

## CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION IS CLARIFYING

### Will Be Hermann, Harris or Half a Dozen Dark Horses—Williamson Winning Out in Eastern Oregon

### All Depends on the Western Oregon Combinations Whether the Present Oregon Delegation Is Broken Into Or Not This Year

The congressional situation in this district has not yet become entirely clear. The supporters of Binger Hermann are confident that he will win out in the fight for renomination. His success will depend in a large measure upon the actions of the congressmen held this week. If he gains delegates in the remaining counties, in proportion as he has so far, his nomination is a foregone conclusion. The Roseburg Plaindealer to day announces the following: "The Plaindealer is able to state that the Hon. Binger Hermann will go to the congressional convention of the first district with from 100 to 105 delegates pledged to him for renomination." Indications are that Linn and Josephine will go to the Hermann column. In the Second District. Indications are that enforcement of the unit rule at Portland, where the primaries were carried on a distinct issue, will give the nomination to Williamson. The Dalles Chronicle says: Williamson has the delegates from Baker, 4; Umatilla, 16; Crook, 4; Grant, 7; Harney (divided) sure, 3; Morrow, 6; Sherman, 4. Total, 54. If Moody receives the remainder of the vote, which is very doubtful, he will only have 40. In this tabulation we have not counted in Columbia and Clatsop, which will send 19 votes, all assuredly for Williamson. Big Politics Involved. As a matter of hard, cold fact, there are more politics involved in the first district congressional convention than

in all the rest of the state combined. The fate of future senatorial aspirations, and places on the state ticket in 1906, will be affected by the result. Conservative Republicans fear that to retire Hermann a second time, after his hard-won victory of last year, will be to disorganize the party generally in Western Oregon, and especially in Southern Oregon. If he is knocked out as congressman his friends will seek revenge, and will present him as a candidate for congress or the senate on the direct nomination plan, two years hence. The Harris Candidacy. The friends of Hon. L. T. Harris, of Lane county, are very persistent and plausible in pressing his nomination. Their argument is mainly that a new man will be taken up sooner or later, and that it will be a gain to the district to nominate him now. Mr. Harris has the advantage of being on the ground, and is personally conducting his canvass. It is only fair to say that he is making a bigger showing than any one expected he would. He has the advantage of this being a presidential year, when there is a great deal of trading stock lying around loose, and every delegate can be promised some future emolument. There are a great many local politicians, who will trade their vote to a candidate for congress, or his managers, in the hope of future consideration. Combinations are being attempted, in addition to federal patronage, that reach into state and district politics. Attempts are being made in the

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## UNITED RAILWAYS MAKE CONCESSION

### Imported Operatives Will Not Be Prepared for Service by Trainmen--Company Prepares for Future Trouble

San Francisco, April 7.—No effort was made this morning to force the United Railways' trainmen to break in imported men, in opposition to the ultimatum handed the company by the union on Wednesday, and which led to the fear that a strike might be precipitated at almost any moment. In anticipation, however, of trouble when the wage scale is taken up on May 1st, the company arranged this morning to have imported men broken in by its train dispatchers, department superintendents and other employes whose positions do not compel them to belong to the union. Heavy wire screens are being placed over the car barn windows. Bunks are being put up in barns and wagon loads of provisions are being taken in.

## JAPANESE FLEET AGAIN MENACES PORT ARTHUR

### Russian Admiralty Today Advise the Czar That the Enemy's Squadron Has Appeared --Action May Take Place

### More Russian Troops Will Soon Reach Manchuria Which Will Complete Force Destined for Service--Japanese Spies Are Captured

St. Petersburg, April 7.—The Japanese squadron is cruising off Port Arthur, according to admiralty advices received this morning. Last of Troops to Go Soon. St. Petersburg, April 7.—Great preparations are being made at military headquarters in getting troops ready for the scene of war. It is stated that within a fortnight all the men destined for service will be on their way to Manchuria. Japanese Spies Captured. Chee Foo, April 7.—The Russians captured two Japanese spies yesterday on the outskirts of the town. When

searched plans of the fortifications here were found on them. They will be hanged or shot. Japanese Merchants Murdered. Seoul, April 7.—The Japanese legation here states that three Japanese merchants were murdered as a result of the disorders in Chung Chung a province in Northern Corea. Tokyo, April 7.—Word has been received here today that the Japanese transports have entered the estuary of the Yalu river, and that troops are rapidly disembarking. There were 40 transports in the fleet.

## WRECKS WERE FATAL CENSUS UP TO DATE

### Collisions on Eastern Railroads Cause Loss of Several Lives

Chicago, April 7.—By a rear-end collision at Melrose Park, early this morning, between the Chicago & Northwest Omaha express and a fast mail train, three Nebraska Indians were killed, and 23 persons injured, three fatally. Engineer Soreman, of the express was slightly injured. The express train, which was 20 minutes late, had been stopped by a block, when it was run into by the fast mail, which was traveling at a high speed. There was a dense fog at the time of the catastrophe.

### United States Has Eighty Millions in Round Numbers

Washington, April 7.—The census department announces the total present population, exclusive of Alaska or islands, 79,900,389. Increase over 1900, 395,314. San Francisco has 355,919; New York, 3,716,139; Chicago, 1,873,850; Philadelphia, 1,367,716; St. Louis, 600,000; Cleveland, 414,950; Cincinnati, 332,934. By states, New York has 7,500,000; Pennsylvania, 6,500,000; Illinois, 5,000,000; Texas, 3,000,000, having passed Missouri. Only 23 states now have less than a million population.

Parkersburg, W. Va., April 7.—The westbound B. & O. express collided with a fast freight train at 2 o'clock this morning in a tunnel near West Union. Freight Conductor Ford was instantly killed, and Freight Engineer Pennington and Fireman Thordale were fatally injured, while Passenger Engineer Schaefer and his fireman, Bean, received serious injuries. Several passengers were slightly injured.

B. P. O. Elks. Meeting tonight; installation; banquet. H. H. OLINGER, Exalted Ruler.

### Kansas Delegation Against Hearst

Wichita, Kan., April 7.—Hearst's efforts to control the Kansas delegation to the Democratic national convention failed today. The best he could do was to effect a compromise, by which he secured two of the six delegates-at-large.

Claude Duval, of Hutchinson, was elected temporary chairman, though he is not adequate to the convention. Duval had withdrawn from the race for national committeeman, because Hearst's forces seemed to be in control. In consideration of the Hearst men not opposing Duval for chairman, the anti-Hearst men today allowed them two delegates.

### Favorable Report on Hill Bill

Washington, D. C., April 7.—The house committee on banking today authorized a favorable report on the Hill bill to improve currency conditions. The bill authorizes the deposit of customs receipts in national banks, repeals the \$3,000,000 limit on withdrawal of circulation in any one month and abolishes the limit of coinage of subsidiary coin, and permits the issue of gold certificates in \$10 denominations.

### Eight Hour Bill Held Over

Washington, April 7.—The house committee on labor today, by a vote of 6 to 3, decided to refer the eight-hour bill to the secretary of commerce to investigate what effect the proposed legislation would have. This delays final action of the house until the next session.

### Congress May Adjourn This Month

Washington, April 8.—An agreement has been reached by the house leaders, postponing the impeachment proceedings against Judge Swayne, of Florida, until next December, thus clearing the way for an adjournment in two or three weeks.

## In Spite of the bad weather our sales for March this year show an increase of More Than 31 Per Cent

Over the same month last year. Our increase for January was over 40 per cent. Our increase for February was over 55 per cent.

## Our Dry Goods Department

Is a great success. We have the right goods. The prices are right, because we cut the "regular stores" profits in two. We have the confidence of our customers. There's a newness about our

## Dress Goods, Dress Trimmings, Waists and Silks

That attracts the best dressers. You'll not find any relics of bygone days in our line. Another shipment of that "Scotch Nub Suiting" at \$1.05 just in. The identical goods has been matched in another Salem store at \$1.35. Is 30c per yard worth saving? That "Perspiration Proof" kid glove at \$1.45 is what the ladies have been wanting. It is a feature you don't find in gloves at other stores.

## The New York Racket

Has one of the largest stocks of new shoes in the valley.

## 178 Cases of Shoes

Received during the past few weeks for spring trade, and we have more coming. Our customers find them reliable. They're made on modern lasts. That's why we sell more shoes than most shoe stores.

## Men's Clothing

In the newest fabrics, cut in the proper patterns, with haircloth lining, that makes a suit keep its shape. The mothers all know where to get the Newest Nobby Styles in Boys' Clothing.

## Hats

You want the right shapes and you want a quality that will keep that shape. That's the kind we sell.

Shirts, Neckties. Everything in ladies' and men's furnishings. OUR SPOT CASH PLAN OF BUSINESS ENABLES US TO UNDERSELL REGULAR STORES. E. T. BARNES, Proprietor.



Remnants Half Price Tomorrow

SALEM'S GREATEST STORE  
THE WHITE CORNER (1700 1/2 N. W. 10th St.)

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### 10th FRIDAY ECONOMIC SALE

Friday—economic bargains. Did you ever see such bargains? We'll venture to say you never did. It requires no stretch of the imagination to foretell the results of this announcement—so you'd better plan to come early to get the best of the bargains. These for Friday only:

<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 1</b> <b>Foulard Silks</b> The most desirable and durable silk made for dressy gowns and shirt waist suits; come in all new patterns and colorings, yard <b>48c</b> First floor.</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 2</b> <b>Portieres</b> A good assortment of excellent values in blue, bronze, green and tan, etc., figured portieres worth \$2.50 pair <b>\$1.60</b> Second floor.</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 3</b> <b>Cambric Drawers</b> Ladies' cambric and muslin drawers, lace and embroidery trimmed, finished with ribbon, all are good \$1.00 and \$1.25 values <b>65c</b> Second floor.</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 4</b> <b>Lawn Waists</b> A special line of new spring waists trimmed with wide cluny yoke and band; regular \$2.00 value <b>\$1.38</b> Second floor.</p>
<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 5</b> <b>Scotch Flannels</b> Genuine Scotch flannels from Glasgow. They are in all manner of pretty shades and designs. For this day only, at yard. First floor. <b>28c</b></p>	<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 6</b> <b>Ribbons</b> All silk, satin, rayon liberty ribbons, 4 inches wide, in colors pink, blue, navy, red, black and others. For this day only at yard <b>20c</b> First floor.</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 7</b> <b>Folding Go Carts</b> The new spring styles in folding go-carts are offered as a big special for Friday only. They are the regular \$3.50 kind, for <b>\$2.85</b> Second floor.</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL NO. 8</b> <b>Petticoats</b> The celebrated McGee adjustable yoke petticoats, made of black mercerized sateen of regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 values <b>\$1.19</b> Second floor.</p>
<p><b>Spring Corsets</b> The famous W. B. Corsets for spring wear. You will need a new one to have your new gown fitted. Upon the Corset depends all. May we fit you? <b>50c to \$3.50</b></p>	<p><b>After Easter Dress Goods Sale</b> An economic event of the greatest importance, in which there is an opportunity for you to reap the benefits of this great sale, which includes all of our immense stock of great and fancy novelty and staple dress goods, silks and trimmings, among which are the justly famous "Priestley's" black dress goods.</p>		<p><b>Ladies' Silk Gloves</b> Early, perhaps, to get requests for silk gloves, but we are getting them, and here are the gloves—the famous Kayser double tipped silk gloves, in a full line of sizes, in black and white.</p>