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SEATTLE TO BE WIDE OPEN

NOMINATION OF GILL, THE OPEN CANDIDATE, SHOWS DIRECTION WHICH THE WIND IS BLOWING

CAMPAIGN PLATFORM WAS DECIDEDLY "WIDE OPEN"

Seattle will be wide open town after March eighth unless the unforeseen occurs at election—Nomination so overwhelming that there is little room for doubt as to the result of the vote, at coming election.

Seattle, Feb. 9.—With an overwhelming nomination of Hiram C. Gill as Republican candidate for mayor, Seattle today announced its decision in favor of a "wide open town and its displeasure at the recent period of restriction." The fact that the Republicans cast 31,439 votes, giving Gill a majority of 3000 over his opponent, A. V. Bouillon, while Democrats cast only 2,746 votes is taken by politicians as an indication of Gill's election.

William Hickman Moore was nominated as his opponent by the Democrats. Gill went before the people with a flat declaration for a wide open town, asserting that certain restrictions that have been enforced would be immediately removed if he was elected mayor. The campaign was clearly conducted along the line of this issue and political observers look upon the result as one of the most remarkable demonstrations at the polls ever known in the Northwest.

The municipal election will be held on March 8, and it is expected that a fierce campaign will be conducted.

To Drain Arkansas

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 9.—In response to a call issued today by the governor, delegates from many of the farmers unions and commercial organizations of the state met today to consider plans for the reclamation by drainage of the swamp lands of Arkansas.

A feature of the meeting was the discussion of a telegram from B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the St. Louis & San Francisco board, who heartily approved the movement, declaring that its success would help to solve the food shortage problem. He wrote:

"The fact that there is throughout the country today a strong protest against the steadily increasing prices of food emphasizes the importance of Arkansas' efforts to bring under cultivation its 6,000,000 acres of rich but idle lands that can be made vastly productive. Your proposed development would not only be valuable to the people of Arkansas, but to the people of the entire nation, whose demand for food is increasing annually faster than its supply.

"It is such work as Gov. Donaghey purposes that must be relied upon to restore conditions which legislation cannot correct. It is unfortunate when hunger is called upon to make prices, and any results accomplished by such methods will only be temporary. The farmers want steady markets and good eaters at fair prices. I would suggest that representatives from the agricultural and commercial interests visit Washington with a concrete plan for co-operation of the state of Arkansas and the Federal Government with a view of getting the work of draining the rich, productive valleys of your state under way as early as possible."

SEWER SYSTEM IS READY FOR 'DADS'

WILL BE FILED WITH THE COUNCIL THIS EVENING

Engineer Darley has his Plans ready For new Sewer System

Exhaustive and complete plans for La Grande's new sewer system, prepared by Engineer Darley, will be filed with the council when that body meets tonight and it is expected that immediate action of some sort will follow on the part of the city fathers. The system has been explained in detail by the Observer at previous dates and those who have studied it have found the plans very desirable.

Another feature about the plan is the coalition formed with the irrigation company in which the engineer has secured at a very slight cost to the city, meaning the plans have been drawn and prepared at a cost of about one half of the usual expense. Complete sewerage and refuse plans are included.

N. P. FLYER IN THE DITCH

PULLMANS TIP AND HANG ON A VERGE OF A CLIFF.

Only one seriously hurt but many bruised in smashup.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 9.—Twenty-five passengers on the Chicago Express of the Northern Pacific railway are suffering today from injuries sustained when the flyer was wrecked late yesterday near Smead in Western Montana. F. J. Waters, of Spokane, a Pullman porter, was the only one of the train crew who was seriously hurt. The train was thrown from the track by the spread evil.

All but two of the last Pullman cars left the track while the others were bumped along the track and turned completely over and rested on the brink of a 100 foot cliff, over Clark's Fork of the Columbia River.

CAR ACCIDENT FATAL.

One girl and unidentified man meet quick death in wreck.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 9.—Miss Jessie Ryan, aged 21, was instantly killed and an unidentified man fatally hurt and 50 persons seriously injured when a suburban car left the tracks near Hinsdale and dashed down an embankment into a railroad abutment.

NATIONAL BANK BURNS

Old man killed and his wife burned in Pennsylvania Fire.

Jersey Shore, Pa., Feb. 9.—Three persons met death in a fire that destroyed the First National Bank building here today. A. L. Dravenstadt, an aged man, was instantly killed when he leaped from the 3d story window. His wife, aged 62, was burned to death. Attempts by the firemen to rescue her from the window from which her husband leaped were futile.

Trotting Association Meet

New York, Feb. 9.—Trotting horse men from all over the country are gathered today at the Murray Hill Hotel, where the biennial congress of the National Trotting Association is in session. Nearly all of the mile tracks in the land, including those of the grand circuit, are represented, while the half-milers have sent proxies. The National Trotting Association was organized in 1870. In 1886 there was a split, and the seceders formed the American Trotting Association, which is holding a simultaneous session in Chicago.

TRAINMEN ON THE WARPATH

STRIKE DUE SATURDAY NIGHT IF DEMANDS ARE DISREGARDED BY THE OFFICIAL ASSOCIATION

INCLUDES ROADS BETWEEN CHICAGO AND PACIFIC COAST

Increase in wages demanded and refused some time since and the Brotherhood is now giving short notice of strike—Switchmen and yardmen will join in the walkout according to ultimatum.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Vice-president Whitney, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced today that unless 18 railroads with terminals in Chicago grant the Trainmen the demanded wage increase before Saturday all switchmen and yardmen in the employ of these roads will strike. He stated the ultimatum will be submitted to the various roads tomorrow and if the demand is refused, the strike will be called for Saturday night.

More than 20,000 employees of western roads, including the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe, have demanded a 25 per cent increase of wages.

Dissatisfaction with the existing wage scales which was first expressed among the employees of the roads east of the Mississippi river, and Northern Ohio, has spread to the roads between Chicago and the Pacific coast.

Their demands, which were presented to the General Manager's Association in Chicago by Grand Chief W. S. Carter, of the Brotherhood, were rejected. Carter later, in behalf of the Brotherhood, accepted a counter proposition to arbitrate.

SCOUTS KEEP NEAR DOORS

MEN, EVIDENTLY PROSPECTIVE FILERS, IN STREETS.

Today especially has vigil been kept up at a close range.

As time nears to file on the homestead land in Umatilla county, tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, at the local land office, the scouts who have been in the city for several days are keeping a sharp lookout for unexpected, or rather expected, events at the land office doors. The men are evidently interested in the land and are not desirous of creating a lineup unless necessary.

At any event, they march up and down before the land office door and have seldom left the sight of it today. The vigil is a close one and if they are beaten it will have to be by clever manipulation.

When tonight's train comes in from the west, it will carry those of Umatilla county and northwest points who will file on the tract and a one-night's lineup may result.

To Try Bank Cases

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Cases against Moreau P. Estes and Albert S. Williams, vice-president and president respectively of the City Savings Bank, are set for trial in the criminal court today. The indictment charges them with receiving deposits into an insolvent bank knowing it to be insolvent.

TREE EVENTS PLANNED FOR

FAIR DIRECTORS PROMOTE THREE CORNER EVENT FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION THIS YEAR

ELGIN, UNION, LA GRANDE WILL WORK IN UNISON

Horse Show for Union, Apple Show for Elgin and Chautauqua and the County Fair for La Grande is outline—La Grande to aid the sister cities in their efforts to swing the "Big Three"

What will tend to cement the various sections of Union county more firmly than anything done in years, was unofficially decided upon last night when the board of managers of the recent county fair held their meeting to listen to the final reports of the finance committees. The action was in accordance with suggestion coming from outside cities of the county and it means dividing the four or five important events of the county into districts each of which will have the complete support of every other section. According to the plans promulgated by the board Union is to have the Stock Show, La Grande is to have the county fair and the Chautauqua. Union and Elgin are to reciprocate with patronage. Elgin will have the apple show and Union and La Grande are to paralyze.

Such action will go far towards making each individual event an unqualified success more than any other step can possibly do.

These plans will be taken up with the various towns interested and a tacit understanding reached as to what is wanted in the way of support from each of the towns.

SOCIALISTS MAY QUIT

POSSIBLE THAT PARTY MAY NOT BE ON TICKET.

Though nothing official announced, many admit rumor.

For the first time in many years it becomes evident that the Socialists of La Grande will not have a full slate on the ballot. Little interest is being shown in the matter and Socialists, usually active in local matters, are showing unusual lethargy this month. It is freely admitted by many of the membership that no effort will be made towards selecting a slate.

It has been the custom to do this by a convention plan, in view of the fact that it is a minority party.

Nothing definite is announced in the matter, however, and the eleventh hour they may show more interest and put forth a full ticket.

Bonspiel at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 9.—Curlers from all over Canada and from many parts of the United States are in Winnipeg today for the great annual bonspiel, which will be held during the next 10 days. The field of entries is about the largest in 21 years that the event has been a feature of winter life in the Northwest. A dozen chief prizes and numerous lesser prizes are offered.

SWALLOWED TOOTH CAUSES TROUBLE

MOLAR LANDS IN CHEST OF THE ORIGINAL OWNER.

After long time Mr. man coughs up the tooth.—Now well.

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—R. W. Pell, of Los Angeles, will collect \$3000 damages to recompense him for suffering caused because he swallowed a tooth while under anesthetic in a dentist's chair.

Pell swallowed the tooth in August, 1907. For weeks he complained of a severe pain in the chest and he coughed severely. He went to Arizona for his health fearing bronchial or pulmonary trouble. During a fit of coughing a tooth appeared, and his illness suddenly ceased.

Kill Tax Collector.

Tangier, Morocco, Feb. 8.—While attempting to force payment of taxes to the Sultan, Melal Hafid, and Alcad his military escort were massacred here today. Few of his soldier friends escaped.

PUT BLAME ON DR. HYDE

CORONER'S JURY RETURNS VERDICT TO THAT EFFECT

Swope's death result of poisoning by his physician

Kansas City, Feb. 9.—The coroners jury today returned a verdict finding that Col. Thomas H. Swope, the millionaire, was killed by strychnine in a capsule, administered at the direction of Dr. B. C. Hyde, a distant relative of Swope.

Keep Hyde off the Stand

Attorneys for Dr. B. C. Hyde today refused to permit him to take the stand at the inquest into the sudden death of Col. Swope. Prosecutor Conkling has obtained enough evidence to make a case against Dr. Hyde.

CURTAIN ON TRIAL SOON

HENEY MAKING HIS CLOSING ARGUMENT TO JURY IN HERMANN TRIAL TODAY

GEARIN WILL THEN TAKE ROSTRUM FOR THE DEFENSE

Expected that balance of trial consisting entirely of arguments will be over by the latter part of the week and case go to the jury quickly—Heny has yet to appear before the jury once more.

Portland, Feb. 9.—The curtain began to descend on the Binger Hermann trial today. Yesterday afternoon attorneys conferred with Judge Wolverton concerning instructions to the jury in which conference Heney was victorious defeating the contentions of the defense in regard to various points desired by it. This morning Heney began his argument to the jury, it being expected it will be concluded this afternoon though a surprising continuation until noon tomorrow, immediately following Heney, John T. Gearin will open the argument for the defense. He says he will finish the argument in two or three hours. He will be followed by Col. Worthington who will make the closing argument for the defense. Heney will close the argument by summing up the case for the government, following which the Judge will instruct the jury and the case will be given into their hands.

Marriage Licenses

County Clerk Ed. Wright today issued two marriage licenses. One was to George W. Pfeffer, a local railroad employee, to Lizzie Combs. The other was of Chas. Scrom to Mary Swansen.

To Enjoy That New Camera

Commencing Friday, the 4th we will develop kodac films every Friday free of charge. Remember every Friday. Bring in your films

Newlin Drug Co.

You will need suggestions and practical help while getting familiar with photography

You will also need fresh reliable supplies.

In both we can provide just what is necessary.

Our store is the headquarters for amateurs photographers.

Join the fraternity.

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