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14,000 NEGROES LOSE VOTE IN OKLAHOMA

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS RATIFIED BY BIG MAJORITY TUESDAY.

DEMOCRATS SHOW POWER

Republicans Opposed Constitutional Amendment Disfranchising Many of the Negroes and Vote Indicates Their Weakness—Impossible for a Vast Majority of the Negroes to Qualify.

Guthrie, Aug. 2.—Fourteen thousand negroes are disfranchised, it is estimated, as the result of ratification at the primaries yesterday, of the constitutional amendment limiting the franchise. It is declared that thousands of negroes are unable to comply with its provision.

Indicates Party Strength.

Democrats favored and republicans opposed it, the result indicating the democrats may control the fall election.

The amendment is similar to the famous "grandfather clause" in the constitutions of many southern states. The ratification of the amendment was the biggest question of the elections, and the returns today are overwhelmingly in favor of the amendment. The result of the primary, it is declared, indicates the republicans are already outnumbered by the democrats, and disfranchisement of the negroes will keep away considerable republican strength.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LAKE

Bath House Being Remodeled—Dr. Phy Home from Trip Friday.

Fred B. Currey of Hot Lake Sanatorium, is in the city today and stated that many improvements at the lake are under way. Included in the work is the bath house which is undergoing a remodeling and different apparatus is being installed. The number of guests continues to increase and the "house of efficiency" is a busy place these days. Dr. W. T. Phy and party, who have been sojourning in Yellowstone park, are expected to arrive at the Lake Friday. They have left the park and are now spending a few days with Spokane friends.

TOWNSEND JURY DISMISSED

UNABLE TO AGREE AND COURT DISMISSED THEM

Though Out but a Little Over Twelve Hours, Jury Disagreed.

Unable to reach a decision, and being "stuck" as it were, to a degree where it seemed impossible to change any of the jurors' positions, the jury in the Townsend liquor case has been discharged. Townsend was charged with selling liquor near Palmer Junction, and the case was given to the jury last evening at about 3 o'clock. Early this morning the foreman reported to the court that it was impossible for them to reach a verdict and the jurors were discharged immediately.

Silent as to Vote.

The jury agreed on one thing and that was not to disclose how the vote stood. It is known however, that

they did not "switch" much and the final vote was practically the same as the initial one.

This is not the only case against Townsend, and as soon as the court reconvenes, he will be tried on the others.

Error Two Days Ago.

Inadvertently the Observer stated two days ago that the Newlin jury stood ten to two for acquittal on the first ballot. It should have been ten to two for conviction.

Aw, Quit Your Spoofing.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—California is again to be saved from the monstrous railroad octopus which for so long has had the state in the grasp of its terrible tentacles. With the primaries now less than two weeks away, the reformers are working themselves into a fine frenzy, while the stand-patters are standing pat rather than ever, serenely confident that the sovereign voters will never be so cruel as to turn down the benevolent philanthropists who have so long provided the state with its universities and its churches and law and judges and congressmen. Up to the present moment the race between the regular and progressive wings of the republican party appears to be about a horse and a horse.

"BUD" SPECKLEMIRE HURT

Struck By Flying Timber While at Work in Sawmill at Perry.

"Bud" Specklemire, a brother of the well-known ball player at Perry by that name, was brought to La Grande last evening by W. Y. Stoddard, suffering severely from a bruise on the hip caused by a piece of flying timber. He was not as seriously hurt as at first believed, and is much better today.

Court in Session.

Transaction of regular business, including auditing the heavy court bills for the past month, occupied the attention of the county court this morning when it convened. It is hoped to have all the work finished by tomorrow. Both commissioners were on hand.

PROCURING DATA FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

TWO CITIES WITH SUCH FACILITIES SHOW LOW FIGURES

Council Securing Data as to Cost, Profits and Service of Plants

Data and comparative tables of cost of maintenance, operation, profits and cost to consumers of municipally owned electric light plants throughout the country, is being carefully compiled by Councilman A. V. Andrews, in accordance with numerous requests for such action by his constituency.

Louis C. Kelsey, the Salt Lake engineer, has aided in the search for data of this sort, and while the amount of it at hand is still small, there is apparently a vast difference in cost to consumer in towns where electric light plants are municipally owned, compared to that of other conditions. In his letter with inclosures, Mr. Kelsey says in part: "You will notice that the rate for 16-candlepower lights at Logan is only ten cents per month, still the plant pays the cost of maintenance and interest on bonds, with the exception of \$134."

Annual statements from Idaho Falls and Logan accompany the letter. At Idaho Falls the total cost of maintenance, exclusive of power, was \$10,669.20 per year, while the average receipts were \$37,308.60, and the net profit above maintenance for the year was \$23,072.76, the plant having paid out \$347 for power purchased. Elec-

KANSAS REBUKES CANNONISM BY HEAVY VOTE

INSURGENTS CARRY BIG VICTORY AT PRIMARIES IN KANSAS YESTERDAY

BOOMERANG FROM CANNON CUMMINS IN THE CHAIR

Great Majority of Congressmen are Insurgents and Stubbs is Nominated Governor by an Overwhelming Majority—Is Aftermath of Recent visit by Cannon when he Shot Hot Talks at Murdock and Madison.

Topeka, Aug. 2.—Today's returns from the primaries yesterday, indicate the insurgents were victorious in the fourth, fifth and sixth districts. In the seventh and eighth they were not opposed. The first and third districts, incomplete returns indicate Stubbs was renominated for governor.

Regulars admit the nomination for congress of Alexander Mitchell, in the second; Fred Jackson, fourth; and R. R. Rees in the fifth. All are insurgents. Murdock, in the eighth, and Madison in the seventh are not opposed. Nominations in the first district are in doubt.

Rebuke to Cannon.

Insurgents declare the victory in Kansas is the most distinct rebuke to Cannonism registered in any fight in which votes have taken a part.

Shortly before the primaries, Cannon visited Kansas. He fired hot shots at Stubbs, Murdock, Madison and Bristol. Stubbs has a big plurality. Therefore it is gratifying to the insurgents, Kansas, they declare, is the first real test of strength of the regulars and insurgents in the midwest.

Missouri Congressmen Regulars.

St. Louis, Aug. 3.—Only one congressman, Soudrey of St. Louis, failed in renomination. All congressmen renominated, are regulars.

Electric current per K. W. hour is 10 cents.

At Logan the receipts reached \$14,278.90, while the disbursements, including operating expenses, power plant distributing system, interest on bonds, etc. reached \$14,412.98. The rates for electricity is, continuous service, 10 cents per month for each 16-candle power lamp. The arc lights cost \$1.55 per month.

Boy Scouts to Canada.

London, Aug. 3.—A large party of members of the Boy Scouts, Gen. Baden-Powell's pet organization, will go to Canada this month on a five-week tour of the Dominion. The visit of the British youngsters is expected to result in increased interest in the movement on the other side of the water. There are already many scouts in Canada, and the order is rapidly extending over the United States. William Randolph Hearst is taking an active interest in Baden-Powell's scheme and is using the powerful influence of his newspapers to establish the order in the United States.

In Australia, South Africa and India, as well as all minor British colonies, the Boy Scouts are now much in evidence, and the youth of Germany, Russia and Italy are beginning to manifest interest in the movement. In addition to Gen. Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, the board of managers of the Boy Scouts, includes such famous names as Lord Charles Beresford and Lord Roberts.

Marriage License Issued.

Guy MacMillan and Effie Bateman, popular young people of Union, were granted permission to be married last yesterday afternoon by County Clerk Ed Wright.

CELEBRATE DISCOVERY

Three Hundred Years Ago Since Discovery of Hudson Bay. Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 3.—Three hundred years ago today Henry Hud-

IOWA MAY NOT BE SUPPORTER TO TAFT REGIME

MAIN QUESTION IN IOWA CONVENTION IS TAFT ENDORSEMENT

CUMMINS IN THE CHAIR

Progressives Have Majority on Resolution Committee—Minority Resolution Report Anticipated—Taft's Intentions Alone May be Praised—Dolliver Likely to be the Permanent Chairman.

Des Moines, Aug. 2.—With the main question whether to endorse the administration or praise only intentions of Taft, Republicans met today in state convention. Albert B. Cummins, temporary chairman, sounded the keynote in his speech, praising progressives and denouncing the tariff.

Six progressives and five regulars were named on a committee of resolutions, and it is expected that the platform will be strongly insurgent, but there may be a minority report. Senator J. P. Dolliver, in all probability, will be permanent chairman.

Iowa a Hot Bed.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 3.—With Senator A. B. Cummins as temporary chairman, and the progressives apparently in control, the Iowa Republican state convention was opened today in the coliseum. Iowa has been one of the storm centers of the republican "insurgent" movement, and the platform to be adopted by the convention is awaited with intense interest by party leaders all over the nation.

It is certain that President Taft will receive the indorsement of the convention, but whether that indorsement shall be of the "ringing" variety or only lukewarm, depends upon the amount of influence which the stand-patters or stalwarts can exert in the convention. Some of the more radical delegates advocate the indorsement of Taft only in so far as he has endeavored to carry out the progressive principles.

Sensors Dolliver and Cummins will doubtless be heartily indorsed. At many of the county conventions to select delegates to today's convention, the insurgents adopted resolutions calling upon President Taft to remove from his cabinet those who have attempted to read the progressives out of the party. Sensors Dolliver and Cummins and the Iowa congressmen who opposed the tariff bill were lauded as having fought in "the cause of political righteousness."

The insurgent delegates favor a platform plank defending the principles of conservation, as laid down by Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot. The tenor of other county convention resolutions indicate that the program to be followed today will be much the same as the Indiana gathering.

A bitter fight is expected over the unit rule. The adoption of such a rule would be favorable to the stalwarts, since it would give them control of the split Scott county delegation, which is composed of ten progressives and eighteen stalwarts. Should such a fight develop over voting the unit rule, Senator Cummins will general the progressive forces. He will make a rousing progressive speech and will then go upon the floor and take up the direction of the radical's battle for supremacy and the passing of resolutions to indorse himself and Dolliver.

Portland, Aug. 3.—For the first time in history, the draw bridges on the Willamette river remained closed, regardless of signals for the passing of boats, in accordance with an order of the county court that they be closed between six-thirty and seven, seven thirty and eight in the morning, and five-thirty to six and six-thirty to seven in the evening. Boatmen have appealed to the secretary of war.

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GANS DYING RAPIDLY

Lightweight Champion Kept Alive by Artificial Means

Albuquerque, Aug. 3.—Accompanied by a doctor, Joe Gans passed here last night enroute to Baltimore. The doctor is administering oxygen as a last resort.

son arrived in his little vessel, the Discovery, off Cape Wolstenholme, and on the following day he sailed on into Hudson Bay, the great Ontario sea which now bears his name. Although the tercentary of the discovery will pass with little formal observance, it is marked with the beginning of a movement which will soon make Hudson Bay loom large in the commerce of the world. The construction of the government railway to Hudson Bay has been commenced this year with the letting of a contract for the construction of a bridge across the Saskatchewan river at Lapas Junction, the present terminus of the Canadian Northern.

Within a year and a half the whistle of the locomotive will be heard on the shores of Hudson Bay, and western Canadian wheat growers will be shipping their grain to Europe by way of Hudson Bay. It is expected that this will result in a great saving in freight and will result in a great increase in the grain output of the western part of the dominion.

Hudson's voyage three hundred years ago, on which he discovered the great bay which is now to be opened to the shipping of the world, was for the purpose of finding a passage to the east. As Magellan had discovered a rout around the southern extremity, so Hudson hoped to discover a way to the Orient between the land of the North American continent and the great ice fields of the north. Hudson passed the winter of 1610 and the spring of 1611 on the shores of Hudson Bay. He had much trouble with his crew. The trouble ended when Hudson was cast adrift in an open boat, and there is no doubt that the great discoverer died on Ontario's shores, or in the waters of Hudson Bay.

So far, Canada has no permanent memorial to the man who played so large a part in her early history. A movement has been set on foot to rectify this ingratitude, and it is possible that next year, the tercentenary of his death, the completion of the railroad to Hudson Bay will offer an opportunity for the erection of a monument to his memory.

CRISIS REACHED IN PORTLAND BRIDGE WAR

FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY WHISTLES UNAVAILABLE

Following Instructions of County Court, War Department Ignored

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LAWYERS JAILED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

CONTEMPT OCCURED AT READING OF DECISION IN REHEARING OF CALHOUN CASE

CALHOUN ANGERS COURT

Father Comes to Rescue of His Son Who Grows Angry at Ruling of Judge Lawlor and Both are Sent to Jail for Two Days—Lawlor without Counsel Commences to Scold Court Who Leaves the Bench.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Two attorneys in the defense of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery in the connection of trolley permits, were sentenced to jail on five days' imprisonment by Judge Lawlor for contempt today, and were remanded to the sheriff.

Attorney Stanley Moore objected to the declaration of the court that the district attorney followed the lead of the attorney for defense, A. A. Moore, father of Stanley, sprang to his feet in defense of his son, and was also declared guilty.

The occasion for the contempt was the reading of an opinion by Lawlor regarding the possible reasons for the disappearance of Gallagher outside the jurisdiction of the courts. As the court proceeded it became evident that he did not intend granting an application of the defense for dismissal of indictments against Calhoun. Moore sprang to his feet to reply, and on refusal of the court, started to reply anyhow.

Calhoun Then Angry.

Deprived of counsel, Calhoun, president of the United railways, harangued the court. He refused to remain silent, and finally Lawlor left the bench and walked from the room. Calhoun talked for several minutes and then took his seat. Thereupon Lawlor re-entered the room and continued the case.

Racing Shifts to Saratoga.

New York, Aug. 3.—Today is the last of the Empire City Racing Association meet at the Yonkers track. At 6:30 this evening the Cavanaugh special will leave for Saratoga, loaded to the guards with the followers of the game, and the three-week meet at the Spa will be inaugurated tomorrow.

STUDIES LIFE IN MINE CAMPS

ROOSEVELT ASKS COUNTLESS QUESTIONS OF FOREIGNERS

Few Dare Answer Them Fearing Reprisals Later—Will Not Go Down

Wilkesbarre, Aug. 3.—Roosevelt today investigated social and living conditions of the foreign population in coal districts. He asked countless questions concerning the Black Hand, and other organizations. The Italians in most cases, are refusing to answer, fearing reprisals. He toured the valley, visited Nanticoke, Kingstone and Plymouth. When asked if he intended entering the mines, he said, "No, this is not a spectacular trip. I have no desire to descend the mine cages, for there is no novelty in it. I do not intend to study the inside workings of the mine. The human side appeals more strongly to me."