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LA FOLLETTE IS NOT REMOVABLE

LOCKS HORNS WITH TAFT OVER THE TARIFF QUESTION

Wisconsin Senator Will Not be Read Out of Office or Party Either by Declarations of President Taft—His Weekly Picks Taft's Winona Speech to Pieces and Contradicts Assertions and Implications Made.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 24.—Senator E. M. La Follette in an editorial today in La Follette's Weekly, refuses to be read out of the Republican party by President Taft. Replying to Taft's Winona speech he says: "The statement of the president is featured in the press as an attempt to read out the party of all Republicans who voted against the tariff bill. No individual has the power to read a representative out of his party. This power rests solely with the voters. Nor can even the president decide for the Republican party. The people have the divine right of deciding for themselves."

Referring to Taft's statements that when he signed the tariff bill, "it was a sincere effort to comply with the promises of the platform," La Follette says: "The president comes with the declaration to support that Taft was notoriously opposed to the downward revision; comes to the support of Taft and those like him who made the downward revision, in accordance with the promises of Republican party, impossible."

Repairing Parish Tonight.

St. Peter's Episcopal church is being thoroughly renovated on the inside with new stains, floor covering and paints. The edifice will be much improved on the inside as soon as the work is completed.

ATKINSON CASE IS SUBMITTED

DECISION WILL BE FORTH-COMING SOON.

Defendant's Counsel Brings up Important Legal Points.

The case of the city of La Grande vs. Ralph Atkinson, involving the sale of near beer without a license, was submitted this morning and a decision will be forthcoming in a few days. From the arguments presented by Judge Ramsey for the defense it is seen that the case is one of far-reaching importance.

In support of his motion to have the case dismissed Judge Ramsey brings out four points. In the first place he contends the city had no right to license the sale of near beer, because near beer is an intoxicating liquor, and therefore, its sale prohibited by the state local option law.

Even though near beer should not be intoxicating, Judge Ramsey argues, the council had no right to license the sale of it because in so doing it is licensing the sale of an article and not a profession or calling.

A third argument presented was that the city ordinances do not define near beer in terms definite enough to make it legal.

The fourth argument is that the city ordinance under which Atkinson was convicted in the city court has been repealed. The outcome of the case will be watched in all cities where the "Drys" have carried the election.

TAFT OBSERVES GENTILE WISHES

CHANGES HIS PLANS TO CONFORM WITH CRITICS.

Will Speak on Saturday Instead of On Sunday as Originally Planned.

(By Robert H. Hazard, staff correspondent United Press.)
PRICE, UTAH, Sept. 24.—Taft today decided to make his address in the Mormon tabernacle of Salt Lake City on Saturday morning instead of on Sunday as was originally planned. The reason for this was that the gentile ministers were severely criticizing the president for first planning to give an address on the Sabbath. Taft has changed his plans however and it is unattributed to the criticism as none of it has reached him personally.

Smoot Joins Party.

HELPER, UTAH, Sept. 24.—Taft and his party in the special car "Mayflower" passed here at 8:50 this morning and Senator Smoot joined the party at this place.

\$10,000 Banquet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Taft will be tendered a \$10,000 dollar banquet at the Fairmont hotel, when he is here the night of October 5. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and 500 persons will attend. Two thousand invitations will be issued and those who acceptances and checks arrive first, will be the lucky banqueters.

SPUD SEASON NEARING THE DIGGING TIME

SEVERAL BIG FELLOWS ON EXHIBIT IN THE CITY.

Some Exhibits Sent to Spokane by C. M. Riddle That Are Fine.

Heavy yields and a good market seem to be in store for the potato raiser of the Grande Ronde valley this fall, according to reports coming in from the producers who will begin digging Monday morning. Some have already started turning out the immense yields of fat spuds but the digging will not be in full blast until next week.

The story of the yields of the potato fields of the valley will be told at the exposition, when such exhibits as that to be made by C. M. Riddle, are seen. Mr. Riddle has sent a sample of Grande Ronde potatoes to the Spokane fair, which weighed 4 1/2 pounds. Three potatoes from the Riddle farm are now on exhibition in the McKennon-Phy-Roberts real estate office averaging 3 1/4 pounds. At the office of the La Grande Investment company, there is a still larger potato from the Fred York farm weighing 3 1/2 pounds. This with several others about as large were picked up at random from the York farm, where digging has already commenced.

In regard to the acreage, opinions differ. Some have stated the acreage is smaller than usual while others are of the opinion that it is much larger than usual. It is a little early yet to tell just what the market is to be but the feeling is that it is to be better than usual. The buyin price at present is 80 cents per hundred.

STOOP CASE TOMORROW.

Well Known Divorce Suit Will Begin Tomorrow at 9 O'clock.

The divorce case of Flora Stoop vs. Henry Stoop, will begin tomorrow before Judge Knowles. The parties are well known in the county. A large crowd of witnesses came down on the next train to attend the trial.

SEATTLE CAR ACCIDENT FATAL

FORTY OR MORE INJURED IN STREET CAR COLLISION

One Killed Instantly And Two Fatally Hurt When Car Jumps Track—Car Leaves Track And Rams Into Adjoining Building, All But Killing Inmate of The House—Injured Ones Rushed to Hospitals For Medical Care And Attention.

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—One man was killed, and more than 40 injured, two probably fatally, at eleven o'clock today, when a Wallingford avenue car became uncontrollable, through the brakes failing to work, and jumped the track and crashed into a restaurant, wrecking the car and building.

The dead: Frank Hull, East Tacoma. Several fatally hurt. Apparently beyond control, the car descended on Fourteenth avenue, and when it reached the switch it overturned, imprisoning the occupants, and then slid 20 feet and crashed into a lunch wagon, probably fatally injuring P. F. Winslow, the cook. A score of injured were taken to the Emergency hospital at the fair grounds in automobiles, wagons and ambulances. Police and firemen rescued the imprisoned.

Fatally injured: James Hull, Tacoma.

Mrs. Nellie Fairbanks, Arlington, Wash., arm broken and internal injuries.

The Seriously Hurt.

Mrs. E. F. Scholl, Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. T. L. Walker and T. L. Walker, Dighton, Kan.

Annie Harrington, aged 10, Maple valley, Wash.

P. J. Cardwell, Harrington, Wash.

S. P. Jolly, Joliet, Illinois.

Milton Barnes, aged 12, Ballard, Wash.

Walter Fairbanks, Arlington, Wash.

The Injured Ones.

Slightly injured: Mrs. J. A. Houseman and daughter, Shelton, Wash.

A. P. Schofield and wife, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

E. G. Mugford and Cliff Leighton, Vancouver, B. C.

M. G. Boyer and wife; Lydia Wouth and Mrs. B. R. Matthews, Seattle.

Annie M. Brown, Kelsey, Wash.

Mrs. Theodore Scholer, Medical Lake, Wash.

Mrs. E. J. Harrington, George and Lyle Harrington, Maple valley, Wash.

Mrs. L. G. Conant, Auburn, Wash.

Mrs. Yoemans, Fairbanks.

Carl Castle, Napavine, Wash.

Mythal Mayer, Union Town.

L. R. Abraham, Auburn, Wash.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ADJOURN SESSION

TWO NOVIATES INTRODUCED TO SHRINE FROM LA GRANDE

Grand Commandery Adjourns Today After Strenuous Session—Salem Chosen as The Next Meeting Place—Pendleton Man Chosen Grand Commander of The State Order—Twenty-six Noviates Taken Over Sandy Pilgrimage.

BAKER CITY, Sept. 24.—(Special)—Twenty-six novitates from Eastern Oregon were initiated into Al Kader Mystic temple of Shriners at the ceremonial session here last evening in connection with the grand commandery of the Knight Templars, which is holding its annual meeting here, yesterday and today. Among the novitates were Doctor M. K. Hall and C. C. Penington of La Grande.

The grand commandery decided on Salem as the next meeting place, after a spirited battle in which Portland played an important part. Today the business sessions closed and during the afternoon the visitors, nearly 300 strong were guests with the county fair. Attired in the full regalia of the two orders including the red fez of the Shriners, the guests were ushered through the fair with fitting pomp this afternoon. The special Shriner's train returns to Portland tonight.

The new officers of the grand commandery elected last evening, follow: T. C. Taylor, Pendleton, grand commander; W. A. Cleeland, Portland, deputy grand commander; H. B. Thielson, Salem, generalissimo; W. E. Grace, Baker City, grand captain general; L. L. Jewell, Grant's Pass, grand senior warden; Henry Roe, Portland, junior grand warden; B. G. Whitehouse, Portland, grand treasurer; J. F. Robertson, Portland, grand recorder; A. B. Grant, Ashland, grand prelate; W. F. Laraway, Hood River, grand standard bearer; J. Tuttle, Astoria, grand sword bearer; B. J. Tomassini, Portland, Grand warden.

Old Commandery Officers.

The old grand commandery officers, were: Albert N. Knapp, Portland, grand commander; T. C. Taylor, deputy grand commander; Pendleton; W. A. Cleeland, Portland, grand generalissimo; H. B. Thielson, Salem, grand captain general; W. E. Grace, Baker City, grand senior warden; L. L. Jewell, Grant's Pass, grand junior warden; Henry Roe, Portland, grand prelate; D. D. Ashland, grand standard bearer; W. F. Laraway, Hood River, grand sword bearer; J. Tuttle, Astoria, grand warden; D. G. Tomassini, Portland, grand captain of the guard; James F. Robinson, Portland, grand secretary; B. G. Whitehouse, Portland, grand treasurer.

Helen Caldwell, Portland.
Sadele McClung and John McClung, Okean, Okla.
Ernest Hertsche, North Washington.

OVER 350 KILLED

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 24.—Forty perished when the steamer Utstein was wrecked in the Yucatan channel Monday, during a hurricane which swept the coast according to a rescue party which returned from Port Eads, where they found the remnants of the wreck.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 24.—With 200 already known to be dead in Louisiana alone, and a number of other villages and hamlets are yet to be heard from, it is certain the list of casualties resulting from Monday's tidal wave will exceed 300.

Communication is gradually being restored and as a result the list of dead is being increased hourly. Conservative estimates place the loss at fifty millions. The sugar cane crop is a total loss. Hundreds of houses are unroofed and buildings though substantial, were reduced to kindling.

Half the cotton crop is ruined. At Baton Rouge, the state house is damaged and records are water-soaked. The executive mansion is also damaged.

GRAND OPERA COMING OCT. 7

INTERNATIONAL OPERA COMPANY IS COMING.

"Cavalleria" And "Lucia De Lammermoor" Two of Feature Numbers.

Ernest Shuter, representing the International Grand Opera company, which is coming to the Steward Thursday night, October 7, is in the city today. The company comes with 110 prominent people, including an orchestra of 23 pieces. Mme. Norelli, Ugo Colombini, the dramatic tenor, and Mme. Thery and others are only a few of the members known as grand opera stars. During the visit here "Cavalleria Rusticana" and the second act of "Lucia De Lammermoor" will be introduced here during the visit. In Lucia De Lammermoor, the famous sextette from "Lucia" which has been heard in La Grande in some shape or other before, will be sung.

KETCHEL IN FRISCO.

Goes Into Training Quietly, For His Encounter With Johnson Soon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Stanley Ketchel arrived here last night, and went into training for his fight with Johnson. He arrived quietly in contrast to the welcome he received on his last visit to fight Papke.

GEO. HIMES COMING HERE PIONEER DAY

HISTORICAL LIBRARY SECRETARY COMING WEDNESDAY.

Fair Secures Another Drawing Card For Pioneer Day at Fair.

George H. Himes, secretary of the state historical society, who is well known to old and young alike in this county, but esteemed by the pioneers especially for his ceaseless efforts to accumulate a historical library at Portland that will be a credit to the state, has telephoned his willingness to be in La Grande on pioneer day of the county fair. This is on Wednesday of fair week.

This treat to the pioneers will be received with much elation for Mr. Himes is a speaker and an entertainer of no mean ability. His coming is assured, for on the telephone this morning, he gave a definite answer to this effect. Sickness or other unforeseen prevention is the only thing that will stand in the way of his coming.

The office of the State Historical society in Portland city is one of the most remarkable places in the Rose city. It contains, perhaps, more curios and rare old relics than any other collection on the coast. An effort is being made by some to induce the state to provide expenses for having all these catalogued during the lifetime of Mr. Himes as he is the only man living who knows their history.

THREE TON THIRD CROP.

Remarkable Alfalfa Yields Reported From The Sandridge.

The resourcefulness of the Grande Ronde soil is well illustrated in the alfalfa of Emil Fuehr's Sandridge farm. The third crop is now about ready for the mower and will make about three tons to the acre. The second crop yielded five tons per acre and the first crop eight tons. The land has never been irrigated.

MONTANA MINERS INSTIGATE WAR

THREE THOUSAND ALREADY OUT AND MORE GOING

Engineers Secede From Western Federation And Form Union of Their Own—This Offensive to Miners And They Strike—Shots Fired Last Night When Engineers Meeting Was Interrupted—Danger of Extensive Mine Strike.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 24.—Three thousand miners on the day shift of 45 mines refused to go to work this morning because the stationery engineers at the mines seceded from the Western Federation of Miners, and formed an independent union.

Five thousand miners on the night shift won't report tonight, unless all engineers working, are Western Federation men.

John Gillie, general manager of the Amalgamated properties, declared that unless the men went back to work within five days the smelters at Anaconda and Great Falls would be closed down, shutting out of work over 15,000 men. The night engineers who were holding a meeting were interrupted by the miners and fifteen to twenty shots were fired resulting in the injury of one man.

HONOR MISSIONARIES.

Reception to be Given at the L. D. S. Church Tonight.

A reception will be given at the L. D. S. tabernacle tonight in honor of L. Garrick and Marion Jordin, two old residents of La Grande who have been away on a two years mission to England. Mr. Garrick returned about a month ago but his reception was deferred until tonight in order that he might be honored jointly with his collaborer, Jordin, who worked at the same time preaching in the British Isles.

RABBLE DEMANDS MURDERER'S LIFE

FATHER AND TWO SONS AT BLUEFIELD IN DANGER.

Angry Mobs Demand Vengeance For Horrible Crime Committed.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Sept. 24.—An angry mob is surrounding the Hurley jail, where Alexander Blankenship, and two sons are imprisoned, charged with murdering George Meadows, his wife, three children, and an aged mother and burning the bodies in the home.

Blankenship's surrendered on promise of authorities that they would be protected. It is apparent, however, the authorities will be unable to protect the men in the jail, if the mob attacks.

The Blankenship's were followed by bloodhounds, during the night, but barricaded themselves on a farm. Finally they surrendered when promised protection.

Important Meeting Tonight.

The Blue Mountain association will meet tonight at the home of George H. Curry to transact important business. It is necessary that a large number of members be present.