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## EXCITEMENT IS UNPRECEDENTED

### BRYAN INVADES TAFT'S HOME STATE WITH VIGOR.

Both Leaders Smile and Claim New York, the Old-Time Battling Ground—Excitement in Empire State is Without Precedent—No Nearer Decided Now Than Before—Great Enthusiasm for Both Men—Look for Largest Polling in Many Years.

New York, Oct. 30.—This state, always the battlefield of politics, has been worked up to an unprecedented pitch of excitement by the heavy campaigning of the two presidential candidates the last few days, and the result is as doubtful as before. The small vote which leaders feared would result from apathy, has given way to the expectation of an unusually large showing at the polls. Never in the history of politics in this state have the candidates been greeted by such enthusiastic crowds. Bryan, speeding westward today, leave behind an encouraged group of politicians to complete the final work. The leaders of the democratic party are delighted with the results of the meeting at Syracuse last night.

#### Taft's Broad Smile.

Taft is also smiling today over his reception at Syracuse, where he also spoke to large crowds. His lieutenants declare the triumphal march through the state assures him victory. Headquarters of both parties here have increased confidence displayed today.

Friends of Taft and Bryan are today discussing the statement of Rockefeller declaring for Taft in which he terms "campaign personalities." He said:

"It seems to me when the question is put directly to the citizen which candidate he will support, they should not be any rough answer—just direct; therefore I expect to vote for Taft. On comparing Taft personally with Bryan I find the balance of fitness entirely on Taft's side."

#### Bryan Invades Taft's State.

Cleveland, Oct. 30.—Bryan made a flying tour of northern Ohio in a last effort to capture Taft's state. His special stopped here five minutes this morning and Bryan shook hands with several hundred railroad men. He declared he is confident he will carry Ohio. He dashed along the Wabash road from Toledo to Napoleon, returning to Toledo for the noon speech. He is scheduled to make a dozen speeches between Toledo and Cleveland, arriving at Cleveland tonight, where he will hold two big meetings.

Football Games Tomorrow. Princeton vs. West Point, at West Point. Harvard vs. Brown University, at Cambridge. Yale vs. Massachusetts Aggies, at New Haven. Pennsylvania vs. Swarthmore, at Philadelphia. Cornell vs. Pennsylvania State, at Ithaca. Carlisle vs. Naval Academy, at Annapolis. Chicago vs. Minnesota, at Chicago. Michigan vs. Vanderbilt University, at Ann Arbor. Idaho vs. Oregon, at Moscow.

#### BRYAN IS VICTORIOUS.

Wins Out in Railroad Yard Straw Vote by Big Majority.

William Jennings Bryan, candidate for president on the democratic ticket, is the choice of 22 out of a total of 41 yard men. Last evening a ballot box was set up in the "dog house" at the local yards, and every yard man, including inspectors, switchmen and the like, were entitled to a vote. This afternoon the results were made known, and the vote stood: Bryan, 22; Taft, 8, and Debs, 1.

### FEAR NEW OUTBREAK.

#### China Will Protect its Royalty During Visit of American Fleet.

Amoy, Oct. 30.—Afraid that revolutionists will avail themselves of the opportunity granted by the festivities attending the visit of the fleet here, to engage in another outbreak against the viceroys, government soldiers are stationed everywhere to guard against a possible outbreak. The common people will not be admitted at the various receptions. A rumor is current among the ignorant chinks that the fleet is going to bombard Formosa after the visit here. Chinese officials are here with all pomp, prepared for the most elaborate series of festivities in connection with the visit of the American fleet.

## CHANLER LEADS BY INDICATIONS

### PREDICTS TAFT VICTORY BUT LIKELY DEFEAT OF HUGHES.

Walter Wellman Sees Surface Indications That Will Give New York to Taft in Presidential Race, But to Chanler in Gubernatorial Contest—Probabilities Are, However, That Under-Surface Conditions Will Elect Hughes.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—"Surface indications are that Taft will win New York, and with New York, the presidency," says Walter Wellman in the Chicago Record-Herald this morning. "By the same indications it appears that Chanler will defeat Governor Hughes for re-election. There are features under the surface which cannot be measured. In view of these I feel it my duty to warn the people of a possibility of election surprises. It is possible, though not improbable, that Bryan will carry New York, but more probable that Taft and Hughes will win in New York—the latter by a slender majority.

"The conditions are like those of 1888, when the republicans won New York for the presidency by 13,000, and lost the governorship by 19,000."

#### WHO IS THE HEIR?

#### Peculiar Muddle Exists in Tacoma Probate Court Case.

Tacoma, Oct. 30.—"Does money earned by funds bequeathed to a minor child, invested before she is of age, belong to her or revert to the funds of the estate to which she is the heir?" On Federal Judge Hanford's decision to this question depends the final settlement of the ownership of \$200,000 held in trust by the executors of the estate of Adolf Speckhart, a millionaire brewer who died at Butte in 1893, when he made his will, bequeathing one-third of his estate to his daughter Harriet, a small child. Miss Speckhart today says her estate is nearly \$300,000. On the contrary, the mother says the girl is entitled to only the \$100,000 willed by the father. The contest was taken to several courts until it reached the federal court. The referee in bankruptcy, Worden, was appointed a special examiner by Judge Hanford. He is taking testimony. Mrs. Speckhart, and the Olympia and Bellingham Bay breweries are the defendants.

#### ENGINE DERAILED.

#### Switch Engine Climbs Rail at Second Street Crossing.

Engine No. 21—the switch engine—was derailed late this afternoon at the Second street crossing. The engine was making a run with the car when the engine climbed the rail. Another engine was brought into service and the ice machine was righted in short order. No one was hurt. The flat car itself did not leave the track.

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## REPUBLICAN RALLY TONIGHT

### WIND-UP OF THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.

Musical Features Will Form Part of Program at Tonight's Republican Rally in the Opera House—Room for All, Says McGinn, and These Will Be No Trade Against Parties—Will Present the Political Issue as He Sees It Himself.

"I will be there with my little speech, saying nothing harsh about any one, and setting forth the political situation as I see it. The world is big enough for us all, and there will be no trade against anybody."

That is the way Judge McGinn, the clever Portland orator, expressed himself today when asked as to his topic tonight. Mr. McGinn will address a republican rally at the opera house and it needs no argument to prove the assertion that he is an entertaining speaker and one well versed in the subjects he will expound. Musical features are in store for those who attend. This will end the campaign in La Grande as far as republican rallies are concerned. Democrats, socialists, prohibitionists and independents are urgently requested to hear Mr. McGinn this evening.

Aside from the L. D. S. quartet, there will be vocal solos by Mrs. J. J. Carr, Miss Jean McDonald and George Bernie.

#### UP TO THE SHERIFF.

#### Ministerial Association Points Out the Duty of County Sheriff.

The Ministerial association of this city at its monthly meeting Monday after deliberate consideration of subjects bearing on the better enforcement of the law, appointed a committee to draft a communication to Sheriff F. P. Childers, calling his attention to his duties as laid down in the state laws. This communication was signed by every minister in the city belonging to the association, which, in effect, stated that it had come to their knowledge that gambling was being permitted in the city; that slot machines were being operated in violation of the state law; that bawdy houses were running unmolested and that it was the desire of the association to call his attention to these matters, with the hope that he would take such steps within his authority to correct these evils.

The communication was delivered through a special committee of the association, and the sheriff stated that it was the custom of the sheriff's office to let the municipalities take care of these minor affairs, but that he would give the matter consideration.

Sheriff Childers is out of the city this afternoon and what he proposes to do, if anything, in the matter, could not be ascertained. The law on gambling makes it especially the duty of the sheriff to suppress, and as a peace officer the other alleged infractions of the law is under his jurisdiction to act if he sees fit so to do.

#### CONDUCTOR GOURLAY KILLED.

#### Former La Grande Trainman Killed Today at Winnipeg.

A telegram received late today by Ted Buehler, yard foreman, relates briefly the instant death of George Gourlay, who until a year ago was one of the regular conductors. The message comes from Winnipeg, Man., and states only that Gourlay was killed in an explosion. The railroad officials at Winnipeg are anxious to learn the address of nearest relatives. Until additional particulars arrive, local friends of Gourlay will be in suspense as to the method of death's attack.

It is not known who the relatives are, though local members of the Order of Trainmen will make diligent search.

## MAN HUNT AT BELLINGHAM

### PISTOL FIGHT WHEN POSSE MEETS THE FUGITIVE.

Bold Case of Kidnapping Near Bellingham—Man Held Up in Lonely Road and Forced to Sign Paper Calling for Five Thousand—Broke Away From Captor—Expect to Corral Fugitive Before Nightfall—Expect Gun Fight Again.

Bellingham, Oct. 30.—A sheriff's posse of 20 men is hot on the trail of the kidnaper of Edward English, a wealthy Skagit county logger, who was attacked on a lonely road Monday and compelled to sign a paper ordering his wife to give the kidnaper \$5,000. English broke away and notified his wife.

A posse encountered the kidnaper near Mt. Vernon yesterday, and a pistol fight followed. Deputy Bransstad of Sylvan, was shot in the hip, and the kidnaper escaped while companions were reviving Bransstad to the hospital at Everett. It is believed the posse is closing in on him. A battle is expected before the end of the day.

#### To Be Killed on Sight.

Excitement is prevailing in every town where the posse is expected. The people are awaiting the latest news. It is known the kidnaper is heavily armed and will show fight instantly. He will be killed on sight if he resists when overtaken again.

#### Seen Last Night.

The man was in Sylvan as late as 6 o'clock last night. An hour later Deputies Mason, Stephenson, Dunham and Bransstad started in pursuit, armed. They took the kidnaper at a railroad track and commanded him to halt, whereupon he turned and fired at his pursuers, who returned the fire. Bransstad fell with a bullet wound. It is not known whether he was shot by the kidnaper or accidentally by his companions. The search was then temporarily abandoned while taking care of Bransstad.

Early today new information concerning the whereabouts of the kidnaper were received and a fresh start taken with Sheriff Harmon leading.

Bransstad, who was injured, is a relative of Dr. Engebretson, who has a veterinary practice at Enterprise.

#### CLUBS MEET TUESDAY.

#### Final Reports and Perfection of Convention Plans Then.

Final Reports of the many general and sub-committees of the Tuesday Musical and Neighborhood clubs will be read next Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the Neighborhood club at the home of Mrs. J. M. Berry. At that time final plans for the entertainment of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs which meets here in annual convention November 10 to 12, inclusive, will be perfected. It is a matter of deep importance that all members of the two clubs attend as the matters to be discussed are of vital interest. The time is rapidly approaching when the convention will convene and the plans need speedy perfection.

#### No Takers for Taft Bet.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 30.—Charles F. Smith, an Idaho ranchman, arrived here today with \$10,000 that Taft will be elected. There were no takers.

#### Four Hundred Out of Work.

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—Four hundred men were thrown out of employment by a fire in the factory of the American company. Three firemen were hurt. Women and children were rescued.

#### King Edward Reported Injured.

London, Oct. 30.—It is reported that King Edward was thrown from his auto this afternoon en route from Newmarket with Sir Ernest Cassell. It is not verified. The report does not indicate whether the king was injured.

### ADmits OF WIFE BEATING.

#### Tacoma Man Boasts That He Whipped His Wife More Than 40 Times.

Tacoma, Oct. 30.—Arraigned in the police court charged with wife beating, George Weiringer, a teamster in the employ of the city, boldly admitted today he whipped his wife over 40 times in the past three years. "There were times when I did not whip her for months," said Weiringer. He was fined \$100.

#### Enforce Curfew Law.

Seattle, Oct. 30.—The curfew ordinance will be enforced strictly by the police. Suspensions will result if reports of juvenile offenders and truants are not made more regularly by the police. Minors under 18 years must be home not later than 9.

## SEEMS DEPUTY WAS AT FAULT

### MORNING'S PRESS REPORT

#### ABOUT RIOTS OVERDRAFT.

Talk of Lynching Apparently Conciliation of Deputy Marshal—Observer Not the One That Lied If Lie Was Committed—Deputy Gave Out Interview to the Pendleton Paper—Morning Report Obviously at Fault—Observer Prints Facts.

The Observer refuses to be made the object of criticism when the attack was unwarranted. When The Observer is accused of making false statements when such statements are not the product of The Observer, it is only right that authorship be traced. In the special from Pendleton yesterday The Observer merely published what the deputy marshal has said. The Observer did not affirm such was the case, but mentioned what the deputy had said and what would be published in the Pendleton East Oregonian, and which was published last night. If Scriber did not have a remote and did show evidence of having a heart, then it was not The Observer that gave voice to a fabrication. It was not the Pendleton East Oregonian that lied, but the deputy marshal. If it is he, then he is deserving of censure.

The Observer has published the facts in this connection—time will carry out each assertion made. Criticism from scattering sources have been aimed at this paper for publishing facts and withholding nothing, but the great mass of depositors who were forced to rely upon The Observer alone for all the information they got, have expressed themselves freely, as satisfied with the clear, concise, unbiased and uncensored statement of facts pertaining to the failure of the Farmers & Traders National bank.

But, if the deputy has spoken falsely then he is justly liable to criticism. For an official of the Justice department to make statements that are anything but true is a breach of the trust placed in him. There are several copies of the Pendleton East Oregonian in the city that contained the interview to which The Observer referred last night. Here is what the paper prints from the mouth of the deputy:

"I thought I was steeled against such things," said the officer this morning, "but I couldn't stand that. I had to turn away, and I had to hurry him up—to keep from breaking down myself. It was awful to see the way those children suffered. They say he had always been a kind, indulgent father to them. It was pitiful—it would have melted the heart of any man."

"But it didn't faze Scriber. That man smiled through it all—just a heartless, cynical smile—and everyone else was crying. I found tears in my own eyes."

"He didn't seem to worry. He didn't seem to care. He just smiled through it all—careless like, but cynical."

#### Scriber Has No Heart.

"I thought he would break down when I got him to the train. But he didn't. He took it coolly. He could even sleep. When we reached Pendleton he paid for a special guard and we went to a room in the hotel, where we both slept. And he seemed to be as undisturbed as a child."

"I have been 15 years in this business. I was on the police force in Baker City, a guard at the penitentiary, on the Portland police force. I was chief of police at the Oaks, I have for years been a detective, but I never before saw a man so nearly without a heart as J. W. Scriber."

"Scriber says it was not speculation that got him into this trouble. I believe it is something of long standing. I understand that he was interested in the Sumpter bank at one time, and that it got shaky and that is how the thing started. Since that

Follow the crowds to the Pastime.

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