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## LEADERS FILLED WITH CHEER AT OUTLOOK

UNION COUNTY'S REPUBLICANISM EXCEPTIONALLY HOPEFUL IN ALL SECTIONS.

## NATIONAL POLITICAL NEWS

With the Titanic Struggle but a Week Away, Republican Leaders and Office Holders are Ready to Rest, Believing They Have Fought a Winning Fight—News Encouraging—Taft a "Big Man."

With the titanic and final struggle of a long and bitter campaign but a week off today, local Republican leaders are ready to rest on their oars, feeling the ticket is safe. There may be one exception to the belief that Republicanism will carry from top to bottom, but even the one disputable office is going to be so close that the outcome will be in doubt to the last vote.

County Chairman Pearce today asserted that after a careful study of the hues in the political horizon, he finds nothing in it to prevent a complete and signal victory a week from today. The chairman is corroborated by Secretary Matott of the central committee, who has been close to affairs through it all. While the bitterness of the campaign has been entirely outside this particular county there has nevertheless been a "warmer" campaign on here than most give credit for. "But, after discussing the situation with precinct committeemen and with others who are interested and are in a position to know something about it, there is little doubt as to the final outcome in this county," said the secretary today.

Reports from all corners of the county are optimistic and despite efforts to make the Republican ranks vote to the contrary they will vote straight. Republicanism has seldom if ever faced the last week of the general election campaign with brighter prospects than she does today.

### WEST SUPPORTS TAFT.

Adviser Ascertains East Holds Key to Reorganization.

New York, Nov. 1.—"The west is beginning to believe that Wm. A. Taft is among the greatest presidents we had," according to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson who arrived today to begin his campaign for Stimson for governor. Wilson said he had been through the middle west and they can, he believes, turn their congressional representation. "Iowa, Kan-

sas and Minnesota will return a solid delegation. If the next congress is Democratic it will be because the Republicans lost in the east. As far as I can see there is no need of reorganization in the Republican party. Taft is making a good president and he will get a second term. I can say the west is beginning to appreciate Taft, who is one of our greatest presidents."

### NIXON MAY LOSE FIGHT

Chances are That Nevada Will Have Close Senatorial Race.

Carson City, Nev., Nov. 1.—Whether Senator Nixon will succeed himself is the question holding interest to voters in the campaign, just closing. Democrats are making a strong fight against Nixon and are making special efforts to capture the legislature to oust him.

### HITCHCOCK "SOLID" WITH TAFT.

President Credits Him With Eleven Million Dollar Saving.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Postmaster General Hitchcock will be a fixture in the Taft cabinet. The president is delighted with the work of Hitchcock has accomplished and credits him with the responsibility of the eleven million dollar reduction in the postal deficit. Taft intends to ask the legislature introducing penny postage for letters. Hitchcock in discussing the postoffice department today said Taft is against the continuance of machine office holders and believes the office should be taken out of politics.

## ABERDEEN IS DENIED RECOUNT OF CENSUS

DURAND ANNOUNCES HIS REFUSAL TO MEET THE REQUESTS.

Admits Many Cities are Dissatisfied But Won't Allow Recount.

Washington, Nov. 1.—An appeal of the citizens of Aberdeen, Wash., for a recount of the census will be denied, is the announcement today by Director Durand. "Many cities are dissatisfied with their enumeration," said Durand, "but unless they have some reason for a recount, it won't be granted in any cases."

### Arctic Brotherhood.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 1.—Vancouver fraternal and commercial interests have united with the officers of the Grand Camp of the Arctic Brotherhood to make the present annual convention the most interesting in the history of the order. The met. from the frozen Northland will be entertained in a lavish manner during their stay in the city.

## NEW YORK STRIKE CONTINUES TO BE GREATER IN EXTENT AND IS MENACE TO PUBLIC HEALTH

New York, Nov. 1.—One hundred thousand teamsters, chauffeurs and helpers maybe called the strike in New York city and a nation-wide strike of express drivers threatened as the result of the strike of the drivers and helpers of New York, Jersey City, Hoboken. The executive committee of the International Brotherhood of teamsters met today and decided whether to call a sympathetic strike in New York. It is generally believed the council intends to aid the strikers. In the meantime a new monthly wage scale for drivers in the principal cities of this country is being prepared by the international union and later

will be demanded. The platform men of the express companies struck today. The companies are trying to find more strike breakers.

The committee of striking drivers today told Health Commissioner Federle that 10,000 cars of perishable goods will be allowed to be unloaded and distributed among consumers. The committee also called upon the mayor and protested against the employment of guards on wagons driven by the strike breakers.

Big crowds stood near the express depots and jeered non union workmen but did not offer violence, owing to the presence of the police.

## WILSON'S CHARGES HAVE NOT A LEG TO STAND ON

To the Public:

In a statement now being circulated through the mail by one B. F. Wilson, democratic candidate for county judge to the voters of this county under the title:

"Some items which should interest the taxpayers of Union County," the following statement is made:

July, 1908, there was paid to J. B. Gilham (County Clerk), for services in the case of State of Oregon vs. McDonald, an escheat case, \$77.63

July, 1908, there was paid to Ed Wright (Deputy Clerk), for services in the case of State of Oregon vs. McDonald, an escheat case, \$72.50.

November, 1908, there was paid to Curry Brothers for publishing citation in the case of The State of Oregon vs. McDonald, an escheat case, the sum of \$105.50.

In the payment of these items the county court acted contrary to law and were wholly unauthorized, besides at the time of the payment of the same J. B. Gilham was receiving a salary of \$150 per month which is all he is entitled to receive from the county, and Ed. Wright was deputy clerk and was drawing a salary from the county each month."

Referring to the above statement I desire to say that no part of the above mentioned \$77.63 was intended in payment of any services of Mr. Gilham in the case of State of Oregon vs. McDonald, nor was any part of the \$72.50 as above set forth intended as payment for any services which I had rendered in the above entitled case. But as the bills now on file in my office show, and as Mr. Wilson could have easily ascertained if he desired the truth of the matter, these two bills were made in the name of the county clerk and the deputy as the bills were for services for taking depositions of parties residing in Scotland and in New Zealand, and the money so obtained from this county was paid directly by Mr. Gilham and myself to the parties entitled thereto. No part of this money remained either with myself or Mr. Gilham. Furthermore, the county has been fully re-imbursed by the State of Oregon for ALL moneys advanced in the case of the State of Oregon vs. McDonald, as per previous agreement by attorney for plaintiffs in the case and the county court.

I have no desire to take any part in the county judge contest, but I believe the statements made by Mr. Wilson is a wilful misstatement of facts and consider it to be a direct charge against myself.

To those who are sufficiently interested in this matter to investigate the truthfulness of my statement I respectfully refer them to either Messrs. Cochran & Cochran, F. S. Ivanhoe, Senator Oliver or C. H. Finn, all of whom are attorneys of record in the case of State of Oregon vs. McDonald and will substantiate the facts as I have stated them, as will also an investigation of the records of my office.

Inasmuch as I have given my entire personal attention at all times to the county clerk's office during my term, and have made a direct saving to the taxpayers of at least \$2500, conducting the business of the office with one less employe than any of my predecessors I feel that my honesty and integrity in conducting this office should not be challenged by any one for political purposes. I invite the strictest inspection of my record by anyone.

Very Respectfully,

ED. WRIGHT,  
County Clerk of Union County, Oregon.

### Ballinger Ready for Winter.

Washington, Nov. 1.—All indications show that Ballinger does not intend to resign as secretary. Today he began reorganizing his office staff with which he will carry out the winter's work. Ballinger made his secretary, Don Carr, his chief assistant, vice E. C. Finly, who has taken a position with the reclamation service. Ashmun Brown, a pioneer editor, on the Pacific coast, has been appointed to succeed Carr as secretary.

### Revised Divorce Rules.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 1.—A new divorce ruling becomes effective in this state today and will render divorces less easy to obtain. Among other things, the revised ruling provides that divorce cases shall be filed at least thirty days before trial.

### LOW RATES DISCONTINUED.

Ordered Effective by Tribunal but Ignored by the Railroads Again.

Washington, Nov. 1.—The Western Trunk Lines today served notice on the Interstate Commerce Commission that the reduced freight rates will be put into effect on Oct. 26 would be discontinued after December 1. The rates were put into effect, after the supreme court had ordered them. Rates affecter are proportional tariffs between Chicago and Mississippi points, applicable on and through the Atlantic seaboard points. Probable shippers will oppose the railroad's attempts to hoist the rates.

## FATAL SHOOTING ON PORTLAND AVENUE

CIVIL ENGINEER INSTANTLY KILLED BY CONTRACTOR.

Quarrel on Street Leads to Fatal Ending Between Engineers.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 1.—Frank Porter, a civil engineer was shot and instantly killed by Charles Cottage, a prominent local contractor today at Tenth and Brazee streets, following a quarrel.

Cottage was captured by officers and taken to jail where he is held pending an investigation.

### Atlantic Fleet to Cruise.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Under orders of the Navy department, battleships of the Atlantic fleet are assembling today in Hampton Roads preliminary to starting on the long cruise overseas. Sixteen battleships will comprise the fleet, the department having decided not to send any cruisers or torpedo boat destroyers as originally planned. English and French ports will be visited.

## NAN PATTERSON CASE MAY BE OPENED ON CONFESSION OF INDICTED JUROR BRIBER

New York, Nov. 1.—George Yeandle, an architect and a juror in the case of Edward Rosenheimer, millionaire, was arrested today on a charge of having offered to hang the jury for \$500.

Rosenheimer is being tried for murder in the first degree for running down and killing Grace Hough in an automobile last August.

A man named Timonsoffer, a builder was also arrested and it is alleged he, representing Yeandle, made an offer to Rosenheimer's attorney who informed the court. The police assert

## CUBA MOULDING ITS FUTURE DESTINY

VOTE BEING CAST TODAY MAKE IT A REPUBLIC IF NATIVES SO DESIRE IT.

## NATIVES SEEK OFFICES

Bitter Struggle Within the Island May Lead to Disorders But a Fair and Just Vote is Anticipated by the President—Males Would Rather be Politicians Than Toll the Ferrule Sill in Cuba.

Havana, Nov. 1.—Whether Cuba is a real republic and its people fitted for the duties and responsibilities of self-government will be to a great extent decided by today's elections. While President Gomez has apparently brought all his influence to bear to secure a fair and impartial casting and counting of votes, the intense partisan bitterness which has recently almost disrupted the government may nullify his best efforts. The campaign has been marked by strife and bad feeling between the adherents of the various warring parties and serious trouble may develop at the polling places.

Municipal officers and one half of the members of the lower house will be elected. The presidential elections will come two years hence. The principal parties in the field at the present election are the Liberals or Zayalists, the Historic Liberals or Mognalists, Gen. Munez' Independent Liberals, the Workingmen's party and the Young Cuba party. A disturbing factor is the Independent Party of Color, composed of negroes, who were denied the right to form an active political party with a place on the ballot by a law passed last summer which denied official recognition to parties organized along racial lines.

The recent disastrous storms caused a lull in political hostilities, but election day is likely to be marked by a revival of partisan hatred. This is the second election to be held in Cuba without American intervention. The first, in 1904, was marked by the grossest frauds, and two years later President Palma, who had been chosen for a second term, was deprived of power by a revolution, which was followed by the second American intervention in Cuban affairs.

Under the influence of American officials and troops, the presidential election of two years ago was conducted in an honest manner and the election of Gen. Gomez to the presidency represented the true choice of the people. Since then factional animosities have broken out afresh, and

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that Timonsoffer said Yeandle hung the Nan Patterson jury a few years ago for \$500.

Probably a new jury will be selected.

In default of \$10,000 bail, Yeandle and Timonoffe were remanded to the Tombs for an examination Thursday. The revelation will probably cause an investigation of the Patterson trial which once excited national interest.

Following Yeandle's arrest he was excused from the jury and another juror selected and the case went to trial.