

# CLARK IS AFTER CHANGE TO DIG

## Democratic Leader Would Manipulate Congress to Get Campaign Material.

### HE HOPES TO BE SPEAKER

Quality of "Cornfield Lawyer's" Leadership Questioned, However, and Party May Turn to Fitzgerald, of New York.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 13.—If the Democrats gain control of the next House of Representatives they will use it to the best of their ability in the preparation of campaign issues and campaign material for the National campaign in 1912. They can do nothing of a partisan nature in the way of legislation, for the Senate will still be strongly Republican. But they can do greater or less to arouse public sentiment, manufacture endless campaign literature in the form of Democratic speeches, and conduct congressional investigations intended to embarrass the Republican Administration.

So confident are the Democratic leaders that they will control the next House that already they are speculating on what shall be done with the Speaker when they get it. The probabilities are that Champ Clark will be chosen Speaker, for he is the present party leader, and perhaps as strong as any other Democratic member. It is not certain, however, that Clark could be elected to the Speakership even if the House went Democratic. As party leader Clark has been a great favorite through many of his followers to realize it. There are others who have their eyes open, and these men, disappointed and disgusted with Clark, are casting about for some other man, the best and the strongest man who could be run against him in Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, whom Clark tried to read out of the party.

### Fitzgerald Better Than Clark.

That Fitzgerald, instead of Clark, might be elected Speaker is possible, though hardly probable. He would make a better Speaker than Clark, for he is a more intelligent party leader. Fitzgerald is a student; he is a parliamentarian, and he has a quick, active brain. Clark is what Senator Tillman terms a "cornfield lawyer"—stout, sluggish, and brutal, and is no parliamentarian, nor is he a natural leader of men, though he thinks he is, and his friends believed he was until they chose him for leader. If Clark should be made Speaker, assuming the next House to be Democratic, the probabilities are little valuable campaign material will be turned out, for Clark is one of the Democrats who can be counted on to do the wrong thing every time. He would blunder along and get nowhere. If Fitzgerald should be made Speaker, he probably would conduct the affairs of the House in a way that would help the party in the following campaign. He makes few errors, and his keen judgment usually carries him in the right direction.

### Democrats Anxious to Dig.

Democrats are anxious to get control of the House, for they feel that once in power there they can appoint committees that will have authority to probe into the conduct of the various departments of the Government. They have a suspicion much unfavorable to the Republican Administration can be unearthed, and certain it is that unfavorable reports would be made. They would dig into the Department of Justice and report that it had not made diligent efforts to impartially enforce the anti-trust laws; they would dig into the War and Navy departments, and report all manner of extravagance, as they would in other branches of the Government. All these findings, of course, would be made public, printed as documents and circulated throughout the country. While these investigations would produce little in the way of immediate results, they would tend to prejudice the public mind against the Republican Administration, and it is likely they would be intended to accomplish.

# COYOTE BILL IS PRISONER

## Must Do Time for Selling Firewater to Indians.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Quick justice was meted out to William Stevens, better known as Coyote Bill, yesterday morning. He was arrested by Chief of Police Gurdane on the charge of selling liquor to Indians. A few minutes later he was arraigned by City Attorney Riley on two charges, found guilty by Police Judge Fitzgerald on both counts, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and serve 30 days in jail.

As he has no money, he will be compelled to serve out the fine as well as the jail sentence. This sentence was on the first count only, the judge announcing that he would pronounce sentence for the second offense at the expiration of the present one. The convicted man is an old offender.

# ROCK THROWERS ARRESTED

## Two Parkplace Boys Break Window and Hit Woman.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Beanshooters and a spirit of mischief-ousness was the cause of the arrest of two boys late this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Baker and Constable Miles. Young Ladd and Hughes, of Park Place, were the offenders, and when a Portland car passed they threw rocks at the windows, breaking the glass and striking a woman in the head.

Headquarters were notified by the motorman, who in turn called up the officials here and requested the arrest of the boys. The hearing was held before Judge Dimick and the boys were allowed to go until tomorrow, when the case will be again taken up.

# JAMES BARRETT IS DEAD

## Well-Known Contractor Passes Suddenly of Heart Trouble.

James Barrett, a resident of Portland for the past 25 years, died suddenly at his home, 645 Seventh street, yesterday. His death came after an illness of two days, from an ailment of the heart. During the past decade Mr. Barrett was actively engaged in a general con-

tracting business in this city. Aside from his supervision in the construction of the recently completed addition to St. Vincent's Hospital, here, he was supervisor in the construction of Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Everett streets; St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Savier and Nineteenth streets, and the major part of the buildings of the Mount Angel monastery. The Gearin building, Fourteenth and Washington, and the Healey building, East Morrison and Grand avenue, were also built under his direction.

Mr. Barrett was born in Odorney, County Kerry, Ireland, 54 years ago. At an early age he immigrated to America with his parents and settled at Fall River, Mass. Accompanied by his brother Edward, who died two months ago in this city, he came West. The brothers eventually came to Portland, where they continued their residence until their recent deaths.

Mr. Barrett was affiliated with a number of fraternal orders, some of which are the Woodmen of the World, Maccabees, Women of Woodcraft, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Of this latter he has been a member for the past 27 years.

Besides six unmarried children, Thomas, Laura, Edward, Robert E., Mary A. and Katherine, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Edward Lawler, Miss Mae Barrett, 535 Couch street, and Miss Ella Barrett, of Mount Tabor, this city.

The funeral, which will be held from St. Lawrence's Catholic Church, Third and Sherman streets, with interment at Calvary Cemetery, has been deferred until advice is received from Edward, a son, who is now on his ranch in the eastern part of the state.

# 27 MADE DEFENDANTS

## ALLEGED LAND FRAUDS UNCOVERED AT LA GRANDE.

### Charges of Conspiracy Are Made Against Prominent Eastern Oregon Business Men.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The charges of conspiracy to defraud the government out of valuable timber lands in Umatilla County, made several months ago against J. W. Scriber, and Ann Thomson, have been enlarged to include 27 men prominent in the Northwest. These charges have been made openly by Government attorneys and over 100 notices of charges have just been sent out by registered letters from the local land office.

These people, John Mills, Oscar F. Nell, Manira A. Meadows, W. E. Pruyans, Henry Humphreys, John Woodard, Alfred L. Ayers, Emma C. Fuller, William Ayers, Allen W. Salling, Edward Brown, Martha B. Scrivner, O. S. Andrews, John Kirk, George Tillard, Naomie Garner, E. Landay, William P. Scrivner, Cecil T. Humphreys, Thomas J. Humphreys, Mabel America Leazer, George Whittey, Henry E. Warren, Charles W. Fuller, Anna E. Spenser, S. W. Spenser and William M. Mallory, about six years ago applied for timber and stone profits at the La Grande land office on land lying near Ukiah, and the local land office issued certificates, which invariably go to the department for approval. Patents were not issued, and this week sensational charges are made by the Government against these applicants and others.

### RIDER PLUNGES TO DEATH

## Loose Plank on Bridge Frightens Horse and Both Drop to River.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A loose plank on the bridge across the Wilson River, near here, flew up today as Alfred Wysz, a young dairyman, was riding across, and frightened his horse. The animal reared and plunged backward from the bridge, falling into the river below. Wysz was instantly killed. His brother was with him at the time of the accident, and witnessed the tragedy.

### Astoria Marine Notes.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The last one of the Hammond Rafting Company's piling rafts to leave for San Francisco this season will be ready to go to sea on Sunday. It will be towed down the coast by the steamer George W. Fenwick, which is now loading lumber at the Hammond mill. The American ship William H. Mack has practically completed loading a cargo of lumber at the Hammond mill for Natalou, south Africa. She was inspected today by Captain Crowe, surveyor for the San Francisco Lumbermen's Association.

### Land Company Incorporates.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Among the new articles of incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State, are papers for the Umatilla Irrigated Land Company, incorporators J. S. Green, P. C. Holland, G. J. Kaufman. Capital stock \$20,000. The Butte Valley Fruit Growers' Union has been incorporated also. Capital stock \$1000. Incorporators M. M. Burnett, E. J. Collins, C. P. Balch, W. G. Faust, P. W. Knowles.

### Experiment Station Talked Of.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—H. W. Sparks, of the state farm demonstration department, was in Chehalis yesterday and the subject of establishing an experimental demonstration farm near here was up for discussion with Secretary Merrill of the Citizens' Club. It is proposed to see if an arrangement can be made to do the work in connection with the State Training School.

### Calls Dry Farming Congress.

BILLINGS, Mont., Aug. 13.—Secretary John T. Burns has issued the official call for the fourth annual session of the Dry Farming Congress, to be held at Billings, Mont., October 26, 27 and 28, 1909. In connection with the congress will be held the second International Dry Farming Exposition, October 25-29.

### Ties Placed on Right of Way.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Ties and rails for the Twin City electric line that to connect this city with Chehalis are being strung along the right of way. Some work is being commenced at Chehalis.

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# NOT FAIR TO WEST

## Cannon's Irrigation Committee Oddly Composed.

### EASTERNERS IN MAJORITY

## Men Who Must Pass Upon New Legislation Are Mostly Unfamiliar With Reclamation Service Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 13.—The new House committee on irrigation, as reorganized by Speaker Cannon, will be dominated by Eastern men. The 8 men are few members on the committee who have a comprehensive idea of what the Government is doing in the way of reclaiming arid lands; few men who would have been on the committee by choice, or because of their special aptitude for its work. Only six of the 13 members are from states in which Government work has been undertaken, and only two of the six are from states in which any great amount of Government irrigation will probably be attempted. As now constituted the committee is as follows:

Reeder, Kansas (chairman); Cole, Ohio; Kinkaid, Nebraska; Engelbright, California; Greene, Massachusetts; Anderson, New York; Palmer, Pennsylvania; Good, Iowa; Smith, Texas; Rainey, Illinois; Hitchcock, Nebraska; Bartlett, Nevada; Thomas, Kentucky. There is one Government project in Kansas, one in Nebraska and one in Texas. Four of the Western members laid from these three states. Engelbright of California and Bartlett of Nevada are the two members in whose states much remains to be done by the Federal Reclamation Service. All the others are from irrigation problems, and in passing upon legislation must do so from a theoretical rather than a practical standpoint. Which is probably just what the Speaker intended.

### Situation Is Unfortunate.

From the standpoint of the West it is decidedly unfortunate that the Speaker should have framed up such an irrigation committee at this particular time. The Senate irrigation committee, including all the Western members, has information during the recess with a view to making modifications in the reclamation law next session. Other members, who collect money with the committee, intend to introduce bills making changes which will not be for the good of the service.

All this is good and bad, practical and impractical, will be referred to this House committee sooner or later, and it will be within the power of the uninformed Eastern members of the committee, which should not be reported and to suppress that which ought to go through.

With this situation confronting them, Western delegations in Congress will encounter unusual difficulties at the coming session of Congress. Their fights, instead of being in the committee, will have to be made on the floor of the House, and against tremendous odds. Numerically the West is particularly weak in the Senate. This Eastern irrigation committee gets set on making undesirable changes in the reclamation law, and reports bills of that character to the Senate. If the committee will be inclined to accept the judgment of their Eastern colleagues on the committee, and then trouble will begin.

### West Must Keep Watch.

The appointment of this peculiar committee on irrigation will entail unusual vigilance on the part of Western Senators. If freak legislation is attempted by the House, it will have to be corrected in the Senate. On the other hand, needed legislation originating in the Senate may experience difficulty in getting past Speaker Cannon's committee on irrigation. All of which will tend to delay and to other embarrassments.

Just what object the Speaker had in mind in framing up his irrigation committee is not yet apparent. That he had some object in view is not to be doubted. Most Western men sought places on the irrigation committee, and he was not obliged to fill up with Easterners. Nor was it mere coincidence that the majority of the committee should be Eastern men. It was all done with secret purpose in view, and that purpose may not be laid bare until Congress gets down to work next December.

Chasman Reeder knows a great deal about irrigation matters; so does Mr. Bartlett of Nevada and Mr. Smith of Texas. Representative Engelbright of California comes from a widely irrigated district. But Engelbright is one of the avowed enemies of the Reclamation Service, and the author of a number of bills aimed at the disorganization of that service. Messrs. Kinkaid and Hitchcock, of Nebraska, are reasonably well informed on the subject of irrigation, but take comparatively little interest in it. To all the other members it is a subject as foreign as is the ship-subsidy question to an Iowa farmer.

The notable thing about the make-up of the irrigation committee is that no Congressman from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Utah or the other big irrigated States where much irrigation work is in progress, and will continue for years, was appointed to membership. This leads to the conclusion that the Speaker held a "joker" in his sleeve when he formed this committee. He certainly did not give the West a square deal.

# ROAD TO ENTER SPOKANE

## Milwaukee Prepares to Make Extension From Whitman County.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The Milwaukee road will build into Spokane. Today the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound sent by mail for filing with the Secretary of State a copy of a resolution adopted by the trustees at Chicago, July 31, 1909. This resolution is short and simply authorizes the construction of a branch "beginning at Meiden, a station on point on the present line of railroad in the County of Whitman, thence in a generally northerly direction through the said County of Whitman to and into the City of Spokane."

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gon in 1876, locating at Silverton. He is survived by a widow, one daughter, two sons, his mother and two brothers, the latter being A. T. Cockerline, of Eugene, Or., and H. N. Cockerline, of Albany, Or.

# GIRL BEATEN TO PULP

## MOTORMAN MURDERS PRETTY LAUNDRYWORKER.

### Later Shoots Self to Escape Arrest. Man Was ex-Convict Out on Parole.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—Agnes Braccasco, a comely young laundryworker, lies in the morgue in this city today with her throat cut and her head beaten into a pulp, while George Curry, whose jealous rage led him first to murder and then to self-destruction, is dead in Oakland with a revolver bullet in his heart.

The girl's body was found in Curry's room today, and the police had hardly begun their search for the man before word of his suicide was received. He was an ex-convict, who was sentenced in 1906 to ten years in San Quentin for the murder of his wife. Since his parole last July, he worked as a motorman.

The dead girl, it is reported, was engaged to marry Frank Kennedy, of this city, and it was the discovery of this fact which led Curry to take her life. The body of the murdered girl was found by L. D. Prosenor, Curry's roommate. A note, apparently written by Curry, was discovered, which disclosed his probable intention of taking his own life. The note said:

"Poor Lucile, kid. We die together. This is a warning for all men in love. Notify J. B. Ronstadt, 134 Turk. "C."

### SCHEME TO SAVE PENSION

## Woman Who Asks Divorce Wants Marriage Declared Invalid.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. S. Martin, who sues her husband for divorce after having been married but 12 hours, will make an effort to have the marriage declared null and void on the alleged ground of fraud.

### Little Girl Has Close Call.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—While playing about an empty buggy at Prosser today, little Crystal, a 3-year-old, slipped and fell. Her feet caught in the buggy top and the child hung head downward, unable to cry for assistance. Her mother saw her in time to rescue her, and so saved the child from slow strangulation.

### Fagan's Injuries Serious.

MONTESANO, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Arthur M. Fagan, of Portland, a freight brakeman on the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, who was severely injured by falling under the train at Clatskanie a few days ago, is still in a critical condition at the hospital here. It is now feared that his internal injuries were more serious than at first supposed.

### Bonds to Be Revoted.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A second election to validate the \$15,000 City Hall bonds voted some time ago, will be held in Chehalis August 17. There was a technical error in the original ordinance that makes the new election necessary. The bonds are expected to carry.

### Victoria Shipping News.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 13.—Steamer Maruma sailed tonight for Australia via Honolulu and Suva, carrying a full list of passengers including British and Canadian delegates to the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the empire to be held September 12 at Sydney. Steamer Empress of

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# OLD MAN DIES IN BARN

## Stranger, Out of Work, Creeps Into Hayloft and Passes Away.

An unidentified old man, who from appearance had passed his 70th year, and who was reduced to working at odd jobs for his board, crept into the hay loft at the barn of R. B. Keenan, a dairyman, whose place adjoins the Rose City Cemetery on the north, early yesterday afternoon and died. His dead body was found by Keenan, who notified the authorities. It was removed to the undertaking establishment of Dunning, McEntee & Gilhaugh. Coroner Norden is now making efforts to learn the name of the unknown and to notify his friends if any can be found.

The impoverished old man applied to Keenan a few days ago for work. He spoke German, but very little English. All he told Keenan was he had been doing chores for a family living in Wiber Lane.

Yesterday morning the old man complained of pains about his heart. He was missed during the forenoon and was later found dead. He was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed about 120 pounds. His face was covered with a full beard, which, together with his hair, was very gray. His complexion was dark and he was probably of German birth. The physician who examined him said death was caused by heart disease.

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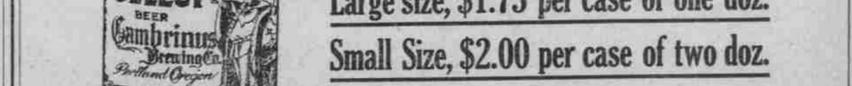
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