

GEER LOOMS UP AS CANDIDATE FOR COLLECTOR

Ex-Governor Is Aspirant for the Political Plum for Which G. A. Westgate, J. M. Shelly and P. S. Malcolm Are Striving—He Is at Least a Man Who Could Go out and Stump for His Party

The Portland Journal says: Ex-Governor T. T. Geer is looming up as a formidable candidate for the office of United States collector of customs, now held by I. L. Patterson. To the general public the news will come as a surprise, for up to the present time only the initiated few have known that Geer is an aspirant for the place.

Three other avowed candidates are in the field, G. A. Westgate, of Albany, chairman of the Republican state central committee; J. M. Shelly, of Eugene, former representative in the state legislature, and one of Senator Fulton's supporters in the senatorial struggle of 1903, and P. S. Malcolm, of Portland.

While the salary of United States collector of customs is but \$4200 a year, fees and perquisites swell the total compensation to a sum that is variously estimated from \$5000 to \$6000. Collector Patterson's term expired the 31st of last month.

Where Geer's Strength Lies. Governor Geer's strength as a candidate for the place lies not only in the prominent part he played in Oregon politics for a number of years, but in the heavy vote which he received in the Republican primaries last April, when he was James Withycombe's chief competitor for the nomination for governor. Geer was defeated by a plurality of only 263 votes, and it is the general opinion among politicians that if his campaign had been conducted with the same vigor displayed by his competitors he would have distanced all of them by a considerable margin.

Geer's total vote in the primaries was 13,912; Withycombe's vote was 14,175. In Multnomah county Geer led Withycombe by 1775 votes.

It is the belief of some of the Republican politicians that Senator Fulton is not very favorably inclined toward Geer's candidacy. Perhaps some trace of personal feeling remains from the senatorial fight of 1903, when Geer's hopeless struggle for the toga was for many weeks the chief obstacle in the way of Fulton's success. Be that as it may, there seems reason to believe that Geer is not now Fulton's first choice for the collectorship.

On the other hand it is entirely probable that no appointment will be made until early next year, and Geer will then have "friends at court" whose influence may turn the scale in his favor. It is well-known that Fulton has been seriously embarrassed as to the choice of a candidate to whom to give his support, and that he has considered the advisability of allowing Patterson to remain in office until the political skies have cleared.

Friendly to Geer. Soon after the next session of congress opens F. W. Mulkey will doubtless go to Washington as Oregon's senator for the short term. A few weeks later he will be succeeded by Jonathan Bourne, as senator for the full six years' term. Both Mulkey and Bourne are believed to be friendly to Geer's candidacy, and if no appointment has been made by

the time they reach the national capital their influence will probably be exerted in behalf of "Tall Timothy."

It may prove an easy solution of an embarrassing problem for Fulton, to allow Mulkey or Bourne to name the next collector of customs, for it would be impossible for him to recommend any one of the present candidates without causing serious dissatisfaction. Shelly's claim rests chiefly on his support of Fulton for senator in the session of 1903. Westgate bases his demand for the place on the fact that he is chairman of the Republican state central committee, an argument which would be materially stronger if he had succeeded in electing the party's candidate for governor. Malcolm counts largely on his fraternal affiliations. No one of the three can be entirely overlooked without the danger of arousing antagonisms, yet no one of them is of commanding strength.

It seems safe to say that the office will not be filled by a new appointee for some months to come, and in the meantime Geer's hopes are growing daily.

COAST RAILROAD COMING

George Melville Miller, the real estate dealer, arrived home late last night from a business trip to the lower Siuslaw country. He informed a reporter today that one of the Oregon Coast & Eastern railroad surveying crews, headed by Lambert Williams, is making its way south along the coast toward Florence, and expected to camp at Hecta Head last night. Mr. Miller went up the coast and met the surveyors at Big creek, four miles north of the head. He was informed that seven crews are working on this line between Portland and Eureka. The Williams crew, with one working north from Coos Bay, are scheduled to meet at Florence.—Eugene Guard.

Of Interest to Sick People. We have all the sympathy in the world for sick people, and want to treat them in a serious way. There is no humor in pain and affliction, but hard earnest fact. It is impossible for the patient to impress on others the extent of suffering they endure, and their anxiety for relief. To get well or be relieved is their one thought. Any remedy that will bring this about has their everlasting gratitude. We have thousands of letters from people who have had dyspepsia, sick headache and bilious attacks, who tell us how thankful they were for having used Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They are sold at all drug stores for 25c per box. Only one for a dose. These pills remove the cause of disease and make the skin clear and healthy looking.

Eagles Will Fly High. Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 14.—Several thousands members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are assembled in this city at present to attend the eighth annual national convention of the grand order of the order, which opened here today. The city is in holiday attire and the principal streets in the business districts are handsomely decorated in honor of the occasion. Some of the state headquarters are particularly picturesque on account of the originality and beauty of their decoration. Judging from present indications the present convention will not only be the largest one ever held by the order but also one of the most successful ones. Many of the western and middle state cities have sent large delegations. An elaborate program has been arranged for the convention, which will last three days. There will be a big street parade, outings, steamer rides, picnics and grand vaudeville and spectacular entertainments.

HOUSE AND BARN CONSUMED

Midnight Fire at Thirteenth and Ferry Streets Destroys Two Buildings

The house and barn of William Wright, at Thirteenth and Ferry streets, were destroyed by fire at midnight last night.

The barn was filled with hay and other combustibles, and made a big blaze. The burning buildings were in close proximity to the Thomas Kay woolen mills and the soap factory, but for the efficient work done by the fire department and the employees of the woolen mills both of these plants and possibly other nearby houses would have been consumed.

The flames were seen issuing from the hay mow of the barn at 11:45 o'clock last night by the night watchman of the woolen mills, M. M. Gray. He at once gave the alarm and also sounded the whistle of the mills. The fire companies were on the spot in short time and the employees of the mills were soon there assisting to keep back the flames.

The blaze had gained too much headway for the Wright house and barn to be saved, but efficient work kept the fire from igniting either the woolen mills or the soap factory.

In the barn were a buggy, harness and cart and two loads of hay. The house contained some plain household goods. Mr. Wright has been out of the city for several weeks.

The origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed that the barn was occupied by some tramps who were smoking.

The loss is variously estimated at from \$500 to \$1000.

Stop That Cough. When a cough, a tickling or an irritation in the throat makes you feel uncomfortable take Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Don't wait until the disease has gone beyond control. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, 354 West 5th St., Salt Lake City, Utah, write:

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Bold Timber Wolves. The Roseburg Review says: A party of surveyors returning from a trip up the Calapooia creek, east of Oakland, tell of the constant dread and fear existing among the residents on account of the great number of timber wolves which have recently made their appearance in that section. Each winter it seems the wolves become more courageous, and venture closer to the homes of the residents, and kill their calves and sheep. These animals are not alone the victims of the wolves, but the faithful watch and farm dogs are constantly being killed off by the wolves. The ranchmen are also followed miles by these brutes, and unless they are armed they are afraid to venture far into the mountains. Ranchmen are building wire fences to protect their stock, and in several instances a number of wolves have been killed inside these inclosures. A desperate effort is being made to kill off the vicious brutes.

Cures Sciatica. Rev. W. L. Riley, L.L.D., Cuba, New York, writes: "After fifteen days of excruciating pain from sciatic rheumatism, under various treatments, I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment; the first application giving my first relief and the second entire relief. I can give it unqualified recommendation. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. For sale by D. J. Fry.

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False Affidavits Made to Children's Ages, Who Were Married

Because Johan Otto is a man with a deranged mind and an inmate of the state asylum, M. C. Sharp and Mr. Schalek, Yamhill county fathers and farmers, will not attempt to prosecute him for swearing falsely to the ages of their minor children, who were granted a license to wed by the county clerk Saturday.

Nora S. Sharp was 17 years old and Frank Schalek could boast of an additional year. He had just rounded out 18. Their fathers would not permit the children to get married, so last Saturday they eloped and came to Salem. They found that Otto was out of the asylum on parole, and induced him to make affidavit that the ages were all the law requires. The license was issued and the marriage performed by Justice Daniel Webster. Messrs. Sharp and Schalek came to Salem last evening to investigate the affair, but will make no further attempt at prosecution.

The youthful bride and groom have not yet returned to receive the parental blessing. The location of the young people is unknown.

Otto is out of the asylum on a six-months' conditional discharge. He was committed by Judge Scott last January. He is known in this city as "Honnas."

About Joseph Gale.

Monday The Journal published a story clipped from the East Oregonian concerning Joseph Gale. The article in question stated that Gale was the first governor of Oregon. Knowing no such person had ever been governor of Oregon, the horse editor suggested that it might J. P. Gaines, who was Oregon's third governor. Governor Gaines was not married to an Indian woman, at least as far as any one knows, and the article as it appeared in the East Oregonian is correct, except as to Gale being governor. Gale was quite a prominent character, and up in Eagle Valley to this day the old inhabitants insist he was Oregon's first governor. How the idea gained credence is unknown.

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INDIAN SCHOOL TRUANTS

Two More Young Indians Have Escaped From the Chemawa Authorities

Albert Dean and Enoch Spores ran away from the Salem Indian Training school, at Chemawa, yesterday, and are supposed to have gone south. Dean is 18 years old, and is from Fort Jones, California, and Spores is thought to have friends near Eugene, and may be headed that way. Spores recently ran away from the school and was caught and brought back. He took the first opportunity to make another get-away.

DRANK FIREWATER.

Indian From Training School Drank too Much Paleface Booze.

A student of the Salem Indian Training school, at Chemawa, and a red skinned companion came to Salem yesterday and took aboard too much firewater of the palefaces. One of the Indians was sober enough to leave town, but the other was arrested and thrown into the calaboose. Recorder Moores tried to ascertain where the Indians procured the booze, but they told him a white man gave it to them. Officers of the school came to Salem this morning and escorted Howard to Chemawa.

An old man, who is employed on the government model road, sprained his back and could not work yesterday. He came to town and took whisky for his ailment. He took allopathic doses, and soon got in a condition that rendered walking difficult. He had a bad fall at the corner of Commercial and State streets, and was taken to the city jail. He will be released today by the city recorder.

Rheumatism.

When pains or irritation exist on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment gives prompt relief. E. W. Sullivan, Prop. Sullivan House, El Reno, O. T., writes, June 6, 1902: "I take pleasure in recommending Ballard's Snow Liniment to all who are afflicted with rheumatism. It is the only remedy I have found that gives immediate relief." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. For sale by D. J. Fry, Salem, Or.

Mrs. Semke Dead.

Mrs. Christian Semke, wife of Henry Semke, died at the family home in North Salem last evening, August 13th, at 6 o'clock, after an illness of about two months.

Mrs. Semke was aged 60 years. She leaves, beside her husband, seven children to mourn the loss of a loving and kind mother. They are Will Herboldt and John Herboldt, of this city; Jacob Herboldt, of Idaho; Louis Herboldt, of California; Mrs. Pauline Hughes, of Portland; Mrs. Martha Etner and Mrs. Helen Palmer, of this city.

Mrs. Semke was a noble woman, and her generosity and kindness were known by every man, woman and child in North Salem. The Semkes have lived in that part of Salem for 13 years, and all will miss their kind neighbor.

The funeral was held from the residence this afternoon at 2:30, after which the remains were taken to the Free Methodist church, where additional services were conducted at 3 o'clock by Rev. F. Hermann, pastor of the German Baptist church. Rev. F. V. Haslam, pastor of the Free Methodist church, also conducted services in English. The interment was in City View cemetery.

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BOUGHT HEMPSTEAD LAND

LINE NOW GOES THROUGH TO CHEMAWA WITHOUT FAIL

Road to Be Completed and Cars Running by September Tenth

The contest for right of way of the H. Hempstead tract, just outside the city limits ended in the Oregon Electric Company buying the tract outright, paying a good price for to the owner, H. Hempstead.

It was a long narrow strip across which, for a distance of only 3 feet, the owner wanted the price of the fruit farm, and as the day of filing his answer expired yesterday the right of way agent for the corporation, Mr. J. Running, informed him he could take the price of the farm or stand a lawsuit. Hempstead wisely concluded to sell. So at 2 p. m. the deal was closed and at 2:30 p. m. grading began, and this will complete the grade to near Chemawa, and track laying will begin in a few days.

A Portland paper last night had the following about this extension, which shows that the corporation tends in good faith to have the road running to Chemawa by the first day of the state fair.

Completed by September 10.

The Willamette Construction Company will have the first link of the line of the Oregon Electric Railroad Company from the Capital City to Chemawa, complete by September 10, the time specified by the Sale council. Work is being carried on encouragingly, and the company has purchased two standard-gauge cars from the Portland Railway Company, which are being rebuilt to meet the requirements of the new road.

It was found impossible to purchase suitable rolling stock on the coast, and because of the delays it was expected it was not deemed wise to order them in the East. New cars for the regular business will be built in the East, however, and these will be an innovation in electrical railroading. Instead of the three-phase cars, as those used on all lines in the country at present are known, the cars of the Oregon Electric Company will be of the one-phase type. W. S. Barstow, of the Willamette Construction Company, is the inventor of the new type of mechanism, and successful experiments are now being conducted on a temporary track at Schnechtady, N. Y.

It is claimed for the patent that it will enlarge the scope of power cars and permit of the current being utilized with the same strength without the need of sub-stations being erected on the line.

The aim in constructing the road is to get the most direct line on the lowest possible grade from Salem to Portland.

A Mystery Solved.

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me," writes John N. Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

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