

DIVORCE LAWS GIVEN GRILLING

MEETING OF GOVERNORS HEARS SUBJECT TALKED

HAYS OF WASHINGTON CALLS SYSTEMS TRAVESTY ON JUSTICE

Splendid Gathering of Governors of the United States Convened at Spring Lake Today—Some pleasure features but principally work awaits them—Meetings under way at early hour.

Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 12.—Prepared to tackle the subject of uniform divorce laws in the different states and other changes in legislation which have been advocated by various governors and the American Bar association, the annual conference of the governors of the union opened here today. From present prospects the conference bids fair to equal if not surpass those of the past, both as to attendance and business transacted.

Hays Plays Laxity.

Governor Hays, of Washington, who is attending the governors conference which began today, speaking on the movement for a uniform divorce law, which will be started here, said: "To a certain point divorce is all right; the evil lies in the laxity laws have been obtained; the ease with which divorce is given with permission to remarry. The existing conditions are a travesty on justice for the man and woman who cannot do certain things in one state, but can cross the border line and do what their own state prohibits. I believe there should be a minimum residence limit and a time limit for re-marriage."

This year's meeting will differ from that of 1910, held in Louisville and Frankfort, Ky., inasmuch as an effort will be made to transact more business and have less celebration. Kentucky hospitality last year came near putting serious business in second place. While New Jersey is not a whit behind her southern sister in tendering the governors a cordial reception, Governor Wilson has supervised the preparation of a program which will comprise a minimum of entertainment and a maximum of work. There are only two events of a strictly social nature scheduled for the entire meeting, a reception by Governor and Mrs. Wilson at Sea Girt tonight, and a dinner to the governors by the Spring Lake Entertainment committee on Thursday evening. The other evenings will be devoted to serious work connected with the conference. Governor Woodrow Wilson delivered the opening address of welcome, followed by a response by Gov. Joseph M. Carey, of Wyoming. An address

STEAMER HITS ROCKS; SINKS

PASSENGERS SHORED NEAR SKAGWAY, IN FOG.

Passing Steamer Comes to Aid When Wireless Calls Arrive.

Seattle, Sept. 12.—A wireless today says the steamer Ramona, owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship company, is wrecked and a total loss, off Spanish Island. The accident occurred Sunday night. She was enroute to Seattle from Skagway. The passengers were taken off by the Northwestern which is due in Seattle Thursday. The Ramona struck during a fog, but wireless to the Northwestern for aid. Spanish Island is 100 miles south of Skagway near Point Decision.

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PROPOSED GOOD ROADS ADVICE

TWO LIVE WIRE ORDERS SUGGEST A PANACEA.

DOCTOR HALL NOT TO ATTEND EXCEPT BY PROXY

Commercial Club and Motor Club Outline and Endorse Methods of Good Road Building That Should be Endorsed in Prospective Good Roads Measure—Hall Gives Matter Deep Thought.

Road Law Suggestions By Local Orders.

Endorsement of convict labor. State aid in the building of roads—Auto club favoring 1-3 by state and 2-3 by county; La Grande Commercial club favoring fifty per cent by county and fifty per cent by state. Supervision and dispensation of funds by non-salaried commission of five men and one paid engineer, with county courts in individual counties using the commission's plans and specifications.

Two Influential Organizations of Union county last evening drafted resolutions and took out-spoken attitudes on the proposed good roads bill which will be tentatively outlined in Portland tomorrow by a commission of men appointed by Governor West to go into the good roads question and suggest as nearly as possible a perfect law—among whom is Dr. M. K. Hall of this city. Dr. Hall cannot attend but he will be represented by two resolutions as proxies in which his personal views in the matter are exactly expressed. The Union County Motor club directors held their meeting last night and endorsed the sentiments of Committeeman Hall, who has given the matter much study. Each issue referred to above was seconded by the club and embodied in a resolution which that club will send to the meeting of the committee in Portland and which will set forth the suggestions to the new law which Dr. Hall would make were he on the scene. It is up to the committee, comprised of a man from every county in the state, to draft the proposed law, but the suggestions advanced by Dr. Hall and endorsed by the La Grande Commercial club last night and the Motor club as well may not necessarily be used in toto but that the main issues will be inculcated seems certain. Convict labor is used almost everywhere and state aid is also given. Dr. Hall is somewhat

Believed Special Train Will Pass La Grande Before Midnight.

That is may yet be possible to get a glimpse of President William H. Taft, when he passes through La Grande on the night preceding the 6th of October, is gradually becoming more and more evident through of course, it will be at a very late hour in the evening. Because the nation's chief executive is traveling in a special train from Boise to Spokane, it is likely that the running time will be cut down so that the special will reach La Grande before the president has retired. As far as is known now, he will stop for a five minute speech at Baker when he arrives from Boise, and if the train makes good time, the citizens of La Grande would at least get a glimpse of the special and perchance entice the president to greet the audience from his car. Much depends on the running time of the trains and the Commercial club officials will be alert to the situation and if his train should reach La Grande at an hour that would permit the request, the executive will be warmly urged to show himself while the engines are being changed. Local people who see in the turn of events a possibility of the much desired five minute speech, are waiting anxiously for further developments.

Labor Men Meet in Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 12.—Delegates from many of the cities and towns of Nebraska assembled here today on the opening of the fourth annual convention of the State Federation of Labor. Sessions will continue for several days. Workingmen's compensation and legislation relating to woman and child labor are the chief topics slated for discussion. The report of Secretary-Treasurer W. A. Chleman shows that more than one hundred organizations, with a total membership of about eleven thousand, are now affiliated with the federation.

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MAINE'S RACE NECK TO NECK

'WETS' CLAIMING VICTORY BY A MAJORITY OF 500.

RECOUNT AND ANOTHER ELECTION PROBABLE RECOURSE

Wet and dry vote in Maine so Close That Official Count Must Definitely Decide—Wets Favorites in That Official Returns Favor Them by Five Hundred Majority—A Big Vote Is Pooled.

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—Although there is every indication that Maine went "wet" by 500 majority the prohibitionists insist that an official count will show a "dry" majority. It is probable that if beaten the drys will immediately petition for another election. By removing the prohibitory amendment from the constitution it is now possible for the legislature to vote for a local option measure. Majority Still Small. With eight small towns unheard from the returns indicate the wets won by a majority of 500. In view of the enormous vote pooled, the narrow margin is remarkable.

BOUGHT A HOME.

In Case They Might Have to Move—Took A Wise Precaution.

J. B. Wade, realizing the difficulty of securing a comfortable house on short notice has purchased the D. C. Brichoux modern little home on N. street. Mr. and Mrs. Wade do not expect to occupy it until spring, but in case the property they are now occupying is sold, they feel secure in not being compelled to pitch a tent. This is more than many can say. The house problem is right now agitating not a few, the way real estate is changing hands. Vacant houses are almost out of the question. Geo. H. Currey, the land man, negotiated the above sale.

Brokerage Firm "Broke."

New York, Sept. 12.—Suspension of the brokerage firm of Vanschaik & company was announced today on the stock exchange. Liabilities are given at more than three millions. Millionaire Jackson who was recently murdered by a bellboy by the name of Paul Geidel, was formerly cashier of the firm. Over extension of credit is given as the cause of the failure. It is denied there has been any defalcation.

Impeachment Fever Grows.

Seattle, Sept. 12.—In celebration of the victory over the Seattle-Renton Southern car line, the people of Rainier valley held a mass meeting and picnic yesterday at which they determined to keep up the fight for the impeachment of Federal Judge Hanford.

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