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THE RESULT IN THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

There is much murmuring among Republicans over the result of the congressional convention to name a successor to the late Thos. H. Tongue, who died in Washington last January.

In the spring of 1896 the Republican convention at Albany retired Congressman Binger Hermann, after a hard fight, and Hermann became commissioner of the general land office under McKinley, and continued under Roosevelt.

Owing to friction with Secretary Hitchcock, of the department of the interior, Hermann resigned in February, and came home, and announced his intention to become a candidate for congress to succeed Tongue.

It is a remarkable fact that Hermann lacked the same number of votes of a renomination at the Eugene convention that he did at Albany. At Albany he had older men against him as candidates.

The people of this district wanted the Republicans to put up a new man at this time, and that was the real sentiment of the convention, but the feeling for a new man could not find expression, and so failed to materialize into practical form.

The Democrats will seek at Albany today to voice the sentiment of the district on this point, and will nominate a young man for congress—probably Mr. Reames, of Jackson county.

That is the situation as to men. What is the situation as to politics? The Eugene convention stands for state and national policies of the Republican party.

The platform of Hermann endorses the Roosevelt administration at every point and emphasizes the demand for improvement of the rivers and harbors. This is Mr. Hermann's strong suit card.

The platform at Albany will prob-

ably be straight Democracy. They may praise the Roosevelt administration for some political effect in this district, but not because they uphold the Roosevelt policies.

There will be the usual Socialist and prohibitionist candidates, and both may be looked to too get a larger vote than ever before.

Can a Democrat be elected in this district? Not ordinarily. There is not a Democratic county in the district.

Will the Republicans defeat Hermann this time to make room for a new man in the district next spring? There is no doubt but that Hermann will receive a large vote outside of the Republican party. Will it be enough to overcome possible Republican defection?

With a popular candidate, especially if he were an able and independent man, and a skillfully waged, vigorous campaign, the opposition might carry the district.

But he would have to be a remarkably able Democrat who would not be swept away at the very next election in 1904, when this district will be carried for the Republican candidate for President by tremendous majorities, if Roosevelt is the man and retains his present popularity.

Under all these circumstances the nominee of the Eugene convention will probably be elected congressman against all the odds and obstacles that now apparently stack up against him.

CONSUL OF WOMEN.

Judge Judah gives some advice that hits the bullseye, when he says members of labor unions should take counsel with their wives before acting on matters of importance in industrial affairs.

The wage-earner has in his wife in almost every instance his most potential helper in solving the financial problems—she being the wage-saver and the economist in matters that count for the home.

There would probably be few strikes if the members of labor unions would fully and freely consult the better-half of the family as to the ultimate consequences of such actions.

Two heads are always better than one, especially if they counsel fully and freely, and only man and wife can, upon practical matters affecting the family income and outgo, and even the policies of the labor organization itself.

It is due the women of the family that she be informed of the objects of the labor union, and of its relation to the business interests of the community, and if its attitude toward public policies.

The counsel of women in the homes of the workers will always be found on the side of morality and economy, on the side of conservative action for the welfare of the family and thus for

the protection of the community's higher interests.

THE NUISANCE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Businessmen complain with much justice that they are subjected in these days to numerous appeals every week to sign this subscription paper and that.

The businessman has two qualities that make him the prey of the subscription solicitor—he has the ready money or his signature is good, and he is conveniently accessible to the pestiferous importunist for aid.

If all the businessmen pooled their issues of donations, gave them in a lump sum to somebody like the Commercial club, and sent all applicants to that body, it would attain a great saving.

The whole amount of innumerable small subscriptions would be given in a lump sum, and there could be patient investigation into the merits by a disinterested official who would not make enemies by refusal.

Not the smallest tax the merchant pays is this imposition on his good nature and close proximity to the sidewalk. If he is at all flush or easy-going in such matters it is probably the greatest tax he pays.

The subscription business has become a veritable nightmare to the businessman. It is a terror to the honest man as well as the rascal.

NOTES ON THE CONVENTION.

Even the tellers were slated.

"The original sound money man" was several times nominated.

Well, Salem has a gravel bar to remove and Hermann can do it.

Geo. C. Brownell again proved his claim to the title of king of convention orators.

About all the Marion county delegation had to do was to get their return tickets signed.

The partnership heretofore existing between Bu Gee, Ham Nom and Low Cow, has been dissolved.

Campbell-Dimeck-Ryan, the big three of Clackamas county, came near having things their own way in the convention.

Capt. Ormsby came home a bigger man than he went to Eugene. He will be minister to Rooshia or some other seaport, at least.

Thomas Jackson, the Indian storekeeper at Siletz, was one of the most loyal Hermann delegates at the Eugene convention.

Well, the Oregonian fought Hermann and Brownell with the usual result. One prevailed over the convention and the other is the nominee.

Before Mr. Gatch can become congressman he must take some lessons in promising. He is still in the kindergarten stage when it comes to giving away federal offices.

Mr. Gatch made a strong candidate and made a favorable impression. This is his second appearance in the congressional arena and he may yet be representative from the first district.

Well, say, Brownell is not the only slippery eel in Clackamas county. They are a hard lot to handle in politics as she is played, as some of the Marion county men found to their grief.

Walter Toose showed himself an able and adroit convention orator. He made as good a speech as Brownell and turned one point completely against the old man eloquent from Clackamas.

E. P. McCornack had Hermann down for three hours flat on his back but the old man wiggled out, got up and walked to the front in great style. He surprised even his old friends. But those naughty candidates!

Tom Kay showed his fearlessness and abundance of moral stamina in protesting against the rough-shod machine way of running things and then his good politics by moving to make Hermann's nomination unanimous.

E. H. Belknap of Benton, ex-legislator, and ex-minister, now farmer and political manager for Binger Hermann, turned the tide in Hermann's favor in his own caucus when the Hermann men assembled to consider who to go to and virtually confessed their defeat. Belknap was a host for Hermann.

"According to program" will be a by-word in this district for many a day. The Brownell-Hermann organization was as neat a piece of machine politics as has ever been executed in Oregon or elsewhere. Tammany

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state-medium writers were not in it. Booth, Kuykendall, Marsters and Harris are past-masters of the art.

JOURNAL X-RAYS.

Jim Jam Hill has not said a word about the merger since he came home from Europe.

Binger accepted the nomination with thanks, but, then, if he hadn't, someone else would.

The Red Cross Society needs the services of a White Cross Society to take care of its wounded.

If the league could be stopped from playing baseball Sundays, the Portland team would only lose six games a week.

The newspaper reporters were not allowed to enter Yellowstone Park with the President. This was an unnecessary precaution, as the President was not allowed to take his gun.

J. Pierpont Morgan says the decision in the merger case is not a blow at the trusts. Is it possible that Morgan has got so big he doesn't know when the whole government falls on him?

Whitaker Wright has evidently had all the high life in England he cares about, and no longer cares for association with royalty. His actions plainly indicate that he "don't care if he never goes back."

Spring weather in Missouri is getting in its work. A sweet singer from Pike warbles about the silver-throated skylark. This is a long stretch of fancy, when all he heard was Missouri's greatest song bird, the night-blooming mule.

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