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CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

MASS MEETING WELL ATTENDED LAST NIGHT.

Appointment of a Committee to Secure More Members, the Only Panacea for Club's Future Life, Was Provided for—Many Discuss Absolute Necessity of Retaining the Institution—Lack of Loyalty is Directly Responsible for Conditions.

There were between 60 and 75 business men and club members who responded to the call for a mass meeting last night, for the purpose of getting an expression as to whether or not the Commercial club should be perpetuated and to devise ways and means to straighten out its financial conditions. President T. H. Crawford called the meeting to order and stated the objects of the meeting and reviewed the financial condition that made all present realize that it was not a theory, but a condition that confronted them. It was shown that there were but 111 paid up members and that the average expense of maintaining the club was \$200 per month. Thus the deficit.

Turner Oliver, J. W. Scriber, and Co. have reviewed the past history of the club, dwelling upon its past history and what it had accomplished, and what it was accomplishing for this community, and along with others, pleaded for a loyalty that would rally and place the club on a substantial basis.

A motion was made in order to ascertain the true expression of those present whether or not they desired the club to be maintained, and it was carried unanimously.

Under the head of "How the additional funds were to be secured," it was decided that if this community really desired to perpetuate the club that a membership sufficient to make this possible could easily be secured, and a committee is to be appointed to make a canvass of the city. It is desired to secure a membership of not less than 300. Thus it will be seen that beyond securing an expression of the business interests present, nothing beyond the appointment of this committee was accomplished towards clearing up the financial problem, and unless the public responds with sufficient new members, the club will be closed and the building which for years has been looked upon with pride, will be sold to the highest bidder, and will doubtlessly be converted into a hotel or lodging house. The committee is expected to be appointed this afternoon and to begin its canvass Monday. An enthusiastic mass meeting is only a part of the work—membership is what counts from this time on.

REPUBLICANS OF PORTLAND MEET

WILL AVOID ISSUE OVER STATEMENT NO. 1.

For the Purpose of Outlining the Plans and Fight at the Primaries, Multnomah Republicans Are in Convention Today—Griffin Elected Temporary Chairman—Hails Hughes as the Next President—Chairman Favors the Statement.

Portland, Feb. 29.—The republican county convention for Multnomah county is in session here today for the purpose of formulating a platform upon which to make the primary fight. After a sharp fight M. O. Griffin defeated F. F. Freeman for temporary chairman. Griffin is pledged to his precinct to support statement No. 1, if the question becomes an issue in the convention, but it is believed the delegates will attempt to avoid causing a conflict over the platform by not making statement No. 1 an issue.

In his speech of acceptance Griffin caused great enthusiasm by declaring that Governor Hughes of New York, would be the next president of the United States.

Charges Against Langdon.

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—A sensational letter written by Attorney H. L. Packard to Attorney General Webb, in which he charges District Attorney Langdon with conniving with R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, on trial for libel, charged by William Tork with forcing Abe Ruef to sign a statement supporting charges of Older of the Bulletin, has not yet reached the attorney general. That the letter was made public at this time caused considerable comment. Beyond an emphatic denial, Langdon, who is not taking the charge seriously, says nothing.

Sheppard to Compete.

New York, Feb. 29.—Melvin Sheppard, the Irish-American A. C. runner, who was set down by the A. A. U. about a month ago, will compete in the games of the Spanish War veterans tonight, one minute after his suspension expires.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

ONE TO GET MEMBERS AND ONE ON FINANCES.

Committees Asked for by Mass Meeting at Commercial Club Last Night, Appointed by President Crawford This Afternoon—Finance Committee Will Meet Monday to Propose and Formulate Monetary Schemes—Personnel of Both Committees.

Late this afternoon T. H. Crawford, president of the Commercial club, selected the personnel of the two committees authorized by the mass meeting last night. One of these committees was to formulate a financial plan, having for its object to place the Commercial club on a sound foundation. This committee is to meet in the club rooms next Monday evening at 7:30.

The other is the membership committee which will make an active canvass of the business men, property owners and all interested in seeing the club perpetuated.

Financial Committee.

T. H. Crawford, chairman; J. W. Scriber, Julius Roesch, F. S. Ivanhoe, S. N. Bolton, William Miller, Mac Wood, W. E. Sargent, George Stoddard.

Membership Committee.

George T. Cochran, chairman; Turner Oliver, Fred R. Currey, J. B. Gilham, T. J. Scroggin, C. S. Dunn, H. E. Coolidge, R. L. Lincoln.

MARKET DAY IS PROFITABLE

BUMPER CROWD ON STREETS ALL DAY.

Local Business Houses Have Flourished in a Business Way and Farmers Have Been Given a Real Holiday—Many Horses in for Sale, But Buyers Are Reluctant—Zimmerman Makes Hit as Auctioneer—Afternoon Sees Hundreds in the City.

Max Zimmerman called the turn when he predicted more than a week ago that wives of farmers would invade the stores of La Grande on Market day, while the husbands dickered on "Wall street." Such was the status of the initial market day in La Grande today. Early this morning the farmer began to fill the city. At noon business places were rushed with work in showing their wares to the farmers' wives. Sales have been brisk in all

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THAW REFUSES TO PAY COUNSEL

REVOLTS AT ANNUITY ARRANGED FOR EVELYN.

Until His Attorneys Get Him Out of the "Crazy House" Harry Thaw Will Not Pay His Attorneys a Single Cent Bargained to Be Released From Imprisonment and Not Committal to Matteawan—Will Not Sanction Annuity Named for Evelyn.

New York, Feb. 29.—Harry Thaw has refused to pay the fee of his attorneys who defended him in the second trial and has also refused to sanction the settlement of \$15,000 per year on his wife, Evelyn, according to a message received in Pittsburgh today. Thaw bases his refusal to pay his attorneys on the grounds that he bargained with them for acquittal, and not being sent to Matteawan. "My attorneys will not get one cent from me until they get me out of here," he declared.

Aeroplane Competition.

Munich, Feb. 29.—Entries close today for the prize competition for models of aeroplanes, to take place during the Munich exposition this year. No restrictions are placed on the weights of models provided with motors. The aeroplane race will take place during the exhibition in a suitable hall, as arranged by the sports committee. No model shall be eligible for a prize which does not succeed in covering a distance of at least 15 metres, measured horizontally from the starting place—to be at a height of two metres. The flight may be repeated twice.

MORSE SOLVES FINANCES.

Defunct Ice King Can See Bright Light Ahead of Him.

New York, Feb. 29.—Charles W. Morse announced today that he had worked out a plan by which the shattered remnants of his interests might be saved from the slaughter of a forced sale. The essence of the plan is to secure \$3,500 from stockholders in the National Bank of North America. This would pay off all creditors. With this the former ice king can get on his feet and by careful financing liquidate the remaining securities in such manner as to pay all debts.

Harriman Wins Battle.

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Adherents of the Fish and Harriman factions among the Illinois Central stockholders are arriving here today for the last battle, which will be fought Monday, when the adjourned election of directors will be held. The recent court decision allowing the voting of Union Pacific proxies renders the victory of Harriman and the utter rout of Fish a foregone conclusion.

Mobile to Make Merry.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 29.—With the streets decorated in a profusion of colors and all preparations completed for the festivals and pageants, Mobile is ready for the three days of merriment that will mark the Mardi Gras celebration here. The fun will begin tomorrow in a subdued way and will break forth in a riot of festivity on Monday and Tuesday. The Mobile carnival will be second only to that of New Orleans and will attract thousands of visitors.

Railroad Cuts Wages.

St. Louis, Feb. 29.—Alleging that the financial crisis and unfair legislation in the southern states renders such action necessary, the Mobile & Ohio railway will tomorrow put into effect a 10 per cent reduction in the salaries of all executive officers, officials and employees receiving \$100 a month or more. All employees receiving from \$50 to \$100 are cut 5 per cent.

Has Bible 364 Years Old.

Letitz, Pa., Feb. 29.—D. W. Deltrich a Warwick school teacher, has in his possession a Bible 364 years old, bearing the imprint of Christofer Fraushaur, Zurich, Switzerland, 1544.

RICH LADY SHOT IN LOS ANGELES

MURDERER SURRENDERS TO THE POLICE.

Boston Tourist Shot in Her Apartment by a Well Known Shriner and Mining Man—Walked One Block to a Ball Room and Gave Himself Up, Announcing the Murder—Woman Attacked Him With Blue Vitriol—Troubles of Long Standing, He Said.

Los Angeles, Feb. 29.—Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes, a wealthy widow tourist from Boston, was shot and instantly killed this morning in her luxurious apartments.

W. F. McComas, a well known mining engineer and Shriner, committed the deed. A few minutes after firing the shot, McComas, with his face and hands blistered by vitriol, walked into a ball room at the Hotel Pepper, one block from the scene of the shooting and announced that he had killed Mrs. Noyes and gave himself up.

Shows Officers the Corpse. McComas led the officers to the apartments where the body of the woman was found with two bullet wounds in her breast.

He said he shot the woman because she had attacked him with acid and that in the scuffle he had pulled the revolver and shot. He said he had known the woman for five years.

"She had been bothering me lately and I could not stand it longer," the couple had been spending the mornings at the Arcadia race track and tickets showed that they had won considerable money, but during the last two weeks the losses had aggregated at least \$5000.

SHAW NOT A FINANCIER.

Former Treasurer Has Failed to Make in Wall Street.

New York, Feb. 29.—When Leslie M. Shaw abandoned his honored and honorable position as secretary of the United States treasury, to cast his lot with the bovines and Teddy bears of Wall street, his admirers out in Iowa predicted for him a brilliant future as a financier. Truth to tell, Mr. Shaw has not made good—not, at least, according to the Wall street standard. He has resigned his \$26,000 a year job as president of the Carnegie Trust company and will retire tomorrow. Ostensibly this action was due to his desire to become president of the United States. Praiseworthy as is this ambition, the financiers receive this explanation with a grain of salt. Mr. Shaw is by no means a fool, and he probably knows that his chance of landing the plum is about as remote as that of Eugene V. Debs or Emma Goldman.

Mr. Shaw apparently realizes that he has not been successful in assimilating the Wall street atmosphere, necessary to the profitable conduct of a great financial institution. This is not to his discredit—rather the reverse. While he has never had an open quarrel with his associates in the management of the trust company, there have been constant differences of opinion. These finally led to the flat-footed proposition that he could either buy or sell out. He accepted the latter proposition.

While Mr. Shaw's Wall street experience has been unsatisfactory to his colleagues, it has not been without profit to himself. His one year's incumbency as president of the Carnegie Trust company has netted a profit of \$111,000. Of this sum only \$36,000 is salary. The balance represents a bonus on his shares of the trust company stock bought at \$150 a share and sold back to the controlling interests at \$200 a share.

It is likely that when the ex-secretary of the treasury closes up his affairs this afternoon, he will utter a sigh of relief. His financial experience has been a rather strenuous one. While the Carnegie Trust company safely weathered the financial storm that wrecked so many other Wall street craft, the skipper had his moments and hours of anxiety. There is a well defined rumor that at one time during the "recent" panic the trust

company was forced to call for help upon Andrew Carnegie. The steel king has no financial interest in the institution, but sentimental reasons led him to respond nobly to the call for assistance.

Shaw supplies another notable example of the man who is able to make a brilliant success of his career in other sections of the country, but who fails lamentably in New York. There are thousands of such failures in New York, brilliant men with enviable records in other cities, men in all walks of life, who find themselves misfits in New York and yet, like moths dazzled by flame, abandon all hope of wealth and fame for a struggling existence in the metropolis. Mr. Shaw has exhibited rare wisdom in knowing when to "let go."

Start on Last Lap.

Callao, Peru, Feb. 29.—The Atlantic fleet is on the last lap of its long voyage. Led by the Connecticut, amid the booming of guns from Peruvian warships, and cheers from the thousands on shore, the fleet passed out of the harbor into the Pacific.

HEAR LUMBERMEN FROM THE COAST

INTERSTATE COMMERCE HEARING CHARGES TODAY.

Alleged That Twenty Railroads of the Interior Northwest Are Conspiring to Exact Exorbitant Rates, Lumbermen of the Pacific Northwest Are Today Presenting Their Case to the Interstate Commerce Commission—No Decision Reached in Spokane Case.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Hearing was begun today by the interstate commerce commission on the case of the lumbermen of the northwest against the Trans-Continental Pacific railway. The petition was signed by 43 companies located in the interior coast territory, naming 20 railroads as defendants and charging conspiracy to exact exorbitant freight rates. The defendant roads include the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific and Oregon Short Line. "No Decision" Rumored. A report is current here that the interstate commerce commission has been unable to reach a decision in the Spokane rate case, but this is impossible to verify. It is known that the commission regards the case as fundamental and vitally important.

Natchez Mardi Gras.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 29.—The Natchez Mardi Gras association will begin its 11th annual carnival Monday, to last through Tuesday, with every prospect of the most magnificent celebration in its history. Reduced rates have been granted by the railroads, assuring hundreds of visitors.

FLEET REVIEW PLANS READY

GREAT PAGEANT OF SHIPS IN 'FRISCO BAY.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf and Other Naval Officials Have Arranged the Program for Review of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets in San Francisco Bay When Evans' Fleet Reaches There—Four-Column Formation Maintained There.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Plans for the review of the fleet of 45 warships to be held in San Francisco bay upon arrival of the Atlantic fleet are ready. The program provides for a union of the fleet within the bay in four-column formation of all fighting ships of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. Secretary of the Navy Metcalf and distinguished guests will review the fleet from the Yorktown, a tender to the flagship. Admiral Evans has been advised of the plan by cable. Assemblage of the ships will be between Mission and Hunters Points.

Faith Cure Rector Resigns.

New York, Feb. 29.—Because his "faith cure" doctrines, bordering on Christian Science, were distasteful to the members of his flock, the Rev. John Woods Elliott, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church, Orange Valley, has handed in his resignation, effective tomorrow. It is rumored that Dr. Elliott will become lecturer in Mrs. Eddy's church. The Rev. Mr. Elliott created a sensation among the people when he began several months ago to preach his belief in the ability to cure by prayer, and that healing could be accomplished by the laying on of hands. He was criticized by a number of his congregation and submitted his resignation. At the annual meeting of the church in December the resignation was referred to the wardens and vestrymen, and these, by a majority vote, declined to accept it. He then agreed to work more in harmony with his people.

To Try Orchard Soon.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 29.—It is expected that Harry Orchard, the arch-assassin, who was the principal witness in the Haywood and Pettibone prosecutions, will be placed on trial for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg next month. It is stated that Orchard will enter a plea of guilty and that the trial will last but a few hours after a jury has been secured. Orchard has already confessed under oath that he murdered Steunenberg and many others. Orchard is in the state prison here, but the trial will take place at Caldwell, in Canyon county.

Vanderbilt Coming Back.

London, Feb. 29.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt will sail from Havre today for New York, but will return to London at the end of April to begin his Brighton public coaching trips, which will continue during May and June.

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."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon