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ODDS TIGHTEN AS FIGHT NEARS

TEN TO SEVEN IS WAY MONEY IS GOING AT RENO WHEN THE COIN COMES

JEFFRIES SPARS SECRETLY

When Jeffries and Johnson are Even Together Posing for Moving Pictures, Odds Tighten up and Jeffries People Want Less Margin—Johnson Holding Out With Followers For a Return to Old Odds

Reno, June 30.—Odds on the prize fight are tightening up. Today they stand at 10 to 7 in favor of Jeffries, and a good slice of Johnson money is on hand. It came from San Francisco, Chicago and other towns in the East. Johnson and his camp are holding out for longer odds to lay, however.

It is rumored that Jeffries optimistic view of the fight is the outcome of secret sparring sessions to which there have been no spectators. The camp followers deny that any secret work has been done, but wise ones refuse to believe the denial.

Jeffries will probably wear springs in his heels when he enters the ring that his footwork may be better and easier.

Rickard, the referee, has a premonition that he won't be in the ring. Charlie White, of New Castle, has been selected as emergency referee.

Jeffries and Johnson both went through stunts for moving pictures yesterday evening. It was this fact that drove betting odds up. Jeff seemed to wind earlier and was far from being impressive with his work compared with that of Johnson.

Savings in Postal Service

Washington, June 30.—Although the quarter ending today will likely show a deficit, Postmaster-general Hitchcock predicts that the postal receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year will show a decrease of over \$10,000,000 in the deficit of \$17,480,000 carried over from the preceding year.

During one quarter of the fiscal year ending today, that ending December 31, the postal service gave an actual profit of \$2,115,000 the largest during any three months in the history of the department.

Insurgents in Vermont

Montpelier, Vt., June 30.—That the spirit of insurgency has spread even among the rock ribbed republicans of Vermont was evident this morning when nearly 700 delegates to the G. O. P. state convention met to formulate a platform and nominate candidates for governor, secretary of state, and other offices.

It appears that the spirit in Vermont is of a piece with that insurgency which caused the election of Foss in Massachusetts and compelled the retirement of Senator Male in Maine.

The situation is peculiarly interesting from the fact that Fletcher D. Proctor, son of the late senator, a well known figure in Washington for many years, is bent on ascending to the senatorship. It is declared that Proctor is already laying plans to succeed Senator Page.

It appears that since the death of his father, Fletcher D. Proctor, who formerly was governor, has been trying to keep together the machine his father controlled. On the death of Senator Proctor, Page was elected without opposition of the Proctor element. It was the general understanding that Fletcher D. Proctor would step in when Page retired from the senate.

The Proctor element has not forgotten this understanding. Four candidates are in the field for governor and the ambitions of Fletcher D. Proctor have a bearing on the situa-

tion inasmuch as the successful candidate must pledge himself to appoint Proctor to the senate of Page retires.

The friends of Senator Page do not like the attitude of Mr. Proctor, but they are not in a position to object. So far as the re-election of Senator Page is concerned, there is no question about it.

Roswell on Water Wagon

Roswell, N. M., June 30.—Roswell's last day as a wet town was ushered in this morning and before clocks strike the hour of midnight it is expected that the last of the available supply of red liquor will have vanished down the throats of celebrants. Prohibition goes into effect tomorrow, the dregs having won a close victory over the wets in the recent election. Roswell is the first city in the new state to go dry.

Patten to Retire (1) Again

Chicago, June 30.—Patten the king of wheat will retire for the fifteenth time according to a report today. It is said that Patten's youngest brother will succeed him in business. Whenever Patten retires, street operators begin to watch for another corner.

CONVICTS BEAT A FARM HAND

FARMER NEAR SALEM ASSAULTED AND TEAM STOLEN

Farmers and Authorities Will Pursue Two Assaultants

Salem, June 30.—Warden Curtiss said today he would send a posse out after the two men who yesterday beat Henry Starr, a farmhand, into insensibility and kidnapped Starr's little son and then drove toward Albany in Starr's buggy. It is believed the assaultants are Harry Brenna and John Wormstorf, two convicts who escaped from the penitentiary Saturday. Brenna was serving two years from Umatilla county for horse stealing.

Starr was near his home when two men appeared and told him they wanted his buggy. When he refused he was assaulted and thrown out of the buggy. His insensible body was left by the roadside while the boy was taken with the fugitives. Farmers say they will pursue the gang.

THORSEN CASE REVERSED

Supreme Court Reverses Local Verdict and Sends Case Back

The supreme court has handed down a decision reversing the case of J. B. Thorsen, et al., of Elgin, vs. J. A. Hooper, et al, which Mr Hooper appealed from the local circuit court where a verdict for Thorsen was found. Attorney Slater represents the respondent and Attorney C. H. Finn the appellant. The case is sent back for retrial. It involves a suit for the recovery of some money.

SENATOR McENERY BURIED

Sen. Chamberlain Among Those who Attend Simple Service

New Orleans, June 30.—Without show or pomp, Senator McEnery was buried today. The services were held at his home. Among those who attended were Senators Foster, Bailey, Gamble, Bradley, Johnson, Chamberlain and a number of congressmen.

Could Not Forget Cove

Last Fall a man by the name of Love who lived at Kirksville, Texas, passed through this country and saw some peaches raised at Cove. Yesterday he arrived at the fruit center and announced to residents there that he had come to stay. He will probably buy fruit land there at once.

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT MEET

OPEN RUPTURE BETWEEN THEM IS FEARED WHEN CONFERENCE IS ENDED

GREAT CROWDS GATHER

Rumors Have it that Roosevelt Will Demand Prompt Ending of Federal Interference with Hughes' Policies in New York—New York Political Situation Believed to be Chief Object of the Meeting.

Beverly, June 30.—Theodore Roosevelt and President Taft met here this afternoon and as soon as the news leaked out, a great crowd gathered in front of the Taft residence awaiting the Colonel's coming.

It is known that Roosevelt does not endorse Taft's official acts. Politicians predict the meeting may be the cause of a rupture between them after the conference. It is believed the political situation will be discussed, especially the lineup in New York and it is freely declared that Roosevelt will insist that federal interference with Hughes' policies must stop, particularly regarding the primary election law, if the republicans want Roosevelt's assistance.

DANCE ON BURNING BOAT

Wife of Captain Plays for Dancers, Knowing Ship is on Fire

Philadelphia, June 30.—While the crew on the liner, Grecian, were engaged in a race with death by fire in an oil laden hold, eighty passengers, not knowing the danger, danced until dawn. The only woman who knew was the plucky wife of the captain who volunteered to play, thus averting an accident and panic. Fire was discovered at midnight while out ward bound and as soon as the fire was discovered the vessel was turned back to port. Twelve firemen were overcome by the smoke during the struggle.

Col. Williams Retires.

Washington, June 30.—Col. John R. Williams, coast artillery, was placed on the retired list today on his own application. He will continue in active duty at the Army War College.

Queen Elizabeth Dying

Bucharest, June 30.—Queen Elizabeth of Rumania is dying today following a relapse from an attack of appendicitis. Physicians say there is little hope.

ALASKANS HOLD POWDER BLOWS TO ATOMS CONVENTION

TAFT PRAISED BY RESOLUTION PASSED BY REGULARS

Conservation as Practiced in Alaska is Not Given Endorsement

Juneau, June 30.—"Progressive" Republicans are in convention here today and will nominate an Alaskan congressional delegate. The regulars yesterday nominate Edward Orr, former mayor of Tacoma, now of Valdez, to succeed Delegate Wickersham.

The convention adopted a plank favoring home rule when the proper time comes, and it opposes conservation as now practiced in Alaska. It adopted a resolution lauding President Taft.

TOWNS HEMMED IN BY FIRE

CANADIAN FORT AND ONE TOWN IN GRAVE DANGER FROM FOREST FIRES

FORT DEVLIN WANTS HELP

Just Before Telegraph Wires Go Down, People at Fort Send Out a Frantic Appeal for Help—Adjoining Towns Can't go to the Rescue—Women and Children Flee for their Lives While Men Fight Fire

Levitzkye, Ont., June 30.—Fort Francis Devlin and its inhabitants are surrounded by a great forest fire. Wires are down now but frantic calls for help were received just prior to the collapse of the service. This city is unable to lend assistance, as it likewise is surrounded by a ring of fire. Women and children have fled for their lives, but the men are fighting to save this place from destruction.

The last word received from Devlin was to the effect that thousands of acres of timber had been destroyed and that the fire has surrounded the town. Three men broke through the cordon of fire and brought this news. They say men are backfiring to save the people penned up in the town.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE

Stetinger Body Will be Laid to Rest Tomorrow at 2 O'clock.

Final arrangements for the interment of the remains of Hans Stetinger were completed this afternoon. The services will commence at the Stetinger home, corner of Fourth and X Street, and subsequently services will be held at the Lutheran church. The services at the house commence at 2 o'clock.

PLATFORM NEARLY DONE

Last Block of Cement is Completed at the Depot Today

About 9000 square feet of cement platform was completed at the O. R. & N. depot today when workmen placed the last block of cement platform in front and to the sides of the depot. The platform facilities are more than doubled.

Haisten Loses Good Horse

F. D. Haisten lost one of his valuable driving horses last evening. It was an animal highly prized by Mr. Haisten and he regrets the loss very much.

POWDER BLOWS TO ATOMS

THIRD FATAL EXPLOSION AT TACOMA RECENTLY

Plant Partly Wrecked and Three Are Blown to Pieces by Powder.

Tacoma, June 30.—A terrific explosion of powder in the DuPont works this morning partly wrecked the plant. James Smith and Geo. Strous, and Thomas Blake were blown to atoms. This is the third fatal blowup within four months, two have been killed each time previously.

Michigan in Lead.

Ann Arbor, June 30.—Michigan is in the lead of all the universities of

the country in the number of registered alumni, according to figures compiled by the alumni association, in session here today. The total is 28,330, covering the entire country.

The state of Michigan has the largest representation, naturally, 8,931, or 31 per cent of the registered alumni residing within the state. Next is Illinois with 3,195. Ohio has 2,392 Michigan graduates as residents. New York has 1854 and Indiana 1313. The far western state of California has a grand total of 1093 alumni residing there. All through the west are large bodies of Michigan men. Washington is especially well supplied with citizens who have benefited by Michigan instruction. Among the middle western states Minnesota and Missouri stand high on the list.

The more efficient organization of this great body of graduates is the problem which is at present occupying the attention of the leaders of the alumni association.

Lodge Confers With Roosevelt

INDEPENDENT, MASS., June 30.—The Lodge announced today that he, with Col. Roosevelt, would this afternoon confer with President Taft at Beverly. After meeting Roosevelt, he intends spending the night here.

HARVARD TRIMS OLD RIVALS

FRESHMAN EIGHT AND VARSITY FOUR WINS HANDILY

Yale Oarsman Collapses as the Boat Shoots Over Finish Line

New London, June 30.—Harvard scored two clean cut victories on the Thames today over Yale in the Freshmen eight-oared and varsity four-oared events. The day was ideal. The Harvard freshmen won eight seconds ahead of Yale and the varsity had a clear lead of several boat lengths.

Harvard Freshmen led all the way. The finish of the varsity four-oared race was punishing. Thorne in the Yale boat, collapsed as the shell shot over the finish. Yale started in the lead and kept it up for the first mile and then the men began splashing and the Crimson rowers shot ahead. The varsity eight-oared race is scheduled for this afternoon.

WILL CONTEST IN MIDAIR.

Baker to have Second Aviator on the Ground July Fourth

Baker City, June 30.—(Special)—According to Publicity Manager Ashley this city will witness on July 4th what no other city in Oregon has ever seen—a contest of aviators in mid-air. After contracting with one man-bird to give an exhibition another applicant for the place became angered and demanded that he be permitted to contest with the one employed. The privilege was granted and the two aviators will fly to their hearts content in the crisp ozone of the Elkhorn mountains. Mr. Ashley is greatly elated over this addition to the program of the natal day celebration.

Buys Smith Millinery

W. W. Berry, who recently purchased the Little Racket store on Adams avenue, this forenoon closed the purchase of the Mrs. L. Smith millinery store adjoining his previous purchase. He will assume management in a few days.

Charlton Must be Tried

New York, June 30.—Word was received from Italy today that Porter Charlton will be tried for murder whether he goes to Italy or not. If not extradited, he will be tried by proxy and he will be in danger of arrest if he ever crossed to Europe. It is believed here that he will not be extradited.

DEPUTY SHERIFF A MURDERER

JURY FINDS CASSIDA GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE AT CANYON CITY.

HINTON AIDS THE STATE

Second Conviction for the Murder of Ollie Snyder Recorded Today when Jury Finds Deputy Sheriff Cassida Guilty of Murder in First Degree—Trial Result of a Conspiracy to Lynch Snyder.

Canyon City, June 30.—Joseph Cassida, deputy sheriff, was today convicted of murder in the first degree for the death of Ollie Snyder, who was shot to death by lynchers near Hamilton last December. Cassida heard the verdict without emotion. He is the second of six defendants to be tried in this connection. Ben Hinton, already convicted for murder in the second degree, testified against the official.

Cassida had the man who was finally lynched in his charge, when a conspiracy was hatched by friends of a sheep herder named Green—whom Snyder had murdered near Heppner in a fight over a dog—and the evidence showed that Cassida was informed of the conspiracy and took part in it. Snyder was strung up on a street and then riddled with bullets before the eyes of the deputy sheriff.

Later considerable excitement was created by a report that Cassida had threatened to kill Hinton who occupied a cell with him at Canyon City. Hinton was smuggled to Baker City and then to Portland to be kept out of harm's way.

Court Bars Bible

Chicago, June 30.—The decision of the Illinois supreme court to bar the bible from public schools will not affect the Chicago school as the bible has already been prohibited in local schools. The court held that it was impossible to teach all creeds and if one were taught and others ignored it would violate educational and religious freedom.

WOOL BUYERS HERE.

Party of Wool Firm Representatives Spend Night in La Grande.

A party of eastern wool buyers who will attend the coming sale at Joseph spent last night in La Grande waiting for the outgoing Joseph passenger train. The crowd includes representatives for the largest wool dealers in the country, among them being C. W. Ryder and E. W. Brigham, of Boston; J. H. Smith and H. C. Ewing, of San Francisco; E. Y. Neill, C. H. Angell, Jr., and William Ellery, of Boston; Ira E. Emery, of Portland, and Julius Green of Boston.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS.

Issue Order for Advertisement for Bids to be Opened Next Month

Bids for installation of the heating and ventilating plants and the plumbing for the new school building were ordered published last evening at a meeting of the school board, the first important meeting held for several weeks. The bids will be opened on July 12th.

Johnson Ejects Langford Manager

Ricks Training Camp, June 30.—Joe Wodman, Langford's manager, who had a falling out with Johnson, was ejected from the camp today. Johnson told him to "Git."

Marriage License Issued
County Clerk Ed Wright has issued a marriage license to LeRoy C. Jacobs and Anna M. Hiatt.