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ELECTING A POPE

How Official Head of Catholic Church is Selected.

Selection and Crowning of the Pope is a Most Ceremonious Affair—Many Candidates for Papacy.

The selection and crowning of a pope is a very ceremonious affair, and an event that concerns the Catholic church throughout the world. From the moment a pope dies until his successor is crowned, the vatican may be said to be in a state of fervid excitement.

On the death of a pope it is the duty of the cardinal camerlingo to formally ascertain that fact. He does so by knocking thrice on the door of the pope's bed chamber. Getting no answer, he enters and taps thrice with a silver mallet on the dead man's forehead, and thrice calls his name. No response coming, the camerlingo declares to the world that the pope is dead. The body is then embalmed and after mass has been said over it in the presence of the cardinals it is removed to St. Peter's, where it lies in state for nine days, when the funeral proper takes place. The next step is the selection of a new pope. He is chosen by the conclave, a body or committee composed of cardinals and other high church dignitaries.

They occupy special quarters in the vatican, isolated from the rest of the building and from the outer world by the walling up of every door and window and aperture. Each cardinal has a separate room, which is drawn by lot. With their servants they muster about 200 souls. All these men are sworn to secrecy. While the gathering lasts they are forbidden all intercourse with the outside world. They even cook their own food in a common kitchen.

One of the first duties is to choose three scrutators to count the ballots. The ballots really define three kinds of election—by inspiration, by compromise and by ballot. Election by inspiration takes place when "all the cardinals as if by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, proclaim one candidate." As they never do this the pope is always chosen by ballot or vote.

The ballots, when open, are about four inches long and three inches broad. In the first or upper section the cardinal writes his name; in the middle the name of the candidate whom he proposed; in the lower section some motto from the scriptures. Two ballots are taken daily, in the morning and afternoon, until some candidate receives the requisite two-thirds vote of the members present. The duration of the conclave depends on many considerations—personal ambition, political intrigues and factional jealousies. That of 1800 lasted 104 days; that of 1878, when the present pope was elected, only three days.

The moment the decision is declared the lucky cardinal dons the papal robes, the mason tear down the plaster wall before one of the balconies from which the cardinal dean proclaims the selection to the expectant throngs beneath. For example, in the case of the late pope: "Cardinal Pecci has been chosen; and he takes the name of Leo XIII."

Then comes the coronation ceremony. It takes place in the morning, commencing with a procession, headed by the Swiss guards, and ending by the new pope, wearing a golden mitre, carried aloft on the sedia gestatoria, with a silver damask canopy borne above his head, flanked by the flabelli (the great fan of ostrich and peacock feathers) the whole surrounded by noble guards with drawn swords.

As the pope enters St. Peter's or the Chapel Sixtine in the vatican, where the coronation takes place, as the choice remains with the pope, he is stopped by one of the clerks of the chapel, who, kneeling, sets fire to some wax on the point of a three-pronged stick, exclaiming in a loud and mournful voice, "Holy Father, thus passes away the glory of the world."

Having descended from the sedia gestatoria the pope proceeds to the altar, and after a brief prayer, commences the introit of the mass, which on this occasion is celebrated by himself. At the end of the confession he takes his place on the throne on the left side of the altar, while the first cardinal bishop recites the three customary prayers over him. Then the pope returns to the altar, kneels on the step, and while the first cardinal deacon removes the gold mitre, the second cardinal deacon invests him with the pontifical pallium. This garment is adorned with three black silk embroidered crosses, and constitutes the most sacred and important token of his office.

But to enumerate the ceremony at all fully would be too tedious. Needless to add, it is much more lengthy than the crowning of a temporal sovereign. The most interesting part of the whole proceedings, probably, is the placing of the tiara upon the pope's head by the first cardinal deacon. It weighs three pounds and is adorned with no fewer than 19,000 precious stones, of which 18,000 are diamonds. As the deacon places the crown upon the supreme pontiff's head he exclaims: "Take this tiara, adorned with three crowns, and know that thou art the father of all princes and sovereigns, the ruler of the globe, and on earth the vice regent of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom all honor and glory forever and ever, amen." The pope then rises and, wearing the tiara delivers a benediction which completes the ceremony of coronation.

MILWAUKIE IS PROSPEROUS TOWN

Real Estate and Improvement Company is Doing Much to Boom the Place.

Wm. Schindler, mayor of the recently incorporated town of Milwaukie, was in the city Tuesday and reports his town in a flourishing condition. The Milwaukie Real Estate and Improvement Association was recently formed by the business men of the city and through this agency much good work in the way of advertising the place is being accomplished. Much property is changing hands and the population of 400 is already increasing. Dr. Houser is erecting a \$4000 residence while other homes are being built by F. H. Lechler, Miss Curry and many others.

Mr. Schindler says there is in Milwaukie a splendid available site for a mill or other manufacturing institution. There is a supply of water sufficient for supplying 150 horse power and the enterprising people of Milwaukie are looking for a man of capital who is in search of a desirable location.

If you don't get the ENTERPRISE you don't get the news.

CATTLE ARE IN GOOD HEALTH.—Investigation discloses that the recent reports concerning an alleged mysterious disease affecting the cattle of the Molalla country were grossly exaggerated. J. W. Thomas, master of the Molalla Grange, reports that the report is entirely erroneous and that a diligent search on his part has failed to locate a single herd of cattle that is afflicted with any alleged "mysterious disease." Mr. Thomas credits the origin of the report to parties who are jealous of the splendid butter, cream and beef for which the Molalla country is famed. The cattle of the county are found to be in better than average health.

MORE TALKING MACHINES.—Mr. Allie Stewart, of Salem, lineman for the Pacific States Telephone Company, and a force of workmen were in this city this week installing a number of new telephones for the local office. Twelve new instruments were placed during the week and this increases to about 250 the number of phones in use in Oregon City. As a consequence Miss Draper, the local chief operator, and her assistants will have an increased number of hellos to respond to daily.

THE HOP CROP WILL BE LIGHT.

Francis Feller, of Butteville, Reports the Appearance of Lice.

"There will not be to exceed from one-half to two thirds of an average crop of hops this year," says Francis Feller, a prominent hop grower of Butteville, who was in the city Monday. Mr. Feller gives as a reason for the expected reduced yield the failure of a great number of the vines in the majority of the yards to grow this season. In many yards he

says there are fully fifty per cent of the hills that are missing.

Mr. Feller reports that lice have appeared in large numbers in many yards in the vicinity of Butteville. The reasonably cool weather of the last two weeks, he says, has been favorable to the propagation of this pest and unless the weather becomes extremely warm, accompanied by hot winds, he predicts that more extensive damage will result to the growing crop from this source. With favorable weather conditions that will accomplish the extermination of the lice and the proper maturing of the crop, Mr. Feller predicts that the hops that will be harvested will be of a splendid quality.

Mr. Feller, who is treasurer of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association, says the Association will be continued again this year. By pooling their interests, the growers have been enabled to purchase necessary harvesting supplies at reduced cost although the efforts of the organization at disposing of its hops have not been as satisfactory recently as the interested growers had hoped for.

AN IMPORTANT LAND CONTEST.

Section of Heavily Timbered Benton County Land is Involved.

A contest of more than usual importance was begun in the local land office Monday morning. Important is the contest because an entire section of heavily timbered land located near Corvallis, Benton county, is involved. It is estimated that the section contains 16,000,000 feet of fine timber.

There are four entrymen to the section, each having filed upon a quarter section of land and there are as many contestants who question the right of the original entrymen to the premises on the grounds that they abandoned the premises and did not prove up properly on the land. All four cases are being hotly contested, several attorneys being employed on either side. Hedges & Gallo-way appear for the contestants while W. D. Fenton and R. A. Miller are counsel for the entrymen, who are respectively, Chas. W. Spaulding, Lillian E. Spaulding, Edna M. Spaulding and Chas. A. Spaulding.

The fact that Mr. Fenton is associated with the case in defense of the original entrymen gives rise to the suspicion that the Southern Pacific Company is interested in the lands and the further fact that the railroad company owns two adjoining sections of land to the territory over which the controversy is pending, strengthens this belief.

TOO GOOD TO BE SO

Time Between Frisco and Portland Cannot Well be Cut.

Meeting of Harriman Railroad Men in California Gives Rise to an Improbable Story.

Concerning a proposed reduction in the time schedule of Southern Pacific trains between Portland and San Francisco, the Oregonian recently had the following:

The shortening of the time between Portland and San Francisco is one of the dreams of the Southern Pacific, but it is likely that several months, if not a year or more, will have to elapse before the roadbed and equipment are of such a character that this time can be made. Not only is the present equipment too light for faster time, but the company has scarcely commenced the work of laying heavier rails.

Grades are being reduced and curves eliminated along the Coast line of the Southern Pacific wherever possible and the company is working as rapidly as it can toward a big reduction in time. Officials of the operating and construction departments of the road have insisted recently that from six months to two years would have to elapse before the company would be able to reduce its running time in the proportion indicated by the San Francisco dispatch.

The company's motive power now in use on the Portland-San Francisco line is not heavy enough to make the faster time. Trainsmen refer to the engines now in use as "monkeys," and insist that better time than that already made would be dangerous.

A betterment in this service is already apparent and further improvements are contemplated. The company has introduced the use of oil as fuel on its line as far north as Ashland, and it is asserted oil is to be used still further north. This is calling for the use of a better class of locomotives and equipment and hastening the day of faster time between San Francisco and Portland.

In shortening the time between this city and the Golden Gate railroad men have to consider a phase of the question that laymen do not recall. This is the fact that both the overland trains and the Coast trains of the Southern Pacific use the same track between Sacramento and San Francisco. The arrangement of schedules for all trains at this point is a serious matter.

While it is possible that the question of shorter time has been brought up at the San Francisco meeting, Portland railroad men do not believe it likely that the subject was discussed or that it may be treated in any save an informal manner. A strong point that indicates this view is correct is that all those in conference at San Francisco are members of the traffic department. It is not given to the traffic department to make out new schedules for the running of trains.

Before the Southern Pacific can put on faster trains between Portland and San Francisco further improvements will be necessary, and then it will have to be shown by the traffic department that something can be gained. Traffic officials are not satisfied that any improvement in travel would result from faster time, but when this is made clear the operating department will take up the schedule and arrange for better running time.

There was a conference of the passenger men of the Harriman system in Chicago a few weeks ago at which all the representatives of the Harriman interests were gathered. This meeting was prolonged and practically every question was gone over.

The meeting at San Francisco is along the same line. Questions pertaining to traffic problems, it is understood in Portland, have been taken up, and as Ben Campbell is on his way to the Orient it is likely that the conference was called at this time in order that the representatives of the Harriman systems could meet him before he departed. Since the Chicago meeting Mr. Campbell has been traveling over the Harriman systems and is better posted, through personal investigation, on traffic questions than he was at the earlier gathering. As he is to investigate trade relations in the Orient, an understanding is a good thing to have before he leaves San Francisco.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

The fore part of the week was warm and showery, while the latter part was clear and cool, especially at night. The showers were not heavy enough to be of benefit to corn and pastures, and in some of the coast counties they interfered with haying. The hay harvest is now well advanced, and in the southern sections many farmers have finished cutting their second crop of alfalfa. The hay crop, as a whole, will be less than last year, and it will fall slightly below the average for the last ten years. Pasture on the ranges is drying up, but it continues good in the mountains. The weather has been very favorable for filling and ripening grain. The heads are of good size and the berry is plump, but the stand is thin, and consequently the yield is falling below the average. The grain harvest has become general in the Columbia river valley and in southern sections, and well started in the Willamette valley. Oats promise better yields than either wheat or barley. The cloudy weather during the fore part of the week caused lice to increase in the hop yards, and some spraying has been done. Hops continue thrifty and no serious damage from vermin has yet occurred. The crop is not so far advanced as usual at this season of the year, and some fears are entertained that it will not mature before the fall rains begin. Potatoes and gardens are doing finely, but the nights have been too cool for corn to make rapid growth, and this crop now needs rain. Field onions are reported to be generally in good condition, although in a few places they are affected by blight. A short crop of peaches is being marketed, and plums are beginning to ripen. Prunes and pears continue to make excellent progress, and these crops promise well. Apples are uneven and an average crop is not expected. During the past week high winds in the Grand Ronde valley have caused considerable green fruit to drop.

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