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IOWA STANDS BY G. O. P. TARIFF PROVISIONS

TAFT'S EFFORTS ENDORSED BY RESOLUTION IN IOWA CONVENTION TODAY

ASKS SEPARATE REVISION

Taft and his Advisers Applauded by Insurgent Convention in Iowa—Dolliver and Cummins Commended by Same Committee—Liberal Support to Taft Administration Survives in View of Committees.

Des Moines, Aug. 4.—The Iowa republican platform adopted today, endorses the tariff plank of the national platform adopted at Chicago. The platform does not approve of another revision immediately, but endorses a revision of the tariff on separate articles.

It further endorses "such efforts of President Taft and his advisors that make toward a fulfilling of the promises of the national platform which have been in harmony with the declaration of this convention.

The platform also commends Senators Dolliver and Cummins, Progressive leaders.

The platform is less radically progressive than had been anticipated, as six of the eleven committeemen on resolutions were insurgents, appointed by Temporary Chairman Cummins.

Canon Still Optimistic

Mackinac, Michigan, Aug. 4.—Joe Cannon refused today to discuss the results of the Kansas primaries, but pointed out that there were also primaries in Oklahoma and Missouri. He said, "I have nothing to say during my vacation concerning the Kansas primaries or the Iowa convention. Perhaps when all returns are in I will make a statement. One thing you might remember, is that primaries were also held in Missouri and Oklahoma." Regulars won nearly everything in those two states.

DEPOT TREES ARE CUT DOWN

STREET ASSUMES A MORE BUSINESS-LIKE ASPECT, TOO

Business Men in that Section do Not Object to the Removal.

Shade trees on Depot street were mercilessly slaughtered today and the trees which for many years stood as a protector for crowds of idle men loafers and what not, when the sun poured hot rays on the corner of Jefferson and Depot, are nothing but stumps and even the stumps are to disappear. The trees fell before the woodman's mighty ax early this morning and the debris has been hauled away.

The loss was not materially grieved over by the occupants of business houses along the street. Practically no objection to the removal was heard, in fact the business men were rather pleased at their disappearance. The absence of the trees lends a business appearance to street and when pavement is laid the thoroughfare will be all the more attractive by the absence of the "shaders."

Charles Barret in City.

C. A. Barret, the Umatilla county politician is here today attending to business matters.

Pacific Fleet to Reassemble
Washington, Aug. 4.—The Pacific fleet is under orders to reassemble today under the command of Rear Admiral Giles B. Harbo, The armored cruiser, California, which has been undergoing repairs at Vallejo, will be joined by the Washington, Pennsylvania and Colorado, which have been repaired at the Bremerton Navy Yard.

Anniversary of Pius.

Rome, Aug. 4.—Pope Pius X. is today receiving hundreds of congratulatory letters from the faithful all over the world, the occasion being the seventh anniversary of his election to the papacy.

Yacht Club Cruise.

New York, Aug. 4.—From the club station to Huntington Harbor, a distance of fifteen miles, will mark today's inaugural of the New York Yacht Club's annual cruise.

TUCKER IS IN SALEM PRISON

OVERSIGHT CAN NOT BE REMEDIED AT LATE HOUR

Despite Stiff Struggle Wallowa Man Lands in Salem Penitentiary

Asserting that Tom Tucker is safely incarcerated in the Salem penitentiary, Sheriff Marvin and Al Hugg, his deputy, today disputed the report that Tucker was likely to have extended freedom without first entering the doors of the prison. Tucker was taken to Salem last week on a four-year sentence for perjury, but attorneys who were defending him, commenced a systematic legal battle to prevent his incarceration on the grounds that while the appeal from the circuit court jury's decision at Enterprise, had not been perfected, through an oversight, the prisoner had recourse to an appeal anyway. But even though a stiff struggle was put up, Tucker was turned over to the prison authorities.

Judging from a decision handed down by the supreme court Tuesday, Tucker will have the right to a second appeal in a former case and it is likely that he may yet be given his liberty, pending a decision on the appeal.

OLD COURT HOUSE SOLD

Sum of \$1500 Realized in Sale of Old Building to School District

The Union county court house at Union, which has been vacated since the county seat was moved to La Grande, has been sold to School District N. 5 at Union for \$1,500. The county held it for \$19,000, but cost of cement sidewalk improvement have to be met and the price was reduced. This disposes of a building that has been a cause for considerable worry to the county court, and it will be made good use of at Union for school purposes.

Remodeling Barbershop.

H. L. Christiansen, proprietor of the Sanitary barber shop is doing extensive remodeling. A free reading room, additional baths, showers, etc., will be installed before the repairs are completed.

Five Killed at Pasco.

Pasco, Wn., Aug. 4.—Five Italian laborers were killed and several injured when a North bank train ran into a handcar at seven o'clock this morning, 50 miles east of here. The engineers failed to see the handcar until it was too late.

Candidate Hart Here.

Hon. J. N. Hart, the Baker City attorney, who is a candidate for attorney general, is a business visitor in La Grande today.

OCTOBER 22, DAY OF SETTLEMENT IN WALLOWA

EVEN WILL DUPLICATE STORM RUSH OF TWO YEARS AGO HERE

DATES ARE NOT OFFICIAL

Telegraphic Dispatches Say Settlement on Wallowa National Forests Has Been Permitted for October 22, and Entry on November 21—Predicted There will be a Mad Rush Like the One Two Years Ago.

Definite—though unofficial—announcement as to the time of throwing open the Wallowa National forests, restored to public domain by a recent proclamation by President Taft, is given out in Washington telegraphic dispatches, and it appears that October 22 next, is the time when the Wallowa domain will be thrown open to settlement and to entry on the 21st of November. The La Grande land office has not received official notification to this effect, but it is presumed that the dates are correct.

There are 203,653 in Wallowa thus to be thrown open to settlement and entry, but up to yesterday there has been no announcement of the time when settlements would be permitted. The Observer has published advices to prospective settlers frequently, in regard to this settlement, and against points to the wording of the proclamation which forbids any settlement or attempt at settlement on the land before the date of the actual settlement, namely, October 22.

There are thousands of acres thus to be thrown open throughout the Northwest this fall, but the one that interests Eastern Oregon most is the Wallowa opening.

Lineups Conceded.

It is a foregone conclusion that there will be lineups and if they are equal to those of two years ago when the line was maintained through courtesy, and in fact for thirty days, remains to be seen. At any rate there will be a big rush for land and squatters will likely cut considerable figure again. The proclamation states specifically that no settlement shall be made, previous to the date of official settlement and the definition of the term "squatter" will have to be closely defined.

BOARDER SHOTS LANDLADY

WITH NO CAUSE KNOWN HE KILLS AND THEN SUICIDES

Oakland Family Scene of Indiscriminate Shooting by Boarder

Oakland, Aug. 4.—William Cooper, aged fifty, and a roomer in the home of Hurley Busse, shot and killed Mrs. Busse today. Her husband rushed to the room and Cooper shot him through the neck, fatally wounded. Cooper then shot himself and is dying.

Cooper came to Oakland from Auburn, N. Y., where he worked for the Busse family there. The husband says Cooper and he were close friends and no jealousy existed between them. Cooper entered the room where Mrs. Busse was preparing breakfast, and without a word, drew a revolver and shot. The report brought her husband, and as he opened the door Cooper fired.

GORE'S CHARGES PROBED BY A COMMITTEE

STARTLING CHARGES MADE BY BLIND SENATOR TO OTHERS INVESTIGATED TODAY

OFFERED BRIBE LARGE ONE

House and Senate Committee Resumes its Investigation of Alleged Frauds and Proffered Bribes to Blind Senator Gore in Oklahoma—Thousands of Dollars Represented in Legislation that Passed Senate

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 4.—The name of Vice-President Sherman was dragged into the house committee investigating the Senator Gore bribery charges this afternoon. Gore also named Jacob Hamon, of Oklahoma, a national committeeman, as one man who called upon him in connection with the matter. Gore today produced newspaper clippings purporting to show Sherman and Curtis visited Taft and recommended that the President approve the land contracts.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 4.—"Blind" Senator Gore's charges made in the senate last winter that he was offered a \$50,000 bribe to aid in killing legislation which would have modified contracts and sale of valuable coal lands belonging to the Chickasha and Choctaw Indians, are being investigated today by a congressional committee. The personnel of the committee, follows: Campbell of Kansas, Burke, of South Dakota, Miller of Minnesota, Stephens of Texas and Saunders of Virginia. All are representatives.

The committee was appointed at the last session of Congress to investigate charges of fraud in the sale of Indian lands made by United States Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, against William McMurray, McAlester, Okla., an attorney.

Senator Gore, the blind statesman, whose charges of bribery, made dramatically in the senate, startled the members, has promised to be present and testify at the investigation. He alleges that attempts were made to corrupt him with sums ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The senate committee appointed to investigate the affair, consists of Jones of Washington; Burton of Ohio; Crawford of South Dakota;

CRANE LEARNING LORIMER FACTS

TAFT SAID TO HAVE SENT CRANE TO CHICAGO

Report Which he Will Bring Back Will not Be Favorable Either

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Senator Crane of Massachusetts is said by the Chicago Tribune today to have come here at the behest of Taft, to investigate personally the political status of Senator Lorimer in Illinois. According to the Tribune the report will be unfavorable. He will not discuss the meeting with Ballinger at Minneapolis.

Mass Meeting Sunday

All the churches of the city will combine in a mass meeting at the L. D. S. tabernacle next Sunday evening. The program, consisting of speeches and music by local people, will be under the supervision of the Law Enforcement league.

Percy of Mississippi and Hughes of Colorado.

The Gore charges relate to undue influence to secure the McMurray contracts for legal service for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians. Had the contracts been approved, McMurray would have been paid about \$3,000,000. Former Senators Thurston and Long are alleged to have been working for the McMurray interests. Thurston regards the contract as legal. Senator Long has declined to enter into a discussion of the matter.

DYING RAPIDLY

First Wife Among Those Who Received Dying Champion

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Joe Gans, arrived at noon on his transcontinental race with death. Life is fast ebbing. Gans was met by a delegation of friends, including his first wife, and at her invitation, Joe was carried on a stretcher to her home where oxygen was administered to prolong life.

COLORED VOTERS IN MEETING

OKLAHOMA'S ACTION IN DISFRANCHISING SCORED

Large Gathering of Voters Take Action on Taft's Policy

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 4.—Dusky politicians from all over the land were present today when the convention of colored voters, called by the National Independent Political League, was opened in this city. The assemblage also includes many educators, clergymen and other moral and intellectual leaders of the race, and promises to be of considerable importance as a manifestation of the political sentiment of the negro population.

It is expected that those who are opposed to President Taft's policy in dealing with the question of appointing colored men to federal offices, will attempt to place the convention on record as opposing the present administration. The delegates will also discuss ways and means for making the colored voters a factor to be dealt with in this fall's state and congressional elections.

The attempt of Oklahoma Democrats to deprive the negro of his vote by means of a "makeshift clause" will be censured. The executive committee of the league has announced expressions unfavorable to admitting colored youths to West Point, and the crusade to that end will probably be dropped.

Ladd Canyon Personal.

Ladd Canyon, Aug. 4.—Special.—Mrs. O. P. Goodall, whose home is in California, visited a few days here last week with Mrs. "Dick" Peebler, Mrs. Goodall's former home was in Ladd Canyon and she is well known throughout the valley. She is dissatisfied with her California home and like many others, would be glad to get back to "old Oregon" again.

Miss Lulu Counsell who has been visiting relatives at Joseph the past two weeks is expected home, the latter part of this week. She will be accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Scott, Mrs. Counsell's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Milenberg and three children are now here at the home of Thomas Bates. Mrs. Milenberg and Mrs. Bates are sisters. Messrs. E. T. Peebler, Chris. Miller and Williams Phillips left by team yesterday morning for Wallowa county, where they will visit Mr. Peebler's daughter, Mrs. Enla Daugherty, but will spend most of their time fishing on the Minam, that being their chief purpose. Mr. Phillips will act as "chief cook and dish washer", but will visit his brother, Bert, and niece, Mrs. James Fields, while there.

Miss Frankie Peebler spent a couple of days last week in La Grande visiting relatives.

LONDON POLICE IN BAD LIGHT OVER CRIPPEN CASE

FRAMED FALSEHOODS TO SCARE CRIPPEN TO CONFESSION WHEN ARRESTED

DEW ADMITS CONFESSION

Attorney Representing Doctor Crippen in London Forces Scotland Yard to Admit that No New Evidence has been Uncovered and that Story to this Effect was Fabricated—Can't publish Confession.

London, Aug. 4.—Attorney Newton, representing Dr. Crippen, today won a fight with Scotland Yard over the production of evidence alleged to have been found tending to establish fully the identity of the body found in the cellar. The police are compelled to admit they have found nothing new (and that the statement was made in the hope of inducing Crippen to confess. Sergeant Mitchell and Matrons Foster and Stone left today to assist in returning Crippen and Lenoze.

Admits a Confession.
Quebec, Aug. 4.—Detective Dew has virtually admitted Crippen made a statement regarding the disappearance of his wife. He said, "I believe I can secure a satisfactory statement from Crippen. The English law forbids publishing a prisoner's confession."

NEW TRIAL FOR NEWLIN DENIED

SENTENCE WILL BE NAMED NEXT MONDAY

Arguments for a New Trial Unavailing Before Court this Morning

Adolph Newlin will not be granted a new trial on the indictment of selling whiskey, and on which he was found guilty last Monday by a circuit court jury. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles refused to grant a new trial, following arguments by counsel for the state and for the defendant, at 10 o'clock this forenoon. It means that sentence will be read on the convicted defendant and that the case will be appealed no matter what the sentence may be. Sentence will be read from the circuit bench next Monday at 10 o'clock.

EXPERIMENTING WAS FATAL

While Working With New Explosive, Is Blown to Pieces.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Aug. 4.—Otis Greer, a rancher near here, was killed last night by an explosion. He was experimenting with explosives and claims to have a receipt for making a new Japanese powder. He was grinding a coffee mill when it exploded. He was twenty-six years of age, and an eccentric.

Recovers from Illness.

B. A. Benham is able to resume B. A. Benham is again able to resume his position with the La Grande Investment company, after a serious illness lasting two weeks.

More Census Figures Out

Washington, Aug. 4.—According to a census bulletin, the population of Cincinnati is 364,463.