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A SWEEPING VICTORY

DEMOCRATS LARGELY CAP-
TURE THE STATE OF
INDIANA.

Rock-Ribbed Republican Strong-
holds Carried, in Many Instan-
ces to the Surprise of the
Victors Themselves—
Other News.

Indianapolis, May 4.—Elections were held in every city in Indiana yesterday that does not operate under a special charter. The results in many instances are happy surprises for the democrats. They practically swept the whole state, and even in republican strongholds they far exceeded their most sanguine expectations. In several cities the democrats elected mayors and other officers where a democrat has never before held office.

Mayor Fogarty, of South Bend, a republican stronghold, was re-elected with a majority in excess of that of two years ago, and it is probable that he will now announce himself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

For the first time in the history of Crawfordsville, Lew Wallace's home, the democrats elected a mayor in one of the most bitterly contested elections in the history of the city.

Lafayette and Columbus, the homes of the republican candidates for governor and lieutenant governor respectively, went strongly democratic. Both cities are usually republican.

Noblesville, an important county seat, went democratic for the first time in its history, and Connersville went democratic for the first time in 15 years.

Everything in Jeffersonville is democratic except the "negro district." Warsaw elected a democratic mayor for the first time. Madison, another stronghold was captured. In fifty other cities the democrats elected portions of their tickets where they failed to capture all.

Forest Grove, Or., May 10.—The postoffice was robbed during last night. About \$1,000 in stamps and \$200 in money were taken, and a number of registered letters were opened and rifled of their contents. About two o'clock this morning a dull explosion awakened many citizens living in the vicinity of the postoffice. Lazily wondering what had happened, the half-rouned sleepers turned over and slept. There is no night watchman employed by the city, and it was 6:30 o'clock before the burglary was discovered.

Investigation showed that entrance had been made by a window. Two holes had been drilled in the safe and the combination broken by a charge of nitroglycerin. From the neatness and thoroughness of the job it is evident that it is the work of experts. The robbers used a sledge hammer and crowbar stolen from Cornelius. These were left beside the wrecked safe.

A runaway bicycle is missing at Cornelius, and is supposed to have been taken by the safecrackers to effect their escape. Sheriff Sewell came out from Hillsboro, and, with a postal inspector who came on the evening train, is looking for clues. The safe is the personal property of Postmaster H. C. Atwell.

Bothwell, Wash., May 10.—Martha Erickson, 12-year old daughter of Postmaster Erickson, candidate for the legislature, was instantly killed last evening, while at play. She was coasting down an incline in front of the family residence on her bicycle when the accident happened.

In company with Tootsie McCreary, a playmate, she was mounted on a wheel running down a steep grade. Together they had done this several times, shouting and laughing, while the whole neighborhood looked on and laughed with them. On the last slide the wheel suddenly swerved, ran off the edge of the sidewalk, and both girls were thrown heavily, but while the McCreary girl escaped with few bruises, the postmaster's daughter was pitched headforemost on a stump and her neck broken. She was dead when picked up.

Olympia, Wash., May 10.—Arthur Dye, employed by the Olym-

pia Light and Power Company, had a close call for his life this afternoon at Tumwater, in an encounter with a large black bear, heretofore a docile captive in the park at that place. R. F. Nichols, night watchman for the Northern Pacific, rescued Mr. Dye from probable death and received a severe bite from the enraged animal in so doing.

The bears escaped from their pit yesterday afternoon. The two victims were members of the party seeking to return them to captivity. One was tractably led back to the pit, but the other viciously turned without warning and pounced upon Mr. Dye, chewing his leg severely. As he held him in a vice-like grip, he bit his back, but did not make a severe wound. From the thigh to the ankle he sank his fangs into Mr. Dye's leg, inflicting a number of deep gasches.

Mr. Nichols went to Mr. Dye's assistance and the brute turned his attention to the rescuer, biting him severely in the ankle. He then made off for the woods, but was later overtaken and shot. "Stub" Dye is a popular member of the base ball team.

Tokio, May 11.—Admiral Togo reports that since the 6th of May many explosions have been heard coming from the vicinity of Port Arthur, but their cause has not been ascertained. The impression here is that the Russians, despairing of their ability to defend Port Arthur, are destroying their ships before evacuating the place.

Paris, May 11.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent says it is persistently rumored that there has been a big fight near Mao Tien Ling Pass between the Russians and General Kuroki's army. The Russians he says, lost heavily, Lieutenant-General Zaslitch being among the killed.

(It was announced in these dispatches several days ago that the next great battle was expected at Mao Tien Ling Pass, to which the Russians retreated after the battle on the Yalu river.)

London, May 11.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, under date of May 10, says the Japanese army is advancing in three divisions, the first from Feng Wang Cheng toward Liao Yang, the second from Polandien and Chouchon to Yung Yao Cheng, and the third from Sullen Dyng to Kulienin, with the object of severing communication with the rear of Lio Yang, where the preparations for defense are small.

Spencer Wilkinson, in an article in the Morning Post, thinks there is no inherent probability in the foregoing suggestion. Two armies are advancing against Kuropatkin, from Feng Wang Cheng, and from Port Arthur, via Kaiping, and the third to Kuroki's right, with a view of turning the Russian left, but Mr. Wilkinson adds, it is impossible to say whether the Shanghai dispatch is based on guess work or on authentic information.

London, May 11.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Shan Hai Kwan, under date of May 10, says the Japanese first army from the Yalu river already is threatening the Russian position at Haicheng. The second army marching in three divisions in order to cooperate with General Kuroki, has defeated the Russians near Wafungtiang with great loss, the correspondent says. He adds that the Japanese artillery was splendidly handled.

The Daily Chronicle notes that there are two Wafungtiens, one on the railroad north of Port Arthur, 20 miles from Pitewo, and the other 40 miles west of Kaiping, on the road to Feng Wang Cheng.

Shan Hai Kwan, Mty 10.—It is reported that the first Japanese corps, having followed the Russians retreating from the Yalu river, overtook them 20 miles south of Liao Yang yesterday and a severe engagement ensued. The Japanese dragged their guns up hills believed to be unsurmountable. The Russians thereupon continued to retreat north. A division of the first corps is approaching Niu Chwang, which is now garrisoned by a handful of Russians.

Excursion.

The M. W. A. team will give an excursion on Sunday May 22nd from Corvallis to Salem, Round trip, \$1. Boat leaves Corvallis 7 a m., returning 10 p. m.

THE RAILROAD BANDITS

ADVISED WOMAN TO KILL
HER HUSBAND BY GIVING
HIM ROUGH ON RATS.

Letters to Mrs. Whiteman from
Bandit George Gates Divulge
Criminal Plans of Train
Robber and Murderer
—Two More Japan
Victories.

Dunsmuir, Cal., May 11.—George Gates, the hunted outlaw, alleged train robber and listed murderer, planned to drag a woman into his life of crime. He would have Mrs. Thomas Whiteman turn poisoner. To this woman who sheltered and assisted him he first suggested and finally advised the killing of her husband.

"Give Tom rough on rats and get rid of him. Do it in a way that every one will think it a mistake." Such was the advice written to Mrs. Whiteman and contained in one of the letters of Gates now in the hands of the authorities. Further, he wrote: "Then you can come and live with me. I will soon have a home and will send for you. O, my darling, you have saved my life." These words penned by Gates, induced the unfortunate woman to forget her duty to law and justice. And now she is branded as an accomplice of lawbreakers.

Others of the three epistles written by George Gates dealt more with matters concerning himself and the disposition of his effects. His effort to have Mrs. Whiteman aid him in proving an alibi in case he should be arrested is set forth in the line, "Remember that we slept in your house March 31." On that day three men supposed to be George Gates, Vernon Gates and William Arnett robbed the Oregon Express at Copley and killed Messenger O'Neil.

George Gates feared arrest. He was afraid the detectives would get on his trail, and so he wrote: "Open my trunk, save the guns and knives, burn the trunk, give the clothes to hobos or throw them into the river." Gates had definite information about the movements of the detectives. He knew they were also after his brother Vernon. Who gave him this information is a question that Mrs. Whiteman will be required to answer.

"I told Lee to go north as quick as God would let him," is an extract from Gates' last letter. Upon this clue manhunters are working. "God bless you. I shall always love you; you have saved my life," is the love message of George Gates to Mrs. Whiteman.

Four letters were received from George Gates by Mrs. Whiteman. All were addressed to Miss Agnes Brown. The first came from Sisson, the second was posted Gazelle, Siskiyou county, the third came from Ashland, Or., and the fourth bore the postmark of Portland. These letters go to show that the bandits remained in the vicinity of the holdup for nearly a week after the murder of O'Neil.

Constable Louis Brown, of this place, is responsible for identifying the Gates boys after the hold-up. He first grew suspicious of Mrs. Whiteman and set the detectives to work on the clue that led to the uncovering of her correspondence with the outlaws. Brown claims that if he had been given adequate

support by the railroad detectives he would have captured the Gates boys in Roseburg, Or. He says he arrived in the town a few hours after they left.

The detectives now claim to be certain of the identity of the fourth bandit in the Copley train robbery. He is Clarence Driscoll, a cousin of James Arnett, the third man implicated. The officials say that Driscoll is the man who, under the name of Arthur Reed, bought supplies for the Nigger Hill cabin, near Keswick, where the robbers rendezvoused previous to the hold-up.

Driscoll is known to have been traveling over the country with Arnett. His work at the hold-up it is said, was to look out for the outside of the train, while the three others were carrying on their operations. He therefore escaped observation, it being believed for a while, in fact, that but three men were concerned in the robbery. New reward cards have been issued here. They contain a revised description of the Gates brothers and Arnett, together with a description of Driscoll.

To the Voters of Benton County:

According to the wishes of a large number of patrons and friends of our public schools, I submit my name to the voters of Benton county for the office of county school superintendent.

Very Respectfully,
S. I. Pratt.
Philomath, Oregon, Mar. 7, 1904.

Rummage Sale at the Carnival.

A POSITIVE NECESSITY.

Having to lay upon my bed for 14 days from a severely bruised leg, I only found relief when I used a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I can cheerfully recommend it as the best medicine for bruises ever sent to the afflicted. It has now become a positive necessity upon myself. D. R. Byrnes, Merchant, Dovesville, Texas. 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Wall paper at Blackledge's store.

Washington, May 10.—Admiral Walker, President of the Panama canal commission, received a telegram to day from John Findley Wallace, of Chicago, general manager of the Illinois Central railroad, accepting the appointment of chief engineer in charge of the construction of the canal. Mr. Wallace will receive a salary of \$25,000 a year.

"Mr. Wallace has been considered for some time by members of the canal commission for the position of chief engineer," said Admiral Walker. "No one stands higher in his profession, or is better equipped to take up the work mapped out than he, and the commission is to be congratulated on securing the services of such a man."

Mr. Wallace will take up his work with the commission on June 3. He will arrive in Washington on or before that date, and for the present will have his office at the headquarters of the commission in this city. It has not been determined when he will visit the isthmus, all matters of detail being left for a future conference with the commission.

In regard to the salary to be paid Mr. Wallace, Admiral Walker said that when a man undertakes to direct the construction of the Panama canal project, it is necessary for him to burn his ships behind him, and that \$25,000 is not too high for a man competent for so important a trust.

"Whoever undertakes that task gives up his business in this country, for it will require all his time on the isthmus for an indefinite period," said the admiral.



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