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POLITICIANS HAVE COMMENCED TO SWARM

The Situation in the Willamette Valley: Friends of Geer Deny that Their Chief has Joined Forces with Simon.

The Salem correspondent of the Portland Oregonian, writing under date of the 24th inst., has the following to say of politics as seen in the Willamette valley:

"In Marion county only two names are generally heard in connection with the governorship, Geer and Furnish. And yet no one here is booming Furnish. The candidacy of Furnish is creating no enthusiasm whatever. The fact that he is an avowed candidate and is making a fight for the nomination is apparently the only cause of the use of his name. Diligent inquiry among the crowd of politicians who are working on the streets of Salem failed to reveal the name of a single anti-Geer man who is talking for Furnish. Still, this is not saying that Furnish will not find support here.

No Candidate Agreed Upon.

"Pointed questions put to the leaders of the anti-Geer brought the response that no candidate had been agreed upon and that none had yet been put forward at Salem.

"What men who have been mentioned in connection with the governorship would be satisfactory to the anti-Geer?" was asked.

"Senator Booth could probably get the support of every anti-Geer man in the county, if he would take it, but we understand that Booth cannot leave his business."

"How about Lowell?"

"We understand here that Lowell will lose Umatilla county and will, therefore, be out of the fight."

"Is Fulton a possibility?"

"Fulton says he won't have it. Just let Fulton say the word once, and see what will happen. There would be such a stampede for Fulton for governor as you never saw before," and then the anti-Geer shook his head and passed on to buttonhole a worker from one of the county precincts.

The anti-Geer are apparently disposed to watch the progress of the fight, and to study the qualifications and strength of all available men, before attempting to center upon any one. No eastern Oregon man is likely to create any enthusiasm here, though either Booth or Fulton would be given warm support by the anti-Geer.

The Situation in Lane.

"So far as can be learned from Lane county people who have recently visited the capital, the political campaign in that county, so far as the republicans are concerned, will be fought out on the Simon and anti-Simon lines, with the Geer people lined up for Simon. It is learned that for a time after the close of the last legislature some of the people of Lane county were not entirely satisfied with the action of the representatives in voting for John H. Mitchell for senator. This feeling soon passed away, however, and with the exception of a few Simon leaders, the republicans are satisfied that Mitchell can do more for Oregon and for the Pacific coast than any other man who could have been elected at that time. It is said that a very decided majority of the republicans of Lane county favor the election of a successor to Simon, who can and will work in harmony with Mitchell. The latter senator has five years yet to serve in his present term, with a good prospect for another term when that is closed. The interests of the state require, so it is argued, that Senator Mitchell's colleague in the senate should be a man who will pull with Mitchell and not against him.

Initiative and Referendum.

Mr. U'Ren expresses the belief that both the republican and democratic state conventions will endorse the initiative and referendum. The republican state convention will be held first. If the republicans should ignore the amendment, then the democrats should endorse it, the latter party would have a decided advantage at the polls. "My experience with the republicans," says Mr. U'Ren, "is that they do not overlook anything that will be of material advantage to them in the campaign, and I do not believe that they will let the democrats go into the campaign as the sole advocates of the amendment. The amendment as proposed in this state has been divested of all the objectionable features, and is certain to meet with popular approval. It does not require that all acts of the legislature shall be submitted to the people, but leaves it in the power of the people to subject any act to the test of popular vote, so that anything that is obnoxious may be rejected. The initiative and referendum amendment proposed in Oregon is the best that has yet been framed. It can not be called cumbersome or expensive, and yet it furnishes a complete safeguard against improper legislation."

"If Mr. U'Ren's opinion of the action that will be taken by the republican convention be correct, and it should seem probable that the republican party will endorse the initiative and referendum."

Geer Denies Simon.

The Geer forces take particular pains to deny any existing relationship, politically or otherwise, between their chief and "Little Joe," the senator, but at the same time it is known that an agreement exists between the two men, and that "Little Joe" has given consent that Geer shall deny his master, for purposes which are apparent.

Politicians in Portland.

"Every day sees the advent in Portland, says the Telegram, of political wire pullers and workers from the rural districts. State Senator J. N. Williamson, of Prineville, who is an aspirant for the republican nomination from this district, arrived Saturday and has been in close consultation with his friends all day. His most influential eastern Oregon lieutenant, J. W. Scribner, of La Grande, has been in the city several days looking after Mr. Williamson's interests.

"T. H. Crawford, of Union county, is in the city. He says that while the difference of opinion between the Scribner and Church factions of republicans in Union county is so great as to prevent any candidate for any office from receiving an instructed delegation, it will not be carried to the extent of entirely shutting out either faction from the state convention. He believes that Governor Geer will receive considerable support from Union county, and that the remainder of the delegation will vote for C. A. Johns, of Baker county, in the event of that gentleman's candidacy. Mr. Crawford says the fight between Mr. Furnish and Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Umatilla county, is waxing exceedingly warm in eastern Oregon, and he gives it as his private opinion that either of these contestants would rather beat his antagonist than be governor of Oregon.

Walter Pierce's Opinion.

"Furnish will carry Umatilla county two to one in the primaries," said Walter M. Pierce, the Umatilla county wheat king and democratic politician, who arrived in Portland Saturday. Mr. Pierce is a democratic partisan above all else and the wish may have been father to the thought. Mr. Pierce has been mentioned as good political timber himself in connection with the democrat nomination for congressman from this district, but he denies the soft impeachment.

"The statement has been printed that the delegates to the democratic city and county convention would be selected by precincts. This is just what will not be done. At the last meeting of the city and county committee decided to select them by wards instead of precincts for obvious reasons. The apportionment has not yet been made.

While no official announcement has yet been made to that effect, the democratic state convention will no doubt be held in Hibernian hall. The secretaries of the city and county committees are arranging to open up headquarters within a few weeks. No apartments for the purpose have yet been secured.

"The democratic nomination for congress will be made by the state convention, delegates from the two districts separating and forming two congressional conventions. This has always been the democratic usage in Oregon."

Simon, a Wily Politician.

Portland, Feb. 25.—It will be news, probably, to the East Oregonian readers that the forces of Joe Simon appear to have the upper hand in the primary elections of Multnomah county and Portland. From the present out-



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look, Simon will carry the day in the primary election, his heels being at work in all parts of the city, spending money freely, with the view of getting support at the primary polls. The opposition is doing little, if anything, to defeat him, seemingly being unable to battle against him. The Oregonian has, in a way which lacks force and conviction, referred to Simon's work in Portland and the object of it, but it has not followed it up in a style to block his game in arousing the respectable element to attend the primaries and defeat "Little Joe," the senator, in setting up his pins. In short, Simon has said "thumbs-up," and the Oregonian hardly seems to know whether it is included or not.

Scott Should be Senator.

H. W. Scott, who has been mentioned as the proper successor of Joe Simon in the United States senate, believes that the office should seek the man and is of too big a calibre to make a disagreeable scramble for it, hence the Oregonian, Mr. Scott's paper, hesitates to take up the cudgels against Simon, for fear that the public may conclude that it is being done for Mr. Scott's benefit. This modesty on the part of the great editor may assist in the re-election of Joseph Simon to the United States senate. The country press of Oregon could do a good work for the people by demanding, until the legislature meets in 1903, that H. W. Scott should be elected senator, on the ground that he is the fittest man in the state for that high office and that in the senate he would give an influence to Oregon that would mean much for the state and the people, particularly so in connection with the Lewis and Clark centennial at Portland in 1905, to which congress will be asked to give a big subscription and of which the people of the whole country will have to be informed so that it may assume the form of a great national undertaking with a great nation's interest in it. No man could do this great piece of work so thoroughly as H. W. Scott. There are other reasons of a like moment why he should be United States senator, a colleague of Senator Mitchell, whose ability in Oregon's behalf has been proven.

PROHIBITIONISTS OUT.

Request that they be Allowed Place on Primary Ticket Denied.

A request made to County Clerk Swetland by E. O. Miller, secretary of the prohibition party of Oregon, that his party be allowed a place on the primary ticket in Multnomah county, will be denied. County Clerk Swetland referred the question to District Attorney Chamberlain and the latter replied that in his opinion the prohibitionists are not entitled to a place on the primary ticket unless the party polled 5 per cent of the entire vote cast at the election preceding the coming one. Under the law in force before the enactment of the primary law the prohibition party had a standing as a regular party, upon having polled 3 per cent of the entire vote of the county.

Out of a total vote of about 20,000 at the last election in this county the prohibition party received 450 votes.

LABORING MEN MEET.

Organize and will Advise Union Men on Record of Candidates.

At a meeting of representative laboring men affiliated with local union organizations, which was held in Portland, Monday, the Nonpartisan Advisory Association was organized and permanent organization was ef-

fects by the election of the following officers: President, George M. Orton; vice presidents, G. Y. Harry, C. C. Loucks, Charles Miekley; secretary, W. Noffke; treasurer, Charles James; sentinel, John Lang. The president, vice presidents and secretary were authorized to appoint an executive committee of 60 members to be chosen without regard to equal apportionment between unions. The purpose of the association is not political in the sense of it being in the interest of any party or faction. Neither does it indicate any intention on the part of the labor leaders of Portland to put up a city or state ticket at the coming election. As its title indicates, the essential aim will be to advise the union men on the records of candidates toward unionism. It will also seek to influence legislators to pass laws of interest and pertaining to the laboring classes.

Representative Jones made an unsuccessful attempt to have the appropriation for the Indian agent at North Yakima inserted in the Indian bill.

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