

POLITICAL ISSUES

Democrats Make Claim of Having Eastern Oregon for Their State Ticket.

WHAT MULLTINOMAH IS GOOD FOR CHAMBERLAIN.

Main Issue of the Campaign Has Turned Upon the Flat Salary Proposition and Less Burden of Taxation—Some Misstatements of the Portland Oregonian Corrected.

Portland, May 4.—In the letter which the East Oregonian gave the honor to print in its Friday issue, I was made to say that the democratic campaign managers were willing to concede that Mr. Furnish will carry Eastern Oregon. The statement that was used to convey this particular matter to the reader in short one word, the word "OT," and that omission was due to one of several persons, myself, Mergenthaler operator or the printer. It matters not who made the omission, so long as the statement be corrected, and the state committee be set right, which I am sure the East Oregonian will gladly do.

As a matter of fact, the claim by Furnish's managers that Eastern Oregon will go for him by a majority is not conceded. The democratic campaign managers, Sam White, and the secretary, K. W. Montague, have advised me to lead them to formulate a very different theory of the existing state. They put forward the claim that Eastern Oregon will give Mr. Chamberlain a majority, that he will also be a majority in Western Oregon, that Multnomah county will reduce its record of two years ago and give Chamberlain 1100 majority, and go itself several better by 100 up; (at least 200)

These claims are based upon reports from county estimates that are more and more assured as they come more complete.

The Main Issue.

It is thought here that the real issue of the campaign and the one which will determine the outcome of the gubernatorial fight, is that pertaining to the flat salary reform. The campaign has thus far gone along scattering of force and uncertainty of expenditure of ammunition. The issue of battle was thrown down by Mr. Chamberlain in his Baker speech, and it was taken up by Fulton, who, in his Ashland address spoke "ex cathedra," as the official mouthpiece for Mr. Furnish. Fulton criticized Mr. Chamberlain for the position he assumed regarding reform by cutting down the salaries and perquisites of the state officers. He went so far as to attempt to show that it is not true that officers are receiving the large salaries Mr. Chamberlain asserted they were receiving.

Mr. Chamberlain was asked today to make a brief statement for the East Oregonian upon this point. He stated:

"I am willing to accept the issue, indeed, believe that it is the question of the present campaign. I am in favor of the exact amount of a law that shall place the officers upon a flat salary, and into the state treasury all the money received in the operation of the law. This is advocated in the democratic platform, and, permit me to say, it is also in the republican platform. I am telling the people all over the state that if I am elected I will endeavor to assist in placing the statute books in a law that will accomplish the results that I desire. The question is not, as Mr. Fulton apparently wished to intimate, how much the exact amount that is received, so long as it is demonstrated that they receive more than they

The Secretary of State.

In a recent instance, take the case of the secretary of state. I asserted that the secretary of state is receiving \$10,000 per year in all. Mr. Fulton stated that he receives \$10,000, that all that comes to him is from that amount not from the tax on the state directly, but in fees from the state which go to the state house to conduct business with the office. If, in the course of the argument, we accept Mr. Fulton's figures, then the

remains no reason to oppose the salary reform, for no one will argue that Mr. Dunbar should be paid \$10,000 a year for his services. He is an excellent gentleman, but he is not worth \$10,000 a year, plus thousands more that he receives as fees for the items of business he attends to in his official capacity.

"I am willing that my candidacy shall rest upon this issue. I am endorsed by both the platforms, and I am endorsed by the voters."

Chamberlain on Partisanship.

In the reports of Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Eugene, the Oregonian said that he said that he was not a party man, but was a candidate of all parties. I asked Mr. Chamberlain while here today, having come home to spend Sunday, what he said upon that occasion, and he answered:

"I told the people of Eugene that if I were elected governor I would not be a partisan governor, but would attempt to administer the duties of the office fairly with due regard for the rights of all the people."

Mr. Chamberlain will repeat this promise everywhere he goes, and those who know the man, know that he will make the promise good. For, it is characteristic of the man that he keeps his promises, and the fact that he holds the confidence of the business men of this city is in proof that he does this.

The Philippine Question.

It is contended that the state election is not "per se" relative to the Philippine question. The campaign is essentially one involving the state government, and the governor will handle issues pertaining to home affairs.

However, it is falsely to argue that the democratic party of Oregon holds a policy of "scuttle" for the platform explicitly declares that the United States should move towards independence only when the Philippine people are prepared for it. This is precisely what the Roosevelt administration believes to be the true American policy, as proven by utterances of United States Senator Beveridge at Indianapolis the other day, when he was announced by the Associated Press as speaking authoritatively for Roosevelt, and the latter has since the speech taken the pains to indorse what Beveridge said. The senator said without reservation, or without qualification, that the republican party proposes to give to the Filipinos independence so soon as they are prepared. H. W. Corbett, in his letter to the Oregonian in August, 1900, declared for independence for the Filipinos in even more explicit terms than are used in the democratic platform this year. Furthermore, the last national utterance of the republican party regarding the Philippines pronounces what the democratic platform does this year.

Hence, when the republican papers of Oregon represent the democratic party of this state as standing for a "scuttle" policy, they are well they are lying. That is good, old Anglo-Saxon, but it expresses the truth.

Mr. Chamberlain, in his campaign addresses, has stood for these principles, which he authorizes as a correct expression from him:

What He Holds.

The United States holds valid title to the islands.

The business interests deserve to be recognized by the inauguration of free tariff relations between the islands and this country.

The people of those islands deserve to be treated according to the same principles that obtain in the treatment of all territories of the United States.

When, and not before they are fitted for self-government, they should have it.

Displeasing as this may be to certain republican newspaper men of this state, it remains that it is in keeping with the business sentiment of the country, and therefore has their endorsement. It also coincides with the views of the rank and file of the citizens, and therefore has their indorsement. With the indorsement of both the business men and the average citizen, it would appear that Mr. Chamberlain has rather good following throughout the state. That one or two papers in Oregon do not like him as a candidate, in view of these citations above given, merely shows that they are lonesome in opposition to the Multnomah statesman on the Philippine question.

General Electric Finances.

Schenectady, N. Y., May 5.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the General Electric Company held here today it was voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$19,757,800 to \$45,000,000. Out of the new issue of stock it is proposed to pay what will practically amount to a script dividend of 66 2/3 per cent.

AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Havemeyer, the Sugar King, Again Testifies Before the Senate Committee.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION POSTPONED UNTIL 1904.

Secretary Moody's First Act is to Order Court of Inquiry of the Acts of the Officers of the Chicago Arrested and Jailed at Venice.

Washington, May 5.—Havemeyer, president of the sugar trust, was again before the senate committee of relations with Cuba this morning. He named several places in the West where the prices of sugar was reduced last fall to wrest control of the market from the beet sugar men. He told of the alleged contract between the beet sugar men and the retailers where under the latter were to secure sugar at 10 per cent below the price made by the trust.

St. Louis Exposition Postponed.

The senate today passed Cockrell's amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, providing for the postponement of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to 1904.

Secretary Moody's First Act.

The first important official act of Secretary of the Navy Moody, was made today when he ordered a court of inquiry of the acts of the naval officers of the cruiser Chicago, who were arrested at Venice for resisting a law officer and pardoned from jail by the king of Italy.

The Rosebud Reservation.

The bill to open a portion of the Rosebud reservation passed the senate this morning.

Philippines Civil Bill.

Senator Lodge announced he would insist upon taking up the Philippines civil bill tomorrow and consideration of it until final action upon it. Lodge declared that the president did not propose to condemn any one for cases of alleged cruelty to Filipinos until the facts were thoroughly established. He paid a glowing tribute to the American army in the course of his remarks.

To Posts in Cuba.

President Roosevelt definitely decided to appoint H. G. Squires, secretary of the legation to Peking, as minister to Cuba, and E. S. Bragg, Wisconsin, consul-general to Havana.

Cuban Congress Meets.

Havana, May 5.—The Cuban congress assembled today for the first time. The session is merely a preliminary one held for the purpose of examining the credentials of its members, and counting and rectifying the electoral vote for president and vice-president. The sessions of the senate are held in the Palacio del Segundo Cabo, and those of the house of representatives in the Comandante de Marina, both of which were thronged with interested visitors at the opening hour.

Two Persons Burned to Death.

New York, May 5.—John Lynch, aged 18, and Emma Boltz, were burned to death in a fire in the works of the Eureka Bedding Company, in this city, this morning. Six others were injured, one of whom, Ethel McGrath, will die.

Stock Yard Receipts Fall.

Chicago, May 5.—The beef agitation had its effect in the stock yards receipts today, falling from the usual 25,000 head to 10,000. Retail prices are little changed.

Thanked the King.

Rome, May 5.—The American ambassador, Meyer had an audience with the king today and thanked him for pardoning the officers of the cruiser Chicago.

Mrs. Soffel Pleads Guilty.

Pittsburg, May 5.—Mrs. Catherine Soffel pleaded guilty this morning to aiding the Biddle brothers to escape jail. Her sentence was deferred until Saturday next.

Archbishop Corrigan Better.

New York, May 5.—Though not out of danger, Archbishop Corrigan is slowly rallying.

QUEEN MAY DIE

Reports Reach London Early This Morning of Her Very Serious Condition.

PHYSICIANS REMAIN AT PALACE ALL NIGHT.

Prayers Are Being Offered in All the Churches of the Kingdom for the Dangerously Sick Woman and Hopes Go Out for Her Recovery.

London, May 5.—Conflicting reports regarding the condition of Queen Wilhelmina reached London this morning. The dispatch was timed at 7 o'clock and says the queen is still alive, but her condition is so serious that none of her physicians left the palace in the night. The official bulletin issued from Het Loo palace confirms the statement of a miscarriage, but declares that for the moment the situation is satisfactory.

Prayers Offered for Her.

Het Loo, May 5.—Prayers are being offered for the queen in all the churches today. The official bulletin today says: "All things considered her majesty's condition is satisfactory for the present moment."

Queen is Very Weak.

Het Loo, May 5.—This afternoon's bulletin reports the queen's condition as still satisfactory, but the doctors do not deny she is very weak and fear the worst.

FEDERATED CLUB WOMEN.

A Full Attendance at Session—Reading of Reports on Various Subjects.

Los Angeles, May 5.—The first business of the session of Women's Clubs were opened this morning with a full attendance. The civil session opened with the report of Mrs. Anna P. West, of the committee on reincorporation. Papers were read by Mrs. Bells M. Torrey, of Michigan; Mrs. M. E. Troutman, of New York; Mrs. Abbie H. Ware, of Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Georgia Bacon, of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Martha Hopper, of Columbus, O., on various topics in connection with reform. A forestry report was made by Mrs. J. P. Mumford. This afternoon the educational report will be made by Mrs. E. S. Denniston, of San Francisco.

Ohio Veterans at Lancaster.

Lancaster, O., May 5.—Lancaster has put on its best bib and tucker in honor of the hundreds of visitors arriving for the annual department encampment of the Grand Army. The reunion does not open until tomorrow, but the arriving trains today brought many visitors, including veterans and their friends, members of the Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and other affiliated organizations. From present indications the attendance will be unusually large. Commander-in-Chief T. Insurance will be the guest of the occasion and elaborate entertainment has been arranged in his honor.

Case of Lawyer Patrick.

New York, May 5.—This is the week set for the execution of Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer convicted of the murder of William Marsh Rice, the aged millionaire, but as the counsel for the condemned man has taken an appeal he is assured of a respite until October at least. Patrick is now in Sing Sing prison where he is visited regularly by his sisters and other relatives and friends.

The Anthracite Miners.

New York, May 5.—Mitchell, the president of the miners, today said the situation in the anthracite field depended entirely upon the meeting Wednesday of the miners' executive committee. Asked if this was a favorable time to strike, he said: "Any time was favorable when right and justice were on the men's side."

German Statesman Killed.

Berlin, May 5.—In a railway wreck near Leipzig, Herr Friedel, the former national liberal deputy, and two others, were killed and six injured.

Great Fire on London Docks.

London, May 5.—A great fire is raging on the docks here. Two immense drug warehouses are destroyed. The flames are spreading.

CHAMBERLAIN AT EUGENE

SPEAKS TO ONE OF LARGEST AUDIENCES EVER IN EUGENE.

It is Asserted That the Democratic Nominee for Governor Will Carry Lane County, Which is Normally Republican by 500.

Eugene, May 2.—George E. Chamberlain, the democratic nominee for governor, arrived in Eugene late this afternoon from Cottage Grove, where he made an address at 1 o'clock. Mr. Chamberlain spoke at the court house tonight to one of the largest audiences of the kind that ever gathered in Eugene.

J. D. Matlock, chairman of the county central committee, presided at the meeting, and introduced Mr. Chamberlain, who was received with wild applause. He held the close and undivided attention of the audience from start to finish. His hearers followed him closely and the punctuations of applause elicited from the unfolding of his propositions showed a strong touch of sympathy. Henry Blackman, nominee for state treasurer and Prof. W. A. Mann, nominee for superintendent of public instruction, also made short addresses.

Mr. Chamberlain's charming personality has made him many friends in Eugene, and it is thought by conservative men here that he will easily carry Lane county, although there is 500 republican majority against him taking the figures of other elections.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Reported by I. L. Ray & Co., Pendleton, Chicago Board of Trade and New York Stock Exchange Brokers.

New York, May 5.—There were good rains, quite general over the Middle West yesterday, which induced a good many to let go who have bought on account of the dry weather. Liverpool closed 3/4 lower, 6-1/2. New York opened at 81 and closed at 80 3/4. Chicago closed 75. The visible supply decrease for the week is 2,121,000, making a total of 8,000,000 bushels less than it was a year ago today.

Closed Saturday, 81 1/2.
Opened today, 81.
Range today, 80 3/4 @ 81.
Closed today, 80 3/4.
Sugar, 128.
Steel, 41.
St. Paul, 169 3/4.
Union Pacific, 102 1/2.

DINED WITH DIVES.

Railroad Officials Back From a Feast in San Francisco.

Portland, May 5.—The local S. P. and O. R. & N. Company officials are back from the Harriman banquet and conference at San Francisco. It is intimated that there are to be important changes on the lines in the Northwest. General Passenger Agent Miller, now of the Southern Pacific is to have an assistant, when he assumes control of the freight traffic of the O. R. & N., and H. M. Adams, of Spokane, may be selected for the position.

Men to Carry Own Risks.

Atlanta, Ga., May 5.—A number of prominent cotton mill officials are gathered in Atlanta to consider the advisability of organizing a mutual insurance company. The cotton mill owners are dissatisfied with their insurance rates and hope by co-operation to insure their mills at a minimum. Though the rate of cotton mills has decreased greatly in the past fifteen years the owners are of the opinion that the figures still remain too high. The projectors of the new mutual concern plan to extend its operations throughout the cotton states.

California Foresters.

Stockton, Cal., May 5.—The city is thronged with visitors to the grand lodge meeting of Foresters of America, which is to be in session here this week. Delegates have arrived from all parts of the state and the attendance promises to be a record-breaker. This afternoon a general reception will be given the visitors in Masonic Music Hall.

Three Failures on Stock Exchange.

New York, May 5.—The announcement of three failures on the exchange this morning caused an excessive liquidation of stocks. Offenbach & Moore, brokers, for the Webb-Meyer syndicate; Henry Bros. & Co. and Lockwood, Hurd & Co., are the firms involved.

Health Resort Burned.

Buda Pest, May 5.—Two hundred houses at the health resort at Bartfield, were burned today.

LABOR FEDERATION

Three Hundred Delegates in Portland to Organize the Workers of Oregon.

SAW MILL MEN'S STRIKE IN PORTLAND SERIOUS.

Planing Mill Workers Still Hold Out—Laundries are Doing Business Again, Employers Having Come to the Terms of the Strikers.

Portland, May 5.—Three hundred delegates from Oregon towns associated here today to organize a state federation of labor. Harry Gurr was made temporary chairman and W. Noffe, secretary. A credentials committee was appointed, after which addresses were made by F. Stacy Whitney, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, and William Blackburn, both of Washington.

Lewis and Clark Site.

Proposals for the Lewis and Clark exposition site were opened by the executive committee this afternoon. The action on the definite selection of the site was postponed until a full meeting could be held.

The Portland Strikers.

The saw mill strike in this city is growing more serious. It will greatly interfere with building operations. Union carpenters refuse to handle the material of any of the mills and the union will call out men in all the mills unless it is recognized by the mill owners.

The planing mill employes still hold out.

The laundries opened for business today, all of the proprietors having signed the higher wage schedule.

Complications Arising.

Complications of the planing mill strike were added to this morning by the refusal of all union engineers to go to work, because non-union men were employed. The non-union engineers also quit work when the others walked out.

Red Men Invade Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., May 5.—The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Independent Order of Red Men in the state of Illinois, which began here today, has attracted the largest gathering of members of the order ever held in the state. In addition to delegates from all parts of Illinois there are present many fraternal visitors from lodges of the order in Kentucky, Iowa and Indiana. Today was devoted to the reception of the grand officers of the order and other visitors. The entertainment program will be inaugurated this evening with the past sachs' banquet at the Grand Hotel, at which the representatives of the great council and from other states will make addresses. Elaborate arrangements have been concluded for the big parade which takes place tomorrow.

Policy King on Trial.

New York May 5.—After long delay the case of Al Adams, known as the "Policy King," arrested on an indictment charging him with violating the penal code by having in his possession the paraphernalia used to play policy, was called for trial in general sessions today. Owing to the popular agitation against policy playing and the general acceptance of the belief that Adams is the king pin of the syndicate controlling the game in Greater New York, the outcome of the trial is awaited with intense interest.

May Festival at New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., May 5.—The May musical festival, for which preparations have been in progress many weeks, opens tonight with an organ recital by William C. Carl. For Tuesday and Wednesday an attractive program of recitals, concerts, and operatic performances has been arranged. A large number of music lovers are here from out of town and the festival promises to be a great financial as well as artistic success.

Elevator Burns at Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 5.—The fire which destroyed the Wells Elevator at midnight in this city, probably will cause the death of Fireman Kennel, who was caught by a falling wall. The property loss is \$500,000.