

# THE CORVALLIS GAZETTE

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## TAFT RATIFICATION

A rousing ratification meeting of the election of Taft and Sherman was held in Portland Saturday and many interesting speeches were made by men prominent in the party among whom were Senator Fulton, Judge George, Willis Dunnway and others.

Mr. S. L. Kline, executive committeeman of the State Republican League for Benton county attended the meeting and banquet. The following telegram was offered by Mr. Kline at the close of the regular program and unanimously adopted by vote, to be sent to President-elect Wm. H. Taft:

PORTLAND, OR., Nov. 14, '08.

HON. W. H. TAFT, President-elect, Hot Springs, Va.:

The Republicans of Oregon, in banquet assembled, join with the people of the United States in congratulations to you on your splendid victory. Signed,

M. C. GEORGE, Toast-Master.

Mr. Kline has been an enthusiastic worker during the campaign just closed and I was eminently proper he should partake of the love feast. Being a thorough business man he fully realized what it meant to make a change and hence spared neither time nor expense to help bring about the happy result.

## HENEY'S ASSASSINATION.

The diabolical plot to assassinate Francis J. Heney at San Francisco last week adds another chapter to the disgraceful scenes that have brought shame to the fair name of that state during the past few years. While in the performance of his duty, he was shot down by a man crazed at being exposed in open court by the fearless prosecutor.

Universal sympathy is extended by all good citizens to Mr. Heney and the sorrowful wife who is tenderly watching by the bedside of the stricken husband. He has done a noble work and it is the earnest wish of all good citizens that his life may be spared to finish the work of purifying the atmosphere of public life in high places.

Aided by his wonderful grit and strong will power there is a strong probability that he will recover.

Haas was convicted of embezzlement in San Bernardino county, and on May 25, 1888, was sentenced to three years in San Quentin. He served two years and eight months, having earned four months by good behavior, and was released January 25, 1890. Some years later he was married and has a wife and four children. He lived with his family at 1848 McAllister street, San Francisco, and was engaged in the saloon business at the time he was drawn on the jury panel for the second trial of Ruef last May. After he had been passed by both sides, Mr. Heney learned that he was an ex-convict. He dramatically confronted Haas with his picture in convict stripes, closely-cropped hair and number across his breast. Haas was forced to admit his penitentiary record and was immediately discharged from the jury. From his statement it appears that he had been brooding over his exposure ever since that day, and has nursed a deep hatred of Mr. Heney, which culminated in the tragedy.

"I'll live to prosecute that man," declared Mr. Heney on the operating table at the Central Emergency Hospital, while the surgeons were probing his wound. The wounded man was entirely conscious and grittily endured the ordeal. Mrs. Heney arrived at the hospital a few minutes after her husband had been taken

there and later accompanied him to the Lane Hospital, where she has been at his bedside.

After an informal consultation, Drs. Terry, Moffitt and Bunnell announced at 9 o'clock Friday night that the patient was resting easily and that at 11 o'clock the doctors would determine whether to use an X-ray or probe for the bullet.

## NEW ERA IN MISSOURI.

It will no longer be denied that Missouri has aligned itself with the Republican party. The Republican party in the state has steadily grown faster than any other and the outcome has been a mathematical certainty. Yet the Bourbon element that dominated the state refused to the last to read the signs aright or to change its methods. What is called the Old Guard made a desperate and reckless effort to recover control of the state and to some extent, hastened its own final overthrow, but it was doomed in any case by the general march of events. At last Missouri politics has been modernized and the state put in just balance with its important position.

Missouri is one of the greatest states in its varied business interests and increasingly aware that national policies are intimately related to its prosperity. The state is one of the foremost in manufacturing and mining as well as agriculture. As these activities grow the state is swayed by facts and arguments rather than the sentiment of the rhetorically eloquent campaign orator. Nebraska went back to Bryan on the strength of his pathetic personal appeals and state pride, but the Bryan majority in Missouri that was 60,000 in 1896 dwindled down in 1900 and practically vanished in 1908. Missouri sees that it cannot trust a free trader or a chameleon expert in contriving new issues and coolly discarding old ones. Considerations that have made Republican the first, second, third and fourth states of the Union have had the same effect on Missouri, the fifth state. The congressional gains in this state are due to a closer popular study of the necessity of the policy of protection.

Missouri is fortunate in its choice of its first Republican governor since 1872, with Republican associates to strengthen him in the weighty work of reform that has long been waiting a full change of parties in the state. It is hoped that the Legislature will be in harmony with the new order of things. If reactionary; the people will settle with it emphatically when another General Assembly is elected two years hence. A capable governor is a powerful agency for doing things. The Republican state ticket generally was composed of tested as well as able men. Governor-elect Hadley has been called to station by the unanimous voice of party and many marks of approval outside of it. He is under no obligations except those he voluntarily assumed. He is pledged to the general welfare of the state and a fair deal for every one. He has the best wishes of his fellow citizens for a successful administration.—Globe Democrat.

The most deadly poison in the world is the one for which there is no known test. Are we using our member of speech correctly? This was the question asked and answered by Rev. D. H. Leech of the M. E. church last Sunday morning.

George Geis has purchased the Wilson restaurant and has consolidated and moved the same to The Elk restaurant, opposite Kline's store, which he opened two weeks ago. It now seats 75 to 100 persons.

Political philosophers will notice that a Solid North continues to be the answer to a Solid South.

## "Sissy" of Chicago.

(Copyright, 1908, by T. C. McChesney.) "Sissy" Floss was at Chicago. His father had left him \$1,000,000, and he had been through college and traveled. He was called "Sissy" because he was short and slight and effeminate.

The young man had accompanied a friend to New York to see him off for Europe. The steamer sailed in the afternoon, and soon after her departure "Sissy" fell in with a couple of college chums. A dinner and a trip to Chinatown were planned and came off. The effeminate was only five feet tall, and his weight was only 110 pounds, and his voice was like that of a girl, but when he cut loose to have a good time he was all there. The trio were slumming the slums in the most approved fashion when a row took place, and "Sissy" was separated from his companions. He had imbibed too much to know whether he was in Baltimore or Boston or to make much of a defense, and at the end of five minutes he was very much in the hands of the Philistines. The gang floored him and went through him up to his collar button. They dragged him into a cellar, stripped off his clothes and gave him an old Bowers sult in exchange and left him to come to or pass in his checks. He was in an undecided state when the keeper of a Cherry street boarding house came along and took in the situation. He also took "Sissy" in. He wanted one more hand to make up a crew for a bark sailing for Bristol next day, and it made very little difference whether he got a live or a dead man.

When "Sissy" Floss awoke next morning he was lying in a bunk in the deck house of the White Wings, which craft was at anchor off Liberty island and making ready to begin her voyage. He didn't awake until he was being pulled out of his bunk by the second mate, who was also damning his eyes, his ears, his nose and other portions of his anatomy in the language of the deep blue sea. After being landed on the floor with a bump the young man was kicked out on deck and then up and down the decks. This was to arouse his enthusiasm for a life on the ocean wave. "Sissy" realized almost at once that he was being booted, but it took him some time to figure out why he wasn't in his room at the Waldorf. While he was puzzling over it he was booted some more, and the bark got under way. She was off Fire Island before the victim got it through his head that he had been shanghaied and was being carried to sea. A protest was in order, and "Sissy" went aft to the captain to make it.

"What are you doing here?" roared that officer. "I want to state my case."

"Case? You miserable little skulker, what have you got to say for yourself? Out with it!"

The story was told. The captain listened to it, with a grin and a sneer on his face, and then exclaimed: "You are a blankety-blank liar! You signed articles of your own free will. You are a pickpocket or a green goods man that wants to get away from the police for awhile. Turn to and don't let me hear another word. If you keep this thing up there won't be as much as an eyebrow left of you by the time we reach the other side."

"Sissy" started to protest and was kicked off the poop. In going forward he was cuffed by the chief mate and kicked by the second, and, although more fit for the hospital than the decks of a ship, he was turned to and set to work. From that time on his days were anything but joyous. He was a protesting sailor. In the eyes of captain and mates he could not be a worse villain. He was made ship's boy. Nothing was too dirty to set him at. The cook stood in with the after guard and gave him many a kick and cuff, and the nearer the bark got to England's shores the worse the mates hazed him.

After the first interview with the captain "Sissy" made no more protests. He began to rise to the occasion. He recorded the kicks and cuffs in a diary. The last entry was made when three days from port. He neglected to add "sir" when answering the second mate and was knocked down and given a pair of black eyes. Then as soon as the bark had made fast to a wharf he was kicked ashore and told not to return under penalty of death.

Two hours after the last kick the young man had satisfied the American consul of his identity. A cablegram to Chicago brought him several thousand dollars within the next twenty-four hours. Two days later, when he had properly clothed himself, he brought about another emergency. This time it was for the captain, mates and cook of the bark to rise to it. Warrants were served on the four men—warrants for several things. The bark was overloaded by a foot. Her provisions were totally unfit. She was undermanned, and she carried no medicine chest. Not only the officers, but the owners, were haled into court. There were fines, and certificates were suspended, and as a last satisfaction "Sissy" stood by, with a joyous smile on his face, while his two hired prize-fighters caught the two mates at the dock and gave them such a walloping that there are sailors in Bristol who remember it yet. As a local daily put it the next week:

"Hon. Barkendale Flossy, the American millionaire of honorable mention, sailed for home on the Celtic yesterday. The gentleman is slight and effeminate, but, in the language of our American cousins—oh, my!"

M. QUAD.

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