The streamous efforts of Walter L. are attending the Toors get-together Tooze Jr., chairman of the Republican meetings are the county central comstate central committee, to the con- hitteemen and the habitual politicians trary notwithstanding, it seems about more often than the boys with the as difficult to stir up any general in- whiskers out behind the straw stacks, and those latter are not telling, as it would be to buy a dry martini in is their wont not to do until election one of those yet unforgotten places day, what they are thinking about, where it used to add its inner glow to and which way. WAITING ON DR. SMITH

Democratic leaders are still waiting for Dr. C. J. Smith to return from the East and call a meeting of the state central committee to fill the vacancy on the state treasurer's ballot caused by the retirement of Milton A. Miller, the Democratic nominee. Smith is due back during the week and it seems to be the general opinion that J. K. Weatherford of Albany will be given that nomination by the com-

mittee.

The camp of Elton Watkins is feeling a little better, and that of Representative McArthur a little worse, since the Rev. W. T. McElveen declined the independent nomination for congress from the Multnomah district. McArthur's henchmen were jubilant 10 days or more that Hall would yet at the prospect of McElveen's entrance some into the field. It has come from as a candidate, seeing in it a wide various sections of Portland; has split in the McArthur opposition. Since tloated up definitely from Marshfield, he declined, however, the Watkins forces have brought out their grim ome of Hall's close friends, until polit- but cheerful campaign smile again ical observers have begun to wonder and contend they are going to "give whether all the smoke does not in fact Pat the race of his life," after which they smile craftily and whisper confidentially that they are very conservative in their statements.

Switching off to the legislature, word comes down from here and there over the state that some candidates for the secretary of state would accept house are having trouble in their home Hall's name as an independent can-districts as a result of having tied didate, were it to be regularly pre-up too prematurely with the speakersented to him on the theory that the ship ambitions of "Kap" Kubli of statute is unconstitutional. But that Multnomah. Kubli, has, in probable is rumor, though it serves to keep reality, some 27 prospective members alive the thought that maybe there of the house pledged to his candidacy is more than fable to all this whisper- for speaker. He is regarded, though ng that Hall has not finished with his he denies it strenuously, as the Ku Klux candidate for that office, which story has gained wide circulation many are wondering and waiting to throughout the state. In some dis-see what the executive committee of tricts where this organization is not "Progressive party" will, do with overly popular, prospective members "authority to act" granted it at Who are tied up to Kubil are having its recent convention in reference to a lot of explaining to do to their constituents and, reports say, some of them are in danger of defeat.

With the date of the election, November 7, only seven weeks distant, it A GLIMPSE BACKWARD won't be long before all the orators are out and all the candidates begin in attendance to make any nomina-tions. But Norman Richards and his that they are the real stuff. There is coadjutors, followers of Gifford Pin- yet, however, a day or so of relative

T. Bennett, Jay Upton, Roy Ritner, and F. A. McCully, Enterprise: M. Fitz maurice, Condon; Bert Anderson, Medford; W. A. Messingill, Lakeview, county central committee chairman.

After the platform is adopted, pointembarrassing questionnaires or delegations when queried as to their stand on pertinent issues and can refer their questioners to the platform.

Harmony there was a-plenty at the meeting today. There were some difpersistent and an insistent effort to ferences of opinion, it is true, but bring the campaign back as far as possible within party lines. They are afraid of the Ku Klux Klan split that rocked the party primary. That is the good deal of fault was found with the secret of the month long trip the Oregon primary law, but all pres-

son for the Western Oregon love feast advocate a return to the old con system. Some tax reduction plan must be taken as a state leaders camped with Pop Gates and Bert Anderson down at Medford and coaxed them back on the reservation in spite. The Ku Klux Klan was never mentioned in the discussion. It was decided that the religious issue must be

sidetracked or else the party would be split for the next 20 years. Tonight, at the Osburn hotel, Govwill address the last meeting of the the cost of the table or the price of

About 60 or 75 men from all over Western and Southern Oregon attended the rally. Those who signed the register as at-

Those who signed the register as attending the meeting were:
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H. Burdick, Redmond; J. W. Minto,

As Republicans, we are gathered here epresentative of certain great prinrinciples are duties imposed upon us is American citizens for the promotion of the welfare of our state and nation. No party is greater than the welfare of the people. As long as a party and its candidates are actuated by principles and policies destined to better the welfare of the great body of the electorate, just so long is it justified in its exist-The Republican party is actuence. ated by such principles and such poli-

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We are caught in the surging tide following a great conflict. There is, and has been, more or less unrest. Shifting scenes, changing conditions. new thoughts, new ideals, all tend toward creating dissatisfaction in the minds of the people. We cannot blind ourselves to these facts. They are It is our duty to meet the before us. facts and so shape the destinies of our party.

No one can be unmindful of the sacrifices entailed upon our people by the great war. Every family felt the sting of it, and there are thousands of vacant chairs to attest to the grief which followed in its wake.

Economic conditions suffered great

meet new demands. For a time un-precedented prosperity made these demands seem easy to the many. But diminution of costs failed to keep pace with the wans of prosperity. The householder may have experienced a vivify party spirit in the state, Tooze and his advisers have two objects in commodities. Slowly that cost re-

> duction is making itself felt. Governmenta expense differs in no way from that of the private individual. Bread costs money, whether paid for from the private pocketbook or by a state warrant. The householder and the housewife have been compelled to pinch the pennies to meet the conditions. Let me assure you that the state government has been doing the

It is true institutional costs have been larger than before the war. They have been larger for the same reasons that the grocery and meat bills of the householder have been larger.

TAXES HIGH Taxes have been high. This is a fact not largely due, however, to administrative costs. We all are awars of the vast sums in taxes that have been voted favorably upon at the last few elections. I am not chiding the electorate for so voting, but to explain the main reason why taxes are high, we must cite those elections and measures approved at them. These moneys have been voted and what is

done is done. Our duty as Republicans is to follow the course pursued by the careful householder and housewife, and the same duty is incumbent on every elector, to pinch the taxpayers' pennies, to cut expenses here and there, to essen the cost burdens, in every direction possible. This is true not alone of the state administration. It is a course which must be followed in every tax levying and tax spending division of Oregon. Down to the smallest political subdivision where money is raised and expended for public purposes, thrift must prevail if we bring about a ma-terial lessening of the taxpayer's bur-

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