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POLITICAL POT FIRES IGNITED IN BOTH RANKS

BRYAN FEARS STRENGTH OF HIS OPPOSITION.

Nebraskan Leader Will Visit Washington to Probe Matter of Opposition From Influential Democratic Members—Leslie M. Shaw Has Confidence of Winning the Presidential Nomination if He Can Land the Iowa Delegation in Fall Strength.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The political pot starts boiling tonight when Col. W. J. Bryan arrives for a three days sojourn and many prominent persons in the democratic party will confer with noted democrats.

There is a rumor that a movement is on foot to dissuade Bryan from running and that Bryan is coming to Washington to find out if this movement has backing of influential democrats. The Nebraskan believes that the opposition to his was fostered by bolters of 1896.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 25.—Leslie M. Shaw expects to be a candidate for the republican nomination for president if he can get the Iowa delegation.

"With the vote of Iowa as a rally point, my chances will be better than any one else except Taft, unless the latter wins on the first ballot, which I cannot believe he will do," Shaw said to his friends.

Shaw will make his fight in Iowa to secure the endorsement of the republican convention, which meets in March. With that backing he will carry his campaign throughout the middle west.

Congress of Students. Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 25.—

Hundreds of students from the colleges and universities of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Mexico, the United States and other countries of the new world are here today for the International Congress of American students, which will open a week's session tomorrow. Many graduates of leading universities of the United States are now employed in Montevideo, Buenos Ayres, Rio de Janeiro and other South American cities and are in attendance at the congress.

CUBIC YARD IN TWO MINUTES

SUCH IS RATE OF THE CANAL EXCAVATION.

During the Month of December More Dirt Was Actually Excavated Than Any Time Previous—A Total of 2,200,539 Cubic Yards for the Past Month According to Report Published—October Nearest Competitor With 1,868,729 Yards.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The former record for excavation on the Panama canal has again been broken and as figures for the month of December show, the two-minute per yard limit having been passed for the first time.

The total for last month was 2,200,539 cubic yards. The largest preceding monthly record was that of October when 1,868,729 cubic yards was taken out. In the Culebra division the million yard limit was not only reached, but passed for the first time on record. In December 1,025,485 yards were taken out.

Fencing Case Dismissed.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 25.—The case against Thomas B. Armstrong, a stockman of Shasta county, indicted for illegal fencing of public lands, was dismissed today by Judge De Haven in the federal court, because Thayer had removed the fences.

DEFENSE WILL CLOSE MONDAY

EXAMINE HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION IN ADVANCE.

Delayed Steamer Adriatic Has Arrived and Four Witnesses on Board Who Are Witnesses, Will Appear in Court Monday Morning—Will Be No Wrangling Over Long Questions, As They Are Scrutinized Today—Experts on the Stand Monday.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 23.—With the arrival of four witnesses on the steamer Adriatic, Attorney Littleton can make good his promise to close the Thaw defense by Monday night. The first draft of hypothetical questions which will be asked of experts has been submitted by Attorney O'Reilly to Prosecutor Jerome, for his examination. This was done to omit tiresome wrangling in court after experts are sworn in.

BURNS HANDICAP RUN.

Sea of Mud Scene of Big Race on the Emeryville Track This Afternoon.

Emeryville, Jan. 25.—With a track ankle-deep in mud the great Burns handicap will be run this afternoon over the Emeryville track, with probably 12 or 13 starters. Montgomery, Rifleman and Clamor are picked by handicappers to be in the money, but the uncertain condition of the track has sent doopeists up in the air, and adds greatly to the interest of the event. Montgomery is compelled to carry 128 pounds, Rifleman 125, Clamor 195 and Logistilla 115. Joe Coyne is given 103 pounds.

McCurdy Home Again.

New York, Jan. 25.—Richard A. McCurdy, with his wife, son and daughter-in-law, returned to this city from Europe today, for the first time since the insurance investigations.

EXCLUDE JAPS FROM HAWAII

JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE ISSUES IMMIGRATION EDICT.

Unless Japanese Can Show That They Have Relatives in Hawaii, They Cannot Take Ship for That Port—Steamship Companies Seriously Objecting, But Without Avail—Gunboats Sent to Scene of Rebellion Near Hayti to Protect Interests.

Tokio, Jan. 25.—A decree was issued from the foreign office today prohibiting all Japanese immigration to Hawaii unless the person desiring to leave could show that they had relatives there. The order prohibiting immigration to America and Mexico will be rigidly enforced. Managers of steamship companies have protested to the foreign office but without any result.

Gunboat to the Scene.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The gunboat Paducah left New Orleans for St. Marie, Hayti today, to protect American interests and will be in easy call should the revolution spread to Santo Domingo. The gunboat Eagle is now patrolling the coast.

Thousands Face Starvation.

New York, Jan. 25.—The poor have their troubles, as well as the rich of this big city. Statisticians estimate that 175,000 men and women are now out of employment and are wandering the streets of New York, facing starvation. One of the most pitiful cases of extreme poverty yet reported was that of Eugene Ralle, a young German composer and musician, who came near forfeiting his life in order that his wife might be provided for and that he could continue work on an opera which he hopes will place him in the front ranks of musical composers.

Address by Haywood.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 25.—By a unanimous vote today, William D. Haywood was invited to address the convention of the United Mineworkers of America on Monday.

SELL CHICAGO TRACTION SYSTEM

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Under a decree of foreclosure ordered by Judge Peter S. Grosscup of the United States circuit court, the properties of the Chicago Union Traction company, the North Chicago Street Railway company and the West Chicago Street Railway company were sold at auction at noon today.

The Chicago Railway company, organized to take over the franchise voted by the city council some months ago, was the only bidder. The foreclosure sale and the purchase of the properties by the new corporation marks the end of the traction warfare which has raged in Chicago for several years.

The sale was merely a form to comply with the plan for the rehabilitation of the traction system. The Chicago Railways company will give its securities in exchange for the stock of the old companies. The lease of the new corporation on all the lines of street railway operated by it will expire on February 2, 1927.

The sale was ordered by the court under the consolidated foreclosure suits of the Central Trust company and the Guaranty Trust company of New York and the Fidelity Trust company of Philadelphia.

Following the acceptance on February 1 of the ordinance by which the Chicago Railways company will come into the possession of the traction properties affected by the sale, the company will immediately begin the reconstruction and improvement of the lines and service at a total cost of \$12,000,000. Within the next three

years it must rebuild at least 90 miles of single track and put into operation not less than 1200 new cars.

Nearly 20,000 people, creditors, bondholders and stockholders of the old Union Traction system, are directly affected by the sale, while 2,000,000 people of Chicago will also benefit by a better and bigger traction system. The sale today was held under the direction of H. W. Bishop, who was appointed a special master commissioner by the court.

MORE ACCUSED ARE CONFESSING

CASE AGAINST HALL CLOSED ABOUT MONDAY.

Franklin P. Mays No Longer Under Charge of Land Fraud or Illegal Fencing of Public Domains, for His Case Was Dismissed This Morning—Then Takes the Stand and is Government's Tool Throughout the Day—Other Evidence Taken.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—Franklin P. Mays, another of the co-defendants in the land fraud cases, appeared before Judge Hunt this morning and the case against him was dismissed.

He then took the stand and was the government's principal witness of the morning session.

Mays testified that he acted as Stelwer's attorney in the original case against Stelwer, charging him with fencing in public lands and that he went to Hall and attempted to influence the latter to bring a civil instead of a criminal suit.

J. W. Rennie, a special agent, testified that Hall sent him into eastern Oregon to investigate the Stelwer fence. When he returned, he testified, he told Hall that the fence was still up. "Then," he said, "Hall declared that he would prosecute Stelwer." The government will probably close its case Monday.

INTIMIDATE BOOZE FIGHTERS.

Liquor Interests of Georgia Resort to Dynamite in Fights.

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 25.—Dynamite is being used by Georgia liquor interests to frighten active leaders in the Law and Order league, which is assisting in the enforcement of the liquor prohibition law. Last night bombs were exploded in front of the residence of the president of the league and two ministers, and a warning was posted on his gate, read: "This is but a warning. If don't heed it, you will be extremely sorry."

Weather Forecast.

Eastern Oregon and Washington—Fair tonight and Sunday. Idaho—Rain or snow.

TEN MEN OF EIGHTY-FIVE AT ROUND HOUSE

ONE MAN LEFT IN EACH DEPARTMENT TODAY.

Round House Manned to a Certain Degree with One Man Doing Work in Each Separate Department—Believed to Be Scheme to Reduce Expenses Each Month and Will Occur Again Toward the Latter Part of Each Month Until Reoperated.

With 10 men out of a force of about 85 working, there is a strange silence about the machine shops and various other departments of the O. R. & N. yards today, as a result of the orders received yesterday to close all departments except the round house, for the 25th of January.

These 10 men include one machinist, one boilermaker, one blacksmith, car inspectors and the remainder in round house employes.

While the order causing the lay-off deals with today only, and future movements of the company officials are unknown here, it seems likely that the tactics of '94 will again be adopted. At that time the force would be kept from work occasionally as the finances of the company would allow. Each month the company calculates, on figures supplied by each division point, about the 25th of the month, just what sum is at hand to devote to repair and improvement in each shop, and if that point is over-reaching the limit, the force is laid off for a day or long enough to make up the deficiency.

This system, it is believed, will be in vogue on the O. R. & N. systems during the winter. As a result of this belief machinists who are idle today have figured out that they will be taken back next Monday morning and kept busy until the latter part of February on work hours similar to those now existing. At that time, if finances are cramped at headquarters or if the sum devoted to La Grande will be exhausted before the month is out, another lay-off will occur. The pessimistic rumors of yesterday have given away to the belief that today occurrences will not happen until the latter part of next month.

LONDON IS SAFE.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 25.—Jack London, the author, and Mrs. London, who were reported dead yesterday, stepped off the steamer Mariposa this morning. The Mariposa sails from Tahiti via Honolulu and it is not known where the Londons boarded her. The much-advertised seven-year trip around the world in the Snark, however, evidently has been indefinitely postponed.

Inventory and Year's-End Sale

This Week--Unusual Price Reducing in Nearly Every Line--Ladies, Childrens, Mens and Boys Departments Liberally Represented.

We are in the midst of our Stock Inventory and find in every department lines more or less broken, which must be disposed of, and will be MARKED DOWN FOR QUICK SELLING--To profit by these "TRULY BARGAINS" you must visit our store often, as every day will bring forth new bargains.

\$25.00 Ladies' Suits	\$12.45	\$15.00 Ladies' or Misses Coats ..	\$7.45
\$22.50 Ladies' Suits	\$11.25	\$12.50 Ladies' or Misses' Coats ..	\$6.50
\$20.00 Ladies' Suits	\$9.95	\$10.00 Ladies' or Misses' Coats ..	\$4.95
\$15.00 Ladies' Suits	\$7.45	\$7.50 Ladies' or Misses Coats ..	\$3.70
\$10, \$12.50, \$14.50 Ladies' Suits	\$4.25	\$5.00 Misses and Childs' Coats ..	\$3.45

400 Boxes Andrew Jergen's 25c Toilet Soaps 9c This Week, per box

\$3.00 to \$4.50 Boys' Overcoats ..	\$1.45	\$1.25 Ladies' heavy Outing Flannel	Waists, this week	25c
50c to 65c Boys' Shirts	25c	25c to 35c Ladies' Collars		15c
Odd lot Boys' 25c and 35c Caps ..	9c	50c, 65c and 75c Ladies Belts ..		25c

1c

10c Key Rings, this week.....
2 lamp wicks, this week

1c

2 School Rulers, this week

2 bunches Wire Hair Pins

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