

MISSOURI IS SOLID FOR TAFT

BIG GUNS OF THE REPUBLICANS CONGREGATE

State Committee of Missouri Gathers in St. Louis and Drafts Resolutions Endorsing Taft for the Presidency—Missouri's Delegates, Without a Doubt, Will Be One Mass for Big Secretary—State Convention to Be Held Tomorrow.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—Missouri republican leaders are gathering in St. Louis today in advance of the state convention, which will be held tomorrow. There is little doubt that the delegation from the state of the "mysterious stranger" to the Chicago convention will be solidly in favor of the candidacy of Secretary Taft.

With only one negative vote, the state committee passed the following Taft resolution:

"Be it resolved by the republican state committee of Missouri, That this committee recognizes that the sentiment of the republicans of Missouri is practically unanimous in favor of William H. Taft as the candidate of the republican party for president in 1908. And this committee declares its belief that the republican electors of the state have absolute confidence in the patriotism, high character and prominent abilities of Mr. Taft, and believe that in his character, his learning and experience as a judge and as an executive officer, and in all the affairs of life, William H. Taft has unequalled strength as a candidate and possesses in the highest degree the qualities that must be possessed by a republican president.

"Resolved, That this committee feels confident that the nomination of William H. Taft would unite and strengthen the republican party in Missouri more than could the nomination of any other person suggested as a candidate, and with that belief we feel it to be our duty to so express our-

selves as to center on him the sympathy and support of the republicans of Missouri."

Alarmed Over Anarchists.

Vienna, Feb. 25.—Secret police are anxious because of the fact that they have failed to arrest more than 10 of the 15 Armenians who recently left the United States under vow to assassinate the sultan of Turkey. Ten were captured yesterday. Great secrecy is observed by Constantinople police who are here directing the search.

Pennsylvania Democrats.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 25.—Members of the democratic state central committee met here today to select a time and place for the state convention. It is thought that Harrisburg will be selected, and that the convention will be held early in May, probably on May 6.

ROAD MAGNATE PICKS W. J. BRYAN

THINKS BRYAN CAN WIN OVER ROOSEVELT

Man Who Stands High in Railroad Circles Can See in Bryan a Sure Winner and the Only Candidate for the Democratic Party—Personally Was Not in Favor of Bryan When Free Silver Was an Issue—Firmly Believes Bryan Will Be Elected.

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 25.—"I am for William J. Bryan for president of the United States, and I think he will be elected," was the declaration of M. E. Ingalls, chairman of the board of directors of the Big Four railroad, today. Ingalls is a former president of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad. "In 1900 and in 1896 I voted against Bryan, but now that he has recanted his free silver heresies I believe him to be the available democratic candidate for the presidency at this moment. I believe Bryan can defeat Roosevelt."

OIL SPOUTS AT VALE SIX FEET

LA GRANDE INVESTORS INTERESTED IN FIND.

Late Last Evening the Malheur Oil & Gas Development Company Struck Oil at Vale—Spouts About Six Feet—Stockholders Live in Union and La Grande, But It is Not the Property of the Company Centering in This City.

Vale, Ore., Feb. 25.—(Observer Special.)—The Malheur Gas & Oil Development company of Union, Ore., has struck oil here in what seems to be paying quantities. At any rate, Vale is highly excited today as a result of the strike made here late last evening.

Late this afternoon the oil is still flowing, spouting about six feet in the air. The exact quantity is not ascertainable at this time, but from all appearances the flow is a splendid one.

The property on which the oil was found belongs to Union and La Grande parties. It is not, however, the company which has its headquarters in La Grande. There are several La Grande people interested in last night's strike. The principal stockholders live in Union. The information and details secured this afternoon were sent The Observer from Cashier Clark of the Vale bank, and considerable weight is given the report, in view of the fact that Mr. Clark has stamped it as true and not overdrawn.

PRESIDENT OF EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Washington to Be Canvassed by Woman of Considerable Note.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Arkwright Hutton, author and candidate from Shoshone county for the legislature of Idaho several years ago, wife of Louis W. Hutton, a millionaire mining operator in the Coeur d'Alene district, east of here, has accepted the presidency of the Spokane Equal Suffrage association, which will make a lively campaign for the ballot in the state of Washington.

Mrs. Hutton addressed her audience as "fellow citizens," following a speech made by Mrs. Emma Smith de Voe, national organizer and president of the Washington Equal Rights association, and quoted a letter she had received from United States Senator Borah of Idaho, referring to her as "sister," and adding: "I am surprised not to have heard from you before in connection with some woman's suffrage movement in Washington. Get busy." Mrs. Hutton said to her hearers: "So now I propose to get busy, and this association with others in the Evergreen state, will demand a 'square deal' for the women of the various communities."

Miners and Operators Confer.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25.—Miners and operators of the central competitive district, including western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, will meet tomorrow for their adjourned joint conference. Consideration will be resumed of the question of calling a joint wage convention to establish the interstate wage agreement. Upon this agreement is based the wage scales of the other districts of the United Mineworkers of America.

The special convention that will probably be called as the result of the conference tomorrow may meet at Chicago. It will be a national convention and not confined to the five districts in the central competitive field. Such a convention to ratify the wage agreement will cost the miners' organization \$75,000.

Because of the fact that neither the governor of Indiana nor the mayor of Indianapolis welcomed the delegates to the national convention, it is unlikely that the general convention will ever again be held here. St. Louis will be the scene of the next regular meeting.

C. N. KEYMEN TO RECEIVE BIG CUT

SEVERE TIE-UP OF BUSINESS IMMINENT.

Effects of the New Law Forbidding Telegraphers to Work More Than Nine Hours Are Being Felt in the West—Great Northern Faces General Strike—Affected Operators Are Voting on Notified Cut Today—Big Strike Believed Coming.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 25.—A railway telegraphers' strike is imminent on the Northern Pacific railroad. The management has notified its men that they will be cut from \$5 to \$10 per month.

The cut goes into effect March 1, and is directly due to the new law which compels railroads to limit the working hours of labor for keymen to nine hours.

Today the telegraphers are voting on the subject of accepting the cut. If they decide to reject it, it will mean a complete tie-up of the system for some time at least.

The new federal nine-hour law will compel the employment of hundreds of additional telegraphers and will probably cause a shortage in the supply of skilled operators in this country.

Ohio Republican Convention.

Shelby, O., Feb. 25.—Secretary Taft gained more adherents in the national convention as a result of the congressional convention of the republicans of this district today.

SPECIAL MESSAGE READ.

Short Message and Full Report of Waterways Read Before Congress.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Roosevelt's special message to both houses of congress in the inland waterways commission, was read today. With a 2500-word message he presented the preliminary report of the commission in full. The president's appended message was simply a hearty endorsement of the report as compiled by the commissioners who were appointed about one year ago, and consists of Hon. Theo. E. Burton, chairman; Senator Francis G. Newlands, Senator William Warner, Hon. John H. Bankhead, General Alexander Mackenzie, W. J. McGee, F. H. Newell, Gifford Pinchot and Hon. Herbert Knox Smith.

SANTA BARBARA READY FOR FLEET

REGARDLESS OF OBJECT CITIES WILL ENTERTAIN.

While Pacific Coast Cities Are Making Extensive Plans for the Entertainment of the Pacific Fleet When it Reaches This Coast, Japanese Are Busy Drawing Plans of Forts and Bays—Californians Don't Consider Japs Fightable.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 25.—Whether a frolic or a fight awaits Admiral Evans upon the arrival of the fleet, much of the principal action of the fleet will take place in Santa Barbara channel, within view of this city.

Santa Barbara citizens, like those of San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, assume that it will be a frolic—for they haven't respect enough for the Japanese to think of fighting them and no one else has been offered as a possible foe. So they are going ahead with preparations for a frolic, that will last from the time the fleet reaches San Diego until it has passed away from the coast of California.

In preparation for the coming of the big fleet, Admiral Swineburn lately was here with his squadron of cruis-

ers, the Big Four that lately arrived from the Asiatic station, and careful surveys of the shore line, both of the mainland and the islands, have been made, for the advantage of the navigators of the battleships and those that accompany them.

Japanese agents also have been busy in the channel. Only the other day the captain of the Pacific Coast Steamship company packet found a Japanese passenger in the act of taking a series of photographs of the islands and the mainland here.

Japanese passing themselves as fishermen are known to have completed full drawings of the channel shore lines and made soundings and maps of the channel.

But it is not of war that the people of Santa Barbara are thinking. It is festivity.

A flower festival, to be held in April when the fleet is here, already is planned to hte fullest detail.

VOTE TO STRIKE IF CUTS COME

SPOKANE DIVISIONS WILL BE TIED UP.

Following Receipt of Instructions to Expect Material Cut in Wages After March 1, Telegraphers on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Around Spokane Have Voted to Strike—Reductions Are to Vary From Five to Ten Dollars.

Spokane, Feb. 25.—As a result of a vote taken by the railway telegraphers on this division of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, the railway telegraphers will go out on a strike if the threatened cut in wages is made on March 1.

The men assert that the railroads are attempting to make them pay the expense of the recent federal nine-hour law which compels the railroads to hire a great number of extra telegraphers in order to relieve the present force.

Today the men work 12 hours per day for \$75 per month, on an average. The road's talk of cutting pay from \$5 to \$10 per month.

Senate Wants the Letters.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Without objection the senate today passed a resolution asking the president to give them the correspondence passed between Venezuela and the United States relative to the controversy now pending "concerning the wrongs done Americans and corporations in that country by the Venezuelan government."

Hearing on Stock Gambling.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The assembly committee on codes has scheduled a hearing for today on the bill to prevent gambling in stocks. The measure was introduced by Assemblyman Wagner.

MARTYRED PRIEST BURIED AT DENVER

FUNERAL OF FATHER HENDRICKS REMARKABLE.

Denver Priest Who Was Assassinated by an Anarchist Last Sunday While Dignitary Was Conducting Services Before the Altar, Was Buried Today Causing Most Remarkable Gathering Ever Assembled in Denver—Murderer Arraigned.

Denver, Feb. 25.—The most remarkable gathering in the history of Denver today attended the funeral of Father Heinrichs, who was assassinated before an altar Sunday, by Alio, the anarchist. For three blocks all the streets leading to the church were blocked. Only members of the parish in which Heinrichs worked were allowed to attend the service.

A dramatic coincidence in the fact that while the priests and choir boys were chanting their sonorous supplications for the repose of the soul of the murdered Father, arraignment of Giuseppe Alio, the murderer, was taking place in police court.

Father William O'Ryan, pastor of St. Leo's church, delivered an eulogy and a sermon against anarchy and socialism. The funeral services were attended by 500 members of the Knights of Columbus and the entire body of the Knights of St. John and other Catholic orders.

Giuseppe Guarancia Alio, the murderer, has talked freely concerning himself and his act, for which he declared he had no regret.

He said he was a native of Sicily, 56 years old. He became a socialist and anarchist at 35 years of age. He is a shoemaker by trade. He came to America two years ago and has since been teaching anarchy, working but little at his trade. He lived, before coming to Denver, in Paterson, N. J., in Wakefield and other mill towns of Massachusetts, and in Chicago. He came to Denver two weeks before Christmas.

Postoffice Safe Robbed.

Bakersfield, Feb. 25.—A safe in the postoffice was broken into last night and \$6750 in postage stamps stolen. There is absolutely no clue to the robbers' identity. The safe was entered by means of a sledge hammer and chisel. Afterwards the lock was replaced by means of tallow and when the clerk tried to open it this morning, it fell apart.

Hearing on Bubble Bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A hearing will be held tomorrow by the house judiciary committee on the Cocks bill, which provides for the regulation, registration and identification of motor vehicles engaged in interstate travel. Chairman Jenkins of the committee has stated that he is opposed to the bill for the reason that it interferes with the rights of states.

Market Day

To the Public, Friends and Patrons:--

It is our firm conviction and prediction that the "La Grande Market Day" will be a splendid success.

People from afar and near will be here to buy and sell; you will not only be able to dispose of anything you may want to sell, but there will be splendid opportunities to renew old friendships, discuss questions of mutual interest and have a general good time.

Speaking for ourselves, individually, let us say, that we are not only going to take part in the jollifications, but will do our utmost towards making you feel that you have spent one of the most pleasant and profitable days in years, by offering for that day social shopping, and money saving opportunities, such as you have seldom if ever enjoyed.

Watch for further announcement.

Yours for A Successful Market Day,

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compounding of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

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