

FORM A TAFT-SHERMAN CLUB

LOCAL REPUBLICANS WILL BAND THEMSELVES TOGETHER

Numerous Republicans Present Request to County Chairman and He May Call a Meeting for the Purpose of Organizing the Club—Similar Plans Followed Everywhere—Need of Such a Club Felt and Republicans Will Benefit.

Next Friday evening, in the old Elks' hall, a Taft-Sherman club will be organized in this city, for the express purpose of furthering the political interests of the republican standard bearers. Similar clubs have been organized in every city of importance in other states of the union, and if the plans of leading republicans mature, as there is no doubt they will, La Grande will set a pace for the rest of republican Oregon. The call will this meeting is made by County Chairman Peare on request of leading republicans in the city who have long felt the need of an organization and promoting Taft and Sherman's interests, and now come to the front with the request for a meeting. The meeting not exclusive—every republican is urged to be present. Much of interest to the party members will come up, but chief, of course, will be the organization of the Taft-Sherman club along lines similar to those followed in other cities. Some of the most influential republicans of the city are out today drumming up interest in the meeting, and it is practically assured that a rousing meeting and the perfection of a live, active club will result.

TRAIN STRIKES CREW. Workmen Dodging One Train When They Were Struck by Another.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—One man was killed and two fatally hurt today when a Northwestern elevated train struck a gang of workmen, who ran in front of the train to escape another. John Soshne was hurled 50 feet into the air and instantly killed.

VERMONT TOTALS PLEASE LEADERS

BRYAN FAILS TO ATTACH SIGNIFICANCE TO IT.

Vermont Went Republican in the Elections Yesterday by a Trifle More Than Twenty-Nine Thousand Majority—Bryan Cannot See Where Big Republican Victory Has Any Effect on the Presidential Campaign—He Goes to Sioux City Tonight.

St. Paul, Sept. 2.—William J. Bryan is back from the Dakotas and said today that he did not know how the republican victory in Vermont could be considered a barometer of the coming election.

"Personally I am unable to see how it has any effect, as the campaign has just opened."

He declined to discuss the showing made by the independence league. He left for Sioux City, where he speaks tonight. Majority Over 29,000. White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 2.—More complete returns from the state election yesterday give the state to the republicans by slightly over 29,000 majority. George H. Prouty is the successful republican candidate for governor. The independence league polled 1,000 votes.

COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HELD AT GROUNDS AS IN PAST

PLANS TO MAKE IT A LIVE STREET AGRICULTURAL FAIR DROPPED AT MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Union County's Annual Fair Will Be Held at the Old Stand. Notwithstanding Effort to Make it a Live, Enterprising and Successful Street Fair—Another Plan Discussed Last Night—McKennon and West Would Carry Brunt of Cash Support in the New Venture—This May Be Done Next Year When More Time Could Be Devoted to the Proposition—McKennon Explains Plans.

The county fair will be held at the fair grounds as usual. This was the decision arrived at last evening by the business men assembled at the Commercial club after an extensive discussion. Several were enthusiastic and thought they could make a grand success of it, but as the time was so limited and the merchants were busy receiving their fall goods, many thought the proper attention that would be necessary to insure a success, would be difficult to obtain. The La Grande business men did not want to touch it at all unless they knew they could make a success of it. Those present desired that the stock exhibits would be one of the leading features, and to insure this, expensive sheds would be required. Consequently it was decided not to attempt it this year, but might be considered next season, and, if so, the matter would be taken up in due season and pushed with a vim.

Another Proposition. Out of the general discussion may result in a general reorganization of the fair proposition and place it on a paying, or at least self-sustaining basis. J. D. McKennon stated that one year ago he and N. K. West attempted to reorganize it and each headed the list for \$500 worth of stock, but met with no encouragement and that he would take upon himself the responsibility of securing one-half of the necessary

stock in the country, if the citizens of La Grande would subscribe the other half.

The financial condition is that the present indebtedness against the fair grounds is about \$11,000. In other words, Fred Holmes holds a mortgage against the 60 acres and improvements, with the interest, amounts to practically \$11,000, or a little more. Mr. McKennon stated that Mr. Holmes last year offered to throw off \$1000 of the interest, making it \$10,000, and that he would subscribe \$500, and he thought Mr. West would do likewise, and if the business men would take \$5000 he would see that the farmers of the valley would take the balance, and by putting a little new life into the fair, it could not only be made self-sustaining, but would be of great benefit to the entire county.

It is just possible that the Commercial club may accept these conditions and take the matter up with a view of securing the subscriptions. For many years the financial burden of the fair has been more than any board of managers could carry. In the first place, not all of the original stockholders paid their portion, which was only 50 per cent of the amount subscribed. Others refused, or did not pay anything. A few were sued, but that was not agreeable and matters drifted from bad to worse.

It is almost safe to say that had almost any other man owned the mortgage, but Mr. Holmes, it would have been foreclosed years ago.

Mr. West was seen this morning and he stated that in nearly every instance where fairs had been attempted to be held in cities, they had proved failures and that if this stock was subscribed and paid in, the fair could be immediately put on a paying basis and that every man who put a dollar into it would get it back. Under a reorganization along business lines, Mr. West stated that he would take \$1000 of the stock.

It is possible that it is too late to do much for the present fair along reorganization, but the matter could be taken up this fall and all adjusted and the fair next year can be placed on a plane that we can all boost for and make a grand success.

SAGE'S WEALTH OVERESTIMATED

EXECUTORS FIND GREAT DEPRECIATION IN STOCKS.

In Taking Inventory of the Supposed Wealth of Russell Sage Executors Find That Many of the Securities Are Worthless—What Was Thought to Be Millions, is Really Worthless Paper—Two Railroads Sold at a Loss to Estate.

New York, Sept. 2.—Further probing into the affairs of the late Russell Sage's estate has revealed a large assortment of worthless securities. The executors are today making an inventory of the bonds and stocks upon which they are unable to realize. The total par value of these holdings, shown by Sage's financial register, was \$1,071,000, and now they are not worth the paper they are written on. The executors expect to realize very little on many of Sage's open accounts. The two railroads he owned have been sold at a loss.

Deep Mystery at Seattle. Seattle, Sept. 2.—Mystery surrounds the discovery of a woman's body yesterday on the shore of Lake Washington, near Juanita. There are evidences of murder. Identification is impossible on account of decomposition. The only marks are four gold teeth and hair streaked with gray.

Yesterday's Scores. Portland, 0; Los Angeles, 5. San Francisco, 12; Oakland, 2.

ROOSEVELT PATS FAIR COMMISSION

THINKS ACTION WAS THE PROPER STEP TO TAKE.

Diplomats Are Considerably Worked Up Over Statement From Oyster Bay, That is Incurred to End Sensation Created by Visit of Takahira—Chinese Minister May Be Recalled—Because Japan Does Not Like Him—Expensive Telegram Sent.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Diplomats are today discussing a letter sent to Secretary of State Root by President Roosevelt, commenting on the action of the Japanese in postponing the Tokio exposition, taking occasion to state that the American people are friendly toward the Japanese. The letter was made public from Oyster Bay last night, and is considered to have been written for the purpose of ending the sensation created last week when Baron Takahira visited the president behind closed doors. It is also reported that the Chinese minister, Wu, will be recalled because Japan does not like him. After the conference, Takahira sent a telegram to Japan costing \$96.

Storm in Japan. Tokio, Sept. 2.—In an effort to placate business men and commercial bodies of Japan, who threatened to refrain from participating in the exposition because it was postponed, the cabinet today prevailed upon President Kaneko to resign. The decision was reached after a stormy session, where a written protest of Tokio business men against the postponement, was read. The conservatives won. The present Japanese financial stringency was given in the official announcement today as the reason for postponement.

"Bat" the Favorite.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—Batting Nelson is now quoted as a 10 to 8 favorite over Gans, for the coming battle for the lightweight championship. Abe Attell moved up notes today in the betting odds for the fight with Owen Moran, the English featherweight champion. He is quote at 10 to 7 1/2.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

STORMS SWEEP COAST OF ENGLAND SINCE LAST MONDAY.

Avalanche and Mountain Floods Leave Death and Destruction in Their Wake—Sudden Thaw Sends Mountains of Ice Down on Mountain-Foot Villages—Storms Along English Coast Have Caused Large Death Lists—Schooners Swamped.

London, Sept. 2.—Reports today show that 140 lives were lost in a storm sweeping the coast of England since Monday. It is feared the number will be greater when additional reports are received. A great number of schooners and fishing boats were swamped.

Disastrous Avalanche. Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 2.—A heavy loss of life and destruction of several villages in the Swiss Jura is reported as the result of an avalanche and floods caused by an unexpected thaw in the mountains. Forty are known to be dead.

A party of eight English tourists has been missing since Monday. Heavy deposits of ice were suddenly loosened and slid down on the unsuspecting inhabitants of the foothill villages.

CAPITALISTS HERE.

Head of Big Milling Concern Pay La Grande a Visit.

W. G. Preston and J. H. Richardson, two retired capitalists of Washington, who are stopping at Hot Lake, were in the city this morning. Mr. Preston is president of the Preston-Parton Mill company, one of the largest flouring mill companies in Washington, and is one of the pioneer mill men of the Watsburg district. Mr. Preston has been operating a mill at Watsburg since 1866, and has a large branch mill at Athena in Umatilla county. Mr. Richardson has been a resident of Washington since 1854 and for the past number of years has been engaged in wheat raising in Adams county. Mr. Richardson stopped off at the lake on his way home from an extended tour throughout the middle west. Both gentlemen will remain at the lake for the next month.

Killed in His Home.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 2.—There is a mystery in the death of Dr. Frederick Rustin, a prominent young physician of this city, who was found lying inside the front door of his home by his wife today, shot through the stomach. The police and the widow think it was murder. It is reported the doctor's practice was reduced on account of his love of strong drink.

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\$2.25 boys' Dress and School Shoes \$1.59
\$2.50 to \$3.00 boys' Dress and School Shoes \$1.98
\$2.00 to \$2.25 ladies' Shoes \$1.38
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