

BRYAN ASKS TAFT TO MAKE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN GIFTS

NEBRASKAN PROVES HIS SINCERITY

Requests Republican Candidate to Join Him in Securing Passage for Bill Through Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The first big sensation of the presidential campaign came today, when William Jennings Bryan sent a telegram to William Howard Taft suggesting that they join in urging congress to pass a bill making compulsory the publication of campaign contributions. This move by Bryan is looked upon as one of great wisdom by the democratic leaders, who say it shows his sincere determination to conduct his campaign without the aid or great corporate influence. The Taft men would not criticize Bryan's action publicly, but it is understood that they are inclined to look upon it as a "play to the galleries." Bryan's message reads as follows:

"Hon. William Howard Taft, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.: I beg to suggest that as the leading candidates of our respective parties, we join in asking congress to pass the bill requiring the publication of campaign contributions prior to elections. If you think best, we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request."

"W. J. BRYAN."
Secretary Taft today replied to William J. Bryan's telegram as follows: "William J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.: Your telegram received. On April last I sent the following letter to Secretary Barrows, chairman of committee on privileges and elections. I sincerely believe that it would greatly tend toward the absence of corruption from politics, if all the expenditures for the nomination and election of all candidates, and all contributions received, and expenditures made by political committees could be made public, both in respect to state and national politics. For that reason I sincerely favor the passage of the bill now pending in the senate and the house of representatives which would bring about this result, as far as national politics is concerned. I make this letter personal because I am inclined to avoid assuming an attitude in connection with the coming presidential campaign, which it is quite possible I shall have the right to assume, but as far as my personal influence is concerned, I am anxious to give it in behalf of the passage of the bill. Since writing the above letter in answer to inquiry, I have publicly said I hope such a bill would be passed."

BURNS NOT TO FIGHT JOHNSON

Tommy Burns to Sail for Australia in July. Where He Will Meet Lang, the Tooted Fighter—Johnson Fight Is Declared Off.

LONDON, May 26.—It is announced here today to the surprise of fight fans that there will be no Burns-Johnson fight for the heavyweight championship and that Burns will sail from England early in July for Australia, where he will meet Lang, the much touted Australian fighter.
Tommy Burns, who has been beating all comers in England and Ireland and has established himself as the king of heavyweights now in the ring, is the idol of the followers of the manly art here, and his bout with Johnson was expected to be a great event. The trouble is said to have been caused by the failure of Jack Cutler, the Chicago promoter, to provide the money guarantee demanded by Burns before he would meet the big negro.
Burns told his friends here today that he has decided positively to go to Australia and that the Johnson fight is off. Lang's manager has been after Burns to some time, and though fight fans are not actually out, it is understood the champion has a financial proposition that pleases him.

AUTO TO MAKE LOW RECORD

Starting From Vallejo Cal., Will Make the Trip to Portland in Thirty-Six Hours.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—In an effort to establish a low automobile record between San Francisco and Portland, Or., Fernando Nelson started from Vallejo at 3 o'clock this morning and is now well on his way to the Oregon metropolis. If he meets with no mishaps, and the 36-hour schedule is maintained, the machine should reach its destination at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The distance to be covered is 750 miles. The roads to be traversed are in many sections very bad, especially where the recent rains were heavy, and, besides, there are difficult mountain passes. The time taken by the road for the trip is 37 hours, which is one hour more than the Nelson schedule.

In the first stretch of approximately 200 miles to Redding the car will be handled by Al Popenburg, and from that point William Wagner will drive to Medford, Or., then "Bill" Stinson will be in charge as far as Eugene, Or., and the final stretch will be handled by Harry Johnson.

Nelson and his son will make the entire trip in the car.

EIGHTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT

Diplomas Presented by County Superintendent Wells—Interesting Program Rendered by Graduates at Medford Opera House—Class Numbers 54.

Eighth grade commencement exercises were held at the Medford opera house Monday evening before a crowded house. Diplomas were presented by J. Percy Wells, county superintendent. The following is the list of grammar school graduates:
"Gladys Pausher, Berna Roberts, Grace Taylor, Ethel Ewert, Vera Hendrickson, Ruby Burke, Mildred Young, Arnold Taylor, Everett Corey, Vance Colvig, George Baker, Tess Marshall, Curtis Anderson, Grace Dent, Berna Roberts, Kittie Clark, Media Bish, Ivy Bewell, Emmerson Merrick, Ward Keizer, Charles Boyden, Frank H. Ryan, Ina Washburn, Mary Stevenson, Beulah McKeever, Wray Curry, Walter Merrick, Edgar Jones, Carey Bonds, Harry Porter, Herbert Parker, Harry Baker, Ethel Carson, Eda Goshel, Jessie Purdy, Edith Sage, Yerna Griffin, Nina Brobeck, Lloyd Baker, Carlota Shirley, Jessie Cutting, Mary Boyd, Lane Flynn, Moll McJannet, Belle Shirley, Amy Walter, Jeannette Osmond, Nellie Evans, Margaret Kerr, Lucille Snyder, Louise Washburn, Ruby Bailey, Margaret King, Dora Brumley.
The following program was rendered:
Piano duet, Berna Roberts, Nellie Evans; chorus, "The Mellow Horn," eighth grade; invocation, Rev. G. L. Hall; oration, "Taxi," Grace Taylor; reading, "Last Speech of William McKinley," Frank Bay; piano solo, Polah Dance (Fraux Rabens), Mary Boyd; reading, "A Runaway Road," (Ralph Nichols), Mary Stevens; oration, "How Whitman Saved Oregon," Ruby Bailey; May song, girls of eighth grade; reading, "The Annexation of Cuba" (Alice C. Higgins), Wray Curry; oration, "Make haste Slowly," Ethel Ewert; piano solo, "Der Preiselutz," (Weber-Smith), Ivy Bewell; reading, "The Sign of the Cross" (Wilson-Barrett), Belle Shirley; reading, "Society and the Her," Tess Marshall; presentation of diplomas, Superintendent J. Percy Wells; violin solo, "Mazurka de Concert" (Frede Muzin), Lane Flynn.

PROBATE

Guardian George Harrison, Selby, Jennie Selby nominated guardian.
Estate C. H. Elmore; order made appointing James Rock, Warren Mee and Riley Thompson, Sr., appraisers.
Ad Helms left yesterday for Long Beach.

Let the Anti-Statement Twin's do Your Thinking for You



Mosses, Hammersley and Kubli are asking election to the legislature on an anti-statement No. 1 platform. They claim that their judgment is better than that of the people when it comes to selecting United States senators, and will refuse to vote for the popular choice, unless it happens to coincide with their own.

GREAT GAME ON SATURDAY

Business and Professional Men to Cross Bats at Local Park Decoration Day.

The big game between the professional men and the business men of Medford has been definitely decided upon for Saturday afternoon, May 30. There is considerable feeling aroused over the game, and a number of heavy wagers have been placed at the prevailing odds of 10 to 1 both ways.
Judge Colvig, who has been in training for the pitching spot for the professionals, is now down to weight and during the remainder of the week will do only such light work as is necessary to keep on edge. Standing on the home plate this morning, the judge looked a clean-cut high ball over the outfield fence and never touched a board. The judge has discovered a new curve, which he has very appropriately named the injunction shot. This remarkable ball is a cross between the split ball and the mowball curve and will be sure to make a great hit with the business men.
The professional men have been in communication with General Cooney of Coxy army fame and expect to have a full outfit of the most original uniforms ever worn on a ball field.
The lineup of the professionals follows:
Judge Colvig, pitcher; E. E. Kelly, catcher; W. I. Vanter, first base; Dr. Anthony Newman, second base; Dr. Reidy, shortstop; Dr. Page, third base; Rev. Hall, right field; Dr. Barker, left field; substitute, Rev. Shields, Dr. Pickett, Dr. Keene, Dr. Seeley, Edith Putnam, Judge Crowell, Judge Purdin, Dr. Hargrave, city engineer Osmond, H. Withington, Father Van, Dr. Ray, W. G. E. top.
Business men—Fred Williams, catcher; D. T. Lawton, pitcher; H. C. Keener, first base; H. T. Platt, second base; William Hawley, third base; Sherry Garrett, shortstop; William James, C. J. Hutchinson, J. P. Molony, holders; substitutes, F. W. Hollis, S. Richardson, C. E. Baker, T. E. Daniels, Ed Van (Lyke, W. E. Leland.
Official scorers—A. R. Miller, H. Withington.
Game called at 2:30 p. m., umpire, Judge Felm of etc.

EVELYN TRIES FOR FORTUNE

Wife of Harry K. Thaw Applies for Withdrawal of Suit to Annul Her Marriage.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw appeared before Referee Devo today and applied for a withdrawal of her suit to annul her marriage to Harry K. Thaw, who yesterday was adjudged insane by Justice Marchesaer at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The counsel gave no reason for their sudden change of attitude, but it is reported here that it is a step on the part of Evelyn to gain control of Thaw's estate.
With the withdrawal of her suit she remains the wife of an insane man, and it is reported that her counsel are preparing to bring an action in an attempt to have her appointed a committee to take charge of his person and property. In this way, it is said, her counsel hope to gain control for her of all Harry's share of the estate of William Thaw of Pittsburg, who was a multimillionaire.
It is understood that Mrs. William Thaw is hurrying to New York to confer with her counsel here and try to prevent the success of the steps her daughter-in-law has taken. One of the attorneys for the Thaw estate said today that it is an closely held under the will of Thaw by the trustees that it would be impossible for Evelyn to get any large amount.
The Thaw counsel already are preparing to oppose a motion to have Evelyn appointed one of the committee on the grounds that she is not a suitable person for such a duty.

DITCHER BEGINS OIL IS FOUND

Crowds Watch Huge Machine as it Commences to make the Dirt Fly on Riverside Avenue.

All interest this afternoon centered in the steam ditch digger which commenced actual digging about 2 o'clock at the corner of Riverside avenue and Seventh street. A large crowd stood about the huge machine, freely expressing their varying opinions, or, incidentally, skepticism or praise, as the case might be.
When it is considered that this enormous piece of machinery weighs 40 tons, represents a very great investment and takes the place of a very large gang of men, it will be understood that it is indeed a sight worth seeing.
It is claimed for this machine that fourteen or only, and is no barrier to its four feet work. This machine will dig a four-foot trench five feet wide, in a single hour accomplishing more than a gang of men would in a whole day. Of course the deeper the trench the correspondingly slower the progress. The entire work will be completed by August 1.

OIL IS FOUND ON COOS BAY

Gas in many Localities - Boring along South end of Bay Country.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 26.—Oil has been discovered on Coos bay and in many places there are strong flares of gas. Several large oil pans have been taken. Machinery with which to work the property is being shipped from San Francisco. The first oil discovered was near Bandon. The fields next to be developed are on South side.

WHEELER LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR PROHIBITION PARTY

MODESTO, Cal., May 26.—Sentiment in California is favorable to the name of Fred Wheeler as a presidential candidate of the prohibition party which continued to grow today, as delegates poured into Modesto to attend the state convention to elect delegates to the national convention to be held in Columbus, O. Indications just before the convention opened this afternoon pointed to a strong probability that the delegates will be instructed to vote for Wheeler in the national convention in the hope of his nomination.

MEMBER OF DREADED 'TONGS' IN WAIT FOR HIS VICTIMS

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 26.—According to the reports from several of the Chinese employed by the Pacific American fisheries in Bellingham, Bellingham, a San Francisco Chinaman, is now in the city and is leaving for I. J. Wing Wash, the Chinaman who recently killed a Chinese girl in the Sumas detention home. This man belongs to one of the most dreaded San Francisco gangs, and is said to be working in the district with the intention of doing up Wing Wash's karm as soon as the opportunity affords itself.

CRITICIZES EDUCATION OF FILIPINOS AT WEST POINT

WASHINGTON, May 26.—During the course of a debate in the House over the adoption of the restrictive report on the military academy bill introduced by Senator of Texas today, Representative the members of the senate and the congressional delegates who supported the bill authorizing the placement of four Filipinos at West Point.

REAR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE LAND FROM S. P.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—D. H. Townsend, special attorney in the department of justice, started today for Portland, Ore., to start legal proceedings on behalf of the government to take from the Southern Pacific railroad land in western Oregon and to be used as a military reservation. Townsend will try to institute a decree which will prevent the grant and remove the lands in the public domain. The old Southern Pacific railroad and portions of the present main line are on the ground that it would prevent the construction of military reservations. Although roads were built, the government claims that they were built for the benefit of the land grant failed to enter into other parts of the obligation.

HUNDRED LOSE LIFE IN FLOOD

Ten Thousand Homeless in Texas--Deluge Continues---Trinity River Breaks all Records.

DALLAS, Tex., May 26.—As the hours pass the horrors of the flood strike district increase, and now it is believed that when the complete list of the dead at length are compiled it will be shown that at least 100 lives have been lost. It is estimated that 10,000 people are homeless, having been driven from their homes by the raging waters. The property loss is estimated to be at least \$25,000,000 over the entire stricken district.

At noon today 14 bodies have been recovered in this city and vicinity. Hundreds are missing and unaccounted for by their relatives, who have been searching in boats all the places of refuge without success.
The Trinity river has surpassed all records. Last night it was believed that the crest of the flood had been reached here, but more rains in the north have sent the waters down with increased fury and today the floods were greater than yesterday and continually increasing.
Business is suspended and Mayor Day has organized a relief aid corps, the members of which have been doing heroic work. It is believed that many who refused to move out of their homes in the bottoms last night, because they believed the flood had passed, were lost when the water broke up the places.

ANNA GOULD SAYS SHE WILL MARRY DE SAGAN

PARIS, May 27.—Madame Anna Gould will be married to Prince Hell de Sagan here June 14, according to the announcement made by Maître Cahard, Madame Gould's attorney, who is at work on the wedding contract today. The wedding will be celebrated by a civil ceremony and the ceremony of the Protestant church. The contract is to be that known as the "separation of property law," under which the prince will not get half of the money, which his cousin and professor, Count Bond, expended so freely. There is little doubt, however, that Anna has agreed to provide well for her partner. The contract provides that neither party to the wedding is to inherit from the other except by specific testimony in a will.

ARBITRATION NEGOTIATIONS IN CLEVELAND PROGRESS SLOWLY

CLEVELAND, May 26.—Arbitration is a matter of settling the differences between the officers of the Municipal Traction company and the streetcar men's union provided a setback today, when it was found that an incomplete audit of the railroad on the proposed audit to arbitrate the seniority rights of the union men shows that the question has undoubtedly been agreed upon. President Duggan of the streetcar company declared after the announcement of the probable result of the vote and before the arbitration proposition will be abandoned, and that it would then set up to the strikers.

CORTHOLO SEEKING TO BE TAFT'S RUNNING MATE

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Will to be named after the friends of Secretary Corttholo are looking him for the position of running mate. One of the best arguments being used in his favor is that he would help the ticket in New York state. The admission is made in Washington that Fairbanks would be the strongest candidate for second place, but at the same time it is pointed out that there is a strong argument that Corttholo is better.

It is the purpose of the Secretary's friends to develop this sentiment under the surface and make it appear by the open air that it will insure his nomination in the republican national convention.

Georgia Harper.

George Harper, who will open a bank's suggestion at the Medford opera house Monday, June 1, will be remembered by having presented to the headquarters of the city one of the best performers who ever visited our city and will return this evening with a much stronger supporting company and a much more pleasing repertoire of plays.