



PORTLAND WOMEN BELIEVE IN LEWIS

Promoter Is Thought Dupe and Dreamer.

FAITH IN HONESTY REMAINS

Chapter House Plans Pending in Oregon Cities.

FAILURE NOT SURPRISE

Mrs. J. M. Fine, Until Departure for East, Had Been Portland's Candidate for State Regent and Others Were Running.

The Portland women who became members of the American Women's League will lose close to \$900 if the plans of E. G. Lewis are defeated by the suits filed against him in the Federal Court at St. Louis yesterday. This was made public when the roster of the Portland chapter of the order was found to have about 175 paid-up members, each of them by the terms of the membership certificate, must have paid in or assumed indebtedness to the extent of \$5 to become an active member.

Portland women, and men who have come into contact with Lewis, however, said they regarded him as the prey of circumstances and enemies, but think he is honest. They expressed the belief that he was a dreamer and unable to carry out what he had planned because others in the organization have been less philanthropic than he and tried to make money out of his schemes.

Friends See Plot to Injure.

An attack on the policies of the Post-office Department led to arrest on charges preferred by that department from which he was acquitted. Persons who knew Lewis in Portland say this is the basis of the present attack. The Rural New Yorker, an agricultural paper which is in control of enemies of Lewis, has been bitter in attacks upon him.

The Portland chapter was organized 18 months ago. At that time women from the East who had become members of the league while there became acquainted here and organized the first chapter, each having received letters from University City, Mo., giving the names and addresses of the members here. The first meeting was held in a private office and subsequent meetings were held in the City Hall, semi-monthly. Dr. Mae Cardwell was elected the first president, but resigned because of the pressure of her private affairs. Mrs. Amelia Taylor taking her place.

Chapter House in Prospect.

Not less than a \$10,000 chapter-house would have been provided for Portland, and Portland members were working for \$60 names on their roll, the number necessary for the establishment of such a chapter-house. The Commercial club at Sellwood had promised to donate a lot to induce the league chapter to build in Sellwood. Newberg and Hillsboro were other cities which had qualified as the locations for chapter-houses and their requests are now in the possession of the officials of the league. Hood River chapter has been trying to raise the necessary number of subscriptions toward its chapter-house. Each chapter of the state league had candidates in the field for the office of state regent, which is created upon the paid-up membership in a state totaling 300. Mrs. J. M. Fine was the Portland candidate. She went East sometime ago, leaving the Portland chapter without a candidate. Miss Ma Boyd was the Pendleton candidate and Mrs. Hannon the Newberg aspirant.

Failure Not Unexpected.

Portland members expected the failure of the schemes of Lewis. In the organ of the Women's League, a statement was made by John H. Williams, controller of the league, showing that with confidence and increased subscriptions the league could continue, but emphasizing the statement that without confidence and more subscriptions the project would fail. "The People's Bank, an allied interest, was declared in the report to have 100,000 small investors who would be injured if the projects of Lewis and his associates failed."

PERSECUTION, LEWIS SAYS

Promoter Says Debts Were Shifted Legally, at His Own Loss.

LOS ANGELES, June 14.—(Special.)—E. G. Lewis said tonight: "These suits have been instigated by the same interests which have sought to ruin our institutions and head off all Congressional investigation. As for the charges, they are false. Through our efforts a \$400,000 mortgage has been reduced to \$120,000 and notes were advertised and sold as subject to the remainder of this mortgage being ahead of them. Lewis said we said in accordance with a deed securing these notes and corresponding amounts of notes cancelled. Any shifting of debts

NEW EASTERN STAR INITIATE AGED 101

"GRANDMA" KENNEDY FEELS AT HOME IN MASONRY.

Experience in Mexican War, When She Rode Mule 1100 Miles, Fits Her for Ordeal.

HEALDSBURG, Cal., June 14.—(Special.)—Grandma Electa Kennedy, of this city, who celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary January 29 of this year, was initiated into the mysteries of the Eastern Star and made a member of the Healdsburg chapter last night. "Grandma," as she is familiarly known to all, has been looking forward to the event with pleasure for some time.

"My father's father, my father and my two sons were Masons, and I have always felt as if I were one," she said. Railroad excursions were run to bring members from the various Eastern Star chapters throughout the country to Healdsburg to witness the initiation of Mrs. Kennedy, who has now the distinction of being the oldest lodge member belonging to any order in the world.

Asked by a friend just before she was taken to the hall "if she had any fear as to her ability to ride the Eastern Star goat," she replied: "I rode 1400 miles astride of a mule in the Mexican War and think I can manage an Eastern Star goat without any fear."

BAKERS' TRUST IS FORMED

New York Firms Merge to Improve Standard of Bread.

NEW YORK, June 14.—(Special.)—The General Baking Company was incorporated today as a combination of 21 concerns engaged in bread and general baking business. The merger is the first since the decisions in the Standard Oil and tobacco cases, and the incorporators took pains to disclaim any intention of violating the law as construed.

They say there is no purpose or thought of the establishment of a monopoly in the manufacture and sale of bread. The real purpose of the company is progressive through the advantage of wise buying of materials, employment of economies, scientific and up-to-date methods of manufacturing and by its extensive advertising system it proposes to educate the public to a higher standard of quality in bread.

POLICE HALT HONEYMOON

Bride's Mother Opposes Match, Pair Seized at Eugene.

The honeymoon of Miss Berrie Sims, of 704 Johnson street, who slipped her trunk out of the house yesterday afternoon and is reported to have married Lloyd Hunt, a clerk in a hardware store at Eugene, and left for the University City at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, was cut short by the local detective department. The couple was arrested upon arrival at Eugene on advice from the Portland detective department.

The girl will be held pending the arrival of Mrs. Thomas Sims, her mother, who left the city at 1:30 this morning with the intention of bringing her daughter back home. The wedding of the girl was carried on over the protest of her mother. Correspondence was carried on, which resulted in Hunt coming to the city yesterday, obtaining a marriage license and showing a marriage certificate to police at Eugene when he was arrested.

PROFESSOR GUEST OF COW

Vancouver Man Makes Annual Call on Pet Bovine "Beessie."

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)—Professor Patrick Hough, for 25 years connected with the public schools of this county, but now retired, today went to Portland to make his annual call on a pet cow, "Beessie," whose mother he saved from the butcher's block when she was a mere calf and had been sold to a local market for veal.

Several years ago Mr. Hough passed a butcher shop where he saw two calves about to be killed. He told the men that they should not kill such innocent little animals, and they said he could save them from such a fate if he desired.

He bought both calves, and later, when "Beessie" was born, found a good home for her at the farm of A. Wolfe, at Arleta, and sold her. But she had been a pet for so long, and he had such an attachment for the dumb brute, that he makes an annual call on her.

MAN HURT, WEDS IN BED

W. Martin Nicholson, of Stevenson, Married Propped Up by Pillows.

STEVENSON, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)—Propped up in bed by pillows, W. Martin Nicholson, suffering from severe burns incurred a month ago by electricity, today insisted on wedding the girl of his choice, Miss Cleo Douglas of Dufur, Or., who had traveled here to meet her fiancé and wed on the date originally set. Judge Gillette performed the ceremony in the Stevenson Hospital.

E. N. Locke, a prominent business man of White Salmon, brought his bride-to-be, Miss Grace Creede, of St. Louis, Mo., here to wed Judge Gillette also performing the ceremony.

STEEL MEN WOULD NAME WITNESSES

"Those Who Might Be Overlooked," Hint.

CHAIRMAN STANLEY IS COOL

However, He Is Willing to Let Corporation Suggest.

COMMITTEE IS DISCREET

Leader of Inquirers Says They Will Determine Whether to Summon Those Suggested When Time Comes—Gayley Questioned.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The United States Steel Corporation intends to suggest to the Stanley Steel Trust investigating committee the calling of witnesses whom the committee may overlook and who may throw light on matters in question in the inquiry and also to suggest that questions be asked of certain witnesses if the committee fails to obtain facts possessed by such witnesses.

R. V. Lindsay, counsel for the Steel Corporation before the committee declared this to be his intention today at the close of the examination of James Gayley, ex-vice-president of the Steel Corporation in answer to an inquiry by Representative Young, of Michigan.

Farrell to Be Called. "It is our intention," said Mr. Lindsay, "to suggest questions overlooked that we think pertinent and witnesses whom we think in all fairness should be called."

"The committee will exercise its discretion as to whom it will summon," said Chairman Stanley.

"Of course, I assume," Mr. Lindsay replied, "that the committee would not refuse to summon witnesses we suggest."

"That will be determined when the suggestions are made," Mr. Stanley replied. The committee will not meet again for several days, probably not until next week after the passage of the wood bill in the House. The future course will be determined within a few days. Among the first witnesses to be called when the committee resumes will be James Farrell, president of the Steel Corporation.

Rails Sold Cheaper Abroad. James Gayley, ex-vice-president of the corporation, acknowledged he could not tell why the corporation could sell rails cheaper abroad than at home, and referred the committee to Mr. Farrell, who for years had been in charge of the export business of the concern. "Mr. Farrell," said Mr. Lindsay, counsel for the steel corporation, "is at the service of this committee, and will

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The Weather. YESTERDAY—Maximum temperature, 70 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair; northwesterly winds.

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Northwestern League results yesterday: Portland 12, Spokane 2; Seattle 18, Tacoma 9; Vancouver 8-2, Victoria 1-3. Pacific Coast League results yesterday: Portland 12, Vernon 2; Oakland 11, Los Angeles 4; San Francisco 9, Sacramento 2. Irving defeat Kats in fast tennis on Multnomah courts. Page 9. Arrangements for boxing exhibition to be in charge of Jack King. Page 9.

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FIREMEN MAY FIGHT PESTS Chemical Likely to Be Used to Kill Caterpillars in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 14.—(Special.)—If the caterpillars get to be much worse in Vancouver, John Sechrist, Chief of Police, says he will petition the Council to have the fire department take the chemical wagon and use it in spraying the infected districts within the city limits. There are many caterpillars coming here from Hayden Island, where there are millions of them. Vehicles passing over the island daily gather up some of the pests and bring them across the Columbia River.

RECIPROCITY IS FORGED TO ISSUE

Bill Is Put Ahead on Senate Calendar.

SPEEDY END IS PREDICTED

McCumber and Curtis Declare Farmers Are Menaced.

EXCHANGE IS CRITICISED

Contention Made That Canada's Development Would Be Greatly Aided at Expense of People of United States.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—The Senate on the first day's consideration of the reciprocity bill listened to speeches by Senators Curtis, of Kansas, and McCumber, of North Dakota, in opposition to the measure; made the bill unfinished business on the calendar, and, without opposition, changed the regular daily hours of meeting from 2 o'clock to noon.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, will speak tomorrow in opposition to the bill. Senator Penrose, in charge of the bill, tonight expressed satisfaction at the outlook, saying he believed there will be general co-operation in bringing the discussion to a speedy close.

Farmers Look to Future. Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, opposed the reciprocity agreement on the ground that it would injure the American farmer.

"I believe this treaty," said Senator McCumber, "if enacted into law, would not only postpone for many years the consummation of a hope indulged by the farmers of the country, a hope held out to them by every speaker and writer who sought to secure and hold their votes for the protective policy of the country, but that its logical result would be to destroy the policy itself. I must, therefore, either repudiate all I have advocated for years or oppose the consummation of this agreement."

"Even if we admitted," the speaker continued, "that the American market is now no better than the Canadian market, still we must answer that as soon as consumption overtakes production in this country we will reap an advantage, and that advantage is what we have earned, and that we have been promised as a compensation for our sacrifices for the general principle of protection during the last 40 years."

Curtis Pleads for Delay. Senator Curtis, of Kansas, pleaded that time be given the people to study a question, which, he said, they did not understand. Mr. Curtis quoted figures to show that the United States trade with Canada

CLOUDBURST HITS TOWN AFTER HEAT

NEARLY INCH OF RAIN FALLS IN HALF HOUR.

HORNHOOK, OR., IS VISITED BY SEVERE

Electric Storm Following Sultry Day—Place Dark.

HORNHOOK, Or., June 14.—(Special.)—Struck by a fierce electrical storm, accompanied by a cloudburst at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Hornbrook is in total darkness save for the sharp rays of lightning that accompany every terrific roar of thunder. Continuing unabated until 6 o'clock this evening, the storm is the worst ever felt in this section, 0.52 of an inch of rain falling in half an hour when the disturbance was at its height. The storm was the climax of a sultry day. A light wind sprang from the south at 1 o'clock and increased in velocity until 4 o'clock, when dark clouds gathered, terrific claps of thunder resounded and lightning struck the four points of Hornbrook.

The substitution of the Slakiyou Electric Light & Power Company was struck by lightning. Two transformers and the lightning arresters were burned out, leaving the town in darkness. At 5 o'clock the storm passed to the north. Hornbrook is cut off from telephone connection with Astoria, and it is believed the storm visited several nearby towns.

STUDENT CANOEISTS UPSET Lloyd Barzee and Karl Marthoff, of Portland, Narrowly Escape.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 14.—(Special.)—Lloyd Barzee and Karl H. Marthoff, of Portland, students at the State University, narrowly escaped drowning in the Willamette River just above Corvallis today.

Their canoe, in which they were making a trip from Eugene to Portland, upset in the swift current, but both swam to the shore. The canoe, upside down and filled with lashed luggage, was caught here. There was much excitement for a time, as it was evidently a student outfit and it was feared the occupants had been drowned. Word was telephoned to Eugene and the identity of the owners discovered. A launch immediately began a search and a part of the boys' relatives from Albany hastened over in an automobile to assist. An hour later word was received from a boy's father that the boys were safe. They will remain here tonight and continue their canoe trip tomorrow.

The river is considered safe from here down and a number of Agricultural College students from Portland and Astoria are on their way home by canoe. Above Corvallis the river current is treacherous.

MAN EATS 54 EGGS ON BET

San Francisco Butcher Devours Lot in 186 Seconds; Wins \$100.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—(Special.)—Breaking eggs as fast as they were handed to him and catapulting contents into his mouth at the rate of one in three seconds, Nick Volz, butcher, last night swallowed 54 eggs in 186 seconds, thereby refuting the positive statement of a well-known physician that it could not be done. Volz got the eggs and \$100.

Several days ago Abe Shapiro, proprietor of the butcher shop, who was familiar with the accomplishments of Volz along gastronomic lines, offered to bet Leo Sanders, his manager, \$100 that Volz could devour 54 eggs in six minutes.

Sanders sought the advice of a doctor and received satisfactory data. Then he took up the wager and supplemented it by making a similar bet with Volz. After eating the eggs Volz took two drinks of whisky and resumed work.

WHEAT IS ABOVE AVERAGE

Larger Crop Planted in Northwest Than Last Year.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 14.—According to June Crop Reporter of the Department of Agriculture, issued today, the condition of the Spring wheat crop in the Northwestern states is above the 10-year average and larger crops are planted in Oregon, Washington and Idaho than last year. Three hundred thousand acres are sown in Spring wheat in Oregon, its condition June 1 being 94, the same as June 1, 1910, but three per cent above the 10-year average. In Washington the acreage is 842,000; condition June 1, 97, four per cent above last year and three per cent above the average. Idaho's Spring crop covers 232,000 acres, and its condition is 100, five points above 10-year average. The condition of Winter wheat on June 1 is given as follows: Oregon 95, Washington and Idaho 95. On June 1, 1910 it was Oregon 92, Washington 90, Idaho 95.

HUMMING BIRD ROYAL HOST

Pendleton Treated to Unusual Sight on Telephone Wire.

PENDELTON, Or., June 14.—(Special.)—A humming bird perched on her nest balanced on a small telephone wire in the unusual sight offered visitors to the F. J. McMonies home on the North Side.

The nest is so diminutive and balanced so perfectly that its equilibrium is not disturbed in the least by the going and coming of the mother bird.

TAFT UNOPPOSED FOR NOMINATION

Opponents See Little Hope of Winning.

STATES SWING INTO LINE

Idaho Now Counted Among Supporters of President.

INSURGENTS NOT AGREED

Failure to Find Available Candidate Causes Sulking in Tents—Platforms Will Reflect Change in Beliefs.

BY SUMNER CURTIS. WASHINGTON, June 14.—(Special.)—Developments in the political situation indicate that the "progressive" Republicans will let the nomination go by default to President Taft in 1912. The anti-Taft movement is in a state of utter collapse so far as the insurgents are concerned.

In fact, some of the leading insurgents have become so dispirited with respect to accomplishing what was originally planned through a protest against the President's domination that they now evince an inclination merely to sulky.

Knowledge of this inclination has bred rumors that Cummins, Borah and others who have been pronounced in their opposition to the incumbent had decided to "come out for Taft." There is not a particle of foundation for such rumors, however, and when they reached the insurgent principals concerned they were denied with greater vehemence of expression than characterized Colonel Roosevelt's repudiation of stories that he had made promises as to the bestowal of his support in the next campaign.

Opposition Thought Futile.

The aforetime anti-Taft Senators are just as much against Taft now as ever, but the wiser among them see no sense in indulging in head-butting against a stone wall. That's the partial secret of affairs.

Idaho, which the Taft managers yesterday listed as against the President, probably will send a Taft delegation, it was learned today. This will not be the result of any change of heart on the part of Senator Borah, who is the strongest single political influence in the state. Borah is about the most bitter of the anti-Taft folk at present, because of his tremendous hostility to Canadian reciprocity. He intends to make a campaign, personally, against every man who raises his voice for reciprocity from President down to Congressman, with the idea of having the reciprocity law repealed. This is on the assumption that the bill is sure to pass at this session.

Idaho Counted for Taft.

But as to the delegation to the National convention, Senator Borah has come to feel that the state will be for Taft simply because there are no other available candidate in sight. It may be that other states which the Taft managers have counted against them will swing into line for the same reason; that is, as far as the nomination is concerned.

The election following is another matter. The present insurgent pro-Taft feeling is that the election will vindicate their judgment as to Taft's strength before the country, but they don't see anybody available to beat him for the nomination, and they are not going to make their protest in the convention as strong as originally intended.

A most significant fact in connection with the present National situation is that, while the insurgent movement is losing strength as a factor in determining candidates, the broad, progressive movement throughout the land is growing by leaps and bounds. One by one state machines of the old guard persuasion are being forced to understand that they cannot fight this progressive movement.

Platforms to Be "Progressive."

It has been brought to the attention of practical politicians of the old school partly through efforts of friends of the Taft Administration. State-makers in various states heretofore little affected by militant, progressive ideals have been adjured that candidates and platforms must be in harmony with the changed public sentiment if any hope of winning next year's contests is to be entertained. And they are awakening to the conditions and laying plans to act accordingly.

In the calm study of the President's course in administering the laws and striving for further legislation is found in large measure the secret of the present Taft strength and a reason for the breaking up of the insurgent cohesive-ness as a ticket-making machine. When analyzed it is found that the insurgent opposition to the President is to a high degree personal with the leaders.

As a result the leaders in question and they cannot keep their state following subject to their complete control, because their personal supporters, in part, at least, like Taft's work. And this may account in some degree for the curtailment of the insurgent fighting spirit.



AN AWFUL MENACE TO THE "FARMER."

MURPHY