

## THE SITUATION IN POLITICS

### Forces of the Several Aspirants Are Lining Up

### FOR THE BATTLE OF TO-MORROW

### GOVERNOR GEER'S SUPPORTERS NOW CLAIM A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF FOLLOWERS.

To Win the Contest on the First Ballot in the Convention—No Telling Where the Multnomah Contingent Will Cast Its Votes—An effort to Sidetrack Hon. C. W. Fulton.

PORTLAND, March 31.—The different hotels here are beginning to fill up with delegates and politicians who will decide the many contests in the state convention Wednesday. Of course the Governorship is the main point among all, and while it has generally been conceded that Geer has much the best chance of winning, it is now getting down to a point where the prospects are figured out in black and white, and in these figures it appears that Geer is way ahead of Furnish and that Johns will not cut much of a figure at all.

The following is one of the lists of the probable strength of Geer in the convention, and is considered quite conservative:

Cosco	7
Curry	3
Clatsop	10
Columbia	7
Benton	7
Douglas	5
Gilliam	4
Jackson	11
Josephine	7
Klamath	4
Lake	4
Lincoln	4
Linn	13
Lane	18
Maitland	22
Marion	22
Polk	9
Sherman	4
Wasco	11
Washington	5
Wheeler	4
Yamhill	12

Total 125

This in itself is sufficient to elect without any aid whatever from Multnomah but it is now thought that Geer may easily poll twenty of Multnomah's delegates, which, with his other strength, would land him far over on the safe side, 172 votes being a majority of the convention. Neither is Clackamas (16 votes) counted in this estimate, but which if right should be and will be if the Geer delegates will throw their support to Porter for State Printer. Tillamook has not been counted in this estimate either, as it goes to the convention unpledged, but with a far greater leaning toward Geer than toward any other candidate. In the above list only five votes from Douglas are counted upon, but here, again if Douglas can be given the Attorney-Generalship, which is quite possible, as F. T. Wrightman and the other candidates cannot put up much claim to this office, the full fourteen votes of this delegation can be counted on. Thus, say twenty votes from Multnomah, sixteen from Clackamas, and nine more from Douglas, added to the first 172, would bring the sum up to 229, which is five times as many as Furnish can lay claim to and nearly twenty times as many as Johns boasts of.

Many persons assert that if Multnomah decides to throw the weight of its 67 votes to any one candidate, which it is said it may do if the delegation should adopt the unit rule, it will be able to place the nomination. This is true as far as it relates to Geer, but it is hard to see how Furnish with possibly fifty votes, or Johns with still less, would benefit by receiving this aid. And it is not likely that Multnomah will go in to the convention with an idea of wasting any of its votes on wildcat schemes.

Of course, it is well known Multnomah is not particularly favorable to Geer, but the county has nothing so much against Geer as it has against others whom it would like to thrust into the gubernatorial chair, and thus effectively put them out of the way and have the way clear for Multnomah's candidate for the United States Senate before the coming Legislature. C. W. Fulton is said to be one of these whom they would like to treat thus and a pronounced politician was heard to say that an attempt would be made by Multnomah to stampede the convention for Fulton for Governor, but the aspect of things now gives this a sticky ring.

In regard to other candidates much cannot be said, as a great deal depends on the way the Governorship goes. But if this goes to Geer, it is quite likely the nomination of many of the present state officers will follow.

### To the Convention.

The last of the Salem contingent left Portland last night, to attend the State Convention tomorrow, and the Geer delegation was enthusiastic, and confident of an easy victory. The boys are certain that before the convention opens Governor Geer will be so certain of success, and this fact will be so apparent, that the opposition will quickly disintegrate.

Should the entire Legislative ticket,

recently named in Marion county, will be in Portland today and tomorrow, to aid the state delegates in their work toward securing support for Governor Geer. All of those on the ticket will be there except Frank Davey, who had planned to go, but could not leave, on account of the dangerous illness of his daughter, Miss Vera, who was in a critical condition yesterday.

Attorney General D. R. N. Blackburn, of this city, who has been ill for three months, has been overlooked in the campaign. When seen yesterday, General Blackburn, in discussing the political situation, remarked that some of the papers had stated he would have to find some one outside his own county to nominate him. This, Mr. Blackburn states, is not true, or he has warm supporters in the Linn county delegation, and will be nominated by one of them.

### MISS STONE'S CASE.

### Has Made Mr. Dickinson Very Unpopular in Bulgaria.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—As one result of his activities in the Stone case, Mr. Dickinson has lost his position as diplomatic representative to Bulgaria. Last fall he addressed a very strong representation to the Bulgarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and apparently has not been forgiven, for now information comes to hand that he is persona non grata. It is very probable that our Government, as a manifestation of its displeasure, will refrain from sending another diplomatic agent to Sofia, though it will not be thus prevented from making any demands upon the Bulgarian Government in the matter of the Stone case, which the inquiry, now in progress, may seem to justify.

### TERRIFIC STORM.

### McMINNVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 29.—

The storm last night wrought great destruction at McMinnville. Five factory employes were drowned in the flood. The Falcon rolling mill was the cottages and small buildings in that town were washed away.

### AN ALABAMA CLCCLONE.

### RUSSELLVILLE, Ala., Mar. 29.—

A cyclone passed through Darling, four miles south of Russellville, yesterday, demolishing the Methodist and Baptist churches, wrecking the railroad station and damaging a number of buildings.

### HOME SWEEP AWAY.

### FLORENCE, Ala., Mar. 29.—

The home of Pat Branan, a colored man, three miles from this city, was swept away last night, and several of his family were drowned.

## MINeworkers TO CONSULT

### President John Mitchell Calls the National Executive Board

### WILL DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA AND VIRGINIA COAL FIELDS WHERE TROUBLE EXISTS—STRIKES ORDERED IN OTHER SECTIONS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., A special call was issued from the National headquarters of the United Mineworkers of America, this afternoon, by President John Mitchell, for a meeting of the National Executive Board, April 7th. It is given out by Mitchell that the meeting is to consider both the anthracite situation in Pennsylvania, and the situation in the soft coal fields in Virginia and West Virginia, where strikes involving upwards of 175,000 miners are imminent.

### A Strike Ordered.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 29.—The coal miners employed in the Allegheny and Kiskimuntis valleys have ordered a strike for April 1st, the companies having refused to sign the scale. About 2500 men and thirty-five companies will be affected.

### Another Call.

Saginaw, Mich., March 28.—The United Mineworkers of Michigan have been called out for a general strike, April 1st, on account of the failure of the operators and miners to adjust the differences. The call affects 2300 men.

An exclusively American exposition is to be held in the Crystal Palace, London, England, from May to October, 1902. It is to be an exhibit of all classes of American manufactured goods and already over three-fourths of the available space has been taken by enterprising and representative firms and manufacturing companies. It promises to be successful beyond the expectations of its original promoters.

### What's Your Face Worth?

Sometimes a fortune, but never, if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheeks, Rich Complexion. Only 25 cents at DR. STONE'S drug stores.

Every one ought to know his Shapewear for the plays constitute, on the whole, the foremost text-book which our race has given to the world.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Legal Blanks—Statesman Job Office. Legal Blanks—Statesman Job Office.

## BATTLE WITH THE HATFIELDS

### Attempt to Arrest One of the Gang Results Fatally

### WHILE RAIDING THEIR PLACE

### AN OFFICER AND HIS DEPUTY AND TWO OF THE NOTORIOUS FAMILY ARE KILLED.

### Cattlemen and Sheepmen Fight on the Range and Two Men Are Killed—Frightful Death of a Boy in a Shingle Mill, at Everett, Washington—Fire on an Indian Reservation.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Sensational reports were received today, concerning another fight with the Hatfields in which four were killed. John Rutherford, a detective, had a warrant for the arrest of Ephraim Hatfield, who is wanted in South Carolina. He located Hatfield in Pike county, Ky. Henry Watts went with Rutherford, and they found Ephraim at the home of his father, Thompson Hatfield. Rutherford and Watts broke in the door and secured Ephraim, when the father opened fire. Both officers and both Hatfields were killed.

### Rangemen Fight.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 29.—A special to the Herald from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: A telephone message was received from Big Piney, a small town in Uintah county, stating that a fierce fight occurred on the range yesterday between cattle and sheep men, and that two brothers named Hall had been killed.

### A Boy Killed.

Everett, Wash., March 29.—Julius Seefelt, 15 years old, was killed in a shingle mill this morning, by being thrashed about a revolving shaft. Fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, occurred this morning at Tualip Indian Reservation, consuming the old Catholic church and the girl's dormitory kitchen.

### Mid-Prairie Lake.

Bismarck, N. D., March 29.—This is the fifth day of the isolation of Bismarck from the world, because of a mid-prairie lake at McKenzie. Practically nothing was accomplished today toward relieving the situation. It is predicted that it will be impossible to move railroad trains across the tracks for several days, if not weeks.

### Committee Is Ready.

Washington, March 29.—The special committee appointed by Speaker Henderson to investigate the allegations in connection with the Danish West Indies purchase, held an executive meeting today, and determined to begin investigation next Tuesday. The committee unanimously decided that the hearings would be open to the public.

## GOVERNOR GEER IS ENDORSED

### By the Conventions in Yamhill and Jackson Counties

### AT McMinnville a RESOLUTION, IN FAVOR OF ENDORSING SOME ONE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR, WAS DEFEATED—CRAWFORD IN ROSEBURG.

### McMINNVILLE, Or., March 29.—

The Republican convention today endorsed Geer for Governor, and opposed a resolution in the State Convention for or against any one for United States Senator.

### At Roseburg.

Roseburg, March 29.—The Republican convention was held today. A. M. Crawford, candidate for Attorney General, carried the delegation.

### In Lane County.

Eugene, Lane County, March 29.—The Republican county convention was held today. The delegates are uncommitted on Governor. The delegates to the Congressional Convention are for Tongue. Dr. W. Kuykendall was nominated for Senator.

### In Jackson.

Ashland, March 29.—The county convention today endorsed Geer for Governor and instructed the Jackson county delegation to support him.

### Job Couldn't Have Stood It.

If he'd had itching piles. They're terribly annoying; but Bucklen's Arnica Salve will cure the worst case of piles on earth. It has cured thousands. For injuries, Pains or Bodily Eruptions it's the best salve in the world. Price 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by DR. STONE'S drug stores.

### A Big Storm.

Tupelo, Miss., Mar. 28.—A heavy rain, wind and electrical storm passed through Tupelo this afternoon. Seventy-five negro cabins and the negro church were blown down.

### In Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 28.—Rain has fallen steadily throughout this section of the state since early this morning. Reports from all directions tell of washouts and wrecked bridges, railroad traffic south of Nashville being entirely suspended.

### In North Dakota.

Grafton, N. D., Mar. 28.—The Park river has risen three feet since last night, and the entire northern and eastern part of the city is flooded.

### Traffic Demoralized.

New Orleans, La., Mar. 28.—A wind and rain storm which has prevailed over Southern Mississippi for the last 48 hours demoralized all railway traf-

fic and telegraph communication. Many streams overflowed the banks and all passage from the country has stopped.

### THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

The sermon on the mount is real; Its meaning, too, is simple, clear. It is not vague, nor wild ideal, But social code for mortals here.

Grand, glorious words of heavenly greeting.—The Constitution and the Law Of Christ's republic, Love completing Man's brotherhood without one flaw.

The Sermon on the Mount when reading, Few churchmen seem to comprehend. Its precepts, mandates, some are heeding, Though many twist, subvert, amend!

The Sermon on the Mount states clearly, That love, unselfish, paves the way, While creeds and forms and names are merely Dead husks and chaff that drift, decay.

Unholy gain and savage striving—Accursed of God, from first to last. Yet, overreaching, base conniving, Still stalk abroad, unshamed, unlast.

Our love, the good of all securing, And in their wear our blessings find; Pure, social justice, like insuring Heaven on earth for all mankind.

—Lydia Platt Richards.

### A Democratic Plan.

Washington, March 29.—The Democratic members of the Senate Committee on the Philippines today agreed upon a substitute for the Philippine bill, to be offered by them. It provides that the United States shall relinquish all claims of sovereignty over the Philippine archipelago, but that the United States shall continue to occupy and govern the archipelago until the people thereof shall have established a government, and until sufficient guarantees have been obtained for the performance of our treaty obligations with Spain, and for the safety of those inhabitants who have adhered to the United States, and for the maintenance and protection of all rights which have accrued under the authority thereof.

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fifteen, twenty-five and fifty-cent pieces is to be one cent each.

Perhaps in no better way can the reader come to understand the pressing need for postal currency than to recall the times without number when he himself has been desirous of sending a small sum of money through the mails with safety. Always in such cases comes up the barrier, and only the persistent one will carry out his purpose, by using stamps, coin placed in holes in pieces of pasteboard, or risking loose money. The average person will not expend the valuable time required for the journey to the post-office for a money order. Only the pressure of necessity in the absence of a simple convenient system brings to the money order system its present patronage. Statistics show that from ten to twenty times the number of letters received by business houses, publishers, and others who do a large business through the mails, contain stamps, loose money, or some other representative of money, than contain money orders, a clear enough mark of the disapproval of the public.

While it is not thought that, if adopted, the proposed system would entirely supersede the money order system, because for amounts over \$50 the money order would be slightly cheaper, it is thought by the advocates of the pending bills that such a system of post checks would prove a great convenience to those desiring to send small amounts of money through the mails, and would result in gain to merchants, publishers and business firms who now receive such remittances in the form of stamps (often torn and mutilated), drafts on small banks, or loose coin in letters—always a temptation to postal employes. All of these forms of remittance entail some loss, in many cases to the receiver, and to that extent, perhaps, a creditor is unjustly defrauded, innocently it may be, by the debtor. Under the new system of making remittances would be done away with, owing to the simplicity and these troublesome and unfair methods of convenience of the post checks, and the cost of sending the remittance would be placed where it properly belongs—with the sending debtor or the person making the purchase.

## MARCH MARRIAGES

### NINETEEN LICENSES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY CLERK DURING LAST MONTH.

During the month of March, just closed, nineteen marriage licenses were issued in the county clerk's office. Below is given a list of the applicants for permits to wed, together with the witnesses in each case, and the date of issuance of the license.

March 1st.—J. W. Sayre and Esther M. Campbell, J. H. Farrar, witness.

March 3d.—Samuel B. Updegraff and Bessie M. Gesner, S. G. Rundlett, witness.

March 4th.—Peter Fahr and Gema E. Burtness, Elmer K. Burtness witness.

March 5th.—R. J. Janz and Elizabeth Gash, J. W. Gash, witness; Homer H. Smith and Frances G. Parkhurst, J. W. Gunn, witness, and Curtis R. Seelye and Stella D. Kirkpatrick, E. J. Seelye, witness.

March 12th.—Geo. L. Hostetter and Nora A. Troyer, A. J. Laas, witness.

March 22d.—Frank Decker and Pearl Heater, H. B. Scott, witness and LeRoy Wilson and Eva Pearl Nichols, Geo. H. Nichols, witness.

March 24th.—John O. R. Duke and Miss Bertha Hofer, R. A. Kirk, witness, and Percy Roy Burton and Caroline Emely Ackerman, S. E. Purvine, witness.

March 25th.—G. W. Knight and Minnie Whitney, H. A. Hinkle, witness; J. G. Kinsey and C. E. Herrick, O. E. Richardson, witness and Charles W. Claggett and Triphobia Adella Goodrich, Wm. Goodrich, witness.

March 26th.—William P. Hicks and Stella Kirk, Harry Hicks, witness.

March 28th.—John F. Richards and Emma Titze, Albert Titze, witness.

March 29th.—Samuel H. Van Trump and Jennie Cline, A. T. Cline, witness.

March 31st.—A. J. Michler and Miss Gussie Miller, Henry J. Miller, witness.

## BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

The light that blesses the wise man burns the foolish moth.

To refuse a right responsibility may be to reject a great reward.

When you have made a child glad you may have made a man good.

He who drinks much thinks little, and he who thinks much drinks little.

When you have the devil under your heel don't be scared by his bellowing.

It's a poor plan to promise to pray for your pastor and then to pinch him on his pay.

It is better to grow into a place of power than to be blown into one of popularity.

The great man is he who realizes the limits of his abilities and the possibilities of his capacity.

True riches must be measured by what is given to others instead of what is ground from them.

Colonel Clowry, the new president of the Western Union, who rose to his present position from a messenger boy, says that all a boy needs to have to rise in the world is industry, perseverance, persistence, intelligence, integrity, ability and honesty. Anybody with such a vocabulary of virtues ought to accomplish anything.

Salem is getting some of the new comers. But we should get more than we do. No doubt we will get more next year, after the emigration machinery of the Harriman lines is in full motion, like the Northern line.

Treasurer notices printed on cloth at the Statesman office.

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The Used Car Store  
Dr. H. H. Peters