

WHAT EASTERN OREGON WANTS IN POLITICS

Expressions from the Press of That Section, Made During the Past Few Weeks, Showing Their Desires.

Papers in That Section Are Almost Unanimous in Supporting Governor T. T. Geer for Re-election, While Furnish Finds Little Support--That Portion of the State Is Well Satisfied With the Splendid Record of the Present Administration.

To show how Eastern Oregon stands on the gubernatorial situation, the Statesman has, during the past few weeks, gathered a few excerpts from the papers of that section of the state, showing the feeling there, in regard to the Governorship:

FROM REPUBLICAN PRESS.

Admits Furnish's Unpopularity.

Statesman: The Democratic East Oregonian, which launched the boom for an Eastern Oregon man for Governor, is almost desperate because the Republican papers of that section refuse to champion the cause of the candidates aspiring to the nomination to the Governorship and under the headline of "Show Your Colors," it says: "The Salem Statesman asserts that no Eastern Oregon Republican journal is supporting a candidate from this part of the state for the office of Governor. The Statesman has overlooked many expressions that have come to the attention of the exchange reader of the East Oregonian, yet it is true that the Eastern Oregon Republican papers are slow to take advantage of the situation to come out openly for their men. 'Show your colors' is a good motto, to offer these journals just now. Candidates will have little debt of gratitude towards these silent papers in the event they receive recognition in the Republican Convention." The Statesman has exercised great care in its search for an expression from any Republican paper east of the Cascades favorable to the candidates mentioned from that part of the state. However, some may have escaped notice, and if the East Oregonian will furnish a single favorable comment from a Republican paper, the same will be reproduced in the Statesman in capitals, with a border around it.

A Mare's Nest.

Harney County News: Governor Geer has borne with patience all that the Democratic East Oregonian has had to say of his administration. He has also listened patiently to the noise of Editor Gurnay, while the latter has been shipwrecking his soul on the political rocks that abound in the channel where The Dalles Chronicle sails under the pennant of an anti-this and anti-that Republican newspaper. These two papers have in the past snarled at each other from opposite ends of almost every bone of politics that has fallen between their respective camps. But they have tied themselves together with a lovers' knot and kneel at the altar of anti-Geerism in an attitude that is simply charming in its simplicity. Both are reaching for the same moon, and both will jab their fingers through the tinfol on the same cheese de limburger long before they get where they are reaching for. As long as they were content with reprinting stereotyped chapters from the politician's anti-convention speeches, the tall man at Salem whose head is "longer" than his body, looked after the public woodpile and allowed them to feast their ears on the sounds of their "own dashing." But when they proclaimed recently that a mare's nest had been found in the public land tree, the Governor at once, in the most public manner possible, favored them with a full statement of the workings of the State Land Board, the laws and limitations by which it is governed, and reminded the editors of their duty to the state which they should perform by proving any case of wrong-doing of which they may have knowledge. Perhaps there will be long be something sensational in the "dispatches" from Salem. Probably two fornicates-the Governor editors will be lamenting the broken eggs in the mare's nest.

Not Interested in Governorship.

Arlington Record: Much is being said in various newspapers throughout the state as to the probable outcome of the contest for the nomination for Governor by the Republican State Convention. Some papers predict that whoever controls the county convention in Umatilla county, will have the united support of Eastern Oregon for Governor. We think this is far fetched. The patronage at the hands of the Governor is small, he has but slight means of benefiting any portion of the state save and except in a general way. Eastern Oregon is vitally concerned in the opening of the Columbia river and other important matters that will naturally effect the people of this portion of the state, and he might men in the House and Senate of the United States can do us far more good than can the Governor of the state who has no voice in legislation. It is, we think, very likely the people will be more concerned as to the candidate for Congress, and nominees for the Legislature who will elect a United States Senator than over the nomination of a Governor. The people will demand a man for Congress who has ability to accomplish something, and will also demand candidates for the Legislature who will vote for some able, upright and progressive man for United States Senator.

An Oregon Man Wanted.

Dufur Dispatch: There seems to be a disposition on the part of some of our contemporaries, in Eastern Oregon, to give to the office of Governor a sectional cast, by suggesting that this or

that man would be a desirable candidate because he is an Eastern Oregon man. To this proposition we are unable to accede. The Governor of Oregon should be an Oregon man, sufficiently broad minded to be Governor of the whole state, without regard to section. The two principal qualifications for Oregon's Executive should be strict integrity and the ability to properly discharge the duties of the office. There are, of course, other considerations, but without these two, no man should be thought of for the office. The Lewis and Clark Exposition, in 1905, will occur during the term of office of the next incumbent. This fair will attract to Oregon the attention of the entire civilized world, and naturally Oregon's Governor will be a noticeable figure. He should, besides the qualifications mentioned, be a genial, courteous man of good address, and capable of doing and saying the right thing at the right time. These are, to our mind, the considerations that should govern in the selection of our Governor at this particular time of all others, and the fact that a man is a resident of Wasco, Umatilla, Multnomah or Jackson county, or of Eastern or Western Oregon, should cut no figure in the selection.

Geer Will Be Renominated.

Malheur Gazette: From present indications Eastern Oregon will again have to be content without a prominent candidate on the next Republican state ticket. The only gentleman from this part of the state who has announced their intention to be candidates before the next State Convention are Judge Lowell and W. J. Furnish, both of Pendleton, who have both announced their candidacy for Governor. It is unfortunate for Eastern Oregon that these gentlemen, both from the same town, should announce themselves both for the same office, as about the only purpose the candidacy of each will serve will be to kill off the other. And, unless the unforeseen happens, Governor Geer will be renominated without any very serious opposition. Eastern Oregon is certainly entitled to some recognition, and if the "cow counties" could unite on Williamson of Prineville for Secretary of State, or Young of Baker county for State Printer, or Miller of Ontario for Attorney General, we would be almost sure of success. And there is no good reason why Eastern Oregon should not ask for and receive all of these places on the ticket, as we have about two-thirds the area and one-third the population of the entire state.

Greece's Fidelity.

Baker City Republican: If there is an example of fidelity to Eastern Oregon interests by those high in authority it is found in the work of the present Governor. He is, as a matter of fact, more exclusively a citizen from this part of the state than from any other, notwithstanding prolonged absence from Union county, but the Governor's early experience endeared this part of the state to him and when he left strong ties of friendship were not severed. He manifests his attachment for the people of this region whenever possible. In his official acts Eastern Oregon has not been forgotten. The chief executive of the state urged proper division of certain patronage, in the selection of appointive officers, this region has been well remembered by Governor Geer and grows in his attention. Hon. C. A. Johns of Baker City was a member of the Text-Book Commission, a very important body. In other selections a non-partisan spirit has been manifest, which, perhaps, leaned toward Eastern Oregon.

A Model Administration.

Malheur Gazette: The present state administration has been a model one in the management of state affairs, and in the economical administration of the different state institutions, and can go before the people without any charge of mismanagement or extravagance. This excellent record will aid not only in the election of Republicans to the state offices to be filled this year, but will aid materially in the county elections all over the state. A few months ago, men ambitious for political honors, were very industrious to have their names mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for Governor, but now, after having felt the public pulse, they are announcing that the mentioning of their names was unauthorized, and that they never had any intention of asking for the nomination. The people of the state are well pleased with Governor Geer's administration and will employ the "farmer Governor" for another four years.

He Is Their Friend.

Wheeler County News: Governor Geer used to live in Eastern Oregon, and he has traveled over nearly every portion of Eastern Oregon, and is as familiar with its needs as any man could be who lives in Eastern Oregon. In his last biennial message to the Legislature we remember that he was partial to Eastern Oregon interests, especially the scalp bounty law and other measures which he recommended. Indeed no man could do more for Eastern Oregon than has Governor Geer. He is a good enough Eastern Oregon man for Wheeler county, and his party in this county will take no stock in the attempt to work up sectional prejudice to foist some other

man onto the ticket because he lives in Eastern Oregon.

They Are Not Sheep.

Union Republican: The Pendleton Tribune boastfully asserts that W. J. Furnish will deal the Eastern Oregon delegation to Portland. The Tribune must think the people of this great section are a lot of sheep. The Republican asserts that the delegation from Eastern Oregon will not fall over each other to do the bidding of Mr. Furnish or that of any other self-constituted candidate for office, and they should not. Delegates are elected to go to the convention to work for the best interests of their party and of the state, and not to further the ambitions of any one man. Officers are chosen to serve the people, and any intimation that the people are becoming slaves to the dictates of an individual is distasteful to the true American and ought to be to every true Republican.

Did Not Down Him.

Union Republican: Over in Marion county a few aspirants for office, and other disgruntled Republicans, have been making considerable noise telling through the press how they were downing Governor Geer in his own county. A few weeks ago, when we were in Salem, we asked one of the Governor's friends what so much noise meant. His reply was: "Oh, it's just like a pig under a gate, lots of noise, but it doesn't hurt anybody." The result of the primaries last week proves that the "pig under the gate" was not counted as the primaries at all. The Governor's friends carried every one of the thirty-nine precincts with big majorities.

A Deep Laid Scheme.

Sumpter Reporter: Hon. W. J. Furnish, recently the Democratic sheriff of Umatilla county, was in town yesterday, but gave the Reporter office a wide berth. This did not prevent the editor from "getting onto" a deep laid plan of the Democrats to obtain control of the executive department of the state. It is short and to the point. Furnish is to secure the nomination for Governor. Chamberlain will be the Democratic nominee, and after the nominations are made the rest is easy. No matter which one is elected, the Democrats will have the Governor. Such nefarious schemes when once exposed are easily defeated, hence this warning.

The Democratic Straw Man.

Union Republican: The more some of the little Democratic papers have to say about their "black and blue swindlers" the more it becomes evident that they do not know what they are talking about. The whole work of these partisan sheets in this connection is simply an effort to discredit Governor Geer and other Republican officials. If any citizen has violated the law, why do not some of these "patriotic" Democratic editors institute legal prosecutions? This would settle the matter. But they are too cowardly for that. It looks as if they had no issue and were trying to make one for the coming campaign.

A Pertinent Question.

Union Republican: Some of the Democratic papers are saying Eastern Oregon demands the Governorship and are urging the Republicans to nominate an Eastern Oregon man and turn down Governor Geer. While it is true this part of the state has not received just recognition in the past, yet why are the Democrats insisting that the Republicans go after the Governorship, and that alone? Is there some other reason? Isn't it possible that in such an act of the Republicans they see their only show of electing a Democrat from Western Oregon Governor?

The Best Man.

Sumpter Morning Reporter: When the Republican State Convention meets we believe Governor Geer will be renominated. The party could not make a better choice. Geer is more of an Eastern Oregon man than any who have yet been named to succeed him. His personal acquaintance in Eastern Oregon is far more extensive. He has lived in Eastern Oregon more years and does and will do more for this part of the state than any other so-called Eastern Oregon men who are pushing themselves for his place.

Efforts at Sectionalism.

Arlington Record: The question of who will be the next Governor is exciting a great deal of comment in the press of the state in both parties. There seems to be a strong effort to array Eastern and Western Oregon against each other over this office. We are unable to see where either section is to get any advantage by having the office of Governor, beyond what crumbs might fall here or there.

On the Fence.

Elgin Recorder: The Portland Oregonian, which is so suddenly raving against the Simon machine, seems to be on the fence on the gubernatorial candidates. It should bear in mind that if a politician such as Furnish is put at the head of state politics that a machine would be in operation, with Salem as headquarters, which would lay the Simon machine in the shade.

Is Very Popular.

Union Republican: Governor Geer will not share the fate of Senator Simon and Congressman Moody, as he is very popular in every part of the state, and will have enough delegates in the State Convention to renominate him without any assistance, or even with the opposition of the Multnomah delegation.

Too Expensive.

Dufur Dispatch: Town Topics seems to think that the Republican party is paying too much for the flop of W. J. Furnish from Democracy if they have to give him the nomination for Governor. He should "go way back and sit down" until his new clothes fit him better.

Is Called a Giant.

Arlington Record: The La Grande Chronicle says the contest for Governor between Mr. Furnish and Mr. Lowell will be a battle of giants. If the Chronicle calls these men giants, what will it call our present Governor when it comes to put eyes on him?

Here's to Geer.

Baker City Republican: Here's to Governor Geer and his excellent admin-

istration. Eastern Oregon is not only with the administration but is intensely patriotic.

FROM DEMOCRATIC PRESS.

Useless Palaver.

Baker City Democrat: To a casual observer; to a man up a tree; to one who is willing to furnish all the rope necessary for them to hang themselves with, it does seem that a great deal of useless palaver is being indulged in by the Republican press of the state concerning the nomination of Banker Furnish, of Pendleton, or some other Eastern Oregon man to be Republican candidate for Governor. It is true, that from a purely Republican, partisan standpoint Banker Furnish would make an ideal candidate. He possesses the two necessary Republican qualifications; he has a long roll and, he is willing to be separated from it. Aside from this he has no more claims on the gubernatorial claim, than have fifteen or twenty thousand other good and useful citizens of the commonwealth, except that he possesses the virtue of having been a Democrat up to a few months ago. But the "long green" owned by Mr. Furnish has unduly excited the Republican editors and the campaign is now on. Herein lies the fallacy of it all. Mr. Furnish might as well keep his hard earned simoleans; the Republican editors might as well keep their shirts on, and the entire Republican party of the state might as well keep cool, because there is no known quantity in Oregon politics that can defeat Tar Timonhy Geer in the race for the Republican nomination. The "Sage of the Waldo Hills" can give Mr. Furnish, Mr. Lovell or Mr. Fulton, either of them separately, or all of them combined, cards, spades and big casino, and then easily win it out. It is Geer's nomination.

Gubernatorial Timber.

The Dalles Mountaineer: It is several months yet until the State Conventions will be held to nominate various state officers, yet there is a bevy of five prominent Republicans who are already willing to be sacrificed on the altar of the party in the capacity of nominee for Governor. First, of course, is Governor T. T. Geer, the Marion county farmer, who desires to succeed himself. Then comes W. J. Furnish, the renegade Democrat and Pendleton banker, who owes everything he ever attained in politics to the Democratic party, but jumped out of that party into the Republican ranks in 1896, and in 1900 was a Presidential Elector for McKinley. Then comes Jonas M. Church, the Union county banker and president of the Oregon League of Republican Clubs. Henry E. Ankeny, the Southern Oregon mining man, and brother of Levi, the Walla Walla banker who wants to be United States Senator from Washington, is also in the race, and is ready to open his "barrel," provided things come his way. Last but not least by any means is Judge Stephen A. Lovell, of Pendleton, a bright lawyer, who has either been after office or has held official positions at the hands of the Republican party ever since he has been in the state. This quintet of statesmen does not probably contain the names of all the gentlemen who have their own consent to accept the nomination for Governor on the Republican ticket, but it is a fair start. If to say the least, when it is taken into consideration that the nominating convention is three months off.

Not a Question of Locality.

The Dalles Mountaineer: Several of our contemporaries are contending for a Governor from Eastern Oregon. Their contention is in a manner commendable, but we fail to see why a Governor from this section is an absolute necessity, or why he would be able or willing to do more for the Inland Empire than one from any other part of the state. The best legislation ever enacted for Eastern Oregon—the bill authorizing the construction of the portage road at Cascade Locks—was enacted while a Portland man was Governor. It matters little from what section the Governor comes so that he is an honest, patriotic, public-spirited citizen.

YERKES GENEROUS TO ART.

American Magnate Pays a Painter \$10,000 Above His Price.

Charles T. Yerkes, who is promoting rapid transit in London, recently sent to Benjamin Constant, the artist, a check for \$20,000, probably the highest price ever paid by anybody for his own portrait, says a Paris cablegram in the Chicago Chronicle.

An original feature of this payment is that the price demanded and agreed to was \$20,000, but Mrs. Yerkes was so pleased with her husband's likeness that the railway magnate added \$10,000, accompanying the check with a note saying: "Which additional sum I pray you to accept as a token of our high admiration of your genius and gratitude for your having consented to bother with such an uninspiring model."

M. Constant proudly answered: "While appreciating your amiable intentions I must decline the voluntary increase. My price cannot vary one way or the other according to the degree of satisfaction felt by my sisters. Therefore on receipt of your permission I will return the \$10,000 into a fund of public charities."

Among Constant's other recent portraits of prominent Americans are those of J. Pierpont Morgan, which he shipped to New York a few weeks ago; Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. The last is not yet finished.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

It is better to take pride in your descendants than in your ancestors. The dandruff in some people's hair seems to work through into their brains. The respect which a good many men have for themselves is in the inverse ratio to the respect which others have for them. Women never learn discretion from experience; no matter how often they walk into a predicament they will do it again just to see if the same thing will happen.

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Seven hundred dollars was paid for a tiny piece of paper recently. The transaction took place in Lippincott's auction rooms at 14 South Seventh street. The little slip was rather crudely engraved. Two words, "Hawaiian Postage," were printed at the bottom. Around a large bold figure 5, which is stamped in the center of the paper, there is a rough scroll design. For this and nothing more—excepting the fact that the little piece of parchment is sole survivor of the first Hawaiian postal issue—an unknown man was willing to pay 700 good American dollars.

For another and still smaller bit of paper, one without any scroll at that, some one was ready to pay \$121. It is a stamp which has survived a great many years, and belonged to the series of early Philadelphia carrier stamps, issued in 1849 and 1850. The letters U. S. P. O. are printed at the top of the document. Then comes the single word "Paid," and under this the denomination—"1 cent."

When it came to buying a real pretty stamp, one with the picture of a bird—the American eagle—nicely engraved on it, the numerous bidders who had gathered in the auction room held their hands on their pocketbooks and refused to separate themselves from more than \$100. This was a stamp issued years ago by Frazer & Co. It was good for two cents when turned into the city dispatch post.

Scores of other stamps, representing issues which are not so rare as the above, were sold for prices ranging from \$10 to \$100.—Philadelphia American.

LOG CABIN PHILOSOPHY.

Et dis worl is de howls' wilderness some folks say it is, a deaf man must be as happy ez a crow in a co'n'fel'. You don't hatter go fur in dis worl ter be happy. All yer got to do is ter set still and think er de yuther fellow. God made de country, en man made de town, en de fust thing man done wux ter 'lect hisse'f hoas er de whole business.

SO FAR BUT NO FARTHER.

"Do you love me?"
"I do."
"Would you die for me?"
"No! Mine is an undying love!"

Boston has now a circulating library for the blind of 12,821 volumes in raised letters. About 500 books are taken out annually by the blind in Massachusetts. The state makes an appropriation for instruction for the blind, but, owing to the cost of sending the bulky books through the mails it is proposed to ask the Government to carry them free. These books, with their raised letters, are very large. The Bible is the most read book among the blind.

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