

## NEBRASKANS ARE STRONG FOR TAFT

### Insurgents Routed in State Convention.

### PRESIDENT'S WORK LAUDED

### Hearty Indorsement Is Given by Republicans.

### OPPOSITION IS BLOCKED

### Adherents of Senator La Follette Lack Leader and Are Out-Generated by Rosewater and His Omaha Delegation.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 25.—Nebraska Republicans in convention here today gave President Taft and his Administration strong indorsement and effectively blocked all efforts of a small band of insurgent delegates to arouse sentiment for Senator La Follette as a Presidential candidate.

The insurgents lacked a leader and were out-generated by Victor Rosewater and his delegation from Omaha. Before the insurgents could introduce resolutions which would provide that all resolutions be referred to a committee, which was given power to draw up a final report.

Taft's Friend Appointed. Chairman Jafferis, of Omaha, then named a committee of seven, of which five were strong friends of Taft, and of which Rosewater was made chairman.

From this point the possibilities of a fight on the floor over the indorsement of Mr. Taft went glimmering. Despite their talk that they would not assent to a Taft indorsement on any conditions, the insurgents failed to make even a show of a fight or objection when the platform resolution was finally presented.

The resolution went through with a whoop by a rising vote. In which several of the insurgents were discovered on their feet. An attempt to have the convention instruct the resolutions committee to refrain from indorsing any candidate met with summary treatment. F. D. Evans, of Adams County, secured the floor for this purpose, but he was hauled down by other delegates and gavelled out of order by Chairman Jafferis before he could read his resolution.

### Insurgent Move Slumps.

This was as far as the insurgents could get with their fight to prevent a Taft indorsement. From this juncture the much-wanted insurgent opposition slumped to nothing. The Wild Willow and Washington County delegations, which had been most active in the movement, quit the contest when it was learned that there was no possibility of a minority report from the resolutions committee.

Out of the total of 555 votes in the convention, it was said by regular leaders that the insurgents could not muster a following of more than 150.

### Resolution Is Given.

The platform resolution as adopted follows in part:

"Rejoicing in the glorious record of the Nation the illustrious names of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and reaffirming our devotion to Republican principles, we, the Republicans of Nebraska, congratulate the country on its continued peace, progress and prosperity, under the wise guidance of our Republican President.

The arbitration treaties, whose negotiation he has inspired, mark a notable step toward world peace, and in only lesser degree, his tactfulness in maintaining neutrality and avoiding international complications during the revolution in Mexico. He is proving his devotion to the right policy of conservation of our natural resources.

### Trusts Are Prosecuted.

"He is prosecuting the illegal trusts and combines without fear or favor. He is instituting reforms in the administration of the Government which makes for economy and efficiency. We have every confidence in the unselfish patriotism and conscientious devotion of public duty of William Howard Taft and we heartily endorse his statesmanlike administration.

### TRAMP STANFIELD HERO

Unknown Hobo Gives Timely Warning of Town's First Fire.

BENDLETON, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Jumping from his seat on the pilot of a freight train locomotive, an unknown hobo last night gave the alarm for Stanfield's first fire.

Through the timely warning and work of the tramp, the fire was confined to the barn of E. N. Beaver, which was destroyed, together with a horse and several tons of hay.

## DEATH IS DEFIED; WINS IN 2 HOURS

### SPOKANE WOMAN DIES SOON AFTER SPEAKING OF LIVING.

### "Don't Worry About Me, I Will Live Always, I Guess," Says Mrs. Louisa McCormack, Aged 94

SPOKANE, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—"Don't worry about me. I will live always, I guess."

Less than two hours after speaking these words, Mrs. Louisa McCormack, 94 years old, died Monday night. She was living with her youngest daughter. Death was due to pneumonia and occurred at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. McCormack was married twice and had more than 100 direct descendants scattered throughout the country. She outlived both her husbands and was remarkably well preserved. She had one son, several brothers, and no end of relatives in the Civil War, on each side. Her son, however, was a Union soldier.

One of her brothers and her father served as a soldier through the Revolutionary War.

## SLEEPY HUNTERS HUNTED

### Walla Walla Officials Lie Down to Rest; Wives Rush to Rescue.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—When County Auditor Jack Sweeney and Coroner E. S. Hennessey went hunting bear, while in the mountains at their summer camp, they were themselves hunted and only rescued by their wives who responded to their calls for aid.

Sweeney and Hennessey became tired and one was to watch for bear in the huckleberry patch while the other dozed, but both went asleep. A crackling in the bushes aroused them and obeying their first impulse they climbed up a tree. They could hear the noise in the brush and caught sight of a tawny body, which they thought was a cougar. They yelled for help and their wives came, called off the camp bulldog just the color of a cougar and led their husbands back to camp. The joke lacked out and their invitations to hunt are numerous.

## THEATER OUSTS CHURCH

### Seattle's Old Landmark, Plymouth Congregational, Yields to Progress.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—The last landmark of old Seattle, the ivy-covered Plymouth Congregational Church which pointed its spire skyward on the outskirts of the business section of the city back in 1891, and has stood watching a metropolis grow up about it for 20 years, passed today when the cornerstone was removed from the old structure at Third avenue and University street to the new site at Sixth avenue and University street.

On Sunday next, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the cornerstone will be laid in the new church with appropriate ceremonies. In the meantime, the historic landmark will be razed to make way for the new theater of Alexander Fantages.

## LAVIN CHARGES ARE HEARD

### Commissioner Dennett Gets Detailed Report on Trouble.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Commissioner Dennett today received a detailed report from Chief Sharp of troubles with Special Agent Lavin. The fight grew out of a charge by Lavin that United States District Attorney McCourt withheld evidence and failed to prosecute three cases upon which Lavin reported.

In his report Sharp recites incidents of altercation, but makes no recommendation concerning possible action by the Commissioner. Before taking action the Commissioner will obtain reports from McCourt and Lavin.

## GHOST CAUSE OF DIVORCE?

### Wife Deserts, Man Reweds and Now Asks Separation.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Married in 1861, Peter Portogues today filed suit in the Clackamas County Court against Ellen Portogues for a degree of divorce. Portogues says his wife deserted him in 1862, and in 1863 he heard she was dead.

Ten years after that time he remarried. He does not say so in his complaint, but the assumption is that Mrs. Portogues' ghost has confronted him and caused him to worry.

## SALMON PROSPECTS GOOD

### Run at Tillamook Not Heavy, but Fish Are Large.

BAY CITY, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The salmon season has opened on Tillamook Bay and 40 boats are out fishing every night. It is a little too early, however, to set nets in the rivers. The run is not as good as at this time last year, but the fish are of fine color and quite large, which is a good indication of a large run for the season. As the tides grow more favorable the catch will increase.

## POPE'S THROAT IS WORSE

### Patient's Temperature Higher but Condition Is Not Alarming.

ROME, July 25.—The condition of the Pope, who is suffering from a sore throat was less satisfactory today. The physicians found their patient with a temperature higher than yesterday. The general symptoms, however, it is said, are not alarming.

## NEW RATES WILL DEVELOP COAST

### Lane Points Out Advantage of Ocean.

### Factories Will Be Result

### Readjustment Will Mean New Producing Enterprises.

### RATE POLICY NOVEL ONE

### Commerce Commission Declares Desire to Be Conservative in Initial Application of New Principle of Law.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(Special.)—In deciding the Spokane-Reno railroad cases, the Interstate Commerce Commission has eliminated the haul-back charges applied to inland points and has established new rules for governing the making of transcontinental rates. The decision of the Commission, written by Commissioner Lane, holds that the rates applying at Spokane and other points on the Pacific Coast are discriminatory and must be changed forthwith.

The Commission recognizes the right of railroads to compete with ocean freight traffic, but it declares that such competition must not be done at the expense of points having a shorter haul but which are removed from the water zone.

### Coast Cities Are Safe.

Lane's opinion says, among other things:

"If the principle that a railroad should charge what the traffic will bear is the criterion of railroad rates, no exception can be taken to the transcontinental situation, for it is masterfully designed to secure maximum revenue and yet develop such industries and benefit such commodities as the railroad in its wisdom may wish to thrive, for the growth of the Pacific Coast certainly is in no small part to be accredited to the discretion lodged in and exercised by the transcontinental traffic manager.

"The coast cities—those that have direct access to the ocean—cannot be materially injured by the policy of the law we have herein considered. They are rendered secure as entrepôts of commerce by the presence of the ocean, so long as they choose to avail themselves of its advantages. There is much reason in this record, too, for the belief that they have at times chosen to forego these advantages in the expectation that they would be made secure by the rail carriers in the possession of a large distributing market in the interior.

### Ocean to Be Used More.

With the introduction of a policy which removes from these interior points in some degree the disadvantage which they have suffered with relation to Eastern

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## 2 ARMS AND LEG BRING \$92,747.65

### MAN HAS CHECK FOR FORTUNE FROM SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

### Slip of Paper Represents Largest Judgment for Personal Injury in California's History.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—(Special.)—It is only one small piece of paper, but excessive care is being taken that it does not get lost, strayed, put in the fire or blown into the bay. It is worth \$92,747.65, which is enough for any self-respecting person to be worth.

It comes from the coffers of the Southern Pacific Company to pay for two arms and a leg. The slip of paper, issued by the railroad company today, the injured man, Willard R. Zibbell, of Fresno, is placed beyond the reach of want for the balance of his life and is compensated, in the opinion of the court, for the suffering and loss of earning capacity brought about through a railroad accident.

Even the cool mind of the law admits its size, for this is the largest check ever paid in the state as the judgment in a suit for damages for personal injury.

The company's first offer to the injured man was \$500. The suit was contested over the original judgment. The jury at Fresno which tried the case at first placed the amount at \$100,000, but fearing this would be held excessive by the higher courts, Zibbell himself consented to a reduction to \$70,000. The amount this represents \$70,000 damages and \$22,747.65 interest and costs.

## AUTOS TOO FEW FOR TOTS

### Club Appeals for 50 More Cars That All Youngsters May Ride.

Five hundred orphans and poor children will not be able to go on the outing today to be given by the Portland Automobile Club unless 50 more machines are donated for this purpose, according to officers of the club.

When the outing was first planned, it was believed that 50 cars would be sufficient to carry the youngsters. In the last few days, however, the number of children entitled to the outing has almost doubled, while the result is that there are about only half enough automobiles available.

President Clemens appeals to automobile owners to get in touch with him early this morning that the required number of cars may be obtained before the excursion begins.

The parade will start from the North Park playgrounds at 1 P. M.

## ROMANTIC LASS ESCAPES

### Father's Vigilance Outwitted When Girl Exits by Window.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—While her parents slept, Miss Minnie Anderson, 16 years old, packed her belongings in a suitcase early yesterday morning and, quietly raising a side window, dropped to the ground and hurried to the 6 o'clock ferry. It is supposed that she went to Portland to meet a young man with whom she had been keeping company. Roy Anderson, the girl's father, lives on Grant street.

The father has made an effort to find his daughter and has appealed to the police for assistance. Descriptions of the girl have been sent to various Coast cities.

## HOUSE MAY FORCE COTTON REVISION

### Democrats Agreed On New Schedule.

### AVERAGE RATE CUT IN TWAIN

### Underwood Promises Passage With Little Debate.

### SENATE ACTION AWAITED

### Adjournment Will Depend Upon Action of Upper Body—Increased Imports and Less Revenue Indicated as Result.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Democratic members of the House in caucus approved by a two-thirds majority late today the bill reducing the duties on cotton manufactures nearly one-half.

Prolonged discussion as to whether they should remain in session to revise other schedules of the tariff resulted in a decision to await action in the Senate. Another caucus as to the adjournment will then be held.

The bill agreed upon cuts from an equivalent ad valorem rate of 48.12 per cent under the Payne-Aldrich act to an average ad valorem rate of 27.04 per cent. Under the Wilson bill of 1891, the last Democratic measure, the average ad valorem rate was 47.34 per cent.

Under the proposed rates the committee estimates the imports of cotton goods for 12 months at \$99,162,000, against \$28,417,441 last year, and that the duties derived under the new act for a year would be \$10,599,000 as against \$13,673,801.

Democratic Leader Underwood explained the bill to the caucus.

"The schedules," he said, "are cut nearly 50 per cent, or practically in half, and we will push it through the House with little debate."

Some of the proposed new duties follow:

Cotton thread, carded yarn, warps, etc., 10 to 15 per cent ad valorem; Payne rate, 33.17.

Spool thread, croquet, darning and embroidery cottons on spools, 15 per cent; Payne rate, 23.63.

Cotton cloth, not bleached or colored, average rate of 24.51; Payne rate, 42.48.

Handkerchiefs, or mufflers, 30 per cent; Payne rate, 59.95.

Clothing, ready-made and articles of wearing apparel, of every description composed of cotton or vegetable fiber, 30 per cent; Payne rate, 50.02.

Sheets, 25 per cent; Payne rate, 50.2.

Plushes, velvets, velveteens, corduroys, 30 per cent; Payne rate, 54.33.

Curtains, table covers, tapestry, upholstery goods, 35 per cent; Payne rate, 56.

Stockings and socks, machine made, 30 per cent; Payne rate, 71.57.

Men's and boys' cotton gloves, knitted or woven, 35 per cent; Payne rate, 71.57.

## OREGON AS LEADER TO CANAL, IS PLAN

### FOSS SUGGESTS HONOR FOR VETERAN BATTLESHIP.

### Illinois Representative Proposes Sea-Fighter to Head Pageant to San Francisco in 1915.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(Special.)—As a fitting end for her career on the active list of the Navy, Representative Foss, of Illinois, who was chairman of the House naval affairs committee while the Republicans were in control, today suggested that the old battleship Oregon lead the naval pageant from New York to San Francisco in 1915. Inasmuch as Mr. Foss will probably will be chairman when the exposition at San Francisco is opened, his suggestion is of more than ordinary weight.

"A better way of showing how the Navy has grown, in number of battleships and size of each ship, and also how greatly its efficiency has been increased by the construction of the canal, I cannot think of," said Mr. Foss.

"It took the Oregon from March 19 to May 24 to make the trip from the Bremerton yard to Jupiter Inlet. After the canal is opened one of the newest battleships could probably make the trip in 27 or 28 days, if not less."

Acting Secretary Winthrop, of the Navy Department, said the suggestion is a fine one, and he has no doubt it will be approved by the head of the department when the time comes for appointing a flagship to lead the procession of ships from the East to the West Coast.

## DANGER TO CHILDREN TOLD

### Dr. Ravenel Writes on Menace of Bovine Tuberculosis.

MADISON, Wis., July 25.—(To the Editor.)—No one is more convinced than I am of the danger to the human family from bovine tuberculosis. This has been proved beyond all controversy by workers in various parts of the world including two governmental commissions, one in England and one in Germany. However, strength is always lost by exaggeration. I do not believe, and never have believed, that bovine tuberculosis was the chief source of consumption in human beings.

At the present moment I do not feel that we have sufficient data to enable us to state just what percentage of tuberculosis in mankind is derived from cattle. In some parts of the country it appears to be approximately one-third of the cases in children. In New York City, Dr. Park has proved that approximately one-third of the cases of bovine infection, and I see no reason to doubt that all large cities have a proportionate death rate from this source. The case is not bad enough without trying to exaggerate.

The chief source of danger to man is infection from his fellowmen, but in children infection from cattle plays a large part, and there is every reason for the most strenuous efforts to stamp out the disease in cattle, not only as a menace to human health, but also because the disease is an economic scourge.

MAZYCK P. RAVENEL.

## CROPS NOT HURT BY HEAT

### Polk County Fruit, Grain and Hops Give Promise of Fine Yields.

DALLAS, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Though it has been warmer than usual this month, farmers say that it has not injured crops. The fruit is all doing well, and the growers expect one of the heaviest yields ever gathered here. Apples and prunes, particularly, are in fine condition.

All the fruit driers are being put in shape to handle the crop when it is gathered. The fruit is ripening more rapidly this year than usual, and the season will perhaps be two weeks early.

The hops over the county are in excellent condition, and unless damaging rains fall in the picking season, Polk County growers expect one of the largest and choicest outputs of hops that has ever come from here. Conrad Krebs, of Krebs Bros., owning large hop yards, says the hops are better this year than for many years past. Much of the yield has been contracted at prices ranging from 10 to 15 cents. The weather has been just right for the raising of hay and grain.

## FISHER TO MAKE VISIT

### Secretary Open to Discussion on Oregon Irrigation Project.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 25.—Secretary of the Interior Fisher will not make any stop in Oregon on his way to Alaska, but on his return will visit Portland. He probably will inspect the Umatilla irrigation project.

If the business interests of Portland and the delegation from the Umatilla project make a sufficiently strong plea, it is more than likely that he will go to investigate for himself the merits of the proposed West Side extension.

Secretary Fisher told Representative Lafferty today that he sympathized with Oregon's demand for a larger share of the reclamation fund, but with his present information he is not able to say definitely just what can be done looking to the early construction of the West Umatilla extension.

## SUMMER CAMPS MENAGED

### Fire Sweeping Along San Bernardino Mountains Is Threatening.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 25.—A mountain fire is sweeping the San Bernardino Range north of this city tonight, menacing Summer resorts and camps.

Seventy-five men along the summit, between Little Bear, Alley and Skyland, are fighting it. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of timber will be destroyed if the flames are not confined to this side of the range.

## THOUSANDS SPURN HIGH-PAYING JOBS

### City's Call for 3000 Hands Unheeded.

### IDLE TURN DOWN GOOD OFFERS

### Employment Agents Unable to Fill Orders for Gangs.

### HARVEST DEMAND SMALL

### Railroads, Highway Builders and Logging Camps Appeal for Men in Valley—Bureau Report Odd Condition.

If laboring classes of Portland are experiencing anything like a touch of hard times, it is purely because they will not accept work.

Such was the declaration yesterday of more than a dozen employment-bureau managers of Portland when asked about conditions and wages.

It was revealed by them that there are at present no fewer than 3000 laborers needed in Portland alone, and probably twice that many more are sought by districts adjacent to the city. These jobs are lying idle at present because men cannot be obtained who are willing to work.

Vacant places on railroad work in road-construction gangs and in logging camps are numerous, and they pay as high as \$2.75 a day for nine hours. There are also big demands which cannot be filled for laborers, foreign or "white," which pay \$2 and \$2.50 a day.

### Work Is Not Sought.

A glance at the records in Portland's employment market on North Second street show that labor conditions in Oregon have assumed an unusual aspect. Hundreds of men are not looking for work, but assemble with the apparent army of unemployed in the sun and the shade, on the lawns at the city park and the Plaza blocks.

H. A. Tucker, manager of the Canadian Employment Bureau, says he has calls on his books for 200 men and every effort to get them has been of no avail.

"I have one call for 75 men at \$2.35 for nine hours," said Mr. Tucker, "and have not been able to obtain one man for the work. I have other calls for 20 foreigners at \$2.25 a day and cannot get more. The effort is in two and I have cut the office fees in two and still they are not available.

### Places Go Begging.

"You go to a man on the streets where there are idlers and ask him if he will go to work for \$2.75 a day and he laughs at you. I have seen a business here since 1888 and have the oldest employment office in Portland, and I cannot remember a time when such conditions prevailed. There is not a man in Portland who is willing to work who cannot have steady work within ten hours."

There is a noticeable absence of customary demand for harvest hands, according to the employment agents. The only demand for hands on farms is for women and children in the hop districts where picking is under way. The price for this work is about the same as usual, but larger wages will probably be paid as soon as the harvesting season is at its best, within the next few weeks.

### Teams Also Short.

E. P. McCrooke, an employment agent who has been in business here 16 years says he has just returned from a trip in Eastern Oregon and has found a shortage of teams rather than men. He found big demand for good teams at \$10.50 a day or they can be rented for \$75 a month and feed.

Wages this year, it is said, are from 25 to 50 cents a day lower than a year ago for reasons which the agents say are hard to explain. This reduction in pay is practically confined to railroad and road-construction work where, during the Spring, labor was more plentiful owing probably to the fact that laborers were willing to work.

W. E. Howard, of the Butts & Eldridge agency, says he could put 200 men to work at once if they were available. He reports unprecedented demand for men for city grading, concrete work and other labor at from \$2 to \$2.75 a day. He reports no demand for farm laborers, but says there are many men needed in logging camps.

### Places for 900 Men.

The Hanley Employment Company has places for 600 men at railroad construction work and at logging camps, while the Pioneer Company says it can furnish employment for 400 men at once. This company reports the need of 40 or 50 men on farms at good wages. In some cases as high as \$1.50 a day and board is offered.

J. H. Tapley, who conducts one of the larger of the Second-street employment agencies, says he has been trying to get 250 men but has not been able to hire 15.

Another peculiar condition is the inability of contractors to get men to stay at work. One agency reported that it had places for 20 men at \$2.75 a day. Dozens of men went to work but quit at the end of the first or second day.

