

HEATED STATE PRIMARY TODAY

MISSISSIPPI FIGHTING BATTLE OF BALLOTS *

Senatorial Campaign Closes With a Whirlwind Finish Last Evening.

Jackson, Miss., August 1.—A democratic primary election is being held throughout Mississippi today for the purpose of nominating a United States senator, members of the legislature and state officials. The three-cornered senatorial fight, in which Senator Leroy Percy, ex-Governor James K. Vardaman and C. H. Alexander are the rival contestants, is the all-absorbing feature of the election.

The senatorial campaign closed last night in a whirlwind finish. The fight has been one of the most partisan in the history of the commonwealth, and has attracted wide attention because of the prominence of the contestants and the many bitter personalities exchanged on the stump and in the press. In the contest the entire state has lined up for or against ex-Governor Vardaman, whose acts and utterances while serving as chief executive frequently attracted the attention of the entire country. Throughout the campaign Senator Percy and Mr. Alexander have made Vardaman the sole object of their attacks. In their speeches delivered throughout the state they have not hesitated to charge Mr. Vardaman with misappropriations of public funds while governor and have declared him guilty also of other acts of personal dishonesty.

While Mr. Vardaman has many political enemies he undeniably has a large personal following and no one ventures to predict that he will be "snowed under" at the polls today. Most unbiased onlookers incline to the belief that the result will be so close as to necessitate a second primary and that Vardaman certainly will be in it, with either Percy or Alexander eliminated.

The total vote today is expected to run between 100,000 and 115,000. Ex-Governor Vardaman's managers declare that he will be an easy winner, defeating both opponents by a decisive majority. Mr. Vardaman himself asserts that he will get 90,000

votes. Mr. Alexander's managers express the belief that their candidate will get at least 45,000 votes, which would give a good plurality with which to enter the second primary. Senator Percy's manager, while seeming to regard the results with equal training from giving out any figures, confidence.

Next to the senatorial fight the contest that is attracting most attention is that between Theodore G. Bilbo and Wiley N. Nash for the nomination for lieutenant governor. The primary will also decide the nominations for secretary of state, attorney general, auditor, treasurer and a number of minor state officials. General Earl Brewer of Clarksdale had no opposition for the gubernatorial nomination and the state committee consequently declared him the nominee without putting his name on the primary ballot. This is the first time in Mississippi's history that an aspirant for the governorship has secured the office without opposition.

FLAT WHEEL DELAYS TRAIN.

No. 6 Held Here This Morning to Unload Disabled Baggage Car.

Because of a flat wheel under one of the baggage cars on No. 6 this morning, the train was delayed here a short time. The baggage, express and mail pouches carried in the car had to be transferred before the train could go on.

LIBRARY ADDS TO CLUB WORK

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB PLANS INTERESTING YEAR.

England and Surrounding Country to Be Studied Next Winter.

The Neighborhood club ladies are very enthusiastic over the work for the coming year.

The club will discontinue the department work and will again study as an entire club. The subject of study will be England and surroundings.

A splendid library has just been received from the State Library commission. Included in this library is a fine collection of pictures, portfolios and magazines, besides two dozen or more of splendid volumes.

The programs of the year's work will soon be printed and the ladies will be able to secure books on subjects desired during the summer.

The library will be found at the club rooms and Mrs. Anthony has been secured to act as librarian.

"Oregon" to Lead Parade.

San Francisco, August 1.—In support of the movement to have the battleship Oregon lead the warships through the Panama canal, Henry Scott, director of the Panama Pacific exposition has sent a telegram to Secretary of the Navy Meyer in which he stated that the ship's notable dash around the horn during the Spanish-American war, is an achievement for which she should be honored.

North Dakota Druggists Meet.

Grand Forks, N. D., August 1.—A large convention of druggists from every part of the state, is in attendance at the annual convention of the North Dakota State Druggists' association which convened here today for a session to last three days. The big social feature of the gathering will be a picnic in Lincoln Park on the last day of the convention.

Wisconsin Golf Tournament.

Kenosha, Wis., August 1.—Prominent golfers from many points thronged the links of the Kenosha Country club today and engaged in practice play preliminary to competing in the annual championship tournament of the Wisconsin State Golf association. The tournament will open tomorrow and continue through the remainder of the week.

DIVIDENDS FOR STORE PATRON

PROSPECTIVE FARMERS STORE TO INTRODUCE NEW PLAN.

Three Per Cent Dividends Every Three Months For Cash Buys.

Dividends of 3 per cent will be paid to all cash customers of the Co-operative Farmers' Union grocery store, when that establishment is opened here about September 1st with Herbert Pattison in charge as general manager. The members of the association which will own and operate the store through its general manager will receive higher dividends than others, but all customers regardless of membership in the association will draw a three per cent check at the end of every three months for all cash purchases made. Every item, be it ever so small, will be tabulated and at the end of the three months' period, the cash purchases will be totaled and the dividend declared.

Will Keep Money at Home.

"It is generally admitted that several elements are now sending out of town for their groceries each month and that between \$3,000 and \$4,000 monthly go to Portland grocery houses," said Mr. Pattison this morning in speaking of the prospective store. "In this way it will be an inducement for these various elements to buy at home for while the regular prices will be maintained, being necessary to cover shipping, the dividend feature will draw many toward this store and give it preference over the Portland houses. Of course there will be those who will persist in sending away for their goods even then, but the great majority, we believe, will find that the cash dividend feature will more than remunerate them for what they may now save by sending away for their goods.

"The business will be conducted as now on a cash and credit basis, but the dividends will be issued only to those who pay cash. The cash purchases need not be constant either to get the dividend checks.

Open in a Month.

"The store will be opened in a month and we will do business where my store is now located but about the first of the year the association aims to build a store building and warehouse of its own and do a general merchandise business."

The association is made up of members who put \$100 into it, representing one share. None can take more than this amount, which spreads the stock among a large number of farmers and city folks.

SHOE TRUST IN LIMELIGHT

COMBINATION CONTROLLED OF SHOES EVERYWHERE.

Members Forced to Use Trust Machinery at Heavy Royalties.

Boston, August 1.—War on the United Shoe Machinery company, a trust said to control the price of practically all the foot wear made in the United States, was opened here today when the grand jury began an investigation of its activities.

It is believed the investigation will land some trust officials in jail. The United States district attorney said he expected to ask indictment for criminal violation of the anti-trust law.

None of those controlling the company will be allowed to escape by giving evidence. It is said that all but 10 of 1,400 manufacturers are under its control.

The trust held a contract with the manufacturers providing that they use only trust machines, which were simply leased to them on a royalty basis. Six cents per pair royalty was charged, which, it is said, totals at the end of a year four times the cost of the machine.

WANTED—Plano to rent by month. Call La Grande Investment Co.

WILSON HIT AT BY CONGRESS

SECRETARY PRECIPITATED INTO THE LIMELIGHT.

Accused of Promising Manufacturers Immunity From Board.

Washington August 1.—Charges that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, at a meeting of the saccharine manufacturers last May declared: "I want you to understand that the reason the board was organized was to help manufacturers and that they have nothing to fear from it," today added Wilson to the list of cabinet officials attacked at this congress.

H. P. Willis, a newspaper correspondent, made the charge before the committee on expenditures in the agricultural department, during the Wiley probe. Republican members of the committee demanded the stenographers' notes of the May hearings be introduced and objected to Willis' testimony appearing on record.

TAFT LEAGUE TAKING HOLD

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with 41 precinct committeemen, is in line for the Lincoln-Taft Republican league. "I am heartily in accord with your movement to organize a Lincoln-Taft league," he writes. "I will be glad to co-operate with you in any work that can be done to this end and trust that you will meet with unbounded success." The strongest heartily in support of the progressive publican counties in the state are movement for a better organization on progressive lines.

The Lincoln-Taft league has been endorsed in Wheeler, Morrow, Gilliam, Hood River and Sherman counties, and these counties have perfected organizations. The league has plans completed to supply every precinct and county committeeman, about 1200 in all, who constitute the official representatives of the republican party in Oregon, with progressive republican literature. This means the bringing about of a greater unity of purpose under the operations of the law and not to build up a machine or a faction.

Reciprocity Brings Confidence.

The success of President Taft in putting through reciprocity has made all republicans feel that there is a reasonable line of progress within the party that does not brand a republican as of the type that is happiest when fighting for progressive policies outside the party organization.

We are especially anxious to close out the balance of our stock of men's and boys' suits and all summer goods. and we have made final cut prices on all these garments, so low that it means a great saving to all who buy now. Come and see.

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The Lincoln-Taft league stands for progressive policies, as undertaken by a progressive republican administration, and its platform embodies the following:

The Canadian reciprocity agreement; the general arbitration program which now embraces Great Britain, France, Germany and the Netherlands with Japan apparently ready to respond to overtures; the knowledge of conditions in Mexico which prompted the taking of a strong position in order to avert a serious situation between that country and ours; the successful prosecution of many trusts; the friendly and successful intervention in South America, to prevent a collision between two nations; the correction of corrupt practices at the port of New York; the rehabilitation of the customs service; the expedition of work on the Panama canal; the wiping out of the postal deficit; the message to congress in support of conservation measures; appointments to the supreme court; the establishment of a postal savings bank system; the successful advocacy of a bill which brings the railroads more nearly under government control; the reorganization of the navy; the earnest fight of

the president to have congress revise the tariff downward.

Knights of Columbus Gathering.

Detroit, Mich., August 1.—The annual convention of the Knights of Columbus, which opened here today with a solemn mass at Holy Rosary church has brought thousands of members of that order to Detroit. Every state and territory in the United States, the Dominion of Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico and even the Philippine islands are represented in the great gathering and many of the knights are accompanied by their wives and daughters. The convention will last three days and will be devoted to business as well as pleasure. Today was principally devoted to the reception and registry of the arriving knights at Columbus club house. The program for the evening includes a banquet at the Hotel Cadillac to delegates and a minstrel show at the club house auditorium for the visiting knights.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Waller, of La Grande, July 29, a daughter.

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