

ASSURANCE OF RACE MEETING

PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN WILL PUT UP NECESSARY MONEY. ENTHUSIASM RUNS VERY HIGH

Only Remains to Start Subscription Paper, the Rest Will Be Easy.

Statesman Canvasses Feeling of Local Merchants—Finds all Ready to Contribute—One Man Willing to Make One of Fifty to Raise Amount.

The Greater Salem Commercial Club met and adjourned on Monday evening leaving one of the most important and interesting questions to have come before it untouched and undecided.

President Hofer, at the meeting Monday evening, gave ample opportunity and extended an invitation to any one who desired to bring up the subject but there was none there to espouse the cause and the matter fell flat.

One or two merchants expressed regret that the State Fair had been cut off for this year, and admitted that they were somewhat inclined to buck on that account.

to have the question decided one way or another before the end of the week.

Treating Wrong Disease.

Many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from nervous exhaustion, another from nervous exhaustion or prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present themselves to the doctor, who, being ignorant of the cause of their suffering, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality they are all suffering from the same disease.

Dr. R. V. Primm, Buffalo, N. Y.

officially or otherwise, I am willing to be one of a hundred to raise the sum required; indeed, fifty men should be sufficient to make good the amount and never know that they were hurt, even if the whole fund should be declared affected—which latter is not at all likely if what President Downing of the State Fair Board gives me to understand is true.

"To be sure, I am in favor of a race meeting," says genial, generous and public-spirited "Jack" Rogers. "Anything to be doing something and show the balance of the state that we are alive and still on the map. If it were not for the State Fair and the Legislature there was such a place as Salem in the state. I am sorry that we could not have a State Fair this year, but what is the use of 'crying over spilt milk.' It cannot be helped now, of course, and I am in favor of doing the next best thing. It is my opinion that the business interests of the city would be even more benefited from a strictly business standpoint with the race meeting alone than with the State Fair, since a very large percentage of the people who attend the State Fair never so much as look at the pavilion but spend the whole of their time at the race course. These people remain at the Fair Grounds in the evening simply because there is no place to go and then they stand around and discuss the features of the speed events that occurred during the day. By all means give us a race meeting."

Hal D. Patton, of the firm of Patton Bros.: "If the people who are directly benefited by having the race meeting want it, I want it." This brief, but characteristic speech was uttered by Mr. Patton in his usual genial and benevolent spirit which brands him as being always in favor of any public enterprise which makes for the amusement or entertainment of the people and he finished with the assurance that he was willing to stand his share of the expense.

These are only a few of the great many expressions made to a Statesman reporter during his usual rounds yesterday afternoon, and were it not for the lack of space a great number of other prominent and influential men could be quoted as being favorable to the proposition. It would seem then that the only thing that remains to do is for some one to start out with a subscription blank and ask the business men to guarantee this fund which is required by the board as, not only an act of good faith but as an insurance against a too heavy loss to the board should the meeting prove unprofitable from a financial standpoint.

The dates for the race meeting have already been set, by the meeting of the North Pacific Racing Association, at Portland last fall, and, unless cancelled by the board of Agriculture, the meeting will take place between September 11 and 16, a six-day meeting. In case no definite action is taken at the meeting as all the purses are expected to be made good by the entries, the board will have no recourse to the guarantee fund and it will revert to the credit of the donors. Some of those who are discussing the question yesterday were in favor of the calling of another meeting of the club for this week for the sole purpose of taking up and deciding this matter.

Doing the Right Thing. The trouble begins with a tickling in the throat and a nagging little cough. Soreness in the chest follows and the patient wonders if he is going to have an all winter cold. Probably, if he does the wrong thing or nothing. Certainly not if he uses Perry Davis' Pinkettes, the stomachic remedy that cures a cold in twenty-four hours. There is but one Pinketter, Perry Davis'.

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TERROR REIGNS FOR GOOD ROADS

APOSTLES OF THE BOMB AND RED FLAG BOLDLY DEFLY POLICE OF ST. PETERSBURG.

Latter Confess Inability to Cope With Situation—Vladimir Notified of His Condemnation—To Shield Him, Wife Accompanies Him Everywhere.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28.—The utter impotency of the police in the face of the terrorist organization is shown by the increasing boldness of the latter all over St. Petersburg. Even on the side of the public buildings simple notices of Grand Duke Sergius' death were found. They read:

The Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, whose husband, the Grand Duke Vladimir, is high on the list of those condemned to death, is trying to shield his life with her own. Since last Sunday the Grand Duke has not only been showered with threats and warnings, but has twice received from abroad formal letters signed by different groups informing him of his sentence to death and of the assignment of men to execute it.

For a time the entrance of his family and the warnings of the police sufficed to keep him within the walls of the palace, but since the funeral of Grand Duke Sergius, Grand Duke Vladimir has shaken off restraint, declaring that he refuses to show cowardice, and not only drives out in a closed carriage but on Sunday walked for a short time up and down the quay in front of the winter palace. At his side, however, on each occasion, was the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna. The Grand Duke tries to elude her, but she insists on being immediately apprised if he goes out, donning wraps and accompanies him.

Today Grand Duke Vladimir received a letter from one group which had previously warned him, saying his sentence was temporarily suspended, which is attributed to a more correct appraisal of his share in the events of January 22, or to a general decision of the terrorists to give the autocracy a breathing spell and await the result of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius.

The latter coincides with the views of those acquainted with the methods of the terrorists, who point out that a succession of assassinations would defeat their object by compelling the Emperor in the interests of safety of the imperial family to thrust aside all questions of concession and to sanction the most drastic measures of repression.

Snake River Dry. Mighty Dam for Twin Falls Irrigation Works Receiving Its Water.

BOISE, Idaho, March 1.—For the first time since man has known the stream, the Snake river is dry today and the thunders of the great Shoshone falls were hushed tonight. The gates of the Twin Falls dam were closed and the reservoir back of the dam is now filling, receiving the entire stream. This is constructed to divert water to irrigate the Twin Falls tract of 270,000 acres. The work cost a million and a half dollars.

PRIZE FUND OF \$2000 TO BE OFFERED BY SALEM NEB ASSURED.

Residents of Sidney Neighborhood Subscribe Volunteer Work to Amount of \$1000 Toward Improvement of Independence-Halls Ferry Road.

The \$2000 prize fund is now assured, only a few hundred dollars being necessary to complete the amount, part of which has already been promised. Owing to the rush of work attendant upon the first of the month the committee will not resume its canvass until next Monday, when the fund will be closed up. This plan of securing the improvement of the highways leading into Salem has met with great favor among the leading business men of the city and many liberal donations have been made voluntarily, some even requesting the committee by telephone to call and secure their subscriptions.

It is now up to the residents along the roads leading into Salem to get busy and start their subscription papers for volunteer work, with a view to securing a slice of the prize fund of \$2800, of which \$800 will be donated by the county court. There will be seven prizes to compete for, ranging from \$700 to \$100, and it is understood that the enterprising people residing along some of the roads terminating in this city have already taken steps to get a share of the prize money. The county court will purchase and operate a gravel screen for the benefit of the competitors and in this way the best material obtainable for road improvement will be brought into use.

Indications are that other sections of the county will also break the record in the matter of permanent road improvement during the coming season. The residents of road district No. 27 have subscribed work to the amount of \$1000 toward the improvement of the Independence and Halls Ferry road. The amount of the subscription is to be increased and splendid results are promised. The county court will also be asked to help some and no doubt will come to the aid of the wide-awake people of the Sidney county.

Convention at Grants Pass. It has now been definitely arranged by the county court of Josephine county and the Grants Pass Miners' Association that a good roads convention will be held in Grants Pass on March 20 and 21, under the auspices and direction of the Oregon Good Roads Association. Judge J. O. Booth, vice president of the Good Roads Association, together with C. L. Mangum, of the Grants Pass Miners' Association, and W. E. Goman, of the Southern Pacific, are working hard to make the coming meeting one of the best ever held in the state. The State Agricultural College and State University are also assisting, and will supply speakers. Last, but not least, the Woman's Club of Grants Pass is lending a hand.

Among the speakers for the convention will be Governor Chamberlain, President John H. Scott, of the Good Roads Association; Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and several other prominent men and leaders of the good roads movement in the state.

To Appoint Committees. The good roads committee of the Portland Commercial Club has prepared a request asking that each organization of the Oregon Development League appoint a permanent good roads committee. Each organization in the state is also requested to send a delegation to the second annual meeting of the league to be held in Portland in April. The members of the local committee have been requested to attend the good roads convention to be held at Grants Pass March 20 and 21.

YOUNG DANE WINS EASILY

YOUNG CORBETT LOSES BATTLE IN THE NINTH ROUND.

BATTILING NELSON A WHIRLWIND

Ex-Champion Shows Occasional Flashes of His Erstwhile Championship Speed.

Fight Was a Certainty After Fifth for Chicago Lad—Had the Denverite Going at all Stages—Corbett Sorry Figure and Seconds Throw up Sponge

WOODWARD PAVILION, San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Battling Nelson, of Chicago, made Young Corbett, of Denver, appear like the veriest tiro at the fighting game tonight, when he practically knocked him out in the middle of the ninth round, in order to save their man from a complete knockout, the seconds threw up the sponge.

The man who twice met Terry McGovern was not in it with the young Dane at any stage of the game. He seemed to lack speed and certainly he lacked accuracy. In the early part of the fight, on several occasions, he straightened Nelson up with rights and lefts on the jaw, but when it came to following up the advantage his swings went wild. He seemed to be over-anxious while Nelson was at all times cool and confident. In the seventh round, when it appeared as if Corbett was practically gone, he showed a flash of his old-time speed and landed several severe punches on Nelson's ribs and jaw. It was only a spurt, however, and Corbett soon lapsed into a semi-groggy condition which lasted until the end of the fight.

Nelson's plan of battle was to force Corbett around the ring, keeping close to him all the time. Whenever Corbett missed a swing, Nelson was there with a return which generally landed from the corner or against the ropes and landed heavy blows at will. Corbett in some way, managed to protect himself from a knockout blow until the middle of the ninth round. In a jiffy Nelson swung his right over to the jaw and Corbett went down. He remained down for a count of nine and then stood up against the ropes with his hands lowered and unable to protect himself. Nelson partially topped him over with a swing on the jaw but he over Corbett was fairly on the mat his seconds threw up the sponge. The round lasted two minutes and thirty-five seconds.

In the eighth round Nelson had Corbett against the ropes and the Denver man claimed a foul and lowered his hands. Nelson then demonstrated he was Corbett's superior in speed, in accuracy and aim, in ability to take punishment, and stiff punishment, at that. After the fight Corbett had very little to say. He had no excuses to offer. Nelson was very happy and announced his next effort would be to obtain a fight with Britt who has once defeated him.

The fight tonight was heavily played by the betting element. The odds were 10 to 8 and eagerly snapped at by Corbett's admirers. There was plenty of Nelson money in sight and all bets offered were taken.

NOT INTERESTED

MARION COUNTY PEOPLE NOT DISPOSED TO TAKE PART IN REFERENDUM MOVEMENT.

Think Governor Should Have Either Signed or Vetted Measure—Regard Repeal of Law as Too Expensive Because of Interest Which would Accrue

An agitation has been started in Yamhill county to invoke the referendum feature of the constitution against the general appropriation bill which was passed by the last Legislature, known as House bill No. 376 and carrying approximately \$1,050,000 for the support of the institutions and departments of the state for the next biennial term. The principal objections to the measure are that the items of maintenance of the different state educational institutions should not have been put into the bill as a rider, especially the state normal schools, and that appropriations for the latter are too large. These items alone aggregate in the neighborhood of \$300,000. According to a dispatch from McMinnville to a Portland paper last evening a mass meeting of the citizens of that city was held at the court house on Monday evening, when the ball for the invoking of the referendum against the bill was started rolling. It was claimed that about 2000 signatures could be obtained in Yamhill county alone.

This bill was originally reported or introduced in the House by the ways and means committee, practically as it stands today, with the exception that it contained an emergency clause. This latter, however, was struck out upon the advice of Governor Chamberlain, who sent a message to both branches of the Legislature threatening to veto the bill unless this clause was stricken off. He also, in the same message, demanded that the appropriations for the state university, agricultural college, and normal schools be excluded from this bill and incorporated in a separate measure, attaching a penalty of veto in case of failure to do so. The Legislature acceded to his first demand, but elected to ignore the latter and adopted the bill. It is now in the hands of the secretary of state without the Governor's signature. In the House

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HIS CANDIDACY

FOR THAT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF OREGON ANNOUNCED BY JAMES WITCOMBE.

Is the Product of No Party or Clan, He Declares, and Will Depend for Nomination on New Primary Election Law—Friends Have Urged Him.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 28.—Formal announcement of his candidacy for Governor of Oregon on the Republican ticket was made today by Dr. James Withycombe, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, and perhaps the man most confidently mentioned as candidate in the political gossip of the last several months. Dr. Withycombe is coming out on a distinctively personal platform. He states broadly that he depends purely on the primary election system for his nomination, and it is stated that he is allied with no organization or machine. To the Statesman correspondent he said this morning: "I am a candidate for the Governorship of the state. My candidacy is the result of urgent solicitation on the part of friends, and I leave it entirely to them."

"Three years ago I was earnestly requested by a number of prominent Republicans of the state, as well as by personal friends throughout Oregon, to contest the nomination with ex-Governor Geer and Mr. Furnish, but, believing that the ex-Governor was entitled to the nomination, I declined to allow my name to be mentioned at that time. When Mr. Furnish won out in the convention I fell in line and supported him loyally throughout the campaign. "I have for thirty years been a loyal and consistent Republican, and a sound money man and a rational protectionist. I have always supported and worked for the nominee of my party for every important office, and although I am not factional, I am not antagonistic to any faction or organization. I believe in clean politics and that every office should be filled with men of unquestioned integrity, men whose past lives are as an open book, where no turned-down pages hint of hidden weaknesses. If the people of Oregon desire me to be their candidate, I will accept the nomination, and if selected will do all in my power for the upbuilding of our good state."

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Mukden (Noon), Feb. 28.—Fighting is in progress today along the whole line, the Japanese attacking everywhere. All attacks of this morning were beaten back and the Russians made counter attacks in many places. On the right flank the Russians occupied the village of Bontazi, which is close to Sandiapu, and from this position hurled hand grenades across the intervening ravine into the Japanese trenches in Sandiapu, causing heavy loss and disorder.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Japanese legation today received the following official advice: "Our detachment February 23 attacked the enemy at Chingchong, thirty miles east of Pensiho. A strong snow storm and the steep nature of the ground and the melting ice at Tatzho greatly hindered our movements, but by noon the first line had managed to press closely the enemy's positions and to deliver a fierce attack. The enemy offered a stout resistance. At daybreak of February 24, we renewed the attack, followed by grenade fighting and in the evening Chingchong fell into our hands. The enemy retreated northward, burning Chingchong and leaving on the field 150 of their dead. The enemy's losses are believed to be considerable."

Mukden, March 1.—The seizure of the railroad bridge across the Shakhe river was the occasion of a sharp combat. The Russians succeeded in surprising the Japanese bridge guards and being shortly reinforced, beat off all attempts of the Japanese to regain possession of it. The Japanese are using heavy artillery in the fight of Pailoff Hill. The losses to the defending forces are insignificant. The road of artillery firing is going on unceasingly from the mountains to the eastward, and to the low flats on the Hun river. The fight appears to be developing in intensity all along the whole line.

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