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BINGER HERMANN PRACTICALLY NOMINATED

BITTER BATTLE RAGING OVER CONGRESSMAN

Hermann and Harris Line-up for a Finish Fight--Positions Oregon Senators Are Taking

Fulton Fighting Shy but His Closest Followers at Salem Are Leading the Harris Forces--Leaders Concede Hermann's Success

Wednesday will be pulled off at the Grand Opera House, in this city, another historical political contest that involves more of future fate for Republican aspirations than any convention ever assembled in Oregon. The Hermann and Harris forces, that two years ago were identical, are arrayed in battle lines, and will fight to the finish.

The struggle may be brief, and it is generally believed will be wound up in one round. The election of a convention chairman, the adjustment of a few details in the interest of party harmony and future interests of the leaders of the winning faction, the selection of men to make the nominating speeches, and it will be all over but the shouting. The lobbies of Hotel Willamette are crowded, and will be late into the night with the friends and fixers of the respective candidates. It is generally believed that the result will be harmonious, and the nominee will be a winner at the polls in June, no matter who the Democrats put up, although it is conceded that the nominee on the other side will again be young Mr. Reames, of Jackson county.

Hermann Forces Jubilant. Unexpected support has come to Hermann from counties that were

thought to be in the hands of his heretofore strongest opponents--like Washington and Yamhill--and it can be said without misrepresentation that the Hermann headquarters are jubilating over the prospect, and the managers are busily engaged in the delightful pastime of judicious distribution of the choicest cuts of political pie. His forces are led by Senator Marsters, of Douglas county, who will probably place him in nomination. Hermann has many of the old convention warhorses in his column, the kind of men who are ready to strip to the waist and fight for the old congressional leader to a finish. They are a hard aggregation for any aspirant for political honors to go up against, and the nerve of young Harris is much commented on, and he is compared to the young man in the Bible, who went out with his sling and a few smooth stones to do battle with the giant of the Philistines, only he is minus the stones to throw.

Democratic Arguments.
The old timberland fraud arguments used against Hermann, with considerable effect, a year ago, have spent their force, and cannot be used to advantage by the Harris leaders against Hermann. They have been

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JAPANESE FLEET MAY BOMBARD NEW CHWANG

Appeared Off Port Arthur This Morning and Then Took a Northerly Course

St. Petersburg, April 12.—An official dispatch from Port Arthur today reports that the Japanese squadron appeared on the horizon this morning, but did not approach the fortifications, apparently proceeding in the direction of New Chwang.

DROVE HIM CRAZY

General Toral Broods to Death Over Defeat at Santiago

Madrid, April 12.—General Toral, who commanded the Spanish land forces at Santiago de Cuba, when the latter surrendered to the Americans, died in the insane asylum at Loganes this morning.

Constant brooding over his capitulation weakened the general's mind, and he finally suffered a complete collapse.

NEW YORK FOR ROOSEVELT.

State Convention Meets and Instructs Delegates for Teddy.

New York, April 12.—Nine hundred and four delegates to the Republican state convention filled Carnegie hall today to elect delegates to the national convention, and instructed them for Roosevelt.

The schedule of the day's session shows that all work was completed, with the exception of framing the platform.

The "Big Four," Platt, Depew, O'Dell and Black, will represent the state at the Chicago convention.

PREPARE FOR THE STRIKE

Machinist Association Getting Ready to Proceed Against the Santa Fe

Washington, D. C., April 12.—It is expected that the machinist strike on the Santa Fe system will probably be ordered before May 1st.

According to officials of the International Association of Machinists, now assembled here, the principal lodges are all but unanimous in their decision to go out.

President O'Connell will leave for the West this week, to arrange the details with local officers of the association. He stated in an interview today that the present financial condition of the association is the best in its history, and that the organization is prepared for any contingency that may arise.

HOSPITAL NAMED FOR HERMANN

Chemawa Honors Congressman for His Effective Work

Supervisor F. M. Holland, of the interior department, Washington, D. C., who is inspecting the Salem Indian school, today selected the location for the new Hermann hospital, which is to be built at once, and for which Binger Hermann has secured an appropriation of \$15,000. Three other buildings will also be erected at Chemawa as the result of the good, faithful work done in congress by Representative Hermann.

Remember
The Woman's Relief Corps bazaar and the dinner and supper to be given in the Klinger building tomorrow (Wednesday) April 13th.

POPE IS TIRED

Rome, April 12.—As the result of yesterday's mass, the pope plainly shows fatigue. This morning his holiness manifested considerable agitation.

May Use Another Brake.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—By a vote of 8 to 3 the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce authorized a favorable report on the bill allowing a narrow gauge railroad to use some other kind of brake than the power driving wheel brake, specified in the safety appliance act.

Averted a Strike.

Chicago, April 12.—The threatened strike of Swift & Company's men was averted this morning, the company acceding to the reinstatement of the discharged butchers.

SPANISH PREMIER GETS THE KNIFE

Narrowly Escapes Death at the Hands of a Young Anarchist

Barcelona, April 12.—Premier Maura narrowly escaped death at the hands of an assassin here this morning. When leaving the palace of the consul-general, the premier was met by an assailant, who flourished a dagger and made a desperate lunge at the official. Maura threw up his arm in time to save his body, but received a severe slash on the shoulder while thus protecting himself.

The premier had just returned from services for the repose of the soul of former Queen Isabella, when Joaquin Miguélez Arto, aged 19, sprang toward him and shouted: "Long live anarchy," and then tried to take the life of the official. Arto was immediately imprisoned.

RUSSIANS CLAIM NEW CHWANG IS IMPREGNABLE

Makaroff on the Alert to Meet Expected Japanese Attack Which May Come Soon

Renewed Rumor That Fighting Has Commenced on the Yalu-Russian Fleet Returns From Cruise Far Out to Sea but No Battle Reported

London, April 12.—Dispatches received from Tokio this afternoon renew the rumor that fighting has commenced on the Yalu.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—An officer of the official staff this morning stated that New Chwang is in a perfect state of defense. The city is impregnable, except in the case of a long siege. Owing to the perfect arrangement of the earthworks, surprise by land is rendered impossible, while an attack from the sea is to a large extent precluded by countless mines and torpedoes in the harbor.

General Pflug telegraphs from Mukden that there is no truth in the report that the Japanese crossed the Yalu and had a skirmish with the Russians.

Skirmishing Near Wiju.

London, April 12.—A dispatch from Seoul this forenoon states that Japanese officers at the Korean capital report frequent skirmishes not far from Wiju, on Korean soil, and the main body of the Japanese is not far from the shores of the Yalu.

Makaroff on the Alert.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—A dispatch from Port Arthur states that

on Sunday night, in anticipation of a Japanese attack, Admiral Makaroff passed the night on board a guard boat.

During the evening Easter services the church windows were covered to prevent the enemy from seeing the lights.

The Russian fleet has just returned from a cruise far out to sea. Telegraphic communication has been temporarily interrupted on account of terrible rains.

Czar Reviews Horse Guards.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The Czar reviewed the Horse Guards at the armory this morning, drank the health of the regiment and addressed encouraging words to the men.

More War Ships for Japan.

Rome, April 12.—A dispatch from Tokio states that the Japanese minister of marine has arranged for 10 more war ships to be placed at the disposal of Admiral Togo, and which are to cover a large radius of action.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, April 12.—May wheat 94 1/2 @ 97 1/2; July, old, 88 1/2 @ 87; new July, 87 1/2 @ 85 1/2; July Corn 51 1/2 @ 94 1/2.

Ninety-Nine Merchants

In a hundred would like to reduce their business to a cash basis. Not one in a hundred ever succeeds in doing it. It takes most merchants a life time to learn to say "No" when customers ask for credit.

The New York Racket

Does a strictly cash business. It's the secret of our success. It's the cash plan that enables us to undersell "regular stores." The ladies are delighted with our line of New Spring Dress Goods, Scotch Nub Suitings, Nugget Cloth, Plain and Fancy Voils, Woven Dot Sicilian, Silk Warp Sicilian, Mohair Covert Cloth, Mohair Florentine, Mohair Mobling Cloth, Gauze Bourette, Canvas Nappe. And a full line of staple dress goods. Our new waistings are ahead of what the other stores are showing, according to the testimony of some of Salem's best dressers.

Silks! Silks!

The kind you want for spring and summer wear at prices "Regular Stores" can't match. Ask to see that fancy figured black silk grenadine, 42 inches wide, at \$1.00 per yard. There's a variety of styles and quality in our line of

Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords

That many shoe stores can't show. We have the right kind. Our prices are 15 to 20 per cent lower. Don't you feel proud of your boy when he is dressed well? Then you should get him one of those

Nobby Spring Suits

They're as near "boy proof" as clothing can be made. Sweaters in a bewildering array of color combinations. Big line just in.

Men's Shirts, Hats, Neckwear

Everything for the whole family. You don't pay for goods your neighbor got when you trade at

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Dress Goods Sale Continues

Get posted on the correct things for spring wear. You will not be disappointed in variety of the assortment. Every piece is included in this great sale. You should not miss this opportunity to have the best and at the same time economize.

Tomorrow Only

Surprise Sale 171. This week's offering is fine, pure, linen-embroidered Handkerchiefs, values up to 35c.

17c Each. 50c 3 for 50c.

Crinoline

This new stiffening material is destined to create more of a furor than did fibre chamois in its most popular day. It is made of bias crinoline strips, two inches in width, in which is run flexible cords of feather-bone. One or two rows of cord. Colors white and black.



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