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TAFT AND WHO PROBABLE TICKET

New Jersey Says Fort, Massachusetts Says Guild, But No Bargain Has Been Fixed Up.

"MAN THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING"

Says Taft Management-Woodford Exploiting Hughes' Merits--Says He's Faithful To the Public Trust--Sawing Wood.

Taft and Fort, New Jersey's Governor, is the latest suggestion from New Jersey, and Taft and Governor Guild seems to be just as likely a combination as from the Bay State end of the view. Of course, the wise heads aren't saying anything, they are letting the big fellows figure out their following, and the one that is the strongest may be permitted to get in to the big harness with the Ohio—and again Roosevelt has not been consulted about these matters—or, if he has been consulted he has not made any statement, and it isn't time for that yet. But the man behind the gun will speak when the time comes and the rest will simply go back to their holes.

But here comes Woodford again. He says Hughes is a sure winner, and the man from the Empire State, where big mortgages roll up, is not any smaller. He is setting the President on the raw edge, as he has done in times past, and in the acceptance of the leadership of the Hughes League in New York Monday night, General Stewart L. Woodford said that "the situation was serious. The Democratic party, hungry with long fasting, will do their best to get together and win the coming election. We cannot count with certainty, as so often heretofore, upon their blunders. If we would win this fight, we must make no mistakes ourselves. So serious is

the situation, so much depends on what we now do, that mistakes now are more than blunders. They will be almost crimes."

So the Republicans generally concede that the question is serious; that is, they are actually afraid that the next President will be a Democrat—and the public appears to know full well who the Republicans fear.

The Taft people have not promised second place to any one, not to Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, nor to Governor Fort, of New Jersey. The year too astute for that. What they have done, and that which is perfectly natural and in line with the rules of the Republican game, is to hold out hope to the friends of various gentlemen in the East that they may secure the second prize. Among the men talked of in the Taft councils the Governors of Massachusetts and of New Jersey figure prominently. Just now the latter seems to be in high favor. There seems to be a prevalent idea that the Vice-Presidency will go to the East, although, of course, the West will not agree that this is necessary or even logical. If it does go to the East, Governor Fort will stand a good chance, as under the recent reform movement, managed by the able-bodied man of message fame, Governor Fort has been prodded into line, and that State is now known as the Roosevelt-Taft farm.

This appears to be the logical summing up of the situation as to the

Republican stew-pot. Taft is making long strides and many well-worried speeches—Hughes is at Albany sawing wood.

Christian or Buddhist—Which?

The question in the Courier of the 7th inst., "What Makes Me a Christian?" It seems to me, can be easily answered.

Belief, in such case, constitutes personality. To believe in the fundamental principles of the Christian religion constitutes one a Christian. And so with the Buddhist or the Confucian religion. A Christian, a Buddhist, a Confucian may be in prison for life for crimes committed and yet, in religion, be a Christian, a Buddhist, a Confucian still. I do not see how we can easily escape such conclusion.

The contention that it is necessary to be a Christian to obtain or secure eternal life it seems to me to be far-fetched, and is not more necessary in the case of the Christian than in the case of the Buddhist or in the case of the Confucian. Eternal life is not gained by effort, or bought by devotion, but is an inheritance of each and every human soul that ever existed or ever shall exist. An entity of infinite life can never die, nor be separated in the least from the eternal fountain of which it is a component part. And its eternal life-work is to seek to harmonize with the pulsebeats of the eternal Heart.

The cross as taught today is not necessary to salvation, and was only intended in the first place as an allegory to illustrate a divine truth of nature, of which truth the Christian world seems to be wholly in the dark; yet the allegory points to a truth of which we all should strive to learn more about.

The origin of the allegory of the cross is lost in the antiquity of ages. We find the cross was preached in Egypt more than 3000 years ago and by other nations in subsequent ages; was also exhibited as a drama on the stage in Athens, some writers say, 1500 years before the mythical drama on Calvary's hill.

To be a Christian today one must believe that unscientific claim, "Nature is a creation," the absurdity of which claim, it seems to me, needs no argument. If nature is not a creation, there was no Creator. If no creator, to whom or to what does religion bow? Religion bows to its highest ideal of right. And it is man's duty to strive to raise that ideal to a more sublime plane of thought and action—to a plane in which we can more completely harmonize with all that is pure and good.

To be a Christian today one must believe in the unphilosophical claim, "A human being was born without a human father." Many such claims have been made in life's history, from Thulus of Egypt to Jesus of Nazareth, and among lower classes of country people as late as the Fifteenth century. But who can believe all these claims were true? Who can believe any one of them was true? The laws of reproduction are the same throughout the ages. There is no power can change them.

WM. PHILLIPS.

It is mean to charge Congressmen with duplicity. They are at least sure to be frank—in their envelopes

IN THE TOILS OF THE LAW

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SAYS PRACTICE NECESSARY.

PROCEEDINGS SOON BEGIN

Government Now Taking Action In Rebate Question.

The Government is preparing to prosecute the Southern Pacific Company and certain officials of that railway organization on allegations that they paid rebates to shippers.

Information which is to be a basis for these prosecutions was obtained by Franklin K. Lane of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

By direction of the Interstate Commerce Commission Mr. Lane visited the Pacific Coast and for several weeks conducted his enquiries into the alleged charges of rebating. His report includes a transcript of the testimony taken by him in a formal hearing, as an Interstate Commerce Commissioner. The report has been approved by the Commission and a transcript of the report and the evidence adduced at the hearing has been transmitted to the Department of Justice for "such prosecutions under the law as may be warranted."

An interesting feature of the evidence was developed at the conclusion of the formal hearing, when Mr. Lane refused to place on the witness-stand W. G. Luce, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific Company. The request that Mr. Luce give sworn testimony in the case was made by P. F. Dunne, counsel for the Southern Pacific Company. Mr. Lane declined to administer the oath to Mr. Luce because he frankly stated that he did not wish to accord Mr. Luce, by administering an oath to him and taking his testimony, immunity from prosecution for violations of the law. He offered to receive a statement from Mr. Luce respecting the rebate practices of the Southern Pacific Company and enter it as a part of the record in the case, but he made it clear that this statement was not to be made under oath.

In the course of his report Mr. Lane says that his inquiry was conducted last October and that from the evidence adduced he finds: The existence of an extensive system of preferential rates granted certain shippers on interstate business by the Southern Pacific Company. The record discloses a list of 106 firms, corporations and individuals who enjoy what are known as "special rates"—less than the rates published to the general public—in the movement of certain designated traffic between points within the State of California. That shippers paid the full rate published in the first instance and were allowed the refund on claims which went through the auditing department under instructions from the traffic department that such special rates should apply upon interstate shipments without tariff authority.

That such refunds amounted in various months of the years 1906 and 1907 to from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per month. That such refunds to one firm amounted to the sum of \$23,994 during the period from April, 1906, (the date of the San Francisco fire, when all records were destroyed), to September 23, 1907, and such refunds to other shippers ranged in amount from \$13,690 to \$22,251.

BEACHED ON THE CLIFFS

AMERICAN SHIP EMILY REED GIVES UP NEAR THE END-OF-VOYAGE—TEN SAILORS GO DOWN WITH CARGO.

It remained for the steam schooner Washington, which arrived in Portland Friday night to bring the news of the wreck of the Emily Reed on the cliffs in the vicinity of Tillamook.

It was about 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning five miles off shore that the Washington passed within a quarter of a mile of the windjammer that at that time was sailing straight for shore. Half an hour later the ship was a total wreck and 10 men had met death in the waves.

Second Officer Steele was on the bridge of the Washington and he called the captain. It was intended to blow the danger whistle, but since the vessel displayed no signals the officer of the Washington thought it would probably look as if they wanted to "butt in," as they expressed it. The vessel could have been saved at that time had she been sent about because the wind was blowing fairly strong from the southeast.

Ten lives were lost when the ship went to pieces in the surf, but no bodies have been washed ashore so far. The names of the lost are: First Mate Duble, Carpenter Westlund, Cabin Boy Hirschfeld and Seaman Dixon, Darling, Jahnke, Cohenstad, Gilbert, Ahlstedt and Johnson. Captain Kessel, his wife, Second Mate Thomas and Seaman Thompson, Sullivan, Franchez and Bartell were saved by remaining with the wreck until low tide, when they experienced little difficulty in getting ashore.

The wreck occurred about 3 o'clock, or about half an hour after the vessel was sighted by the Washington. She went bow on and twisted in twain almost at once. The coal lies strewn all along the beach, and people in the vicinity will have fuel to last them some time. The survivors were brought to Bay City, near the entrance of Tillamook Bay, and made as comfortable as possible.

Captain Kessel states that bad weather had been encountered all the way from Newcastle, N. S. W., from

which port the Emily Reed was 100 days out from Portland when she met her fate. Head winds had delayed them and several times the vessel had fought fearful blows. She stood the strain well, however, and was in good condition when she hit the beach. The master had lost his reckoning and did not know how close to shore he was.

The sailors who lost their lives tried to get away in the boats. The first one was swamped the moment it hit the water and three of the men went down to their death. Seven men forward were carried overboard by the tremendous breaker that swept clean over the forecastle head. There was no chance to save them. The captain, his wife and the members of the crew saved clung to the taffrail on top of the poop, which remained out of water.

The cargo of 2000 tons of coal was consigned to the Pacific Coast Company of Portland, but was owned by Hind, Rolph & Co., the consignee not being interested until the delivery of the cargo.

Late reports spread the good news of the arrival of three men, in the life boat who have been counted as lost, at Neah Bay, near Port Townsend, Wash. They were First Mate Duble, Seaman Arthur Jantuke and Seaman Eauld Abelstedt and the dead body of the cook. This unexpected survival of three of the men who have been counted among the lost since Friday morning reduces the Emily Reed death roll to eight.

IMPROVED SERVICE.

O. W. P. Gives Half-Hour Service to Oregon City—Ravensdale Waiting Room in Portland—Improvements Greatly Appreciated Along Whole Line.

Last Sunday the new time card on the O. W. P. line between Portland and this city went into effect, making the time on the service thirty minutes, the cars leaving First and Alder streets, Portland, for Oregon City on the hour and half hour from 6:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. inclusive; then 10, 11 p. m., the last car leaving 12 midnight. Tacoma, Fairview and Troutdale, 7:15, 9:15, 11:15 a. m.; 1:15, 3:45, 5:15, 7:25 p. m.

Cars leave Oregon City for Portland from 6:26 a. m.; every half hour to 9:38 p. m., 10:08, 11:08, 11:58, the last car at 12:55 a. m.

The new departure at the waiting room in Portland is really causing more comment than the improved service along the line, and it really is no wonder, as the improvements there are of such a metropolitan nature, and of such magnitude and covering such a field that it can not help but attract the attention of the public generally, and that it has, as attested by the great number of people that have visited the waiting room, evenings.

To give the public something of an idea of what has been done at the O. W. P. waiting room, the following facts and figures, obtained from Mr. Herman, who has charge of the ticket office, are correct and quite interesting. Not only has the waiting room been made in the waiting rooms in general, but there has been installed therein a first-class barber shop, a modern dairy lunch counter, which is a model for neatness and cleanliness; a bright, newsy news stand, and also a department where cigars, tobacco and candies may be obtained. The rooms have been given a thorough overhauling with attractive decorations from floor to ceiling. A neat retiring room for the ladies and a commodious smoking room. Not only have the waiting rooms improved in general, but there has been installed therein a first-class barber shop, a modern dairy lunch counter, which is a model for neatness and cleanliness; a bright, newsy news stand, and also a department where cigars, tobacco and candies may be obtained. 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