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START TAFT CLUB IN ELGIN FRIDAY

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF LOCAL CLUB LAST NIGHT.

Snodgrass Goes to Elgin Tomorrow to Organize Club Similar to One Now in La Grande—Great Enthusiasm in Wallowa County, Especially Enterprise—Taft Speeches Received With Delight—To Bring Prominent Speakers Here Soon.

A Taft-Sherman club, similar to the ones now existing in this city and at Union, will be organized at Elgin tomorrow night. W. J. Snodgrass, the republican warhorse who has just returned from Wallowa county after a successful organizing tour, leaves tomorrow morning for Elgin and will start things off right, there. There are now two clubs in this county and three in Wallowa county—Joseph, Enterprise and Wallowa. The Enterprise club has a rousing membership of 51 already, and both the other two are growing.

It is expected that the republicans of Elgin will be banded after tomorrow night, in large numbers. The event has not been largely advertised, hence the boosters will have to do some "verbal" shouting in the interim. Once the thing is commonly known, leading republicans of Elgin and Mr. Snodgrass expect a very large attendance and an abundance of enthusiasm.

TAFT CLUB MEETING.

Last evening the Taft-Sherman club at its weekly meeting, arranged to have two big rallies during the campaign. The dates and speakers have not as yet been decided upon. A finance committee was appointed and a number of business matters were discussed.

Those present were entertained by listening to a number of speeches by Mr. Taft, reproduced on the phonograph. For a few moments it was thought that this feature would have to be omitted, owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the committee, to provide the instrument and records, but C. M. Humphreys soon had the instrument in the room and W. H. Davis' store was sought and the records were soon delivering portions of the best addresses delivered during the campaign by the republican standard bearer. They were very much enjoyed by all present.

SENATOR STRIKES EDITOR WITH IRON

TURBULENT IDAHO HAS NEW MEANS OF RECREATION

Moscow, Oct. 1.—With political squabbles growing monotonous, the political world is watching with interest the outcome of the hand-to-hand combat in which State Senator Warren Truitt attacked Pete Orcutt, editor of the Troy News, on the main street, inflicting several scalp and facial wounds, with a piece of iron yesterday. The senator was arrested but later released. He took exception to a story printed about him.

Less Cholera in Manila.

Manila, Oct. 1.—The cholera situation is improved here. Officials think the disease will be under control by the time the Atlantic fleet arrives.

Nurse Commits Suicide.

Spokane, Oct. 1.—Clad in nurse's costume, Miss Helen Wood, employed in the Sacred Heart hospital for the past year, jumped from the Division street bridge last night and was carried down stream and drowned.

NEBRASKA CHEERS TAFT.

Home State of Bryan Shouts for Taft During His Tour.

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 1.—Judge William Taft and his party are hurrying through Nebraska today after having visited the home town of his opponent, Bryan. He was given a continuous ovation while traveling through Bryan's adopted state.

Check for High Flight.

Paris, Oct. 1.—The Aero club today sent Wilbur Wright, the Ohio aviator, a check for \$1000, as the prize for having made the longest flight ever accomplished over a prescribed course.

MONSTER STRIKE NOW IMMINENT

ENGLISH RAILROAD EMPLOYEES RECIEVE MEAGER WAGES

London, Oct. 1.—A strike which would affect a half million railroad employes of England, and tie up transportation on many lines in the United Kingdom, is the imminent result of a referendum vote shortly to be taken. It is thought a strike will be the outcome. The unions ask for an increase in wages, averaging 25 per cent, and the definite limitation of working hours. The wage of the English signal man averages \$5 a week, skilled engineers \$16, and conductors \$8 a week.

CONVOCATION IN PENDLETON.

Big Church Event in Pendleton Interesting to Attendants.

The first convocation of the eastern Oregon missionary district of the Episcopal church is being held today in the Church of the Redeemer by the Rt. Rev. R. L. Paddock, presiding as ex officio president, says the Pendleton East Oregonian of Wednesday.

There was an evening service last night at which two very interesting papers were read. One was by the Rev. Mr. Berry of Baker City upon the "Past History of Eastern Oregon," with particular reference to the beginning of the church work in this field.

The other paper was by Rev. Chas. Quinney, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, on "Tithing." Both papers were very able and the most interesting to those who heard them.

The services today were a brief morning service and communion at 10 o'clock with a sermon by the Rev. R. D. Nevios, who was a pioneer missionary in eastern Oregon, and is now over 81 years old. Despite his advanced age he is remarkably strong and vigorous and his sermon was delivered with a strong, clear voice, made beautiful and sublime but not impaired by the weight of years.

Bishop Paddock introduced Dr. Nevios in a very tender and complimentary manner, which must have been very gratifying to him as it was also to many of the people present who knew him.

The aged speaker took the 180th psalm for his text, reading the whole passage and giving it a special meaning for the occasion. From the first to the last the sermon was filled with the deepest meaning and he was given the most careful attention at all times.

Bishop Paddock delivered an address at 2 o'clock this afternoon and at 3 o'clock the woman's auxiliary held a meeting. After this adjourned, the business session was continued.

Tonight Rev. Upton H. Gibbs of La Grande, will talk on the church's attitude toward amusements and Dr. Nevios will give some reminiscences of missionary experiences in eastern Oregon.

New Engineer.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Oct. 1.—Capt. George S. Willits, engineer in chief of the navy, reported chief of steam engineering of

OREGON RATE IS YET UNSETTLED

O. R. & N. AND S. P. FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT.

As Sequel to Yesterday's Remarkable Decision by the Circuit Court of California, an Amended Complaint Has Been Filed in Court Today—O. R. & N. Contends Lumber Rates to Frisco Are Almost Confiscatory in Extent.

San Francisco, Oct. 1.—Charging the interstate commission of having misconceived the Heppburn rate law in assuming power to compel the railroads to meet water competition, and force carriers to assume an unreasonable low rate, attorneys for the Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. today filed an amended complaint in the Oregon lumber rate case. Arguments were heard this afternoon.

The amended bill is more explicit than the original petition for an injunction asked by the railroad, which hopes to reopen the question as to the reasonableness of the rate. The bill contends the commission put a rate on lumber from the Willamette River valley to San Francisco that amounts to almost confiscation. It alleges that it can be shown the lumber men in the affected area will derive a profit of \$2,000,000 annually from their lumber business, the railroads getting \$60,000 from the shipments.

The petition says the railroads are entitled to a court review of the acts of the commission, and unless such an examination is granted, the company will be deprived of an inquiry into the reasonableness of the rate. The company will take the attitude that yesterday's decision has simply compelled them to file a more explicit complaint.

Spies Watch Americans.

Camp Atascadero, Cal., Oct. 1.—The presence of several Japanese watching the maneuvers of the troops, has led to the rumor that they are spies seeking information regarding American military activity. The story is regarded as silly by the officers.

New Theory in Murder Case.

Bellingham, Oct. 1.—The police believe J. K. Thomas, the self-confessed wife murderer, stabbed the woman instead of shooting her, before burying the remains in the back yard. Thomas insists he used a revolver.

MINER CHARGED BY GOVERNMENT

ACCUSED OF BURNING VALUABLE GOVERNMENT FORESTS

Portland, Oct. 1.—Louis R. Webb, a hunter and trapper, who is interested in mines in southern Oregon, is held in the county jail at Portland, accused of setting fire to a big trail of government timber in northern California, where valuable woods were destroyed. He says his arrest is the result of spite work. He is now under \$5000 bail, and will fight the attempt to take him to San Francisco to stand trial.

Tax Levies Light in Washington.

Olympia, Oct. 1.—The state tax general fund levy will be about 2 mills this year as against 2 1/2 mills last year. The school levy is 2 1/2; highway levy, 1 1/2; military, 1-5.

Magazines Here.

The Pacific Monthly magazines for the patrons of The Observer, are now ready for distribution.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS COAST

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN FAIRBANKS LAST NIGHT.

Bellingham Scene of Heavy Rain That Destroys Property and Floods Principal Streets—One of the Worst Storms of the Year Sweeps Coast Near Prince Rupert—Lighthouses Blown to Pieces—No Sign of Abatement—Storm General.

Bellingham, Oct. 1.—One of the heaviest rains known here, visited Bellingham last night. The streets are flooded today. Considerable damage has been done in the vicinity. Two inches of rain fell in three hours.

Storm Sweeps Coast.

Prince Rupert, Oct. 1.—One of the worst storms that has occurred in months in northern British Columbia, has been raging for several days. There is little sign of abating. The deluge of rain is frequently changed to hail. Many lighthouses along the coast have been blown to pieces.

Earthquake at Fairbanks.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Oct. 1.—An earthquake shock of short duration was felt at Fairbanks last night, accompanied by a brilliant display of aurora borealis.

Emperor Mentally Deranged.

Pekin, Oct. 1.—A peculiar mental derangement from which the Chinese emperor is suffering, is puzzling the attendants at the royal palace. Today a consultation of the most eminent physicians in China was called by the empress dowager, Tsi Ann. The emperor is said to be suffering with a violent form of insanity.

Navy's Big Meat Order.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 1.—The United States navy department has just ordered 1,275,000 pounds of canned meats. This is the largest single contract for meat ever made by the government in time of peace. It will require the slaughter of 28,000 head of cattle and 6000 hogs to fill the order. The meat, when packed and ready for delivery, will amount to about 45 carloads.

Seven Families Homeless.

Chico, Cal., Oct. 1.—The seven families are homeless as a result of a fire which destroyed all houses in the block. It started in a laundry. Four houses are burned.

DROP PINCHOT CONTROVERSY

SPOKANE AND PUEBLO CHIEF CONTENDERS FOR NEXT MEET

Albuquerque, Oct. 1.—No further discussion of the forest reserve question marked today's session of the national congress. It is generally believed the fight on the chief forester, Gifford Pinchot, will not be carried beyond a denunciation in speeches already made.

William Wheeler, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, the personal representative of Roosevelt, addressed the meeting.

The fight for the next convention appears to be between Spokane and Pueblo.

Red River Navigation.

Denison, Texas, Oct. 1.—Delegates from several Texas and Louisiana cities are in attendance here today at the convention of the Red River Improvement association. The meeting has for its object the promotion of interests in the navigation of the Red river.

MARRIED 24 YEARS.

Bryan and His Wife Quietly Celebrate Anniversary.

Lincoln, Oct. 1.—Bryan is at his country home today quietly observing the 24th anniversary of his wedding. Callers were denied admission. On Monday he starts a tour of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Thomas Lawson is Ill.

Boston, Oct. 1.—Thomas Lawson, author of "Frenzied Finance," is seriously ill today at his home in this city from grippe, due partly to a general breakdown.

IDAHO HAS NEW PARTY SQUABBLE

HEARST PARTY WILL FORCE TICKET ON STATE BALLOT

Boise, Oct. 1.—Attorneys for the Hearst party have brought proceedings in the supreme court to compel the secretary of state to place the party's ticket on the ballot. The ticket has been refused on the ground that it was not filed in the time required by law, it being presented after office hours on Monday, the last day. The court has directed the secretary to show cause why the ticket was not filed.

Lacrosse at University.

Lacrosse, the popular Canadian sport will be introduced at the university this year, says the Oregon Weekly, published at Eugene by the University of Oregon, with Earl Kilpatrick, of La Grande, as editor in chief. Physical Director Hayward has ordered the stick and other necessary equipment, which are expected to arrive within a short time. Those desiring to master the intricacies of the novel sport, will then be privileged to place themselves under the instruction of Mr. Hayward.

Yesterday's Baseball Scores.

Portland, 7; Oakland, 6. San Francisco, 12; Los Angeles, 4.

Egg Contest for Hens.

Winsted, Conn., Oct. 1.—An egg laying contest, in which hens contributed by many farmers and fanciers of the Nutmeg state are entered, was commenced today at the Connecticut Agricultural college. The pullets will be cared for and fed according to a regular system during the coming year, with the idea of ascertaining exactly what each hen's keep costs. A careful record of expenses and number of eggs laid will be kept.

Hood River people have nearly all laid in their supply of wood for the winter.

MORE LETTERS SENT TO TEDDY

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRAT INSINUATES AND SLURS.

Sends Personal Letter to Roosevelt, Openly Accusing Him of Allowing Graft and Trusts to Exist Under His Knowledge—Democrats Await Reply if Any is to Come—Derides Efforts of Roosevelt to Fight Trusts—Exposes Pooling Dealings.

Los Angeles, Oct. 1.—Democrats are awaiting Roosevelt's reply to the letter sent him by Adam Dixon Warner—"Silver Dick"—in which he alleges the present administration and the one preceding it, knew of the "pooling agreement" that existed between the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific in violation of the law. The letter scores the administration for exchanging valuable timber in Oregon, California, for property which the writer says is worthless. The letter says:

"You have been president for seven years. Your predecessor inducted you into office nine months after the signing of the contracts which always have been 'pool agreements,' in violation of the law. It has been publicly known by your administration that Paul Morton, who signed the contract for the Santa Fe, was placed in the cabinet by you. You say in a letter to Bryan that your administration destroyed a number of trusts. Will you explain to the people what action you have taken to destroy the pooling agreement, one of the most vicious trusts in America?"

May Upbraid Hitchcock.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The announcement that Chairman Hitchcock, of the republican national committee, has been summoned to a conference with Roosevelt, has started the rumor that Hitchcock is to be upbraided for alleged mismanagement of the campaign.

Reynolds Will Head Bankers.

Denver, Oct. 1.—It is practically certain that George M. Reynolds, of Chicago, and Lewis E. Pierson, will be elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the American Bankers' association for next year. The chief interest in today's session centered in the address by Alexander Gilbert, president of the New York clearing house.

Nevada Robbery.

Tonopah, Oct. 1.—First safe robbery ever recorded in a Nevada gold camp was committed this morning when robbers cracked the safe at the State saloon at Manhattan. They secured \$600, the property of gamblers.

PURE DRUGS

The Exact Kind That the Doctor Ordered

Our Prescription department organized along modern lines and our reputation is sufficient guarantee as to care and quality

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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