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## MESSAGE OF JUDGE GRAY

Interesting Document Read at the Opening of the County Court.

### REVIEWS FISHERMEN'S STRIKE

Causes Which Led to the Calling of the Militia Set Forth—Financial Reports—Tax Matters Explained—Other Matters

Upon the opening of the county court yesterday, Judge Gray read the following interesting report:

Under the laws of the state it is not obligatory for the county judge to make a report or file a message; still I believe that much good, and no harm, can arise, when public officials annually or oftener if they deem it advisable, inform the tax-payers fully of the past and present condition of the public affairs over which they have control, and to outline a policy for the future improvement of our county.

From the very complete and detailed semi-annual statements of F. I. Dunbar, county clerk, and B. L. Ward, treasurer, the tax payer can readily see the itemized expenditures of this county for the past six months. The largest item of expense during that time has been for making the assessment, and the collection of taxes for the county, city and schools, namely: \$2,953.82, which added to \$1,346.55 (paid account of assessments in 1895) amounts to \$4,300.37. The cost of this work has been reduced nearly \$2,000 less than for 1894, and is about one-fourth the amount that attempts were made to collect from the county in 1892. A further reduction can be made in this work of fully \$2,000 when legislation can be secured that will dispense with the costs for sale of delinquent property now required, of levying and mileage, and making two superfluous copies of the assessment roll.

Our charity and pauper expenses for the year just ended, amount to \$2,511.17 and have increased \$24.29 the past year. The time has arrived when I believe that it is economy for the county to secure a poor farm. I would therefore recommend that the assessor be instructed to report a list of forty-acre tracts of land—within a limit of ten miles of the court house—that have been purchased for the county by the county judge for delinquent taxes, and the time for redemption has expired, with a view to perfecting the title to some of those tracts suitable for a "poor farm."

The county treasurer reports \$5,746.74 in the special road fund; \$2,481.17 of this amount is claimed by the Astoria city council, to apply on improvement of the crossings and streets and roads in the city. The county court has so far refused to comply with the demand of the city council for this amount, relying upon the decision of Judge McBride in the case of Oregon City vs. Clackamas county. The purport of that decision was that special road laws in city charters, to expend public road money was in violation of the state constitution. In this decision he sustained by the supreme court—to which this case was appealed several months since—I would recommend that the county court repair and improve two or three roads from the city limits in to the improved city crossings.

The late wet spring has so far made it almost impossible to repair the county roads, which are yet in bad condition. The present cash value of our county warrants, namely, from \$5 to \$8 cents, and called up to July 1st, 1894, will justify us, and I shall favor making an appropriation for \$5,000 to the special road fund—in addition to the present levy—to be apportioned to the several road districts in the county, and expended while the weather will permit this year, together with the cash on hand.

The new draw bridge across the Lewis and Clarke river just completed near Chadwell, is 217 feet long, and 19 feet wide; it has two 60-foot spans, and together with the approaches, is 543 feet long. The cost of its construction was \$1,945.75. It is a credit to the county, and its builders, Messrs Fry & Meyer. The people residing between the Lewis and Clarke and Young's rivers are hard at work, and will have a good road completed to the site of the proposed ferry approach, opposite Willamport, before we have the landings built.

I am still strongly in favor of having plans made, and expending from sixteen to twenty thousand dollars, in building the foundation and central part of a court house, that can be occupied during the coming year. The present building has insufficient room now, and additions will be required inside of two years.

Two years of unprecedented financial distress have passed over this county, since the present officers were elected and qualified. They found the total debt of this county on July 1, 1894, \$107,817.07; less cash in the general fund, \$17,751.37; balance, \$106,165.70. The outstanding warrants June 30, 1896, \$57,219.55; estimated two years' interest on

## HILL NAMED FOR CHAIRMAN

Silver Men Distracted and Divided and the Fight Will Be Hot.

### A SCRAMBLE FOR NOMINATION

Altgeld and Tillman Whetting Fichtelers' Cleverness—The Friends of Bland and Boies at Each Other's Throats.

Chicago, July 6.—On the eve of the Democratic national convention which convenes tomorrow at the Coliseum on the lake front, all is confusion tonight. One thing looms up like a searchlight in the fog that hangs over the situation and obscures the vision of the wisest and most far-reaching of the leaders. That is that the convention will be for silver at 16 to 1.

As for the candidates, the convention is still groping in the dark. The din of the Bland and Boies boomers is deafening, and is so infectious at this time that it almost carries the public off its feet. Bland is unquestionably in the lead, so far as actual votes are concerned, his strength approximating 250, on a liberal estimate, with Boies moving along at his heels with about 200, but neither is able to demonstrate as yet how he can win. In this chaotic condition of affairs gossip and speculation casts about for dark horses. William J. Bryan, the boy orator of the Prairie; Vice-President Adlai Stevenson; John R. McLean, the Ohio journalist; the blue grass orator, Senator Joe Blackburn, of Kentucky; Senator White, of California; all share the distinction of being canvassed. Even Senator Hill, of New York, is talked of and his famous Elmira speech of 1892 is recalled as an evidence that he is a bimetalist and would make a strong compromise candidate. The name of ex-Governor James F. Campbell, of Ohio, is also heard.

The Penoyer boom from Oregon was formally launched today and ex-Congressman Joe Sibley, of Pennsylvania, announced his candidacy. At work in the background in the senatorial movement for Teller, with the free silver Republicans and their allies, are the Populist leaders, straining every nerve to impress upon the convention the advisability of nominating the Colorado man. With all these silver forces struggling against each other and with the gold men solid and compact, ready to obey orders, it is a shrewd political prophet who can point the way out. The silver leaders now reluctantly admit, on the eve of the convention, that their two-thirds majority is an undisciplined mass, running hither and thither,—possibly to be stamped out in the end. They started out with the announced intention of getting together and arranging a program to be put through by sheer force of their majority. They were to abrogate the two-thirds rule and select their candidate in a caucus of the silver men. Both these projects were put aside and they are now at the door of the convention with the question of a candidate open and a deadlock inevitable. It will require every silver vote in the convention to nominate, and the friends of any candidate can, if the gold men do not plump their votes to a silver man who may be formidable, but not the choice of the majority, prevent an early nomination. This would of course play into the hands of those who are maneuvering to bring forward Teller at the opportune time; or, if the sentiments of the convention refused to yield to the leaders of the St. Louis bolters, into the hands of the managers of a dark horse.

It is possible that eventually Bland may reach the goal, but the most sagacious political observers seem to believe he may have already reached the top of the hill. After he has been pulled down on Boies and destroy him, the Iowa candidate at present has the support, perhaps unconsciously, so far as he is concerned, of many of the Eastern gold men who expect to bow to the will of the majority. Bland, they urge, is a man of a single idea. In the end the situation seems to possibly point to an outsider as the termination of this political strife. The gold men are without a definite program. They are practically reconciled to defeat so far as the platform is concerned, but seem to be possessed of a vague hope that something will turn up which will secure for them an acceptable candidate. Among some of the radicals there is still strong talk of a bolt.

But under the advice of Whitney and Hill, the fear of a bolt of any proportions is being dispelled. The silver men will go into convention tomorrow with nothing decided as to the platform and perhaps had blood over the matter. The majority largely favor a single plank, which they regard as the vital and paramount issue of the coming battle at the polls. A very considerable number with their eyes on the votes of the silver Republicans, desire

to completely ignore the tariff question, while others are in favor of a moderate declaration of tariff which will raise sufficient revenue to support the government. On the other hand, there are radicals who want an absolute free trade plank in the platform. The Nebraska delegation today elected a member of the committee on resolutions who wants a free trade plank selected.

Governor Altgeld and Senator Tillman are figuring for the condemnation of the president by name, while others insist that while there shall be a denunciation of the administration's bond issues, they would forego any mention of Mr. Cleveland's name. The friends of the administration are very anxious to forestall any reflection upon the president, and the cooler heads among the silver leaders are disposed to acquiesce.

The national committee today selected Senator Hill for temporary chairman and passed upon all the contested cases which were brought before it. Unlike the action of the Republican committee at St. Louis, it refused to admit members of the press to the sessions of the committee, and its proceedings were entirely behind closed doors. The committee decided to take up the contested cases first. There was little interest manifested in them with the exception of the Michigan and Nebraska cases. These, it was expected, would determine the relative strength of the gold and silver men on the committee. The Nebraska case was settled in favor of the gold men by a vote of 25 to 23, which was about a vote vote, as was shown later by the vote for temporary chairman. A member of the committee who was in favor of the gold delegation and voted with the majority, said the case was very peculiar and that it was very hard to tell which side had the regularity, although it was his opinion the gold men had a long series of precedents and should be seated. The contest, however, was decided on a straight vote as to the preference of members of the committee as to the gold and silver delegations. The probabilities are the convention will seat the silver delegation. The action of the committee in seating the gold delegation from Michigan was a surprise to the silver men. But one vote was cast against placing the gold delegation on the temporary roll, and that was cast by Campau, who is one of the silver leaders of Michigan. Thomas, of Colorado, made a motion to seat the gold delegation, and 47 members of the national committee voted to do so. In view of the threats that have been made by the silver men that the four delegates-at-large from Michigan would be seated for silver and secure a two-thirds majority in the convention, it remains to be seen what action they will take, now that the silver men on the national committee, with one exception, voted to seat the gold delegates.

The other contests were of minor importance and the decision in each case was in no sense a test. The important feature of the meeting of the committee was the selection of the temporary chairman. As has been predicted, Senator Hill received a majority of the votes of the committee, and tomorrow when Chairman Harrity calls the convention to order he will present Hill for temporary chairman.

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Steel Rails Consigned to the O. R. & N., and Not to the Astoria Road.

### ASTORIA IRON STILL EN ROUTE

Regatta and Railroad Opening to Be Celebrated Together—The New Executive and Soliciting Committee Announced.

The British ship Brehilda arrived Sunday evening from Maryport, England, loaded with 5,411 steel rails, 5423 shiplates, and 32 cases of bolts and nuts. It was thought that the material was for the Astoria railroad, but investigation yesterday proved that the cargo is for Portland and is for the O. R. and N. Company. The Fulwood, which sailed from England the same date as the Brehilda, has the rails for Astoria, and is expected within the next day or two. If she does not arrive shortly, the railroad officials say that they have rails on hand with which to construct the track across the bridge and into the city from Seaside. The Gearhart will open on the 15th, and the company hope to have the line in operation by that time.

At a meeting of the directors of the Astoria Football Club last night, the following executive committee was appointed to supervise the annual regatta for 1896: F. P. Kendall, chairman; F. L. Parker, secretary; E. C. Hughes, treasurer; C. J. Trenchard, E. E. Harris, John Kopp, F. W. Newell, John Fox. The following soliciting committee was named by the chairman, and it is requested that their acceptance be reported prior to 4 o'clock this afternoon: C. W. Fulton, M. M. Walker, E. C. Hughes, F. A. Stokes, F. W. Newell, B. VanDusen, W. G. Goslin, J. N. Griffin, H. D. Thing, H. Hamblett, John Kopp, and Mr. Scholfield.

The railroad is assured. The regatta is assured. There will be a women's tournament. The Western Union Telegraph Company wired yesterday from San Francisco that their contract was executed that day with Mr. Hammond in New York for a line over the new road, and that the wires would be strung to Seaside immediately. All of these events will be celebrated at the same time with the regatta in August. So far as the people of Astoria are concerned it is a cold-blooded business proposition. The bringing of 10,000 people to the regatta, means the distribution of \$50,000 in the city. This is the greatest opportunity ever presented to Astorians to advertise the city and show foreigners the ground work here for the future commercial center. Every dollar subscribed will come back to the giver four fold, either directly or indirectly, and every property owner should be put in the procession. Let every body put his ear out and dip as deeply as possible.

AN OUTING PARTY.

On the Fourth Messrs. H. F. Prael, G. W. Sanborn, F. Prael, Geo. Flavel, C. W. Fulton, G. C. Fulton, P. A. Stokes, F. I. Dunbar and their families, made an outing trip to Olney over the Walluku road, and spent a most enjoyable day. They say that the weather was beautiful, the fishing good, and the scenery magnificent. On the return trip a slight accident very nearly marred the day.

Mr. C. W. Fulton's carriage was in the lead, and while rounding the side of a mountain, about one mile beyond Andrew Young's place, and where there was but room for one vehicle to pass, with a steep precipice on one side and the high hill towering above on the other, a little girl was seen coming along on horseback, driving a cow. As she neared the approaching vehicle, another animal, wearing a bell, came down the mountain side and fell into the line immediately behind her horse. This frightened the horse, which plunged forward, and collided with Mr. Fulton's team. In the melee the girl's horse wheeled about and plunged over the precipice with its young rider still clinging to the saddle. Mr. Fulton and party were horrified, and first calling to the child, received her reply that she was all right, and soon she appeared, climbing up the hill. Anxiety was relieved, and afterwards the horse also made its appearance before its elated carriage of the outing party passed the point.

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