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VERMONT FORCAST IS FOR BRYAN

Low Republican Plurality Indicate Democratic Success at the Polls Next November

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 2.—William Jennings Bryan said today that he did not know how the republican victory in Vermont could be considered a barometer of the coming national election. "Personally, I cannot see how it could be," said Bryan, "for the presidential campaign is just only fairly begun, and no one could answer that question now."

Bryan declined to discuss the showing made by the independence party in the Vermont election. He left at 10 o'clock this morning for Sioux City, where he is to speak to night.

It is simply a question of majorities. The republican plurality was over 10,000 below the average for September elections on presidential years, except in 1884 and 1892, when it was less than 25,000. In these a democrat was elected president of the United States. A feature of yesterday's election was the showing made by the independence party, which polled 1100 votes, beating the prohibitionists.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 2.—The primary returns, coming in slowly from the state at noon today, indicate that former Congressman A. C. Shallenberger has won the democratic nomination for governor of Nebraska. Mayor James C. Dahlman still hopes for victory, basing his optimism on the delay in reports from western counties. The general opinion, however, is that Shallenberger is the victor, Mayor Dahlman said at a news conference.

It was a good fight, anyway—what ever the result—although I would rather have had all the ends on the table. The deck was stacked by someone. I will take the stump for Bryan now. I am not down and out yet by any means. Dahlman claims Douglas county by 5000, on which he based high hopes of winning.

GIANTS OF THE FOREST ARE BURNED

Fire Raging on the Edge of the Big Trees in Calaveras County--Hotel Is Nearly Burned

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 2.—According to a special dispatch to the Record this morning from S. M. Murphy's Calaveras county, the big forest fire which broke out in the mountains Monday afternoon is now burning on the edge of the big trees. Last night the fire burned up to within 200 yards of the famous Big Trees hotel. The resort was saved by backfiring.

Forest Grans Burned. From the hotel the fire swept north about a mile and then back to Tarrington, more generally known as the old Carriers station. An area ten miles square has been burned over and considerable heavy timber has been destroyed. Several of the forest giants in the grove are reported to have been burned out, but it is impossible at this time to give an accurate detail.

The fire was started by a spark from one of the reaction engines hauling logs to Manuel's sawmill Monday afternoon.

DR. RAY AND FAMILY INJURED IN RUNAWAY. Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Ray and family returned Wednesday via Klamath Falls from Crater Lake, where they sustained serious injuries in a runaway accident Saturday afternoon. The entire family and the driver were thrown from the wagon. Miss Mabel Ray sustained a fracture of the jaw, Mrs. Ray's arm was injured, the doctor's face cut, and all, including the boys, were badly bruised.

The accident happened as the party was returning from a visit to the lake. A tug became loose while driving down the grade above Whiskey creek, the horses became frightened and dashed wildly down, overturning the wagon, and spilling the occupants and completely smashing the vehicle. An automobilist, who came along shortly after, took the party to Steel's camp, where a conveyance was obtained and the injured taken to Klamath Falls for treatment. A severe hailstorm was prevailing at the time. Miss Ray's injuries were very painful and prevented the party's return via wagon.

COUNCILMEN LEAVE TO AVOID VOTING ON STERLING OFFER

CHIEF WANTS LARGER FORCE

Shearer Reports It is Impossible to Properly Protect City at Present

The chief of police in his monthly report submitted to the council at its regular meeting Tuesday evening asked to have the present police force increased in order to give the city better police protection. He reported 15 arrests during the month of August. Nine fines were imposed, which netted the city \$37. The chief asked to have a committee of the council meet with him and the matter was referred to the street committee for discussion.

Sewer Work Completed. The city engineer reported that 9578 square feet of concrete sidewalk had been laid during August and that the curb and sidewalk work called for in the contract held by the Warren Construction company had been completed. In sewer district No. 6 9000 feet of 6, 8 and 10-inch sewer pipe has been laid. The contract held by the Jacobsen-Rade company has been completed with the exception of the manholes. The engineer approved the petition for an eight-inch sewer on Eleventh street from Mistletoe to Oakdale avenues, a six-inch sewer on Grape street from Eighth to Ninth streets, an eight-inch sewer on Grape street from Ninth to Twelfth streets, a six-inch sewer on Halley from Eighth to Ninth, a six-inch sewer on Mistletoe from Eighth to Tenth, a six-inch sewer on King street from Eighth to Tenth.

Plans were submitted together with all specifications and estimates of cost for the trunk sewer on Riverside avenue from Ninth street to the north corporation boundary, thence to Bear creek.

New Superintendent. M. M. Gault was appointed superintendent of the city water works to take the place of F. H. Farrar, resigned. The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the council: Whereas, F. H. Farrar, in his capacity of superintendent of the city water plant, has throughout his employment in that capacity been uniformly conscientious, thorough and capable, and has devoted his best energies and efforts for the welfare of the city. Therefore, be it Resolved, That the city council of the city of Medford by this resolution desire to express their appreciation of the able and conscientious services rendered by F. H. Farrar throughout his employment by the city. Fawcett Resigned. E. C. Fawcett tendered his resignation to the council as night watchman, and Mr. Cole was appointed. Mr. Fawcett stated in his letter of resignation that the council had stated that a raise in salary would be granted to the "right man" after serving four months and failing to get an increase, he came to the conclusion he was not the "right man," and therefore tendered his resignation.

W. J. Frosenberg was an applicant for the position, but failed to receive the appointment. Old Stairways Dangerous. The fire chief reported that a number of the stairways in the rear of business blocks were in a most dangerous condition. In case of fire the firemen would risk much by using these stairways. The matter was referred to the building committee and new stairways will probably be ordered in. The driver of the fire team refusing to do the janitor work in the city hall, the recorder was authorized to employ a janitor at a cost to the city of not more than \$10 a month. Minor Business. A number of petitions for sidewalks, water and sewer mains were referred to the city engineer. Waschau & Neidler were granted a liquor license. William Duggan asked for damages from the city, having been injured while in their employ. The claim was referred to the city attorney and the finance committee. An ordinance providing for the appointment of an inspector of electrical wiring in the city was adopted. The city attorney and sewer committee were ordered to attend to the appointment of the sewer assessments in district No. 5. The sewer committee was authorized to procure a right of way for new sewer trunk from L. E. Hoover and C. M. Parker. Carter Davidson, the well known miner, who is located in Ashland, spent a few hours in Medford Monday.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE HANLEY DEAL TURNED DOWN

Water Situation Aired at Council Meeting--Merrick, Wortman and Trowbridge Leave Council Chamber, Thus Forcing an Adjournment.

A heated discussion of the water question by the city council came to an abrupt close Tuesday evening, when, following the rejection of a resolution offered by councilman Merrick to close the deal for the Hanley ranch, Councilmen Merrick, Wortman and Trowbridge left their seats in the council chamber, donned their hats and departed, leaving the council without a quorum. A previous resolution offered by Councilman Eifert to accept the proposition offered by the Sterling Mine company was left unacted upon. It was presumably to leave voting on this resolution to the three left.

Councilman Eifert, after prefacing his resolution with a few remarks regarding the evident inability of the water committee to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion regarding the water proposition, offered the following for action: Resolved, That the city council of the city of Medford, Or., do hereby accept the proposition of the Sterling Mining company to supply of 500 inches of water to said city of Medford, to be delivered at said city, according to the proposition submitted to said city council at its last meeting. And be it further Resolved, That the city attorney be instructed to draw up the necessary contracts, bonds, etc., for the Sterling Mining company to execute, so that the city's interests may be fully protected. And be it further Resolved, That the said Sterling Mining company must have its bonds and contracts filed within a period of 30 days from the passage of this resolution.

Mr. Eifert's resolution found a second in Mr. Hafer. Counter-Resolution Offered. Before action could be asked on the resolution, Councilman Merrick was on his feet offering a substitute resolution binding the city to accept the Hanley Wasson canyon proposition, the water to be supplemented from Little Butte creek.

The discussion commenced with Mr. Olwell asking for more information before he cast his vote. He stated that he was simply a layman, that he had seen no reports from the engineer, and that he would vote on the matter. Mr. Merrick replied that there was but one proposition that seemed feasible. He attacked the Sterling Mine company's proposition, saying there was neither a sufficient amount of water or a chance to get it out. He also stated that the company was mortgaged for \$150,000 and probably unable to give a satisfactory bond. He then offered a telegram from John Nuveen & Company which urged the council to get water in the direction they had started. Councilman Hafer broke in with a remark that such a telegram was but a gold brick and that the bonds could easily be sold to other houses who would handle them for \$15,200, the commission paid to John Nuveen & Company. Eifert Explains His Position. Councilman Eifert stated that he wished to tell how the committee became divided against itself. The water committee had paid a visit to the Little Applegate and he and Wortman returned, leaving Mr. Merrick and the engineer up on the ditch. Sunday evening, when the engineer returned, Mr. Eifert said he asked him what he thought of the proposition, and that the engineer made a committee take steps to secure an option. The next morning the engineer changed his mind a half hour after Councilman Wortman had seen Eifert and learned of the engineer's report.

Mr. Merrick replied to Mr. Eifert at some length and ridiculed the idea that the engineer had been or could be "fixed." Mayor Reddy at different times during the evening poured oil upon the troubled waters. He said that Mr. Eifert's resolution was not binding; that they did not need to accept any contract, that the engineering problems of the Sterling Mine company's offer were of concern to that company only. It seemed finally that the best thing to do would be to await a written report of the engineer on the different propositions. A vote was called for on Merrick's resolution and was lost. Merrick, Trowbridge and Wortman voting aye, Olwell, Eifert, Hafer and Reddy voting no. Immediately after this vote the three

TEDDY FIRM FRIEND TO JAPS

President Commends the Action of Mikado in Postponing Exposition

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Diplomats here today are discussing a letter sent to Secretary of State Root by President Roosevelt commenting on the action of the Japanese government in postponing the Tokio exposition and taking occasion to state that the American people feel friendly toward the Japanese. The letter, which was made public from Oyster Bay last night, is considered as having been written for the purpose of putting an end to the sensation created last week by a hurried visit of Baron Takihara and the rumor that Chinese Minister Wu is to be recalled because Japan does not like him.

After Baron Takihara's visit to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root he hurried to a railroad and sent a cablegram costing \$96 to his home government. When he was asked for a statement he replied that President Roosevelt would give out what was to be said. The letter to Root is Roosevelt's reply to a request for a statement. It assumes that Takihara's visit was with reference to the postponing of the Tokio exposition. The president's secretary has refused to make a further statement. The president's letter to Root states that the American government commends the decision of Japan to postpone the Tokio exposition. President Roosevelt says: "The people of the United States hold for Japan a peculiar feeling of regard and friendship, and no other nation is more anxious than we are to help make the exposition a success in every way."

PACIFIC COAST WILL SEE FAMOUS SALOME DANCE. NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The Pacific coast will see the Salome dance and the "spring song" dances, "A la Maud Allen," under a contract reported to have been signed today by Gertrude Hoffman, by which she will receive \$2000 per week from the Shuberts for a tour of the west. Gertrude Hoffman, for several years has been a great favorite on Broadway on account of her remarkable ability as a mimic, and her rather daring dancing. When the Allen dances took London by storm, she undertook to give New York a similar performance and has appeared before packed houses. It is understood that her western tour will begin September 28, and that after appearing in the middle west, she will go to all the main cities of the Pacific coast.

MANY LIVES LOST IN STORM IN ENGLISH CHANNEL. LONDON, Sept. 2.—Reports show today that 140 lives have been lost in the storm which has been sweeping the coast since Monday. Great numbers of small schooners and fishing boats were swamped and in all the little seacoast towns there is the most intense suffering among the families of those who are missing. Advice from France says that heavy damage and many deaths have been caused by the storm along the north west coast and that many ships are still missing. Councilmen voting aye arose and left the council chamber, leaving the council without a quorum.

During the discussion Mayor Reddy asked Engineer Cummings if the proposition submitted by the Sterling Mine company was meritorious enough to be considered by the council. The reply was in the affirmative. Engineer Foster, who is employed by that company, also stated, when asked for his opinion, that the council should investigate it. E. Osenbrage made a few remarks on the subject, which were direct and to the point. He stated that all propositions should be considered and none slighted. Councilman Eifert during the discussion stated that there would never be enough water obtained from Waschau canyon unless "mixed drinks" were taken. He said that no proposition except Wasson canyon had had a fair hearing before the water committee. At the close of formal adjournment was taken, and at present Councilman Eifert's resolution remains at the head of unfinished business to be disposed of at the next meeting.

CHURCHMEN CALLED OFF THE PARADE

Fearing Bloodshed and Anti-Catholic Demonstration Police Request to Have Parade Stopped

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Fearing that anti-Catholic demonstrations and possibly bloodshed would result from the proposed grand procession of Catholic clergy here at the opening of the Eucharistic congress September 9, the churchmen in the charge of the congress have abandoned the parade at the urgent request of the London police. Every effort has been made to keep the abandonment of the procession a secret, but the fact became known today. The parade was to have been the greatest procession of Catholic clergy in the history of the church, and elaborate preparations had been made for it.

Police Notified. It is understood that the police were informed several days ago of a plot to interrupt the parade and feared that the high feeling engendered by the recent church controversy would result in a general riot with serious consequences. The Catholics here blame the council of the Protestant alliance for the agitation, and the council admits the charge, declaring that the arrangements for the coming Eucharistic congress are in violation of the constitution and the bill of rights and a "disgrace to England." It is not unlikely that the sessions of the congress will be marked by disorder. It is understood that the police have made preparations to quell at once any anti-Catholic demonstration that may be attempted. The trouble arose over the contemplated reception of Cardinal Vanutelli at Windsor castle. He will be the first papal legate to visit England since the reign of the Queen Mary, known as "Bloody Mary."

ELEVATED JUMPS TRACK ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED. CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—One man was killed, two were fatally hurt and six were severely injured today when a Northwestern elevated train, going at a rapid rate, struck a gang of workmen. Three trains were approaching at the same time, and the workmen in a wild endeavor to escape, ran directly in front of the swiftly moving city-bound train. John Soehne was hurled for 50 feet through the air as if he had been shot out of a cannon and was instantly killed. The others were scattered along the tracks for 100 yards. The train was heavily loaded with passengers going to the city and the accident caused a small panic aboard the cars, but none was seriously injured in the rush, as the guards held the doors closed.

DUCK SEASON IS OPEN ON THE KLAMATH LAKES. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 2.—The open season for ducks went into effect yesterday and the hunters of Klamath are out for the sport. Owing to the recent reported order from the President, declaring Lower Klamath Lake a game preserve, uncertainty is felt as to where hunting will be allowed, but as no official announcement has been received here of the preserve, the hunting will likely go on as before. Birds on the Upper Klamath Lake are very plentiful in the many little coves and tule islands, and summer campers report them very tame. In many instances they remain near the camps on the shores of the lake and can be approached within reach of an arm.

LAND SCRAMBLE ON TODAY IN CENTRAL CANADA. WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 2.—Thousands of settlers from over thirty points in Central and Western Canada and several hundred from the United States are engaged in a wild scramble today for thousands of acres of rich Dominion lands that were thrown open for settlement. All night last night the different government land offices were besieged in front by waiting lines of settlers who had come early to get good pieces of land. Some of the settlers stood in line over 36 hours having their food brought to them by small boys. The new land law which becomes effective today throws open a large district to settlement. The land is very rich.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS IN PARADE

Taft Reviews Proud and Pathetic Sight When the Boys in Blue March in Toledo

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 2.—An army of 30,000 "boys in blue," some of them scarcely able to hobble along, many knowing that it is their last march in ranks with which they fought in "the war," passed through the streets of Toledo today to the music of many bands and cheered by more than 10,000 people, who lined the elaborately decorated streets. William H. Taft and his party arrived from Middle Bass island and were given a prominent place in the reviewing stand, which was occupied by many distinguished guests. Taft, who, in his speech accepting the nomination, himself called attention that he lacked the usual qualification of presidential aspirants—that of having faced on the field of battle, was lustily cheered by the grizzled soldiers of battle as they passed before him. If the members of the Grand Army think less of Taft for not having been a soldier they did not show it today.

Parade a Great Sight. The great parade was a proud and pathetic sight. The full tide of patriotism that swelled in the crowd and the fire of heroism that flamed up in the heads of the spectators aroused great enthusiasm, but the sadness of the spectacle had an equally deep effect. The realization that this comparatively small body of men is all that is left of the vast army of which it was a part and the fact that many of these will be gone before another encampment, apparently impressed everyone. The old bullet-torn and smoke-blackened banners, the ragged uniforms, saved carefully for more than 40 years to recall the service they have seen, the sturdy old boy with an empty coat sleeve tugging side by side with the gray old veteran who is "stumping it" on a wooden leg, the tottering old fellow who will march this last march if he drops on the way and would ask nothing better than to die in the ranks—all these tempered the enthusiasm of the crowd, but the cheering and applause was not decreased. This evening there will be a great electrical display, extending for four miles along the Maumee river and there will be many entertainments for the veterans. The business session of the organization begins tomorrow.

FOUR DEAD AS RESULT OF FIRE IN A VESSEL. BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 2.—Four men are dead today as the result of breaching the deadly flames of burning pitch and oakum in the forepeak of the British bark Paritan as she lay in President Park yesterday. A fifth seaman was overcome, but will recover. The dead: HARRY E. OLSEN, CARL MORSEN, PETER BECKS, GEORGE SUNBLADE. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. But slight damage was done to the vessel, which is in command of Captain Chapman. The Paritan had taken on a cargo of tar, oil, pitch and oakum from Vancouver, B. C. The men were sent down into the forepeak to stow away a sail, and when they failed to return, an investigation disclosed that they had been suffocated by the fumes.

WIFE MURDERER ADMITS HE IS ALSO A BIGAMIST. SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 2.—According to a statement made by the police today, Lee Johnston, accused of murdering his wife at Nome, Alaska, and then dismembering and cremating her body, has confessed that he is a bigamist. Johnston, the police say, admits that he was married to Mrs. Cora Taseh Johnston in 1903 and deserted her a few months ago. He returned to her after the death of Belle Gilchrist, the woman he married in Butte, Mont., and for whose death he is now held responsible.

EXTENSION OF TIME. The Southern Pacific has granted the Pacific & Eastern permission to run into the city until October 6 over the former's tracks.