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COCKRAN ON TAFT.

There is a remarkable unanimity of opinion of Judge Taft in all parties and in all sections. Men pay tribute to his remarkable ability even where party politics may exert such an influence as to demand the espousing of the rival presidential candidate's cause. As an illustration, W. Burke Cockran, in an interview at Boston the other day, said: "Yes, I shall support Bryan; he is the best candidate the Democrats could put up. Taft, however, is the greatest and best qualified nominee ever offered in any republic in the world. He is a greater man than Roosevelt, and when surrounded by the same environments that made Roosevelt great will prove a bigger man. Taft is a wonderful administrator, the greatest the country has ever seen, and is a wonderful worker."

THE NECESSARY WAGON ROAD.

Curry county, a rich but isolated region lying in the far southwestern part of the state and bordering on the California line, is to be connected with the outside world by a wagon road which the government is building from Grants Pass to Gold Beach, says an exchange. The new thoroughfare is apparently so cheap a piece of work, for included in its construction is a steel bridge with a 180-foot span across Rogue river. A long-distance wagon road is, of course, much less convenient than a railroad for either freight or passenger traffic, but there are a great many localities in Oregon where even a good wagon road would prove of great value in aiding development of the country.

It is now practically certain that the railroad to Tillamook will be completed at an early date, and with its completion there will follow rapid development that was impossible so long as there was no economical means of transportation to and from that great coast region. Coos Bay will also be given rail connection in the not far distant future. But the railroad to Tillamook cannot reach every dairy farm and orchard, nor all the timber lands. Consequently the necessity of good roads will be as great as, or even greater, after it is completed, than it is now. Tillamook has made an excellent start in providing the necessary wagon roads, and for many miles through that country and over beyond the Nehalem as far as the Clatsop county line the roads which are completed are models of excellence.

Clatsop county has also made a good beginning in opening up the country which is not directly accessible by railroad, and during the past season completed a very costly piece of road between Seaside and Elk Creek. In all of these coast counties from Clatsop on to Curry the wagon road will always be an indispensable adjunct of the railroad, and the good work that is now being done on the roads will bring returns many times greater than the cost.

HEART FAILURE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Most people have been under the impression that the presidential campaign has so far moved on the very quiet and sober plan, says an exchange. At this stage of the 1896 conflict the silver issue had developed a high degree of caloric. But it seems that there are spots in our land where the politics of this year develops excitement of the extreme sort. At least that is the conclusion if we believe that story of a Los Angeles man who was so wrought up by the spectacle of Judge Parker's enthusiasm for Bryan that he dropped dead. Either this yarn is a fake or the campaign contains unsuspected intensities.

The possession of unique aspects the development of which produces heart failure may be a warning against the abrupt production of novel features. The epidemic of cardiac suspension that might hit the Democrats of Pennsylvania if Colonel Jim Guffey should suddenly appear in the role of angel for the Bryan campaign fund may constitute a sufficient reason for him to refrain from any such rash act. On the other side of the political fence we may expect the mortality rate in Ohio to go up by leaps and bounds when Foraker pulls off his coat and pitches in for Taft. If heart disease lurks in the vicinity of sudden political developments let our political managers break the news to the dear people by careful and slow degrees.



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Mr. Hearst says he will settle with the president when Teddy retires from office. The fight will not last three rounds, with the odds against the editor.—Exchange.

Since Mr. Bryan has retired from editorial control of The Commoner, he fills it with signed communications—except the appeals for contributions.

At Bellevue hospital a newly born child lived 40 hours without a brain. Scorching chauffeurs meet their fate somewhat less promptly.

Those 50 trust companies must be surprised to have the penalty of the law visited upon them for the first time.

Dick Croker says King Edward is a bully old boy. We knew that Dick would put the king on his back if the latter gave him the opportunity.

A man in the feud district of Kentucky was shocked by lightning—where one wouldn't think they could be shocked by anything.

As the government is still on the track of Brother Rockefeller, in his future newspaper pictures he may wear the halo of a martyr.

Few big politicians take in the seashore in a campaign year, and yet that is the very place for a politician to get in the swim.

Castro is slowly recovering from Queen Wilhelmina's slipper, but it may be some time before he will be able to sit down.

Not to be outdone by Texas, North Carolina is making a whole suit of clothes for Taft, in which there is not a suspicion of tar-and-feathers.

The big candidates to each other: "If you don't wish to be rapped over the knuckles, keep your hand out of the campaign."

The Chicago News says some people marry for love and some for money, but in the wind-up every man wonders why he married.

The beef trust doesn't need airships in its business. Prices fly high the minute it presses the button.

The latest proceedings in the Thaw case show that Harry is still in the hands of his lawyers.

Crop destruction has been going on very rapidly on the Chicago exchange during the past few days.

The sultan of Turkey is not content with the prophet's promise of a harem hereafter.

Harriman only wants enough of the earth to accommodate his railroads.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 7.—Judge R. A. Ballinger, ranking member of the advisory committee to the Republican national committee, found, on a recent trip to the east, that various political creeds or "isms" have in some places attracted a following that the campaign managers of the Republican party are winning back to old standards.

The traditions of following a settled government are not as binding as they were formerly," said Judge Ballinger tonight, "and men are attracted by Bryanism, Hearstism, Socialism and developing a tendency to follow false gods, rather than be contented with tried and stable conditions."

"It seems to me that when the country offers a man of tried ability, William H. Taft, that people should conservatism and patriotism, such as forget their 'isms' for a time and look to the best interests of their country, which are their own interests ultimately."

"The people of the northwest should remember, I think, that the great commercial development of this section is in a large measure dependent upon the stability of the federal government and the continuation of the policies which have made possible the active development of the past few years."

We pay 30c cash for eggs. Miller & Ewbank.

RECEPTION TO JUDGE TAFT.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 6.—With a 12-hour demonstration of cordiality, of political enthusiasm and intense interest in this city today and tonight furnished an appropriate climax to the western campaign trip of Judge Taft, which ended here tonight. The candidate spoke to an immense audience in the nearly finished auditorium, from which as many were turned away as were admitted. He followed this with an open-air address at Clayton, a suburb and the county seat of St. Louis county, and then rushed to East St. Louis, where he addressed a large gathering of employes at the stockyards.

The local afternoon papers estimated that fully 50,000 strangers came to the city just to say, "Hello, Bill," to the Ohioan. Certainly it was that wherever he went or stayed, Taft was the center of immense crowds.

The line of march from the station to the Planters' hotel was through two crowds of people who blocked either side of the sidewalk and the street. He was compelled to stand with his hat in his hand the entire distance of more than a mile, acknowledging the salutations.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT STUMP.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—President Roosevelt at present has no intention of taking the stump for Mr. Taft. It is the way persistent reports to the effect that he is going to make a speaking tour in favor of the candidacy of the Republican nominee are now denied at the White House.

The latest story on this subject is that received at Lincoln, Neb., by Mr. Bryan, that the president intended taking the stump and was planning to make at least six speeches on a tour across the country, terminating at San Francisco. This information was said to have reached Mr. Bryan from persons in the east upon whom reliability can be placed.

Numerous times during the president's summer vacation similar reports were flatly denied by the president's secretary at Oyster Bay. Since the president's return to Washington these reports have become more numerous. When the matter first came up the denials of the president's secretary were unequivocal, but to the latest reports he has given some qualified denials, always saying it is the president's present intention not to take the stump.

BULGARIA WANTS WAR.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 6.—Bulgaria has declared her independence of Turkey and is marching her troops to the frontier in preparation for war. Turkish troops are also advancing.

Austria-Hungary has given notice to the powers that she intends to annex permanently to her dominions the Turkish provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which she has occupied and governed under mandate of the great powers for 30 years.

The proclamation of Bulgarian independence was made by Prince Ferdinand in the presence of his cabinet at Tirnova, the capital of the ancient kingdom of Bulgaria. The cabinet met the prince at the frontier yesterday and journeyed with him to Tirnova.

The dispute with Bulgaria began in regard to the control of the Orient railroad. Diplomatic correspondence among the powers betrayed a serious lack of harmony and encouraged Bulgaria to take the bold step of today. Turkey is convinced that Austria, backed by Germany, encouraged Bulgaria to declare her independence in order to strike a blow at the Kiamli ministry and compromise the new constitution.

Varna and other Bulgarian towns are placarded today with declarations that the moment has now arrived to proclaim independence, as otherwise Turkey, on the strength of the treaty of Berlin will demand the restitution of Eastern Rumelia.

RUN UNDER WATER.

CHERBOURG, Oct. 5.—Submarine Emeraude arrived here today. The run was eighty-one hours in which she covered 693 miles under water. The vessel maintained a regular speed of nine knots per hour. The crew was much fatigued, but bore the severe trial admirably.

WHAT IT ALL MEANS

By Gilson Gardner

William Howard Taft endows the Republican leadership with a rugged force of character, honesty that has never been questioned and experience in dealing with national administrative problems that have never been excelled by his predecessors on the party ticket. His sparkling blue eyes and pleasant smile reflect a fund of good nature that is almost inexhaustible. But there is another side to his nature, a fighting side that prompts him to stand as a giant in support of what he deems to be right. That he is a peacemaker has been proved on an important scale in the relations of this country with other nations.

For over 20 years he has devoted himself to the public service, and the record of his achievements give assurance of his ability to measure up to any further honors and responsibilities that may come to him.

Taft was born in Cincinnati in 1857. He passed through Yale college in 1878 and was admitted to the bar in 1880. He had spent a year as a newspaper reporter when he was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney. Nine years later he was solicitor-general of the United States. In 1892 he was appointed United States circuit judge and held that position until President McKinley called him in 1900 to shoulder the responsibility of establishing American government in the Philippines. During the last four years he has been secretary of war and a leading figure in handling most of the big questions that have been raised at Washington.

Secretary Taft was asked to give 12 reasons why the Republican party should receive popular support at this year's election. Here is his response:

1. Because the Republican party represents the policies essential to the reform of known abuses and to the continuance of liberty and true prosperity.

2. Because, sympathizing with and supporting the policies of Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican party passed the so-called rate bill, designed more effective to restrain excessive and fix reasonable rates and to punish secret rebates and discriminations, which had been general in the practice of railroads; also the pure food law and the meat inspection law, in the interest of the health of the public, clean business methods and of ultimate great benefit to the trades themselves.

3. Because the high moral standard set will not be observed continuously by those whom cupidity and a desire for financial power may tempt unless the requisite machinery is introduced into the law which shall in its practical operation maintain these standards and secure the country against a departure from them. The hope of the people for such legislation lies in the success of the Republican party.

4. Because the chief function of the next administration is to clinch what has already been done. Under a Republican administration that chief function will be acknowledged and executed.

5. Because it is the mission of the Republican party to compel the trusts to conduct their business in a lawful manner and secure the benefits of their operation and the maintenance of the prosperity of the country of which they are an important part; not to extirpate and destroy the entire business in order to stamp out the evils which they have practiced.

6. Because it is the intention of the Republican party so to control large aggregations of capital and combinations as to give to the public the advantage of reasonable prices and so as to keep open the avenues of enterprise to the individual and the smaller corporation wishing to engage in business.

7. Because, in order that prosperity may be restored, the confidence of the public must be enlisted, a confidence that cannot be aroused save by the continuation of the policies to which the Republican party stands committed.

8. Because, if maintained at the head of the affairs of the nation, the Republican party will begin promptly upon the incoming of the new administration a revision of the tariff, based on the Republican doctrine of protection, and so providing that a tariff shall be imposed on all imported products, whether of the factory, farm or mine, sufficiently great to equal the difference between the cost of production abroad and at home, so as to maintain the higher wages paid in this country and a reasonable profit to the American producer.

9. Because the Republican party has sought to secure for the wage-earner equality of opportunity and such statutory protection as shall place him on a level in dealing with his employers. The Republican party has passed an employers' liability act for the interstate railroads, has established an eight-hour law for government employes and on government construction, a law requiring safety appliances on interstate commerce railroads, and has shown an earnest desire at all times to do justice to the wage-earner.

10. Because the Republican party is committed to the development of a permanent currency system responding to our great needs, and favors the establishment of a postal

Ein Spaarung—

Wir fuhren unser geschaft die letzten par monate unter baar zahlung und finden es zur grosten zufriedenheit wir sparen auslagen fur buchfuhrung und ausstunde einzu kassiren verlieren kein geld an schlechter kundenschaft, konnen also billiger kaufen und verkaufen.

Es ist deshalb zu ihren vorthail, wenn sie bei uns vorsehren unsere waare und preise in augenschein nehmen.

Wir bezahlen baar fur alle farm producte, stets den hochsten preis fur eier.

Haben immer deutsche leunte in unserem geschaft zu ihrer badinung.

—Miller & Ewbank

savings bank for the convenience of the people and the encouragement of thrift.

11. Because the policies consistently pursued by the Republican party with relation to the dependencies that came to us as a result of the war with Spain have made consistently for the uplift of oppressed peoples and have made the United States the admiration of the entire civilized world.

12. Because the Republican platform, a document of human rights, explicitly demands justice for all men without regard to race or color and just as explicitly declares for the enforcement of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution.

TO LYNCH NEGRO.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7.—A mob of 100 men nearly lynched Edward Martin, a negro, in court yesterday. He is charged with assaulting Edith Raiston last Friday night.

At the preliminary examination yesterday morning he was held in \$5000 bail for the Superior court. As he left the preliminary examination W. S. Debell, the assaulted girl's sweetheart, sprang on the negro, and the crowd took up the cry, "Lynch the nigger." The police interfered and a show of revolvers kept the crowd at bay.

The negro was taken safely away, and begged to be taken directly to the Superior court. Here he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

ONLY A TRAMP.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Oct. 7.—Word has been received here that Mr. and Mrs. John W. Scott, keepers of the Salt Lake Railroad pumping plant at Dry lake, have been sentenced by the district court at Pioche to serve 20 years each in the penitentiary for the brutal shooting of Joseph Webb, a workman. The crime was committed three months ago. Webb was walking the ties, and stopped at the pumping station for water. He was ordered off by Scott, and refused to obey. Scott went to his bunkhouse, secured a shotgun and fired point blank at Webb, frightfully wounding him. Mrs. Scott then fired.

When arrested, the Scotts admitted the crime and said that Webb was a "dog of a tramp." It had been learned that they used their firearms on other men and the locality has been searched for human remains.

GIRL TORE UP EVIDENCE.

LAURENS, S. C., Oct. 7.—On the witness stand in an effort to save her father, who is on trial for murder, Miss Mary Garrison today defied the court by tearing up one of her letters, which the prosecution offered in evidence, and which the young woman was asked to identify.

J. Henri Garrison, the girl's father, killed J. Louis Williamson last July. Garrison's counsel advanced "unwritten law" as the defense, and Miss Garrison was the only witness. The girl testified that she and Williamson were engaged. He came to see her the night of the tragedy and she received him in the parlor. She said Williamson took her in his arms. She was struggling when her father appeared at the window.

Williamson jumped up and faced the window and almost instantly her father fired his shotgun. Williamson died three hours later.

When asked to identify a letter of sympathy she wrote to Williamson's mother, Miss Garrison took the letter and tore it up as she stood on the witness stand. The girl was in a storm of tears while telling her story and was in such a pitiful condition that Judge Meminger did not rebuke her for destroying the state's evidence.

REFUSES BOOZE MONEY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—In view of a hundred persons, many of them women, William Peters, a tailor, shot his wife four times and then killed himself on the public street here yesterday.

When Mrs. Peters regained consciousness at the hospital she said that when her husband seized her arm he asked for a dollar. She said

she knew he wanted it to buy liquor, and refused, whereupon he began shooting. She said she left him because he spent all his money and hers for drink.

While the bullets were flying, scores of frightened women fled to shelter, shrieking hysterically. As Peters turned the smoking weapon on himself and fell, several of the women who witnessed the shooting fainted.

Peters met his wife at Eddy and Webster streets in company with Mrs. Nellie Ludolph, a friend with whom she had been living since her separation from her husband a month ago. Mrs. Ludolph saw Peters as he approached his victim. Frightened by the expression on Peters' face, she fled.

Peters held his wife with one hand and in the other he drew a revolver from his pocket. The terrified woman broke from his hold and as she ran Peters opened fire. At the first shot a passer-by ran for shelter, leaving the woman a clear target. Four bullets lodged in her body. At the first shot she fell, but the infuriated man continued to fire at her. Then without hesitation he laced the revolver to his temple and toppled to the sidewalk, dead.

Mrs. Peters was taken to the Central Emergency hospital, where she lies in a critical condition. Peters' body was removed to the morgue.

LOOKS VERY QUEER.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 7.—This city's seventh fire within a comparatively short time occurred when the barn and barley warehouse belonging to W. S. Byers, the pioneer flour man, were damaged to the extent of \$18,000.

The fire originated in the barn and the flames spread almost immediately to the adjoining barley warehouse. For a time the entire mill was threatened. Several head of mules and some machinery were saved, but other machinery, an electric auto and 8000 sacks of barley are a total loss. Both buildings were ruined. Very little insurance was carried.

Many are of the opinion that the most of the fires have been of incendiary origin. Byers, himself, believes that some one has attempted to burn him out.

Woman Sues Beautifying Institute

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Disfigured for life through her efforts to defeat the aging process of time, Miss Rachel Fisher of Corona, L. I., has brought suit for \$20,000 damages to compensate for her lost beauty.

Miss Fisher is the victim of her own vanity, as she admits herself, but she holds a beauty institute responsible for the loss of her good looks. Today her attorney filed a note of issue, and her remarkable suit will be heard shortly in the Supreme court.

An attempt to remove deepening "crow's feet" about her eyes and restore her youthful comeliness by injections of paraffin under the skin is the alleged cause of Miss Fisher's troubles. Now she finds herself doomed to unending suffering, and has had to undergo a number of excruciatingly painful operations. Her eyesight has been affected, her face marred and unnaturally swollen and her health broken down by worry and mortification, she says.

Fires at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Oct. 7.—Three fires in three hours kept the fire department of this city on the run yesterday. The first alarm was turned in for the W. G. Ayre residence, the second for the H. W. Estes barn and the third for the old creamery building. All of the fires were extinguished with little loss. The buildings are all unoccupied.

resolution pledging the entire membership of the church to support prohibition legislation.

The occasion was the opening of the 79th semi-annual conference of the church in the great tabernacle, and at two overflow meetings a vote was taken on the resolution. It was introduced by Apostle Heber J. Grant and is as follows:

"Believing in the words and teachings of President Joseph G. Smith, as set forth this morning, on the subject of temperance, it is proposed that all officers and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will do all in their power that can possibly be done with the lawmakers generally to have such laws enacted by our legislatures, soon to be elected, as may be necessary to close saloons and otherwise to decrease the sale of liquors and to enforce the Sunday law."

WEDDING LAST NIGHT.

George W. Tice of Dalles, Tex., and Miss Bertha Lucas of Ashland were married by Rev. Gray of Ashland last evening. They and the wedding party came to Medford in an automobile after the ceremony and were entertained at a supper given by the groom at the Emerick restaurant.

Miss Lucas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lucas of Henley, Cal., and has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. O. T. West, at Ashland. After a visit to Ashland the happy couple will proceed to Dalles, where they will in future make their home.

The bridesmaid was Miss Birdie Seeley of Ashland, and in addition to her, the guests were Mrs. W. M. Wheeler of Sonora, Cal.; Mrs. Seeley and Mrs. O. T. West of Ashland, all three being sisters of the bride.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to our friends for their aid and sympathy which was so freely and unselfishly given during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. J. A. Jones and Sons,
Eagle Point, Oct. 7, 1908.

WOR FIRST PRIZE.

One of the best, if not the best, colts in all Southern Oregon is the 2-year-old filly which was on exhibition at the recent district fair. Its sire was the white Percheron stallion owned by William Clark, and its dam a Morgan mare owned by I. J. Phipps. The colt weighs 1440 pounds and is a pretty animal as was ever grown in any country or climate. It is the property of Miss May Phipps of this city, and the young lady is justly proud of the colt and the blue ribbon it won as first prize at the fair.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate of J. A. Jones will please settle during the next 60 days with Mrs. Jones at Eagle Point. All claims against the estate should be sent to R. H. Jones, Wallawa, Oregon.

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