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The Weather Occasional rain tonight and Saturday; cooler tonight; fresh south winds.

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NEW YORK HAS GONE POLITICALLY MAD

WILDEST OF EXCITEMENT PREVAILING

Much Talk and Little Money Sums Up Situation Throughout the Country From Better Standpoint

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—This state, always a battlefield of politics, has been worked up to unprecedented pitch of excitement by the heavy campaigning by the two presidential candidates during the last two days, and the result is left as doubtful as before with both sides confidently claiming the victory.

Both Candidates Smiling. Bryan, speeding westward today, leaves behind him an encouraged group of politicians to complete the final work.

Taft also is smiling today, as he remembers the wildly cheering crowds at Syracuse last night, when he was greeted by tremendous audiences simultaneous to the Bryan meetings.

Little money has been placed on the gubernatorial contest. Chicago reports that less than \$100,000 has been posted at the eight leading hotels.

In Louisville Bryan money at one to three, is going begging, with no Taft money in sight. Most bets have been made at three to one that Bryan will carry Kentucky.

In Boston the odds are five to one on Taft. Many large bets have been made at even money on the governorship race in New York.

In Washington republicans refuse to cover Bryan money at the prevailing odds of four to one, with Taft the favorite. Chanler is a light favorite over Hughes at the national capital.

CYCLONE THOMPSON IS LOOKING FOR NEW LAURELS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 30.—"Cyclone" Thompson is looking for new laurels today after whipping "Boer" Unholz to a standstill in 11 rounds last night. The police stopped into a game of stand-up-and-knock-down, with Unholz going to the mat with astonishing regularity.

Thompson is criticized today for his failure to finish his man sooner. He lacks quality and the fans say that his willingness to take punishment was the only redeeming feature of his exhibition last night.

The preliminary go between Johnny Murphy and Lew Powell was the redeeming feature of the show. They fought 21 rounds to a draw.

POSSIBLE ELECTION SURPRISE

Wellman Warns People to Look Out For Surprise--Gompers Issues Another Appeal to Labor

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Warning to be prepared for an election day surprise was given by Walter Wellman in the Record-Herald today.

"Surface indications now are that Taft will win New York and with New York the presidency. By the same indications it appears that Chanler will defeat Hughes for governor of New York," says Wellman.

"Under the surface are factors which cannot be measured. In view of these I feel that it is my duty to warn the readers of the possibility of an election-day surprise.

"It is possible, though improbable, that Bryan will carry New York. It is more probable that both Taft and Hughes will win in that state, the latter by a slender majority.

"The conditions are not unlike those of 1888, when the republicans won for the presidency 130,000, but lost in the contest for governor by 19,000."

Gompers Issues Appeal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, issued a final appeal to laboring men to vote for the ticket of the democrats in a special issue of the Federationist issued today.

In a telegram addressed to the central bodies today, Gompers says:

"Every laboring man and liberty-loving citizen is urged to redouble his activity and alertness and stand true to the great cause of human freedom involved in this campaign."

The principal article in the special issue of the labor paper is an article headed "Roosevelt's Inconsistency." The article is an answer to Roosevelt's attack on Gompers' criticism of the courts. Roosevelt has attacked, the article says, "Roosevelt's assumption of infallibility is almost ludicrous," says the article. "He always attacks anybody who disagrees with him."

Another article declares that Taft "by his record and by his campaign utterances has proved himself unfriendly to labor."

OFFICIAL HEADS FALL OWING TO POLITICS

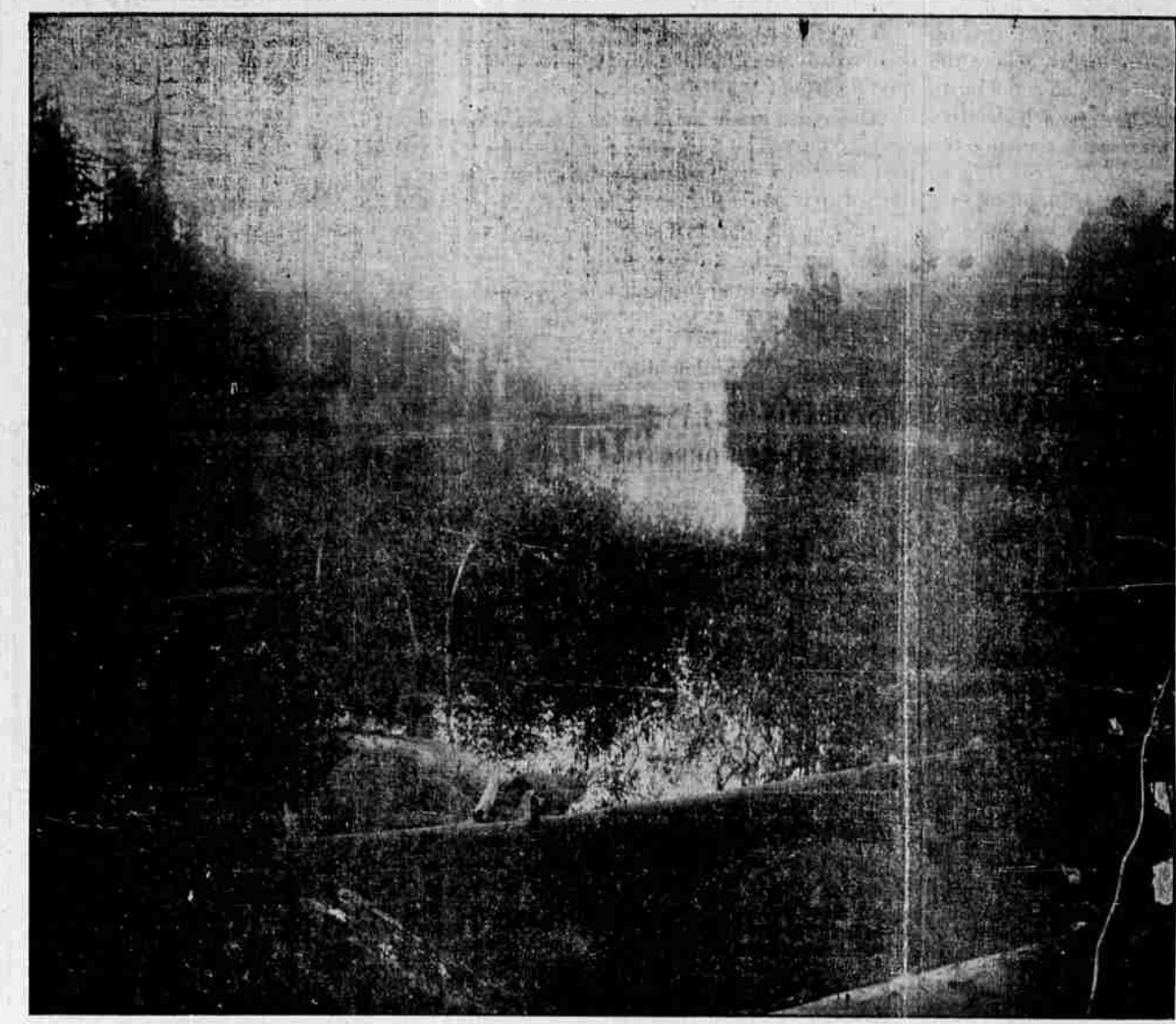
WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—More of official heads have fallen as the result of pernicious activity in politics.

The civil service commission today announced that after thorough investigation, J. H. Fordheim, a deputy collector of internal revenues at Orangeburg, S. C. has been reprimanded and suspended for 15 days without pay for active participation in the republican state convention at Columbia. Robert A. Stewart, a temporary deputy collector who was county chairman of the executive committee of Clarendon county, South Carolina, has been reprimanded. R. O. Pierce, an employee of the Mare Island navy yard, who announced his candidacy for supervisor in the first district, has been discharged from the service. Clyde Knock, a letter carrier at Independence, Kan., who became the candidate for the district court clerkship, has resigned from the postal service to avoid dismissal.

ONLY FOUR VOTED AGAINST THE ASHLAND BOND ISSUE

Nearly 400 citizens of Ashland went to the polls Monday and again ratified the matter of the bond issues for the proposed municipal electric light and power plant. The people of Ashland are practically unanimous on the matter of putting in a municipal plant, the preliminary work of which is at present being actively prosecuted. The vote on Monday was 388 yes, 4 no, and 1 blank. In the first ward there were 2 noes, in the second ward 1 no, in the third ward 1 no and 1 blank. The first ward voted 131 yes, the second ward 125 yes and the third ward 134 yes.

The city council met Tuesday evening and officially canvassed the votes.—Valley Record.



FISH LAKE—LOOKING UP FROM NEAR DAM—SUBMERGED AND DECAYING LOGS, BRUSH, TULE AND TREES ALONG EDGES, WHICH WILL RENDER FILTRATION NECESSARY IF USED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

CONDOR NOT SHUT OUT BY BOND ISSUE

Attorney Smith Gives an Opinion Regarding Gravity Water Bonds As Applied to Condor's Offer

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 29.—Condor Water & Power Company, Medford, Or.—Gentlemen: The question you have submitted to me, to-wit: "Can the city of Medford use the money that may be received from the sale of bonds voted for the installation of a gravity water system be used by the city in the construction of a water system that may receive the supply by pumping?"

Upon an investigation of the question, I am of the opinion that if the bonds are sold the city has full power to use the money for such water system as it may see fit to install. The bonds were voted for the purpose of selling the same for lawful money to be used in construction of a gravity water system. That a gravity water system or any kind of water system should be constructed is not a condition precedent or subsequent necessary to be carried out to insure validity of the bonds.

Bonds Are Negotiable

The bonds as voted are negotiable commercial paper. If the city had the authority to issue the same for the purpose named, and the election was legally called and held, the purchasers of the bonds are bona fide holders of the same. If the city officials who are to be entrusted with the funds arising from the sale of the bonds should use the money for an entirely different purpose or convert all to their own use, the bonds would still be legal, binding, valid and enforceable. No subsequent default of the officials of the city or misuse of the funds could possibly invalidate any part of the bonds issued. Want of power to issue the securities is the only defense which can be set up against a "bona fide" holder for value before maturity.

Other Cases Cited.

Bonds payable to bearer, issued by a municipal corporation, if issued in pursuance of a power conferred by the legislature, are valid commercial instruments.

St. John township vs. Rogers, 10 Wall. 614, 659.

Black v. Cohen, 22 Gr. 621.

State vs. Montgomery, 74 Ala. 226.

Mt. Vernon vs. Harvey, 53 Ind. 563.

In the case of Lynchburg vs. Staughton, decided by the highest appellate of the state of Virginia (75 Va. 57), it was held: "Where an ordinance authorized the issue of bonds for the purpose of securing families with which to aid indigent families, the fact that such funds are misapplied by the officials does not affect the rights of a bona fide holder for value. He is not required to look further than the ordinance to see whether the purpose for which the bonds were issued was legitimate."

To the same effect is the case of Aberdeen vs. Sykes, 59 Miss. 235. No other view would be sensible. To require a purchaser of municipal bonds to follow the money after that it was expended for the purpose for which it was voted would be such a contingency as would prevent any person from ever purchasing such securities.

Respectfully,

ROBERT G. SMITH.

ATE TOO MANY PICKLES DIED AFTER SUFFERING

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 30.—After remaining in a condition coma for 142 hours, Mary Thompson, fourteen, who came to be known by the attaches of St. John's hospital as the "pickle girl" died this morning without regaining consciousness. Physicians at the hospital declare her case one of the most remarkable on record.

For some time the girl had been employed at a pickling establishment on the North Side. She developed a passionate fondness for pickles and since the pickling season started had eaten little or nothing else. Most of them were the big dills, and she would eat scores of them every day.

Last Friday the girl fell over unconscious. At first it was thought she had merely fainted, but when she did not recover she was taken to St. John's hospital. There it was decided she was suffering from diabetic coma.

HAS BOB SOME OILY LETTERS?

Smith Says He Will Create a Sensation on Saturday Night at Rally

Local politicians are anxiously awaiting the democratic rally on Saturday evening to hear what Robert G. Smith will have to say when he addresses the meeting that evening. "Bob" has something up his sleeve which promises a sensation, but only a few of his friends are "in the know" and they won't tell.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE ADDICTED TO COCAINE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 30.—Scores of children in the public schools here are addicted to the use of cocaine, according to the confession of Edward Lee, 15 years old, vendor of the drug, and detectives are investigating the appalling condition today.

BOSS IS GRANTED A CERTIFICATE OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The supreme court Friday granted the defendant, Boss, in the case of State vs. Coos, a certificate of probable cause, which means that the execution of sentence is stayed until the case is heard on the merits in the pending appeal taken by the defendant. Coos is not entitled to be released on bond, the supreme court having the right to fix the bond, the case having now passed from the jurisdiction of the circuit court.

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NUMBERING THE HOUSES AGAIN

Klum Will Make Proposition to Council at Their Next Meeting

At the next regular meeting of the city council the question of numbering the houses of the city and the placing of signs on the streets will come up again, in order that Postmaster Woodford may apply for free delivery. B. Klum has prepared a number of signs and numbers and will make the council a proposition.

RAY MAKES OFFER OF \$100

The Medford Mail of October 30 says:

In one of his recent issues of yellow literature, Dr. Ray leads an article: "Grants Pass and Central Point opinion favorable to the Rogue river, as the logical source of supply for Medford."

At whose instigation did those opinions originate? It was only a few weeks ago that the Central Point Herald was advertising a huge pipeline from Big Butte—a line "bigger 'nuf'" to supply Medford, Jacksonville and Central Point—and Tolo. Again we ask, at whose instigation did those opinions, that Rogue river was the logical source, originate?

Just as a tip on the side to both the Central Point Herald and the gentlemen in Grants Pass, who have interested themselves in the Medford water question, let us say to you that when the people of Medford want an opinion as to the kind and quality of water the city shall use, and from whence it shall come, they will ask for it through the city council and under the seal of the city. In the meantime, won't you please permit us to drink Little Butte water if we so elect?

Replying to the foregoing, I wish to say that if the Medford Mail can prove that, directly or indirectly, I instigated the opinions, I will present the Great or Medford club \$100.

In return, allow me to ask who instigated "the voice of the people?" Is Mr. Senfert, who recommends wood pipe, so highly in the wood pipe business?

Does Mr. Hamilton get \$15,000 or more for water out of wood pipe? C. E. RAY.

BOSS

MILLAR—To the wife of George H. Miller, October 29, a boy. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Four Great Artists at Angle Opera House tonight. Benefit library fund.

SCRIBER IS IN PORTLAND PEN

Spirited Away From La Grande to Escape Being Lynched by Populace

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 30.—After being spirited away from La Grande, Or., to get him out of reach of angry depositors, who, it is said, openly vowed they would lynch him, J. W. Scriber, former cashier of the wrecked Farmers and Traders National bank of La Grande, is today occupying a cell in the county jail of Portland, where he is awaiting a bondsman.

In order to escape the infuriated people, the United States officers declared today that it was necessary to take Scriber from La Grande 12 hours ahead of the time he was scheduled to go.

"I decided that it was imperative for us to take the prisoner away from La Grande at once," said Deputy United States Sheriff Hammerley, who brought Scriber to Portland. "Everybody thought we were going to leave town Thursday, but we slipped out 12 hours earlier."

Talk of Lynching. "There were all kinds of talk of lynching and I was convinced that it was my duty to remove Scriber from the scene."

In order to avert anything of the kind, the sheriff of Union county had kept a force of deputies on guard at Scriber's house for several days."

Hammerley describes the scenes attending the departure of the banker as pitiful in the extreme. Members of the family, it is said, were oblivious to the attitude of the mob. Broken in spirit, hopeless, involving none but himself in the great bank failure, the La Grande banker willingly and almost gladly passed through the great steel gate at the Portland jail last night. He talked readily of his troubles, of the failure of the bank, and asked no favors.

"I alone am responsible," Scriber said, "and must stand the consequences, that I want you to say for me that they cannot find a dollar that I appropriated to my own use, a dollar that I used for presentation or a dollar that I squandered. It all went in an effort to save the bank."

Stoughton P. Jones, the pioneer stage driver, died at his residence in Jacksonville Tuesday after a protracted illness, aged 78 years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Mr. Jones drove stage on the Yreka-Roseburg route for nearly a quarter of a century.