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## CATCH AGAIN IN LA GRANDE

### UNCLE SAM TO PROVE AL- LEGED ILLEGAL WITHDRAWAL

National Bank Examiner Gatch Arrives in the City—Refuses to Be Interviewed Except to Say That Criminal and Civil Proceedings Will Be Commenced Against Men Who Withdrew Funds After Banking Hours—Surprise at His Return.

Not a few of our citizens were surprised to see Bank Examiner Claude Gatch on the streets this forenoon, after the arrival of No. 6. It was soon rumored about that the cause of his mission was regarding the matter of deposits being withdrawn after banking hours on the Saturday preceding the closing of the Farmers & Traders National bank. When interviewed regarding the matter, Examiner Gatch replied "That it was the intention of the government to immediately commence criminal and civil proceedings against those who had so withdrawn money."

It is rumored that the amount in contention is between \$5000 and \$7000. Mr. Gatch stated that he thought he would be retained in the city for a few days.

### BOTH ARE OPTIMISTIC.

### On Eve of Election Both Parties Can See Victory Tuesday.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—In statements issued today from headquarters of both parties, an optimistic view is taken of the situation. The democrats and republicans are both claiming Nebraska by 10,000 plurality. The republicans say Taft will get an unusual republican plurality in Iowa. Where the democrats claim the fight for United States senator is being waged—Iowa—it will reduce Taft's plurality, giving Bryan a chance to win. Both claim Colorado and Kansas.

### Congressman as Mail Clerk.

North Yakima, Nov. 2.—Congressman Jones proposes to return to Washington at the opening of congress in 1909. His mail box will be handled, in order to be better equipped to consider legislation affecting it.

### Trace of Kidnap.

Everett, Wash., Nov. 2.—Leo Bzmer, a shingle weaver, the alleged kidnaper of E. G. English, the wealthy lumberman of Mt. Vernon, slept with an employe of the shingle mill at Lake Goodwin Saturday, according to report received here today. He threatened to kill the employe if he notified the police. He left early yesterday.

## DUTCH WAR ON VENZUELA

### BLOCKADE ESTABLISHED AND CON- FLICT VIRTUALLY ON

The Hague, Nov. 2.—War was virtually declared on Venezuela today, when the Dutch government ordered a blockade of all Venezuelan ports. Orders were sent to commanders of the Dutch battleships at Willemstedt Saturday. It is believed the blockade will begin today. The government is preparing to send more battleships to the scene of trouble.

Yesterday was the last day of the time limit for Venezuela to revoke the decree of President Castro, issued on May 14, prohibiting a trans-shipment of goods for Venezuelan ports at Curacao, virtually placing a ban on Dutch goods. Advice says Castro has mobilized 20,000 troops to resist the blockade.

If you are the salt of the earth you will not be dropping yourself on the sore places in other folk.

Envy is the tribute that sloth pays to industry.

## HOPEFUL ON EVE OF GREAT EVENT

### REPUBLICANS CONFIDENT THOUGH SOME NERVOUS.

### Result of Rockefeller's Endorsement May Be Far-Reaching—Not Ex- pected That Stampede Will Follow —Chicago Socialists Hopeful—Spe- cial Train for Roosevelt—Kern Closes Tonight—General Resume of Final Events in Politics.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Walter Wellman, in the Record-Herald, today says: "Election week dawns with the republican leaders outwardly confident, but nervous. The democratic managers are hopeful as usual. Signs point to Taft's triumph, but unsettled conditions may reverse this prediction. The result of the Rockefeller incident is uncertain. There is no good reason to believe that Rockefeller's support of Taft will stampede the voters to Bryan, yet a great anxiety exists. Republicans fear Rockefeller's endorsement will turn enough votes in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio to elect Bryan. A well-informed man in New York says the endorsement of Taft by John D. Rockefeller is not a trick of the democrats."

### Kern Closing Tour.

Toledo, Nov. 2.—Kern, the democratic vice-presidential candidate, is closing his campaign in Ohio today. His last speech is set for here tonight.

### Chicago Socialists Confident.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Debs, the socialist candidate for the presidency, started his final tour of Illinois today. He will close the canvass tonight at Terre Haute, Ind., where a big meeting is to be held. Socialists estimate the vote for their ticket in Chicago will be 100,000.

### Metropolis Prepares.

New York, Nov. 2.—All over the greater city there are to be seen today evidences in profusion that tomorrow is election day. Commissioner Bingham has completed his plans for policing all the polling places. The election officials have made all arrangements for the balloting. The campaign managers, national and state, are having the busiest day of their lives. All sorts of wild rumors are being circulated and an air of subdued excitement pervades the city. Rallies and stump-speaking meetings are scheduled for all sections of the metropolis tonight and the party spellbinders will make a last frenzied attempt to arouse the voters to enthusiasm.

### Nebraskan at Home.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 2.—Speeding into the stretch under whip and spur, the democratic donkey with William J. Bryan as its jockey, is running on the home track of its driver today.

## OBSERVATORY IS IN DANGER

### LICK OBSERVATORY IN PATH OF FOREST FIRES

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 2.—Volunteer firemen started today for Mount Hamilton range to battle with the forest fire which is threatening to reach and destroy Lick Observatory. The fire extends over an area of six miles in length and two in width. During the night it was visible at the top of the range nearest the observatory. Several barns have been consumed.

You cannot tell much about a man's musical ability by the way he blows his own horn.  
Only the large-hearted are fit to work with the little ones.

## LIVED LIKE A WILD CRIMINAL

### IN BUSHES IN DAYLIGHT AND STOLE AT NIGHT.

### Los Angeles Juvenile Courts Have the Strangest Case on Record—High School Boy Confesses to Strange Story of Crimes—Moving Pictures Said to Have Made Him a Criminal —Stole From Parents and Relatives During His Wild Career.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 2.—The juvenile court is investigating the strangest case on record, that of Larry Watson, aged 18, who lived in the bushes like a hunted animal for weeks, stealing out at nights to plunder houses and stores.

Watson today made a full confession, stating that moving pictures made a criminal of him.

Until a few weeks ago he was a student in the Polytechnic high school. He was found in a hotel near here. He said his father and mother deserted him. He admitted he had robbed his parents and relatives.

This evening the Nebraskan will make his last appearance as a presidential candidate, and tomorrow he will cast his ballot for himself in his home precinct at Lincoln and then establish himself at Fairview, where the telegraph wires will click out the fateful news.

Cheering and sniffling as ever, the standard-bearer of democracy is now awaiting tomorrow's verdict of the people with equanimity. Whatever the result of the "third battle," whether it makes him the greatest man of the nation or leaves him a private citizen—Mr. Bryan will apparently remain untouched of extreme elation or dire grief. As he himself declares, he has had experience in sustaining defeat, and while he is confident and serene at what he considers certain victory, he is prepared for any issue of the fight.

### Officials Desert Washington.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Every train out of the Capital city today bears its quota of officials and government clerks, who will go to their homes to cast their ballots. The exodus has continued for several days, many Washingtonians who have their local residences in the south and central and far west leaving last week, and yesterday for their homes. By this evening the population of Washington will be considerably reduced, and the working force in the various government departments will be reduced to a minimum. All of the cabinet members will exercise their political prerogatives tomorrow, but those residing in the east will probably return tomorrow night to be the guests of the

## RIOTERS CLASH WITH SOLDIERS

### HONG KONG SCENE OF RACE RIOTS THAT SPILL BLOOD

Hong Kong, Nov. 2.—Several Chinese rioters were killed today in a clash between the police and soldiers. The Japanese quarter of the city is under military patrol. The rioting is a continuation of the disorders of yesterday, culminating in a riot last night. Merchants carrying Japanese goods were attacked and their shops looted. The Japanese warehouses were fired.

Troops were called today and fired into the mobs. Hundreds were arrested. The merchants attacked were those who advocated the abandonment of the Chinese boycott.

president at the White House and read the returns.

### Special for Roosevelt.

Washington, Nov. 2.—President Roosevelt, after a busy day receiving reports on the probable outcome of the election in various parts of the country, and to visitors expressed himself as certain that Mr. Taft will be his successor. The president was especially interested in reports from New York, Indiana, West Virginia, Maryland and other doubtful states, and expressed the belief that Mr. Taft's chances in all of these commonwealths are extremely roseate. A special train has been engaged to carry the president to Oyster Bay tomorrow, where he will cast his ballot for Taft.

## CONSIGNMENT OF LIBRARY BOOKS

### CITY SCHOOLS GET 240 OUT OF NEARLY 1200 BOOKS

Two hundred and forty state library school books were turned over to the city schools this morning by County Superintendent E. E. Bragg, who recently received a consignment of approximately 1200 volumes for Union county schools. The state library association distributes the volumes to each district according to the school attendance, and this is what Mr. Bragg is doing. The other districts of the county will receive their quota this week some time.

The consignment was chosen by Mr. Bragg and subordinates, some time ago, and his version of what children should read meets with favor among the students themselves. Oregon schools will have extensive libraries in a few years if future appropriations are made as liberally as they have been the past few days.

### NEW TRIAL DENIED.

### The Greeks Will Be Sentenced Next Wednesday.

The motion for a new trial was argued before Judge Knowles today, in the case of the State against the Greek rioters. The motion was denied and the court will pass sentence Wednesday.

### Wreck in North Carolina.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 2.—Many persons are reported killed and injured in a wreck on the Western Carolina railroad today. Relief and wrecking trains have been rushed to the scene.

### Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Bramwell, in this city October 29, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Hardins, near this city October 29, a son.

## RUSSIA WILL HELP SERVA

### WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN BALKAN CONFERENCE.

### Czar Mobilizing His Troops on the Balkan Frontier—Appeal to Russia for Aid From Serbia Has Been Heeded, Say Douma Members—Will Refuse to Recognize Annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina—Act Of- ficially Denied at Capital.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 2.—Although officials of the foreign office decline to discuss the matter, it is intimated in diplomatic circles today that Russia will withdraw from participation in the proposed Balkan conference, and will refuse to recognize Austria-Hungary's annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The rumor was given a color of truth by preparations being made for a hasty mobilization of Russian forces on the Balkan frontier. Members of the douma say the plea for help sent out by Serbia and Montenegro last week will be heeded, as Russia will aid them.

### GRANGERS CELEBRATE.

### Hold Spook Party and Enjoy Hallow- een Pranks Until Sunday.

Three hundred attended the Grange Hall Hallowe'en hilarity Saturday night. The festivities opened with a grand march by scores of costumed men, women and children, that were truly spook-like. Before the unmasking the ghosts danced on the carpet of leaves and rendered a serenade of unceasing noises that drove terror into the already shuddered spectators. Then came the unmasking, the playing of Hallowe'en pranks and games, the gypsy fortune tellers and a list of other amusing scenes too numerous to mention. The monster wedding cake, with its ring, its penny, its bachelor button and thimble was the center of interest for a considerable time. The supper was a sumptuous feast of sweet-meats. Time sped so rapidly that it was almost Sunday before the happy gathering broke up.

### CAN EXPECT PLANT SOON.

### Evidence Points to Completion of New Light System.

The presence of G. A. Loring in the city this morning to check up the electrical appliances which have been sent here some time ago, leads to the belief that the O. R. & N. is about to perfect a private lighting system in the shops and depot. The plan is to light the round house, stove house, depot and various buildings about the yard with a private system. The requisite amount of wiring, dynamo and other material is already here, and Mr. Loring checked up the material so as to know exactly what is here.

## OREGON FACTORY WOOL BLANKETS

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If you want a  
good all-wool  
blanket, now is  
your chance

\$5.95

Take your choice of a full 11-4 size, 6-lb net weight, in the mottled, Vicuna or Mackinaw. A Blanket that is strictly wool and well worth \$7.75.

\$6.39

Gives you a choice of 13 all-wool Mackinaw Blanket. Full 12-4 size, 7-lb net, well worth \$8.00.

\$6.95

Oregon Blankets, in 12-4 and 13-4 size, 7 and 8-lb weight, in mottled or Mackinaw, well worth \$9.00.

\$8.95

Oregon Blankets in full 12-4 size, full 8-lb weight; a Blanket that gives wear and satisfaction, well worth \$10.00 to \$11.00.

\$11.95

Takes a 10-lb scarlet Oregon wool Blanket, full 14-4 size, one of the largest Blankets made; well worth \$16.00. Extra fine grade of lambs' wool.

## FAIR STORE

"Satisfaction or Your Money Back"

MAIN 8-7

### Drug Store at your Elbow

By use of your telephone and our free delivery system we are almost as near to you as though we occupied the adjoining building.

We are developing this portion of our business all the time and gaining new and permanent friends by the prompt and satisfactory way we handle telephone orders.

If you can't come, 'phone, and that portion of our stock you need will be sent to you. If it's a prescription, we will both send for it and deliver the medicine.

### Newlin Drug Co.

MAIN 8-7