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UNLESS PREDICTIONS FAIL JAY BOWERMAN WILL SECURE NOMINATION

DR. A. C. SMITH FAILS TO SHOW STRENGTH AS WAS EXPECTED

Politicians From All Parts of State Present, Comprising Greatest Gathering of Republicans in History of Oregon—Opposition to Bowerman May Concentrate on Withycombe—May Try and Stampede Convention to Mayor Simon of Portland.

PORTLAND, July 21.—(Special.)—Unless all predictions fail, Jay Bowerman will be nominated for governor by the assembly on the first or second ballot. Dr. A. C. Smith has not developed the strength expected and it is probable that all opposition to Bowerman will concentrate on D. E. Withycombe. After the first two ballots an effort may be made to stampede the convention to Simon, though it is not likely to be successful. Politicians from all parts of the state are present, comprising the largest crowd of Republicans ever gathered together in an Oregon convention. Over 1200 delegates are present.

This is the first assembly held since the passage of the direct primary law, which did away with the convention system of nominating candidates for state offices. The assembly was called to order after a big campaign had been waged against it by opponents of the convention system.

It was charged that the assembly is illegal, inasmuch that the primary law makes no provision for it. It is charged also that it is the first step toward putting the knife to statement No. 1, which provides for the election of United States senators by direct vote. Under the provisions of the statement No. 1, legislative candidates pledge themselves to vote for the senatorial candidate who receives

the highest popular vote of the people at the general election. To this Senator Chamberlain, a Democrat, owes his election in 1909. The state at that time had a Republican majority of 18,000; the legislature was Republican by a large majority, but the candidates were pledged to elect the senatorial candidate who received the popular vote. Senator Bourne of Oregon likewise owes his election to statement No. 1.

Proponents to the assembly plan declare that the fight against the assembly is being made principally by the Democrats, who hope by this means to disrupt the Republican party. They assert that the assembly is the only means of harmonizing the party and keeping the organization in power in Oregon.

The assembly has only the power to recommend candidates to voters and these must receive their nominations at the primaries held in September.

For the past three days Portland has been seething in politics. Present indications are that the fight for the gubernatorial recommendation will be between Dr. A. C. Smith of Portland and Acting Governor Bowerman of Condon.

Governor Frank Benson, now under medical care in San Francisco, probably will receive the assembly

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\$1,000,000 FOR PAVING IN MEDFORD

Already Contracts Totaling \$700,000 Have Been Let to the Clark-Henery Construction Company and More Streets Are to Be Improved—Petitions Are Now Being Circulated.

With property owners on the various streets in the city not in the original contract with the Clark-Henery Construction company petitioning for paving, it begins to appear that Medford will spend nearly \$1,000,000 for street improvements before the company is allowed to remove their plant from this city. The original contract provided for the laying of pavement on ten miles of streets at a cost of \$500,000, and already an additional amount of paving has been added to the contract, which will bring the amount up to \$700,000. Other petitions are out and the sum is constantly growing.

The Clark-Henery Construction company under the personal direction of A. W. Clark has made great progress with the work. At present they have some 250 men employed and 80 teams. Their payroll amounts to more than \$600 a day or \$15,000 a month.

The contractors state that they are unable to get teams or men in the numbers they desire. If more were available work would progress much more rapidly.

Before the rainy season opens the company hopes to have nearly all of the original contract completed.

SAYS REPUBLICANS MUST SUPPORT A DEMOCRAT

LINCOLN, Neb., July 21.—David E. Thompson, former minister to Mexico under President Roosevelt, today disturbed the political atmosphere of Nebraska when he declared that if Taft were renominated for the presidency the Republicans must support a Democrat in the national election.

Thompson recently created a slight breeze in New York by predicting a third presidential term for Roosevelt after he had visited the colonel. Roosevelt promptly denied that he had authorized or even considered the matter.

EIGHT MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Breechlock of Twelve-Inch Gun Blows Out and Members of Gun Crew Were Killed—Batteries at Fortress Monroe Preparing for Target Practice Time of Accident.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Eight men of the coast artillery were killed and two mortally wounded today by the blowing out of the breechlock of a 12-inch gun at Fortress Monroe, Va., according to an official report received at the war department.

The report says that the accident occurred during target practice on the Battery DeRusse at the fortress. The target practice referred to by General Carlos in his report was the final event in a course of instruction of 30 officers of the artillery corps who are attending the artillery school at Fortress Monroe.

When the accident occurred five batteries were making ready to fire at a target 6000 yards away across Hampton Roads.

PIONEER SHOWS PROGRESSIVENESS

Resident of Territory East of Butte Falls Calls at Offices of Pacific & Eastern and Is First to Give a Right of Way.

Alvin Bieberstedt, a pioneer resident of Jackson county, who resides east of Butte Falls, on Wednesday proved his progressiveness by calling on Chief Engineer Gerig of the Pacific & Eastern and stating that he wished to be the first man east of Butte Falls to give a right of way for the road. Mr. Bieberstedt's proposition was accepted.

If more of the residents of the section through which this road is to pass were as progressive as Mr. Bieberstedt there would be no question as to its early completion.

53000 MEN IDLE OWING TO STRIKE

England Faces Most Serious Strike in Her History—30,000 Railroad Men Out—All Traffic Tied Up and Industries Paralyzed—No Relief in Sight.

NEWCASTLE, England, July 21.—With 53,000 men idle as a result of the strike of the Northeastern railroad and with factories closing because of inability to ship goods or secure coal, the industrial situation here today is grave. The strike is considered one of the most serious that England has ever faced.

A conference called last night to adjust the differences between the employes and the officials of the road failed, and today the strikers are more determined than ever to tie up traffic. No freight has been moved today and only the mail trains are running.

Thirty thousand railroad men are out. Seventeen thousand miners were made idle today when, owing to inability to ship coal, the mines were closed down indefinitely. Five thousand dock workers have been laid off because no traffic can be handled.

In the manufacturing cities through which the Northeastern runs, factories are facing a serious situation. There is little coal on hand and unless trains are run soon factories will be forced to close, throwing thousands of men out of employment.

President Brixton of the board of trade is making every effort to bring about arbitration and today held several important conferences with the strikers and with officials of the road, but there is little prospect of a speedy adjustment of the trouble.

To make matters worse, the strike has spread to the railroads of Scotland. Sixty thousand employes on the Scottish roads have already walked out and thousands more are threatening to quit work. Many riots are reported.

Business and financial leaders, realizing the gravity of the situation, are planning to do all in their power to stop the spread of the strike. Unless this is accomplished at once, they declare, every railroad in England will become involved.

TWO MILLION FIRE LOSS PAST WEEK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Town Now in Jeopardy—Two Towns Reported Wiped Out, But Details Are Lacking—Small Army of Fire-Fighters Are Dispatched to Scene—Enforced Suspension of Industrial Enterprises Causes Loss Which May Total Over Half Million.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 21.—General fire reports from all parts of the province confirmed by dispatches to Premier McBride and other government officials place the aggregate losses of the present week by bush burnings at not less than \$1,500,000 actual, while fully \$500,000 more will be lost in the enforced suspension of industrial enterprises.

The Slocan continues the focal point of the danger zone and Chief Fire Warden Gladwin has been dispatched thither to take charge of the

army of deputies in which the government's regulars are now reinforced by volunteers organized and enlisted through the railways, mining and lumbering companies.

A dispatch from Kalso says that the safety of the town of Sandon, pitched in between four covered hills, is seriously jeopardized.

Dispatches from Nelson claim that it is fairly certain that Three Forks and Sandon have been wiped off the map by the fierce fires raging in the Slocan country, but positive proof is lacking and difficult to get.

DOCTORS COMING, 100 STRONG WILL BE WELCOMED BY CLUB

Secretary Malboeuf of the Medford Commercial club is making arrangements to visit Ashland Friday and meet a large homeward bound delegation to the American institute of homeopathy, which recently closed a convention in Pasadena.

On the train are 100 medical men from all sections of the United States. Mr. Malboeuf will meet them and endeavor to interest them in the Rogue River valley. He has wired for their names and will give each a personal letter from the Commercial club signed by President Colvig and himself.

Latest News Bulletins

Received up until 2:30 p. m.

TEN, NOT EIGHT MEN, DEAD AT MONROE. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—The war department has just stated officially that ten men were killed in the gunnery accident at Fortress Monroe.

POPULATION OF RHODE ISLAND IS 542,674. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—The population of Rhode Island, announced today by the census bureau, is 542,674. This is an increase of 26.6 per cent over the population in 1900. The increase entitles Rhode Island to another representative in congress. The population of the city of Providence is 224,326, an increase of 27 per cent; Newport, 27,149.

MRS. SUTTON TO RUN FOR CONGRESS. LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 21.—Determined upon another effort to clear the mystery surrounding the death of her son, Lieutenant Sutton, on the campus of the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., two years ago, Mrs. Rose B. Sutton started today for her home in Portland, Or.

Mrs. Sutton probably will be a candidate for the house of representatives from her district. She declared today that her decision would be made as soon as she reaches Portland, and that she is willing to make the fight if her candidacy is favored by the people she would represent.

\$40,000,000 OF COMPANY'S ASSETS DISAPPEARED. LONDON, July 21.—Charges that \$40,000,000 had disappeared from the assets of the Washburn-Pillsbury Flour company, which went into the hands of receivers some time ago, created a lively topic for discussion at the annual meeting of the company today.

R. H. Glynn, who was president at the meeting, said the amount was lost chiefly as the result of wheat gambling and improperly issued notes. He said that an additional \$1,800,000 could not be traced, there being no record of the notes. Still another \$900,000, he said, was lost through unsettled balances and uncollected debts.

FAKIR KICKED OUT OF T. R.'S HOME. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 21.—Claiming to be an archdeacon of the Armenian Protestant church, soliciting a \$5000 contribution from Colonel Roosevelt for an orphan's home at Nazareth, Palestine, the Rev. George Nathaniel tried to gain access to Sagamore Hill today, but was ejected before he reached the front door.

THIRTY HORSES BURN IN TACOMA FIRE. TACOMA, Wash., July 21.—Thirty head of horses were burned in their stalls and a loss of \$75,000 was caused by a spectacular fire which broke out in the Eagle stables early today and for some time threatened the destruction of an entire business block at Eleventh and K streets. There was very little insurance.

DR. CRIPPEN STILL AT LARGE. CARDIFF, Wales, July 21.—A report today saying that Dr. Hawley Crippen, accused by the London police of the murder of his wife, and Mlle. Leneve, with whom they think he fled, were captured, proved untrue.

2400 TONS OF STEEL FOR USE ON PACIFIC & EASTERN

PORTLAND, Or., July 21.—Twenty miles of steel have been ordered for the Pacific & Eastern from the Great Northern railway. It will be delivered in Medford in a few days and from there will be sent to Eagle Point, whence it will be laid as far as Butte Falls. It is officially intimated that the track laying will be accomplished by the middle of September.

The contract price of the steel approximates \$55,000. The steel weighs 2400 tons and will be brought in 80 cars.

PINCHOT BITTERLY ASSAILS CANNON, BALLINGER, ET. AL.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 21.—Declaring it enough to make the founders of the Republican party turn over in their graves to have such men as Cannon, Hale, Tawney, Wickersham and Ballinger claim to be true Republicans, Gifford Pinchot, campaigning in the interest of William Kent, insurgent candidate for congress against Duncan McKinlay, attacked the regulars today.

"Insurgency is the hope of the Republican party. The insurgents and the men who stand with them are the Republican party," said Pinchot. "The party was founded to prevent the extension of human slavery over free soil. Insurgency sprang into being to prevent the extension of industrial and political slavery over free men.

"Senator Aldrich stands for money, not for men, and the whole nation knows it. I assail Aldrich because under his leadership the tariff on rubber was increased at the same time that Aldrich, with members of

CORONATION OF GEORGE V WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE

LONDON, July 21.—A proclamation issued today notifies the people of the United Kingdom that George V will be crowned in June, 1911. The ceremony is planned to be the most magnificent ever witnessed in England and efforts will be made to eclipse in brilliancy the famous coronation of King Edward VII.

Monorail Now Being Used In New York City For Passenger Service.



(H. H. Tunis, style of car and track of monorail system.) While Germany has had a short monorail system in use for some time, the first practical road in the United States has just been completed in New York city. The first public trial resulted in a failure, much to the disappointment of August Belmont and other millionaire backers. But the failure was due to a break in the power house. Students of transportation problems declare that within the next five years monorail roads will be started in all parts of the United States for both passenger and freight service.