

## BETTER ROAD SYSTEM AIM OF AUTO MEN

### A LARGE DELEGATION ATTENDS MEETING LAST NIGHT

#### ABOLITION OF DISTRICT SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDED

Union County Automobile Association Meets to Discuss Methods of Obtaining Better Roads—General Problem Wrestled Until Late Hour—Kiddle Offers His Aid.

#### TABLOID OF AUTO CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Abolition of district road supervisor system and institution of one general road supervisor to build roads.
- Support convict labor and urge experiment with 30 or 40 convicts the coming summer.
- Petition county court to adopt Kiddle proposition on Island City road.
- Point out fallacy of spending \$12,500 on roads this year without better generalship.
- Want abolition of present automobile tax law and introduction of a revised law.

Union county's automobile association last night wrestled with road building problems, and before the adjournment was taken several well-defined plans of campaign for the club members to work along had been laid down. The attendance was good and President M. K. Hall's office was crowded with auto owners of this city and county who are desirous of doing something for the betterment of county roads and to secure the best method to pursue in so doing.

## JUDGE KNOWLES SUFFERS ATTACK

### COLLAPSES WHEN ABOUT TO RESUME COURT.

#### Orders Adjournment and Is Hurled to His Home in Auto.

Sickness halted the machinery of circuit court this morning when Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles collapsed and was hurried to his home in an automobile suffering with acute stomach trouble. He was indisposed yesterday but was able to reach the court house this morning, though in poor health. Soon after reaching his chambers he collapsed and medical aid was summoned quickly. The judge was barely able to take his bench long enough to adjourn court until Friday and was then hurried to his home under the direction of Dr. M. K. Hall.

When the final breakdown came the judge had a slight hemorrhage but this is not deemed serious. This afternoon the judge is reported resting and hopes for his speedy recovery are entertained, though overwork may have run his system down to such a point that it will require several days to build it up again.

pared with what the outlay would be under a bonding proposition where the money spent would have a lasting effect rather than under the present system of hap-hazard expenditure. The association favored the elimination of the present district supervisor system and institute in its stead a system of general supervision under one man who, they believed, would attain results far better than 25 or 30 working without a general.

**Taylor Plan Discussed.**  
Always welcoming any experiment with roads, the individual members today expressed themselves as hoping that Mr. Taylor of Red Oak, Iowa, will experiment with a half mile of dirt road in the mud section rather than on the Sandridge where roads are never seriously cut up as they are in the mud-dirt section, as between La Grande and Cove, Union and Hot Lake.

**Kiddle Makes Offer.**  
Fred Kiddle of Island City offered to raise bonds to make good a proposition which he presented to the club for consideration. He guaranteed to supply all the gravel necessary to improve and gravel the road from La Grande's city limits to Island City, if the county would roll the gravel and supply drainage along the road. Mr. Kiddle wants the road built as narrow as is consistent and is anxious to have the county promise to do the rolling and draining. The auto owners will as a body apply to the county.

## ROOSEVELT ALIGNS WITH PROGRESSIVES

### THE FIRST SPEECH IN SEVERAL MONTHS DELIVERED TODAY.

#### Comes Out in Modified Manner for Recall of Judges.

Columbus, O., Feb. 21.—Pledging himself flatly for the initiative and referendum, the short ballot, the direct nominations by the people; the presidential preference primary; the election of senators by direct vote, and in a measure the recall, Theodore Roosevelt today addressed the Ohio constitutional convention. He outlined just where he stands on progressive policies on which it is believed he may again run for the presidency. He was welcomed enthusiastically. It is estimated 1,000 heard his speech and as it is his first public appearance in some time, great interest was attached.

Roosevelt arrived this morning and was greeted enthusiastically by 1,000 at the station. He went to the home of Dr. Gladden, his host.

He wasted no time. After shaking hands with a couple of hundred people he plunged into his speech.

#### SCHMITZ TRIAL STARTS.

#### Abe Ruef, Convict, Is Interested Spectator to the Proceedings.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Recalling vividly the circumstances of the famous graft prosecution of former years the trial of former Mayor Schmitz was begun today before the jury with Judge Lawler of Chicago in charge. He is charged with complicity with former Supervisor Wilson in the gas rate graft.

Abe Ruef, the former boss, who will testify for the state, was an interested onlooker. He paid close attention to the proceedings.

#### Physicians of Three States

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 21.—The Tri-State Medical society, embracing North and South Carolina and Virginia, met in this city today and was called to order by the president Dr. J. Howell Way of Waynesville, N. C. The two days' program provides for more than one hundred papers and addresses dealing with subjects of interest to the medical profession.

## STORM GRIPS SOUTH; SNOW FALL IS HEAVY

### TEXAS ALONE ESCAPES SEVERE SNOWSTORM IN SOUTH

#### MILLIONS LOST TO THE RANCHMEN AND RESIDENCES

Terrific Gale and Blizzard Sweeping Over Texas—Business Stopped in Kansas City and St. Louis—Snow Falling in Kansas City This Afternoon—Is One of Worst Blizzards.

St. Louis, Feb. 21.—The entire middle-southwest district comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, are shivering in one of the worst blizzards of the west. A foot of snow has fallen in all above enumerated states but Texas and is still falling in Kansas City and St. Louis. Business is practically at a standstill, and traffic is demoralized.

In cattle and country stock, the loss is heavy.

#### Blizzard and Gale Prevail.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—More than \$2,000,000 damage is estimated done as the result of a terrific gale sweeping Texas today. Hundreds of small buildings are wrecked and further reports are expected to show heavy losses among ranchmen.

#### Chicago Feels Storm.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Gripped in a severe snowstorm which is general, the district around Ohio towns and the Mississippi valley point are suffering today.

#### South Dakota Grain Dealers

MITCHELL, S. D., Feb. 21.—Evidence of the success of the farmers' co-operative movement in this state was furnished by the large representative attendance at the opening here today of the annual convention of the South Dakota Farmer Grain Dealers' Association. The roll call showed an attendance of more than 1,000 farmers who are interested as stock holders in the co-operative grain elevators. The three days' program calls for a discussion of all phases of the co-operative movement, with addresses by Charles Adkins, speaker of the Illinois house of representatives, E. G. Dunn of Mason City, Iowa, a leading factor in the co-operative work in Iowa, and several other prominent men.

#### South Carolina Mill Merger

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 21.—The initial steps looking to the merger of three of the largest cotton mills in the south were taken today at a meeting of the stockholders of the Langley Manufacturing company at Langley. The three concerns which it is proposed to combine are the Langley Manufacturing company, the Aiken Manufacturing company and the Seminole Manufacturing company. The mills have a total valuation of \$1,669,000. The combined textile enterprise will have a spindleage a little in excess of 100,000.

#### WATTERSON AIDS WILSON.

#### Editor Again Takes Slap Editorially at Democratic Candidate.

Louisville, Feb. 21.—Wilson today is believed to be kicked up another step toward the nomination by additional utterances of Colonel Watterson. The colonel now says that Wilson is rude in his refusal to take campaign contributions from Thomas Ryan, the financier when Watterson suggested it. "Marse" Henry also says that Wilson was corresponding to the colonel's political enemies at the time the colonel was boosting him.

## HOUSTON TEX. SAVED BY ITS OWN PEOPLE

### THE CONFLAGRATION IS SERIOUS AND THE LOSS ENORMOUS

#### CITIZENS SAVE FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Dynamite Used to Stop Ravages of the Blaze—Citizens Climb to Roofs and With Wet Blankets Check Burning Embers Coming From Burning Area—Large Section of City Gone.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 21.—Houston faced destruction by fire today. At 11 o'clock a section of the residential district, seven blocks wide and 16 blocks long, was destroyed. It is conservatively estimated that the loss is already \$5,000,000 but though the wind blew 35 miles an hour and the flames were seething beyond control, the upper hand was gained at 11 o'clock. The fire started early today in a hotel. Half a hundred dwellings, a number of churches, school houses, warehouses and cotton compresses were consumed and hundreds are now homeless.

Dynamite is being used to check the flames and thousands of citizens are aiding the firemen.

#### Upper Hand Gained.

Shortly before noon the fire was controlled. A block of dynamited buildings suddenly stopped the fire's progress.

Citizens undeniably saved the city from destruction by co-operating. They climbed on the roofs with wet blankets, extinguishing firebrands the great conflagration was shooting to the skies and then settled on the roofs. The heaviest individual losses are: McFadden & Cleveland, compressors and the plant of the E. D. Harrell Lumber company. Sixty thousand bales of cotton were destroyed and the loss to the cotton alone exceeds \$2,000,000.

The parks are jammed with the homeless and relief work has already started. Aid from outside cities will probably not be needed, however.

#### Northwestern Immigration Congress

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 21.—Under the title of the Pacific Northwestern Immigration convention there was opened in this city today the first important conference that has been held to consider the effects of the opening of the Panama canal upon the future development of this section of the United States and the Pacific coast section of Canada. The conference will be in session two days and is being held under the joint auspices of the commercial bodies of Tacoma and the industrial department of the Y. M. C. A. The conference is based on the assumption that, with the completion of canal across the isthmus, the flood of European immigration to the Pacific coast will equal the present volume at Atlantic ports. The problem of how best to take care of this prospective influx of foreign settlers with a view to the welfare of both the newcomers and the country is regarded as a serious one. Lacking the great industrial centers which the Eastern states readily absorb the immigrants it is believed that the best solution of the problem for the Pacific Northwest will be to devise ways and means for locating the newcomers in the agricultural communities.

#### ENGINEER IS HERO.

#### Prevents Robbers From Looting Express Valuables—Hurt in Arm

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 21.—Engineer Mansfield was wounded in the arm today when he frustrated an attempt of five bandits, near Bertram, this morning, who attempted to hold up a passenger train on the Chicago & Northwestern. They shot when he refused to stop the train.

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Mansfield was sent to a hospital. It is believed that the bandits were tipped off that the express car carried an unusually large sum in currency. The messenger had in his charge \$100,000 in registered packages, gold and silver shipments.

#### WOMEN SENT TO SAFETY

Condition in Northern Mexico War-rants Deportation of Women.

El Paso, Feb. 21.—American women and children are being deported from northern Mexico to places of safety in Texas. The northbound trains are crowded.

The rebels are permitting the repairing of dynamited bridges for this purpose. Many federal office holders disguised as civilians are entering Juarez. Arms and ammunition are being sent from El Paso.

#### Chemical Bill Passes House.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—By a vote of 158 to 127 the house today passed the Underwood bill revising the chemical schedule upward.

#### Penitential Curtain Falls.

New York, Feb. 21.—The Lenten season was ushered in today with the customary special religious services in all Catholic churches in observance of Ash Wednesday.

## BEN SELLING CONSENTS TO SEEK FOR TOGA

### INFORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT PORTLAND THIS MORNING.

#### Selling Will Retire From Head of the Taft Committee at Once.

Portland, Feb. 21.—Following his informal announcement that he will seek the republican senatorial nomination against Bourne at the primaries in April, B. F. Selling, of Portland, said today he would make a formal statement of his principles in a few days. He will resign immediately as chairman of the Taft campaign committee for the purpose of devoting his time to his own candidacy. Selling has decided to make the race definitely, after ex-Senator Fulton announced his refusal to run.

#### La Follette Boom Continues.

The work of securing signatures to the petitions putting La Follette's name on the presidential preference primary ballot was resumed in Oregon following a telegram from La Follette that he is still in the race and is not going to retire. Thomas McCusker, the Oregon campaign manager, had stopped work when the news dispatches said the senator was so sick that his retirement was necessary.

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## GOVERNMENT BOARD WILL PACIFY ALL

### STANFIELD IS NOT TO SUFFER FROM WEST EXTENSION

#### CONTENTS OF RECLAMATION BOARD DECISION OUT

West Extension of Hermon Project Favored by Board Which Promises No Harm Will Be Done Stanfield and Assures Northern Umatilla County Ranchers All Water Needed

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—Upon telegraphic perusal of the secretary of the interior, Supervising Engineer Hopson of the federal reclamation service, announced before the Oregon Irrigation congress today the substance of a favorable report of the board which investigated the west extension of the Umatilla project near Hermiston.

It favors construction of a project along the lines which solves the much vexed problem as it gives Stanfield home owners the assurance that their lands will be satisfactorily drained, and promises the people on the upper reaches of the Umatilla and its tributaries an abundance of water for irrigation.

Hopson said it would satisfy all the protestors, and he said he did not know what action the government will take.

As a result of the report the congress this afternoon will probably adopt a resolution favoring the west extension which will cost three millions, and irrigate 30,000 acres.

#### Y. M. C. A. Prospers.

New York, Feb. 21.—One of the most interesting features of the biennial convention of the Young Men's Christian Association in New York state, which met at the local headquarters here today for two days' session, consists of the reports of officers and committees showing the remarkable growth and prosperity of the organization. According to these reports the total membership in this state now exceeds 60,000, while the association owns 86 buildings with an aggregate value exceeding \$10,000,000.

## GILL CAPTURES SEATTLE VOTE

### HE AND COTTERILL LEAD IN THE PRIMARY RACE.

#### Former Mayor, Who Was Recalled, Is Heading Candidates for Mayor.

Seattle, Feb. 21.—Yesterday's primary election resulted in the nomination of former Mayor Gill, who was recalled and George Cotterill, a progressive. Gill got about 22,000, Cotterill 16,000; Thomas Parish, 12,000; and Wells, a socialist, 10,000. The returns are not all in but at noon there was no change. The two highest will fight it out at the regular election.

#### Cement Show Opens in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21.—Chicago's fifth annual cement show opened in the Coliseum today and will continue for one week. The principal attraction this year is an exhibition of Thos. A. Edison's concrete furniture. Besides the Edison exhibition there are numerous other new features, from the "poured house" to the cement "gun."