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## GUESTS AT TABLE WITH HARRIMAN

### Portland's Representative Men Discuss Vital Topics With Magnate.

## NOT ALL AGREE WITH HIM

### Wilcox, in Reply to Fenton, Says Traffic Will Not Go to Puget Sound and Predicts Railroad on North Bank.

E. H. Harriman, president of the great railway systems embraced within the transcontinental chain extending from the Missouri River to the Pacific, entertained as his guests a brilliant assemblage, representative of the commercial, professional and financial interests of Portland at the American Inn last night, but if it was anticipated that entire harmony of thought and expression would prevail at the gathering such idea was dispelled.

Governor Chamberlain took occasion to disagree with representations of W. W. Cotton as to the conditions in the irrigated section along the Deschutes in the vicinity of Bend, and also upon the assertion of Oregon people not having been awake to their opportunity in securing more rapid progress in the reclamation work of Government engineers.

## Wilcox Gives His Views.

Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, declined to agree with W. D. Fenton in the idea that traffic would ever be diverted from the natural water grade of the Columbia to Puget Sound, and declared it to be his conviction that another railroad would soon be operated down the north bank of that stream to convey its tonnage to tidewater. That the Columbia will be deepened from Portland to the sea, and that a depth of 30 feet at all points, and 40 feet on the bar, he believes, may be attained in a short time if a sufficiently large appropriation can be secured from the next session of Congress to complete the levy.

## Province of Harriman.

President Harriman, host of the banquet, given by him to W. W. Cotton, was felicitous in his remarks, told something of the expenditures made on the system and referred briefly to what he had done in Oregon. He promised that the Columbia Southern would now be extended but did not say to what distance from its present terminus. He evinced sincere appreciation of the compliments paid him by the other speakers for service rendered to Oregon, and was general in welcome to his guests, but any announcements of material importance to Oregon, beyond that concerning improved transportation facilities for the central portion of the state and reference to the others previously made public, were not forthcoming.

It may be said that from the aspect involving commercial and transportation conditions in Oregon the banquet resolved itself into a railroad meeting on the one side, with Mr. Harriman, W. W. Cotton and W. D. Fenton the speakers, and a business men's meeting on the other, with Governor Chamberlain, W. D. Wheelwright and Theodore B. Wilcox, the speakers. While there was divergence of opinion on the certain salient features brought forth, it was with proper consideration for what the Harriman system has done for Oregon, and, as well presented by Governor Chamberlain, revealed to the railway magnate that much more is expected in addition thereto.

## President Harriman's Address.

Socially, and from an epicurean standpoint, the evening was one taking high rank among public functions in Portland. In all of its appointments there was nothing that did not reflect credit upon the directing individual, the management of the big hostelry, and the good taste and generosity of the host. When black coffee and cigars had been reached on the menu, Mr. Harriman arose and was greeted with hearty welcome from the 25 guests seated at two-score tables of the large dining-room. He requested that the guests move nearer the center of the dining-room, where the speakers were seated on either side of the host. After the suggestion had been heeded and applause subsided, Mr. Harriman said: Gentlemen, I thank you very much for this cordial greeting. This is the adjourned meeting of a former occasion when you were all gathered together to do honor to our friend, Mr. Cotton (great applause), and it is my pleasure now to explain to you why you are here to reconsider the decision you then arrived at. (Laughter.) At the first, when the news came to us in New York of the destination that had been offered to him, we were among the first to congratulate him, and we fell, as you probably did, proud of his selection. But after the enthusiasm began to wear off and we looked around to see how we were going to fill the gap, we were a little dismayed, and one day Mr. Cotton walked into my office in that city and then I thought it was the funeral.

He did not look very pleasant, and he told me how sorry he was to leave the old road that he had worked for and that had been so true to him. I immediately said, "Well, Cotton, why do you leave? Why not stay?" I immediately occurred to me that there was an opportunity for us, and he said, "Well, I don't know, though I have been thinking it over traveling from Portland here; what do you think, Mr. Harriman?" That staggered me again; I did not know what to answer; I could not make up my mind for him; I did not want to influence him, so we talked over the various matters of the road and what his method of life would be afterwards; how difficult he would be, but still would not be one of us, so finally I remarked to him that that was a matter which a man must decide for himself; that we would be very glad to retain him—it was a hardship for us to lose him—but that he must decide it for himself; that if he thought his duty lay in

## USE SOLDIERS TO BREAK EMBARGO

### Louisiana Will Not Tolerate Local Quarantine on Yellow Fever.

## TRAVEL MUST REMAIN FREE

### State Issues Proclamation—Increase in Number of Cases Follows Inspection—Officer Hurt in Siege of Infected House.

OFFICIAL REPORT TO 6 P. M.	
New cases	69
Total to date	625
Deaths to date	4
Total deaths to date	117
New subjects	17
Total subjects to date	114

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8.—If the present chaotic condition of quarantine matters in Louisiana is not speedily terminated in obedience to a proclamation issued today, the State Board of Health has announced its intention of immediately invoking the civil powers, and that of asking Governor Blanchard to call out the militia and restore and maintain order.

The proclamation resulted from the letters sent yesterday by the Governor to President Sweeney by the Governor to prohibit any town, parish or village from refusing admission to a person from a non-infected locality holding a health certificate not over 24 hours old, or to a person from an infected locality who has spent six days in a detention camp and been discharged with a Marine Hospital certificate. Interference with the passage of steamboats or trains is forbidden unless they violate legal quarantine regulations. No mail, freight or express matter shall under the proclamation be refused from infected territories, provided it is carried in cars which have been fumigated by the Marine Hospital Service.

## Will Arrest All Who Resist.

All persons who disregard these regulations, under the semblance of Boards of Health or mass meetings, are warned that they make themselves liable to arrest in the courts. It is announced that no more illegal restrictions on travel or commerce will be tolerated.

## Because of the large number of cases

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## Injured in Fight on Containment.

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## BOSS RUEF GIVEN A SEVERE DEFEAT

### Reform Element of Republican Party Wins in San Francisco Primaries.

## ISSUE IS MADE ON GRAFT

### Great Vote Is Brought Out, Many Who Had Never Voted on Such Occasions Before Going to the Polls.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The good government forces of the city in today's primary election annihilated the machine controlled by Abe Ruef, the city boss, and sponsor for Mayor Schmitt. The fight was in the Republican party, and the reformers' element, known as the Republic League, secured 231 delegates, while Ruef was able to elicit but 168.

The reformers will thus control the convention and nominate a candidate to oppose Schmitt at the November election. To add to Ruef's chagrin his effort to break up the Democratic party was also unsuccessful.

The result is of greater significance than appears on the surface, for Ruef threw his whole strength against the Republican reformers. His Union Labor following neglected their own ticket to vote for Ruef's Republican faction. The result is a great surprise. For the first time since they secured control of the city four years ago, Ruef and Schmitt have met with defeat.

## Faith of Ruef's Followers.

It is predicted that from now on their followers will desert. They have reposed a childlike faith in Ruef, bred by his repeated successes, until they came to regard him as invincible. It will require a master effort to gather together the scattered legions to continue the battle for Schmitt.

The reform victory was gained on the issue of graft. The campaign light was made on the corrupt record of the administration. With the police department, the fire department, the street department, all the office-holders of the City Hall and the various branches of the local government at his back, Ruef made a last desperate stand—and lost.

## Big Vote Is Polled.

The districts north of Market street, with the exception of the various branches of the administration, the total vote was an enormous one—the largest ever cast at a primary election in San Francisco. The latest reports from the office of the Registrar indicate that the total vote for the day was 41,000.

This great vote, compared with the total of 18,151, cast in August of last year, and a little over 900, the vote of May, 1904, shows that there has been a tremendous awakening of the citizens and augurs for the final downfall and defeat of the Ruef and Schmitt faction at the election in November.

Citizens who have not voted at a primary election in years—many who had never voted at a primary before—left their homes and their places of business and employment and performed their duty. It is not best for their action Ruef, with the organized forces he had behind him, would have succeeded in capturing control of the convention.

## FRANCIS COMING TO FAIR

### HEAD OF ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION ON WAY TO PORTLAND.

### After Tour of Yellowstone Park, He and Family Will Become Guests of President Goode.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—It became known today that David B. Francis, President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, accompanied by Mrs. Francis, two of their sons, Charles and Sidney, and Mr. Francis' private secretary, Colton Thompson, left St. Louis Saturday over the Burlington road for the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The party will spend four or five days in making a tour through Yellowstone Park and arrive in Portland, August 15, where it will be met by President Goode, who will officially entertain it at the Exposition. The party will probably stay in Portland a week or ten days, Mr. Francis having indicated to business associates here his expectation to be back in St. Louis before September 1.

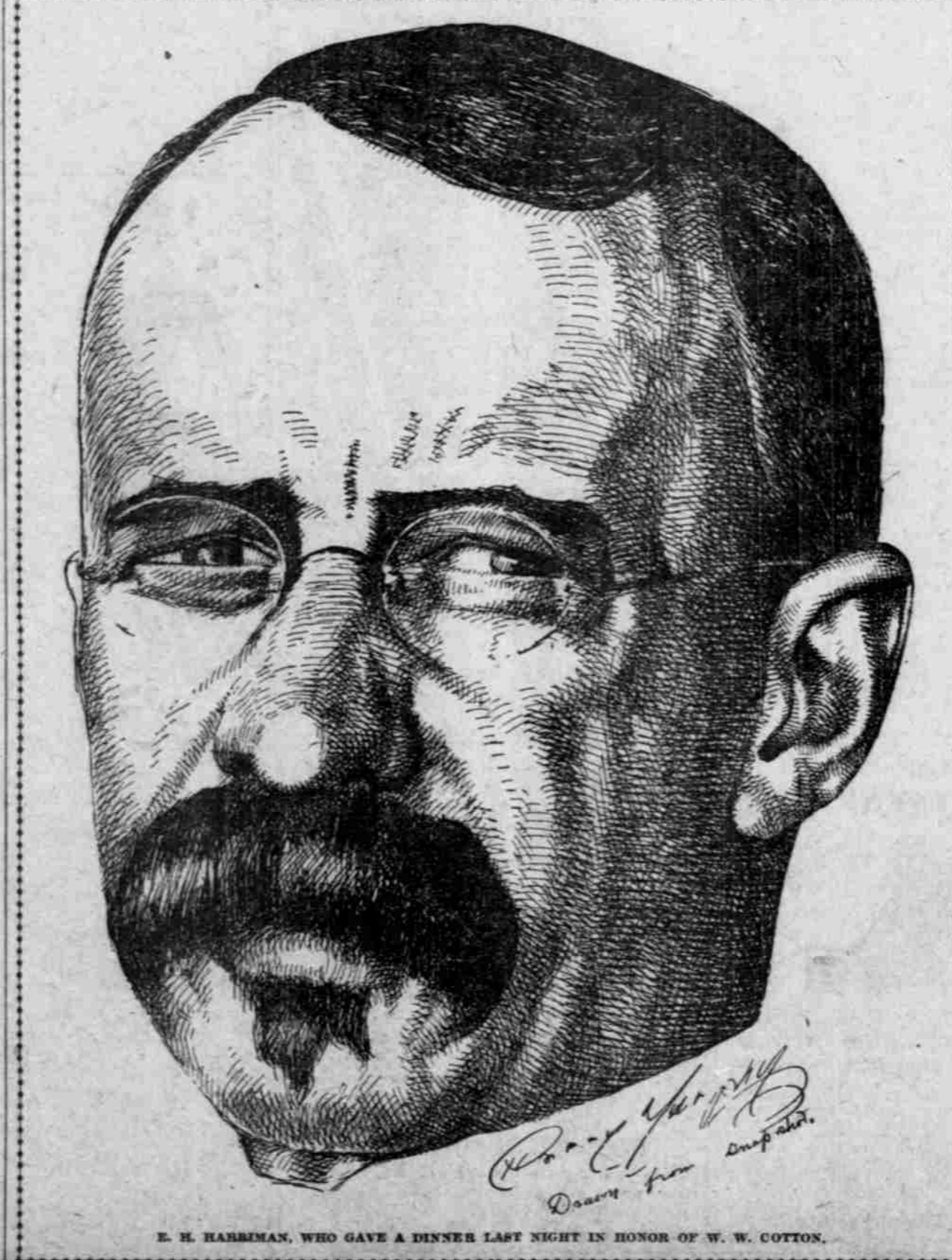
## TYPHOON KILLS HUNDREDS

### Japanese Pearl-Fishing Fleet Destroyed Off Goto Island.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 8.—News was received by the steamer Kanagawa of the loss of over 100 small vessels of the Japanese pearl-fishing fleet off Goto Island, 454 of over 600 men on board being drowned and believed to be missing. Fifteen boats with 74 men survived the typhoon and about 100 men reached Misima Island.

## Roasted in Rolltop Furnace.

MORGAN, Utah, Aug. 8.—A carload of roll-top desks, consigned to a furniture company of San Francisco, was destroyed by fire here today. A colored man also lost his life in the fire. It is supposed the man started the fire while smoking, as he was beating his way and was in the car.



E. H. HARRIMAN, WHO GAVE A DINNER LAST NIGHT IN HONOR OF W. W. COTTON.