

## LOUD HURRAHS MARK CLARK'S ASCENSION TO THE 'THRONE'

### URGES BRETHREN TO ACCOMPLISH PURPOSES

FINE PHRASES NOT NEEDED BUT ACTION IS URGENT, AFFIRMS NEW SPEAKER.

### CROWDS JAM GALLERIES

Retrenchment Promises Already Fulfilled he Asserts—Little Hitch in the Proceedings as New House Votes Its Favorite—Little Excitement in the Senate When Body Reconvenes.

Washington, April 4.—That stalwart, Champ Clark, the first democratic speaker since Chas. F. Crisp laid down the gavel in 1895, was seated in the high back chair known as the Cannon throne at high noon today with a blaze of glory and deafening applause, and simultaneously the extraordinary session of congress was opened.

On the dot of twelve, gavel taps at both ends of the capitol signaled for order and the special session was under way. President Taft had mobilized the statesmen to get action on his reciprocity trade agreement with Canada, which was passed by the last house, but neatly smothered by the senate.

#### Jam in Galleries Awful.

There was an awful jam. Folks who were children when the democrats last held the house, were there; women, radiant in the bright hues of spring finery, composed at least half the audience. Diplomats filled their reservations, and President Taft, it was shown, had invited guests to the capacity of the gallery placed under his control by the house.

As a new house is without form and void, it devolved upon Col. Alex. McDowell, clerk of the last house, to call the members to order.

#### Clark Absent During Vote.

Then came the great event of the day, the election of the speaker. Of course, the result was not in doubt but the realization that in a few minutes they would see Champ Clark's gigantic form passing up the marble steps to the speaker's station keyed members and spectators to a state of excitement. Clark was modestly absent during the operation but it was proved later that he was not far away.

McDowell named a democrat and a republican as tellers and they took their places at the clerk's desk. Each member, as his name was called, announced the name of his choice for speaker. The democrats piled up their majority for Clark and a roar of approval rumbled through the long corridors of the capitol.

A committee was appointed to notify the Missouri leader of the honor given him. The committee accomplished the task in a few minutes and when they returned the new speaker smiling and happy, was greeted with another burst of applause.

Clark made a speech expressing his deep appreciation of the honor and his realization of the responsibility devolving upon him.

#### Clark Responds Brilliantly.

Mr. Clark said:

"My democratic brethren: Coupled with the joy of again seeing this house in a majority which is of my own political faith, is a keen sense of responsibility to the country. We are put on trial, and duty devolves upon us to demonstrate not so much by fine phrases as by good works, that we are worthy of the confidence reposed

in us by the voters of the land and that we are worthy still wider confidence. That we will prove equal to the emergency through our own efforts and our own desires, I don't doubt. And the way to accept this is to fulfill with courage and patriotism the promises we made before election.

"In the literal fulfillment of our retrenchment promises we have begun by cutting the house running expenses by \$180,000 annually. Economy, like charity, begins at home.

"We cannot set our faces straight and claim clear consciences by reforming expenses elsewhere if we do not reform them at home. We began at the fountain head. Appropriation

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## HEATED WARFARE ENDS TODAY

### BITTER CAMPAIGN AT CHICAGO HAS REACHED POLLS.

Heavy Vote Being Cast in Chicago to Settle Mayoralty.

- Chicago, April 4.—Light voting in the fashionable residential district of the city, where Merriam is the strongest today made it seem probable that Harrison will win. A downpour of rain prevented early voting, injuring Merriam's prospects.

Chicago, April 4.—The polls opened at 6 o'clock this morning for what was looked upon as one of the most important municipal elections in the history of Chicago. Keen interest was displayed not only in the mayoralty fight but also in the aldermanic contests in many of the 5 wards, each of which elects a member of the new city council.

The contest for the mayoralty has been one of the most exciting ever witnessed in this city, beginning with the primary election at which nearly a dozen aspirants contended for the democratic and republican nominations. The candidates chosen were Charles E. Merriam, republican, and Carter H. Harrison, democrat. Mr. Merriam is a member of the city council and for a number of years has held the professorship of political economy at the university of Chicago. He is generally regarded as the "reform" candidate for mayor and has the support of the various good government organizations. Carter H. Harrison, the democratic nominee is a veteran politician who has served three terms as mayor of Chicago. He is a son of the Carter Harrison who was assassinated in 1893 while serving his fourth term as mayor of the city. In his present candidacy Mr. Harrison has met with bitter opposition on the part of an influential faction of the local democratic party headed by Roger Sullivan, the

Illinois representative on the democratic national committee. On the other hand, he has received valuable support from William R. Hearst, who is seeking to even up an old score with Roger Sullivan by electing Harrison mayor.

The election of aldermen is attracting unusual attention because the next council will probably have to decide upon several great municipal undertakings. Among these are regulation of the price of gas and telephone service and construction of a passenger subway. The alleged protection of vice and the movement to wipe out the several tenderloin districts in the city have already figured in the election campaign. Early this morning the indications were that nearly 90 per cent of the registered vote of 423,589 would be cast before the polls close late this afternoon.

**Music Congress at Rome.**  
Rome, April 4.—Twenty-one nations including England and the United States, are represented at the International Congress of Music, which assembled in Rome today for a week's session. O. G. Soppeck, of the Library of Congress, and A. J. Gantvoort, of the Cincinnati College of Music, represent the United States.

**Tennessee Press Association.**  
Nashville, Tenn., April 4.—The annual meeting of the Tennessee Press association began a two day's session in this city today with a large and representative attendance. Heading the list of speakers are Don C. Seltz, of New York; and Clark Howell, of Atlanta.

**Georgia Woodmen in Session.**  
Columbus, Georgia, April 4.—The Georgia head camp of the Woodmen of the World began its annual meeting here today with delegates from many parts of the state. The business of the convention will occupy three days.

## FREE VOTING CONTEST ANNOUNCED FOR EDUCATIONAL PRIZES

Nominations are Invited---Competition Will Last Only Until May 27--Should be Short and Lively.

- The prizes are educational.
- You should see Portland during the great annual Rose Festival.
- You should visit San Francisco during the meeting of the National Educational association.
- You should become acquainted with the beauties of the Columbia river.
- You should experience recreation in the social life of ocean and Columbia river tourist hotels.
- You should study music under the best teachers if you have not done so already.
- You should study at home, if you cannot attend college.
- You should try the thrills of competitive work, such as this contest affords.
- You should learn how to ask your friends for their support; how to organize them into a working force in your own behalf.
- You should learn how to make friends among strangers and to get them interested in your success.

**THE CONTEST GIVES ALL THESE BENEFITS AND OTHERS: YOU SHOULD ENTER.**

Today the La Grande Evening and Weekly Observer announces a free voting contest. The principal prizes consist in trips to the Portland Rose Festival; trips to the meeting of the National Educational association in

## SLOUGH ACCEPTS COMMERCIAL CLUB JOB

SOUTHERN MAN, LIVING IN ELGIN THREE YEARS, TO BE PUBLICITY MANAGER.

### TRAINING SUITS THE POST

Trained in the Field by Experiences in Oklahoma Boom and Acquainted With Needs of Grande Ronde Valley Slough Is Credited With Being Particularly Fitted for Management.

S. M. Slough, erstwhile real estate dealer of Elgin and previous to that a prominent figure in the booming of several Oklahoma towns, last night closed a contract with the Commercial club to assume the duties of Commercial publicity manager for the local club. Mr. Slough is now rapidly arranging his affairs to take charge of his duties and he will be at the helm of La Grande's ship of commercialism and publicity at once. Scanning and combing the country for days, the directors of the club found no man better suited for the task than Mr. Slough. His life's work has been along lines identical to what he will carry on here; he is a young man, energetic, ambitious; possessed with that happy faculty of being able to make warm friends.

**Comes From the South.**  
Mr. Slough was born in Crawford county, Kansas and when a young

man moved to Oklahoma where he participated in the Oklahoma boom, acquiring the essential knowledge of how publicity work is carried on. Three years ago he migrated to the northwest and located at Elgin where he hung out a real estate shingle and has done a paying business every day since. He was induced to leave that field for the work he is now contracted to carry out, and the directors of the club are being complimented freely on their choice.

To many La Grande business men he is already well known but those who have not met him he will be introduced at the first opportunity.

Mr. Slough fills a gaping wound in the city's commercial interests. For months the club has been rudderless and pilotless. The rudder was attached a few days since when life and spirit was thrown into the organization at a resurrection meeting; today it had the pilot at the helm and added interest is taken in the club's existence.

Mr. Slough's family will be moved to La Grande from Elgin immediately and within a day or two he will be permanently found at his office in the commercial club room.

## IDAHO BANKERS SENTENCED

KESTER AND KETTENBACH UN-DULY PUNISHED—JUDGE

Men Convicted Last Night at Boise Given Their Sentences.

Boise, April 4.—William F. Kettenbach and George E. Kester, former president and cashier respectively of the Lewistown National bank who were convicted last night on five counts of an indictment charging falsification of reports to comptroller of the currency were each sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary. Each count and sentence is to run concurrently.

A motion for a new trial was overruled and they gave notice of appeal. They were released on bonds of \$25,000.

In pronouncing sentence Judge Bean stated he considered the punishment too severe for the offense in this case but that he had no choice in the matter.

This statement by the presiding judge will be used as a basis for a petition for pardon in case the sentence of the lower court is sustained by the United States district court of appeals.

#### Bryan, Clark, Wilson.

Burlington, N. J., April 4.—William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representatives and Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey are scheduled to speak in the Burlington auditorium tomorrow night, following a dinner in South Jersey in many years and will be attended by a host of prominent leaders of the party in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

#### Funeral Notice.

The funeral of the late George E. Fowler will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock p. m. from the rebyterian church. All friends invited.

## BEAST AT BAY WHEN DENVER CASTS VOTE

JUVENILE JUDGE LINDSEY IN LA GRANDE TODAY—TO LECTURE TONIGHT.

### MAGAZINE TURNED TIDE

Lover of the Kids Visits in La Grande Avers Reform Wave Has Hit the City of Denver—Politics, Economics, and the Boys Will Be the Subject of Tonight's Discourse at High School.

Denver's corruption is on the ebb and last year's reform victories at the polls following the expose of "The Beast and the Jungle" have checked the stampede of the "Beast" and that predatory animal, or beast, is at bay, according to Judge Ben Lindsey, the juvenile court judge and reformer of Denver who is here today to lecture at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the local lyceum bureau. Fittingly enough, three or four boys of the high school were his escort this morning—Judge Lindsey loves the boys, though perhaps he has more to do with the so-called bad boy than the other class.

"The Misfortunes of Mickey" will be the specific theme of his address tonight but the subject may be misleading. It is not a rehearsal of funny stories that will be given the audience; rather a discourse involving political, economic, and industrial subjects and dealing, too, with the boys of today who make the men of tomorrow. Mr. Lindsey's mission in life as he views it and as thousands of his charges view it, is to better the condition of the boy but in doing this he has accomplished wonderful results in political reforms. In the larger cities where he is called upon to lecture, he dwells at length on the establishment or betterment of juvenile courts.

#### His Recent Publications.

A few years ago this unique figure in modern history published a series of magazine articles entitled "The Beast and the Jungle." While it portrayed the putrid status of politics and pictured vividly the Beast in politics, in courts, in police circles, in higher up circles, the reader could not help but gain a clear conception of the man who brought the beast to bay. Everybody knows what the beast is, in this connection, and to look at the judge—he is not a strapping fellow who could master the vicious beast with brawn and muscle—one wonders wherein lies his storehouse of power. Attendants at the lecture tonight will see a man smaller than the average, yet a kindly smile spread his countenance and his eyes twinkle with a kindly light—no wonder the boys like him.

Judge Lindsey gives credit to "The Beast and the Jungle" as it appeared in magazine form to the reforms attained at the polls in Denver just recently. "Denver is a good town," he affirmed this morning. "We made tremendous improvement by the last election and Denver is a better town today than ever." "The Beast" which has just been put into circulation, is merely a book form of my former magazine articles," explained the judge in commenting on that publication, copies of which have been read of late in La Grande.

#### Loeb Holds an Auction.

New York, April 4.—A collection of articles seized by the customs officials at this port, or forfeited because of the non-payment of duties, was disposed of at public sale today. The sale was one of the largest ever conducted here, and comprised more than 1,000 lots and included featherbeds, shoes, wine, auto tires, earthenware, clothing, parts of machinery, hundreds of yards of moving picture films and 110,000 picture post cards.

**NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.**  
Nomination Blank—1000 Votes.

### THE OBSERVER CIRCULATION CONTEST

I nominate .....  
Address .....  
District No. ....  
Phone No. ....

Only the first Nomination Blank counts 1,000 votes; each subsequent blank 1 vote. Names of people making nomination will not be divulged.

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### 'VOTE COUPON.

The Great Circulation Contest.

### LA GRANDE OBSERVER--DAILY AND WEEKLY

This Coupon Will Count One Vote.

For (Name) .....  
Address .....

Not Good After April 15.

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