

Wood-Geer Men to Combine

DEMOCRATS TO GO TO GEER

C. E. S. Wood Said to Have Withdrawn From the Race

Another Story of an Anti-Administration Trade for the Congressional Vacancy

Plan to Capture Tongue's Seat in This District by Help of Geer Republicans

Out of the multitude of interests are born many strange vagaries, and not the least mysterious of all is a great general political swap to make Geer senator, and carry the party split into the coming congressional election in this district.

The first step in this direction is to get C. E. S. Wood out of the way and give the Democrats in the legislature an easy way to walk into the Geer camp, as some of them were walked over to Mitchell in 1901.

Wood for Geer. The Portland Oregonian today has this:

"No little stir was created among the Democrats today by receipt of a letter addressed to Representative Galloway, from C. E. S. Wood, Democratic candidate for senator, advising Democrats to vote for ex-Governor Geer. The contents of the letter have not been generally divulged but it is known that Mr. Wood takes the position that under the Mays act the people of the state last June declared themselves against him and for Geer. His argument is that it is thus mandatory upon the entire legislature to cast a united ballot for Geer."

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Another Trade Plan. A prominent Democrat at Salem has divulged a plan to get all the Democrats to vote for Geer, and in return have the Geer men in this congressional district assist in the election of a Democrat congressman to succeed Tongue next spring. They argue that such a trade was virtually made in the interest of Chamberlain without Governor Geer himself becoming a party to it, although not discouraging it. They could consistently make the same kind of a trade if it would ensure them an anti-administration congressman from the first district. Of course, there is no authority for the proposition, and at present the plan rests in the minds of a few managers, who will no doubt assiduously cultivate the trade microbe.

THE VOTE IS WHAT COUNTS

Geer Was Perfectly Confident of Success

Before the Vote on [Senator Was Taken

Hon. T. T. Geer, when seen by a reporter before the ballot for senator was taken expressed every confidence

in his election. He said that a case had never been known where the vote of the people had been disregarded on any question submitted to them.

"The fact that no other candidate appeared on the ticket should not serve as a bar against me, for I took the first step in order to show other candidates my intentions, and to give them a chance to appear, and if this vote of the people is overlooked, it will be rewarding those who did not permit the people to express their opinion of their candidacy. Such a violent step as to overlook the vote would be without precedent.

"Of course, the case has no legal status, only a high moral one, and in every case heretofore, the opinion of the people, as expressed at the ballot box, has already received consideration.

"When the presidential electors met two years ago to vote for McKinley a vote for Roosevelt would have been perfectly legal, although he had not been on the ballot for president, and so if the voters had desired the election of any other candidate than myself, they could have voted for him, but whatever the case, the majority vote is what counts."

Marion County Salary Bill

The State Bar Association will present to the legislature a bill making the salaries and expenses of the county officials payable by the board of county commissioners, the same as claims against the county held by anyone else. This is meant to do away with any extra fees and extra expense account.

BONDS OF THE SHERIFF ARE MISSING

Bondsmen Not Liable for Second Term

If Not Found County Must Lose Entire Amount

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WORLD'S FAIR BILL

Put Through House at \$500,000

Gets a Fretty Free Handed Debate

But all the Sections Were Finally Agreed to

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole this morning with Eddy in the chair and proceeded with the consideration of the Lewis and Clark fair appropriation bill. With but two slight amendments, limiting the liability of the state and providing for the filling of vacancies in the board of directors by the governor; the bill was adopted by section, and in its entirety, and reported back to the house as recommended by the special committee, to whom it was referred. Several attempts to hamper the bill by making the availability of the appropriation conditional on the raising subscriptions from other sources were defeated. The bill, upon motion, was considered engrossed and was placed on the calendar for third reading.

Debate on the Bill.

Everything passed off smoothly until the committee encountered the section providing for the appropriation of \$500,000. Hale, of Josephine, moved an amendment, which, in effect, provided that no part of the proposed appropriation be made available until the directors of the fair could satisfactorily show the secretary of state and state treasurer that an available exposition fund of at least \$1,000,000 existed from private and corporate subscriptions, exclusive of state and national appropriations. The amendment was seconded as stated. Malarkey, of Multnomah, spoke at length in support of the bill in its original form. The adoption of such an amendment and its provisions would kill the bill and the contemplated enterprise. In explaining his position, Hale said that he is not opposed to the exposition, nor is he unfriendly to Portland, but the interests of the taxpayers, who are called upon to provide the fund. To be a success a greater sum than \$500,000 is required, he said, and it was due the taxpayer that his interests be served. Jones, of Lincoln, said his constituency favored the exposition, and for that reason he would oppose the amendment. If the appropriation bill must be defeated, he desired that it be killed on its own merits, and not as the result of filibustering. Cornett argued that the adoption of the amendment would in all probability defeat aid to the fair from other sources. Wheatdon, a member of the committee which recommended the passage of the bill, thought the measure merited the favorable consideration of the legislators. The committee, said he, had so amended the bill that the state's liability in the premises is limited to the amount of the proposed appropriation, \$500,000. Davey spoke at length in favor of the bill in its original form. He considered that the meagre outlay by the state would be many times returned by the subsequent benefits that are sure to accrue to the state, whose undeveloped resources offered abundant opportunity for settlement to the numerous Eastern people who are coming Westward. Gault opposed the appropriation, because it means the doubling of state taxes, which emigrants already claim are too high. For that reason he questioned if the holding of the exposition, under the circumstances, would not prove a detriment, rather than an advantage to the state. Banks, of Multnomah, talked for the measure, but became involved in a good-natured controversy with Gault, who preceded him. "Mr. Hale and Mr. Gault insist on talking about the poor taxpayer," stated Banks. "I did not mention the taxpayer," interrupted Gault rising to his feet. "Well, you stated that your people are opposed to the exposition,"

continued Banks. "The gentleman is again mistaken," again interrupted the Washington representative. "Then what did you say?" queried Banks. "I will not repeat my remarks," responded the interrupting member. "Why, Mr. Chairman," resumed Mr. Banks, "every woman in Washington county will have sold enough butter and eggs during the first 60 days of the exposition to make up the aggregate of that county's share of the appropriation for the support of the fair." "Do you mean to say that the women of Washington county would not be able to sell the same amount of butter and eggs if the fair was not held," asked Gault. "That is certainly just what I mean," retorted the member from Multnomah county, and the incident closed.

Chairman Eddy stated the amendment, and the same was defeated by an overwhelming vote. Phelps offered an amendment, the same in its provisions as the Hale amendment, except the amount stated was \$500,000. After some further discussion the amendment was rejected by an almost unanimous vote. Succeeding sections of the bill were read and adopted without discussion. The committee arose and reported to the house. Report was adopted. On motion of Malarkey, the bill was considered engrossed and placed on calendar for third reading.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CLERKS

List of Persons Appointed to Date

- Supt. of clerks—Chas. T. Curry. Stenographers—Miss Myrtle McDaniel, Mr. Benton Bowman, Miss Charlotte Ohio, Miss K. Gertrude Bashor, Miss Flora Hallock. Chief clerks—E. R. Mumme, M. F. Powell, C. S. Jackson, J. U. Campbell. Committee clerks—Sam Wouri, Jas. Stewart, Scott Morris, Robt. Virtue, Miss Julia Fullerton, Miss D. Hannan, S. H. Rock, J. McNulty, Miss Ora Smith, Thos. Call, Lou Harlow, Thos. Newstead, Miss Carrie Willis, Mrs. May Chapman, Mrs. Francis E. Ellis, Miss Christine Borth, Ed. Joseph, C. I. Roberts, S. A. Pennick, Miss Ida Funk, Miss Mabel Creighton, J. T. Jacobi, Mrs. Lottritz, Samuel Motherhead. E. J. Ellison is representing the Remington typewriter company here, which is placing a large number of machines at the state house. Larry Sullivan is a prominent lobbyist here from Portland.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CREATED

On the Revision of the Laws

Consider the Lewis and Clark Fair Bill

The Senate Passes Some Little Charter Bills

House was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. A. Ritchey, of the First Christian church, of Salem.

Eddy's amendment to house rule 35, providing for 40 standing committees for the house, instead of 39, as at present, was adopted. The additional committee consists of revision of laws.

Special committee on Lewis and Clark fair appropriation bill reported favorably on measure, with one slight amendment. Report adopted.

Resolutions committee recommended concurrence by the house in S. C. R. 13, providing for employment of 14 experts to examine books and affairs at different state institutions. Adopted.

Select committee reported favorably on H. B. 5 Adopted.

At 10 o'clock house, on motion of Eddy, resolved itself into committee of the whole for the consideration of H. B. No. 1, providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark centennial. Eddy acted as chairman. The bill was considered, section by section.

Senate—Tuesday Morning.

Called to order at 10 a. m. Prayer by Rev. Rabing, of the United Evangelical church.

Message from the secretary of state—resolutions adopted by last legislature—No. 1, election of state printer.

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