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ROOSEVELT-- FAIRBANKS

Former Governor of New Jersey
Said to be Choice of the Lead-
ers for Chairman.

Roosevelt and Fairbanks as standard bearers, former Governor Frank Murphy of New Jersey, for chairman of the National Committee and Chas. L. Henry, of Indiana, for vice-chairman—this is the latest combination worked out by men who do things in the dominant political party's councils. There seems little doubt that the combination will stand the test of the National Convention's balloting. The plan has been stamped "O K" by the party leaders in New York, Indiana and Washington, and is expected to meet with the solid support of the administration throughout the country. If the selections are made another precedent of political history will be broken, for both the chairman and the vice-chairman will be the selections of the Vice-Presidential candidate. For years it has been unwritten law that the Presidential candidate shall name the campaign managers and that his word shall be final.

The plan was conceived eighteen months ago and was matured in the holidays last year. The President sent for Representative Heminway and asked him to request Senator Fairbanks to accept the second place on the ticket. After a week of negotiations the Senator's acquiescence was secured. He agreed on two conditions—that the national chairman and vice-chairman should be his friends and that he should control the organization for 1908.—Chronicle.

Asks for Reconsideration.

Since the State Land Board's decision to sell at public sale to the highest bidder, the unsurveyed swamp lands in Warner valley, County Judge Daly has intervened in behalf of the settlers in Warner valley who have resided upon and improved these lands. Judge Daly's letter follows:

Lakeview, Oregon, March 15th, 1904.
HON. GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN,
Governor of Oregon, Salem Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have just been informed by the attorney representing the settlers of Warner Valley, Lake County, who recently applied to the State Land Board to purchase the lands whereon they reside and that the Board decided to sell said lands at public sale to the highest bidder. I very much regret that the State Land Board made this decision, for the reason that nearly all of these people are bona fide settlers, some of whom have resided and made their homes on these lands for nearly ten years; that a great number of said settlers have valuable improvements upon said lands which represent years of toil and labor; that to proceed under the ruling of the Board and sell said lands and the improvements thereon to the highest bidder would in effect be the confiscation of the property of these settlers. All of these statements are within the knowledge of almost every one in Lake County and can be verified if deemed necessary in the form of affidavits and filed with the Board.

In view of the aforesaid facts and in order that justice may be done to these home builders and settlers of Warner Valley, I would earnestly request that the State Land Board

reconsider its decision and sell these lands to said settlers at the minimum price. In case the Board should not accede to this request, then I most respectfully urge that you cause the State Land Agent, Mr. Oswald West, to proceed to Warner Valley Lake County and make a personal examination of the lands in question and report his findings to the State Land Board for its final decision in the premises.

Very Respectfully Yours,
B. DALY.

Some counties in California are seriously considering publishing the assessment made against each taxpayer. This matter has been discussed in Oregon, and is apt to be favorably considered by a number of counties in this state. The publication of the assessment would be of great benefit to the assessor as well as the county as it would give every man a chance to know whether his neighbor was withholding property that should bear its burden of taxation, and in addition would provide a means by which every taxpayer could know just what his taxes would be. This matter will be further dealt with in these columns, and it is likely that a bill providing for such publication will come up in the next Oregon legislature.

Hay Scarce on Lost River.

The Alturas Plaindealer learns from Johnny Kane, who has just returned to Canby from the Lost River country, that hay is scarce and thousands of cattle have been turned on the range from the Carr and other ranches in that section, and that owing to the condition of cattle, if the storms should continue a heavy loss would result.

COLLINS IS ARRESTED

He Said His Name Was Rhodes--
Brought Here Sunday and
Lodged in County Jail.

J. F. McDonald arrived here Sunday with Fred Collins, alias Rhodes, who was arrested at Summer Lake last week for the theft of a horse. His preliminary examination resulted in his being bound over to the circuit court, bail being fixed at \$800, in default of which he was lodged in the county jail to await his trial. He was known about Summer Lake as Rhodes, but a stranger happened to appear there about the time he was being tried for horse stealing who knew him, and told him in the presence of others that his name was Fred Collins, to which the man acknowledged.

The horse that was stolen from the Innes ranch in Summer Lake last week returned to the ranch the latter part of the week. It seems that the thief found that officers were on his trail and becoming frightened, turned the horse loose. It was thought that the fellow's name was Rhodes. He had worked on Will Sherlock's ranch in Summer Lake some time before his departure, and had evidently returned there, taken one of Mr. Sherlock's horses and rode it till he came to the Innes ranch where he decided to exchange it for a better one, as the Sherlock horse was found in an adjoining field the next morning and its presence was unaccountable for in any other way. After changing horses, the thief rode on to Paisley where he was overtaken by J. P. Hill, the northern stage driver,

who he consulted about crossing the river, as the bridge had gone out at that time. Here he turned back, but it is thought came to the river in another place where he swam his horse across and then turned the animal loose.

The promoters of the First National Bank of Lakeview have made rapid progress in final details. Organization was perfected March 16, 1904. Capital stock \$50,000, which is all taken. Number of directors will be twelve, which have not been elected yet. The bank will commence business as soon as the charter is granted. The C. U. Snider store building on Water street will be used as temporary headquarters until a bank building can be built on the corner opposite the Bailey & Massingill store, now occupied by the soda works, which will be removed.

Begins a New Year.

The Central Oregonian, published at Silver Lake, has entered its second year. The Central Oregonian was started there a year ago by Messrs. Bailey and Kelsay under conditions none too flattering. It was thought that town could not support a newspaper but the Oregonian has survived, and its editor predicts for his paper another year of prosperity.

Fire in Oklahoma.

A prairie fire in Oklahoma recently devastated thousands of acres of grazing lands and farms, and caused considerable damage to small towns. It is estimated that \$500,000 worth of property and some lives lost are the result of the fire, which was started from stubble fires, set out for the purpose of burning off the stubble from farming lands.

MULTNOMAH FIGHT IS ON

Mitchell Forces Set Date for District Convention--to be Held at Portland on April 3d.

The Republican Central Committee of the Second Congressional District met in Portland March 3d. The committee chose April 13 as the day and Portland as the place of the convention, which is to nominate Mr. Williamson's successor. But it mentioned neither Mr. Williamson nor Mr. Moody.

Should the Mitchell-Carey faction defeat the Simon forces in the next Republican primaries Representative J. N. Williamson will go back to Congress. Should the Simon faction win ex-Representative Malcolm A. Moody will probably go instead.

Never a brickbat of the political feud between the Williamson and the Moody camps dropped into the committee. The fact is no brickbats were in the air nor daggers in hiding. The rivals had come together under a white flag. But beneath the neutral ground boiled the vitals of a volcano which will soon gush forth and flow over the entire Second district.

Citizens will see hot and heavy gun-play this year, such as will make the Japanese war look like a cock-fight. The past has been bitter with the feud, but compared with the future just at hand, the past will be as peaches and cream.

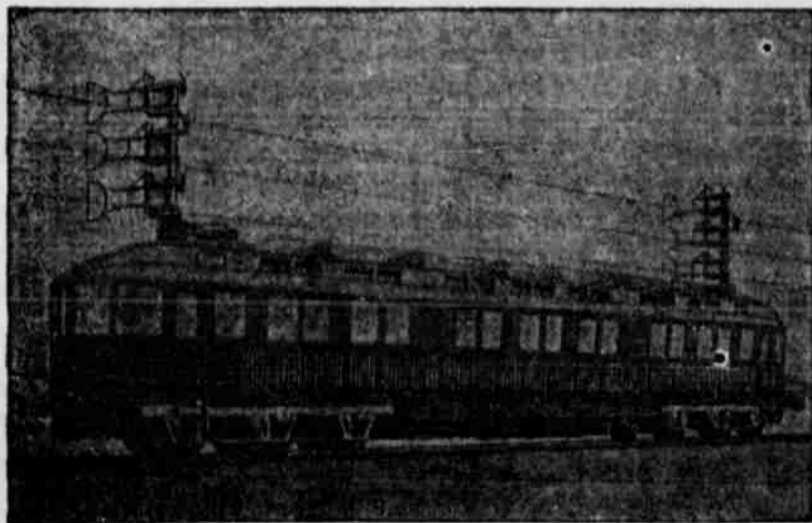
But never a word of this dropped from the lips of the gentlemen. They stepped around carefully to escape treading on each other's corns, spoke softly to turn away each other's wrath and shook hands just like brothers of the same blood.

The whole proceedings was perfunctory anyhow and it wasn't worth anybody's while to lose his temper. If the committee could have nominated a candidate, things would have been doing for sure, though the Moody men must have lain down since they were but a minority. If the committee had been of a mind to postpone the district convention until after the state convention or to reject the apportionment of the State Convention, the minority would have raised its voice, for it suspected all manner of things.

But the majority treated the minority considerably, elected one of its number to the chair and followed the usages of preceding committees in the date of the convention, the place and the apportionment.

Baker 14, Clatsop 10, Columbia 7, Crook 5, Gilliam 4, Grant 7, Harney 4, Malheur 5, Morrow 5, Multnomah 7, Sherman 4, Umatilla 16, Union 10, Wallowa 6, Wasco 12, Wheeler 4, Total 184.

Multnomah County will control the District Convention; at least will hold the balance of power without which neither Mr. Williamson nor Mr. Moody can secure the nomination. The outcome of the factional fight in this county therefore will make all the difference in the world as to who shall represent the Second District in Congress next time, for the faction that captures the County Convention will send its own delegation to the District Convention, and it will capture the County Convention by defeating its adversary at the forthcoming primaries. Multnomah will send to the District Convention 38 per cent of the delegation.—Oregonian.



GERMAN ELECTRIC CAR WHICH RECENTLY ATTAINED A
SPEED OF OVER 125 MILES AN HOUR.

The electric car shown in the illustration recently made a new record on the Marienfelde-Zossen experimental line in Germany by speeding across the country at the rate of 125 4/5 miles per hour. The car carried about a dozen passengers, all of them experts, and they declared that the motion of the car was no more violent than that experienced on an ordinary express train. The car is supplied with six trolley arms and has four motors capable in the aggregate of about 1,100 horse power. The engineers who built the car think a speed of 140 miles may yet be attained and are of the opinion that at present 98 miles an hour may be made without undue peril between Berlin and Hamburg.