TAFT SADLY NEEDS POLITICAL ADVISER

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

CABINET MEN UNSKILLED

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

OREGONIAN NEWS BURBAU, Washington, Sept. 25.-During the eighteen months he has been in the White House, President Taft has never had political navisor in whose judgment be reposed full confidence. From ment be reposed full confidence. From
its inception, the present administration
has been without a political manager.
And yet it is a notorious fact that the
Tath administration is politically weak,
from the President down.

Personally, President Tatt has never
been a politician, he has bad no desire
to "play politics," and never before in
his public career has he been called upon
to do so. But now he is confronted with

his public career has he been called upon to do so. But now he is confronted with a situation that calls for the very best solitical judgment that can be brought to his sio, and he finds himself surroughed by a cabinet as inexperienced as he him-self. Not a one of his cabinet advisors is skilled in the art.

Roosevelt His Own Politician.

There was no political advisor to Presi-There was no political altered to Prost-dent Taff's predecessor, it is true, but Theodore Reasevelt was easily the best politician who has been in the White House in half a century. He was his own political advisor, and he was shrewd enough to play the game according to the rules that confounded his adversaries and bewishered his friends. President McKinjer, however, while a adreit poli-

and bewildered his friends. President McKinley, however, while to adroit politician himself, had always at his command the shrewd Hanns, than whom there has been no more successful politician of late, except Rossevelt.

However, President Taft is all at soa in the field of politics, and as yet there is no one to whom he can turn, and in whom he can place full reliance. It is true that Frank Hitchcock, the Postmuster-General, was for a time the so-called political advisor of the President, and was raken into the cabinet partially because of his work in the last presidential campaign, but as political manager for an administration Hitchcock has been a wooful wallare.

He had not the training, to begin, with, and experience soon demonstrated that his judgment was not always the beat. Some of the moves of the administration, made on the suggestion of the Pastmasier-General, led to trouble and embarrassment, and these mistakes naturally determined his unfitness. Then, too, there is friction between the Postmasier-General and some other members of the cabinet, notably Secretary Knox, is a way, Knox has had some political experience, but it has not been of a type to fit him to direct the political affairs of the administration. He is not close to the people; he is not accurate in getting next to public sentiment; he He had not the training, to begin with In getting next to public sentiment; he cannot get his ear to the ground, or get ling it there, cannot interpret the rumb lings. Se he will not fill the bill.

Norton Assumes Role.

Of late, Charles D. Norton, private sec retary to the President, has undertaken in essume the role of political advisor to his Chief, and more, he has launched forth several times on his own respon-sibility, and proceeded to act as the polit-ical manager of the administration. But always has the President follows his advice or sustained the judgment of his secretary. Several blunders are al-ready charged up to Norton, and unless he shows marked improvement, he, too, will be discarded.

Since he first undertook to direct things since he in married by the political. Secretary Norton has bent every effort to bring about the retirement of Secretary Ballinger from the cabinet. That, apparently, is the most important move the administration can make at the present time. Yet Norton's proved abortive, and have only served 320 acres in the Major Creek section to inject Bailinger deeper into the cam- of White Salmon. without any resulting benefit to

It will be recalled that about six weeks word go forth that the resignation of the Secretary of the Interior would soon be furthcoming. Senator Crane had had a conference with Secretary Ballinger in Secretary of the interior crane had had a conference with Secretary Ballinger in Chicago. That incident was made the foundation for the report, not attributed to Norton. But it turned out later that Crane and Ballinger had not discussed the Ballinger case, nor had Crane of the Ballinger case, nor had Crane of the Interior Department. President of the Interior Department. President of the Interior Department. President Tait refused to back up Norton in this more on Ballinger, the Secretary stood pet and declined to resign because of pet and declined to resign because of

The President made no suggestion, and the incident fell flat. It served, however, to emphasize the fact that in the budgment of some them. Other large holdings in the district

Only recently, through the same source, word was eent broadcast that Secretary Ballinger was coming to Washington to place his case in the hands of his colleagues in the cabinet, and to retire if, in their judgment, that was the best thing to do. But here again Norton apparently acted without having consulted the President or Secretary Ballinger, consulted the President or Secretary Ballinger, consulted the Secretary merely reiterated his dethe Secretary merely reiterated his de-termination to remain in office unless requested by the President to retire.

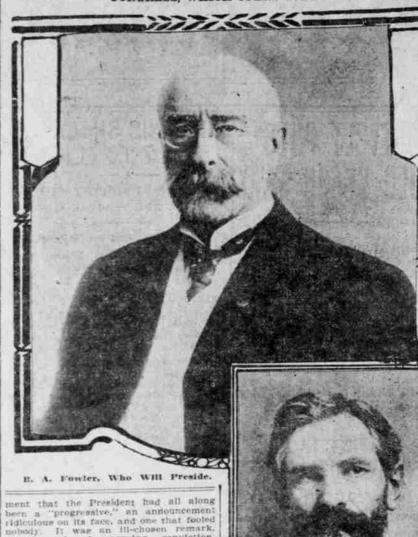
Again Norton Blunders.

The revival of the Ballinger matter, owever, following the flaced attending the meeting of the Congressional Investigating Committee at St. Paul and Chiling a Representative and a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Interest in an issue that, left alone might to Representative Joseph Howell is a regard to reasonable of the Supreme Court. dwindle to insignificant proportions.
Here again, in the opinion of older and
more experienced men. Norton blundered

against the President's accretary to connection with his letter to an unuamed lowe Republican, in which he aumounced the President's purpose hereafter to recognize and act upon recommendations of insurgent Republicans in mattern of Fed. ral parconage. The shufting off of the insurgents from the pie counter was advised by Hitchcock, and it proved to be a help rather than a hindrance to the insurgents, as recent results have shown. But in making amends, the switch was handled in a bungling manner, and the similaristration derived little benefit from the shows.

TWO MEN WHO WILL BE PROMINENT AT NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS, WHICH OPENS TODAY.



TALKS TO BE BROAD

Great Latitude Will Be Permit-

ted at Irrigation Congress.

ites or personal grievances, is ve by officers and delegates here for the Sth National Irrigation Congress, which

Each arriving train today has added

its quota of delegates from far and wide and tenight the hotel lobbies hum with

Prominent Men Arrive.

Tomorrow will be given over entirely

to the formal opening exercises, including a mammoth industrial parade an

the throwing open of the Irrigation Ex-

Tuesday Active Day.

Friday morning there will be a Gov-

techmation Service, the large private companies, brokerage, bond and bank-

ing houses, will take up various phases

Said to Have Sent Epistle.

murdering Waldo Perry at Union Ellexson stoutly claims his innocence.

heen a "progressive," an announcement ridiculous on its face, and one that fooled nobody. It was an ill-chosen remark, and instead of carrying conviction, rather created the impression that the President had been frightened into chang-ary attempt. Prosident had been frightened into 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 sersion and special session of Congress. Had Norton said the President had always been progressive, instead of saying he had been "a progressive," and had accompanied that statement with a showing of the real progress he had made, it would have been more politic and more satisfying. But as put out, the statement was harmful. If not humilating.

Notes Not Politically Schooled.

Norton Not Politically Schooled.

It must be remumbered that Secretary Region is a comparatively young man; he has had no material training in the field of politics; he is not equipped by his past experience for such a momentous tack as he has undertaken. He has tous task as he has undertaken. He has had less actual experience than Hitch-cock, and is by no means a match for the brainy, elever men against whom the administration must line up if it is going to "play politics" hereafter.

Mr. Norton, however, is a vast improvement over his predecessor, though it must be said to the credit of Private Secretary Carpenter that he never assumed to dabble in the political affairs

scretary Carpetter that he never assumed to dabble in the political affairs of the White House.

Just where the President is to find a sultable man for political advisor is difficult to determine. That he needs such an advisor is only too apparent, but he must go outside of his present calines. the must go outside of his present cabinet and his immediate associates. He must bring in some man schooled in the art; experienced on the field of conflict, a man of resourcefulness and perception. Such a man is not now a part of his administration.

DRUMMERS PLANT TREES

aken 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 represents tives of Eastern business houses have organized the Acme Orchard Company under the laws of New Jersey and Washington. Their capital stock is two attempts to pry Ballinger loose have \$125,000, and their holdings consist of

The officers are William Dalgarno, with Wyman Partridge & Co., Minne-apolis, president, C. J. Potts, with Finch, Van Styck & McConville, St. Paul, vice-president; A. T. Dorsey, Burch, Bailley & Co., New York and St. Louis, secretary and treasurer. Direct-

The company has 20 acres in onepet and declined to resign because of ramor, declaring over and over that he would not retire unless invited or requested to do so by the President.

Judgment of some Republicans, high in the councils of the administration, the Prevident was retaining in his cabinet a man whom these same officials regarded on himical to the party's interests. But that was all that came of Nortou's first blunder. 240 acres, of which John Bass, of Chi

Utah Republicans in Convention to Nominate Representative.

OGDEN, Sept. 75.—The Republican state convention will assemble in this city tomorrow for the purpose of nom-

candidate for renomination 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.

the change.

For at the time he made public his in Portland, where the state law requires letter. Secretary Notion made the state- a residence of six months.

NURSE CONFESSES; STUDENT IN TOILS

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 detinue since last Friday night in connection with the death of 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 cutting off the legs at the ankles; that Grant discussed the burial of the body with her and spent two nights at the

with her and spent two nights at the house where it was found."

Nurse Faints at Sight of Picture. Dr. Grant was taken into custody

with the nurse, and late today Faul Parker, a former Stanford athlete, who had lived in the house where Miss Swan roomed, was arrested.

The nurse was induced to tell the story by her brother-in-law, August Borman, of Oakland, who visited her

this afternoon. When she refused to confess, he showed her a picture of her dead mother, pleading with her to tell the police everything, impressing upon her that this would be her mother's wish. The young woman fainted and upon her recovery became hysterical. When she was quieted she agreed to tell the entire story to Detectives Wren, Burke and Richards.

Girl Confesses All. Following is the full text of the

girl's confession:
"My name is Marie Messerschmidt and I live at 1253 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 back the next day, Sunday, the title for further treatment. She and came back the next day, Sunday, the 17th, for further treatment. She then left and came back on April 20 and complained of pains and was put to bed by me and I waited on her as nurse. Miss Swan died about 10 days later and was put into Dr. Grant's trunk, he, Dr. Grant, first sawing the legs off at the ankles so that he might crush the body into the trunk. 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 intitude in discussion of irrigation problems, but to keep the deliberations free from sectional disputes or personal grievances, is voiced to the constraint of th

"Willis Saack stated to me that it was a terrible deal and had worked on his mind and he would never help in another deal like that again." conversation of which the sentiment is unanimous that this congress will be of unusual importance and benefit to the irrigators' relations of the West, another deal like that again."

another deal like that again."

'Following the confession, Dr. Grant was led from his cell and brought into the desk sergeant's office where Miss Messerschmidt was seated. At sight of his nurse, Dr. Grant broke away from the jailers and ran along the prison corridors. He was chased by policemen and forcibly returned to the office. He staggered and almost sank to the floor when he learned of the nurse's Notable among the arrivals here today are: Dr. E. McQueeny Grace, of New Mexico: George E. Barstow, of Texas; R. Islinger, of Spokane all officially connected with the congress, and C. B. Schmidt, of Chicago, commissioner Schmidt, of Chicago, commissioner of irrigation of the Rock Island lines. W. J. Bryan will arrive in Pueblo early towhen he learned of the nurse's morrow and will be the principal speaker before the Congress Monday night. collapse.

Young Man Visits Dying Girl.

In her story Miss Messerschmidt told that Paul P. Parker, the young man who had known Miss Swan for eight years, had visited the hospital on three occasions to see the dying girl, after the operation. The police immediately took Parker into custody. He admitted the states to the hospital to see Miss

Tuesday the congress will get down to business. In the morning the congress will discuss "Treigation 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 afternoon being presentative session, the afternoon being given over to a discussion of "General office where she was employed. She was forced to leave her work on April 20 because of illness. She went again to Dr. Grant, and was placed in bed in the small hospital ward maintained by the doctor.

ernors session and the congress will close that afternoon with a business ses-sion and the election of officers. One of the interesting features will be There she remained for ten days, her the conference on irrigation accounting, when a dozen or 15 of the most expert representatives of the United States condition gradually becoming worse until her death. According to Miss Messerschmidt, the girl died during the night while alone. She was found dead in bed in the morning. connected with irrigation from the in-vestment standpoint.

Among those who will participate

INTEREST IN JURY SHOWN

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., Chicago; C. C. Baird, Twin Falls, Idaho; D. S. McWatters, Milner, Idaho; C. D. Lehnskuhl, Woman Charged With Murder Aids Attorneys in Selection.

TACOMA, Sept. 25.-Mrs. Bell A. Johnston, on trial on the charge of murder of Frank R. Houck, is exhibiting great interest in the selection of the jury. Two interest in the selection of the jury. Two men were challenged by the defense Saturday morning at her request.

"I do not like their looks," she told

ters, Milner, Idaho; C. D. Lehnskuhl, 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. The fact that Mrs. Johnston is part The fact that Mrs. Johnston is part Indian is being brought forward by the defenme in the interrogation of the veniremen. It is not expected that a jury will be secured before Tuesday. Mrs. Johnston maintains she shot Houck in self-defense because he threatened her life when she would not elope with him. LETTER HELD AS EVIDENCE Ellexson, Charged With Murder,

Ministers Vote for Hawley.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 28-(Special.)-Sheriff Childers arrived here to-night with T. R. Ellexson, charged with HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 25 .- (Speclai.)-Methodist ministers attending the 58th annual conference in this city On account of a rumor at Union tonight that new evidence in the way of
a latter written by Ellexson to Mrs.
Perry while she was at Portland, there
is greater excitement than ever. Ellexson is reported to have said in the letter he wanted to meet Mrs. Perry in
Portland, and that he would soon be
farming in Union. He depies this tonight,



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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.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25 .- There was no Sunday holiday today for the committees in charge of the preparations for the American Mining Congress,

the body in the basement under the cement floor.

"Dr. Grant said it would never be found, as it was an old house and would never be rented, and when I asked him what he had done with the basement.

Commission.

Sidney Norman, chairman of the considerable form in the committee, said tonight that large numbers of delegates would arrive tomorrow in t me to hear the annual address of President Buckley, and the speech of Gifford Pinchot, who will deliver his first remarks on conservadeliver his first remarks on conservadeliver his first remarks on conservation.

Mr. Pinchot's address, which will be preceded or followed by Secretary Ballinger's letter on the same subject, probably will open the general discussion on conservation in its bearing upon the fortunes and future of oil and min-

ing men throughout the West.

That conservation and the problems it involves will be the topic of greatest interest during this session of Congress is forecasted by the invitations sent out, urging all the mining and oil more of the country to be present. This men of the country to be present. This reads, in part, as follows:

Evils of the utmost seriousness and many baneful hardships are being imposed on the industries of all these fields, and if these industries are to be allowed to sur-vive and to continue to pour their wealth into the Nation's lap of prosperity, what-ever is done must be done quickly lest it be too late.

FIKE MAY NOT BE PRESENT

too late.

Well-Known Kansas Wheatraiser Is Not at Irrigation Congress.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 25 .- (Special.) -"Jim" Fike, the biggest wheatraiser in Kansas and almost the biggest in the West, will not be able to attend the 18th National Irrigation Congress

which opens here tomorrow, because of harvest. 'On account of my threshing being in full progress," he writes a fellow Kansan who is connected with congress headquarters, "on my 13,000-acre wheat farm, I will be unable to leave my in-

farm, I will be unable to leave my interests at that time."

J. N. Fike has lived in Western Kansas nearly all his life. He has been in the real estate and land business, and also in politics. He has been a land officer of the Government, and State Railroad Commissioner. He knows the Western country, under irrigation and non-irrigation, about as well as any one. He believes in wheat and bulieves in raising it in the semi-arid country without water. Every year he puts out from 10,000 to 20,000 acres, and reaps

without water. Every year he puts out from 10,000 to 20,000 acres, and reaps an abundant harvest.

Mr. Fike was appointed one of the delegates-at-large from the state by Governor Stubbs, and if he can rush his harvest a little or leave it in competent hands, he probably will yet attend the congress.

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. It is almost a certainty that it will meet with a favorable vote. The city has been planking its streets for many years and it is now desirable, owing to increase of business, that pavement shall take the lead in all new street work. The Council has also ordered the City Recorder to draft an ordinance providing for cement sidewalks in all sections of the congested districts as rapidly as old walks must be repinced. HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 25 .- (Spe-

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 quali-

point of attendance, variety and quality of exhibits and financial outcome, the event has proved a great success. While detailed returns are not available, it is believed that every premium will be paid in full.

It was afternoon before the judges were able to award the James J. Hill silver cups for the best collection of grains and grasses and the best collection of fruit. The first cup went to the fiving Grange which also won the



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dull throb, day and night, but there are sharp twinges, cricks and stitches of darting pain, achy joints, and sore stiff muscles. The kidneys are likely to get con-

gested and inflamed following a chill, a cold, grippe, fever, the continued use of strong drink, or from overwork, a fall or some injury to the back. Uric acid troubles-rheumatism, neu-

raigia, nervousness, sciatica, gout, weak eyes, headache, etc., follow rapidly when the weakened kidneys fail to filter the blood from uric poisons. Sediment-thick and cloudy, or gritty as sand, appears in the urine, and passages are too frequent, too scanty,

or painful. There is danger of dropsy Bright's disease, gravel, stone in the kidneys and diabetes. To cure any of the above-described ills, you must get right at the cause

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order by using a good kidney ren and there is none better than Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy that is for the kidneys only, and is composed of eimple, yet effective vegetable ingredients. It cures and heals sick kidneys, regulates the bladder and urine and drives polsonous uric acid out of the system. There are many kidney medicines put up as imitations of Doan's, some with similar names. Don't be deceived. These are new and untried, while Doan's have been curing kidney and bladder lils for 75 years, and all over the civilized world.

PORTLAND PROOF.

A. W. Hawkinson, 570 Union ave., Portland, Oregon, says: "I had a had ase of kidney and bladder trouble that almost prevented me from working. My kidneys were disordered and my back was so painful that I could hardly stoop. Nothing helped me until I took Doan's Kidney Pills. Since using them I have been in much better health, and consequently I have no hesitation to giving this statement."

