

TURNER IS THE MAN

Spokane Boasts Both Senators From the State of Washington.

WASA PERSONAL VICTORY

Many Soreheads Among the Populists, But the Caucus Settled It On the Second Ballot—Turner Got 88 Votes—Spokane Jubilant.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—[Special.]—George Turner was nominated on the twenty-fifth ballot by 68 votes. Smith of Douglas, who nominated Turner, was the man to cast the fifty-seventh vote, the one to elect. The crowd cheered, the house being packed with spectators. The Spokane people were wild with joy. The others voted for were: Denny, 25; Westcott, 14; Squire, 1. The balance of the members were absent. Westcott is a populist and middle-of-the-road man. Some of the populists were sore and refused to yield gracefully, objecting to Turner being brought before the session. Williams of King tried to get an adjournment. He was jeered and hissed for his efforts. Turner was brought before the session and made a short address. The action of today was the ratification of a caucus of the fusion forces held last night when, on the second ballot, Turner received the nomination.

The News in Spokane. SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 29.—[Special.]—Spokane today bears the proud distinction of furnishing both United States senators for the state of Washington. Outside the gold republicans and the supporters of Senator Wilson a general feeling of joy is expressed throughout the city over Judge Turner's election. A great ovation and popular demonstration upon his return. He is expected to arrive home tomorrow.

Biographical Sketch. George Turner, who has been elected senator from the state of Washington, is about 48 years old and was born in the state of Missouri. He went to the state of Alabama after the civil war and engaged in the practice of law. He took an active part in the affairs of that state, and as the state was strongly democratic he saw no political future for himself, and as he was offered the position of judge of one of the federal courts of that territory of Washington he came out to the Pacific coast and settled at Spokane, about 10 years ago.

When he retired from the bench he resumed the practice of law and has held since that time the foremost place at the Spokane bar, if not at the bar of the entire state. He was a member of the convention which framed the constitution of the state of Washington and took a prominent part in the debates of that body. It is not too much to say that he impressed himself on the state as the strongest man in that body. From the close of that convention he has always held a prominent position in the state and has been constantly regarded as a suitable man for the United States senate.

The fierce rivalry which arose between him and John L. Wilson, now a senator from Washington, both being from the same city, has become almost a tradition. Wilson is the more adroit politician, but Turner has always had a devoted following, who hoped to see him finally successful. That success, after many disappointments, has now come main in the senate for a long time. Although the leading lawyer of Spokane, Judge Turner was never a rich man till the Le Roi mine made him so. He was fortunate enough to secure a large interest in the stock of the mine any soon after it was formed and when the mine was a mere prospect. He became the legal adviser of the company and finally, when the mine proved to be one of such magnitude, he gave up the practice of his profession, to devote himself to the management of the property, and today his interest is not worth less than \$300,000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Liability of Stockholders. TRAIL, Jan. 29. EDITOR MINER—Sir: I write you for a few explanations regarding the formation of stock companies. For instance I notice in one of the company's pamphlets the following: "Capitalization, 2,000,000 shares; par value \$1 each; stock fully paid up and non-assessable." Now supposing the shares or a number of them are sold for five cents each and that the treasury stock is not sold to put the mines upon a dividend-paying basis, can the shareholders then be assessed up to the extent of \$1 or say 95 cents more on each share? In the case of the company mentioned 2,000,000 shares, par value \$1 each, what do the figures really represent? Need there necessarily be much capital invested?

I have been informed that by the old English act of 1862, which costs considerably more to incorporate under than the '83 act, that shareholders were protected from assessment, but that under the late act, the only protection is the honesty of the company and the rapid pushing of the work in order to put the mines upon a paying foundation. A full explanation through your valuable columns will be much appreciated. Kindly explain the difference, if any, where the company is incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington. ENQUIRER.

P.S. If assessments are made, do the promoters have to stand the assessment the same as the treasury stockholders? Should there be an assessment of 1c per share on 500,000 shares of treasury stock, would there be also 1c per share on the remainder of 1,500,000 shares. [There is absolutely no difference between treasury stock after it is issued from the treasury of a company and promoters' shares. In the case of the company "Enquirer" alludes to, all the shares are necessarily fully paid up and non-assessable—as far as the company is concerned. The company by its own

acts is debarred from ever levying an assessment on any of its stockholders. Should the company exhaust all its resources and get deeper into debt than the sale of its assets, that is to say, its mining property, would pay, it is an open question whether the law courts could levy an assessment on the stockholders or not. If the company were properly incorporated under the Imperial act, 1862, as in force in this province, the courts would have no such power. In the case of a company organized under the Washington state laws or the provincial companies act, it is in doubt. If the company did not get into debt this question would never be raised. The 2,000,000 shares of the company's capital stock represent the property held by the company and deeded to it by the promoters. The only value the entire capital stock of the company has is equal to the value of the property it owns, which may be worth \$100 or \$200,000. It is not likely to be worth more than the latter figure since the company is selling its treasury shares at 10 cents.—Ed.]

EXPLOSION AT RED EAGLE

Joseph D. Nicholson Horribly Mangled by a Slow Blast.

Not Expected to Live An Hour But He Has Astonished the Doctors With His Vitality.

Joseph D. Nicholson, a miner working in the tunnel of the Red Eagle mine, was horribly mangled in an explosion at noon yesterday. He had loaded three holes with giant powder and fired them, but thought that one of the holes would not explode as it had been split with frozen powder. He returned to fire the delinquent blast, which exploded about the time he reached it. One side of his head was nearly blown off. He clung to life during the afternoon, but did not regain consciousness. It was thought impossible for him to live longer than half an hour when he was discovered. He was removed to Dr. Bowes' hospital, where his head was bandaged, but nothing more could be done for the unfortunate man. His skull was split open from a point just above the left temple to the back of the head and three other fractures were located on top of his head. The entire left side of his face, scalp and ear were torn away and his skull near the base of the brain above the left ear crushed in. He bled profusely. No other part of his body was seriously injured from the direct effects of the blast, but his right side was paralyzed, owing to the lack of blood supply to the left side of the brain. This condition led his companions to believe that his right arm was shattered. There are no hopes of his recovery.

Mr. Nicholson was born in Antioch, Contra Costa county, California, and is known by miners all over the Pacific coast. During recent years he has been prospecting in the Cascade range in Washington and, it is said, that he is interested in a promising claim in western Washington, together with some Seattle men. His first visit to Rossland was with H. W. Brodey, manager of the Double Standard mine, and he came here the last time about two months ago. He was a sober and reliable miner and has many friends in Rossland. L. E. Richardson, now employed on the Columbia and Western railway, was born in Antioch and knew Nicholson's family. Nicholson was about 45 years of age and unmarried. C. W. Gill, who worked with Nicholson in the tunnel, came to the dying man's bedside at the hospital about 8:30 last night to watch with him during the night. Dr. Crowley was called in to consult with Dr. Bowes, and it was decided that no operation could be performed that would not endanger his life more. Dr. Bowes considered it remarkable that the man survived so long considering the nature of the injuries.

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