

YOUNG MEN LEAD PARTIES

Old-Timers Resent Selection of Ollie James and Frank Hitchcock

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The old politicians in Washington, with the glory of many campaign fights upon them, are more than vexed at the call being given young men in the choice of leaders for the approaching presidential contest. It is awful, they think. The probability of the selection of Ollie James, the big Kentucky congressman, to manage the campaign for William Jennings Bryan has added to their irritation over the selection of Frank H. Hitchcock as chairman of the Republican national committee. Old men do not have a chance these days, they say.

Little More Than Kids.
They point out that James is but little more than a kid. The truth is that he would be the youngest campaign manager ever selected by a big political party. He is only 37 years old, but, due to the uncertainty of Democratic victory in Kentucky, he has had a finger in nearly every political campaign in that state since he appeared on the terrestrial scene, and during the last few presidential contests he has made a reputation for himself in a subordinate capacity. They enlist their followers in their babyhood in the Blue Grass state and the result is the production of a precocious politician, when the subject can stand the strain.

Friends of James are fond of referring to his congressional career. He is now serving his third term, and at the last election a Republican could not be found to run against him. As a result he had 10,000 majority out of 14,000 votes cast, some 2,000 voting for the prohibition candidate. Incidentally, it is noted that James has never been a drawing card among the prohibitionists, although the Kentuckian has grasped every opportunity in congress to talk for prohibition.

James' Rapid Rise.
The brilliancy of James is pointed out by his rapid rise from page of the Kentuckian legislature in the session of 1887 to his present position. In that year Ben Johnson was speaker of the house. Yet James had been in congress for two sessions before Johnson rose to the height of commanding a seat in the lower house of the national law-making body.

James won attention as one of the attorneys for Governor Goebel in his celebrated contest for governor of the state of Kentucky, just before his assassination at the state house. Hitchcock is several years older than James, yet Hitchcock, at 41, is counted a young man. They are opposite types. Calm, reserved and not the least talkative, Hitchcock stands out in contrast with the fuss and feathers, rudeness and talkativeness of the Kentuckian. But the latter has been able to deliver the goods quite as successfully as the Republican chairman.

ALL FRUIT BOXES MUST CARRY GROWER'S NAME

A drastic law enacted in 1907 is of much interest to persons who grow or sell fruit. Under the provisions of this law, every person, firm, association or corporation engaged in growing, packing or selling green fruits in Oregon is required to mark, stamp or label plainly on the outside of every box or package when packed the name and address of the packer, and if the packer is not the grower, the name and address of the grower as well as the name of the packer must appear prominently upon the box or package. It is made unlawful for any merchant, shipper or vendor to represent that any green fruits were raised, produced or grown by any other person than the one who actually raised them or that they were raised or grown in any other place or locality than that in which they were actually grown. Any violation of this law is punishable by fine or imprisonment or both and the possession for the purposes of sale of any falsely or illegally marked box or package is made prima facie evidence that the person having such illegally marked box or package is the violator of the law. All persons are warned to conform with the provisions of this law.

FOREST RANGE ASSIGNED STOCKMEN IN SISKIYOU

Some time ago a meeting of the cattlemen and the sheepmen using the range now included in portions of the Ashland and Siskiyou national forests southwest from Ashland met with forest officials and agreed upon an amicable division of the range for the present season that there would be no conflict in territory and a committee consisting of Arthur Kleinhammer and Wells Benson on behalf of the cattlemen and J. S. Herrin to represent the sheep interests was appointed to run out the lines of the range. This committee and with Ira Tungate, ranger of the forest service, last week completed its work. Both cattlemen and sheepmen are reported as well satisfied with the allotments made.—Tidings.

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"We have been asked frequently why we keep our husband on the blacklist in the Emporia Times. Now, ordinarily, what we do with our husband is our own business. And it would seem in all fairness that if we put up with this man morning, noon and night we shouldn't have to be putting him in the paper all the time. We and our husband, like all married people, have our agreements and our disagreements. We agree on literature, religion, art, the nebular hypothesis, the proper method of poking the fire, the value of breakfast food as a brain builder, paving, municipal ownership and the facts in the Guinness case. But we disagree on politics. We think our husband has a good deal of sense—for a mere man—on lots of subjects; but on politics he doesn't know much. He is a republican—a black republican, and as such has no claims on us either as a moulder of public opinion, as a fellow citizen, or as a wife. We will cook for our husband, we will darn and brush for him, and keep him up—as our husband. But as an office-holder of a vile, venal and corrupt organization, an emissary of Wall street and as an oppressor of the poor, our husband has only our unspeakable contempt. He should thank his lucky stars that we do keep his name out of the Times.

Could Defeat Him Easily.

"We know enough of our husband, should he attempt to press this matter too far, to make his vote in this election little more than scattering. But up to the present we have said nothing. We have believed that our duty as a wife had some claims on our duty as an editor. But a word to wise should be sufficient, and if our husband has learned a lick of sense from past experience with us, he will take a grand immortal tumble to himself and call off his dogs. This newspaper is a free and untrammelled organ of special privileges to none and equal rights to all, and if our husband thinks he belongs to the privileged classes he is mighty badly fooled.

"We think a good bit of our husband, first and last, and in one way and another, but we will permit no foolishness from this republican county surveyor. He is a bad lot, and we withhold certain matters in this affair, on account of the respectability of the parties concerned."—Ea.

PINAFORE BETTER ON SECOND PERFORMANCE

The second presentation of "Pinafore" as given in Ashland Monday night was one of the most enjoyable performances ever witnessed in the Granite City. The faulty rendition by Mr. Patrick as admiral, which marred the first evening's presentation, was more than atoned for by the excellent production of the part by Dr. Heritage, whose artistic performance, excellent acting and fine singing won great applause.

In every respect the second rendition of the opera surpassed its first production, and it is a shame that a larger audience did not enjoy the rare treat. Less than half the number of people were present than heard the opera in its first production. The other parts were well rendered under the direction of M. E. Robinson, who was responsible for the success of the production.

President Billings and other of the Chautauqua staff are the recipients of many congratulations over the very successful program rendered at this summer session, of which "Pinafore" was the culminating event of the Chautauqua season. The opera was produced by home talent under Professor Robinson's direction. Dr. R. A. Heritage, dean of the college of music of the Willamette university, made a great hit as "Admiral of the Queen's Navy" and his powerful basso added much to the evening's success. He formerly sang in "Pinafore" when the opera was first produced. C. M. Hadley took the part of Captain Corcoran, Ralph Backstrom was played by G. B. Edginton. Dick Dandeye was portrayed by E. J. Englehart. N. J. Reasoner took the boatswain part.

GRANT BILL BIGGEST EVER FILED ON COAST

The bill in equity against the Oregon & California railroad which is to be filed by the United States in the land grant question involving possession of more than 2,000,000 acres of land will be the largest bill of the kind ever filed on the Pacific coast and one of the most voluminous ever drawn up in the country. The bill is now in the hands of the printer.

The details of the suit as set forth in the bill will cover approximately 75,000 words. This includes exhibits of which there are quite a number.

B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the attorney general, has been at work on the bill several months. It is expected that the bill will be filed possibly within the next four or five weeks.

AIR SHIPS TO BE TRIED

Aeronauts and Army Officers to Experiment With Balloons at Fort Meyer

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Aeronauts and army officers who look to them to develop the art of war in the fourth medium—the airship—are beginning to center their attention upon Fort Meyer, near Washington, where the army signal corps is soon to determine by actual experiment what part aerial maneuvers can be made to play in the American game of warfare.

Captain Baldwin's dirigible balloon, which he has built according to army specifications, has been shipped and is being assembled. In a few days it will be put through the paces prescribed by the signal corps. It is not built on so large a scale as the Zeppelin dirigible, but it is expected to establish a record for air craft. Yet the trials, if successful, will be important as marking the beginning of a period of development of air navigation by the army.

Next month the Herring and Wright aeroplanes will be tried out under the most exacting conditions. These trial flights are expected to be the longest attained, the specifications calling for a machine that will remain in the air for an hour. The trials will also be the first notable public demonstration of the Wright machine, who has been the great mystery of the aeronautic world.

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