

OHIO LEADERS FORM FACTIONS

WHILE LA FOLLETTE IS BUSY REPUBLICANS DEBATE

PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN IS WELL TIMED IN OHIO STATE

Youngstown Hears Opening Address of Senator—Conflicting Faction in Central Committee Meet to Discuss Presidential Primaries Question and to Talk Campaign Matters Over Between Themselves.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—Divided into two factions as the result of Chairman Lee's statement that W. H. Taft could not carry Ohio the state republican committee met here today. The question of the presidential primaries are among the things to be discussed, and also the present La Follette tour.

Keynote Speech Tonight.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Invading the supposed stronghold of President Taft, Senator R. M. La Follette arrived here today to put up a battle for the Ohio delegates. His keynote speech will be delivered tonight at Cleveland.

La Follette talked today at Toledo, Norwalk, Dayton and Cincinnati. Progressives admit that La Follette's Ohio campaign was timed to offset the Taft sentiment which might follow Taft's appearance in Cleveland January 29th, when it is expected the president will make a direct appeal for support in his own state.

La Follette addressed a great crowd here which opened his campaign. He discussed the results accomplished by his policies in Wisconsin and said in part: "The progressive movement is surely the outgrowth of conditions as were the revolution and the civil war. It is a peoples' movement, a people's cause. The nation has profited by Wisconsin's civic evolution. At the beginning our legislative program was few and far between and denounced as extreme and radical. Today it has conquered all opposition and has compelled the approval of every enlightened commonwealth in America."

Roosevelt Opposes Peace Plans.

New York, Dec. 27.—President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt will not meet at the peace banquet Saturday night. The colonel said today that he was only opposed to the peace treaties now before the senate and that he couldn't lend his presence at the banquet to further their future.

Johnson Wants to Fight.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Apparently believing that some of the offers to fight mean business, Johnson today began light training. Johnson is willing to fight Sam McVey in Australia or Hugh McIntosh for \$30,000, provided McIntosh will deposit the coin in a bank.

SHUSTER AIMS TO QUIT SOON

HE WILL MAKE HIS DEPARTURE VIA RUSSIA.

Heaved Stubborn Resistance by Persia Will Soon End as Result

Washington, Dec. 27.—United States minister Russell, has cabled the state department from Teheran that W. E. Shuster will soon leave Persia via Russia within a few days. This means that Russia has gained her first most important demand and it is now believed likely that the Persian resistance will soon die down.

Persian City Invaded.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Tabric dispatches say that a mob invaded the city of the governor-general, beat the deputy-governor, Prince Manilla, then overran the city and tore down the flag over the British consulate. The invasion was brought on by the Shuster affair.

SECOND M'NAMARA AFFAIR UNEARTHED AT MONESSEN

Monessen, Pa., Dec. 27.—Another McNamara case has come to light here today when Geo. Bridges broke down completely and declared he would make a confession to being a part of a scheme to dynamite the Monessen mills where many hundred non-union men were working. Bridges was arrested yesterday carrying a suit case full of dynamite bombs, sufficient to blow the entire mill and its occupants to threads.

Bridges collapsed and declared that he would make a complete confession

which would implicate others in the conspiracy to dynamite the mills.

WHI Not Take All the Blame.

Bridges said "I am going to clear myself. I will not take all the blame. The rest of them must take their medicine, just like me."

More arrests are expected to follow that of Bridges who had the dynamite. The police are trying to find where the explosives came from as Bridges has been here several months. He was plentifully supplied with money and didn't work very much.

DRIFTS RETARD FIRE FIGHTERS

HOUSE BURNS WHILE COMPANIES APPROACH.

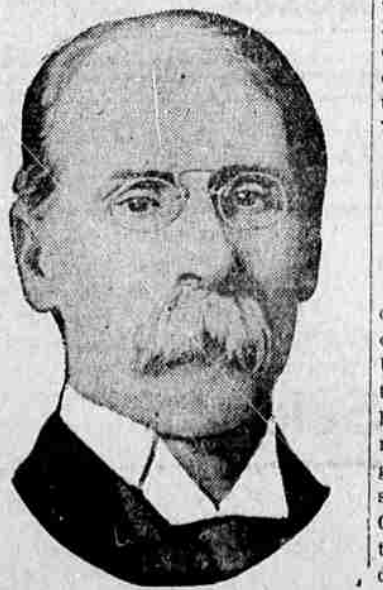
Unable to Battle With Storm and Long Distance—Complete Loss Recorded

Complete destruction of a house and contents in South La Grande, resulted from a fire that broke out last night shortly before midnight. Above the heavy loss sustained by the owners stands the fact that La Grande is required to provide better fire fighting facilities. With a host of cart dragging heavily in the snow and drifts, the volunteers trudged along the streets with the cart, becoming completely exhausted in the fight with the gale and drifts before they had reached the crest of the hill. A passing automobile prevented abandonment of the carts. An auto truck or a team would have gotten the paraphernalia to the scene in time to do some good. The fire was ignited in some unknown manner in a building owned by "Dad" Moon, near the W. N. Monroe residence in South La Grande. It was occupied by Night Baggage men Freedman who was at work at the depot and as Mrs. Freedman was visiting friends at Nampa it left the house entirely deserted with the consequence that all the household goods were destroyed. Some insurance covers the loss, it is unauthoritatively stated. All the Freedman belongings were destroyed. The South La Grande company and the central company arrived on the scene after it was too late to prevent complete destruction, once more reflecting the urgent need of better facilities for the outlying districts especially. The blizzard wind for a time threatened to do extensive damage to other buildings in the neighborhood but fortunately this was averted.

Big Shoot Planned.

Tomorrow at the Frazier grove, five miles east of Island City, a shoot will be held at which many local people are panning to attend. Press Lewis, a well known blue rock artist, is going to do some exhibition work and local people are going to be on hand to applaud the veteran (?) foe of pigeons.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE.
Former Mayor of Pittsburgh Who Seeks the Office Again.



ELKS BOW TO PUBLIC TONIGHT

SNAPPY ENTERTAINMENT PROMISED AUDIENCE.

First Night Stand This Evening Will Be Well Attended.

Tonight all roads in La Grande will lead to Steward's opera house, the occasion being the first performance of the Elks' minstrel.

Many people will remember with pleasure the minstrel show which the local antiered brethren gave a few years ago. Many people will remember that it was a fast snappy entertainment and that it was the best minstrel show which up to that time had been seen here. The same firm who staged that show is directing this one and they have a fine equipment in the way of special scenery, costumes and effects and for the second part they have a succession of fine vaudeville acts. The committee in charge absolutely guarantee a much better show than the one four years ago and that's going some. The order here is justly popular and the theatre should be crowded both nights. While the safe has been a good one, there are still plenty of good seats left and holders of tickets are advised to make their reservations at once. The Elks will tonight offer the niftiest, prettiest and best minstrel show, snatching with local hits, ever produced in this section. "Step up, ladies and gentlemen, they eat 'em alive."

ROOSEVELT REBUFFS POST

New York, Dec. 27.—Denouncing the New York Post for its effort to put him in an Ananias club of its own, Col. Roosevelt came out with another statement today saying he did not accuse Sheldon of a falsehood concerning letters which passed between Col. Roosevelt and the late E. H. Harriman regarding Harriman's contribution to the republican campaign fund.

He said: "If the Post had been content to tell the truth and simply reproduce what I said without asserting the falsehood that I contradicted Mr. Sheldon, there would have been no need of my inserting an explicit statement that essentially my statement agreed with Sheldon's, but it was infamous to omit the statement and at the same time use a sentence and headlines conveying the impression that I accused Sheldon of a falsehood."

GHASTLY GIRL SLAVE TRAFFIC SEEN

Paris, Dec. 27.—Nineteen prisoners accused of being involved in the most sensational white slave scandal of years, were arraigned today in the court of correction here. They included Victor Flachon, a former editor and a close friend to former President Briand, Gaston Alardfi a rich manufacturer, and Madam Guilmén, who, it is alleged, conducted the white slave agency.

They bought 11-year-old girls for rich patrons who used them in atrocious revelry.

RUSSIA OPENS TRAFFIC BOYCOT

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Fresh evidence of Russia's determination to exclude all American Jews despite the United States' protests was given in the duma today in a bill introduced by the leaders of the nationalists raising the tariff on all American goods. The party controls the assembly and if the bill and Premier Guchkov's similar bill are pressed they will pass. It is to be an open declaration of war with the United States and a warning that Russia intends to regulate the Jewish exclusion even if it means complete severance of trade relations with the United States.

Farley Meets Pope.

TRUST SLOW IN ITS FORMATION

ENORMOUS SUMS LOAN-ED TO FINANCE WATERED STOCK DEAL

LOEB, SCHIFF AND STANDARD OIL RESPONSIBLE

Early History of the Beef Trust Is Explained to Jury by Arthur Veeder, Testifying for the Government—A Fifteen Million Dollar Loan Secured by Three Hundred Million Properties.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Arthur Veeder was again on the stand today in the packers' trial. Special Attorney General Wilkerson announced that it will take a week to introduced evidence of an historical character tracing the negotiations which led to the trust's formation. Veeder's testimony shows that for years the packers tried to combine but they couldn't perfect the plans because they lacked capital, owing to the enormous amount of watered stock it intended to carry.

Tracing the early negotiations to 1902 Veeder said Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Jacob Schiff and the Standard Oil interests loaned them \$15,000,000 compelling them to pledge their plants valued at \$300,000,000, and with \$8,000,000 the packers contributed, the National Packing company was then launched. The loan was repaid in three years.

SHOP LIFTER ARRESTED.

Alleged That Bolse Man Has Habit of "Lifting" Goods From Stores.

Arthur Harvey, said to be from Boise, is in the county jail this afternoon on a charge of shoplifting, the specific charge being that he stole goods from the Newlin Drug store. It is further stated that he has successfully operated in La Grande stores before. He was arraigned before Justice Williams this afternoon and held to the grand jury in the sum of \$250, which at a late hour he had not liquidated.

Refuses Big Job.

London, Dec. 27.—Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to England, was today offered the position of grand vizier, but as he didn't want to get mixed up in the heated Turkish politics he declined the offer.

SILK HATS, TOP COATS, DASHING

With sprightly step and quick cadence a cavalcade of Elks swung down the principal streets of La Grande today noon as a forerunner of their debut tonight in minstrelsy. Leading his gay paraders, who, attired in gray top coats and high silk hats, cut a smart figure. Exalted Ruler Ritter picked the line of march for the display. The La Grande band was on the job as well, and with about 50 dashing-attired antlered brethren to form the main body it was something of a stirring sight to behold.

WILL OBSERVE "PRAYER WEEK"

ENTIRE WEEK TO BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER SERVICE.

World-Wide Observance to Preval in This City Commencing Monday

The annual week of prayer, a world-wide observance will be duly celebrated by the churches in La Grande next week. Beginning with the services of the individual congregations on Sunday there will be meetings every evening at one of the following Christian churches. On Monday the service will be at the First Church of Christ, and the pastor is to have charge. The subject for thought is "Personal Faithfulness." On Tuesday evening the Baptist church is the place, and the theme is "The Christian Church." Wednesday evening finds it at the Presbyterian church with Dr. Seemann leading; his subject is "Foreign Missions." Thursday finds it swinging to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the pastor for its leader. His subject is "Home Missions." Again on Friday evening it is to be held in the First Church of Christ with Mr. Thompson leading, and his subject is "The Home and the School." Saturday closes the list in the Baptist church; the subject is "World-Wide Outlook for the Gospel." Dr. Gillilan leads this last union assembly; on the next day, the last, each church will have its own usual service.

Easy Sentence for Reyes.

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—Either exile or a short prison sentence will be the fate of General Reyes who surrendered to Madero when he realized he could not foment a revolution. At Lineras, Reyes is greatly depressed and is keeping strict seclusion not even meeting his most intimate friends.

COLONEL W. F. CODY.
Recent Photograph of Famous Scout, Buffalo Bill.



1400 MILES IN JANUARY TRIP

SPLENDID CHANCE SEE OREGON ALL AN

SIX-DAY JOUR TO THE SOUTHERN CITIES PLANNED

Invasion of Western and Southern Oregon Will Stretch Into 1400 Miles Before the Special Car Is Returned to La Grande on January 21—Will Be Business Education for Easterners.

Fourteen hundred miles will have been traveled by the merchants, professional men and others who become part of the excursion to Southern Oregon which leaves La Grande on Sunday, January 14, intending to return a week later. "This trip will afford La Grande business men a splendid chance to get acquainted with their own state; to travel over it and visit and converse with business men in the western half of Oregon," said John Collier today. Mr. Collier has charge of the transportation and of it. The La Grande colony will have a special car all the way, and ostensibly the trip is to attend the Medford convention of state retailers, but in reality it is a seeing Oregon tour. It will advertise La Grande but above all will give La Grande business men a chance to get to know themselves and each other intimately through a week's close affiliation, will give them the opportunity to catching timely hints from others in their class of business in a remote section of the state. The entire group of cities in the valley and in Southern and Western Oregon are to be visited with the possible exception of Albany and Astoria.

"We anticipate a grant treat and it will bring dollars and cents back to the La Grander who joins us," enthusiastically asserted Mr. Collier, in referring to the trip which is now nearing perfection from a standpoint of transportation affairs.

Presents for Officials.

Beautiful and fitting tokens of appreciation have been bestowed upon Rev. J. D. Gillilan, as pastor, F. H. Green as Sunday school superintendent, Laura Green Willis as choir conductor and Miss Marie Bolton as organist during the Christmas giving period. The congregation's kind remembrances have been greatly appreciated by the recipients. On Sunday morning Sam M. Deal, the South La Grande aster and chrysanthemum grower, presented the Methodist church choir with an elegant specimen of his flower beds.

Nail Punctures Foot.

F. D. Halsten is confined to his home today, suffering from painful injury to one foot last night when he stepped on a nail. The wound was deep, and may cause Mr. Halsten considerable pain and discomfort.

HARVEY AFFAIR TO GRAND JURY

WILL NOT BE RE-ARRESTED UNTIL INDICTED.

Evidence Will Be Given Over to Grand Jury by Prosecutor.

Oregon City, Dec. 27.—Following the release of Harvey, accused of the murder of the Hill family at Ardenwald, by Justice Sampson who held the evidence was insufficient. Prosecutor Slipp announced today the evidence will go to the grand jury. Harvey will not be rearrested unless the jury indicts. Harvey reiterates his innocence.

Huntley Case Delayed.

Late this afternoon the Huntley gun toting case had not come to trial in the city police court. The case may be heard later this evening.