

BRYAN SILENT AT PRIMARIES

NEBRASKA HOLDS A DUAL PRIMARY ELECTION TODAY.

LA FOLLETTE PRESIDENTIAL BOOM IS STARTED

La Follette emissaries headed by Governor Aldrich aim to get convention to endorse Wisconsin Senator for President—Bryan is silent and takes no part in campaign.

Lincoln, Neb., July 25.—In accordance with the state primary law which requires that all of the political parties shall hold their conventions on the same day, the republicans assembled in state convention here today while the democrats and the populists met at Fremont. All candidates are selected in primaries, so that all that is left for the conventions to do is to build platform and select the state campaign officers.

The conventions, nevertheless, are attracting the attention of politicians the country over. They are the first state conventions of the year to be held anywhere in the north or west. Furthermore, they are held in a state which has furnished some of the most conspicuous leaders of the "insurgent" movement in the republican party and at the same time still interests the democrats as the home state of William J. Bryan.

Unless all signs go astray the republican convention in this city will furnish more interesting developments than the gathering at Fremont. The republicans are badly split. The regular and insurgents fought, and the Nebraska Progressive Republican league was the outgrowth. Then the latter party split and the Reformed Nebraska Progressive Republican the latter being those insurgents who have returned to the support of President Taft, while the Mid Road Progressives are still fighting the administration.

La Follette emissaries have been busily engaged at work in Nebraska for some time and they have succeeded in working up considerable sentiment favoring the Wisconsin senator for the presidential nomination. If the La Follette supporters succeeded in preventing the convention from endorsing President Taft they will be satisfied. If the president is endorsed they probably will lose little time in organizing a La Follette league and beginning the fight in earnest.

Victor Rosewater, the Omaha editor, is leading the fight for Taft, while Governor Aldrich is an avowed supporter of La Follette. A successor to United States Senator Norris Brown is to be chosen before long and this tends to still further complicate the situation in the republican party. Congressman Norris, one of the foremost insurgent leaders in congress, is an aspirant for the senatorship and his friends will not stand for any action on the part of the convention that might militate against his interests.

As Governor Aldrich has been approached by Victor Rosewater with a view to bringing out the governor as a candidate for senator, the Aldrich and Rosewater interests are to some extent in sympathy. At the same time, however, Rosewater is an ardent supporter of Taft, while Aldrich leans toward La Follette. Senator Brown, no longer beloved of Rosewater, is supporting Taft, thus opposing Aldrich, whose support he would like in the senatorial fight.

While the republicans are thus badly mixed up, the democrats, on the other hand, appear to be working in more perfect harmony than for a number of years past. For the first time in more than a decade they are approaching a campaign with a thorough organization behind them. Mr. Bryan seems to have been eliminated, or to have eliminated himself, from Nebraska politics. He has refrained from

making any comment or expressing any views on the local situation. Whether or not he will support the candidates selected by the party is a question, but it is certain that he has not endeavored in any way to influence the choice of candidates or the construction of the platform.

HOME FROM FUNERAL.

Local Merchant Returns After Attending Funeral of Brother.

N. K. West, owner of the N. K. West store, returned this morning from Portland where he was called by the sudden death of his brother, Tad S. West. His brother who was 43 years of age, died at St. Vincent's hospital Saturday night, following an operation for appendicitis. He was taken to the hospital last Monday, but his condition was so serious that the operation was delayed several days. He did not rally from the shock. The deceased was a son of N. K. West, Sr., the pioneer merchant of Portland, whose death occurred some years ago. He was unmarried and is survived by a brother, N. K. West, of this city.

Overland in Automobile.

George Small and his son Fred, of the Baker Morning Democrat, are guests in the city today with County Judge and Mrs. J. C. Henry. They are traveling from Hood River to Baker in an automobile. They have been at Seaside.

Stamboul Has Fire.

Constantinople, July 25.—With unknown numbers dead and injured, 20,000 are already made homeless by a fire still raging today in Stamboul quarter. Sixty five hundred homes are destroyed at a damage of \$10,000,000. It is believed political incendiaries started the fires.

WEST HALF OF STATE SUFFERS

HEAT RECORDS IN YEARS BROKEN YESTERDAY.

Belief in Western Oregon Today—The Eastern Part Warm, Too.

Portland, July 25.—Following yesterday's torrid spell, the hottest for years in Western Oregon, it is decidedly cooler in Western Oregon and Washington today. It is expected to drop 15 degrees lower. East of the Cascades, the weather bureau says the hot wave will continue today with relief tomorrow. Though the temperature yesterday was 99 in Portland, 100 at Roseburg and Walla Walla, and 102 in Oregon City, there were no deaths but several prostrations occurred.

With but little breeze yesterday afternoon and even the little amount of moving air heated by forest fires south and west of the city, La Grande experienced an exceptionally disagreeable warm day and evening yesterday. The mercury in the government instrument read by W. A. Worstell read 96 degrees, several points under what has been attained here this year.

Iowa Firemen's Tournament.

Des Moines, Ia., July 25.—The Iowa State Firemen's association opened its 33rd annual tournament in the capital today. The meeting will continue until Friday night. Delegations of fire fighters from all corners of the state, many of them accompanied by bands, are here to contest in the many events which make up the program.

Meeting of Lumber Manufacturers.

Wausau, Wis., July 25.—Wages, insurance rates, uniform accounting, the new workmen's compensation law and the general outlook in the lumber trade were among the subjects discussed at the summer meeting of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' association which met here today.

QUADRANGULAR WAR CLOUD ASSUMES DANGEROUS HUE

NEWSPAPERS AND STOCK MARKETS SHOW ANXIETY ABOUT CONDITIONS—FOUR NATIONS ON THE ALERT—GEORGE'S SPEECH MAY HAVE TO BE EXPLAINED.

London, July 25.—War between England and Germany, with France and Spain lined on either side is today probably more imminent than has been for many years. The financiers think Germany is in earnest concerning the war, the result of the recent speech of Chancellor Lloyd George in which he said England favors peace but not at a cost of sacrificing the supremacy obtained by the efforts of hundreds of years.

This is taken as a warning to Germany to keep out of the Moroccan situation and leave France alone in the handling of it. Newspapers generally circulated in order to create a sentiment favoring France's Moroccan campaign. The Lloyds will not allow the present insurance rate relief to war risks to obtain after August 15th. The foreign office admitted today it expects Germany to ask an explanation of the speech.

Berlin, July 25.—An official denial of the report that 400,000 reserves had been called out was issued by the German war office today. Only 100 men are affected by the order. These were summoned for the regular annual maneuvers it is asserted. The foreign office intimates the report was circulated in order to create a sentiment favoring France's Moroccan campaign.

COBLE SLAYER CONFESSES CRIME BLAMING HIS MANIA

Olympia, July 25.—J. H. Wilson, section foreman on the Northern Pacific, arrested. Peterson proved an alibi. Wilson was arrested four days ago, after his wife had told the police he washed blood from his person the morning after the murder. Wilson says he had a mania to kill, and this was his only explanation. He had no grievance.

STANDARD OIL AND TOBACCO TRUSTS FORM NEW COMBINE

New York, July 25.—That a \$10,000,000 National City company to be operated by the directions of the National City bank, was organized to nullify the supreme court bust decision in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco cases is reported today on Wall street. It is ascertained the new company will be a holding company for both trusts. The trusts, it is reported, will be split into their integral concerns, confirming the decision and then the National will control them indirectly. The stock of the bank and the Na-

UNCERTAIN ABOUT NEW MEASURE

Washington, July 25.—Just when the Canadian reciprocity agreement will become operative, now that it has been finally ratified into law by congress and President Taft, was a question upon which there was a division of opinion among authorities here today.

As agreed to, the measure contains two sections. The first sets forth the full dutiable and free list articles to be sent under the terms of the bill from this country to Canada, and the dutiable and free lists of articles sent from the Dominion to the United States.

The second section provides for free entry into the United States from Canadian provinces that do not enforce any export tax or other restrictions, on shipments to the United States of goods sent to Canada are recognized by the Dominion. Section two of the United States

bill is a plain statute that requires no action by the president to carry it into effect.

Senator Nelson (republican, Minnesota), has said it is "utterly outside the scope of the reciprocity agreement."

The opinion of Senator Cummins (republican, Iowa) has expressed "The difficulty of the present arrangement is as the senator from Minnesota has said. For some reason or other the house has segregated section two from the remainder of the bill and it is doubtful whether it will be controlled by the provisos and the conditions of the previous part of the bill. It is not so controlled then it is not reciprocal, and we would be in danger of the favored national clause."

An apparent defect in the United States bill was pointed out by some senators. If Canada should, some day repeal the Canadian bill, the United States law would remain in force until congress could take action.

It was several times suggested that the bill be amended so that it would be automatically repealed in the event the repeal of the Canadian law by the Ottawa parliament but the belief was that the congress under which it might be passed, the disadvantage of the United States were beyond the possibility.

National Hay Association.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 25.—The National Hay association met in annual convention here today with a large attendance of representatives of the trade in various parts of the country. The business of the convention will last over tomorrow and Thursday.

Saskatchewan Premier Visited North.

London, July 25.—The Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, who came over for the coronation, returned to London today after a trip to Spitzbergen and the far north.

PIONEER LAID TO REST TODAY

HENRY FISHER, PIONEER WAGON PAINTER DEAD.

Twenty-Six Years of a Useful Life Spent in La Grande.

One of the staunch pioneer citizens of La Grande was buried today when the remains of Henry Fisher, wagon painter, who died yesterday afternoon following a general physical breakdown and an attack of paralysis, were laid away with services at the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors. Mr. Fisher was in La Grande for about 26 years and at the time of his death was a little over 71 years of age. He came here from The Dalles.

Mr. Fisher is survived by his wife, four children, namely Gusie Fisher, Mrs. J. J. Harlan, Harley Fisher and Julius Fisher, and two step-children, William Rush and Edith Rush, all of La Grande.

He was taken ill a few days ago and sank rapidly.

WOMAN TAKES MORPHINE.

Said Family Affair Drives Woman to Attempt Suicide Yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, now a resident of South La Grande, her old home prior to moving to Portland with her husband, is suffering today from the effects of an alleged attempt to end her sorrows with morphine. It is said her husband left her in Portland and that she has been growing despondent over the family troubles. The poison failed to do its work and she is reported to be on the road to recovery today.

Few Oregon Fires.

Portland, July 25.—Save for the Mill river forest fire near Albany, Oregon, sensational reports of destructive forest fires are without firm foundation, today's investigations indicate. At Estacada, Ore., 200 men are guarding a large fire which is clearing up an old burn.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGE FOR ELK

DYING SPECIE TO FIND SUCCOR IN EASTERN OREGON.

DISTRICT BACK OF MT. EMILY TO BE THE ELK RANGE

Government Will Send Several Carload Lots to Union and Walla Walla Counties for Experiment—Dying Rapidly in Severe Winters of Wyoming—Co-Operation Essential Feature.

Starving elk in and about Jackson Hole, Wyoming, are to find winter range and feeding pasture in and about Union county, following a careful inspection of conditions here as regards favorable environments for the propagation of elk, by D. C. Noll, of the biological survey of the interior department at Washington. Finding conditions ideal, Mr. Noll will recommend the importation of about three carload of elk to La Grande from where they will be distributed to various suitable locations. One carload, or perhaps two, will be sent to the district back of Mt. Emily and east of the brakes of Meacham creek where conditions are very favorable, both for winter and summer ranges. The elk can thrive where two feet of snow covers the grass, and in the territory where these elk are to be placed there is seldom that much. In the summer time they can work towards Mt. Emily and find good range. They will, of course, be placed on the government reserve.

A greater per cent of the shipment to Oregon from Wyoming will go to the experiment range in Walla Walla county where conditions are also extremely favorable to the propagation of elk.

Co-Operation Essential.

While Mr. Noll, in a trip over the government ranges with Forest Ranger Thomas and J. D. McKennon of this city, found conditions ideal, he affirms that co-operation between the residents of Eastern Oregon and the government is very essential. Without protection by every man and boy from a sense of duty rather than fear of the law, the elk will never thrive anywhere. The propagation of this animal is slow at the best and unless conditions are very favorable there will be but little increase even under the best of natural conditions. Mr. Noll is especially well versed in the habit of elk and knows to a detail just what is wanted and how to get the best results.

Dying by Hundreds.

In the famous elk district of Wyoming, the elk are dying with startling inroads on the herds and unless something is done at once the specie will disappear soon.

Come Next Winter.

The elk will be sent here next winter for the government employees cannot catch them unless they come to the ranches during the extreme snow and cold. In their fatigued condition, their capture is an easy matter. They are hauled about 90 miles to the nearest station and there loaded and shipped away.

Much interest has been attached to the proposed shipment and local members of the Elks lodge will become a committee of the whole to spread the protection education among the ranks of those who do not have the protection of the wild elk at heart.

Belgian Queen Congratulated.

Brussels, July 25.—Queen Elizabeth who has but recently recovered from a very serious illness, received world wide congratulations today on the 34th anniversary of her birth. Before her marriage ten years ago her majesty was a princess of Bavaria. She is the mother of two sons and a daughter, her eldest boy, the heir to the throne, being now in his tenth year.