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SENATOR FULTON DENIES IT

THE PUBLISHED STATEMENT

That He Might be Drawn Into the Government's Net Without any Foundation Whatever

Two or three weeks ago The Independent published an article taken from the Portland Telegram, which inferred that Senator Fulton was under investigation in the land fraud matter. The following letter from Mr. Fulton to The Evening Telegram denies the report, and as this paper published the statement at the time, we take pleasure in giving equal publicity to his letter of denial:

Washington, D. C. Feb. 20—(To the editor of The Telegram)—In a late issue of The Telegram, of the 13th inst., I think, appeared an article headed "Shadow on Hammond. Investigation to include Senator Charles W. Fulton," etc. I have not seen a copy of the paper, but a friend cut out an article and mailed it to me. It is alleged in substance that Hammond's transactions in timber lands are under investigation, and that I was his attorney. It is directly alleged that the combination was Hammond, Pillsbury and Kribs, and that the attorneys for these manipulators were Mitchell and Tanner and present United States Charles W. Fulton." It is stated that "there is as yet no positive indication that Senator Fulton will be drawn into the government's net, but his connection with Hammond's dealings is under investigation, and if it is shown that in 1903 he received money from Hammond for his services he will be liable to indictment," etc. Under ordinary conditions on publication of such an article concerning me I would be justified in instituting an action for libel, but I realize that under the influence of the present atmosphere in Oregon, charged as it was with rumors of impending revelations and startling developments, even newspaper reporters become hysterical and fail to observe that regard for private character that under different circumstances would control them. As a matter of fact I have never at any time acted or been employed in the capacity of attorney, or otherwise, in any land matters, or in any matter whatever, by the parties mentioned, or any of them, excepting that I have represented Mr. Hammond and the Astoria Company in two cases in the United States Court, and have been attorney for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, in which he is interested. Aside from those matters, I have never represented him in any capacity in any manner. So far as his land purchases are concerned I have never in any capacity represented him or advised him or any of his associates, or any corporation or company in which they, or any of them, are or have been interested. In making this statement I would not have you infer that I assume or believe that Mr. Hammond has been engaged in any questionable transactions in acquiring lands. Knowing him as I do, I am confident that he has not been so engaged. I wish simply to make it clear that I have never at any time, either before I was elected senator or since, been in any capacity employed by Hammond or his associates, or any of them, or represented or advised him or them in relation to any lands or land matters whatever. Indeed, this statement need not be restricted to them, for in truth I have never presented any person in the matter of acquiring public lands. Not but that I might properly have done so before my election, but it so happens that I never did. Nor have Mr. Hammond, or his associates, or any of them, paid me any money or other compensation for any services whatever since my election to the senate. If he or they have been interested in any lands, or land matters, pending before the interior department, the general land office, or any local land office, at any time, I have not been aware of it. I can not now recall that any of them have ever communicated with me about any such matters, though of course, it is possible that some of them have written to me about some tract pending before the department. It is my belief that none of them ever has, though it is of course, possible that one or more of them should have done so and in the multitude of letters of a similar character such fact escape my memory. I am certain of this, however, that no person will say that he has ever paid me anything for any work or services performed in or about any department of the government. Nor did your reporter possess any knowledge whatever of any facts that justified him in making the insinuations against me contained in the article mentioned. The mere fact that he knew that I had represented Mr. Hammond in some other matters did not justify him in asserting that I had represented him and his alleged associates or any of them, in the land matters mentioned. That I did so represent them is in the article positively asserted. The only open question being whether I had accepted compensation or not. It occurs to me that the statement that I represented them was extremely reckless, and I know it was absolutely false. You have ever been kind and courteous in your references to me, and hence I am certain the article was not prompted by an unfriendly disposition, and am confident that now I have called your attention to the injustice done me you will promptly and fully correct it? While the present perturbed state of the public mind in Oregon, due to grave charges pending against a number of prominent citizens, affords an opportunity for reckless and maliciously disposed persons to put in circulation groundless rumors and false reports. I respectfully submit that on the other hand it should prompt the conscientious newspaper to exercise an exceptional degree of caution against being made the medium through which publicity is given to idle or malicious charges.

Very truly yours,
C. W. FULTON.

Fire at The Dalles.

A fire at The Dalles, the origin of which is unknown, destroyed property to the value of \$30,000 last Sunday evening. The fire started in the basement of the Vott block, the first floor being occupied by mercantile houses, the second by offices and Castle Hall of the Knights of Pythias. The flames ate their way from the basement upward to the first floor and into the drug establishment of A. E. Crosby. Chemicals and drugs fed the flames, which gained the second floor before the firemen could control the blaze. While it is the opinion of some that incendiaryism is responsible for the fire, others believe the flames came from natural causes, particularly as the fire broke out so early in the evening.

It is believed at the Merchants' Exchange in San Francisco that the steamboat reported in distress at Crescent City Monday morning is the steamer Oregon, which left that port Sunday.

A Salem dispatch says that the balmy weather is causing fruit-growers apprehension of danger to the fruit crop of 1905 from the ravages of late frosts. L. T. Reynolds, formerly a member of the State Board of Horticulture, and an extensive grower, says there is plenty of cause for worry. Already buds are beginning to show signs of swelling, whereas the sap should not begin to rise until late in March, as killing frosts frequently occur during the early part of the month. The latest killing frost known for many years was about ten years ago. It came on April 9th and not only injured the fruit then in bloom, but did irreparable damage to the fruit trees as well.

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A LEAGUE CONVENTION

PORTLAND, APRIL 4th AND 5th.

By the Oregon Development League -- the Largest Organization in the State.

The Oregon Development League will hold a convention in the city of Portland, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4th and 5th.

There are now fifty-one regularly organized bodies holding membership in the Oregon Development League, and this makes it the largest and best organized state body in the union—there is no other state organization in the United States which can compare with it in completeness of representation.

The following towns, embracing every section of Oregon, are represented in the state league by local organizations: Albany, Arlington, Ashland, Astoria, Baker City, Burns, Condon, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Dallas, Drain, Echo, Elgin, Enterprise, Estacada, Eugene, Fairview, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Harrisburg, Heppner, Hillsboro, Hood River, Huntington, Independence, Ione, Irrigon, Jefferson, Joseph, Junction City, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Lebanon, Marshfield, McMinnville, Medford, Myrtle Creek, Newberg, North Bend, North Yamhill, Oakland, Ontario, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, The Dalles, Union and Vale.

The general officers are as follows: President, E. L. Smith, Hood River; secretary and treasurer, Tom Richardson, Portland; vice presidents, F. J. Blakeley, Roseburg; A. Bennett, Irrigon; F. W. Waters, Salem; J. H. Aitkin, Huntington; J. Q. A. Bowlby, Astoria.

A reception will be tendered the league by the Portland Commercial Club. The railroad rates for the occasion will be announced later.

The active officers of the league are determined that this gathering shall result in a plan being decided upon that will insure all the different interests of Oregon being so represented on the grounds of the Lewis and Clark exposition as to enable every visitor to get reliable data regarding any portion of this state upon any subject. Home-seekers are now visiting every part of Oregon and there will be many thousands coming here during the fair, who will desire to investigate the different sections of the state, and it is the purpose of the league to be of assistance to such home-seekers.

A complete program is being arranged and will be given out later. A dollar dinner given by the members of the league has been discussed, but is not yet definitely decided upon.

\$300 an Acre.

R. H. Wallace, of Portland, has purchased E. A. Franz' 40-acre fruit farm, two miles south of Hood River. The property sold for \$12,000.

Carrie Nation is back in Kansas, and the first thing she did was to snatch a cigar from the mouth of the driver of her cab, and he immediately dumped her into a snow-bank. He was arrested and found not guilty by the jury. Carrie has about outlived her usefulness and as she is "past 40" it wouldn't do any harm if she should step off the earth.

The postmistress of St. Johns, knowing that an organized gang of burglars were paying particular attention to postoffices all over the country, played a low-down trick on a festive trio that went through her postoffice the other night. Before she left the building for the night she took the money with her and hid about \$200 in stamps, and in the morning she found that burglars had looted the building, but they secured only \$6 in small change.

A fine bronze bust of Gen. Geo. Washington was presented to congress on Washington's birthday by the French people.

You Can't Lose Him.

Americans are a home loving race. Yet in every part of the globe citizens of the United States are to be found. Usually the American has a voice and a vote in affairs wherever he is. No matter how long he may be away from New England shores or Pacific Coast ports, New Orleans or the Great Lakes, the American is still an American. He is never a citizen without a country. Though he may be to all intents and purposes a citizen of Zanzibar or Patagonia or India, he is still somewhere an American and through every foreign affiliation shines the light that does not fail, that of loyalty to home and native land and belief that of all the countries under the sun this is the best and the greatest. The citizens of this land adapts himself readily to cosmopolitan conditions. He readily becomes a basis unit of new systems. All climates look alike to him. Still he remembers that of his own home region as embodying the chief delights of mundane existence. He takes to the chop sticks of the Middle Kingdom and the dried bananas of the tropics and comes out alive. Yet the pies that mother made live vividly in his memory. Where gold fields open near the poles there is to be found the American. Usually, also, if any color shows, it is in his buckskin pouch. If canals are to be dug at Panama or in farthest countries of earth, dividing strange lands and uniting unknown seas, an American engineer is likely to have something to do with it and the first shovelful of earth is turned by an implement made in Pennsylvania. From every standpoint, harmony serves that this should be so. For in the American type is to be observed a singular separation from others, yet an absorbing faculty strong enough to include and efface the European habit. And hereby hangs the strangest and most interesting tale in the annals of races.—Albany Herald.

A 3-year-old son of Warren Davenport, living about two miles south of Hood River, was found dead Monday morning in an open well, in which there was ten feet of water. The child had been in the water more than an hour before he was missed by his mother.

The senate, sitting as a court of impeachment for the trial of Chas. Swayne, district judge for the Northern District of Florida, on Monday acquitted him on all of the twelve articles of impeachment brought by the national house of representatives. On none of the articles was there even a majority for conviction, although it required two-thirds to convict. Judge Swayne was not present.

AND STILL THEY COME

THRONGS OF EXHIBITORS

To the Lewis and Clark Fair—Difficulty in Providing Space for the Numerous Exhibitors.

With only three months remaining before the opening of the Lewis and Clark exposition on June 1st, the demand for exhibit space by manufacturers and foreign governments has been so great that not only is every square foot of the original provision contracted for, but much additional space as well.

Some time ago it was found necessary to order an additional exhibition structure, which is now being built. The new building, which bears the name Palace of Manufacturers, Liberal Arts and Varied Industries, will contain 90,000 square feet of exhibit space, equaling in size the Agricultural Palace, at present the largest structure on the grounds.

It has now been found necessary to add to the space in the Palace of Machinery, Electricity and Transportation, by adding two wings, one at each end, each wing to be 100x100 feet. The building as it now stands is 100 feet wide by 300 feet long.

Work on the exposition structures is progressing rapidly. Ten of them are now completed, and the others will be finished in a few weeks. Only exhibits of unusual attractiveness are now being accepted, special attention being paid to working exhibits which show the process of manufacture rather than the manufactured products.

Senator Mitchell.

The enemies of Senator Mitchell in Oregon seem to be determined to cast as much humiliation upon him in his old age as it is possible for them to do and are adding indictments to indictments. The public will be disposed to sympathize with Senator Mitchell. He has been in public life a long time.

He is a man of great wealth and far above the temptation to do wrong for a paltry \$2,000. This fact eliminates any motive for him to do as is charged by men who are before the country as thieves and perjurers upon their own confessions.

Of course a previous good reputation is no guarantee against wrong doing, but it creates a presumption that suggests the withholding of popular judgment until the facts are brought forth from reputable sources. Senator Mitchell is entitled to the general "benefit of the doubt," and, as matters stand

at present, there are a good many doubts.

The senator's denial of guilt made to the senate was in good taste and he is doing the proper thing in attending to his regular duties as a senator, embarrassing though the situation may be.—Seattle Times.

Who Can Beat Chamberlain?

A Salem dispatch says that Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, director of the agricultural experiment station, is the only republican who is an avowed candidate at this time for the nomination against the democratic leader. It is a foregone conclusion that Chamberlain will head the democratic ticket in the next campaign. Withycombe has been known as a candidate for the republican nomination for several months, and he makes no secret of his aspirations. He is awake to the fact that the nomination in the campaign of 1906 must come from the members of the party, the rank and file, and not from a state convention, or a party boss.

People who have discussed the matter say that Withycombe's best chance for the nomination lies in his wide and favorable acquaintance among the farmers, with whom he has mingled a great deal in his work at farmers' institutes. The argument that has been advanced in Withycombe's behalf is that he belongs to no faction and can get the united support of the party if nominated, and that if elected, he will be in a position to perform the duties of the office without regard to the likes and dislikes of any faction.

There has been talk for some time to the effect that ex-Governor Geer will try for the nomination, but since the recent developments in the land fraud cases it is said he will go before the people as a candidate for the United States senatorship to succeed Mitchell. Secretary of State Dunbar has also been mentioned as a probable candidate, as has C. A. Johns of Baker City, I. L. Patterson of Salem, E. L. Smith of Hood River, M. A. Moody of The Dalles, Henry E. Ankeny of Eugene, and W. J. Furnish of Pendleton.

Henry Hoch, who was arrested sometime ago in Portland and returned to Minneapolis, Minn., on the charge of embezzling \$1,000, and who was alleged to have a wife in Portland and another in Minneapolis, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The Minneapolis wife has forgiven Hoch and there will be no prosecution for bigamy unless the Portland woman brings the action.

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