

PROTECTS THE CORPORATIONS

Bryan Attacks President, Saying He Shields Railroads From Prosecution.

CALLS TAFT A WEAKLING

Democratic Leader Says President Is Easy Victim of Railroads—Both Are Reopened.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 26.—W. J. Bryan describes Secretary Taft as weak and ineffectual in his reform policies, and President Roosevelt as an easy victim of the railroads, which are seeking Federal protection from the annoyances of the states.

“Mr. Taft's speech,” said Mr. Bryan, “is not likely to please any one. He uses too much denunciation to please the trust magnates, but when it comes to discussing remedies, he is so weak and ineffectual as to disappoint reformers.”

On the question of railroad regulation Mr. Bryan said:

“The present laws affecting railroads are not effective. Yet Mr. Taft says nothing regarding the reduction of rates. He regards the present laws as effective except so far as they would reduce the watering of stock. Mr. Taft is more clear on the things he opposes than regarding the things he favors. Mr. Taft is not strong on either the trust question or the railroad question. Like his position in the matter of the tariff, his remedies are so qualified as to give little hope to the reformers. His discussion of the trust question shows that he has no well-defined policy in mind.”

Leaving Mr. Taft and turning his guns on Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Bryan said:

“Grow Feathers for Roosevelt. An Eastern cartoon recently pictured me as a bird. It also pictured President Roosevelt as a bird. The cartoonist had the President sitting on the next while I was nearby, sitting on a limb of the tree. The funny part of it was that the President had stolen all my feathers but one to feather his nest and I seemed to be wondering whether he was going to take even that one. If he doesn't, I suppose Governor Cummins will be ready to grow feathers to use them.”

Mr. Bryan related the story of how Joseph's brothers hated him so that they drove him out of the country. Afterwards, when the famine came, they had to go to Egypt for corn. There they found Joseph. He had the corn.

“Well, in one respect, I'm like Joseph,” said Bryan. “I've got the corn.”

He also referred to the fact that Senator Beveridge, Governor Cummins, Speaker Cannon and others had called him a dreamer. He related stories to show what dreamers had accomplished and how they made their dreams become realities, and ended by saying that he pleaded guilty to being a dreamer.

Dealing with the Provincetown speech of the President, Mr. Bryan declared National Incorporation to be the biggest step toward centralization that has ever yet been suggested, and added that centralization of power meant the doom of states' rights in the congestion of evils arising from corporate greed.

“No threat of the punishment of the big offenders,” said Mr. Bryan, “can counterbalance the proposition to deprive the states of their power to regulate the railroads and other corporations doing business within the state.”

Protection of Railroads. In next week's Commoner Mr. Bryan will deal still more specifically with the proposal of the President to extend the Federal supervision over interstate corporations. Mr. Bryan quotes from the President's Provincetown speech the section in which he advocates a National Incorporation law and supervision and control similar to that now exercised by the Federal Government over the National banks, and says:

“There is the secret, it is out at last. The states are annoying the corporations, and the corporations demand Federal protection from the State Legislatures. The President thinks action most pressing as regards those corporations which, because they are common carriers, exercise a quasi-public function.

“If it was the people he wished to protect, he would recommend Federal remedies that would not interfere with state remedies. But the railroads, and the public, demand the removal of authority to Washington.

“Democrats can be depended on to oppose with all their might this movement towards centralization.”

—Today—Hot chicken at Davis & Davis.

FORMER SECRETARY MUST REFUND FEES

Kinney Will Be Sued By State for Money Collected During Term.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 26.—A complaint was filed today in the circuit court of Lane county against H. R. Kinney for the accounting of certain sums which he received during his term as secretary of state from January 14, 1895, to January 14, 1899, and, as is alleged, did not turn over to the state treasury during his term as secretary of state. The complaint is made by the state of Oregon on relation of J. K. Sears as a taxpayer in the state. It is stated that the amount of which the state received no account was approximately \$60,000, though there is no means of knowing exactly. It is claimed that the money was received in incorporation fees, fees on trade-marks, notary public's fees and from other sources from which he received money as secretary of state. The plaintiff asks that the defendant be required to pay the costs of the suit, besides rendering an account of the money which it is alleged that he received. It is stated that W. S. McFadden was requested to bring suit against the defendant in his capacity as prosecuting attorney, but that he refused.

C. M. Idleman, formerly attorney-general, to whom this report was referred, said:

“This is the same matter which was brought up by a suit filed against Secretary of State Dunbar for \$100,000 for retaining such fees, and which was thrown out of court. The constitution of the state fixes the amount of salary which the secretary of state should receive, but the legislature passed a bill allowing the retaining of certain fees. In the former suit it was claimed that the legislature has no authority to grant such privileges. This J. K. Sears is, I believe, the same man in whose name the former suit was filed.

“Anything tending to cast aspersions upon Secretary Kinney is manifestly unfair to him, as he was acting under the authority of legislative action in retaining such fees.”

WILL OFFER PRIZE FOR BEST MARINE PICTURE

The Chamber of Commerce has planned to offer a prize for the best photograph of Coos Bay taken on Labor Day. It is planned to assemble all boats that can possibly be induced to take part in a parade on the Marshfield water front and at an opportune time the photographers will be turned loose on them to snap the scene. It is proposed to use the prize photograph in a pamphlet which the Chamber of Commerce will soon issue and which will be sent to the four corners of the country. Good advertising for the boats, the bay and the photographers.

FRIGHTENED BY 20 FOOT WRIGGLER

Know Now Why Their Sheep and Pigs Mysteriously Disappeared—Thought to Be a Python.

Adrian, N. D., Aug. 25.—Farmers living along the James river in this vicinity are much excited over the discovery of an immense snake in the dense timber growth along the river and are organizing an expedition to hunt down and exterminate the reptile.

Two farmers who last week were walking through the high grass near the edge of the woods south of here saw what they thought was the limb of a tree. They started to step over it when it suddenly gave a hiss and satified through the underbrush to the tall timber. The farmers were much frightened and did not attempt to give chase to the reptile.

They say that the snake appeared to be twenty feet in length and as big around as a good sized limb of a tree. Since then other farmers also have seen the reptile, which seems to stay close to the wooded strip along the river. The snake is supposed to be a South American python. Last year while a circus was exhibiting at La Moure it was reported that one of the pythons escaped from its cage. The circus people, it is stated, searched for the reptile and it was supposed that they recaptured it. It is now believed that they did not secure the snake, but allowed that impression to get out so that the people in the neighborhood might not become alarmed.

The presence of the snake probably accounts for the mysterious disappearance of sheep which have been reported from time to time by farmers living along the river.

HAS WOUND DRESSED AND RESUMES WORK

Ed. Anderson, a workman at the Smith lumber yard, cut his foot with an ax yesterday afternoon and had to call in the aid of a surgeon to repair the damage. When the wound was sewed up, Anderson returned to work.

COMMISSARY MAN IN FROM BOUTIN'S

Walter Straw was in from the South Inlet yesterday. He has been employed in the commissary owned by the Boutin company.

—Today—Hot chicken at Davis & Davis.

MICHIGAN MEN BUY SAWMILL

Kinney Sawmill on Pony Inlet Sold to Wiggins, Whitney & Waite.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Mill Will Be Put in First-Class Shape for Furnishing Local Trade.

The Kinney saw mill on Pony Inlet was sold yesterday to a company composed of M. Wiggins, W. W. Whitney and F. B. White. The two former men are from Bloomingdale, Michigan, and Mr. Wiggins is a wealthy banker of that city. The sale which was reported some time ago as going to Mr. Waite, fell through and was not completed. The new management will make all the necessary improvements for putting the mill in first-class order for doing a general retail business. All kinds of lumber will be turned out and shingles and lath as well. The mill is practically a new one, having been operated but a short time since the early months of spring. Major Kinney attempted to operate it several times, but each attempt was a failure, owing to lack of help, or shortage of logs or some other reason. The deal includes a total of thirteen million feet of timber cut and standing on the Kinney and Waite properties, and there are two and a half million ready to land at the mill. The timber included in the deal is considered by loggers as first-class and the mill should enjoy a good patronage. Improvements and new arrangements will be commenced this morning and among the additions to the machinery will be, a lath mill and a boiler, a new engine and a planer now on the ground. Besides these, there will be tracks laid for conveyance of lumber, docks for piling, a carter for taking the slabs and sawdust to the burners. The mill was built to saw 50,000 feet of lumber daily, and when in good condition it should easily come up to such a capacity. During its spasmodic runs it demonstrated that when in shape this amount could be cut, and so the purchasers will expect to turn that amount out daily, when the mill is ready for operation. The boarding house at the mill is now open and will accommodate the millmen who are without homes. The mill is about a mile and a quarter from North Bend and two miles from Marshfield. Pony Inlet is the waterway from the site to the bay and it is expected that some day this channel will be dredged to permit large barges to enter.

REBUILDS ELECTRIC PLANT IN THIRTY DAYS

Willamette Valley Company Has Light for Cottage Grove Once More.

(Western Oregon.) The Willamette Valley Company turned on the electric current from its new plant yesterday just 30 days and two hours after the old plant was burned.

Fire caught at 12:40 p. m., July 21. The company promised to have the new plant running in 30 days. The promise was redeemed lacking only one hour and 20 minutes. Steam was raised Tuesday and the engine tested on the 29th day. It would be well if all corporations could as nearly keep their promises.

The new plant is larger than the old one. This is true both as to machinery and building. The engine is a new 325-horse power Russell, served at present by a battery of two boilers of a hundred horse power each, but this will be increased by a third boiler immediately. The dynamo is a 180-K. W. two-phase machine, about twice as large as the old one. The main building is one story in height, but the annex which will serve as a bin for saw dust and planer shavings will be the height of two stories.

The service, good before, will be better now, and having been in darkness for a month, the people will appreciate the lights.

GRADING BY STEAM ENGINE ON STREETS

Anybody with leisure time on his hands can see an unusual sight if he will go up on Cedar street and watch the grading going on there. J. J. Burns has an engine which is scooping the dirt from the street, which is being lowered to grade, and dumps it in the large draw at the south end of the long bridge. The engine is stationed at the north end which is being lowered to grade, and with a long cable. The cable is anchored two blocks below the bridge and works on a pulley. The amount of dirt to be moved is about 7,000 yards, and this will fill the draw about 100 feet from the south. The remaining distance across will be bridged.

WILL INVESTIGATE CONCRETE FAILURES

Collapsing Concrete Buildings Present Problem Which Interests Government Experts.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Through the Geological survey, the United States government is making a thorough investigation into the collapses of re-inforced concrete buildings. Richard L. Humphrey, expert in charge of the U. S. Geological survey's structural material laboratories in St. Louis and Norfolk, has directed the examination of concrete buildings which have lately collapsed. Tests have been made primarily for the government, but the results will be published for the benefit of builders in general.

“The danger of careless concrete construction,” says Mr. Humphrey, “confronts nearly every city of the country and it is a miracle to me that more concrete buildings have not collapsed. In order to meet this problem squarely every city in the United States should revise its building laws in such a manner that either owner or contractor of a concrete building shall be compelled to employ a competent inspector to follow every detail of construction.”

Great loss of life and property through collapses of concrete buildings in the last year or two, inspired the government to make an investigation of the causes. By spreading correct information as to the risks involved in concrete construction the experts hope to avert further calamities. This is in line with the campaign of education already begun by the international society of state and municipal building commissioners.

Mr. Humphrey has examined carefully nearly every one of the buildings that have collapsed in the last year. He found evidence not only of carelessness but of ignorance. “The science of concrete construction is not yet thoroughly settled and until it is the greatest care should be taken in the use of materials,” he says.

MOROCCO HAS NEW THRONE CLAIMANT

Fierce Struggle Expected to Result From Mouley Hafiz Claiming the Place.

Tangier, Aug. 26.—A fierce struggle for the Moroccan throne is expected here as a result of Mouley Hafiz proclaiming himself sultan in Morocco City a week ago, according to advices brought here today. He was hailed as leader by his followers.

The tribes of southern Morocco are rallying to the standard of Mouley Hafiz and it is expected Abdul Aziz, the present sultan, will have a hard fight to hold his throne against his determined relative in view of the support sure to be given the pretender by the dissatisfied tribesmen of the south.

The proclaiming of Mouley Hafiz as sultan was accomplished with great ceremony, today's advices state. A salute of four guns marked his assumption of the throne, there was a notable review of his army. Chieftains of half a dozen of the fiercest and most warlike tribes immediately paid their homage to their new sultan and promised their aid in ousting Abdul Aziz.

STORM INJURES OREGON WHEAT

A Heavy Storm in Umatilla County Damages Farmers' Grain.

DAMAGE UP IN THOUSANDS

Water Works at Athena Carried Away by Cloudburst—Ten Minutes Duration.

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 26.—Probably the hardest hail storm that ever occurred in Oregon and also a cloudburst visited two different sections of Umatilla county almost simultaneously this afternoon, causing many thousands of dollars' damage. Hundreds of acres of the finest wheat was beaten into the ground by the hail until it is impossible to tell what part of the field has been threshed and which has not, while the cloudburst washed away bridges, chicken-houses, woodsheds, farm machinery, chickens, pigs, at least one cow, and destroyed many acres of alfalfa hay.

The hail storm struck the wheat belt at the Umatilla river near Thorn Hollow, about 15 miles east of Pendleton, and swept northward across the county for a distance of ten miles or more. The path of the storm was only about three-quarters of a mile wide, but the entire strip of country was covered with hail to a depth of from three to four inches, and completely devastated. Some of the hailstones were two inches long and the orchards that lay in the path of the storm were stripped of their fruit and leaves.

All Done in Ten Minutes. Coming on suddenly the hail caught the harvest crews in fields, and there was not time to unhitch the teams from the combines and headers. Two disastrous runaways resulted, but no loss of life has so far been reported.

Though the damage done was so complete and extensive the hail all fell in about 10 minutes of time. This was followed by a terrific down-pour of rain and dry gulches were turned into raging torrents in the space of a few minutes. Farms were flooded and at least one family was compelled to abandon its home and flee to the hills.

The dam forming the reservoir for the Athena waterworks went out, and the town is threatened with a water famine. While the damage amounts well-up into the thousands it is impossible to form anything near like an accurate estimate. Representative Barrett, telephoning from Athena tonight, says it is undoubtedly the worst storm of its kind in the history of the county.

Heavy Damage to Hay Fields. The cloudburst occurred on the head of West Birch creek several miles south of Pilot Rock and the little valley of that stream was completely flooded. The water run through dwellings, washed away all small outhouses and drowned all the chickens, but the greatest damage was to the present crop of alfalfa. The heaviest losses are probably the J. E. Smith Livestock Company and the Cunningham Sheep & Livestock Company, the latter having between 50 and 100 acres of alfalfa ruined. One flood reached Pilot Rock, but beyond the washing out of a county bridge and a footbridge, no damage was done at that point. Several bridges further up the stream were washed away.

Rain fell in this city and, as far as can be learned, throughout the county, nearly all the afternoon, bringing all harvesting operations to a standstill and greatly damaging the standing wheat. It is thought that only little more than half the crop has been harvested. Fortunately for the Athena farmers, whose ranches were in the path of the hailstorm, they had nearly finished threshing, but up along the river, where it first started and where it was the worst, the work of harvesting had just begun.

Continued Rain Means Harm. It is still cloudy and threatening late tonight and it is feared that more rain will fall. The grain has already had all the rain it will stand, and every drop that falls from now on will do damage.

With wheat at 70 cents, the farmers have been unloading their crops in large quantities during the last two days, and it is estimated that 1,000,000 bushels have changed hands in that time in this county alone. A few growers are still holding for 75 cents, but the majority have signified a willingness to let their grain go at present prices.

SHERIFF SEARCHES FOR COURT JURYMEN

Sheriff Gage is scouring the county in search of the following jurymen who are down for duty at the September term of court: S. Edwards, Bandon, Robert Marsden, Marshfield, Geo. W. Cox, Bandon, J. C. Merchant, Marshfield, F. W. Tibbets, Marshfield, J. R. Bunch, Albany, L. Lawhorne, Coquille, H. C. Noble, Marshfield, T. S. Evenden, Bridge, B. F. Griffin, North Bend, C. H. Bunch, Coquille, J. H. Wall, Marshfield, A. L. Neely, Fairview, E. P. Adams, Myrtle Point, John O. Bates, Bandon, L. D. Belleu, Bridge, A. Williams, Marshfield, H. N. Hampton, Myrtle Point, M. H. Hersey, Coquille, John Dolan, Marshfield, Martin Ahlsson, Coquille, G. C. Haga, Parkersburg, M. D. Cutlip, Marshfield, L. C. Gibson, Bandon, J. E. Wilcox, McKinley, William Grow, Coquille, Robert Kreuger, Marshfield, Fred A. Mehl, Bandon, J. R. Lightner, Marshfield. There is one man on the sheriff's list who died last spring, J. V. Edwards, of Bandon.

E. A. ANDERSON WILL BUILD THREE COTTAGES

Tully, Lynch and Watkins, a new contracting firm, have been awarded the contract for constructing three modern cottages of five rooms each for E. A. Anderson. The sites are in South Marshfield on Ninth street. The residences are being built by Mr. Anderson to rent, and they will be equipped with every convenience the city affords. J. E. Cayou drew the plans for the houses.

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