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MUCH INTEREST IS EXPRESSED

The Mass Meeting of Republicans This Evening Will Be Largely Attended.

EVERY OTHER MAN HAS A LIST

Of Names to Be Selected at the Primaries as Delegates to the County Convention—A Lively Meeting is Anticipated

Up and down the streets, in the hotel corridors, and in the clubs yesterday were seen groups of business men in animated discussion. The busy man left his work and the man of leisure went to work. Rich and poor, foreign and native born citizens, met together on the common plane of politics. The hum and the wire-puller laid preliminary lines for future work. Groups were gathered at every corner, and the all-absorbing topic was the coming Republican primaries for the election of delegates to the county convention to be held April second. Each and every man had a string-of names, which were his choice to be presented at the primaries. Efforts were made in all directions, to make these different strings harmonize that they might be woven into one harmonious whole, but the more the weavers worked, the more holes there were discovered in the pattern to cover. All was evidence that more than ordinary interest was being manifested in county affairs, and it goes without saying that Carruthers' hall tonight will not be able to accommodate the crowds. No doubt there will be speakers galore, cocked and primed with the needs and necessities of the hour in not only county, but state and national affairs.

There has been in the past much talk about "rings," "ring rules," and "party jobbery," but it has been noted, as a matter of fact, that many who are least in accusations in charges of this kind never attend a mass meeting or a primary. It is to these meetings that the voice of the people can make itself heard, and it is here above all other places, where the patriotic citizen of the lowest or highest walks of life should raise his voice for purity, honesty and stability of the party. If the business man, the man who can successfully carry on his own affairs, the man of good judgment and the man of character, habitually absent himself from the preliminary meetings of the political party, to which he gives his adherence, how can he expect to see the principles which he practices in his own business maintained in the government?

A wave of unusual sentiment has passed over Clatsop county and men of every color in the Republican party will be on hand tonight. It is one of the good signs of the times that the business men have been awakened to the duty resting upon them as members of the civil organization, and it is only at the primaries and preliminary party gatherings, that the lines can be laid for the maintenance of purer, better, and more effective political methods. Let him who cries fraud and jobbery go to the mass meeting tonight and do his part towards preventing the catastrophes which he deprecates.

The way to get a fair deal in the next political game in Clatsop county is to go to the meeting tonight and pick out none but trump cards.

NEW SEINING GROUND.

Thought to Be Detrimental to the River Channel.

For several days past Messrs. W. E. Warren and Dan Welch have had men at work driving piles on the sands opposite the O. R. and N. dock. Their purpose is to erect a fishing station there for seining during the coming season, and in a few days will have a commodious house built on the piles for the accommodation of men and horses.

The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Wednesday, thought the driving of these piles would have the effect of filling up the river channel and obstructing the traffic on the river. It was stated that several years ago it was discovered that the channel opposite the city was contracting, and a survey was made by a government engineer, which substantiated this supposition. Major Post submitted a report to the government, and made suggestions which would cost \$1,000,000 to carry out. These recommendations were incorporated in a bill to improve the river, from its mouth to the mouth of the Willamette. This bill was prepared by the Port of Portland commission, and it is stated, whatever portion of that amount was granted by congress, was used to drag vessels up to Portland, without making any improvement in the channel in front of Astoria. The Astoria Chamber of Commerce, being dissatisfied with what had been done, requested the representatives in congress to place the amount necessary for the improvement of the channel here in a separate item in the river and harbor bill this year. Yesterday Secretary Holden received a letter from Senator Mitchell stating that this had been done, and while he did not think the entire amount would be received, yet enough would be secured to inaugurate the work. The Chamber of Commerce, purposing to see that no further obstructions were placed in the channel, and believing that the seining grounds commenced by Messrs. Warren and Welch would be a detriment, sent the following telegram yesterday:

"Capt. W. L. Fisk, U. S. Engineers, Portland:—Piles are being driven in the sands opposite the coal bunkers in Astoria. The Chamber of Commerce believes that it

will be an obstruction to navigation and dangerous to the harbor that joint resolutions be passed requesting you to investigate the matter and have said piling removed at once. G. WINGATE, President Chamber of Commerce.

Those who are well posted in river matters say that wherever fish houses have been built on the sands, the sands have gradually piled up around them, and have continued to grow from year to year. Neither Messrs. W. E. Warren nor D. H. Welch could be seen last night, but Mr. James W. Welch said in conversation upon the subject, that he considered the whole thing mere child's play and a hubbub in a soap. D. H. Welch and W. E. Warren had perfect title to the lands from the state of Oregon and could do with them what they pleased. Furthermore, he said that the piles had been driven more than 400 feet away from the river channel; that the row of the water was towards the shore, and that if anything was going to cause the piling up of the sands in the channel, the proper channel would do more in that direction than to do more than the few piles they had driven in the middle of the river. Mr. Reynolds said that he was no one's business what the owners of the sands did with their own property. Up to a late hour last night Mr. Wingate had received no reply to his telegram.

The mass convention is the place where the good Republican cause exercises the greatest influence in his party.

CALIFORNIA WINE

The Industry is Growing Very Rapidly at Present.

Mr. M. L. Reynolds, representing I. De Turk's vineyards, Sonoma county, California, is in the city visiting old friends. It is his first visit to Astoria in ten years. He says that he notes many improvements in and about the city since his last visit, and that it has an air of healthy business possessed by but few places on the coast. In speaking of the prospects of the wine-growers in California, Mr. Reynolds said that he has been a reporter: "The wine business, particularly in the line of table wines, has increased fifty per cent the last year in California. The growers receive a good price for their grapes, and vineyardmen are this spring planting out large quantities of new stock. In my opinion the business will continue to increase on a good basis. There is a better feeling amongst all classes engaged in the trade, and there is decidedly a better market for the grapes. There have been less than for three years past. Our Eastern and Central American trade has very largely increased, and we think it has taken such a start with us here in California. As wines are more or less of a luxury, the very great improvement in this line of trade would indicate to me that a decided advance is being made in other lines throughout the country."

McKINLEY'S NOMINATION.

A Prominent Statesman in Iowa, Predicts the Third Ballot Will Settle It.

Ex-Senator E. G. Miller, Waterloo, Ia., a member of the Miller club, at the writing to the Laverne, Minn. Herald, says:

I note a point in your leader of the 5th that "those quiet ones" are "As to 'repeating the window flaccid,' you say that 'no such risk need be incurred.' You cannot give Senator Davis 'earnest and loyal support' without giving McKinley a ballot more than once less than three times cannot be called earnest support. Unless there is a notable change in the situation, I believe McKinley will be nominated on the third ballot. In that event you will have repeated 'the window flaccid.' If your man is your first choice; if he is a bona fide candidate, well and good—stick to him; but it does seem to me there is too much at stake to justify the party of a great state in wasting commitments in a favorite son. With us the situation is different; our candidate (Allison) is in perfect good faith. He has many times all over the country been mentioned in connection with the Ohio vote, and a score of leaders he is one; he has as many strong points as a candidate as any man named. If it were true that the houses hope to beat the Ohio man by admitting contesting delegates from the south; if Platt and Quay and Clarkson are a party to any such scheme, they ought to be shot. They are the worst possible enemies of the party. If it is true, all the 'favorite sons' should at once retire from the field and let the people at one sweep wipe out the infernal political combination.

TWO WOMEN AT A LUNCH.

They Monopolized the Room and Obtained Their Money's Worth.

Exchange. In lower Broadway there are "quick lunch" rooms where busy men resort at midday for a light meal. At these places men, without removing hats or outer coats, sit on high stools at higher counters, or stand in front of buffets and help themselves to the food arranged for their convenience. Women are seldom seen in these rooms, but occasionally a slight sensation is caused among patrons and waiters by their appearance. While it was noted at one of the counters the other day two women with seven packages of various sizes entered, and while five scores or more of eyes were on them, stepped up to the counter and asked what the menu was. A polite waiter answered the question by rattling off the names of a couple of dozen dishes. "We will have coffee," answered one of the women, as they climbed onto stools that didn't allow their feet to touch the floor and spread out their packages on the counter. "I have changed my mind and will take chocolate instead of coffee," said one, when the waiter came with the coffee. "With a smile on his inverted face the waiter retraced his steps, and when he returned with the chocolate found the women had opened one of the seven packages and displayed six home-made sandwiches. "Will you give us a plate and a knife?" asked one. "And some butter," requested the other. The plate, knife and butter were set before them. "Do you furnish pickles with coffee?" asked one. The answer was a dish of small choice pickles set in front of them. "Some water, please," came from the same woman. "And napkins," said the other. They received both water and napkins, and all for five cents apiece. Fur will be used in conjunction with chiffon on the dressy summer capes.

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ALMOST A RIOT IN TACOMA

Two Alleged Oregon Burglars Cause Excitement in the Superior Court.

LAWYERS GRASP EACH OTHER

Blows Exchanged, but No Damage Done—Men Released on Habeas Corpus, but Requisition Papers Soon Arrive From Oregon.

Tacoma, March 26.—An exciting scene which approached a riot, occurred in the superior court this afternoon. Charles Barrett, of Portland, Oregon, and one of the alleged burglars who were arrested in Portland, Oregon, for burglary, had been released on habeas corpus proceedings. A squad of policemen was sent to the court to arrest the men, but they were held by the judge. Judge Parker said that they could be released only after the issuance of new warrants. Being free, the men rushed for the stairway, when Prosecutor Davis shouted to the police to seize them. He was opposed by Frank Smalley, their attorney. The lawyers grappled and used their fists, but were finally separated. Chief of Police Smith ordered his men to charge on the alleged burglars which they did, though this was in conflict with the court's instructions. An officer soon arrived with warrants from the municipal court charging them with being fugitives from justice. The police used their revolvers and soon had the men at bay, though neither was hit. They were caught several blocks from the court house. Governor Lord, of Oregon, has signed requisition papers for the arrest of the men who go to Portland tomorrow.

ELATED IN CAIRO.

At the Prospect of War—General Gordon's Companion.

Cairo, March 26.—While the natives are all disconcerted at the prospect of war, the English in Cairo are elated. Scores of young men in civilian dress are striving for permission to join the forces and several English women have volunteered for hospital service.

The prospect of fighting creates much enthusiasm among the British. Mrs. Constance Knowles has issued an appeal to Englishmen here on behalf of a fund for prospective widows and orphans.

Many serious minded observers predict that the attempt to carry out England's policy in Fash, the companion of General Gordon, who has had seventeen years of life and imprisonment in the Sudan, and who now holds the rank of colonel in the British army, is suffering from injuries received through recent fall from his horse. He said: "Although I am still lame, I shall go to the front and fight as hard as I can. My reason for my knowledge of the force in the field and to be brought into it, and my ability to speak the dialects of the Sudan region, I ought to be able to render good service."

CUBAN RESOLUTIONS.

Of the Senate Accepted by the Conference Yesterday.

Washington, March 26.—The conferees on the Cuban resolutions have agreed to accept the resolutions as passed by the senate. The resolutions are as follows: Resolved, By the senate, the house of representatives concurring therein, that in the opinion of congress a condition of public safety exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States. Resolved, Further, That the friendly offices of the United States be offered by the president to the Spanish government toward the recognition of the independence of Cuba.

ST. PETERSBURG'S VIEWS.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—The Marquis di Rudini's speech has given rise to a variety of opinions in the press here.

The Novosti says it shows the prime minister in an unworthy light, lacking in astuteness. Italy should have chosen open war or honest peace. She is now negotiating merely to gain time. The Novosti further says that the friendly offices of the United States be offered by the president to the Spanish government toward the recognition of the independence of Cuba.

ONE OF GOD'S ARMY.

Grant's Pass, Or., March 26.—James Wilson, a member of God's Regular Army of this place, had a hearing today before Justice Fidler, on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape upon Wilfred Purdy, the 8 year old child of William Purdy, commander of God's Regular Army here.

Wilson is 45 years of age and was acting quartermaster of God's Regular Army up to a week ago, when he is alleged to have committed the crime. He left here and went to California, but was brought back last night for examination.

Wilson was held to answer the charge before the grand jury.

MUCH CONTENTED.

Five Claims Against the Will of A. J. Davis, of Montana.

Butte, Mont., March 26.—Five claims of alleged wills of Andrew J. Davis are now on trial. Tomorrow is the last day for the filing of contests.

The contestants so far on record are Elizabeth Bowdoin, of Springfield, Mass.; and Diana Davis, of Somerville, Conn.; Calvin F. Davis, of Berkeley, Cal.; Elizabeth A. Smith, of Berkeley, and Hilda Snell, of Kern county, California, the latter claiming to be the widow of the dead millionaire.

The most formidable contest is that of Elizabeth A. Smith, instituted today. She alleges that the will of 1866 was a forgery, and that it was contested by Henry A. Root, Harriet B. Root, of Massachusetts, Henry A. Davis, of New York, and Sarah Maria Cummins, of Ware, Mass. The case resulted in a mis-trial, after which the petitioner states the contestants entered into a conspiracy with the heirs of John A. Davis to divide the estate among themselves and defraud the other petitioners. The petitioner wants one twenty-second of the estate.

The good Republican who does not get in his work tonight had better stay away from the polls next June, or go there reconciled to voting a scalded ticket.

SCHOONERS COLLIDE

Accident on the Ocean Sinks the Helen Merriam.

San Francisco, March 26.—The schooner Helen Merriam was run down and completely wrecked by the schooner Christina Steffens last Sunday morning, about 25 miles off Point Reyes. Captain Gruggel and three men, who composed the crew of the Merriam, were taken off by the Steffens. The Merriam drifted along the ocean and a tow perhaps at the bottom.

Captain Gruggel lays all the blame of the accident on Steffens. The matter, he says had no lights out and could not be discerned until she was on top of his vessel. To make matters worse, according to his story, the master of the Steffens refused to stand by and assist in saving his vessel. Both schooners were bound north, the Merriam to Nehalem river, and the other to Timber Cove, which is about thirty miles north of where the accident occurred.

The place to defeat had candidates is at the mass conventions and party primaries, and not at the polls—except in exceptional cases.

NAVAL BILL PASSED.

House Makes No Amendments to the Original Bill.

Washington, March 26.—The naval appropriation bill was passed today by the house without substantial amendment. An effort was made by the advocates of a larger increase of naval strength than was authorized by the bill, to increase the number of battleships from four to six. This increase was supported on the floor by Hanley, Cummings, and Johnson, and opposed by Boutelle, chairman of the committee, Lick and Robinson. The proposition for six battleships mustering but 23 votes against 11. Various other amendments were offered, but all failed.

The bill, as passed, carries \$11,511,024, and authorizes the construction of four battleships and fifteen torpedo boats, the total cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000.

Every Republican can have his say and make his influence felt by attending the meeting tonight.

RESULT OF RASH WORDS.

Fresno, Cal., March 26.—An attempt was made tonight to lynch Johnson, the minister who last night charged from the pulpit that two-thirds of the girls of Fresno were ruined before they reached the age of 14. Officers rescued him from the angry mob and he is now under the protection of the sheriff.

He was called before a mass meeting of business men and made to stir a complete apology. He was then told that his presence in town would not be needed. He strenuously objected to leaving town, but when the pastor of the church joined the committee in advising him to go, he became more pacific and at a late hour tonight the evangelist left town.

WOULDN'T LET HIM GO.

Portland, March 26.—The members of the First Baptist church tonight refused to accept the resignation of the Rev. Roland D. Grant, pastor, which he presented some time ago. The vote stood 59 against and 35 for. The Rev. Grant asked until Sunday to reconsider the matter.

CANNERYMEN SALJORN.

Portland, March 26.—The salmon cannerymen have adjourned the meeting in this city without accomplishing anything definite looking to the realization of a combination scheme. The meeting will be resumed in Astoria tomorrow.

NOT GUILTY.

Roseburg, March 26.—After fourteen hours' deliberation the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of the state vs. Andy Pool, for complicity in Murderer Brown's escape last December.

HE WAS GUILTY.

McMinnville, Or., March 26.—Peter Laferty was convicted of manslaughter today for the murder of Jonas Short. He will be sentenced on Saturday.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, March 26.—Wheat, spot, dull; demand, poor; No. 2 red winter, 3s 3d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 3s 3d; No. 1 California, 3s 3d.

Portland, March 26.—Wheat—Valley, 60; Walla Walla, 59 7/8.

Liverpool, March 26.—Hops—Pacific Coast, 51 1/2.

IT WAS A SPLIT CONVENTION

State of Texas Further Distinguishes Herself by Narrowly Escaping a Funeral.

FUN BEGAN WITH A WHOOP

McKinley Faction Shut Out by the Chair man, but Held a Session of Its Own After the Trouble and In-structed Delegates.

Austin, Tex., March 26.—The Republican state convention, which has been in session in this city since Tuesday, adjourned this afternoon after having gained the distinction of narrowly avoiding a funeral, and having the not unusual thing, now-a-days in Texas, of a split convention.

The situation looked threatening at the very start this morning. The McKinley men worked all night among the negroes since die this afternoon after having gained the distinction of narrowly avoiding a funeral, and having the not unusual thing, now-a-days in Texas, of a split convention. The situation looked threatening at the very start this morning. The McKinley men worked all night among the negroes since die this afternoon after having gained the distinction of narrowly avoiding a funeral, and having the not unusual thing, now-a-days in Texas, of a split convention. The situation looked threatening at the very start this morning. The McKinley men worked all night among the negroes since die this afternoon after having gained the distinction of narrowly avoiding a funeral, and having the not unusual thing, now-a-days in Texas, of a split convention.

Hardly had the vote on the selection of electors been announced when a long-anticipated row was in force. As the chair declared the men elected, a wild whoop from the very center of the McKinley delegation proclaimed that trouble had begun. One by one the delegates came through the jam, passing the chair in front of him as if they were so much chaff, and in his wake came a hundred followers wild with excitement. They gave a large majority of the delegates to capture the grand stand. The first negro to reach the stage made a lunge at Cuneo's head with his fist. While he struck at Cuneo, he found himself confronted by a big revolver in the hands of a negro. The two men eyed each other for ten seconds, probably, when both went down before the howling tide that was swaying around them. In an instant the platform was a scene of wild chaos. Excited negroes swayed to and fro in the battle for twenty minutes before the armed force of policemen could quell the riot. It was then discovered that no one was dangerously hurt, although one or two of the white delegates were as well as the negro or two, were bruised considerably. As soon as order could be obtained, the convention adjourned, the McKinley faction adjourned, the board and organized their convention in due form, electing delegates to St. Louis.

This convention did not consider a platform, but adopted a resolution endorsing McKinley for president and instructing the delegates sent from here to vote for him as long as his name was before this convention.

TO SELL THE SOUTHERN.

Asked for the Sinking Fund by the Joint Committee—Important Resolution.

Cincinnati, March 26.—At a meeting yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce of the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, the Freight Bureau, the Commercial Club, the Manufacturers' Club and the Optimists' Club to consider the proposed sale of the Cincinnati Southern. Mr. Thomas Morrison, as chairman of the joint committee, presided, and after considerable discussion a resolution was adopted which will be submitted to the various appointing bodies, and if approved by them will then be presented to the special committee from the board of legislation. The resolution is as follows: "To the Special Committee of the Board of Legislation on Cincinnati Southern Railroad, we respectfully request that your committee into existence seems to have been timely, as there is no question but that the conditions which now surround the Cincinnati Southern railroad problem call for wise and careful consideration. It must be plain to all who have given the question any thought that if the present condition of uncertainty is permitted to continue Cincinnati will be handicapped in efforts to control the Southern trade. The remedy would seem to be in the permanent disposal of the road, that the question of its future control may be settled, and the road enter upon a period of development and prosperity. In view, therefore, of the facts above stated we are of the opinion that the board of legislation will declare it necessary to sell the road. When this is done the matter will thereby be placed in such a shape that the sinking fund trustees may act."

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