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## BRYAN DEPOSED AS NEBRASKA LEADER

### Vote Rejecting Counsel Wildly Cheered.

## OPTION LAW HIS WATERLOO

### Contending Factions Unite to Accomplish Embarrassment.

## 20 YEARS' RULE IS ENDED

### Democratic State Platform Indorses Daylight Closing Law—Bryan Supporter Predicts Party Defeat at the Polls.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 26.—Amid a tumult of cheers, Permanent Chairman Smyth, of the Democratic state convention, today read the result of a test vote which practically took from W. J. Bryan the Democratic leadership of Nebraska, which he has maintained for 20 years.

The vote came on a motion made by Representative Hitchcock, a candidate for the Senatorial nomination, and in effect was to eliminate the introduction of platform planks, with accompanying speeches unless submitted as a section of the majority or minority reports of the committee on resolutions.

"Gag Rule" Charged.

Mr. Bryan, seated as a member of the Lancaster County delegation, was upon his feet at once with a protest and proffered an amendment that would modify the intent of the original motion. A dozen delegates made as many motions and heated speeches on the subject, the Bryan adherents denouncing the Hitchcock motion as gag rule and their opponents declaring that "individual rule" must not prevail in the convention.

Chairman Smyth ordered a rollcall on the amendment and the gathering was silent as the vote of the counties was called that would determine the Bryan strength. When two-thirds had been counted, Mr. Bryan realized he was defeated and a "war" of cheers that drowned the rollcall began.

Defeat Is Cheered.

As Chairman Smyth read the result, 455 against the amendment to 294 in favor of it, the delegates sounded a fresh volume of cheers that seemed to indicate their relief from the uncertainty that had existed as to the strength which Mr. Bryan would develop in the convention. The original motion of Mr. Hitchcock was then adopted.

The convention came to order in a faint packed with perspiring delegates and surrounded by throngs of spectators eager to hear the oratorical battle that had been predicted.

Instead of calling for the oratory, the delegates began to speed up the action of the convention to a gait that promised to transfer the expected long-drawn-out contest to two brief and busy sessions. The temporary organization was made permanent and Chairman Smyth, after making a brief speech, selected a committee on resolutions.

Victory Cut Short.

Mr. Bryan was among the first two of the committee of seven named. Representative Hitchcock made his motion to restrict discussion. The opponents of Mr. Bryan asserted that if individual introduction of platform planks had been permitted, with a speech or speeches on each one, it would have materially delayed the progress of the body. While they asserted their willingness that he should speak on the minority report they practically prohibited any other speech from him in the convention.

While the committee on resolutions was drafting its report, Governor Shallenberger and Mayor Dahman, of Omaha, rivals for nomination for governor, addressed the convention and hurled verbal shafts at each other. The Omaha Mayor said that he welcomed a fight in the convention, as a trip of several hundred miles to a harmonious gathering was not worth the expense of car fare.

Liquor Issue Enters.

Governor Shallenberger also asserted his eagerness for a lively battle and announced his willingness to stand for selection on the question of the operation of the daylight closing law, the operation of which had been attacked by Mayor Dahman and his followers. The Governor also promised the delegates that if re-elected, together with a Democratic Legislature, he would give them opportunity through legislative action, to settle the saloon question definitely. The convention took a recess until 5 o'clock to wait the report of the committee on resolutions.

Discussion among the members of the resolutions committee delayed the presentation of the different reports until long after the hour set for them at the night session. A disorderly crowd that packed the tent prevented many of the delegates from obtaining their seats and also delayed the proceedings.

Opponents Unite Against Bryan.

The differences of the Shallenberger and Dahman factions on minor points of the platform did not prevent a solid front by them against the county option issue of which Mr. Bryan was the only sponsor.

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## MONTANA RANGE WAR OUT AFRESH

### CATTLE AND SHEEPMEN MAY CLASH FOR BLOOD.

### Pitched Battle Expected at Any Time, as Final Warning Has Been Issued.

HELENA, Mont., July 26.—(Special.)—The range war between the cattle and sheepmen in the northern part of this country has broken out afresh.

Last week the cattlemen, asserting that the sheepmen had taken their flocks over an imaginary dividing line said to have been agreed upon, chased the latter out. Yesterday four sheepherders, having in charge the Slowe herds, crossed onto the so-called cattle range. The herders were set upon by the cattlemen and disarmed. They were chased out of the district with revolvers.

About 25 sheep were slain and the rest of the band scattered in all directions. The last warning has been given. It is understood, and the next offense will mean a pitched battle between the cow-punchers and sheepherders.

## STRONG BOX IS ATTACKED

### Tacoma Strikes at Treasury of Re-calcitrant Car Company.

TACOMA, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—In the fight with the street railway company another attachment has been directed against the strong box of the corporation. Resolutions so aimed will be introduced at the legislative session of the City Council tomorrow morning by Mayor Fawcett and will instruct the City Attorney to begin a number of mandamus suits against the Tacoma Railway & Power Company.

One of the contemplated proceedings will be for the removal of tracks of the Pacific Traction Company, an allied company of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company; another will be to prevent the Seattle-Tacoma interurban from using the tracks of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company without the consent of the commissioners, and another will be to fix up the tracks. To do these things will cost a large sum of money.

## PRISON RESTORES REASON

### Railroad Culvert Makes Demented Woman Captive for Week.

DENVER, July 26.—Imprisonment in a railroad culvert for a week without food or water appears to have restored the reason of Mrs. Catherine Krouse, aged 60 years, of this city, who wandered from the home of her daughter a week ago and was found by a train crew today.

The woman was found tightly wedged between two planks in the culvert.

Her body was covered with bruises, but as she was carried into the home of her daughter she talked coherently for the first time in months. She could not tell how she got into the culvert.

## RAID ON BANKS PLANNED

### Wallace, Idaho, Plot Revealed by Robber's Confession.

WALLACE, Idaho, July 26.—A well-laid plot to rob the Wallace banks of \$200,000 deposits has been perfected, it is reported following the capture of Bud Rogers, self-confessed train robber, at Boise.

According to a confession said to have been made by Rogers, his three pals, still at large, have perfected a plan to loot the banks at Wallace at an early date and are now on their way to the mining camp. Officials of the bank are keeping loaded guns in easy reach.

## INJURED MAN SHOWS GRIT

### Conductor With Legs Cut Off Chats With His Rescuers.

TACOMA, July 26.—Conductor Ed White, of a Northern Pacific switcher crew, was run over by cars today and had both legs severed below the knee.

As he lay on the ground waiting for an ambulance he coolly gave orders for the work of the crew for the rest of the day and chatted with the men in a way that surprised them. He was removed to the Northern Pacific hospital.

## CASHIER'S HAUL \$600,000

### Russo-Chinese Bank Official Had Accomplices Inspector Thinks.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The list of securities stolen from the Russo-Chinese bank made public today shows that the much-searched-for cashier, Edwin Wider, helped himself to 620 shares of stock, most of it gilt-edge, which are worth about \$600,000.

Inspector De Markowski, of the Russo-Chinese bank, thinks others conspired with the cashier to rob the bank.

## MAYOR'S PARTY ARRESTED

### Toledo Official in Auto Released on Revealing Identity.

TOLEDO, O., July 26.—Mayor Brand Wittlock and members of his party were arrested in Sandusky last night, charged with violation of the automobile speeding ordinance.

All were discharged after the Toledo executive had disclosed his identity.

## BIG FIGHT AMONG WOODMEN TODAY

### Oregon Holds Balance of Power.

## HAWLEY OBJECT OF ATTACK

### Opposition Directed Against Head Consul Boak.

## CALIFORNIA PLANS COUP

### Southerners Said to Be Ready to Undertake Assault on Board, Charging Mismanagement. Contest Bitter.

The big fight of the tenth annual session of the Woodmen of the World, now meeting here, may materialize this morning with the election of officers.

According to information gleaned from delegates last night, Representative Hawley will have to stand the brunt of the attempt being made to discredit the officers of the order by certain sections of the Woodmen.

While, on the exterior, two Portland men have been put up for candidacy in the board of managers of the order, it is planned, say those on the inside, to center the opposition on Mr. Hawley. There are five members of the board. All are candidates for re-election.

Head Consul Center of Attack.

In reality, the opposition centered on the board is directed against Head Consul Boak and other officers. The attempt to down Hawley is the thin end of the wedge and, if successful, will be the forerunner of many similar attempts next year.

The trouble goes back to the recent attacks hurled at the board by the Southern California lodges. At that time the unseating of Head Consul Boak was planned, but the general popularity of the latter with the members of the order made the prospective attempt abortive.

Desiring to "make good" on the charges of mismanagement they had hurled against the board of managers, which consists of Representative Hawley, of Salem; Thomas M. Robinson, of Oakland; John Pattison, of Denver; and Frank P. Hawk, of Pueblo, the Southern Californians have planned an assault on the board.

Oregon Support Needed.

To obtain further support, they sought to obtain Oregon following. Hawley was chosen as the man upon whom opposition was to be centered. Members of the Oregon delegation put up W. C. North and Herman Schade, of Portland, but it is understood in a secret caucus last night North was dropped and Schade made the fighting candidate.

At that caucus 13 of 16 of the Oregon delegation promised their support to Schade. Mr. Hawley was not a party to the caucus. At the same time it was (Continued on Page 5.)

## PEARY QUILTS TALK, BUSINESS IS POOR

### LECTURE PLATFORM PROVES OTHER THAN BIG SUCCESS.

### North Pole Trip Disastrous Both Financially and in Amount of Enthusiasm Awakened.

NEW YORK, July 26.—(Special.)—Commander Robert E. Peary is done with the lecture platform, at least as far as America is concerned, and the probably will never deliver another address on a box-office-receipt basis in any country in the world.

His tour in the United States, following his return from the North Pole, proved disastrous both financially and in amount of enthusiasm he awakened. It cost the Civic Forum thousands of dollars, and the explorer didn't get anywhere near the amount of money he expected.

When he left for England a few months ago he said he would never lecture here again. "Peary has the right to be sore at American people," his friends say. "They paid their money for a gold brick, but wouldn't subscribe to the genuine article."

Cook made a clean-up, some say as much as \$75,000, in his few lectures here before his story was attacked. It was in the South where Peary received the worst frost. He was booked for six cities, but two of these were cancelled because of poor business, while the other engagements showed a deficit.

Utah Socialists Nominate.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 26.—The first state convention of the year in Utah was held on Sunday when the Socialists nominated James A. Smith for Congress and E. S. Lund for Justice of the Supreme Court.

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## FIREBUG SUSPECT IS BELIEVED DEAD

### Suicide Theory Held at Hoquiam.

## SICK WIFE READY TO AID

### Despite Divorce Begun for Cruelty She Sends Word.

## SCHWABE MAY BE IN CITY

### Authorities Seek Professor Who Was Arrested After Destruction of Hotel in Which Two Lives Were Lost Friday Last.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—That Professor F. A. Schwabe, who was suspected of having set fire to the Hotel Hoquiam last Friday morning, when two persons lost their lives, has committed suicide, is feared by Chief of Police Wyrick, who has been handling the case. Schwabe has not been seen or heard from since he was released Monday by the police, who failed to establish a case against him.

On top of Schwabe's disappearance is a letter received from Mrs. Minnie Brown, a sister of Mrs. Schwabe, who says the man's wife believes him innocent of the charges, despite his previous threats to kill her and himself, and despite the fact that she instituted divorce proceedings the day before the fire.

Wife Will Aid Husband.

Mrs. Brown adds that Mrs. Schwabe is ill and that her health has been ruined, and while she will never live with Schwabe again, she will come to Hoquiam as soon as her health permits and aid him in disproving the reflections that have been brought against him.

In the meantime the police are hunting for Schwabe and unless he is heard from within a day or two, efforts will be made to locate his body in the river or bay. The police believe that if he has not committed suicide he has gone to Portland and an effort will be made to locate him in that city.

Threats of Suicide Made.

Mrs. Brown's letter, in part, follows: "The terrible charges brought against Mr. Schwabe after she left there have completely prostrated her, and she wishes it understood that, knowing him better than anyone else possibly could, no matter what the evidence, nothing but a confession from him could make her believe the suspicions against him. She was led to believe when she left there that he was in the hands of friends, simply for the protection of both him and herself, as she was afraid of him, and he had made threats against himself, and the many statements in the papers have been far from truthful, and sick as she is she will return to Hoquiam and help to clear him of the charge. While it is now and always will be impossible for them to live as man and wife, she will do all in her power to help clear him, and declares that he is innocent."

"Mrs. Schwabe is very sick, and we now realize that she will never be the (Continued on Page 2.)

## BOAST OF LOVES BRINGS ON ARREST

### E. J. BAUGH, OF LOS ANGELES, HAS WIFE IN PORTLAND.

### Spouse No. 2 Files Charge of Bigamy and Husband Now Languishes in Jail Cell.

LOS ANGELES, July 26.—(Special.)—Edward J. Baugh, a miner, lies a prisoner in the County Jail, technically on a charge of bigamy, but really as a result of not having been able to refrain from boasting of his former amours. He was held today in default of bail for trial August 26.

If he only had not told wife No. 2 of the charms of a former innamorata of his in Portland, Or., there would have been no trouble in the family. His account of the lady, with appropriate descriptions thereto attached, aroused not only jealousy but suspicion in the heart of Mrs. Katie Baugh, his 18-year-old bride of a year, and she proceeded to make an investigation. She discovered that her supposed husband was already provided with at least one wife, Mrs. Georgia Baugh, whom he married in Portland five years ago.

Filled with a just wrath, Mrs. Baugh appeared before Justice Baird late yesterday afternoon and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the gay Lothario on a bigamy charge.

Learning that Baugh was at work near Wellington, officers jumped into an automobile and started for him. He even admitted to his captors that he guessed "the was in for it" and admitted existence of the Portland spouse. The authorities suspect him of having other wives in different places through the country.

## ACTRESS' BENEFIT IS RARE SUCCESS

### Hundreds Go to Help Plucky Miss Mahr.

## FUND LIKELY TO PASS \$5000

Every Seat in Theater Taken at Two Performances.

GIRL THANKS HER FRIENDS

Although She Could Not Be There in Person, Miss Mahr Sends Her Picture and Pens Appreciation—Actor Folk Do Best.

The large attendance at the benefit performance, additional sale of tickets and contributions, and the "silver shower" during the parade yesterday afternoon, in all probability will bring the total amount of the benefit fund for Miss Marjorie Mahr up to the \$5000 mark.

The benefit performance at the Lyric Theater last night for the plucky chorus girl of the Armstrong Musical Company whose legs were cut off in a railway accident two weeks ago, was a rare success. The theater was crowded beyond its seating capacity at each performance. A crowd of beaming faces was on hand long before the doors opened and the audience was one hugely appreciative of the good acts that were furnished by the managers of the various theaters in Portland.

Appalase Greets Girl's Smile.

Before each performance a large picture of Miss Mahr, reclining in a wheel chair in the garden at the Good Samaritan Hospital, was flashed on the screen. The tremendous applause for the sweet smile of the pretty little actress, looking over the audience, had not died away when a facsimile of her letter of thanks to the public was shown. As the letter was read the applause burst out anew. The letter said:

"To my dear friends: I regret that I cannot be present to thank you for your generosity and kindness, and personally express the gratitude I feel if words were adequate. I hope to meet you all some day and shake each of you by the hand. Please accept my best wishes that you may all prosper and that I may be able to help others through your kind assistance. Sincerely yours,

MAJORIE MAHR.

Miss Mahr Thanks Friends.

A personal letter to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, written by Miss Mahr last night, was read to the audience. It follows: "My dear Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong: It is not possible for me to be with you on this grand occasion, and in response I want to send you the best I have—a heart that is overflowing with love and gratitude for you and Ed, who have shown what the term of friendship—true friendship—really is in the time of need. In thanking you I wish also to thank Mr. Keating and Mr. Flood, for they have done for me. Please say to the entire company, my close associates for so many months, all of whom are so dear to me, that while I have by God's will been so disabled that I can never again be able to do the things that make the public laugh, and enjoy the songs and dances with the girls in the chorus, I shall ever and always hold you close to my heart, no matter where you may be, you have always been so good and kind to me in my suffering and have shown me that love is the best of things. It is such a balm to me, and shall always be associated with my tender thoughts.

Heart Is Full.

"And to the press, editors, managers and their associates I pour out my heart to them for the way in which they have reached the sympathy of the public and the grand and lovely people of Portland. Your hearts in sympathy for me have shown to be magnified as large as this hospital where I am now resting, and I never thought there were any people half so good and tender in their love as you and Portland are.

"I shall love always and forever the Portland people, the kindest and sweetest people on earth. I am a little tired now and must say good-bye, not, however, before thanking each performer for his or her appearance for me tonight, and my hearty thanks to the audience, all of whom I love for their sympathy. Sincerely,

"MARJORIE MAHR."

Actor Folk Give Best.

Here is the programme given: Overture by Musical Mutual Association. Opening melody, Armstrong's Beauty Chorus. Frank Hennessy, popular songs. George B. Alexander, a high-toned hobo, courtesy of Grand theater. Wilson, Conter and Bower, Portland favorites, courtesy of Star theater. Clara Howard and Armstrong's baby dolls. The Great Albin, King of world's illusionists, courtesy of Grand theater. Will Armstrong and Ethel Davis, presenting the comedy sketch, "The Expressman." Stepp, Mehlinger and King, in an original idea, presenting songs, music and comedy, courtesy of Orpheum theater. Martin Bohman, King of world's illusionists, courtesy of Grand theater. Will Armstrong and Ethel Davis, presenting the comedy sketch, "The Expressman." Stepp, Mehlinger and King, in an original idea, presenting songs, music and comedy, courtesy of Orpheum theater. Martin Bohman, King of world's illusionists, courtesy of Grand theater. Opera, "The Bohemian Girl," courtesy of Pantheas theater. Interpolations, (Continued on Page 10.)

## STOCK MARKET IS PURGED

### Financial Leaders Offer No Aid as Prices Fall Sensationally.

### NEW YORK, July 26.—While powerful banking and financial interests stood by and offered no support, stocks tumbled sensationally on the New York Stock Exchange today.

### Although there was a rally in the final hour, the close was weak and unsettled. Sales totaled 1,278,328 shares and only 140,000 shares of the 15th Company, which recorded failure to break to their lowest record of the year.

### In the absence of any specific cause for the slump, the only explanation is the belief that directors of opinion in the financial world agreed that the situation required a drastic purging process.

## GUNNERS SET NEW RECORD

### Eleven Hits in 11 Seconds Made by Men With 3-Inch Gun.

NEW YORK, July 26.—All records for service practice with three-inch guns were broken today at Sandy Hook by the gunners of the 15th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, commanded by Captain Carroll Power, stationed at Fort Totten.

This company held the record for last year's practice and bettered it today, making 11 hits in 11 seconds, attaining a figure of merit of 150. This was nearly twice that of last year.

The size of the moving target is 10 feet by 24 feet and the range was 2150 yards.

## WHEAT DEARER IN FRANCE

### Short Crop Leads to Agitation for Suspension of Duty.

PARIS, July 26.—The damage to the French wheat crop and the rise in the price of wheat in America have sent the price here up three francs a hundred kilograms in the last 30 days.

Wheat is now selling at 25.50 francs a hundred kilograms and has made a corresponding advance, the present price being 61 francs a hundred kilograms, against 51 francs, the figure of last October, the lowest price of the year. An increase of 50 per cent in bread on August 1.

An agitation in favor of the suspension of the import duty of 7 francs on foreign wheat has begun.

