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PENDLETON PLANS FOR REVENUE

WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW ONE OF TWO PLANS.

Pendleton Will Give Prohibition Fair Trial—Laws Will Be Rigidly Enforced—Various Forms of Taxation Discussed—Occupation Tax Received Favorable Consideration—More Saloons in Pendleton Than in La Grande.

At the meeting of the city council of Pendleton, following the election, the mayor spoke to the councilmen as follows:

"I expect the council and the members of the police force to stand together with me in seeing to it that the law is enforced. If the people declare that they want a dry town, I am ready to agree that we should have one. The police must be depended upon to arrest any violators of the law, while to the council will be delegated the duty of passing any measures that may be required to meet the needs of the new order of things."

All members of the council present voiced their approval of the mayor's words, Councilman Mumm saying:

"Since the people of the county have voted for prohibition, I believe in giving it a fair trial. That is the only way to tell if it is a good or a bad measure."

The shortage in the revenues occasioned by the loss of license money called forth two principal suggestions. One was to tax various occupations. This method is in use in many cities of the south, and had met with success. This method of raising revenue was favorably considered by the council, as it lays the burden upon those best able to bear it. The man with a large income would pay a proportionate share of the expenses of the city. The other form of taxation discussed was to levy taxes against the businesses. Objection was found to this way of raising revenue, on the grounds that it might tend to drive enterprise to other localities. A list of the different enterprises in Pendleton was read, and the amount of the proposed tax, while not heavy in any particular instance, would in the course of a year, add a great deal of hard cash to the coffers of the municipality.

Cortelyou Accused.

New York, June 5.—The topic of discussion in the streets today is that former Secretary Shaw's announcement that he had dismissed a number of rascals, and that Cortelyou had immediately reinstated them upon assuming the portfolio. The recent dismissal of William Theobald provoked the statement.

SHOOTING OF DREYFUS CAUSES SENSATION

ASSAILANT ACCUSED OF BEING AGENT OF SECRET SOCIETY.

Anti-Semitic Society of French Capital Suspected of Being Responsible for Seemingly Unwarranted Attack Upon Major Dreyfus—Gregory Only Agent.

Paris, June 5.—It is suspected in Paris that the attempt of M. Gregory, the noted editor, upon the life of Major Dreyfus, was instigated by a powerful anti-Semitic organization.

The police freely assert that the allegations, first given voice by the friends of the persecuted victim, are true, and are now busily engaged in hunting incriminating papers.

Dreyfus, at the time of his sentence on Devil's Island, was the only Jew in the French army.

It is believed that Gregory will make a determined effort to have the Dreyfus case reopened when he is tried for the shooting. As such an event would seriously disturb the peace of France, it will be strenuously opposed.

FRATERNAL MEMORIAL.

Baker City Lodges Will Hold Memorial Services Sunday.

Baker City, June 5.—On next Sunday afternoon, June 7, the Modern Woodmen, Woodmen of the World, the two lodges of the I. O. O. F. and perhaps the Knights of Pythias will hold memorial services. The various orders will meet in their respective halls and march, headed by the Baker City band to the cemetery where the services will be held. Captain Samuel White is to deliver the address for the uniform ranks and the Presbyterian choir will furnish the music. These exercises are held annually by the lodges owing to the fact that on Sunday so many more are able to go than on Decoration day.

Disastrous Cloudburst.

Marion City, June 5.—Reports received here say that a cloudburst killed 20 persons and destroyed \$20,000 worth of property at Guanajuato. Heavy rains have flooded many cities and damaged several tunnels, blocking railroad traffic completely.

Modify Rate Demands.

Chicago, June 5.—The movement inaugurated recently by the western railroads to increase freight rates 10 per cent in western territory, has been practically abandoned in western classification, and the transcontinentals agreed to a much smaller increase than was first demanded.

TROUBLE BREWS IN CHICAGO

CONTESTS IN CONVENTION OVER SEATING DELEGATES.

Foraker Intends to Make Trouble for the Administration, and Incidentally for the Friends of the Taft—As Predicted in Yesterdays Wires, the Brownsville Incident Will Be Used Against Aaft—200 Contests Over Seats.

Chicago, June 5.—Over 200 seats in the republican convention figure in the contests which the national committee, which began its sessions today, will be called upon to decide. The Alabama contests will be taken up first. Arkansas contestants will next be heard, and so on down the list in alphabetical order. Among the state contests to be decided are Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Florida. Arizona and Alaska furnish territorial contests. The district contests come from all over the country, but mainly from the south.

Among the political sensations which have been sprung concurrent with the meeting of the national committee is a report that Senator Foraker intends to introduce the Brownsville matters as a bone of contention in the convention.

While Foraker is not a delegate he may get on the floor through a proxy and present the resolution himself, or he may get one of his friends to do it for him. Should the resolution be sent to the committee on resolutions without being read, as would probably be done, he could have it brought out in a minority report and placed before the convention.

Senator Foraker does not doubt that the calling up of the Brownsville trouble in the convention will cause trouble for the administration leaders. The ynow have before them a delicate task in placating the contesting delegations from several southern states, many of which have colored members.

In a letter to John E. Milholland of New York, Senator Foraker shows his hand in the Brownsville bill matter by suggesting to the ten million negro voters of the country that they demand of any presidential candidate that he will support the Foraker bill for the relief of the discharged negro soldiers.

The Ohioan knows that if there is a general negro demand upon Secretary Taft to pledge himself to this bill, and he does so, a rift will be created in the Roosevelt-Taft lute which it will require heroic tinkering to repair.

DAUGHTER WILL VOTE FOR DAD

RUTH BRYAN-LEAVITT MAY BE A DELEGATE.

Woman Suffrage in Colorado May Result in the Daughter of W. J. Bryan Having the Honor of Voting for Her Father as a Candidate for the Presidency—She is Already the Head of the Denver County Delegation.

Denver, June 5.—As matters political now stand in Colorado, it is regarded by the wise-acres as extremely probable that Ruth Bryan-Leavitt, daughter of the eminent Nebraskan, will have the unique distinction of being the first American woman to vote for her father as a candidate before a national convention for the office of the presidency. Mrs. Leavitt has been elected as a delegate at large to the state convention, and will head the Denver county delegation at the state gathering of the democratic clans. This will probably give her enough importance, together with her relationship to her eminent father, to lead Bryan's friends to force her election as a delegate to the national convention.

TROUBLE IN CANAL ZONE

OUTBREAK FEARED AND AMERICANS APPEALED TO.

Adventurers Gathered in the Canal Zone Have Caused Trouble—Foreigners Are Ignorant and Easily Prejudiced—Election Seems to Have Created Crisis—45,000 Men Are Involved—Americans May Assume Control.

Washington, D. C., June 5.—The seriousness of the political situation in Panama was greatly increased today, according to reports received here which say that trouble among the 45,000 men employed in the canal zone is inevitable. Soldiers of fortune who have collected on the isthmus in the last six months have aroused dissensions among the men and there is serious difficulty over payrolls. Most of the men working on the canal are foreigners, and adventurers have found little difficulty in instigating trouble among the ignorant. An outbreak is feared and the combined, threatened revolution and the practical certainty of trouble over the election has aroused the officials to take careful consideration of the situation.

Appeals from business men for the Americans to assume control until peace is restored, continue to reach Washington.

Nelson Wants to Fight.

Portland, June 5.—Battling Nelson today posted \$500 which he wants to bet with Fitzsimmons that he (Nelson) defeats Gans at Colma, July 4. Fitz recently ventured an opinion that Nelson will lose. Nelson roasts the Cornishman, declaring that he has been afraid of blacks ever since Johnson knocked him out at Philadelphia. Nelson and Fitz are both here, Nelson appearing in vaudeville this week, Fitz appearing next week.

Hitchcock Trial Begins.

New York, June 5.—Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, is on trial today for an alleged attempt to mistreat Helen Von Hagan, age 14, who says Hitchcock enticed her to his country home on Long Island while he was playing at the Broadway theater. John Ward, expressman, was selected foreman of the jury and court adjourned until Monday.

Charles Reynolds returned this morning from Corvallis, where he went to attend the track meet. He remained two days in Portland to take in the Ross carnival.

BAD FLOODS IN IDAHO

WORST IN YEARS AND TOWNS ARE UNDER WATER.

Melting Snow in Buffalo Hump Country Cause Disastrous Rise in Salmon and Clearwater Rivers—Towns Inundated, Houses and Bridges Are Washed Away—Dams Carried Out—Electric Light Plants Ruined—Traffic Interrupted.

Lewiston, Idaho, June 5.—The Clearwater and Salmon rivers are on rampage. The town of Stites is more than five feet under water, and the Northern Pacific bridge has been washed out at that place. Log booms, sawmills and houses have been wrecked by the worst flood in the history of that section. The flood is caused by melting snow in the Buffalo hump country.

The railroad track between Stites and Kooak is under water. At Orofino the river is rising a foot an hour, and the business district of the town is already under water. Grangeville was dark last night, owing to the power dam having been washed away. White Bird, on the Salmon, has three feet of water in the street, and the electric plant is wrecked.

REPUBLICANS CONTESTING

DELEGATES TO CHICAGO WILL HAVE TROUBLES.

All G. O. P.dom is Watching Chicago—Much Depends on Result of Contests Over Seating Delegates—299 Delegates May Lose Seats—Knox is Boomed by Pennsylvania Friend—Taft Men Claim Former Advantage.

Chicago, June 5.—Taft men began the fight here today with victory in sight, when the 229 contests are heard by republican national committee. The anti-Taft forces have filed a protest against the admission of Hitchcock on New Mexico proxy. The committee voted to table the protests admitted by Taft's manager. The allies are indignant at the action. U. N. Bryan, a leading anti-Taft man, said: "Taft opposition is being killed by slow strangulation."

Senator Fulton of Oregon, holding Knight's California proxy, was seated by the committee. Negro contestants have opened headquarters and announced that they will make a determined fight to secure recognition. They have invited Foraker to address a mass meeting Tuesday night.

GOULD ROADS IN TROUBLE.

Directors Passed Regular Dividend—Creates Flurry.

New York, June 5.—The serious financial condition of the Gould roads was shown today when the directors decided to pass the regular dividend. This action caused stocks to drop nearly two points in the local market and affected other roads, but under the guidance of the Union Pacific the others regained the loss before closing.

Washington Man Forgets Sister.

Bellingham, Wash., June 5.—Rachel Stansel, only sister of Franklin L. Kennedy of Lynder, Wash., filed a contest to the will of her brother, which provides that half his estate be given to the Masonic lodge and the income from the other half be used to care for his grave.

Japs Boycott Chinese Brethren.

San Francisco, June 5.—San Francisco's Chinese quarter is greatly agitated today by the boycott declared by local Japanese against the Chinese gambling houses and restaurants. The boycott is in retaliation against the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods.

BANK SHORTAGE.

The Depositors See Only \$400 to Pay \$40,000.

Los Angeles, June 5.—There is but \$400 cash to meet \$40,000 deposits in the Consolidated bank, according to the report of temporary receiver Lewis, who took charge yesterday. W. H. Carlson, who was practically the entire board of directors, is missing. Friends of Carlson scout the idea that he has skipped and say he will return to settle affairs.

LAWSON HAS A VISION.

Says There is Trouble Afoot for Secretary of War Taft.

Boston, Mass., June 5.—Thomas W. Lawson has announced that the republican national convention will "double cross" Taft in a stampede for Roosevelt. He does not charge the president with being a party to the scheme, but says Taft will get the knife.

OFF FOR UNION.

Grand Jury About to Finish its Work This Session.

This afternoon the members of the Union county grand jury left in an automobile for Union, where they will inspect the county poor farm. They expect to return this evening and complete their work and make their report tomorrow afternoon.

THE MURDERERS MAY ESCAPE

STRIKING LIKENESS MAY SAVE NECKS.

Murderers of San Francisco Policeman Last Thursday, Look So Much Alike That Both May Escape Through a Technicality—One of Two Twin Brothers Does Shooting—Both Are Locked Up, But Both Deny the Deed.

San Francisco, June 5.—Because of the striking likeness between Thomas and James Young, twin brothers, one of whom shot and killed Policeman Heins Thursday morning, the actual murderer may escape. Both men are charged with the crime and are closely guarded in separate cells. Each accuses the other. One brother gave a revolver to the other, who shot the policeman, according to witnesses. The man who fired lay on the sidewalk pretending to be hurt and when Heins leaned over him he fired. The men look so much alike that it is impossible to tell them apart, even when they are together.

June Mason, who has been very ill in this city for the past month, has so far recovered as to be able to return to his home at Bingham Springs, this afternoon on the delayed No. 1.

GALLAGHER IN DANGER

CHIEF WITNESS IN GRAFT PROSECUTION THREATENED.

Repeated Attempts on the Life of the Former Supervisor—Chief Dependence of Henry in Cases Yet to Come to Trial, Leads Judge Cahalan to Refuse Request of Ruff to Postpone Trial.

San Francisco, June 5.—The many attempts of some one to take the life of Gallagher, who has now become of the greatest importance to the prosecution in the trials of the graft cases in this city, have caused Henry and his aids much uneasiness. Today, when Ruff's attorneys requested a postponement for two weeks of the Parkside realty cases, Police Judge Cahalan, backed by a request from Prosecutor Henry, peremptorily refused. Henry makes no bones about voicing his belief that the attempts to murder Gallagher are instigated by the "higher up," who want their greatest menace disposed of before the arraignment of Ruff on Monday.

Ryan Disregarded.

New York, June 5.—The testimony of Jacob Schiff, the banker, to the effect that he made Thomas F. Ryan disgorge \$7,000,000 when the Metropolitan Securities company was formed, is an all-absorbing topic on the street. Schiff said his firm had undertaken joint ownership with Ryan, of watered stock and that he had to buy him out to protect friends of the firm.

Carries Body on Wheel.

Los Angeles, June 5.—In a desperate race with death today, Harry Burke, a messenger, after knocking a bottle of carbolic acid from the lips of Fred Perkins in a rooming house, threw the writhing body of the man over the handle bars of his bicycle and dashed to the receiving hospital. Despite the boy's heroic efforts Perkins died half an hour later. The despondent man had quarreled with his wife.

Big Strawberry Crop.

Freewater, Ore., June 5.—People in this section of the country are busily engaged in gathering the strawberry crop. They are being shipped in large quantities, the growers realizing about \$2.75 per crate. Besides the regular packing houses here, the largest shipping houses in Walla Walla have established branch houses here. Several outside buyers are on the ground and are picking up all they can get.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wright of Sumpster, arrived in the city yesterday evening to visit Mr. Wright's brother and father. Mrs. Wright will remain here several days while Mr. Wright transacts business in Portland. He left for Portland on today's delayed No. 1.

IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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