

WOMEN GIVE TAFT SUPPORT

'FRISCO REPUBLICANS IN ACCORD AT LOVE FEAST

OREGON PETITION STO BE FILED THIS WEEK

Political Followers of the President in California Are Jubilant Over the Success of Two Meetings Held to Do Honors to Taft Last Night—The Women in First Campaign Are Enthusiastic.

San Francisco, March 5.—Political followers of William Howard Taft today are enthusiastic as the result of two big meetings held here in the interest of the Taft campaign. One meeting was attended by men only and the other by women only.

Both Meetings Enthusiastic. The way the winds blow in 'Frisco can be safely predicted, it is said by Taft men, as a consequence of the two banner meetings in which Taft and his campaign received hearty support. Both meetings endorsed Taft and pledged themselves to work for his re-nomination. This is the first campaign of a presidential color that California women have been participants in.

Famous Letter Episode Lives. New York, March 5.—The World today quoted Editor Van Valkenburg of the Philadelphia North American as denying he had the Roosevelt letter public in which the colonel charged the American Press with deliberately failing to attack ex-president. "Van" said the Associated Press dispatch of last summer declared positively that Roosevelt was pledged to Taft for a second term. On this the Philadelphia correspondent with Theodore Roosevelt and the denunciatory letter was the result. In the letter Roosevelt also said he would not be a candidate in 1912.

Oregonians File Petitions. Portland, March 5.—Petitions to place the names of Roosevelt, Taft and La Follette on the Oregon presidential primaries ballot, which will be voted on in April, will be filed with the secretary of state at Salem this week, according to authoritative statements at campaign headquarters.

Chairman Pearce of the Taft committee here has returned the Union county petition list to Portland headquarters. Every available space for names was taken up in this county and Taft supporters claim there wasn't room enough to get the signatures of all those anxious to get their names attached to the document.

WALLOWA CASE APPEALED. Claim First Approved Reversed Later on Rehearing.

An appeal to the commissioner of the general land office has been filed in the United States land office at this place, from the recent action of the local officers, in holding for cancellation the homestead entry and final certificate of Mrs. Alice M. Bell, of Enterprise. The entry is located in the eastern part of Wallowa county, and although a proof was made in September, 1909, and a certificate issued by the local office, investigation was made by the special agents and adverse charges were filed against the entry as a result. A date was set for taking testimony, and when this was done and the case reached for consideration by the local officials they reversed their former decision and reversed their former action and held the testimony to show that the entryman had not lived on the land as required by law, but that she had applied as to cultivation. As stated, she now appeals, through her attorney, D. W. Sheahan, of Enterprise.

TWO PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE POLITICAL LIMELIGHT TODAY, THE ONE A DEMOCRAT AND THE OTHER THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE.



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JUDSON HARMON

SINCE the Ohio election of 1908, in which, while Taft carried the state by 70,000, Judson Harmon was elected governor by 19,000, the availability of the Buckeye jurist as presidential timber has been generally discussed. The result of the Ohio election of 1910, when Harmon carried the state by 100,000, being the first Democratic governor since the war to win two consecutive victories, did much more to encourage his backers. His abilities as a judge—he filled a number of important judicial offices before he became attorney general in Cleveland's second cabinet—and the prestige which he has gained by his administration of the affairs of a pivotal state constitute the strength of his candidacy.

GRUESOME RECITAL OF POLICE ATROCITIES HEARD IN CONGRESS

Washington, March 5.—Mrs. Taft, the wife of the president was an interested spectator when the testimony of the Lawrence strikes concerning the police brutalities was resumed today before the house rules committee. She frequently shuddered. Jane Rock was the first witness. She told of witnessing the clubbing of scores of helpless children by the police.

Tema Committa, another member of the Philadelphia committee, sent to take charge of the children, said she saw the police seize six children and throw them into a patrol wagon without a warrant. Others likewise described the brutalities and also of the children being jailed.

Samuel Knebel of Philadelphia described the business at the Lawrence railway station the day the children tried to leave, and said: "When I entered the Lawrence railway station with the children the police immediately started their bloody work. They tore the children from their parents amid screaming and unearthly shrieking. I saw one policeman strike a peasant mother across the stomach with a club. I picked up four children who had been knocked down. A policeman then grabbed me and he knocked me down, and dragged me out of the crowd. I returned. Finally they took me to jail and there I saw women and children packed like cattle in cells. Even nursing children were

locked up one woman being jailed who had a baby two weeks old."

During the recital Mrs. Taft and a score of her companions gasped with horror.

New Official at Lawrence. Lawrence, March 5.—The textile workers are jubilant over the recall of Colonel Sweetzer from the command of the militia and the placing of Colonel Joy in charge. They say that Sweetzer is responsible for the orders preventing children from leaving and also for many alleged outrages and clubbings. Gov. Foss said he intends to change commanders periodically.

BLOOD, SUFFRAGETTES' CRY

London, March 5.—Open threats of the suffragettes to turn on Buckingham palace, the home of the king, today caused the authorities to double the line of guards around the structure. The situation is serious.

The women renewed their window smashing campaign today but only a few were successful as merchants had boarded up their windows over night and the big buildings are guarded.

The suffragettes are trying to fill the jails, and now openly defy the police. Mrs. Parkhurst, the suffragette



PRESIDENT TAFT Taken on His Last Visit to Oregon.

DAN SOMMERS ELGIN MAYOR

CHRISTIENSEN ELECTED MARSHAL BY SMALL MARGIN

Elgin Defeats Initiative Measure to Erect \$5,000 Fire Building.

Elgin, March 5.—(Special) — Dan Sommers yesterday was elected mayor of Elgin to succeed H. H. Weather-spoon, over J. H. Henderson by a majority of 50. Another important feature of the election was the defeat of the initiative petition to erect a \$5,000 building to house the fire department in.

The complete list of officers elected at the municipal election yesterday follows:

Mayor—Dan Sommers 50 majority. City Clerk—Jesse Crum 205 majority.

Marshal—J. C. Christensen, 25 majority.

For Councilmen—R. Blumenstein, S. A. Chappel and J. B. Johnstone. The hold over councilmen are J. B. Thorsen, Frank Smith, and William Hackett.

For Treasurer—R. A. Shoemaker. The new fire house building was defeated by a majority of 111.

To Debate Municipal Ownership

Columbia, S. C., March 5.—The debating team of Davidson college came to Columbia today to engage in the annual forensic tilt with representatives of the University of South Carolina on the Municipal Ownership question.

STATE LAWS DICTATE THE COUNTY COURTS' ACTIONS

GILL'S POPULARITY WANES

Arrest of "Floaters" Scares Others of Their Kind Away.

Seattle, March 5.—Heavy polling during the forenoon marked the heated municipal election in Seattle today. Former Mayor Gill who was recalled a year ago and Geo. Cotterill are opposing each other. He will open the town.

Bond issues aggregating \$10,000 and 27 charter amendments, including single tax, are involved. Betting is even, whereas Gill was usually the favorite.

Scores of floaters have been scared away from the municipal polls today through the arrest of E. A. Leptner, a member of Gill's campaign committee. He was released this morning on \$1500 bail on a charge of fraudulent registration. It is alleged he voted in Portland in 1911 so he could not establish his residence here.

Thirty Dollars Paid in Fines.

Four men contributed to the treasury of the city this morning by way of the police court. R. Pierce and G. Buckley were fined \$10.00 each for indulging in a fight. Two vagrants were fined \$5.00 each and run out of town.

COAL STRIKE IS IMMINENT

OPERATORS REJECT REQUESTS FOR INCREASE.

Believed Country Will Be Precipitated Into a Serious War.

New York, March 5.—Demands of the anthracite coal miners for a wage increase and a new wage agreement were unanimously rejected this afternoon by the operators. When a joint conference of the coal miners and operators resumes here March 14 the miners will be so informed. The long threatened coal strike seems imminent. If it comes it will involve thousands of men and paralyze the industry. What the miners' final decision will be is not known until after the conference but they have threatened to strike.

Orozco Headed for Capital.

El Paso, March 5.—General Orozco, now commander-in-chief of the rebels, and President Madero, at the head of the Mexican troops, most likely will decide Mexico's fate in a battle to be fought in the capital within a couple of weeks.

Jubilant over his victory over Gen. Villa at Chihuahua, Orozco, whose army now numbers 3,000, announces he will leave Friday for a march against Mexico City. If he wins he will make himself provisional president.

General Salazar with 1,500 men, is due in Chihuahua today. The rebels say Orozco will have at least 5,000 men when he starts south. He leaves behind him only enough troops to guard the larger cities of Chihuahua state, and apparently has the situation well handled at Chihuahua.

The streets are guarded preventing looting and the stores are open for business today. It is learned that business interests have subscribed a million dollars to further Orozco's campaign.

INDEPENDENCE HAS FIRE.

Four Lusiness Houses Burned When Fire Gets Away.

Independence, Ore., March 5.—Four business buildings on C street was burned early today by a fire which originated in the smoking plant of the Nelson Meat company at a loss of \$10,000.

TRIFLES ONLY DETERMINED IN EACH COUNTY

COMPREHENSIVE DATA COMPILED BY CONTRIBUTOR

EXACT CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH MONEY GOES SHOWN

Enormous Amounts Expended by the State to Care for all Departments Segregated and Made Clear—Sums Spent by County Pointed Out—The Blame for Higher Taxes Made Clear by Figures.

(By J. B. Stoddard.)

With the natural growth of society, increase of population, development of resources, increase in values and the need of the people for better roads and bridges, modern conveniences, enlarged powers of government and the establishment of asylums, schools and pencil institutions it is to be expected that taxation will keep pace with our general advancement. But there seems to be a general impression that taxes are out of proportion to our increase of wealth and that we are not getting service and benefits to compensate us for the excessive taxes that we are required to pay.

Appropriations of Legislature. Appropriations in the session of 1911 show that there was appropriated for various purposes as follows:

Homes and Asylums:	
Insane Asylum, Salem	\$793,000
Eastern Oregon Hospital	530,000
Foundling Hospital	21,000
Home for Feeble Minded	170,000
Homes for unfortunates	45,000
Humane Society	1,500
Continuing Annual Appropriation	20,000

These include the Crittenden home, Patton and baby home and aid society for boys and girls.

Next under the head of Education:	
Agricultural College	\$437,500
University of Oregon	532,250
Monmouth Normal	50,000
Experiment Stations	15,000
Reform School	66,000
School for Deaf Mutes	64,000
School for Blind	25,000
Normal Schools	24,250

\$1,215,000 Large sums are provided for buildings and equipment.

The Salary Question.

Salaries and expenses of state officers and care of buildings and grounds totals \$623,000.

Included in this total there is to be paid to the governor and his secretaries \$19,500, to the secretary of state \$43,500, to state treasurer \$27,500, to court officers including judges, attorneys and clerks \$368,000.

Fairs and Celebrations.

County Fairs	\$300,000
State Fair Grounds	10,000
Astoria Centennial	50,000

\$260,000 Administrative Boards and Commissions.

Immigration and statistics	\$20,000
Board of control	7,000
Higher Curricula	700
Pilot Commission	5,000
Board of Health	21,000
Domestic Animals	5,000
Forestry Commission	70,000
Child Labor	5,000
Printing Commission	20,000
Purchasing Commission	7,500
Veterinary Commission	12,000