

Four Already Sprinting, Others on the Starting Mark in the Great Free-for-All Race

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES, SELF-CHOSEN, ARE LOOMING UP FOR PRIMARY—SOME WAITING TO BE URGED.

Avowed Congressional Candidates
Link Davis.
Frank R. Baker.
Frank Latcham.
B. W. Colner.
Looking for an Opening.
T. J. Bell.
J. M. Ashton.
Col. Joab.
R. W. Jamieson.
W. H. Paulhamus.
George H. Stone.

The decision of the mass meeting yesterday to select the Pierce county congressional candidate by primaries and the announcement by Chairman Joe Mitchell that the primaries will be called as soon as possible has caused a commotion among the politicians today.

Four avowed candidates are out working for the nomination—Link Davis, B. W. Colner, Frank Latcham and Frank Baker. More than half a dozen more are standing on the edge of the arena watching for an opportune time to leap in.

Baker a "Roosevelt Man."
Frank R. Baker will run as the Roosevelt candidate. He is for "My policies," and is a fighter from away back. Already he is making the dust fly.

Frank Latcham is from the Young Men's Republican club. He claims he will get the labor vote. He also is in touch with the Mettler-Peterson faction in the court house. Mettler is a relative of Latcham, and Latcham was manager of his campaign for election. He claims he will get the Mettler-Peterson crowd in a bunch.

Link Davis just says nothing and says wood. But right today Link has more votes than anyone. A prominent city official even announced today there were four preachers in town for him. If political knowledge will win the game Link is it.

B. W. Colner has the Bolo club back of him. Colner will also be a stand-pat candidate and a "regular" party man.
T. J. Very Modest?
Representative T. J. Bell said

today he had not decided whether to run or not. "If I see anyone I think will make a better congressman than I would I will be for him, but I don't know what I will do yet," he said.

George Stone is of the old school of politicians who are always "in the hands of their friends." He may be expected to be in the arena before the fight is over.

R. W. Jamieson is today reported to be riding on the wave of a boom with a platform declaring against booze and corruption in politics.

A lot of people still think J. M. Ashton will be in the race, despite his letter declining, "unless his candidacy is an actual necessity."

W. H. Paulhamus has been considering the matter for several days, and if he sees a good chance he may jump in the race. Colonel Joab and John E. Gallagher are both in a receptive mood.

Other candidates may be expected to loom up with each day now. It is to be a fair fight, with the second choice ruling in the primary election.

If the republican candidate is not satisfactory the democrats say they will skin him at the polls. They are booming Tom Vance of Olympia, O. G. Ellis and Maurice Langhorne of Tacoma. Ellis is looked upon as a strong candidate.

Baker Makes Offer.

Frank R. Baker today offered a suggestion for a campaign that would make a spectacular and very satisfactory canvass for the people. He agreed to get together with the rest of the candidates and arrange a campaign through the county with a series of meetings at which all candidates would be present and divide the time before the audience.

This would enable the people to see and hear all the candidates and would put them all on record where they would have to say what they stand for.

Baker says he is willing to answer any question and state his position, and he declares the other candidates ought to be compelled also to tell what sort of a platform they want to run on and what they purpose to do if elected.

BULK OF FERRY ESTATE LEFT TO MUSEUM

Colonel Clinton P. Ferry, who died at San Diego, Cal., recently, out of an estate valued at about \$60,000 left nearly half of it to the Ferry Museum, which he founded, in this city.

After making bequests of diamonds, rings and other personal effects to various relatives and conveying to the Ferry Museum a fine collection of paintings and art goods now in Switzerland, Colonel Ferry ordered his estate converted into cash and divided into 100 shares. Of these the Ferry Museum is to receive 40 shares, his son, Clinton Ferry, 14 shares, his adopted daughter, May, 8 shares, Mrs. Caroline P. Ferry 10 shares and the rest to various relatives and friends in bequests of from one to 14 shares.

Frank B. Cole and Herbert S. Griggs are made executors of the will and are to administer the estate according to the will without intervention by the court except to confirm the acts of the executors.

The will has been filed in probate court.

AN IDEA FROM A MULE'S HOOFPRIINT AND A FORTUNE FROM THAT IDEA

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 7.—W. H. Campbell of Lincoln, is the world's best known bonanza farmer. He began farming 25 years ago with no money and a family. Now he operates five big wheat farms in all sections of the West, totaling 2920 acres, and is never satisfied unless his yield of wheat approximates 60 bushels per acre.

The history of farming in the great western country is in no less respect a history of what Campbell has done to make farming a science rather than a gamble.

The greatest battle ever won against adversity was waged by the farmers of this big western country. Now that the 1909 bumper crop is being harvested, public attention is being drawn to Campbell's remarkable career.

If you draw a line from Duluth to Dallas, passing through Minneapolis and Kansas City, you have roughly the eastern boundary of what once was thought the poorest wheat country in the world. "The plains" the early settlers called it, and their views were echoed by the old map makers who roughly designated this wheat country as "the Great American Desert." Now it is the greatest American cupboard.

Where once gaunt men drove bony horses across arid fields, now the fields are fat and the harvest is on a big business plan.

Campbell the bonanza farmer, invented the process formerly



THE CLATTER OF THE THRESHER IS NOW HEARD IN THE DAKOTAS. SCENE ON CAMPBELL'S BIG BUSINESS NEBRASKA FARM.

and put a lid on it. The cistern was the natural moisture, the lid the pressed ground at the top. "Save the water you've got," I told them, "and quit praying for rain." I had to fight the crop experts down at Washington, too. Here in Nebraska they had an experiment farm across from my Nebraska farm.

"Here's one of my secrets: I sow only about 20 pounds of wheat to the acre, while the experts are sowing a bushel and a half. When my wheat came out it was the finest you ever saw—not a ripple on it. I guessed it would come out to about 60 bushels to the acre. It threshed out 67. The experts' farm yielded about 15 bushels to the acre.

"That brought up what we farmers call the grain manifold problem. I plant about a peck and a quarter, and they plant a bushel and a half. For every acre of grain I sowed I got 4040 pounds back, or a manifold of 202. The other fellows planting 80 pounds got only a manifold of about 11. Mine was nearly 20 times as profitable as theirs, you see."

And he chuckled as he thought of giving the laugh to Uncle Sam.

"Then there's another thing you don't consider about the grain manifold problem. I've got as high as 200 heads of wheat from one grain. Counting 40 grains to the head, that gives a seeding manifold of 8000, and you can bet I save that seed."

Campbell has a well-fitted office at 1417 O street here, and transacts his huge farming business from it. He wants every farmer to be as successful as he is and declares the only way they can become bonanza farmers is to adopt his scientific farming methods.

He recently offered \$2000 prizes for the best grades of wheat grown. Books he has written have been translated into all languages, and Tschalkowsky, the Russian political prisoner, wrote into Russian Campbell's book on soil value while he was a prisoner in the fortress of Peter and Paul at St. Petersburg.

Machines which he devised are now made at Odessa, Arad, Hungary and Hyderabad, in the Indian Punjab country. E. H. Harriman, as he once was inspecting the wheat country along the Union Pacific railroad, grasped Mr. Campbell's hand and exclaimed: "If the Union Pacific had given you a million dollars it would not have paid you for what you've done for the farming country and the road."

These are only sidelights on the varied activities of a man who never has called himself anything but a farmer. Over millions of acres bonanza farmers like Campbell are harvesting their wheat crop. They think in thousands where the middle western farmer thinks in hundreds. The single harvester and one day of threshing are not for them. Their work moves trains, fixes the cost of living and brings millions in gold from foreign countries to western banks, never to return.

MAY SEND ONE MORE TROUBLE WITH WATER SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—The Washington delegation yesterday called upon the secretary of the navy to request that one or more cruisers of the Pacific fleet be ordered to Tacoma for September 7, 8 and 9, to be present during the national convention of the Spanish-American War Veterans, which meets here on those dates.

The department said that as at present arranged there would be a cruiser on the Sound at that time, but that it might be possible to change the plans so that at least one vessel might be sent to Tacoma.

The break in the water main under Fifteenth street and another in a fourteen-inch main on the tideslats, which was repaired yesterday, have focused the attention of the city authorities on the fact that the old water mains are getting weak. For the last three or four years much trouble has occurred from bursting mains and the old wooden pipes especially have been going wrong regularly.

A lot of the old mains will have to be replaced before long and water main districts will have to be created in practically all the older sections of the city before many years.

Go to the navy yard Sunday on the Multnomah; 10 war boats there. Pass the wreck of the Yosemite. Leave Flyer dock 10, a. m. Round trip 75c.

Str. Flyer will make special expedition trips DAILY, leaving Seattle 9:30 p. m., Tacoma 11:15.



W. H. CAMPBELL

FIRE AT ORTING IS SUBDUED AFTER HARD FIGHT

TWO DRY KILNS CONTAINING SHINGLES ARE DESTROYED—FLAMES CHECKED BY CITIZENS AFTER HEROIC WORK.

Fire that started in the dry kiln of the Standard Manufacturing company at Orting yesterday afternoon for a time threatened to wipe out the western part of the town, and Tacoma was appealed to for aid. Chief McAlevy of the fire department promptly hurried two hose wagons and an engine to the Northern Pacific depot, and arrangements were made to run a special train to Orting, when, at 3:30, word was received that the fire was under control. The kiln where the fire started and one belonging to J. A. McIntyre, each containing a quantity of shingles, were destroyed. Citizens of Orting to the number of 500 worked heroically to check the flames. A bucket brigade was formed and a large quantity of salt was secured from merchants and used in connection with the water to smother the fire. Dynamite was also used to check the flames. No estimate has been made of the loss.

FLOATING BOTTLE CARRIES THREAT OF SUICIDE

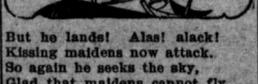
SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—"I am tired of life and will drown myself in the river. I will jump off the Great Northern trestle near the Olive street bridge. Good by, dear ones. Mae Henderson." Such was the contents of a note found floating in the Spokane river in an empty whisky flask by Fireman C. J. Roemeke, of No. 5 station.

It was found that Mae Henderson was employed at the Wonder department store last fall, but resigned in November. No one knows where she went after leaving.

THE AVIATOR'S PERIL

BY EDMUND VANCE COOKE

See the hero! watch him dare Perils of the upper air. Death and danger seem but play. As he wings his wondrous way.



But he lands! Alas! alack! Kissing maidens now attack. So again he seeks the sky. Glad that maidens cannot fly.

See the wreck of the Yosemite and the battleships at Bremerton Sunday. Multnomah leaves Flyer dock 10, a. m. Round trip 75c. *** St. Jean's Orchestra for good dance music. M. 7390, 44390.

Washington Wheat Growers Jubilant

CROP FOR YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT FROM THIRTY-SEVEN TO FORTY MILLION BUSHELS, AND HALF WILL BE EXPORTED—TACOMA TO HANDLE BIG PERCENTAGE OF GRAIN.

With a wheat crop estimated at anywhere from 37,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels nearly ready for harvesting and a prospect of good weather until the grain is all in sack, Washington farmers are not doing any worrying about the proverbial wolf that hovers about the doors of those who are not overburdened with the necessities of life.

There will be wheat for export this year, according to those who are well informed on the grain situation, and the exporters will be ready to go into the field and compete with the millers for a share of the crop. Therefore, it is expected that prices will not fall off when wheat begins to come in and the grain carrying fleet will be given an opportunity to earn something.

New Wheat Arrives.

Harvesting of winter wheat is well under way in the Walla Walla country and a considerable portion of the grain is in the warehouses. Several cars of the crop for this season have reached Tacoma, and the grain grades high.

Agents for exporters and millers who have been over the grain fields of Eastern Washington say that should the good weather continue until the crop is gathered that it will be the best harvested in the last few years.

MILLERS GET THE GRAIN

Last year the exporter got hold of only a small portion of the grain raised in this state. The crop was light, and millers were forced to get in the field early and bid up to get supplies to keep them going. They reaped their reward later, for when prices of wheat began to go up last spring and flour advanced in sympathy, the millers with enough grain to keep them going obtained big dividends on their investments.

Tacoma Will Get Share.

The big Tacoma grain warehouses had little to do last year, but this year it is expected that they will be kept fairly busy after the wheat shipping season opens, Sept. 1. It is expected that nearly 20,000,000 bushels of the grain grown in the state will be exported this year, and Tacoma will handle 50 per cent of that quantity.

53 JOIN COAST ARTILLERY

Fifty-three young men were mustered into Capt. W. F. S. Quirk's company of coast artillery at the army last night by Assistant Adj. Gen. Maurice Thompson of Seattle, and on Wednesday evening of each week the recruits will meet at the army for drill. Uniforms for the men and models of the armament used in artillery service will be received within a few days.

In case of war, the men mustered in last night would be assigned to Battery Powell at Fort Worden, which consists of eight 12-inch mortars.

MANY APPLICANTS FOR LANDS ARE TURNED DOWN

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—Total applications for Indian reservation lands received at Judge James W. Witten's office at Coeur d'Alene yesterday were reported as follows: Coeur d'Alene today, 1,120, total for whole registration period 5,536; Spokane today 2,707, total 99,528; Missoula today 5,534. Kallispell today 733, total for Flathead lands 80,559. Grand total thus far received for all lands, 285,623.

Judge Witten's force has been busy turning away scores of belated applicants for Indian lands, the midnight hour Thursday night having closed with official registration. Applications are still in the mails and will be received for several days.

MEXICAN GIRL IS MURDERED BY CHINAMAN

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 7.—The body of a young Mexican girl, with finger marks upon her throat and a heavy cloth wrapped about her head, was found last night near Guadalupe, Mexico. All the evidence gathered points to a Chinese as the murderer and a camp in the vicinity has been surrounded by infuriated men demanding vengeance. The body has not been identified.

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