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PRIMARY VOTE IN CALIFORNIA IS TAKEN

REPUBLICANS HAVE WIDE CHOICE TO SELECT FAVORITES FROM

BELL SAFE WITH DEMOS

Primary Election in California Presents Complications Today, in That so Many Republicans are in the Field—Struggle is Between Southern Pacific Rule and Rooseveltians, Say the Latter.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—California's next governor will be decided by the primaries in progress today throughout the state. Candidates will also be nominated for all other state offices, for two associate justices of the supreme court, district appellate judges, railroad commissioners, representatives in Congress and United States senator. The entire state assembly and senators from even numbered district are also to be nominated in today's primaries. The fight between the "insurgents," known in California as the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League, and the Regular republicans, makes the political battle to be decided today, one long to be remembered and of national interest.

Theodore Bell will head the democratic state ticket, without opposition, while J. Stitt Wilson of Berkeley, a lecturer and writer of international reputation, will carry the red banner of Socialism. In the republican camp however, harmony is the scarcest thing imaginable. For months the rival candidate of the G. O. P. have been campaigning, until the entire state is aroused politically as never before.

Five candidates are in the field for the Republican nomination for governor: Hiram W. Johnson, insurgent of San Francisco; Allen Anderson, of Sacramento, alleged by his opponents to be the favorite of the Southern Pacific machine; Charles Curry of San Francisco, who is also alleged by the Lincoln-Roosevelt to be acceptable to the so-called "bogies," Phil Stanton of Los Angeles, and Nathaniel Ellery of Sacramento, who are dark horses and quoted in the advance odds as "also rans."

With such a field, the republican voter has a wide range of choice, and it is futile to attempt to forecast the result, although admittedly the race is between Johnson, Curry and Anderson.

Whether the state shall continue to be the appendage of the Southern Pacific railroad, owned body and soul by a grafting corporation, the prey of a politico-business hierarchy, which for forty long and weary years has held the state within its octopus-like tentacles—this is the issue before the voters today, according to the Roosevelt-Lincoln Republican League candidates.

On the other hand, the regular republicans denounce these charges as the feverish vaporings of those who ride a nightmare after nothing. The republican voters are called upon to put the stamp of their everlasting disapproval upon the muckrakers who have maligned the fair fame of California, to damn eternally the political mercenaries and soldiers of fortune, who, to encompass their own selfish ends, are willing to disgrace before the nation and the world that great and glorious state over which still floats the stars and stripes, beneath whose folds men are and forever must be free.

Three republican aspirants to a United States senatorial toga will also be voted on today. They are John D. Works of Los Angeles, A. G. Spaulding of San Diego, and Edwin

A. Meserve of Los Angeles.

There are both regular and insurgent candidates for congress in the First, Second, Fifth, Seventh and the Eighth districts. In the first, Congressman Englebright is opposed by John L. Childs of Crescent City. Congressman Duncan McKinlay, who represents the second, is opposed for the nomination by William Kent of Kentfield. In the third, Congressman Knowland is unopposed. Representative Julius Kahn of the Fourth will be renominated. In the Fifth, E. M. Hayes is opposed by Charles W. Davidson of San Jose. Congressman James C. Needham of Sixth, will be renominated. Representative James McLachlan of the Seventh, the Los Angeles county district, is opposed by William D. Stephens. Congressman Sylvester Smith of Bakersfield, in the Eighth district, is opposed for renomination by Lewis R. Kirby, of San Diego.

The contest among the republicans for minor state offices is almost as bitter as the gubernatorial fight. Four republicans are seeking the nomination for lieutenant-governor, five for secretary of state, two for controller, two for attorney-general, six for state printer, and four for associate justice of the supreme court, in which there are two vacancies to be filled. There are practically no contests among the democrats.

M'ARTHUR GOING TO UTAH

WILL REPRESENT OREGON AND ACTING GOVERNOR BOWERMAN

Will Not State His Stand on Conservation, Topic of Conference

Salem, Or., Aug. 16.—C. N. McArthur, speaker of the Oregon House, left for Salt Lake today, where he will represent Acting Governor Bowerman, and the State of Oregon, at a conference of Western Governors regarding conservation on August 18.

The views of all Western executives will be presented later at the national congress at St. Paul, in September.

McArthur declined to say what his stand will be regarding conservation. The conference was called at the suggestion of Governor Hay of Washington.

Mr. McArthur, or "Pat" as he is familiarly known in the Willamette Valley, will probably come through La Grande at 8:30 tonight on his way to Salt Lake. Mr. McArthur is one of the rising young politicians of the state, and is very prominent in republican affairs. He is speaker of the Oregon legislature, and a year ago was appointed private secretary to Governor Benson.

Hay Wants Assistance.

Olympia, Wash., August 16.—Before leaving for Salt Lake last night to attend the meeting of the Western governors, Governor Hay addressed letters to secretaries of commercial organizations in all the big coast cities of the state, asking them to take up the question of establishing public wharves. He called their attention to the fact that railroads were monopolizing the water fronts of the nation.

FUNERAL HELD TODAY.

Body of Unfortunate Lad Laid Away This Afternoon at Three

Funeral services over the remains of Lloyd Eaton, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Eaton, corner N. Fourth and Lake streets, who was instantly killed yesterday afternoon by falling from a wagon load of sand, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Central church.

The incident was particularly distressing, as the little fellow was in the best of health. The bereaved family has the sympathies of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

LEADERS BALK TROOPS ABLE TO STAY PROGRESS OF BLAZE AT 'MARTYR' SYSTEM

CANNON REFUSES TO FALL IN WITH PLAN OF REMOVING HIM FROM POWER

POINDEXTER ON WARPATH

Taft is Going to Have Hard Selling in Reorganizing the Republican Party—Great Pressure Brought to Bear to Force the Plan Through According to Crane's Suggestion—Hay Attacked by Insurgents.

Beverly, Aug. 16.—In the scheme for President Taft to reorganize the party steering course, by removing Ballinger as secretary, and ignoring Aldrich and Cannon as counselors, Speaker Joe Cannon refuses absolutely to be eliminated. Information of a reliable source says Ballinger won't resign unless the president requests it. Aldrich is still announcing he will retire, but it is generally understood he expects to retain a hold on party affairs, and won't voluntarily return to Taft Under Pressure.

Senator Crane, who it is believed, is chief advisor to the president, is alleged to have advised the change. It is understood tremendous pressure is exerted to make Taft get busy and make good the program Crane has outlined. It is reported that when Crane approached Ballinger regarding his retirement, he told Crane he could not see any hope to help the party, and instead would make him a scapegoat for other leaders' mistakes.

Ballinger Awaits Orders

Ballinger declared Taft found him trustworthy and he wouldn't resign unless Taft said so. It is understood Taft is being urged to give the secretary the resignation hint.

POINDEXTER FLAYS FORDNEY.

Washington Insurgent Attacks Michigan Solon and Governor Hay

Aberdeen, Wn., Aug. 16.—Congressman Fordney of Michigan, who is here looking after his large timber holdings, refused to reply to the attack made on him and signed by Insurgent Congressman Poindexter of this state. Before a large crowd Poindexter accused Fordney of leading the fight against the appropriation asked for by Taft, for a new tariff commission. He said Fordney also voted against free lumber through his interest in the lumber business.

Poindexter also accused Governor Hay of calling a meeting of Western Governors at Salt Lake for the purpose of packing the St. Paul conservation congress with opposition to Pinchot conservation policies.

Sherman Slated for Chair.

New York, Aug. 16.—Vice-president Sherman is to be the temporary chairman of the New York republican state convention at Saratoga, September 27. The state committee, today defeated Lloyd Griscom's motion to name Roosevelt as chairman, by a vote of 20 to 15. A motion to defer the selection of a chairman was defeated by a vote of 23 to 12.

This is Roosevelt's second defeat since his return from Africa. Griscom figured conspicuously in both defeats of Roosevelt, which could have been avoided. The first defeat was the direct primary bill, which Roosevelt had supported in the New York legislature, and which failed to pass. Five minutes before the vote was taken, Roosevelt disappeared from the office of the Outlook.

New Chandeliers.

The Foley Hotel is being supplied with new chandeliers of an attractive design. The walls will be supplied with bracket lamps, too.

TROOP COMMANDERS ANNOUNCE MEDICAL SPRINGS FIRE WILL BE CONTROLLED

Slight Sprinkling in Vicinity of Big Fires Falls to Check Advance, but Soldiers Make Appreciable Headway in 'Struggle—Vicinity About La Grande Given Slight Soaking That Will Prevent New Fires.

RAIN PROVES OF LITTLE AID

Pluvius stinted apportionment to Eastern Oregon last evening has done but little to quench the forest fires raging at Medical Springs and in Wallawa county principally. It may be stated, to the credit of the rain-gods, that the shower here last evening, did much good to the valley, and for a short distance back in the mountains revived the withered grass, but as far as quenching raging forest fires, there was little benefit. The rain evidently helped stay the progress and stamp out the controllable fires in the region of Beaver creek, which for the past several days, have been doing much damage, but have smoldered in places.

Reports from Wallawa county's forest agency affirms that the rain was general in that section, but only of such proportions as would tend to prevent further new fires, and not quench those already in force.

Victorious at Medical Springs.

Medical Springs, Aug. 16.—Though on the scene, but about eighteen hours this afternoon, the detachment of regulars which arrived here at 7 o'clock last evening, has succeeded in registering a victory in the preliminary skirmish with the vigorous blaze which yesterday threatened the town and today has completed its sweep of about 900 acres of good timber land. The fire has now worked itself in a new angle, and its central point of destruction is two miles from town. To that point the soldiers have moved, and with system and dispatch, are fighting back. Officers claim they have the situation in hand, or nearly so.

Will Return Soon.

If events materialize as indicated today, Lieutenant Nestor will take his command away from Medical Springs in three days, and return to Union and await further orders.

Big Government Expense.

Washington, Aug. 16.—It is costing the government seven thousand dollars daily to fight the northwest forest fires, according to forestry officials today. It is believed that the worst is now past. The fires are the most comprehensive and disastrous since the bureau was created. Reports from the Northwest today say that the fires are subsiding a little on account of the rains.

Bennington Anniversary.

Bennington, Vt., Aug. 16.—Bennington battle anniversary was observed today as a legal holiday throughout Vermont. Patriotic exercises will be held in many towns. The victory commemorated is that of Gen. Stark over a detachment of Burgoyne's army.

Methodist Camp Meeting.

Brushton, N. Y., Aug. 16.—An old-time Methodist camp meeting was commenced here today and will continue until Aug. 24. Nearly a hundred Methodist ministers will be here during the meetings, and the attendance is expected to reach the ten thousand mark toward the close.

WILL SAVE PRINCESS MAX.

Ship Which Went on Rocks off Sentinel Point will be Roused.

Victoria, Aug. 16.—An effort will be made tomorrow to float the Princess May, which grounded on Sentinel Rock recently, according to Captain Troup, who arrived here last night. He says the vessel will be operating by October.

GAYNOR MUCH BETTER

Improvement in His Condition is Very Marked and Rapid, Also

Hoboken, Aug. 16.—Mayor Gaynor spent a restful night and seemed stronger today. He is improving fast and it is expected that he can be removed from the hospital soon.

Farmers Visit College.

Urbana, Ill., Aug. 16.—The Illinois Farmers' Institute is holding its mid-summer session today at the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois. The meetings will continue these days with addresses by leading agricultural experts. Largely due to the influence of the Institute, the College of Agriculture now ranks among the first in the country, with students from all over the world.

SAIL FROM PARIS TO LONDON

LATHAM MAKING AN UNPRECEDENTED ATTEMPT TODAY

Has Trouble Early and Alights to Make Repairs

Paris, Aug. 16.—Hubert Latham, the English aviator, left Paris for London today in his aeroplane. This is the first time the feat has been attempted. The London Daily Mail offers a prize of \$25,000 for a successful performance of the trip. He started at 10 o'clock this morning, and started rapidly on his 250 mile journey. He flew 70 miles to Amiens, France, and alighted on account of a defective engine. He said he would continue the flight this afternoon.

ILLINOIS FARMERS HOLD MEET.

Gathering at Urbana, Ill., Lasting Three Days.

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McDOWELL PAGEANT

"The House of Dreams" is Name Given in Honor of Composer.

Peterboro, N. H., Aug. 16.—A three-day pageant entitled "The House of Dreams" was commenced near here today by the MacDowell Memorial association in honor of Edward MacDowell, the composer, who was long a resident of this town.

LOGGERS NARROWLY ESCAPE.

One Hundred of Them Compelled to Flee on Logging Train.

Vancouver, Aug. 16.—A hundred loggers, many of whom are burned, are camped on the beach at Granite Bay, following the fire Saturday near Camp Hastening mill at Valdez Island, 100 miles up the coast. The men were compelled to board a logging train, and flee through the flames in order to make good their escape. The fire destroyed valuable timber a mile wide.

FIREMAN IS SHOT BY AN ANGRY BARBER

WIFE SEES HUSBAND KILL MAN ACCUSED OF UNDUCE ATTENTION TO HER.

HALF A DOZEN SEE CRIME

Jealous Barber Hunts Out River Tag Fireman at Headquarters and with Victim Four Feet Away Opens Fire—Accuses Him in Same Instant—Murderer Jailed—Plends Unwritten Law actuated Crime.

Portland, Aug. 16.—With his life at a station but a short distance away, watching him, Aurils Richardson, a jealous barber, shot and killed Jesse Hale, a fireman at the entrance of the fire tag headquarters last night in the presence of a dozen firemen.

The man was charged with murder today. He went to the headquarters and asked to see Hale. He waited until the fireman got within four feet, and then fired four bullets.

Accused His Enemy.

He said, "Take that, now I got you." In jail he said Hale had been paying attention to his wife.

COLLEGE GIRLS AS WAITRESSES

Old Boys of Thirteenth Maine Regiment Association Meet.

Lewiston, Me., Aug. 16.—With pretty college girls, imported at great expense from Vassar as waitresses, the "hard tack" disguised on the bill of fare as "hard-boiled chicken," and the oen swag served under the alias of beautiful swags, the old boys of the Thirteenth Maine regiment association are today enjoying quite the nicest banquet and reunion in the history of the organization. In the past the "vets" have been satisfied with short dinners of an extremely informal kind, but this year it was determined to show the world at large that the Maine veterans are up to snuff when it comes to modern customs.

MANY PASSENGERS DROWN.

Spanish and German Vessels Collide With Fatal Results to Many

Gibraltar, Aug. 16.—Two passengers and seven of the crew of the Spanish steamer Mortos, drowned today. The ship sank near Tarifa Point following a collision with the German steamer Elsa, in a heavy fog. The Elsa's crew saved many.

Thirty-three Adjudgments.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 16.—After thirty-three adjudgments, the case of William Heller and Max Hugo, charged with illegal use of union labels, is again set for a hearing in district court today. The case has been in the courts for over three years.

NEBRASKA PRIMARIES TODAY

Liquor Question the Main Issue—Unusually Large Vote.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 16.—With ideal weather, interest was aroused by the liquor question, which brought out an unusually large vote in the primaries today. Governor Shallenberger and Mayor Dahlgren of Omaha, are opposed for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. Dahlgren claims 20,000 of the republican votes for himself, because he is pledged for the anti-liquor bills. Bryan is supporting Governor Metcalf, editor of the Commoner. Bryan's senatorial candidate against Congressman Hitchcock.