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BOURNE HEAD OF NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT

AIM IS TO PROMOTE POPULAR POLITICS THROUGH THE COUNTRY.

NORRIS IS FIRST VICE

Progressive Republican Leaders, Governors and Others Form a Nation Wide League to Further Popular Election—Jonathan Bourne of Oregon President—On Foot For Some Time Past.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Formal announcement was made today of the organization of the National Republican Progressive League, formed by Progressive Republican senators, congressmen, governors and others. The plan is to make a nation-wide systematic attack for popular government, they say.

Under Way for Some Time. "Plans have been under way since the opening of congress, and consummated at a meeting Saturday night when the declaration of principles was signed," said a staunch member of it. Bourne is President.

The constitution has been adopted and officers elected as follows: Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, president; Congressman Norris of Nebraska, first vice; Governor Osborn of Michigan, second vice; Charles Crane, Chicago, treasurer; Executive board, Clifford Pinchot, Congressman Kent, California, George Record, New Jersey and Senators Clapp of Minnesota, Bristow of Kansas and Lenroot of Wisconsin.

EDUCATOR PRAISES NORMAL.

Australian Professor Sees Virtues in Lewiston Institution.

Lewiston, Jan. 23 (Special).—During the past week Dr. John Smyth, president of the Teachers Training college of Melbourne university, Melbourne, Australia, visited in this city with an old college friend, Professor, W. R. Bishop of the State Normal faculty.

Dr. Smyth is now on a tour of investigation in this country and expects later to visit Canada and Great Britain. He is especially interested in those institutions which are training teachers for the public schools.

Dr. Smyth spent the entire week in observing the equipment of the Lewiston Normal school, and its methods of training teachers. He was

very much impressed, indeed, by the work that is being done by President Black and the faculty.

Educated in Scotland and in Germany, a graduate of both the Universities of Edinburgh and Jena, with more than twenty-five years experience in educational work in Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia, Dr. Smyth is a recognized authority on the training of teachers. In a letter just received by President Black of the Lewiston Normal, Dr. Smyth says: "We not only were allowed to enter into your work but into your home. I am, indeed, especially indebted to yourself for the frank talks you had with me, and for your kindness in enabling me to understand your aims and methods. You need not be afraid to let any visitors see your institution. It rests on too solid a basis to be afraid of any kind of criticism; its growth will be sound and healthy."

SOCIALISTS WANTED.

Brother and Sister of Condemned Leader Sought by Police.

Tokio, Jan. 30.—Vigorous search for the brother and sister of Kotoku, the condemned leader of the socialists, believed to be hiding here, is being conducted by the imperial police. It is reported they left for America immediately after learning of his arrest. The couple are radical socialists and the police want to watch them.

TACOMA JURORS PITY WOMAN DEFENDANT

NOT ONLY GIVEN HER FREEDOM BUT SUBSCRIBED PURSE.

Woman Who Confessed of Complicity to Kill Husband, Released.

Tacoma, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Hartina Kvalshaug, accused of complicity in the murder of her husband, was today acquitted. This was her third trial. Charles Newcomb, convicted of actual committing the crime has now been sentenced to death by hanging.

JURY DELIBERATED FOR THIRTY-SEVEN HOURS.

The jury deliberated for thirty-seven hours. Newcomb shot Kvalshaug while he was returning home on May 4, 1909 from a dance with his wife. The next day the police assert Mrs. Kvalshaug and Newcomb confessed that they planned the murder. Their relations had been previously commented upon. Later the woman repudiated the alleged confession gained by third degree methods had been responsible. The jury who freed her today raised \$30 for her support as she is homeless and out of money.

JOSIAH PAGE DEAD.

Pioneer Resident of Grande Ronde Valley Dies of Old Age.

Josiah Page, step father of E. S. Norris, died yesterday morning at the Norris ranch, eight miles east of La Grande. He was 85 years old. New Years day and old age followed by an attack of la grippe caused his death. Funeral services will be held at the home at 10 a. m. Tuesday after which the body will be interred in the Peach cemetery south of Island City.

Chinese are Angry.

Honolulu, Jan. 23.—Incensed because they had been reported to the Pekin government as revolutionaries, 5,000 Chinese are today preparing to march to Honolulu and request the governor to notify their government or the United States that they are not such, but industrious people.

Deadlock Predicted.

Denver, Jan. 23.—Failure of the Democratic caucus called for tonight to select a successor to the late Senator Hughes, is predicted today. Mayor Adams of Denver is the chief aspirant for the office.

FREE TEXT BOOK BILL PASSES HOUSE AND WILL GO THROUGH SENATE—MANY BILLS SENT IN

Salem, Ore., Jan. 23.—Clyde's "free text book" bill passed the house almost unanimously today, and favorable action in the senate is expected. The bill gives each district of the state the right to provide free text books to all pupils if it so desires.

After New Masonic Order.

A measure was passed today which will prohibit the use of signs, insignia or other acts and articles of the Masonic lodge unless authorized by the state grand lodge. It is aimed at the new Masonic body now operating in Oregon.

184 Bills in House.

Eleven more bills will be introduced in the house today, making a total of 184 in the house record.

The Southern Oregon experiment station, new bonds for the treasurer of Multnomah county, a ban on the sale of fish caught in Rogue river, forbidding pursuit of business under an assumed name unless registered with the county clerk, are among the new bills introduced.

'FRISCO ASSURES CONGRESS NO MATERIAL AID WILL BE ASKED FOR IF SITE COMES TO THAT CITY

Albany, Jan. 23.—By almost a unanimous vote, both houses of the New York legislature today voted to support the San Francisco contingent in the fight for the congressional recognition in its claims for the Panama exposition.

Plan Strong Feature.

Sacramento, Jan. 23.—Responding to an urgent call for aid by the San Francisco exposition delegation at Washington, a resolution was passed unanimously today by the house and senate of the California legislature pledging congress that no material aid for the Panama exposition will be asked for by San Francisco in 1915, providing San Francisco was selected as the official site. The resolution will be telegraphed to congress.

BUSINESS MEN AND POLITICIANS AIM TO BLOCK DANVILLE INQUIRY

Danville, Jan. 23.—Official probing into the alleged wholesale vote buying in Vermillion county an investigation was started today by the grand jury wholesale confessions are expected.

It is asserted that business men, politicians, and professional men are attempting to block the investigation. Hundreds of bankers and politicians, including every candidate in recent years, is being summoned to appear before the jury and tell all he knows of his own elections or his own attempts to get elected. Despite the efforts of many to block the investigation, the probe is going to be a thorough one.

River Gives Up Dead.

Salem, Jan. 23.—The funeral of Joshua H. Smith, who was drowned in the Willamette river Thursday and whose body was found by a searching party several hundred feet down the stream, was held here yesterday afternoon from the Unitarian church. He was an Odd Fellow and a Grand Army man. Both orders participated in the funeral services.

GOING THE LIMIT.



—McBride in St. Louis Republic.

REGISTRATION RECORDS BROKEN

Seattleites Flock to Registration Books for Recall Election.

Seattle, Jan. 23.—Nearly sixty thousand voters have registered to date for the recall election of Mayor Gill. Geo. Dilling will oppose the mayor. This is the heaviest registration in the history of Seattle. The books have been open only four days.

FAT MAN DEAD.

Requires Extra Large Coffin and Ten Men to Carry Him With Ease.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Herman Schmidt, the fattest man in California is dead today. He weighed 473 pounds and conducted a saloon previous to the big fire. He died of heart disease. A special coffin was constructed and there will be ten pall bearers.

CONVICTED OF LARCENY.

Man Found Guilty of Taking a Pair of Shoes from Wagon.

A man named Baskin was fined \$60 this afternoon in Justice Williams' court for stealing a pair of shoes from a wagon in this city. In view of the fact that \$60 was more than the man "had" with him he was given thirty days in jail.

SCHENK FAMILY ROW REMOVED FROM CASE

DAMAGING RULING MADE ON EVE OF JURY RETIREMENT.

Story of Family Rows Will not Go on as Record in Poison Case.

Wheeling, Jan. 23.—Points scored by the defense, and testimony that might have saved the defendant a whole lot of grief were stricken from record and heavy blows dealt to the defense of Mrs. Schenk today by Judge Jordan, who, on motion of the state, ruled out the testimony of two important witnesses who gave evidence that the Schenk family conspired for the defendant's downfall. After the ruling, the state rested its case at 12:12. Arguments will be resumed this afternoon.

Spiritualist Sought For.

The officials are seeking for Rev. George Way, with warrants for his arrest. He is the spiritualist pastor who predicted Millionaire Schenk's death, according to Mrs. Schenk, just before he was poisoned, as the state alleges, by Mrs. Schenk. It is reported he has fled the state.

LOAN FUND DAY.

Neighborhood Club Has Fine Program for Tuesday Afternoon.

The ladies of the Neighborhood Club will observe Scholarship Loan Fund Day at the club rooms tomorrow afternoon.

The regular business meeting will be held at half past two and the program will begin at 3 o'clock. The following program was been arranged:

Mrs. J. D. Smith will act as chairman and will explain the object of the Scholarship Loan Fund.

Solo by Mrs. O. E. Silverthorne. A reading by Miss N. Lucille Allen. Music by the young ladies of the L. H. S. glee club.

This will be the initial appearance of the Young Ladies Glee club. Refreshments will be served and an opportunity for making a contribution to this worthy fund will be given.

The ladies of the club are invited to bring a friend.

Battle Raging.

El Paso, Jan. 23.—A bloody battle is already in progress, and has lasted twenty-four hours. It is reported at Galena, South Casa Grandes today. More than 3,000 are killed or wounded and many of the victims are women.

LORIMER HEARS HIS DEFENSE CHAMPIONED

SENATOR GAMBEL COMES TO AID OF ACCUSED UNITED STATES SENATOR.

JACKPOT NOT RELATED?

Holds Division of Moneys at St. Louis May Not Have Had Anything to Do With Election of Lorimer—At Least Not Necessarily Known to Lorimer—Sudden Change From Attack to Defense Startles.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Lorimer, the Illinois law maker who is accused of having gained his seat in congress by the purchase of representative and senatorial votes, today found a champion in the senate in the person of Senator Robert Gambel of South Dakota. In a speech he defended the majority report of the committee appointed to investigate Lorimer's election. Gambel declared there was no doubt but that Lorimer was legally elected.

Jack Pot May Have Been Secret.

He said: "The jackpot at St. Louis where it was also divided, was not necessarily related to Lorimer's election. No evidence was adduced by the committee to show that Shepard, Wilson, Clark Lincke, or O'Neil Browne received money in compensation for their votes for Lorimer."

Relief for Lorimer.

This is the first real kind word Lorimer has heard of himself in the past week or more. On the contrary Lorimer's character and his election have been attacked from every turn. The Dakotan's stand created a furor in the senate.

ELECTRIC LINE POLE TIPS

Heavy Wind Blows Down Substantial Pole out in the Valley.

One of the consequences of the gale blowing last night and this morning was to tip one of the high power line poles out in the valley and electrify the hillside this morning for a short time. The heavy wind storm has caused much trouble to the lines conveying power across the mountains and although minor trouble has been frequent, it has not troubled the service as frequently as in former years.

The trouble this morning was gotten around shortly by turning on another source of power while the pole troubles were remedied.

"UNCLE JAKE" IS DEAD

FAMILIAR PIONEER FACE WILL BE SEEN NO MORE.

Interment to be Made in Vault Constructed by Deceased.

Elgin, Jan. 23 (Special).—Another esteemed pioneer of Union county passed away Saturday evening in this city when Jacob (Uncle Jake) Long, aged 89 years, died of old age at his home. Interment will take place from the home with burial in a vault constructed by Mr. Long about six years ago. The vault is complete in every detail and though over eighty years of age, Uncle Jake was able to supervise its construction.

Mr. Long, a blacksmith and farmer of this community has lived here for about two score years. He is survived by several relatives.

"Uncle Jake" has been a familiar figure in and about Elgin for years and his demise is cause for community sorrow.