

CONVENTION CITY CHOSEN

OFFICIALDOM ENTERTAINED BY GRIDIRON

President and Other High Government Officials Enjoy Skit 'Pilgrims of 1924' at Banquet

HEAP BAD INDIAN IS SENATOR HI JOHNSON

Magnus Johnson's Talk No Worse Than Others Who Talk To Slomp

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—With President Coolidge as its principal guest, the Gridiron club of Washington correspondents at its winter dinner tonight drew up on New England as the setting for its pleasantries and quips.

"The Pilgrims of 1924" were pictured laying plans to repel the onslaught of Senator Hiram Johnson of California, and of others as a "hostile" tribe of Indians.

The usual array of notable in official and business life sat about the tables and enjoyed the fun. President Coolidge's two sons—John and Calvin—were present, as were 10 sons of former presidents. Twenty living sons of former presidents were invited, but only half were able to attend. Those who did come were Abraham Garfield of Cleveland, Irvin McDowell Garfield of Boston, Dr. Harry A. Garfield, James R. Garfield of Cleveland, Theodore, Archibald and Kermit Roosevelt of New York, Charles and Robert Taft of Cincinnati and Richard Cleveland of Boston.

Not Afraid of Magnus
The Pilgrim skit was the piece de resistance of the evening. In the background was a view of the

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ROTTLE BUYS VALITON STORE

Purchaser Will Move in Early Spring — Seller Will Be Banker

Announcement of the purchase of the Valiton Shoe store by John J. Rottle, owner of the Walk-Over Shoe store, 167 North Commercial, was made Saturday morning. Mr. Rottle expects to be in his new location early in the spring, probably by March 1. The opening of the new store will be in the nature of an anniversary, for Mr. Rottle first located in Salem a year ago last April, taking over the bankrupt stock of the Bootery.

Mr. Rottle also announced that the new store would be modern in every respect and plans to make it one of the best equipped shoe stores in the northwest. He will dispose of his present stock and that of his predecessor, stocking his new store with the same line of goods that he handles at present, featuring Walk-Over shoes for men and women and Fashion Plate for ladies dress and party wear.

In his new location Mr. Rottle will have two entrances to his store, one on Liberty and the other on State.

Mr. Valiton, it is understood, contemplates embarking in the banking business.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Saturday)

Maximum temperature 46.
Minimum temperature, 34.
River, 12.3.
Rainfall, .04.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, southwest.

BUILDERS OF OREGON



SAM A. KOZER

Service with efficiency and economy is at once the religion and the politics of Sam A. Koser, Oregon's secretary of state. As far as service goes, Sam Koser has won recognition in some 48 states of the Union, also a territory or so. In other words, he has a national reputation. And as for economy and efficiency of administration there is yet to be registered against his department the first complaint from Old Man Oregon.

Koser has a way of taking the public into his confidence, so that it isn't necessary to await his biennial report to the legislature to be informed what is going on in the state department. Several times each month statements are passed out to the newspapers showing financial or operative statistics of this or that division of the department.

Secretary Koser's business policy isn't confined to the office he occupies, for by virtue of his position he is a member of the state board of control where he has a vote on what shall be done at the various state institutions. Also he is a member of the land board, the tax commission, the budget commission and various other boards where he is ruled by the same policy. When he sees a way in which money can be saved he doesn't hesitate to call the public's attention to it. For example, just before the last legislature met he discovered several sources of state expense that could be eliminated, and suggested to the law-makers that these should be lopped off. With one exception all of his suggestions were adopted. The exception was the quarter-mill road tax. As a member of the new budget commission that operated for the first time just before the 1923 session, Mr. Koser helped to pare the estimates of state expenses to a point about a million dollars below the original estimates of the department heads.

Mr. Koser has been in the service of the state of Oregon for about a quarter of a century, and has the distinction of having been Oregon's first insurance commissioner and its first deputy secretary of state. Both appointments were earned by his previous connection with other public positions.

Sam Koser is a native of Pennsylvania—West Hill, to be exact—where he was born October 19, 1871. He got his early education in the public schools at Steelton, Pa., and was graduated in 1888 when he was 16. While a student he sold newspapers on the streets to help pay his way through school.

After his graduation he began to look toward a business career, but didn't balk at taking his initiation through the grill of manual labor, so for 18 months did manual labor in the foundry of

the big steel plant of the Pennsylvania Steel company at Steelton. Then he was promoted to a place in the company's chemical laboratory.

But the opportunity that was the turning point in his career came, and young Koser accepted it. This was a chance to come west, which he did in June, 1890, landing at Gearhart Park on the wave-thrashed coast of Oregon. First he worked on a little farm that lay over against the sea, and then helped build the Gearhart hotel.

On February 1, 1890, Mr. Koser took a clerical position at Astoria, in the office of F. I. Dunbar, Clatsop county recorder, and there began a friendship that has existed to the present day. For six years he was employed in various county offices and also in the office of the Astoria Abstract, Title & Trust company. On April 1, 1897, he became bookkeeper for Ross Higgins & Co., the largest mercantile firm in Astoria. In the meantime Mr. Dunbar was elected secretary of state, and on January 9, 1899, came to Salem to accept his first political appointment, that of auditing clerk in the state department.

This position gave Mr. Koser a valuable knowledge of state affairs. When F. W. Benson succeeded to the office of secretary of state he appointed Mr. Koser his chief clerk, a position he held from January 1, 1907, to March 1, 1909, when Mr. Benson, who had now become ex-officio governor of the state, appointed him insurance commissioner. In this office he gave much attention to needed insurance legislation and was instrumental in having several laws enacted that placed the department on a high plane of efficiency.

Mr. Koser held that office until he was appointed deputy secretary of state by Ben W. Olcott, who had been appointed secretary of state by Governor Oswald West to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank W. Benson.

For several months after Mr. Olcott became governor at the death of Governor Withycombe, practically the full responsibility of the state department rested upon Mr. Koser, and after the primary election of May, 1920, in which Koser was the successful candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state, Governor Olcott appointed him to the secretaryship, to serve until his successor should be elected and qualified. This successor was Mr. Koser himself, for he was elected in November, 1920.

Mr. Koser was married in 1896 to Miss Nannie Belcher of Astoria. They are active socially in Salem.

NEW REVOLT THREATENED BY SENATORS

Stacking of House Committees By Republican Leaders Brings Open Threat From Wisconsin Man

STANFIELD MENTIONED PLACE ON COMMITTEE

Oregon Man Is Among Those Suggested for Finance Position

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—An open threat of a fight on the floor of the senate against what was characterized as the "stacking of house committees by the Republican committee on committees" was made today by Representative Nelson, Wisconsin, leader of the Republican insurgents, who for two days, blocked the election of Speaker Gillett.

Failure of the insurgents to obtain more places on the important committees, led to a forecast of another revolt against majority organization leaders. Mr. Nelson expressed surprise and indignation of the treatment which he said had been accorded his group in the makeup of the Republican committee slates and said the fight would be taken to the house when the selections made by the Republicans were presented for ratification, perhaps late next week.

Future Action Uncertain

Republican insurgents in the senate reiterated today that the extent to which they would press a reorganization row in the senate would be determined largely by how they fared in committee assignments. Their course of action still is undecided pending announcement of the results of the work of majority committee on committees.

This committee had two more sessions today but members said its work was far from completed. Further sessions will be held tomorrow with the hope of having the whole slate completed in time for action by the Republican party conference called for Monday forenoon. The Democratic steering committee also will continue its meetings tomorrow with a view to having its committee assignments ready for senate action Monday.

Efforts to compose differences with respect to assignments to the three vacancies on the foreign relations committee were unavailing again today and the committee turned to assignments for other committees with tentative agreements reached in several cases.

Stanfield Mentioned
While there was no formal announcement

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NAMES MIXED MORRIS GETS BEDSIDE PHONE

Two Salem Doctors Have Similar Names, and Results are Very Embarrassing

Are you a twin? Not the ordinary twin but the kind who has a name so much like yours that folks are always getting you mixed?

It is decidedly inconvenient especially when your double happens to be a popular physician on call and you are summoned out of bed to answer the phone down stairs early in the morning only to find it's the double who is wanted and not you.

At least Dr. Henry E. Morris, local optician found it so disturbing to his peace of mind and physical well-being, to hang against chairs three or four times a week in reaching the phone only to find that it was Dr. W. B. Morse, who was wanted, that he installed a bed-side phone. Now when the bell rings in the wee small hours, he turns over and says, "It's Dr. W. B. Morse you want, his number is—" and then goes back to sleep.

So far as has been heard, Dr. Morse has not complained yet of having been called upon to furnish homes for homeless kiddies which is recognized as the prerogative of Dr. Henry E. Morris but perhaps if the popular physician and surgeon were telling the story he could tell of many a tale of woe which had been poured in his ear in the firm belief that he was one Henry E. Morris who has fallen unsuspectingly and unexpectedly into the task of getting babies for childless homes and homes for homeless children.

Also perhaps Dr. Morse has heard many a plea for charity during the last two years when Dr. Morris has been an officer of the Associated Charities. Perhaps the busy surgeon has already heard complaints on the management of the Red Cross. Perhaps, who knows? Anyway it is hard work being the twin of a busy surgeon and harder work, so Mrs. Morris says, being the wife of a twin to a busy and popular physician and surgeon.

"Oh, by the way, I want a home for two girls, 6 1/2 and 8 years old. They are sisters and their mother is dead. They are living with their grandmother who cannot take care of them. The girls are bright youngsters, I saw them today."

It was Dr. Henry E. Morris speaking, and not over the telephone.

A. N. Pierce Gets Office In Hotelmen Association

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 8.—R. W. Price, manager of Crater Lake Lodge, was elected president of the Oregon State Hotelmen's association at the closing session of the annual convention here today. Other officers chosen were:

G. O. Madison, Portland, first vice president; A. N. Pierce, Salem, second vice president; John Froom, Astoria, third vice president; F. W. Beach, Portland, secretary; Glenn B. Hite, Portland, treasurer.

Strap Used on Schoolboys Guard's Aid Withdrawn White Issues Instructions

Upon receiving verification of reports that boys at the Oregon Military Institute near Hillsboro are disciplined by means of the strap, Adjutant General George A. White issued orders Saturday that military equipment loaned the school by the Oregon national guard be withdrawn. The instructions were issued to the state property officer.

About 50 boys are enrolled at the school as boarders, it is said, and the reports of corporal punishment were investigated by the general staff of the adjutant general and by Major James S. Gay of Portland, inspector general. The institute is conducted by H. L. Johnson of Hillsboro. Grammar grades are taught in conjunction with the public school at Hillsboro. The whipping charges, it is said, were substantiated by several of the boys at the school. "No further non-commissioned

officers will be sent to the school to assist in military instruction and the property officer will make immediate arrangements to secure from the school any equipment that may have been loaned to the commandant," said a statement by General White.

"We have in no way sponsored the school and are in no way responsible for its conduct, but the commandant, Mr. Johnson, has secured instructors from time to time from the Portland armory. Whipping boys at school, or any form of corporal punishment, belongs to the dark ages, in my opinion, and has no place in a modern school. In any event the national guard will not aid or in any way encourage any institution which resorts to such methods of maintaining discipline among children, no matter how mild this application of the whip may have been."

CLEVELAND DESIRED BY COOLIDGE GROUP FOR 1924 MEETING

Convention City to be Chosen by Republican Committee During Coming Week But Upham Notifies Chicago That President's Campaign Managers Want Ohio City.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Declaring that the Coolidge campaign management had requested that the 1924 Republican national convention be held in Cleveland, Fred W. Upham in a telegram to the Chicago Hotelmen's association delegation that expected to go to Washington to contend for the convention next week, not to make the trip.

Mr. Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee who is in Washington, where a meeting is to be held next week to determine the convention city, advised the Chicago Hotelmen's association "not to waste time coming to the committee meeting as the Coolidge management has requested Chicago to withdraw as they wish the convention held in Cleveland."

CIDER STORY IS FOUND CORRECT

Statesman Article Is Challenged, and Further Inquiry Is Made

Considerable furor was caused yesterday by the Statesman story that sweet cider has been placed under the prohibition ban of the federal government unless benzoate of soda is placed in it to prevent fermentation. Several persons doubted the truth of the article and a further investigation was requested. This was made and indicates that the article appearing yesterday was correct.

The first person who challenged the article said that the Oregon dry law allows the making of non-intoxicating cider and requires no benzoate of soda. He is correct. However, the new order comes, it is said, from Inspector Stipe, of the federal prohibition forces in Portland. The Statesman tried to get a copy of the order, but was not successful.

The next development came when information was sought from a Salem man who manufactures cider on a large scale. He said that benzoate of soda has been required for a long time and that he has always used it. He added, however, that if a farmer brings him apples to be made into cider for the farmer's use, he places no benzoate of soda in it.

Development No. 3 showed up when the Statesman reporter who wrote the article reached his home at noon yesterday. A cider vendor who sells the innocent old drink from house to house in Salem had called at the reporter's home during the forenoon.

His information, when questioned by Mrs. Reporter, was that he never had put any benzoate of soda into his cider and wasn't going to because he couldn't sell it if he did.

Development No. 4 came yesterday afternoon when a man who manufactures cider six miles out in the country dropped into the Statesman office and said he was going to Portland to see what he had done about it. He had received the federal order. He never had used the benzoate, he said, and objected to it because it spoils the taste.

These were all additional informants to the one who gave the original information of the previous day.

Again Officers Find D'Autremont Brothers

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 8.—Deputy sheriffs left here today for Big Bear gulch most remote and impenetrable section of Siskiyou county to locate three alleged thieves, said to resemble the D'Autremont brothers, under indictment for murder and robbery of a Southern Pacific train at Siskiyou tunnel, north of here.

THIS WEEK IS BEST OF ALL

Entire New Vote Schedule Announced in Statesman Great Contest

By the Contest Editor

The race for the special prizes is over, and the winners will be announced in Tuesday morning's paper. However, both the diamonds will be won by very little effort. A great many of the contestants seemed to have gone to seed last week. Even one yearly subscription would have changed the tone of the entire list. Many of the contestants who were leading the start of last week for the general prizes at the end of the contest, slacked up in their efforts last week. We do not know whether this was through overconfidence or just natural laziness. Anyhow, many of them have lost their leading positions simply because they didn't keep up.

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Union High School Plan Discussed in Silverton

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special to The Statesman)—An interesting meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held Friday afternoon at the assembly hall of the Silverton high school.

Mrs. Helen Wrightman gave a report of the state convention held at Roseburg a short time ago to which she was a delegate. Superintendent R. Goets spoke on the need of a union high school at Silverton, stressing the facts that unless the crowded conditions at the Silverton high school were relieved that the school could not keep up to standard and that one-third of the high school enrollment was from out-lying districts. Other numbers on the program were a piano solo by Miss Margaret Wells and a song by the pupils of the Eugene Field building.

The health clinic to be held at the Silverton library next Monday and Tuesday was discussed. The Silverton doctors and nurses assist in the clinic.

KUBLI ANNOUNCES HE IS CANDIDATE

Speaker of House Makes Formal Statement of Candidacy for Senate

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—K. K. Kubli of Portland tonight announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for United States senator in the primaries to be held next May. Three other candidates already had made their announcements for this nomination. Charles L. McNary, incumbent; George L. Baker, mayor of Portland, and C. N. McArthur, former representative in congress from the third Oregon (Portland) district. On the Democratic side three candidates for the senatorial nomination are in the field. Milton A. Miller, Will R. Kips and George Mansfield.

Kubli announced that he will make his campaign primarily on the issue of compulsory education in the public schools.

The break from Chicago will mark the first time that the Republicans had not met in the lake city for 20 years.

The 1924 convention city is to be definitely selected here at a meeting of the national committee next Tuesday and Wednesday. Chicago and Cleveland were the leading contenders with other invitations from Des Moines, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Many Republican committee members, however, had favored Chicago, Cleveland and the feeling was said to be general that with Chicago out of the race, Cleveland would be an almost certain winner.

Mr. Upham, prior to his announcement tonight of Chicago's withdrawal, conferred with President Coolidge and Secretary Slomp at the White House and said upon leaving the White House that the president was maintaining an impartial mind with respect to the selection of the convention city. He also saw Chairman Adams of the national committee, and other prominent party leaders. Mr. Upham's statement removing Chicago from the list follows:

Chicago Withdraws
"Greatly to my surprise I have been advised today by the responsible leaders of the administration that it is their belief that the convention should go to Cleveland. While I am deeply disappointed, especially in view of the fact that I had secured the assurances of support of the necessary number of members of the Republican national committee to insure the selection of Chicago as the convention city, as a staunch party man and friend of the administration, I shall yield to this request, without drawing the invitation of Chicago and ask that the selection of Cleveland be made unanimous."

Mr. Upham tonight advised Chicago hotel representatives who had planned to appear here before the national committee next Tuesday to urge Chicago's invitation, that in view of the desire of administration leaders for the selection of Cleveland he would withdraw the Chicago invitation and it would be unnecessary for them to appear here.

During the day Representative Burton of Ohio, one of the leaders in presenting the claims of Cleveland for the convention, called at the White House and declared

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