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GEDDES HEADS PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION

STORM FAILS TO RETARD ORGANIZATION OF MOOSERS.

FIRST FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN

Committees Will Proceed to Organize Union County Roosevelt Followers and Then Attend the State Meeting —O. E. Silverthorn Is Secretary-Treasurer.

Formation of the mother club of a series of clubs throughout Union county was effected last night by the Roosevelt followers despite a terrific wind and electrical storm that kept scores at home. Sufficient Bull Moosers braved the elements, however, to attend the called meeting and perfected a local organization and laid plans for assisting the organization of a county series of clubs that will be knitted together as a solid county body in the end and send a delegate to the meeting of the state Roosevelt club.

Geddes Is Chairman.

The meeting elected A. S. Geddes chairman of the Progressive club of La Grande, as the organization is known. Mr. Geddes officiated as the chairman of the original Roosevelt club which was the father of the present movement.

In addition to the election of the president, O. E. Silverthorn was chosen secretary-treasurer, and the business men present contributed sufficient funds to make immediate work possible. The committee of five, an executive committee in nature, consists of Bruce Dennis, A. V. Andrews, K. Dyal, Jerry Rusk, and R. J. Greene

These five with the president and secretary, will immediately commence to organize the county, starting at Union, then Cove and Imbler and so on until county progressives are a united body.

Enthusiasm was excellent and the attendance much larger than was hoped for under the detrimental weather conditions. Many telephone their regrets at not being able to attend on account of the storm.

Salvation Aarmy Head Dying.

London, Aug. 15.—General William Booth, head of the Salvation army, is sinking today. He is unconscious most of the time and his end is believed to be near.

ACTUAL WAR IN IRELAND LIKELY

DANGER OF BLOODSHED IS SEEN BY LEADERS.

Several Ulstermen Indicted on Treason Charges.

London, Aug. 15.—Declarations of Irishmen opposed to home rule that "Ulster will fight" has brought forth today what is regarded as a semi-official warning from the government that leaders who counsel sedition and rebellion will be given a short shift % a shot is fired.

Sir Wm. Byles, leading the liberals, announced that treason and felony indictments are now being drawn against certain leaders of the Ulstermen and if warfare in Ulster comes these men will be immediately arrested and held criminally responsible.

Throttle All Harsh Noise

HONKS, WHISTLES AND NOISES TO BE CONDEMNED.

DOCTOR TO BE JUDGE

Boston Meeting to See Beginning of New Campaign.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 15.—If plans discussed today at a meeting held at the Harvard Medical school are realized, a world-wide movement will soon be under way to put the lid on the honk of the automobile, the locomotive's screech whistle, the cries of the street peddler, the thumpety-thump of the flattened street car wheel and a thousand and one other noises that make city life burdensome to persons of ordinary sensibility. The establishment of an international commission for the suppression of noise is proposed. Preliminary steps to this end were taken at the meeting today. The American members of the international committee include Dean Sabine and Professor Blake of the Harvard Medical school, Professor Cross of the Masachusetts Institute of Technology and Professor E. S. Morse of Salem, Mass. It is proposed to use dictographs to make an an exact transcription of the many varieties of city noises. From these dictograph records the medical men will determine which noises will affect the nervous system and are therefore injurious to the public health and welfare. Each case will be taken up separately and in each instance that the noise is found "guilty" legal steps, if necessary, will be taken for its suppression. It is proposed to extend the anti-noise crusade to all of the cities of America and Europe.

WIDOW NOT TO CONTEST WILL

YOUNG ASTOR TO STRUGGLE ALONG ON $3,000,000.

Mother and Babe Reported to Be Doing Nicely Today.

New York, Aug. 15.—Henry Gildersleeve, attorney for Mrs. Madeline Astor, widow of Colonel John Jacob Astor, announced today that Mrs. Astor is satisfied with her husband's will and probably will not contest it.

Mrs. Astor and her son are doing well today. Vincent Astor, chief beneficiary under the father's will, who is motoring in Europe, with his mother, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, Colonel Astor's divorced wife, cabled congratulations to his step mother, and ordered a bouquet of American beauty roses sent to the Astor mansion here.

Roosevelt to Visit New England.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 15.—Massachusetts' Progressives are planning for a rousing welcome to Colonel Roosevelt when he comes here next Saturday to address a mass meeting at the Point of Pines. The meeting will be attended by leading representatives of the new party in Maine, New Hampshire and other New England states. An effort will probably be made to induce Colonel Roosevelt to visit Vermont and Maine which states will hold their elections early next month and the results of which are regarded as of much importance because of the effect they may have upon the general election in November.

Child Murderer Caught.

Los Angeles, Aug. 15.—Charles E. Greenfield, suspected by the police of the murder of his eight year old stepdaughter, Vivian, was captured shortly afternoon today at Cucamonga near here.

DARROW HAS LAST WORD IN OWN DEFENSE

HIS ORATORY BEST OF CAREER, SAY THE CRITICS.

LAYS HIS FATE BEFORE JURORS WITH ELOQUENCE

Says Men in Mines, in Shops, and on Trains Have Faith in Jury to Clear Accused Attorney — Says the Issue Hinges on One Man's Word Against Several for the Defense.

Los Angeles, Aug. 15.—Clarence Darrow today resumed his argument in his own defense. He declared that the case of the state rested on the testimony of Franklin whom he denounced as a liar and informer.

Darrow's address to the jury today is regarded as the greatest oratorical effort of his long career. He said that if he was sent to prison it would be on the word of Franklin as against that of himself, Franke Wolfe, a newspaper man, Job Harriman, an attorney, Fremont Older, editor of the San Francisco Bulletin and Lecomte Davis, an attorney.

Judge Hutton announced today that he would have the charge to the jury prepared tomorrow morning, ready for delivery immediately after District Attorney Fredericks finished his address late in the afternoon. This insures the case being in the hands of the jury late tomorrow night.

Darrow took up the settlement of the McNamara case. He asserted the McNamara case was settled several days before November 28th, the day of the bribery, so far as he was concerned. Darrow closed his defense with a burst of oratory. He said: "My name is a by word and a reproach in some places, but back in my home town there are others who still believe in me. I know that deep down in the mines, in the stores, in railroad shops are thousand who are looking to this jury to save me—to vindicate my name Thousands of them, gentlemen, men and women, and little children, gentlemen! They look to you. I place my fate in your hands."

WOULD CURB VETO.

Majority Vote May Be Sufficient to Override Veto.

Washington, Aug. 15.—A resolution proposing the constitution be amended to curb the presidential veto power was introduced in the house today by Representative Stevens of Nebraska. It provides that the house and senate may override the veto by a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote.

Editors at Anaconda.

Anaconda, Mont., Aug. 15.—Anaconda extended a cordial welcome today to the newspaper publishers and editors gathered from all over the state for the annual meeting of the Montana State Press association. The sessions will continue three days with President O. H. Lanstrum of Helena presiding. Needed legislation is to form the principal topic of discussion.

Meeting of Hotel Men.

Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 15.—More than one hundred hotel proprietors and managers gathered in Aberdeen today for the annual meeting of the Washington State Hotel Men's association. The meeting will last three days. The program provides for visits to Hoquiam and other nearby points, in addition to the business sessions and annual banquet in this city.

Family Gone And Husband Combs Entire Northwest

His family of a wife and three children missing in a most mysterious manner, and nerve-racking searches invariably ending up in a failure. B. F. Studebaker, a Huntington rancher, is in La Grande today chasing down a clue to the effect that his family is in this vicinity. They were last seen on Wednesday evening preceding the cloudburst at Huntington on Friday, but that thy were victims of that flood has long since been dropped as improbable. Mr. Studebaker has come to the conclusion that his family has left him as the result of dissatisfaction with ranch life seven miles from Huntington, as a substitute to the quiet and to them more pleasing life, at Weiser, where by Studebaker was a successful baker. They have but little money with them and Mr. Studebaker is doubly anxious to locate his kin partially for the reason that he wishes to supply them with funds.

He had been down on the Snake river on business the week they disappeared and on his return to the ranch found the place deserted. Thinking they had gone to Payette on a visit he went there but found no trace. He returned to Huntington and commenced inquiries learning that the family, consisting of a boy of 17, another child 15, and one 12, had been seen there Wednesday night. The supposition has been reached that the family left there Wednesday night coming west and as the oldest son had been employed about La Grande at various times he now thinks the family is in Union county, probably in the employ of some orchardist. They took with them a suit case. He thought for a while that the deserters as he now thinks they are, went to Portland where Mrs. Studebaker has relatives but a wild goose chase to the metropolis proved otherwise.

"I found," said Mr. Studebaker this morning, "that my wife had not checked on my bank account, hence she has but little money. I wish that she had as I don't like to see them going about the country looking like tramps.' Mr. Studebaker is offering a reward for information leading to their discovery.

"We haven't any family troubles, and the only reason I can advance for their disappearance is that Mrs. Studebaker, being unusually fond of the oldest boy, has decided to go with him as he was dissatisfied with ranch life and wanted to leave home."

SUSPECT IN HUNTINGTON CASE CAUGHT AT HAINES LAST NIGHT

Baker, Aug. 15.—Dealing with the Huntington crime of Sunday night, the Democrat this morning says:

Answering every detail of the description perfectly, with the exception that he is not a negro, a man suspected of being the assailant of Mrs. William Barclay was arrested at Haines by Marshal Crawford last evening and was brought to the county jail in this city, where he is now being held pending investigation and identification by the victim of the assault. He is not a negro, but is dark complexioned and might be mistaken for a colored man, especially by a woman as excited as Mrs. Barclay at the time of the crime.

When arrested he gave the name of Alexander Stevens, but papers on his person indicate that his real name, or the one he has been using, is A. J. Stacey. He was arrested about eight o'clock in a saloon. He came in as some of the inmates were speaking of the Huntington crime. He had been drinking and immediately spoke up, telling of the crime, saying he had been in Huntington at the time and gave all the details, substantially as related by the victim. Marshal Crawford had followed him in, and after hearing his talk and comparing him with the description placed him under arrest. The man resisted and the officer was obliged to knock him down to take him into custody. He told the marshal that he had been in North Powder all day and later said he had been in Haines all day. His appearance at the time of his arrest indicated that he had just finished a long walk, as his clothes and shoes were muddy and soiled from travel.

He was brought to this city by the marshal and at the jail refused to answer the questions of Deputy Sheriff Herbert, when he tried to find out who he was and where he had been the last few days. His continued refusal to answer the deputy sheriff resulted in his being thrown into a cell and a further effort to make him talk will be made this morning. A pawn ticket indicates that he has recently been in Ogden, Utah. He also had a book of blank checks of the bank of Mountain Home, Idaho, as well as a check on the same bank made out in red ink payable to A. J. Stacey and signed William Stacey. The amount of the check was $475, which is believed to have been either forged or stolen. The man had about $6.00 in currency.

While it is doubtful that he is the man sought for the Huntington crime still in his arrest it seems evident that the Haines officer picked up a crook. At any rate, he fits the description of the Huntington criminal in all respects but that he is not a negro, and it is possible that he is the guilty party.

Los Angeles Has a Birthday.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15—Los Angeles today celebrated the 131st anniversary of its founding by the Spaniards. It was on August 15, 1781, that Felipe de Neve, governor of Alta California, came from the San Gabriel mission to the Indian village of Yangna, and gave to the settlement the name of El Poublo de Nuestra Senora, la Regina de Los Angeles—the imposing title, translated into English, meaning the Town of Our Lady, the Queen of the Angels.

Tennessee Democratic Platform.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 15.—Tennessee democrats assembled in state convention today to formulate a platform on which Benton McMillan, the victor in the recent primaries, will contest for the governorship at the November election against Governor Hooper, who has been renominated by the republicans.

Steamer in Trouble.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—It is reported here today that the Pacific Coast Steamship company's liner, City of Seattle, is grounded on Rocky Coast, near Ketchikan, in Southern Alaska. Details are lacking but it is believed the ship is in a dangerous position. The passenger list is 100.

Prosecution Lined Up.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The resolution of Senator Pomerene of Ohio, directing the attorney general to criminally prosecute the individual defendants in the oil and tobacco cases, was heard in the senate today.

SCHEPPS GOES TO NEW YORK WITHOUT FIGHT

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SUSPECT [illegible]AS CHANGED FRONT [illegible]ICE YESTERDAY.

MANY BANKERS BROUGHT BEFORE GRAND JURY

Bank Accounts of Several Police Officers Suspected of Grafting in New York Circles Will Be Investigated—Becker's Deposits to Undergo Close Scrutiny.

New York, Aug. 15.—Sam Schepps, charged with complicity in the Rosenthal murder, is en route here from Hot Springs, Ark. today. According to a statement of District Attorney Whitman, Schepps has changed front from yesterday, agreeing to go back to New York without extradition.

The grand jury resumed its investigation today. Officers of several banks are waiting in the corridors of the criminal court building to give testimony concerning the deposits made by Police Lieutenant Becker, who is said to have deposited $59,000 in several institutions during the six months preceding the murder on a salary of $185 per month. The bank acounts of other higher ups in the police department are suspected of sharing $2,400,000 yearly graft, squeezed from the New York gamblers, will also be inspected.

SHOPMEN MEET SETBACK.

President of Shop Employes' Union Is Not Discouraged.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—President Reguin, of the federation of shop employes of the Harriman lines who have been out on a strike nearly ten months confirmed today the eastern report that the federation of federations on the roads west of Chicago had voted against a sympathetic strike.

"In view of the present condition of the strike," Reguin said, "with every indication of an early settlement favorable to the men, I have not regarded it as necessary to our success that the federation of federation men should walk out in sympathy. We have known the result of the vote for some time. It is not discouraging."

REBELS ATTACK THEIR CAPITAL

DEPOSED OFFICIAL LEADS THE REBEL FORCES.

Number of Killed on Both Sides Said to Be Heavy.

Managuavia, via Porto Costa, Costa Reco, by wireless, Aug. 15.—Led by General Mena, the ousted Nicaraguan minister of war, insurgent are bombarding Managua again today. The attack was resumed at midnight, and at dawn the indications were that the capital would fall.

The rebels are divided into six bands all of which have kept up intermittent fighting during the night. The casualties are estimated at 300 killed on both sides, but the federal defenders are believed to be the heaviest losers. It is reported that 70 non-combatants were injured and three killed in yesterday's engagement. Half a dozen men and women are missing, though they may be in the hands of the rebels.