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HOW FULTON VIEWS IT.

Relations between Roosevelt, Hitchcock and Herman.

Senator Fulton who is home from Washington where he had an opportunity to investigate and did investigate the Hitchcock, Herman affair, will enter the campaign to aid in the election of Mr. Hermann to congress. While in Salem the other day Senator Fulton, in the course of an interview published in the Statesman said:

"Our Democratic friends are afraid it would be unsatisfactory to the President to send a man to Congress who is in opposition to the administration, but it seems to me to be a very strange way to satisfy the administration to send a man to Congress who is in opposition to all of the principals upheld by that administration, and turn down a man who will stand for the policy of the dominant party.

"Mr. Hermann has always been aggressive in his work for the state, but there is nothing in the claim that hostility exists between Hermann and Hitchcock. They did not agree in the work of the department so Mr. Hermann resigned, but Mr. Hitchcock made no charges of incompetency or misconduct in the office, but their temperments simply did not harmonize.

"Some claim his relations with the President were strained, but on the contrary, they were known to be most pleasant. He was thought very highly of in Washington generally.

Oregon needs a trained man in Congress, and, if Mr. Hermann is elected, he will be an active working member the first day he arrives in Washington, and Oregon is expecting a great deal in the way of appropriations. These things can only come from Republican support. A Democrat could do nothing in a Republican Congress. The Republican party is in power by a large majority and a Democrat would be opposed to every policy of the party so, how could he hope to get any favors for the state? The election of a Democrat would practically leave Oregon with one representative short in Congress, and no greater mistake could be made by the people at this time."

A. M. White's Estate.

Mrs. Ella White Thompson of Cottage Grove, presented a claim for \$480, and her husband presented a claim for \$8.50 against the estate of her brother, A. M. White, who committed suicide last year, to J. E. Young, administrator of the estate. Young rejected both claims, Dec. 20, 1902. On the petition of the claimants, the administrator was given ten days notice to appear before the County Judge at the court house in Eugene for a hearing of the rejected claim. On the day named, April 16 the administrator appeared with his attorney J. S. Medley, and the claimants appeared with their attorney, Jerome Knox, and L. Bilyeu. After hearing the testimony of the claimants and the administrator and arguments of the attorneys and examining all the papers and accounts, it was ordered that Ella White Thompson is entitled to \$102, for which payments to White are established by bank books and that the remainder of her claim amounting to \$378 be rejected for the reason that there was no evidence of such payment to White, other than her own statement, and a claim which has been rejected by an administrator cannot according to law be allowed by the court on the unsupported testimony of the claimant. The claim of Geo. Thompson for a stove alleged to have been loaned to White was rejected for the same reason.—Journal.

Increase Pensions.

By a recent act of Congress Union soldiers who have lost a hand or foot are to receive \$40 per month; those who have lost an arm at or above the elbow, or a leg at or above the knee \$46 per month; those who have lost an arm at the shoulder joint, or a leg at the hip joint \$55 a month; those that have lost one hand and one foot \$60 per month; those that have lost both feet \$100 per month. The act also provides the same pension for total disability in any of the cases instead of the actual loss of limb. The commissioner has ruled that a new application for pension is not necessary in these cases. The increase will be given from the old records. The pension of veterans who are totally deaf has been raised from \$30 to \$40 and that of survivors of the Mexican and Indian war from \$8 to \$12.

NEARING COMPLETION.

The Big Smelter at Sumpter will Soon be in Operation.

This Sumpter smelter is fast approaching completion. The building is about all enclosed, and the machinery nearly all in place. When it is realized that this is the only smelter of any magnitude in the state its importance is apparent. The state in the future as a result will get a portion of the credit that is due for the production of minerals from the many mines in eastern Oregon. While no doubt a great percentage of the ores mined will still be treated by smelters in Washington and elsewhere, it is safe to assume that the Sumpter smelter will get its share if not all that it can possibly treat in the way of smelting ores. The plant is not a large one, but it is most complete and thorough in every detail. Its sample mill, which contains two crushers, two sets of rolls, three automatic samplers, with two belt elevators, is capable of handling 400 tons of ore daily. The smelter furnace, while arranged at present for 150 tons daily, can be increased in capacity to accommodate the amount handled by the sample mill. A smelter of about this capacity or larger is what is so much needed at this place or in the vicinity of the Bohemia mines and which we are reliably informed is likely to be built between Cottage Grove and Bohemia on the O. & S. E. railroad at no distant day, in fact it would be no surprise should operations on an ore treating plant be commenced in this mining district this season. Development work has advanced to such an extent in Bohemia within the past few years that a smelter to treat the great amount of ore now being turned out of this mining district, is a crying necessity.

Marion county has made the purchase of an 18 horse power traction engine with wide, flat wheels. They call it a steam road roller. It cost \$2500, less 20 per cent for cash.

The penitentiary scandal has turned out to be a fake. The woman is growing corpulent and was not as claimed. At least it is so reported at the penitentiary. It is better thus. It takes a Democratic administration to solve such a problem.