

"FULTON LOST US HUNDREDS OF VOTES"

Says Matthews—Astoria Man to Be Sacrificed Geer Denied Recognition.

"MULTNOMAH WILL NEVER SUPPORT FULTON. I TOLD HIM SO LONG AGO."

This was one of the interesting statements made by State Chairman Jack Matthews at an interview with Walter Lyon, private secretary to Governor Geer, and to a representative of The Journal, in his private office in the Republican headquarters here yesterday.

The occasion was a visit of protest by Mr. Lyon to inquire the reasons why the name of Governor Geer does not appear in the printed list of Republican candidates as it appears in the numerous papers of the state. Governor Geer, so Mr. Lyon says, is on the official ballot as a Republican, and he, acting for the Governor, came to demand of Mr. Matthews an explanation of the reason for which the name is omitted.

On being admitted to the office of the state chairman, Mr. Lyon produced a copy of a paper in which the state Republican ticket appears, and asked Mr. Matthews for what reason the name of Governor Geer had been left out; was it the intention to ignore Governor Geer's claims, or not?

Mr. Matthews in reply, stated that he had not given the matter any consideration, but that at a casual glance he did not consider that Governor Geer's name was entitled to appear on the ticket, for the reason that he was not a nominee of the Republican state convention. In reply, Mr. Lyon urged that under the Mays law a nomination by petition of the people is fully as effective as a nomination by a state convention, and answers the same purpose. For that reason, he thought the name should appear on the advertised lists the same as it does on the official ballot. Secretary of State Dunbar, he said, had recognized Mr. Geer's nomination by petition, and, although after some delay, had consented to place his name on the official ballot as a Republican. This, Mr. Lyon claimed, furnished a sufficient reason why Governor Geer should be recognized as a Republican nominee.

Mr. Matthews denied that a nomination under the Mays law made any difference so far as he was concerned. He took no cognizance of anything that was done by anybody other than the state convention.

"I DO NOT KNOW," he said, "WHAT INDUCED MR. DUNBAR TO PUT GOVERNOR GEER'S NAME ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT, EXCEPT IT WAS TO PROTECT HIS FRIEND FULTON. I will say to you frankly that I do not believe Governor Geer has any right to be represented in this list" (referring to the printed advertisement). "It is the opinion of a number of my friends that HE HAS NO RIGHT ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AS A REPUBLICAN. Personally, I have nothing against Governor Geer, but he vetoed the Portland charter when he had no right to do so, and for that reason I have fought him."

To this Mr. Lyon responded that the Portland charter was vetoed at the so-

litation of a large number of the business men of the city, and held that, although it had probably damaged in a pecuniary way the people with whom Mr. Matthews is associated, the Governor's action was indorsed by a great many people interested in the matter.

"This statement appeared to arouse the ire of the chairman of the state committee, and he said in a heated way: 'Why should we accord Geer any recognition on our ticket? He has not stumped the state for Furnish. He did not preside at the Furnish meeting in Salem a few days ago, and I do not see that we owe him anything.'"

"Why," said Governor Geer's representative, "should Mr. Geer have appeared on the platform at Salem to indorse the candidacy not only of Mr. Furnish, but also of Mr. Fulton to the office to which he himself aspires?"

"This apparently reached the crux of the matter, for Mr. Matthews became visibly excited and said: 'MR. FULTON HAS NEVER BEEN FORMALLY ANNOUNCED AS THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR. THE PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT AT A PUBLIC MEETING IN PORTLAND BY CHAIRMAN LEWIS, WHO WAS UNAUTHORIZED TO DO SO, HAS COST US HUNDREDS OF VOTES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MULTNOMAH WILL NEVER SUPPORT FULTON. I TOLD HIM SO LONG AGO.'"

In further discussion which ensued as to Governor Geer's candidacy, Mr. Matthews volunteered the statement that the candidates on his ticket had been assessed for the expenses of the campaign, and, he added, "we have never asked Geer for a cent."

Mr. Lyon replied, without an instant's hesitation and with fire in his eye: "What is Mr. Geer's assessment?"

"We do not want any money from Geer," replied Mr. Matthews, "in a tone which showed that his bluff was 'called,' and for a moment a collision between the representatives of the two interests appeared to be imminent. Matters soon quieted down, however, and although the sparring was continued for some time the only satisfaction Mr. Lyon could obtain was the promise that Mr. Matthews would consult with some of his friends, and that if it could be shown to him that it was his duty to accord Governor Geer recognition, his name would appear in the printed list within two days."

During the course of the interview, repeated knocks on the locked door of the sanctum sanctorum had distracted the attention of the parties to the above colloquy, and had, perhaps, on different occasions prevented a heated argument from developing into an open rupture, and as the time of Mr. Matthews was evidently being taken without possibility of any satisfactory understanding being arrived at, Governor Geer's emissary departed, convinced that his visit had accomplished nothing, and with him went The Journal man, happy to escape without injury from what had been so hot a corner.

PANIC REIGNED

Many Refugees Leave Martinique.

Fire Flashing Around Mount Pelee's Head.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PARIS, May 21.—The following bulletin, posted at the Ministry of the Colonies today, was this morning received from the acting Governor of Martinique from Fort de France and dated on the 20th: "On Monday morning the phenomena observed on May 8th were renewed. A rain of stones fell on Fort de France and flashes of fire followed by reports were seen in the direction of Pelee. The population of Fort de France became panic-stricken and the acting Governor believing a cataclysm was occurring near the volcano, immediately ordered the commander of the Suchet to prepare to leave in order to reconnoiter."

A second cable of the same date informs the Ministry that news had been received by the Governor from the commander at Le Carbet detachment that a spout of fire fell on that village in the morning. A third cable says the Le Carbet detachment, for which fears were entertained, had suffered no loss.

NEW VICTIMS CAUGHT.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) ST. LUCIA, May 21.—A new eruption began here on Sunday night. On Monday the mountain was very active, throwing out great streams of lava and showers of dust. It is believed a new crater has opened in Namagua Valley. The valley is covered with smoke, probably from Bonhomme mountain. A great part of the island is threatened with devastation from the flowing lava. New victims have been caught, bringing the total number of deaths to over 2000.

AGAIN IN ERRUPTION.

ST. LUCIA, May 21.—La Soufriere, on St. Vincent Island, is again in active eruption. People who had returned to that part of the island affected by the volcano are returning to Kingstown.

ALL QUIETNESS AGAIN.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) FORT DE FRANCE, May 21.—Everything is quiet here today, the inhabitants having recovered from yesterday's scare.

NEW JERSEY VETERANS.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 21.—This city is gayly decorated today in honor of the Grand Army veterans whose annual state encampment is in progress. Every county in the state is represented among the visitors. From present indications the next department commander will be Col. Silas K. Volk, of Camden.

COSTLY WRECK AT ASTORIA

The Barge Wahkiakum Sinks While Crossing the Bar.

(Journal Special Service.) ASTORIA, Or., May 21.—While the tug Samson was towing the Hale & Kern rock barge Wahkiakum to Gray's Harbor early this morning with a cargo of rock, the barge struck heavily on the Columbia river bar twice. She began to make water fast, and in half an hour had seven feet in her and was certain to sink. The barge had aboard a captain and pilot and eight men, who were being taken over to work on the Gray's Harbor jetty. The tug was informed of her condition and the men were transferred to it, and then the barge was towed in shore and was beached about two miles north of North Head light. The barge and cargo are a total loss, and it will amount to over \$30,000, with no insurance. In lowering the lifeboat from the tug, Captain Sam Randall had his leg broken.

LAST EDITION SUICIDE

Mrs. Geiger's Body Found in the River.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Minnie Frances Geiger, on the 28th of last month, has been solved. From the first, The Journal maintained that the only tenable solution of the occurrence was suicide and that the body would most likely be found floating in the river at the expiration of two or three weeks.

The body of the unfortunate woman came to the surface of the Willamette this morning and was found by two boys, Ted Smith and Paul Patterson, shortly after 9 o'clock. It was in an eddy near the old mill south of Inman & Poulson's. The Coroner was notified who caused the body to be moved to Dunning's East Side morgue.

As Mrs. Geiger was the only woman known to be missing, the supposition was natural that the body was that of her. Several circumstances pointed the other way however. One was that the description of the woman's clothing did not fit those of the missing woman, and then again it was not thought that she would leave the house wearing no stockings and walk away with her shoes unbuttoned, as was the case.

Owing to the fact that the body was greatly swollen and the absence of all the hair, through the action of the water, it was almost impossible to make identification sure and it was not until this afternoon, that the fact was established that the remains were those of Mrs. Geiger. Joseph Hall, who with his sister, Mrs. A. Y. Mowrey, were the adopted brother and sister of the deceased, made the identification. He called and was shown a wedding ring, which had been taken from one of the fingers of the body. On the inside was the engraved inscription, "J. B. G. to M. F. B., 4-4-92."

"Yes, that's poor Minnie," Hall immediately said. "Those letters and figures stand for Joseph B. Geiger to Minnie F. Barry, April 4, 1892, the time at which they were married. Besides those gold fillings and crown work correspond, as near as I can remember, to the dental work Minnie had done some time ago."

"No, I can advance no cause for her suicide, as her life was happy as far as I know. Besides, my sister was in a position to help her as well as a brother. I was in the East at the time."

The coroner will hold an inquest tomorrow afternoon.

SHORT LINE VICTORY

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) SALT LAKE, May 21.—The City Council has passed the franchise for the Oregon Short Line right-of-way on the new California line over the Mayor's veto. All the survey corps of the San Pedro road today disbanded, except one locating on the California line. All is now ready for immediate construction.

FALSE CHARGES

O'Brien Is Shown to Be Away Off.

On the Dum Dum Bullet Question in the Philippines.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—Richard O'Brien, the ex-soldier who testified before the Senate Philippines committee that dum dum bullets were being used by the American troops in the Philippines, produced several of the alleged dum dums before the committee today. They were examined by Chief of Ordnance Crosier, who said they were the regulation Krag-Jorgensen bullets used by the army everywhere.

During the examination of O'Brien, Senators Dietrich of Nebraska and Patterson of Colorado almost came to blows. The trouble was precipitated by the former's action in shaking his finger in Patterson's face and accusing him of doing everything to besmirch the American army. Patterson denied the accusation, advancing upon Dietrich, but when a personal encounter seemed imminent the chairman called for order and the excitement died down.

THE HORROR AT GOLIAD

Cyclone's Victims Now Reach Over a Hundred.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) GOLIAD, Tex., May 21.—One hundred and thirty-five deaths are now known to have been caused by Saturday's cyclone. Nine more injured and three additional corpses have been found.

TWO OREGON BILLS

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, May 21.—Two bills introduced by Senator McCullough favorably reported to the Senate today, were one for the relief of Curtis Parke Uphur, while United States Shipping Commissioner at Astoria, Or., and one carrying \$78,82 for the establishment of an assay office at Portland.

BUYS OUT FRAWLEY

C. J. Reilly has bought out the interest of Daniel Frawley in the well-known Frawley Company, and after the close of the engagement at the Marquam the company will hereafter be known as the Reilly Company. The personnel of the company will remain the same as at present. Mr. Reilly is a capable young manager, and his success with his new company is assured.

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Bicyclist Injured.
H. J. Hutchinson, the barber candidate for the Legislature on the Republican ticket, was severely injured in a bicycle accident while crossing Morrison street bridge last week. He was proceeding rather rapidly and undertook to pass underneath an electric lamp where some workmen were repairing the wire. A section of the wire dropped to the roadway and became entangled with the wheels of the bicycle. Mr. Hutchinson was thrown violently to the roadway, and rendered unconscious for several minutes. He was removed to his home in a cab. The injuries consist of bruises to the head and limbs.
ON SWAMP LANDS
WASHINGTON, May 21.—Mr. Moody, of Oregon, today introduced a bill for the simplification and adjustment of claims of the swamp lands of Oregon and other states.
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DEATH LIST GROWS FAST
(Scripps-McRae News Association.) COAL CREEK, Tenn., May 21.—Up to noon 139 bodies have been taken from the Fraterville mine. The total of killed is now estimated at 27. Rescue parties are actively searching the mine passages for further victims of the explosion.
Wheat Markets.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Wheat, \$1.34 1/2 @ 1 1/2.
CHICAGO, May 21.—Wheat, 74 1/2 @ 74 1/2.