# TAFT DEMOLISHES STORY OF BREACH

Repeatedly Urged That Roosevelt Be Seen.

## ACQUIESCED IN HIS SELECTION

Efforts of New York Old Guard to Cause Breach Exposed.

### SHERMAN GIVEN HOT TALK

President Declined to Be Drawn Into Fight on Roosevelt, Told Sherman He Deplored Latter's Selection for Chairman.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.-President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt are again fellow-workers in the same political field. The threat that they might pull apart has been forefended by a full explanation on one side and an unre-

served acceptance on the other. The President made it plain in a letter given out here today by Lloyd C om, chairman of the New York Republican county committee, how the misunderstanding arose. He explained that he never took any part in a committee cabal to defeat Colonel Roosevelt for temporary chairman of the coming Republican state convention.

On the contrary, he explicitly deplores the result of the committee meeting which chose Vice-President Sherman; he rebukes the party leaders who have permitted it to go abroad uncontradicted that the President of the United States was behind their factional preference; he insists that at every opportunity he advised the fullest conference with Roosevelt, and he "columns of unfounded stories in newspapers concerning my attitude in respect to the New York situation."

### Letter Pleases Roosevelt. For his part, Colonel Roosevelt, when

he read President Taft's letter, as com-municated to him at Oyster Bay, said: am very glad to see President Taft's letter and am pleased with it."
The President's letter comes in reply to Mr. Griscom's blunt assertion by telegraph that the "absence of any authoritative information as to your attitude is seriously misleading many Republicans." He tells how, when he first learned from Vice-President Sherman of the plan to oppose Roosevelt, he "preemptorily declined" to be drawn into a fight with Mr. Roosevelt, and again renewed his urgent advice that there be full personal conference with Finally he asserts that the solution of the direct primary issue can be found in provisions similar to those of the Cobb bill, defeated by the last

loosevelt and Governor Hughes. In the course of the correspondence there comes out a telegram from the President to the Vice-President, hitherto withheld, but of which mention nevertheless had crept into print. In substance, the President Informed Timothy L. Woodruff, Republican state chairman, and William L. Ward, of the National Republican Committee, that the "thing of all others that ought to be avoided is any controversy in the

Legislature in direct rebuke to Mr.

## Griscom Spares Not Schemers.

The President's letter throughout is emperate, although positive, Mr. Gets. com in his comment on it was muc more outspoken. He did not hesitate to charge that the Republican organ ization of the state had played politics with the President's name and had misrepresented his attitude. He asserted in so many words that "some of the 'cld guard' are not seeking Republican success at the coming election; they wish to perpetuate their control of the Republican organization at any cost to the party."

And he goes on to particularize that in such event they would have been glad to unload defeat on the shoulders of the President, on the ground that he had ignored the policies of Hughes and snubbed Theodore Roosevelt, the very man whom they had consistently opposed at every turn. Lastly, he charges that in the last two Legislatures there had been a disgraceful alliance between "Tanmany Hall and some of the 'old guard' leaders."

Celonel Roosevelt, in his statement given out at Oyster Buy, explains what had been the course of his negotlations with the organization and ow, after his successive rebuffs, he had felt that further overtures could or consistently come from him. future attitude he does not define, hecause he is an yet uncertain what ofpublic sentiment President Taft's letter will have when it has been read by the voters of the state.

The following letter from the President Griscom, chairman of the New York Republican county or was given out here today by Mr. Gris-

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 20, 1910.

Mr. Dear Mr. Griscom: As you know em your telephone conversation with my office. I have steadily refused to admit the propriety or necessity of the President's replying to newspaper statements which are not based on any act or zed word of his and have no sponsor. I am entirely willing, however, to (Concluded on Page 2.)

# MALHEUR PROJECT WILL BE REVIVED

BIG IRRIGATION DITCH TO BE PUSHED TO COMPLETION.

Martin Bros., of San Francisco, and Portland Business Men Would See Proposition Through,

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 22 .- (Special.)-The abandoned Malheur irrigation project in Malheur County, Oregon, will be revived.

This was the significant statement ade today by Walter S. Martin, of San Francisco, who with his brother. Peter D. Martin, backers of the Elastern Oregon Land Company, arrived in Bosse today after a tour of inspection of The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company, whose holdings they own. Accompanying the Martins ar W. J. Burn and William McKensie, of the Balfour-Guthrie Company, of Portland.

"We have but just completed a tour of inspection of the holdings of The Dulles Military Wagon Road Company." stated Walter S. Martin, "Our trip ha this significance: If the Clinton Hurtt people do not put through their project on part of these lands or should we ascertain to a certainty that the Government is not going to again attempt to install the Malheur project, the Eastern Oregon Land Company stands prepared to install the project, as it has sufficient capital behind it and is in a position to secure all that is necessary from capitalists. You can say that it is not unlikely that we may take action in the very near future." The party leaves tomorrow for a trip through Central Idaho, via Burns,

## SENATOR, TOO OLD, QUITS Warner of Missouri Won't Be Candi-

date for Re-election.

WASHINGTON, Aug 22—Senator William Warner, of Missouri, announced tenight that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate. The announcement was made in a formal statement addressed to the "Republicans of Missouri." It fol-

"I announce that I shall not be a candidate for re-election to the Senate of the United States. My health will not permit. The making of this annot permit. The making of this an-nouncement is, to me, a matter of deep regret because I feel it will be dis-appointing to my friends, and more loyal or disinterested friends no man ever had. I make no attempt to con-vey to them my heartfelt thanks for the consideration of me in the past, for such an attempt would be to re-veal the poverty of words at my com-

The Senator is in his 71st year, and for several months has not been in good health. The strain of the tariff session effected him seriously and the heavy work of the session recently end-ed did not tend to improve his condi-tion. His term expires March 3.

## BATHER HAS WEAK HEART

Jacob Gansneder, of Portland, Dies in Water at Long Beach.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 22.-(Special.)-A Restaurant of 209 Morrison street, Portand, died from heart trouble while bathng in the surf this afternoon at Long Beach, Wash., where he and his family vere spending the Sun

When first discovered by two women, Mr. Gansneder was apparently floating about as swimmers sometimes do, but when his head could not be seen, an alarm was given and the man was brought ashore as quickly as possible. Two physicians were summoned but they found that life was extinct.

Mr. Gananeder was about 38 years of age and left a widow and five children, he oldest being 13 years of age. He had long been subject to heart trouble. The emains will be sent to Portland tomor-

## CITY CHARTER CHANGED

Cottage Grove Voters Decide to Go Ahead With Improvements.

COTTAGE GROVE. Or., Aug. 22.—
(Special.)—In the special municipal election held today to amend certain sections of the city charter, all six of the measures carried with a vote al-Although Mayor Kime called a mass

Although Mayor Kime called a mass meeting at the Armory, Saturday evening, to discuss the initiative petitions, only a small vote was cast. Probably the most important measure at issue was the one providing for the retirement of all outstanding warrants, and the issue of 6 per cent bonds in their place. This will pay the city's running expense on a cash basis.

The Council is also given power to issue and dispose of coupen bonds for the purpose of paying for the paving of the intersections of Main street with bituithic pavement. The purchase by the city of a rock crusher and steam roller was also formally ratified by the voters.

Other sections of the city charter which are inadequate for the needs of the city were amended.

## PHYSICIAN IS ARRESTED

## Dr. T. J. Pierce Charged With Practicing Without License.

Dr Thomas J. Pierce, a practicing physician, with offices at 311 Allaky building, was arrested by Police Captain Balley last night on a warrant sworn to by O. J. Cole, a carpenter, charging him with practicing medicine without a license. The physician was released upon bonds.

The predicament of Dr. Pierce is the upshot of his recent treatment administered to Cole's wife. Cole is alleged to have become disgruntled with the manner in which the treatment was administered and issued the complaint against the practioner.

The Coles reside at \$97 Ninteenth street, North.

# **BIG MEN FIGHTING** FOR POLITICALLIF

Fall Campaign to Be Bitter Struggle.

## NATIONAL ISSUES INVOLVED

Pacific Coast States Will Figure Prominently.

### **NEW YORK STORM CENTER**

Never in Congressional Year Have So Many Prominent Men Taken Part-Leaders of Factions to Participate in Person.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 22.-The political campaign this Fall promises to be remarkably vigorous. This may not be true in all states, but in the big political centers the struggle will be bitter and ard-fought

In New York, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and some of the other big states things have begun to hum at this early day, and there is every indication that the warring parties and opposing factions within the parties in those states will clash violently when the fight opens in carnest.

Though of less National interest, al three of the Pacific Coast states will figure prominently in the campaign this year, as will Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas. Missouri and less important states The campaign in many of these states will center around the United States Senatorships; in others it will center on the Governor, or on some member of members of Congress. Everywhere, ho ever, National issues will be involved to a greater or less degree, and the outcom of the campaign this year will have its effect upon the National campaign which is to follow in two years.

## Prominent Men Involved.

Never, in a Congressional year, have so many prominent men been actively involved in the campaign as this year. Some are struggling for their own political pres ervation; others are working for the cause to which they are committed, though they themselves have nothing directly at stake. But the very fac that the biggest men of both parties and the leaders of all factions are preparing personally to participate in the cam-paign is ample assurance that apathy will be conspicuous generally by its absence.

A month ago Ohio promised to be the telephone message was received here this storm center this Fall; now New York evening to the effect that Jacob is bidding for the limelight. The failure or of the Bismarck of the Republican factions of the latter state to harmonize their differences. have thrown down the gauntlet and hurled deflance at Theodore Roosevelt and the reform element is enough guarantee a lively scrap in the Republican state convention, and in the campaign that follows.

## New York Campaign Heated.

The very fact that the ex-President has become a factor and has suffered prehine guarantees a great display of political pyrotechnics in New York, for no one knowing Roosevelt will believe for a minute that he will accept defeat at (Concluded on Page 3.)

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## Vancouver Young Man Gets Wel

come Message From Father. VANCOUVER, Wash, Aug. 22 .- (Spe

The telegram was cut down in size and pasted in the marriage license book, the first of its kind ever received in this country by wire.

## ROBBERS GET 45 YEARS Young Men Plead Guilty in China-

VALLEJO, Cal. Aug. 22.—Charles Bishop and Joseph C. Brown, the two young men who confessed to holding up the China-Japan mail near Good-

gagement to Actress.

NFW YORK, Aug. 22.—Fritz Augustus Heinze today confirmed the report that he is to marry Miss Bernice Henderson, an actress.

Mr. Heinze said the ceremony would take pisce about September 1.

Kane. Ranches are being burned over in that vicinity and buildings being consumed.

Liberty Lake. another Summer resort, 18 miles from Spokane. is approached by (Concluded on Page 3.)

## FIRES UNCHECKED IN IDAHO FORESTS

St. Joe District Now Seething Furnace.

## DEATH LIST GROWS HOURLY

Flames Threaten Newport and Towns About Spokane.

### RAILWAY BRIDGES BURNED

People of Wallace Drink Beer Because Water Supply Is Impaired. Many Forest Rangers Will Be Buried Where They Died.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 22-Hourly grows the list of dead as the confus ing mass of news reports from the forest fire zone is sorted over and the numerous versions verified.

Figures on property losses are for gotten in the effort to ascertain who the fire victims are and what the total of death's toll is.

Only heavy rains can put a stop to the awful destruction of life and property in the Coeur d'Alenes, Western Montana and Northeastern Washing

### St. Joe District Seething Furnace.

The wind is the greatest menace t the present dangerous situation. seething furnace of fire stretches over greater portion of the Idaho pan The greatest damage danger is in the more populated dis-trict of the Coeur d'Alenes. A strip many miles wide and stretching from the St. Joe River eastward threatens Wardner, Kellogg, Osborne, Wallace, Mullan, Burke and the towns further east into Montana. Fire fighters, working night and day

without sleep, are falling exhausted before the flames. Others find themselves surrounded by flames and per-

### Dead at Wallace Number 32. At Wallace the known dead not

Six unidentified bodies of a fire pa trol of 26 have been found between Elk Prairie and Avery, Idaho. Twenty of the men are still missing and are

by flames in the Lature Creek region. Five persons are known to be dead near Newport, Wash. Several persons at Newport have gone insane from fear Twelve Men Perish on Big Creek.

on Big Creek will be buried where they them when they attempted to return Of the party of 26 fire-fighters in this district, eight are said to have escaped unscarred by the flames. Gould. Mont., 17 miles northwest of

Inhabitants are deserting the villages of Wilburne, Vancleave and Harmon, in

Flames are threatening Newman Lake a Summer resort 20 miles east of Spo kane. Ranches are being burned over in

## RANCHER SHOOTS WIFE'S VISITOR

OHN JOHNSON KILLS MAN HE FINDS IN HIS HOUSE.

Maple Creek Resident Comes Home Unexpectedly and Tragedy Is Result-Both Well Known.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 22.-(Special.)-Returning home unexpectedly from a logging camp late last night, John John who lives on Maple Creek, found his wife in the house with E. S. Prindel and as Prindel ran out through the door shot him in the back of the head, killing im fustantly.

Maple Creek is off the telephone line and news of the tragedy did not reach Eugene until early this afternoon, who Johnson telephoned that he would either ome to Eugene or await the coming officers. He was advised tuat the officers would go out to investigate and

that he had better wait for them. About 2 o'clock, Sheriff Bowen, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff George Fisk, Deputy District Attorney G. F. Skipworth and Coroner W. T. Gordon left for Maple Creek in an automobile and late tonight had not returned. No furnow. Both Johnson and Prindel are well known ranchers in the lower Sinslaw country. Johnson had been away from home working in a lumber camp.

## GOV. BENSON MUCH BETTER

Disease Overcome, and He Is Sure to Recover, Says Dr. Steiner.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.-(Special.)-Dr R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the asylum, has just returned from San Francisco, where he visited Governor Frank W. Benson. His reports as to the Governor's condition are most encour

"Dr. George Culver, physician for the Governor, says that while Mr. Benson is very anxious to return to Oregon he has advised him not to do so until after the primaries," said Dr. Steiner. "The physician believes the excitement and worry of the campaign might do him harm. He declared very forcibly that Governor Benson would certainly make a complete re covery, although the operation has dis-

figured him somewhat.
"There is absolutely no cancer. Gov rnor Benson has been suffering from what is known as deep-seated lupus and the treatment given him has effectually hecked the disease so there is no possibility of its returning. In my mind and in the mind of the physician, the Governor is well sions on the road to recovern. He is active each day and when the weather is pleasant he is out daily."

## LADS CAUGHT BY EBB TIDE

rent, Rescued by Lifesavers.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 22 .- (Special.) -Hurley Colver and Tom Davis, New-port youngsters under 12 years of age, were rescued from death in the ebbing tide by the Yaquina Bay lifesaving

crew yesterday afternoon. The boys were fishing from a skiff Twelve men who perished in the woods found the tidal current too strong for the other was cowering in his bunk. Surfman Briggs saw their plight and sounded the alarm.

Captain Wellander scolded the lads for their foolbardy adventure when the big lifesaving boat had taken them safe and sound to shore.

Colver is the son of Andrew Colver who was a member of the local life saving crew for 11 years, having re signed his position last Spring to enter fishing business at Coos Bay. where he is now living.

## ATHLETE LIFTS BIG AUTO

### Chauffeur, Pinned Beneath Touring Car, Saved by Husky Youth.

HOOFIAM, Wash, Aug. 22,-(Spe. ial.)-In order to save the life of his hauffeur, who was pinned beneath a big touring automobile, Kenneth Har ian, a high school athlete of this city tonight lifted the heavy car sufficiently to allow the imprisoned man to escape

The men were driving over the country road near this city, when the car left the highway and turned turtle, landing in a ditch. Harlan was thrown clear but the chauffour was caught beneath the car. A passing auto car brought the two men to this city. The chauffeur was not badly hurt.

## COUGARS ARE PLENTIFUL

Two Animals Killed in Western Klickitat County Last Week.

HUSUM. Wash., Aug. 27 .- (Special.)-Cougars are giving bears a close second when it comes to numbers now raging in the mountains and plateaus in West-

ern kilokitat County.
Seven cougars of no diminutive size
were routed from their lair last Friday
by W. White and E. Stone, near the ice
caves west of Trout Lake. A hot chase
resulted in the killing of two of the animais. As the bounty is \$20 per head, hunters consider it a lucrative business capturing them.

## GRAYS HARBOR HAS RAIN

Chehalis County Hopes for Downpour to Quench Fires.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 22 .- (Special.)-Graya Harbor enjoyed a few hours' light rain today, sufficient to check the forest fires. Another few hours will put a quietus on the forest fire situation in Chehalis County for the

It is raining tonight, with indications favorable for a good downpour,

## TWO PIRATES TRY TO CAPTURE LINER

## After Captain Is Killed, Plot Fails.

## COWARDLY THUG OUITS "PAL"

Crew Wages Unequal Battle Against Two Desperadoes.

### FIGHTING OUTLAW MISSING

Bold Attempt to Hold Up Steamer Crumbles When One of Pair Shows Chicken Heart-He Is Arrested, Other Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22 .- With her aptain dead in his cabin and bearing tale of piracy unparalleled in modern scafaring annals, the steamship Buck-

an arrived in this port today. George Washington Wise, one of the irates, who has been in irons on board the vessel since he was captured vesterday morning, made a which, while lacking in details, shows hat he and his partner in crime, French West, planned to murder the officers and crew of the steamship before beaching her on the coast near

That this plan would have been carfed out had it not been for the cowardice of Wise is the belief of the officers of the Buckman.

### Wise Descrts Post.

After holding a gun on the quarter-master and second mate for three hours, Wise deserted his post at the first show of resistance, and, seeing the futility of trying to overcome the crew single-handed, West is believed to have jumped overboard. No one saw him do so, however, and the ship, lying at her dock here will be thoroughly searched in the hope that the murderer of Captain Wood may still be

Heavily armed and equipped with cords to be used in tying up the "owl watch," the two modern pirates invaded the bridge at midnight, entering the wheelhouse and compelled Second Officer Frederick Plath and Quartermas-Newport Youths, Helpless in Cur- ter Otto Kohlmeister, who was at the wheel, to throw up their hands.

## Unequal Battle Begins.

Then began a battle between two heavily-armed desperadoes on one side and the officers and crew armed with one revolver on the other. When it was over the captain was weltering in his own blood in his cabin, the crew was barricaded in the darkened engineat the entrance to Yaquina Bay, and room, one robber was overboard and

> The only visible sign of the battle heside the stark body of the yessel's master and his riddled room, was the wheel of the steamship, which had been shot into bits by the murderous leader Leaving the second officer and quar-

### termaster in charge of Wise, after binding Plath and instructing Kohlto hold the vessel's melster toward the shore. West demanded entrance to the captain's cabin.

Captain Is Shot Down. What reply the captain gave will never be known, but, from the position of his body, it is believed he was reaching for his gun when West fired through the door and riddled him with buckshot from the automatic shotgun

which he carried. Desperate at the plight of the captain, Plath strained at his bonds until he reached the signal cord which informed the engine-room that there was a fire on board.

Aroused by the alarm, Chief Engineer John Califas ran to the bridge, where he was met with an oath, accompanied by a command to hold up his hands. He obeyed promptly and joined the lineup, which now included two-thirds of the crew. West instructed them to hold to the bridge rope, which was

## Engineer Makes Dash.

Stepping up to Califas, he told him, with an oath, that he would shoot him as toon as he had moved 12 paces away. Callfas did not wait for him to finish the paces, but jumped over the bridge aft through the skylight into the galley. West went in pursuit of the Chief Engineer, and the men whom he had been guarding fled in all directions. First Officer R. G. Brennan entered the cable of the captain to secure a gun, and West fired at him through the partition of the charthouse.

At this juncture Watchman Wilson appeared on the scene with the only revolver not in the captain's cabin. He snapped the weapon twice at Wise, but it failed to explode.

### Weaker Pirate Flees. This was enough, however, for the

weaker of the two pirates, and he fied, only to meet his partner, who, at the point of his shotgun, ordered him to cut the wireless connections. the chief engineer, the wireless operator had just thrust his head from his door when he was ordered by West to close the door on penalty of being shot. West then attempted to cut the wireless when he saw that his faithless companion was too frightened to obey is orders. On his return to the wheelhouse,

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OREGON, TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1910.

YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature. 68 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees. TODAY'SFair and warmer; nodthwest winds. Forest Fires. Acting Governor Bowerman prepares to der oft militia as fire-fighters. Page 5 Two hundred Ashland people turn fight forest fires. Page 5.

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# CONSENT GIVEN BY WIRE

VANCOUVER, Wash, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Before he could marry Miss Hazel Stahl, Arthur L. Mullen, of Vancouver, was compelled to telegraph to his father, J. A. Mullen, at Yates City, Ill., for his parent's consent. The answer to his query was received by the local telegraph office and read:

"Go ahead and marry. You have my convent."

year. Cal., last April, pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery in the Su-perior Court at Fairfield today, and were sentenced to 45 years each in the penitentiary.

Mining Man Confirms News of En- | Montana.

HEINZE TO MARRY SEPT. 1

believed to have perished. Fifteen men are reported surrounded Japan Mail Hold-Up Case.

Helens, is threatened by the flames.

U. S., "IT'S NO MORE'N RIGHT, BOYS, BUT I'M AFRAID IT MIGHT MAKE GIFFORD PEEVISH."

