

TAFT SADLY NEEDS POLITICAL ADVISER

Secretary Norton, Hitchcock and Knox Unable to "Deliver Goods."

CABINET MEN UNSKILLED

Rare Judgment and Tact in Handling Brains Element With Which Administration Has Had to Deal Found Sadly Lacking.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 25.—During the eighteen months he has been in the White House, President Taft has never had a political adviser in whose judgment he reposed full confidence.

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Roosevelt His Own Politician. There was no political adviser to President Taft's predecessor, it is true, but Theodore Roosevelt was easily the best politician who has been in the White House in half a century.

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ment that the President had all along been a "progressive," an announcement ridiculous on its face, and one that fooled nobody. It was an ill-chosen remark, and instead of carrying conviction, President Taft had only succeeded in changing his position, and was now attempting to curry favor with the wing of the party against which he had been openly arrayed during the last session and special session of Congress.

Norton Not Politically Schooled. It must be remembered that Secretary Norton is a comparatively young man; he has had no material training in the field of politics; he is not equipped with the practical experience of such a momentous task as he has undertaken.

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NURSE CONFESSES; STODENT INTOXICATED

Former Stanford Athlete Involved in Death of Miss Eva Swan.

CONFESSION IS DRAMATIC

Confronted by Picture of Her Dead Mother, Assistant to Dr. Grant Collapses and Then Agrees to Tell All About Crime.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—After two days and nights of silence, Marie Messerschmidt, the nurse held in detention since last Friday night in connection with the death of Miss Eva Swan, the girl whose body was discovered beneath the cement flooring of the basement of a deserted house here, confessed to the police that she had knowledge of the operation performed upon Miss Swan by Dr. James Grant and that she had attended the girl after the operation.

The confession states that "Robert Thompson, known as Dr. Grant, packed the girl's body in a trunk, first cut off the Stanford athlete, and then, after the girl whose body was discovered beneath the cement flooring of the basement of a deserted house here, confessed to the police that she had knowledge of the operation performed upon Miss Swan by Dr. James Grant and that she had attended the girl after the operation.

Next morning is the full text of the girl's confession: "My name is Marie Messerschmidt and I live at 1221 Golden Gate avenue. On Saturday evening, April 16, 1910, Miss Eva Swan, of 2140 Scott street, was operated upon by Dr. Robert Thompson, known as Dr. Grant, and came to the next day, Sunday, the 17th, for further treatment.

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TALKS TO BE BROAD

Great Latitude Will Be Permitted at Irrigation Congress.

MANY DELEGATES ARRIVE Today Will Be Given Over to Formal Opening Exercises, but Big Body Will Get Down to Active Work on Tuesday.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 25.—A determination to permit the greatest latitude in discussion of irrigation problems, but to keep the deliberations free from sectional disputes or personal grievances, is voiced by officers and delegates here for the 18th National Irrigation Congress, which opens tomorrow.

Each arriving train today has added its quota of delegates from far and wide and tonight the hotel lobbies hum with conversation of which the sentiment is unanimous that this congress will be of unusual importance and benefit to the irrigators' relations of the West.

Prominent Men Arrive. Notable among the arrivals here today are: Dr. E. McQuay Grace, of New Mexico; George E. Burston, secretary of the American Irrigation Association, connected with the congress, and C. B. Schmidt, of Chicago, commissioner of irrigation of the Rock Island canal, who will arrive in Pueblo early tomorrow and will be the principal speaker before the congress Monday night.

Tomorrow will be given over entirely to the formal opening exercises, including a mammoth industrial parade and the throwing open of the Irrigation Exposition.

Tuesday Active Day. Tuesday the congress will get down to business. In the morning the congress will discuss irrigation by Private Enterprise, and in the afternoon its attention will be turned to "Public Irrigation."

"Water Equities" will be considered Wednesday morning and "Irrigation Agriculture" in the afternoon. Thursday morning will be devoted to a foreign representative session, the program being given over to a discussion of "General Policies."

Friday morning there will be a Government session and the congress will adjourn at 11 o'clock. Among those who will participate in this conference are the following: V. G. Croissant, United States reclamation service, Washington; A. J. Hughes, reclamation service, Provo, Utah; W. H. Frankland, reclamation service, El Paso, Texas; E. D. Newman, reclamation service, Mitchell, Neb.; Porter, Fishback & Co., New York; C. W. Miller, Idaho; C. D. Lehnkuhl, Richfield, Idaho; R. S. Marchant, J. G. White & Co., New York; N. W. Halsey & Co., New York; L. H. Parkhurst, Boston; Niles & Niles, New York.

LETTER HELD AS EVIDENCE. Ellexson, Charged With Murder, Said to Have Sent Epistle. LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special)—Sheriff Ellerson arrived here tonight with T. R. Ellexson, charged with murdering W. L. Perry at Union. Ellexson stoutly claims his innocence.



Give the Best to the Children. Nothing is too pure for the little ones. The Modern Sweet Seal is a guarantee of CANDY PURITY. Patrons of the "Modern" Dealer. MODERN CONFECTIONERY CO., Manufacturers, Portland.

MINING MEN MEET. Los Angeles Host Today to National Congress. CONSERVATION LIVE TOPIC. California Oil Dealers Particularly Interested in Feature of Conference Which Will Be Aroused by Pinchot Policy Speech.

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DRUMMERS PLANT TREES

COMPANY HAS 320 ACRES IN WHITE SALMON REGION. Whole Tract Will Be Set to Commercial Orchard—Forty Acres to Be Planted This Winter.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special)—Eight traveling representatives of Eastern business houses have organized the Acme Orchard Company under the laws of New Jersey and Washington. Their capital stock is \$125,000, and their holdings consist of 320 acres in the Major Creek section of White Salmon.

The officers are William Dalgrano, with Wyman Partridge & Co., Minneapolis, president; C. J. Potts, with Finch, Van Slyck & McConville, St. Paul, vice-president; A. T. Dorsey, Birch, Baile & Co., New York, and St. Louis, secretary and treasurer. Directors—F. A. Lorey, with the Scranton Lumber Company, Chicago; W. C. Peterson, with Conover & Co., New York; E. M. Hill, with Burch, Bailey & Co., New York; and W. C. Mader, with William J. Richardson Company, New York.

The company has 30 acres in one-year-old trees, and by the middle of next April will have 70 acres in trees. Thirty additional acres have been slashed and burned. The entire tract will be developed into a commercial orchard.

Other large holdings in the district are those of the Mount Adams Orchard Company of 1800 acres, of which C. W. Holts, of Minneapolis, is president; Columbia Orchard Company, of which Russell R. Dorr, of St. Paul, is president; White Salmon Orchard Company, of which John Bass, of Chicago, is president and L. R. Glavis, manager. Another deal is pending for the purchase of 800 acres of land by a company to be organized in Minneapolis.

HOWELL TO BE OPPOSED

Utah Republicans in Convention to Nominate Representative. OGDEN, Sept. 25.—The Republican state convention will assemble in this city tomorrow for the purpose of nominating a Representative and a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Representative Howell is the leading candidate for re-nomination and has the backing of the organization forces. There is some opposition to him among the progressive element of the party, but it is as yet not strongly defined.

Recent Arrivals. VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special)—Chris F. Koell, of Hampton, Ia., and Miss Beattie M. Albenbaugh, of McClelland, Cal., were married here yesterday. They were accompanied by Jack Blade, who acted as witness. The couple came here because they could not get a license in Portland, where the state law requires a residence of six months.

IRVING GRANGE GETS JAMES J. HILL CUP AND PRIZE. Springfield Day Proves Winner With School Children's Parade Big Feature of Week. EUGENE, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special)—The most successful county fair ever held in Lane County closed last night. In point of attendance, variety and quality of exhibits and financial outcome, the event has proved a great success.

HILLSBORO to Ask for Paved Streets. HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special)—Charter amendment for paved streets in the business section of the city will be passed upon by the electorate at the city election in December.

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Large advertisement for Doan's Kidney Pills. Includes text: 'CAN'T FIND ANY COMFORT', 'Backache, Rheumatic Joints and Uric Acid Troubles', and 'Every Picture Tells a Story'.