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PROMINENT MAN CALLED LIAR BY COLONEL

TEXAS REPUBLICAN LEADER ACCUSES CONGRESSMAN MURPHY OF GROSS IGNORANCE

CONTRADICTS GORE CHARGE

Indian Land Contracts Continue to Stir up Startling Features in Oklahoma—Lyons Declares Positively That he Did Not Do as Accused by Murphy Who he Says Talked Behind his Back—Colonel Indignant.

Sulphur, Okla., Aug. 13.—Col. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman from Texas, before the committee today, testified that Congressman Murphy, when he told the committee at Washington that Lyon traveled through Oklahoma in the interest of the McMurray contracts, was either guilty of ignorance or was lying. Colonel Lyon was indignant.

"Congressman Murphy availed himself of the privilege of the floor where he could not be reached legally," said Lyon. He also made statements out of my presence, which could not be reached physically. I believe Murphy should be called on to prove the charges. No man, woman or child, can say I am interested in McMurray's individual contracts. I agreed to become interested as a business man, with the law firm, but I never was interested in individual contracts."

Lyon is one of the men named by Blind Senator Gore as being interested in the contracts. Congressman Charles Murphy referred to, is from Missouri. Lyon said that in 1905 McMurray asked him if he wanted to become associated in the sale of Indian lands. Lyon said he accepted.

"I discussed the matter with the president in January, 1906," Lyon testified, "asking him to first investigate, then, if he saw fit, to confirm McMurray's contracts. He referred me to Indian Commissioner Leupp, the latter considering forming a stock company. The president and Leupp favored this plan. I told the president that if a stock company was his plan, that it ended the McMurray contracts, as far as I was concerned."

MEDAL FOR BEST CROP.

Governor Hay will Reward Dry Farming Students.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 13.—Evidence of his faith in the modern tillage as a testimonial to the success of a dry farming, Governor Marion E. Hay, of Washington, offers a solid silver trophy cup, valued at \$250, as the grand prize for the best state exhibit. Washington barred, at the International Dry Farming exposition in connection with the Fifth Dry Farming Congress in Spokane, October 3 to 6. The gift is a private one. Governor Hay is a practical farmer.

Colorado captured the state cups at the third and fourth congresses and expositions at Cheyenne, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., and has already notified John T. Burns, secretary-treasurer of the congress, that it will enter the state contest this year in an effort to win the third cup in succession.

Montana, however, has arisen to the occasion, and is now gathering an exhibit that promises to be a worthy rival. Other competitors probably will be North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Western Kansas and Nebraska, Idaho and Oregon.

The following rule has been adopted by the board of governors of the congress regarding the territory from which exhibits of products can be accepted for exhibition purposes:

"Exhibits will be accepted at the In-

ternational Dry Farming exposition, from that territory in the United States including and west of the 98th meridian, and up to and including the 131st meridian, where the annual precipitation averages under 20 inches. It is understood, however, that such products will not be accepted when grown upon seepage, irrigated or sub-irrigated land."

Mr. Burns says that much interest has been aroused in the United States, Canada and Mexico, in the coming congress, and he looks for large delegations from various parts of the continent.

Demonstration Boat Planned.

Pullman, Wash., Aug. 13.—The state agricultural school's demonstration boat, which will tour the sound country, will start Monday. The first stop is at Brinnon, Wash. The boat will cover the sound territory, making side trips on navigable waters. A large staff of lecturers will be aboard with a variety of agricultural, dairy and horticultural paraphernalia.

NEGRO'S BURIAL HELD TODAY

THREE MILES IN LENGTH IS SIZE OF CORTEGE.

Simple Funeral Services Held at the Gans Home—Taken to Church

Baltimore, Aug. 13.—Lying in state at the Whatcoat Methodist church the body of Joe Gans was viewed today by 40,000 persons. Hour after hour they passed the coffin. The burial was held late this afternoon.

Early today the funeral services were held at the home of Gans. Rev. Gibbs officiated. The ceremony was brief, only the immediate members of the family attending. After prayer, the bier was carried to a hearse, and taken to a church, followed by a procession three miles in length. There were eight carriages of flowers.

WRON LOCATION GIVEN.

Registration is Conducted in Rear of United States National.

The office formerly occupied by the receiver of the Farmers & Traders National bank in the rear of the United States National, is the place where County Clerk Ed Wright is conducting his registrations, and not in the rear of the La Grande National as announced in the Observer.

The books will be opened there tonight for the last time, for the present at least, for it is not known when they will be brought down town again so it behooves every unregistered voter to attend to that duty this evening.

New Bank Sign Up.

The new metallic bank sign for the La Grande National bank, was installed today. It is placed at the right of the main entrance, and is an attractive piece of work.

Panhandle Gets Train Service.

Baker will be connected with the Pine and Eagle valleys by railroad. This is the substance of an announcement made by General Passenger Agent Wm. McMurray of the O. R. & N. yesterday, says the Baker City Democrat.

Mr. McMurray states that because there is no other train from Baker that will afford the people of the Panhandle country the opportunity to get home after they have been here he will put a special car on the east bound fast mail to handle the business.

The connections will be arranged so that a man will be able to leave his home in the Panhandle one day, and arrive in Baker the same evening. The next morning, or any morning, it will be possible for him to leave here on a special coach which will be attached to the fast mail train and meet the Northwestern train down the Snake river.

ALDRICH SNUBBED AT THE WHITE HOUSE: CANNON OUT

MANY CHANGES TAKE PLACE IN A DAY IN POLITICAL STATUS—CRANE SUCCEEDS HITCHCOCK

Beverly, Aug. 13.—That Senator Crane of Massachusetts has taken the place of Hitchcock as political advisor to President Taft, is reported today, following the reports that Speaker Cannon will be eliminated from high republican councils, along with Aldrich and Ballinger. When the United Press first announced, on high authority, that the mission of Crane to St. Paul, was to demand the retirement of Ballinger before the fall campaign, it was intimated that the president tread on drastic measures to re-unite the republican party and assure success at the polls in November. The president, it is said by those close to the administration, has believed for some time that democrats and insurgents would control the next house, and has been considering, he declared, moves that would make it possible to insure a republican victory.

Authoritative reports that Ballinger has prepared his resignation, and will leave office on September 15, and that Aldrich in an interview with

Taft, yesterday repeated his assertion he would not run for re-election, together with the reports that Cannon is no longer to be retained as a party leader, has given rise to the belief that Crane has taken the place of Hitchcock as chief advisor to the president.

Aldrich Snubbed.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Unofficial reports from Beverly that Ballinger has been recently forced to retire, and that Aldrich is snubbed, and that Cannon will not be defended, are attributed largely to the influence of Chas. Norton, secretary to the president. That Taft practically snubbed Aldrich yesterday when the senator called on him, is reported credited here. It is said Norton's influence is responsible for the reception tendered Aldrich. It is reported Aldrich planned a long stay at Beverly, but the visit amounted to real chilliness, and caused him to change his plans and leave speedily.

Baer Family Reunion.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13.—The Baer Family Association, which counts George F. Baer, president of the Reading railway, as one of its members, is holding its annual reunion today at Kutztown, Berks county.

Other family reunions in Eastern Pennsylvania today include those of the Sauls at Temple; the Lewis-Jones in Montgomery county; the Essicks at Pottstown and the Seiples at Easton.

Scott's Body in Portland.

Portland, Aug. 12.—The body of Harvey W. Scott reached here today, and will lie in state this afternoon from two to four. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

Floating Court Ends.

Seward, Alaska, Aug. 13.—A floating court aboard the revenue cutter, Rush, with United States Judge Cushman presiding, is on its way back to Seward, the season's work being finished.

Three Killed in Accident.

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 13.—Three persons were killed and a score injured as the result of a collision between an engine and a carload of workmen on the Western Pacific late yesterday. After the accident the train crew attacked the infuriated laborers and forced them to uncouple the engine and escape.

Fruit Trains Running.

North Yakima, Aug. 13.—Two trains of sixty-two cars of fruit, left Pasco for St. Paul on a 99-hour schedule today. It was mostly from the Yakima valley, but some from Walla Walla. The season is ten days earlier this year.

PHOENIX SUFFERS LOSS.

Heaviest Fire in the History of the City Razes Many Buildings

Phoenix, B. C., Aug. 12.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Phoenix started at four o'clock Friday, and was just controlled today. It started in an oil house of the Granby Consolidated Mining Company. Instantly it spread to surrounding buildings. Sparks fell on the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the palace livery, the school house, and the Pioneer Publishing Company's plant. Several other residences were destroyed. A machine and blacksmith shop shared a like fate. It looked for a time as though the town would go. No one was killed, although there were many narrow escapes.

Terrific Upheaval Felt.

Washington, Aug. 13.—That a terrific upheaval, probably a tidal wave in the West Indies, today is indicated by the seismograph at Georgetown University. The shock was of great intensity.

APPEAL FOR HELP TO FIGHT FIRE AT BEAVER CREEK

Frantic appeals for assistance in fighting forest fires reached La Grande this afternoon, when Mayor F. L. Meyers received a telephone message from the United States forest service lookout at Sumpter. Messages received there from Forest Ranger Parker, state that the fire on Jordan creek has gotten beyond control and that the number of men now at work are unable to cope with the situation. The fire is leaving Jordan creek and working over to the Beaver creek watershed where it will do much damage to the water supply.

for forty men in behalf of the government. The forestry department will pay good wages. Men who respond, should provide their own bedding, and report at the water superintendent's office this evening if possible, but without fail tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock. Forty men are needed and the government officials and Mayor Meyers are anxious to have a full crew of men leave promptly at 7 tomorrow morning. The situation at the scene of the fire is grave, according to the appeals from Sumpter.

The government pays 30 cents an hour and board.

WRECK NEAR PORTLAND.

Suburban Car Collides with Freight, Injuring Seven.

Portland, Aug. 13.—Seven were injured, and many severely jolted early today when an electric car bound to Portland from Oregon City, collided with a freight car five miles south. The passenger car crashed into the freight hurling the passengers from their seats. The injured were removed to the hospitals.

Bicycle Marathon.

New York, Aug. 13.—A bicycle Marathon for the championship of Greater New York will be the feature of the Pius X cycle games to be held tomorrow at Jamaica Oval.

Summer Skat Tourney.

Green Bay, Wis., Aug. 13.—A summer skat tournament will be held here tomorrow by the Wisconsin Skat League. Several hundred players will take part in the games.

GAYNOR RAPIDLY IMPROVING

BULLETIN SAYS HIS CONDITION IS ENCOURAGING

Discusses Official Business with His Secretary During Morning.

Hoboken, Aug. 13.—Mayor Gaynor's condition is much improved today. He joked with the doctors as they dressed his wound. There is no sign of infection, and it is believed the danger of blood poisoning is passed.

He discussed official business today with Secretary Adamson. A nine o'clock bulletin says: "The Mayor's condition is gratifying. He slept eight hours last night."

Trailing to Wallowa County.

A passenger train was entirely inadequate this morning to properly handle the passenger traffic headed for Wallowa county. A stream of ticket buyers surrounded the window all morning, indicating how tremendous the passenger traffic in and out of La Grande is growing to be.

Baker Boy Lost.

A letter received yesterday from Mr. G. B. Small, who with his family, are spending the summer at their cottage at Seaside, tells of the frightful experience of his son Fred, who was lost for three days and two nights on Tillamook Head, says a Baker City paper. He lost his footing and fell over the head, rolling down the steep embankment over brush and rocks for a considerable distance. In the fall he sprained his left ankle very badly, cut his chin, breaking off two teeth, and was otherwise cut and badly bruised, and in this painful dilemma, was only able to crawl with great effort. He was found by Mrs. Small late in the evening about a mile from home, at the end of the board walk near the old Seaside house, to which point he made his way the best he could. At the same time Mr. Small was searching for him until about 12 o'clock that night, when returning to the cottage, learned that his son had been found. The boy was quite weak when Mr. Small wrote, but he thinks he will be all right in a few days, with the exception of his ankle, which is badly swollen.

All-Around Championships.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—All around track and field championships of the United States will be held today under the auspices of the Chicago Athletic Association and have attracted a classy bunch of athletes from many cities. For the first time in two years Martin Sheridan, of the Irish-American Athletic club of New York, holder of the all-around championship, is not entered, and this leaves the title very much up in the air.

UNCLE SAM WILL NOT SANCTION INJURIES

MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT RECOGNIZE EITHER LEADER

MADRIZ PRESENTS CLAIMS

Representatives of Madriz's Faction in Nicaragua Appear at Washington in an Effort to Enlist Uncle Sam's Sympathies with Madriz—Notice Given out that Neither Leader in Embrolio will be Considered

Washington, Aug. 13.—In an attempt to gain recognition in the United States, General Salinas, and Dr. Barrios are in conference today in the state department, presenting claims for the Madriz faction at Nicaragua.

Position Made Clear.

It is reported the state department has made it clear that the United States would not change its attitude toward the Nicaraguan dispute, between Madriz and Estrada, recognizing neither except where injury to American interests is involved, when both will be held responsible.

CONGRESS OF ESPERANTISTS

Sixth International Congress Opens at Washington Tonight.

Washington, Aug. 13.—With a reception and concert, at which a convention, address and vocal exercises, will be in the new universal language, the sixth International Congress of Esperantists, will be informally inaugurated this evening. Disciples of Zamenhof, the Polish physician, who invented the scheme for doing away with the confusion of tongues dating from Babel, are here from a score of nations.

Church services in Esperanto will be held tomorrow in Episcopal and Catholic churches. On Monday first, the business session will be held, with Dr. Zamenhof as the principal speaker. The convention will continue through the coming week, and will have as a feature the presentation of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" by actors speaking Esperanto.

The delegates and officials assert that Esperanto is making vast strides in this country, as well as in Europe. It is their hope to have the language taught in all the public schools of the country, and abroad, and this will be the principle topic of discussion at the business session. Missionary work to this end will be planned.

Esperantists believe that the universal language, if general accepted, would do much to bring about lasting peace between nations. It is not expected that Esperanto will ever supplant other languages, but it is urged that it supplies the need for a common language which would enable the traveler to always be at home, conversationally, without the necessity for a knowledge of a dozen or more tongues.

STEEL BRIDGE COMES.

Eighty-Four Foot Structure Will Be Erected Near Allice.

A steel eighty-four foot bridge for the Big Ditch near Allice, at what is known as the Slater bridge, arrived today, and will be put in place by Bridge Superintendent Campbell at once. The campaign for better bridges inaugurated some time ago by the county board, is bearing results.

Fire Near Cove.

Two stacks of barley were burned near Cove last night, the fire starting from an engine spark. The grain belonged to George Gray of Lower Cove.