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Fair weather is promised for tonight and Tuesday; northerly winds.

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LIGHT VOTE CAST ON FRANCHISE

Lack of Interest Was the Dominant Feature of the Election on the Trolley Line

The dominant feature of today's election on the matter of granting a franchise to F. J. Blakeley for a trolley line within the corporate limits of the city of Medford was lack of interest. But little electioneering was done, the polls for the most part being void of voters.

STEEL MAGNATE VISITS WORKS AS WORKINGMAN

BETHLEHEM, Pa., August 31.—The employees of the Bethlehem steel works are today shaking in their boots awaiting the outcome of a little visit paid to the works by Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate, last week.

Schwab and his party had visited the works and made a tour and gone away. Schwab announced that he was satisfied and would return to New York. They went to his hotel, dressed as a workman, and went back to the works.

GRAYS HARBOR HOST TO COAST LUMBERMEN

ABERDEEN, Wash., August 31.—The meeting of the Pacific Coast Manufacturers' association now in session on Grays Harbor is the biggest success in the history of the organization.

P. E. Clendening of New York city, who has spent the last five weeks fishing on the Rogue, returned to Medford this morning and leaves this evening for Portland. Mr. Clendening has fished in most of the trout streams throughout the United States, but says that the sport here beats them all.

H. L. Wolff and wife of Oakland, Calif., have spent the last six weeks at their camp at Trail enjoying abundant fishing in the Rogue.

W. T. Backus, a prominent hardware merchant of Portland, arrived here yesterday to take a few weeks' outing fishing.

Jennings Sutor, dramatic critic of the Portland Journal, and James Howe, also of the Journal staff, leave today for a two weeks' hunting trip to Crater lake, all prepared for big game, and to enjoy the fine fishing in the mountain streams. They came here as the guests of Edgar Hafer, who expects to join the party later.

M. D. Fisher and his family visited with relatives living at Phoenix Sunday afternoon.

Miss C. S. Banks from Detroit, Mich., is in Medford preparing to open ladies' dressmaking parlors in Haskins' block after September 14.

LOST—Silver watch, Illinois movement, on Tenth or Eleventh street, West Side. Leave at Tribune office and receive reward.

At the Bijou. "The Girl Nihilist," will be the leading feature of the program tonight. A beautiful young girl gets into serious difficulty with the Russian police. A second film, "The Accuser," is a strong melodrama and is well worth seeing. The comic, "Professor Bric-a-Brac's Invention," is full of funny situations. This is one of the best bills in some time. Mr. Clyde will render one of his popular illustrated songs.

WILL NOT EXTEND OPTION

Dick Slinger Says That He Will Not Lengthen the Time of the Option on His Ranch

The option on the Slinger ranch held by the water committee will expire tonight at midnight, and as far as can be learned today no action of any kind has been taken or is contemplated by the water committee regarding it.

Dick Slinger is in town today, and he states that unless the proposition is taken up the committee will no longer have the right to purchase his property at \$7500 in their control, as he refuses to extend the time.

It is reported that the water committee favor taking up Mr. Hanley's proposition and allowing Mr. Hanley to supplement the water from Wasson canyon with water from the Slinger ranch. In this case Mr. Hanley would have to purchase the water from Mr. Slinger and construct the canal in order to get it to Wasson canyon. The committee would in this way pass the matter up to Mr. Hanley.

To Send Out Engineers

W. I. Vawter is making arrangements to send an engineer over the route to be followed provided water is obtained from Big Butte for the purpose of collecting the necessary data with which to make a full report to the water committee of the proposition. This report is to cover in detail as far as possible all points connected with the proposition. The committee will make a decision in the matter after they have looked thoroughly into it.

BOTH CAMPAIGN FUNDS ARE EXCEEDINGLY LOW

CHICAGO, August 31.—There is an aching void in the campaign coffers of both the republican and democratic parties, according to political gossip today in the two big camps and the leaders are beginning to knit their brows over the outlook. Both campaigns thus far have been conducted on an extremely conservative financial basis, the managers being hopeful all along that the conditions would improve and money be forthcoming when the executive committee got together and the excitement of the contest began to spread through the country. But something seems to have dampened the ardor of the supporters of both parties who in former years contributed liberally, and there seems no prospect of loosening of the purse strings. Furthermore, the wealthy corporations are out of it, forbidden to lend their aid, which makes the prospect more sombre still.

Up to this time the democratic national committee has taken in about \$25,000, which, added to the balance of \$60,000 left over from the Denver convention fund, amounts to a total of \$85,000 with which to pay the expenses of a \$500,000 campaign.

The republican managers have on hand a small but comfortable sum, contributed mostly by Charles P. Taft, but it is much less than is usually in the treasury at this stage of the game and there is little more in sight.

WRIGHT BROKE AMERICAN RECORD FOR AEROPLANE

LEMANS, France, August 31.—After a wonderful flight lasting 56 minutes over the military course at Avours today, Wilbur Wright of Dayton, O., was forced to bring his aeroplane to the ground on account of a slight accident.

The flight was the longest ever attempted in France and was one of the most remarkable ever made. For just four minutes less than an hour the great biplane machine dipped and glided gracefully through the air, under perfect control of the aeronaut.

The machine seemed to have attained perfection, the flight was easy and was under such perfect control Wright made sudden turns and changed his altitude from time to time, swooping and shifting his course with ease and grace.

The flight was the greatest the aeronauts of this country ever saw and the enthusiasm over the American is greater than ever before. The accident was of little consequence and Wright announced that he will resume his flights this evening.

APPLE RATE TO REMAIN THE SAME

Change Made Applies Only to Points That Are East of the Cascade Mountains

No change is to be made in the freight rate on apples to the east from any point in the state of Oregon served by the Southern Pacific. Such was the positive statement made by District Freight Agent C. A. Malibouf, who arrived in this city Monday morning on one of his regular trips along the line. The rate that will be in force this fall is exactly the same as that of last year, and no change is contemplated. The rates from this section are the same as those that apply from California points.

The change which has been made applies only from Portland and east of the Cascade mountains. The rate in force there has been raised to what it formerly was before an emergency rate was granted for a few years, so that the large crops of that section could be placed on the market in the Missouri and Mississippi valley points in competition with heavy crops there. It was the raising of the rate on this fruit to its former standard, justified by the present conditions, that has caused apple-growers of this section much uneasiness of late.

The Present Rate.

At the present time Medford has a rate of \$1 an apples shipped to New York, or \$300 a car. Thus the Southern Pacific hauls 74,000 pounds to New York—the cars weighing 44,000 pounds—a distance of 3600 miles, at about 4 mills a pound. The Southern Pacific has always given Medford a low rate and in many ways has encouraged the industry in this place.

Mr. Malibouf furnishes some very interesting figures in regard to the apple industry in the United States. The production for the past 13 years has averaged 295,627 cars. Last year Medford produced about 200 cars or about 10 per cent of the entire output in the United States. This was done with 2500 acres of fruit in bearing. In five years' time there will be 50,000 acres of apples in bearing in the country, which will increase the output to 4000 cars, or 100 per cent of the entire output.

MRS. ROBERT G. INGERSOLL WOULD SEE HUSBAND'S SPIRIT

NEW YORK, August 31.—The widow of the late Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll today admitted that she hopes to hear from his spirit and that she is making efforts to communicate with the departed agonist through spiritualistic mediums.

Mrs. Ingersoll denies that she has been converted to spiritualism or that she believes in spirits, but says that if any spirits exist, her husband exists, and wants to find out what she is doing. She says that she is going to aid the spirit! all she can.

It is known that several spiritualistic mediums have importuned Mrs. Ingersoll to allow them to communicate with the spirit of her departed husband, and that several have professed to have received communications from the dead man.

Mrs. Ingersoll brands these mediums as fakes, but says that her mind is open to conviction as to the existence of spirits. She says that if she were sure that her husband's spirit is waiting for her on the other side she would not care to live longer.

Judge E. B. Watson of Portland and Henry D. Waddell of Applegate have returned from a hunting and fishing expedition to Squaw lake district. They were reasonably successful.

FARMERS FIGHTING FOR HOMES

The Redwood Timber Land Near Santa Cruz Is the Scene of Raging Forest Fire

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., August 31.—Over 100 acres of valuable redwood saw timber land has been burned over already today by the fire that is raging in Blackburn gulch. Hundreds of farmers are fighting to keep the fire away from the homes. The fire is rapidly progressing toward La Ve appark, where some of the big redwoods grow.

The fire was started by the burning of a barn on the Trovethau ranch. The flames spread to the trees and dry ground and grass of the forest has been burned over the John Walsh ranch, a part of the Grandall's summer resort, the Mungia ranch and Dr. Holmquist's ranch.

Fire fighters at the Grandall place saved the buildings and the Holmquist ranch buildings were saved only after a hard fight.

HARRIMAN IN THE MARKET FOR 7000 FREIGHT CARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 31.—Harriman is in the market for 7000 cars, mostly freight cars. Some of the new equipment will be cars for construction purposes on new branch lines. There will also be 100 passenger cars. The new equipment will be divided among the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and the O. R. & N. Harriman's four big lines in the west.

This decision was reached at a conference at Klamath lake last Thursday, where Harriman is spending his vacation and where he is holding conferences with most of the leading officials of the so-called Harriman system. When it is remembered that an order for a large number of cars means orders and specifications for steel, steel castings, bar iron, malleable iron castings, railroads specialties of various kinds, car wheels, lumber and a large variety of other material, it will readily be appreciated that this business affects a great many interests scattered throughout the country.

Mr. Harriman is representing there is going to be a big improvement in business all over the country in a few months, because of the large crops. He is in close touch with all reports from the agricultural districts, and from the industries and merchants dependent upon the farmers.

A few days ago he was in receipt of a letter to the effect that this year's crop would amount to fully 2,600,000 bushels, as against 2,500,000 for 1907, and that the wheat crop would amount to 675,000,000 bushels, as compared with 634,000,000 bushels last year.

Friends who have recently talked with Harriman at his summer retreat say he expresses the opinion that the first half of 1908 demonstrated that the country is in a very different condition from that following any previous financial panic. During its years of prosperity it has accumulated actual wealth. The enormous investments of the last ten years have been more promptly productive than those of any previous period of expansion.

ROCKEFELLER'S SON TO USE PICK AND SHOVEL

NEW YORK, August 31.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is today practicing with a pick and shovel preparatory to putting them into use tomorrow. The "oil king's" family has not been hit by a financial panic, but he is simply preparing for the emergency of breaking the ground for the erection of the main hospital building and isolation ward at the Rockefeller institute for medical research.

Plans for the new hospital were filed last week and the work will be begun on it immediately. It is to cost about \$400,000. The building will have seven stories, with a brick and Indiana limestone front. The isolation wards will be in a two-story building connected with the main building by steel bridges.

TOLEDO WELCOMES G. A. R.

The Old Boys in Blue Are Shaking Hands Again--But Little Indication of Politics

TOLEDO, O., August 31.—Hundreds of members of the Grand Army of the Republic are arriving here today on every train and there are many indications that the national encampment which begins officially tomorrow will be the biggest of recent years. Today was spent mainly in exchange of greetings and inspection of the headquarters.

Commander-in-Chief Charles Barton of Missouri has taken up his quarters at the Budy house, which is decorated with the Stars and Stripes and thronged with grizzled old boys in blue, who are shaking hands again. There is not much indication of politics, but a number of candidates for the offices of commander-in-chief have been mentioned.

Followers of Both Parties.

The city is given over to the veterans, and bunting and gala decorations everywhere proclaim Toledo's welcome to the old soldiers. Every now and then in the decorations a picture of Taft or Bryan is seen, and each seems to have followers among the veterans. It was announced at headquarters that an effort would be made to keep any reference to the presidential campaign out of the sessions of the G. A. R., as it is feared the incident based upon Taft's speech at Grant's tomb, in which he referred to General Grant's drinking, might be revived and cause "unnecessary unpleasantness." It was reported that the democrats had been arranged to bring the matter before the Grand Army with a view to making an effort to have resolutions adopted condemning Taft. It is not believed any such effort, if made, will be checked by the leaders.

Will Dedicate a Fort.

The formal welcome will be extended by the state and city officials, the main feature of which will be the dedication of Fort Meigs, Wednesday the great parade will take place, and Thursday and Friday will be given over to sessions of the G. A. R.

The following affiliated organizations also meet here this week: The Sons of Veterans, the Daughters of the Veterans, The Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army, the National Association of Ex-Prisoners of War, the National Association of the Army Nurses of the Civil War and the Women's Patriotic Press association.

GOVERNMENT TO SELL ALL OUT-OF-DATE ORDNANCE

WASHINGTON, August 31.—September 8 will be cleaning day in the various arsenals throughout the United States, according to orders issued by the war department. On that day all the old-fashioned and out-of-date ordnance material on hand will be offered for sale. A catalogue which is being issued includes all kinds of war machines, Lowell and Hotchkiss rapid fire guns, loads of shells, shrapnel and canister, 150,000 smokeless powder rifle cartridges and a carload of Springfield rifles form part of the material to be sold.

It is anticipated that there will be a sale for the munitions to dealers who speculate on them for disposal to the warlike South American republics. In previous years these dealers have purchased from the United States ammunition and guns for almost nothing and sold them at advances that netted small fortunes.

HAS NEW PLAN TO EXTERMINATE COYOTES

James Kershaw, who lives on Antelope creek, has found a new way of ridding the country of coyotes. He takes an apple, cuts a hole in it to the core and puts in a goodly amount of arsenic, which he allows to dissolve in the juice of the apple. Replacing the apple, he places it where the coyotes rove, and claims it will destroy them as fast as they can cross the apples. Strachinsky will not prove successful, as the coyote can smell it and consequently snuff the poison. Mr. Kershaw has a large band of goats—about 400—on his ranch, and has ridged his section of the country by means of this simple ruse.

HOLLAND MAY WAR ON CASTRO

Government Has Gone Too Far to Gracefully Recede--The Finances Are Troublesome

THE HAGUE, August 31.—The whole population of Holland is today town with the question: "Should there be war with Venezuela?" The last note from Jose da' Jesus Paul, the Venezuelan minister, wholly unconciliatory in its tone, has awakened the Netherlands to the fact that a serious job awaits her in the Caribbean and today the people are asking if diplomacy has not gone astray and the Dutch cabinet plunged the country into a most dangerous conflict.

The people realize that the government has gone too far to recede gracefully and that unless Castro recedes from his position the Netherlands will be put to an enormous expense in attempting a blockade of Venezuelan ports and possibly involved in a struggle out of which it will emerge penniless and with national prestige dimmed.

Hope Castro Will Yield.

The great majority of people cling to the hope that Castro will still yield. They realize that the limited resources of Holland make a struggle with a country thousands of miles away a precarious undertaking.

The socialists are making the most of the situation and declaiming against war. A blockade of the Venezuelan ports, without actual war, would be an expensive thing and the Dutch are wondering what would happen if Castro should develop better staying qualities than they look for.

Meanwhile the ministry hopes that France can be induced to join Holland in the disciplining of Castro. It is thought that the recent fine of \$5,000,000 imposed on the French Cable company by the supreme court of Venezuela will induce the French government to reopen the case against Castro.

EMPEROR FITTING UP PALACE FOR ACTRESS

VIENNA, August 31.—The palace of the Arch Duke Louis Victor, younger brother of Emperor Franz Joseph, is being remodeled today for Mme. Catharine Schratz, the actress to whom the emperor has been devoted for years. The emperor took the palace away from his younger brother and banished him from court because of immorality.

The palace, which is situated on the Schwarzenberg Platz, is the finest in Vienna with the exception of the emperor's palace. It is worth several million dollars.

After it is remodeled Mme. Schratz will set up a sort of second court, her influence giving her tremendous power, not over Vienna, but in European national affairs.

FORAKER AND KNIGHT WILL STUMP ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., August 31.—Senator Foraker of Ohio and George A. Knight of San Francisco will be brought to Arizona to stump the territory in behalf of Ralph H. Cameron of Flagstaff, candidate for delegate to congress, according to plans made today by republicans here.

Chairman J. P. Dillon has not yet definitely announced his plan of campaign for the democratic nominee. Mark Smith, other than stating it will be the most systematic that Smith has ever made during his political career in Arizona. Every precinct in every county will be canvassed.

CHAIRMAN HITCHCOCK CONFERRING WITH LEADERS

CHICAGO, August 31.—Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the national republican committee, arrived here today from the east and went directly to the national headquarters. The leaders are holding a conference, the nature of which is not given.

It is supposed that an answer to the democratic charge of complicity with corporations will be made. Hitchcock declined to discuss the recent publications from the democratic headquarters.

JOHNSON GREETES THE COMMONER

Tremendous Crowd Hears Bryan Speak on Republican Extravagance--Off to North Dakota

ST. PAUL, Minn., August 31.—Governor John A. Johnson met William J. Bryan at the railroad station when the Nebraskan arrived here today to speak before the State Fair association.

The greeting between the two democratic leaders was most cordial and the democrats of the state are delighted at the harmonious feeling, because they think with Bryan and Johnson working together in close co-operation the state will be carried for the ticket.

A big crowd gathered to see Bryan and he was given an ovation when he stepped from the train. Accompanied by Governor Johnson and the local reception committee, he was driven to the Minnesota club, where breakfast was served, with Bryan as the guest of honor.

Holds Conference.

After breakfast Bryan held a conference at the hotel with leaders from various parts of the state, at which the campaign plans were outlined. At noon Bryan paid a visit to the state central committee headquarters and there, in response to a general demand, made a short address, in which he predicted victory for the democratic ticket in the state and national campaign, and spoke optimistically of the outlook. Governor Johnson also was called on and he spoke of victory and made a strong appeal for the support of the entire state, urging the voters to stand together.

This afternoon Bryan held a general reception at the hotel, at which hundreds of citizens greeted him. He will leave here tonight for Grand Forks, N. D., where he will speak tomorrow.

Was Greeted by Large Crowd.

Bryan was greeted by a tremendous crowd at the state fair grounds this afternoon, and thousands cheered his address. His speech was devoted mainly to "republican extravagance in the administration of government." He said that extravagance is particularly noticeable in the army and navy.

"The imperialistic policy for which the republicans are responsible is the expense for the enormous, increasing drain upon the taxpayers," said Bryan. "The reason the republicans are more extravagant than the democrats is because the leaders are intimately associated with the taxcoaters. Also republican leaders have taught the lesson that money is an almighty god."

"It is not strange that people who consider taxation a blessing should be inclined to make that blessing as large as possible."

WELL KNOWN CLUBMAN PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 31.—The local chapter of the Elks and the Bohemian club are today planning for the funeral of Irvin F. Smith, secretary of the board of prison directors, who died suddenly at the Hotel Navarro under peculiar circumstances. It is thought that heart disease with which Smith had suffered for years was the cause of his death, but no physician was in attendance and the coroner is looking into the case.

Smith had been secretary of the prison for the past 21 years. He was a scruple and compelled to go about on crutches. He had many friends among the inmates, and at both Folsom and San Quentin was revered by all who knew him.

He had come to this city on business and taken a room in the hotel and was found dead yesterday morning.

TWO DIE FROM GAS IN FASHIONABLE OUTHOUSE

SEATTLE, Wash., August 31.—Harry Long, chief caretaker of the fashionable Seattle Tennis clubhouse, and an assistant are dead today, having fallen victims of gas while sleeping in the club.

Both men were found in the same room late yesterday while gas was escaping from a gas plate freely in the same room. Long was dead, but his assistant, whose name has not been learned, was still living. He died, however, on the way to the hospital.