

BRYAN FAVORED OF THE GODS

So Says Walter Wellman In Telling of the Situation in Indiana

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To Chicago Record-Herald.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 17.—Indiana is for Bryan this year because of what we may call a conspiracy of circumstances.

So far as Indiana is concerned, Bryan is this year favored of the gods. The fates are with him. The truth is, with both Ohio and Indiana trending strongly toward Bryan, men actually familiar with the inside facts of the campaign are rapidly coming to the conclusion that Mr. Taft's main chance to win the election lies in carrying New York. He can lose Ohio and Indiana and still win, provided he is successful in New York, and the most trustworthy information as to the Empire state agrees with that which we gave some short time ago, that Taft's chances are better than Bryan's. Therefore Taft must still be considered as in the lead, taking the contest as a whole.

In saying that Taft can win without Ohio or Indiana it is assumed, of course, that Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and other republican states in the agricultural west stand firmly as in the past. Later on we shall have more definite information about these states and shall be able to form a clearer judgment as to the outcome of the great battle. For the moment our concern is with this state, the third of the decisive triumvirate, New York, Ohio and Indiana.

One Thing Favors Taft.

In Taft's favor is the fact that Indiana gave Roosevelt a plurality of 84,000 four years ago and the admitted fact that this is a republican state with a plurality of about 25,000, perhaps 30,000.

Beyond this antecedent condition nothing appears to be working for him. All the springs of change, whether involving relatively large or relatively small numbers of men, are in the one direction—from republican to democratic.

It is difficult to reach any other conclusion than that, as Indiana stands today, Bryan has it by from 10,000 to 40,000. In truth, leading republicans have admitted to me they fear this is true. Watson is, of course, beaten for governor, and it is 5 to 1 the legislature, a United States senatorship, and two or three congressmen will go with the tide. The Taft leaders have not yet given up the struggle. They will fight on. If Chairman Hitchcock can get his hands on \$2450,000 and send it to Indiana, so that the Republican organization may have about \$200 to use in each of 1,250 precincts where money can be put out to advantage, it is still barely possible to snatch Indiana from the burning. But, in my opinion, if Mr. Hitchcock is lucky enough ever to get hold of that much money in a lump, he will be a wise man if he spends it in New York, where a Taft triumph will almost certainly mean the presidency.

CLEARING THE STUBBLE FIELDS OF NORTHWEST

A problem of considerable importance in western Washington and Oregon has to do with what is called the "lumbermen's stubble field"—tracts from which the timber has been cut out and which, though desirable for agriculture, can be cleared of stumps only at a cost greater than the value of the land for agricultural purposes. Since the lumbermen harvested their wood crop those lands have remained unproductive, for fires have prevented forest reproduction. It has been suggested that a saving can be made in the cost of pulling the stumps if the stumps of Douglas fir are used by distillation for the production of turpentine, tar, charcoal and other products. There is no question that the fir stumps can be used in this way, but the saving effected, according to the rough estimates which are alone possible under the circumstances, would hardly exceed from one-tenth to one-fifth of the cost of clearing at present, which ranges from \$150 to \$225 per acre. In a few cases, where the land was not so heavily timbered, the expense of clearing is a little less. It looks as if the lumbermen's stubble field can be brought economically under the plow only by the contrivance of some improved method for handling the stumps, which are too large for the regulation stump puller and are now removed by dynamite and the donkey engines.

Eloquent Lady Preacher Coming.

Next Sunday night, at the Christian Church, corner of Sixth and First, a treat will be in store for all who attend, for Mrs. G. S. O. Humbert, one of the best preachers and teachers in the Eugene Bible University, will speak at that time. Mrs. Humbert is an earnest and capable speaker, and she will undoubtedly delight all who are fortunate enough to hear her.

Mrs. Humbert holds her audience as few lady speakers can, and all who possibly can should come out and hear her address. Special music by the large chorus led by Mr. Edwards will be a delight and inspiration to all.

Probate.

Guardian David Comstock; order made setting November 27, 1908, as day for hearing final account; guardian's final account filed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Fred Yergan and Emma Lenor Lee.

CZARINA IS LOSING MIND

Is Reduced to a Nervous Wreck by Terror of Revolutionary Violence

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 22.—Unless the czarina of all the Russians leaves soon for a sea voyage to the Mediterranean she will lose her mind, according to information conveyed today to the emperor by her physicians.

Reduced to a nervous wreck by terror of revolutionary violence, the empress is suffering almost constantly from hallucinations. For days she refuses to utter a word, and she thinks she is a victim of a vocal defect making speech impossible. Again she thinks herself crippled and demands to be wheeled in an invalid chair.

The empress steadfastly refuses to leave the country unless Nicholas or the young czar with accompanies her. This request is meeting with the objections of the czar's advisers, who declare that if either were to attempt to leave the country an attempt to overthrow the dynasty may result.

A yacht is waiting in the harbor for the czarina to express her willingness to leave without the czar or czarowitz.

GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT'S SON IS NATURALIZED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 23.—United States inspectors who have been inspecting naturalization frauds in this city are said to have forwarded a report to Washington today revealing the fact that Diego Estrad Cabrera, son of the Guatemalan president, is a naturalized citizen of the United States.

The report further reveals that young Cabrera took this step at the instance of his father. It is alleged that the president of Guatemala took this means of safeguarding his property in the southern republic under the American citizenship of his son.

After young Cabrera became a citizen his father began the transfer of large property holdings both in this country and in Guatemala to him. The transfers still continue and the United States is unable to prevent the action, but in the event of war in Guatemala could be called upon to protect young Cabrera's holdings, say the officials.

Should President Cabrera be killed or captured, his estates would be immune from seizure, or should the president be forced to make a hurried departure he could retain his interests through the shrewd move, they say.

MADE TO DISROBE, GIRL GETS A \$1000 VERDICT

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23.—Justice C. Kroenning of Chesterfield made Miss Martha Eatherton disrobe in his presence after she had been accused of theft, and a jury at Clayton today decided that Kroenning must pay \$1000 to Miss Eatherton. She sued Kroenning and six other witnesses to her disrobing act for \$5000 each. The jury failed to find anything against the other defendants.

Miss Eatherton in her testimony told how her employer, August Glaser, lost \$205 June 15, 1907, and at once accused her of knowing where the money was. The family sent for Justice Kroenning and he ordered her to undress for the purpose of being searched.

"He and two women took me to my room," she said, "and told me to undress. He said, 'It's pretty tough to make a girl do this way, but it's the law.' I sat on the bed and took off my shoes and stockings and tossed them over to him, then my outer garments."

The money was found later in a pocket of one of Glaser's coats.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.

H. D. Norton, R. G. Smith and G. W. Colvig, three prominent attorneys of Grants Pass, were in town Wednesday.

C. D. Stout and son Gordon leave for Castella this week, where they have contracted to put up a large mill.

Miss May Huffer returned from Medford Wednesday evening, where she has been nursing.

R. B. Nye was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

Arthur Baxter left for his home in San Francisco Wednesday after a three day stay at Ginnabar Springs, a month's stay at Ginnabar Springs.

Mrs. John Fremberth and children spent Wednesday afternoon in Medford.

Misses Josephine Donegan and Leila Prim spent a few hours in Medford Wednesday.

A number of people were in from Butte Creek this week as witnesses in the case of the state of Oregon vs. Charles Obenehain. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after a few minutes' deliberation of the case.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

J. A. Lyon to E. P. Bennett, lot 13, block 1, Fruitdale addition to Medford.

Thomas H. Simpson to L. E. Eng land, property in Ashland. \$2225.

Kate F. Hoffman to Peter N. Lick, Jr., mining property. 100.

United States to Astee Land & Cattle company, land in section 18, township 33, range 4 W. patent.

W. H. Bradshaw to Della H. Bradshaw, land in D. L. C. 44, township 37, range 1 W. 70.

Frederick C. Page to S. Shofner, lot 3, block 4, Page addition to Medford. 250.

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