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## FATUOUS FOLLY OF THE FACTIONS.

Oregon is three-fourths Republican. In fact there is no Democratic party in Oregon—no organization, no principles, just a memory and a name around which a few office-seekers rally. The votes Democratic candidates receive are on their personality and when a Democrat is elected, it is by Republicans, usually by Republican politicians and party leaders.

The Republican party in Oregon is nearly as badly off for principles. It is and always has been torn by factional fights. It is more so now than in the past when the Mitchell and Simon factions helped elect Democrats when they could not place their own faction in power. If the members of the Republican party would accept the dictates of the majority, there would be no Democrats elected.

The people of Oregon, in disgust at the petty bickerings of office-seekers, sickened by holdup and boodle sessions of the legislature, enacted the direct primary law, taking out of the hands of the politicians and placing in the hands of the people, the power of making nominations. Now the politicians are planning to wrest the power back from the people and have started a campaign against the direct primary law which is blamed for the election of a Democratic senator in a state overwhelmingly Republican. The proposed "assembly" marks the initial attempt of the politicians to restore the convention system.

The direct primary law is not to blame for the election of Democrats. The fault lies in the refusal of the politicians to accept the verdict of the people. It is the old rule or ruin policy that has always characterized Republican factions. Because the Fulton faction could not re-elect Mr. Fulton senator, they helped elect a Democrat rather than abide by the verdict of the majority and elect a Republican outside their faction, and Senator Fulton's home county, overwhelmingly Republican, gave Chamberlain over 800 majority.

Back in 1902, a Democratic governor was elected by the same tactics. The Simon faction of the Republican party defeated in convention, openly worked for Chamberlain, rather than permit the success of Furnish, a Mitchell Republican. There was no direct primary law to blame then—nothing but the fatuous folly of the rival factions—and that is really all there is to blame now.

The direct primary has been in force for years in southern states, where there is an overwhelming Democratic majority. It has not elected Republicans to office, because the southern Democrats place party loyalty above factional jealousies, and the various factions accept the ruling of the majority as final. Were the Republicans to do the same in Oregon, there would be no Democrats in office.

The Republican politicians, intent on a restoration of their former powers (and the offices) openly announce that if their "assembly" candidates are not accepted as party nominees by the Republican majority, they will knife every Republican nominee not an "assembly" man and elect Democrats. It is the old rule or ruin policy. "Give us the offices, or we'll elect Democrats," the same old selfish yelp by the same old selfish band of Republican masqueraders.

Why blame the direct primary law for the election of Democrats? Why not place the blame where it belongs, on the narrow visioned, unpatriotic factional Republicans, the selfish and greedy band of office-seekers that has shipwrecked the Republican party in Oregon, and now threatens further disaster unless given command of the ship of state?

### JOIN THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Medford must lead all Oregon in commercial club membership. It is up to every patriotic citizen to enroll under the banner of progress.

Medford has the name of having the liveliest commercial club in the northwest. It should also have the largest. The larger it is, the more effective will be its work.

Among those recently joining the club is Ed Root. He has set a good example and one that should bring the blush of shame to many a well-to-do citizen. Ed earns his money by hard work and if he can afford the sacrifice necessary for the public good, there is scarcely a citizen of Medford and vicinity who cannot, and who should not.

Join the commercial club, and join now!

## FOLLY AS IT FLIES

"Mum's" the Word—A Lost Art.



Mrs. Knagg's Husband—By gum, Maria, ain't it wonderful how those old Egyptians could make a woman dry up and stop that way?

A Crawl.



The Huntsman—Honest, Mr. Bird, I wasn't huntin' for you. I was after butterflies.

The Parthian Shaft.



Walter—I'm sorry, sir, but the chef says he can't take the steak back. You've bent it.—Harper's Weekly

Wasn't Taking Chances.



Sam Sleek—It's dead easy to make money when you know how.  
 Tom Toots—Do you know how?  
 Sam Sleek—Sure.  
 Tom Toots—Why don't you make some?  
 Sam Sleek—I'm afraid I might get caught while trying to pass it.—Philadelphia Press.

Having a Duck Fit.



In the Restaurant.



Old Man—I never knew the flies to be so thick as they are today.

## TWO RAILWAY LABOR LEADERS WHO SEEK TO AVERT BIG STRIKE.



Whether federal mediation, sought by the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, results in a settlement of the switchmen's strike on the Hill lines or not it is believed that a concerted demand will be made for an increase of wages by 200,000 trainmen and other employees of the operating departments of the eastern lines within a few days. Henry B. Perham of the American Federation of Labor asked for a conference with President Taft and the interstate commerce commission with a view to ending the present strike. He and many other labor leaders say the American Railway association is acting concertedly to prevent wage increases. Unofficial requests have been made for increases by the operating employees of several eastern lines and have received little encouragement; hence the talk of extending the strike. Frank T. Hawley, head of the switchmen's organization, believes the strike will spread. The increases demanded range from 5 to 40 per cent above the present wage scale. Concerted action to secure this increase will be taken by the following organizations: The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, including switchmen; the Order of Railroad Conductors, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the grand lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

### POSTOFFICE WRECKED; \$50 IS SECURED

SAN BARNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 18.—The postoffice at Chino was robbed early today after the safe had been blown open by nitro-glycerine. About \$50 was taken. The robbers first forced open a Southern Pacific section house near the postoffice, where they secured

the tools used in breaking down the safe door.

The noise of the explosion aroused the people living near the postoffice and within a few minutes the authorities were on the trail of the safe-crackers, who escaped in a buggy.

All the surrounding towns have been notified, and a search for the thieves is being made.

## SPAIN FACING MORE TROUBLE

Populace Again Denouncing Government for Continuing Warfare Against Tribesmen in Morocco.

MADRID, via Hondaye, Jan. 18.—Following the renewal of hostilities in Morocco between the Riff tribesmen and the Spanish under General Marina, much popular dissatisfaction is finding expression today in Spain and another outbreak of domestic strife, similar to that which recently threw Barcelona into a condition bordering upon civil warfare, is feared.

The immediate cause of the apparent dissatisfaction is the order which has stopped the transportation of Spanish troops from Morocco to their homes. Although the withdrawal was well under way, instructions to regarrison Moroccan posts have gone out.

It is believed generally that the favorable reports returned by General Marina of the Moroccan situation were made public only to allay the public's mistrust. It is thought that the Riffs never have been subdued, except possibly in the territory contiguous to Melilla.

In official circles it is conceded that the repressive measures rendered necessary by the revolts at Barcelona could not be tried again without endangering the peace of the entire kingdom.

## PROBATE COURT HAS DECLARED MAN DEAD

After Waiting 22 Years for Tidings, Giles T. Wells Declared Dead, Administrators Appointed.

"In the matter of the estate of Giles T. Wells, proof of death filed and approved" is a record in the probate court, which declares a man officially dead and opens the way to administer his estate.

In 1887 Giles T. Wells, son of the late Erastus Wells, one of the pioneer settlers of the Rogue river valley above Ashland, left home to shift for himself on account of some trifling disagreement with his parents. He was known to have been in a hospital in Sacramento in 1888, but upon his discharge from the hospital all traces of him ceased. From that time until this he has not been heard from.

In the meantime his parents passed away intestate and it has now become necessary to settle up the estate and divide the property. To this end, acting under the laws of Oregon, which provides that a disappearance of over seven years constitutes a proof of death, the other heirs have filed affidavits setting forth the above facts, and have applied for letters of administration of his share of the estate.

So it happens that should Giles T. Wells be still in the flesh he is officially dead so far as concerns Jackson county, Oregon.

### LOCKOUT OF GRANITE CUTTERS IS NOW STRIKE

BARRE, Vt., Jan. 18.—The lockout which has practically paralyzed the granite industry of this state since November 18, was changed to a strike today, and the responsibility thrown upon the 5000 cutters who are out. This move was brought about by the action of the manufacturers in Barre, East Barre, Northfield, Montpelier, Williamston and Waterbury, in opening their quarries for the men to return if they chose under the old conditions. In only one shop did the cutters return to work, and in this instance the manufacturer, the Letts Granite company, of Barre, acceded to the demand for an increase in wages.

### HILL GETS PERMISSION TO CROSS INDIAN LANDS

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 18.—The surveying crew of the Oregon Trunk line lost several days by having to wait for permission to cross the Klamath Indian reservation. After considerable telegraphing between the head office and the interior department, the necessary permits were granted, and the surveyors are now running lines southward. It cannot yet be discerned which side of the lake the route will follow, but it is generally believed that the road will parallel the "Southern Pacific" into this city. In the course of a few weeks the surveyors will be far enough to the south to indicate which route will be selected.

## PRETTY 17-YEAR GIRL KIDNAPPED

Before Police Can Interfere Girl is Hurried Into Waiting Cab, and Then Taken Away.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 18.—Marcia Morrocco, a pretty 17-year-old girl, was thrown into a closed cab by three men today. One of the men then leaped to the box and whipped up the horses. Before the police could be summoned they disappeared around a corner and have not been seen since, despite the efforts of a score of officers who have been detailed upon the case.

The kidnaping occurred near the home of the widow of Benedetto Cieni, who was murdered a week ago as he lay in his own bed, presumably by agents of the Black Hand. The police are inclined to believe that the kidnaping of the Morrocco girl should be laid at the door of the same gang.

Marcia Morrocco was known as one of the beautiful girls of the entire Italian quarter. She answered the door herself when the men rang the bell, without a word, according to persons who saw the affair, but who were powerless to interfere. One man placed his hand over her mouth to prevent an outcry, while the others ran with her to the waiting cab. The witness then called the police.

## MRS HARRIMAN BUYS NEW YORK NIGHT BANK

First Woman to Own Financial Institution in New York City—Will Watch It Closely.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—It was learned today that Mrs. E. H. Harriman, the widow of the late railroad wizard has acquired a controlling interest in the Night and Day bank here and that she will interest herself in the conduct of its affairs. She probably is the first woman in this city to own a financial institution.

When Harriman died he left her a big share of the bank's stock. Without exciting the market, Mrs. Harriman succeeded in purchasing enough additional shares to give her the controlling interest. It is not known where she secured the stock, but it is believed she bought it at private sales as the market quotations practically has remained stationary around 225.

### SHIPPING ON PACIFIC COAST SUFFERS HEAVILY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Every vessel reaching this port within the last few days has encountered terrific gales off the Pacific

## BANKER OFF TO PRISON TONIGHT

Court Order Is Made and Last Vestige of Hope Is Gone—Must Serve Five Years.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 18.—Banker John R. Walsh, whose spectacular financial operations caused the wrecking of three banks, was ordered confined in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., today by a mandate of the federal circuit court of appeals.

Making the mandate more decisive, the court denied a petition of Walsh's attorneys for a new trial.

The convicted and condemned banker will be behind the bars of the government prison before 24 hours have elapsed.

United States Marshal Hoy and Deputy Middleton have arranged to start with Walsh for Leavenworth at 6 o'clock tonight.

The banker was not in court when his fate was decided definitely.

## LITTLE GIRL IS TO MAKE OWN CHOICE

Court Decides to Settle Dispute Between Artist Christy and Wife by Letting Daughter Choose.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Reversing the judgment of Solomon in the case of rival mothers, Judge Smith today decided to allow Natalie Christy, the 12-year-old daughter of Howard Chandler Christy, to decide whether she shall live with her father, the artist, or with her mother who recently applied for part custody of the little girl.

Mrs. Christy, when she heard the decision of the court, appeared to be pleased. She declared that the child wished to live with both parents, and that Natalie's choice would result in her living with each a part of the time. This, declared Mrs. Christy, was all that she had ever asked from the courts.

const and brings tales of suffering and distress. The latest to arrive is the American barkentine Kaiulani, from Honolulu, which came into the harbor today minus part of her rigging and with several injured men in her crew.

The Kaiulani is owned by the H. Hackfeld company of this city and skippered by Captain Colly. The boat lost twelve sails in eighteen days between Hawaii and the mainland. Almost continuous storms struck the vessel during her voyage and at the outset her small boats were carried away.

The Kaiulani carried a cargo of sugar, which was not damaged by the elements.

We have some splendid bargains left in odd sizes in Ladies' Shoes.

Now if you're looking for and want an unusual value for your money you can't afford to overlook these.

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