

**BYRAN'S AMBITION  
WILL NOT BE QUIET**

Persistence of Peerless One Regarded as Enhancing Republican Chances.

**CLARK IS STALKING HORSE**

Cunning Move to Gain Friendship of Wilson Followers Part of Deep Game Well Played. Democracy Widely Split.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 1.—William J. Bryan is likely to be one of the leading assets of the Republican party in the campaign of 1912, as he has been in other campaigns of recent years. Scarcely a week passes but there develops some new and convincing indication that Bryan is going after the Democratic Presidential nomination next year, with full expectation of landing it. It is not, however, the Republican ticket which is materially strengthened; if he is not nominated, and some anti-Bryan man is named, Democracy will go into the Presidential campaign as badly split as is the Republican party today.

The latest indication that Bryan has designs on the Presidential nomination next year came from Hutchinson, Kan., and was contained in a dispatch formally announcing Champ Clark's candidacy for the Democratic nomination. It was significant to begin with, that Clark, when in Washington, declared emphatically that he was not seeking the nomination for President, and only consented to make his formal plunge after he had talked with the folks at home, and then talked with Bryan and arranged to travel with him.

Clark is ally of William J. Bryan. But coupled with the announcement of Clark's active candidacy was this statement: "Clark will hold the Bryan vote in the convention until they are cast for the real Bryan choice." In other words, Clark has consented to becoming a stalking horse for Bryan, for the real Bryan choice is William Jennings Bryan, and not Champ Clark. In the heat of the convention, is consenting to throw his own following to Bryan, in the hope of bringing Bryan's nomination. Then if Bryan is elected, Clark will hitch up with the White House, and the pair will run things to suit themselves.

Bryan's ambition to occupy the White House seems destined to work havoc in the Democratic party, and will embarrass many a good Democrat at the convention next summer. Having the run for the Presidency and been defeated, Bryan is now contending that the party owes it to him to renominate him in 1912, so that he can have the advantage of present Democratic prestige; so that he can head the ticket in the one year since Cleveland's term when it has seemed so probable that the Democrats stand a splendid chance of carrying the country.

Confidence is unshaken. It never once occurs to Bryan that his own personality and his own campaign have been a source of weakness to his party. It has never occurred to him that he was responsible in a large measure for the overwhelming defeat of his party in 1896, 1900 and 1908. It has not dawned upon him of late that his nomination next year would diminish the Democratic chances of success. Rather, he seems to think that he would strengthen the ticket. And there are hosts of his admirers who hold the same opinion.

On the other hand, thereafter a great many staunch Democrats who supported Bryan in his three campaigns who do not want to be forced into supporting him again. They fear that Bryan's nomination would result in inevitable defeat in November, 1912; that Bryan's nomination would absolutely destroy the present advantage which the Democratic party holds in American politics. And these men do not want Bryan nominated. Yet many of them are so tied up with the "Peerless One" that they cannot or will not rise and object to his nomination next year, and noteworthy among this element seems to be Champ Clark, of Missouri.

Peerless One is shrewd. Bryan has been thoroughly playing the game. He has found much to admire in Woodrow Wilson, and has drawn from Wilson commendation of many Bryan ideas. He has picked up Judah Wilson as subscribed to Bryanism, so far as he has been approved by Bryan. Nice game, that, for it tickles the Wilson followers, and will put them in a friendly frame of mind, in the event the Democratic convention cannot be swung into line for New Jersey's Governor. Bryan appears also much to commend in Champ Clark—billy fellow, sound judgment, clear head, and all that. But it's mere taffy, for now we are told that Clark is becoming a candidate, not with any expectation of being nominated, but to hold together his following for transfer to the "real Bryan choice."

Oh, fine! Bryan has not seen his way clear to give hearty endorsement to the Harmon boom, and with Underwood, of Alabama, he has picked a quarrel. But Bryan figures that if he combine the Bryan, Wilson and Clark strength in the Democratic National Convention he will not need a party about the Harmon element, and he probably is correct. Underwood is thus far a local man, with no following outside his own state, and the Harmon boom has absolutely refused to expand.

It is a beautiful game, the way Bryan is playing it, and perhaps his calculations are correct, but if Bryan is the Democratic nominee, he will immediately become a Republican asset. The Republicans are strong for Bryan—for the nomination.

**Clark Superior Court to Open.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—The October term of the Superior Court of Clark County will open tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Judge Donald McMaster, presiding. The date of trial of Roy L. Burkhardt, who shot and killed Harry L. Lowellyn, trumpeter of Company A, First Infantry, September 29, when he broke around and tried to run, will be set tomorrow. The jury session will begin October 6, if the 24 jurors impeached, six are women. Five women are married.

**Dinner Guest Kills Host.**

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 1.—Frank Brest, a grocer, was shot and killed in his home today by Frank Lombardi. Lombardi had eaten dinner with Brest's family, 3 o'clock. Brest, nephew of Frank, was shot in the arm by Lombardi but gave him a beating and threw him over a banister, fracturing his skull. The cause of the shooting is not known.

**NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC LEADER WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE NURSING PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRATIONS AGAIN.**



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN IN PORTRAIT AND SNAPSHOT.

**COAL POLICY STAYS**

Secretary Fishes Declares It Has Been Success.

**REAL DEVELOPMENT AIM**

Defense to Charge That Prices Are Prohibitive Is Assertion That They Are Fair, but Fixed to Put Stop to Speculation.

**CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—**

Maintaining the policy of the United States Government, with regard to the valuation of coal lands is not open to the criticisms against it, and that it is designed to prevent monopolization and to encourage development, Walter L. Fisher, Secretary of the Interior, tonight made his reply to protests against that policy, submitted to him last June by Representative Frank Mondell, of Wyoming.

Representative Mondell charged that prices fixed by the Government were prohibitive; that they paralyzed the coal industry in the West; resulted in increasing the cost of coal to the consumer from 50 cents to \$1 a ton; and created a monopoly.

Mr. Mondell also said that prices for coal lands in all the working fields run from \$150 to \$500 an acre; that millions of acres are rated at values above \$180 an acre; and that prices in the better fields are in excess of those charged in commercial practice in the same fields for better grade coals in Eastern fields.

**Quick Development Sought.**

All these allegations Secretary Fisher, after thorough study, submits as "apparently based on misapprehension of the facts on which valuation is made, and as to the effect which the classifications have had on the sale of public lands."

"The prices now fixed," Secretary Fisher continues, "are designed not to create monopoly in the hands of present owners of coal lands, but to prevent monopoly by making it unprofitable to purchase large areas for indefinite holding without development."

"This, in fact, is the constant aim of the department in prices which it puts on public coal lands—to make them low enough so as to encourage purchases for immediate development, yet sufficiently high as to discourage purchases for long time holdings for speculation or for monopolization."

"Prices prohibiting development would be inimical to the present interests of the West; prices permitting purchases with a view to monopolization would be inimical to their future interests. The sole object, therefore, is so to value the lands as to permit development and to prohibit speculation."

**Leasing System Favored.**

"In view of all the facts, however, I am convinced that the prices now being placed on the public coal lands are neither unreasonable nor exorbitant, and that the increase in the sale of coal lands for the four-year fiscal period subsequent to July 1, 1907, in comparison with the preceding four-year period, together with the present condition of the Western coal industry, demonstrates conclusively that the present classification policy is not open to criticism which you make."

Secretary Fisher suggests that a liberal, but wisely protected, leasing law might be found to promote development more vigorously than any system of outright purchase, such as has been the case in Australia and New Zealand, and adopted by Canada in its Yukon territory.

Referring to Mr. Mondell's charge that millions of acres are rated at values above \$150 an acre as "the highest price paid" by coal purchasers, Secretary Fisher says there cannot be millions of acres of classified lands so rated, since only 15,000,000 acres of

coal lands in the country have been priced to date.

**NEGRO VICTIM OF BULLET**

Centralia Citizens Indignant Because of Fatal Shooting.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—J. C. Pearce, a negro hotel-keeper of Rochester, who was shot by George Daugherty at that place Thursday night, died at the Houda Hospital in Centralia yesterday morning as a result of his wound. At a post-mortem held over the body this afternoon, at which Sheriff Gaston and Prosecuting Attorney Wilson, of Thurston County, were present, it was decided that death was due to the shock from the operation. Daugherty was bound over to the Superior Court of Thurston County under \$100 bonds Friday morning on a charge of assault with deadly weapons, but the charge will be changed to first degree manslaughter.

Indignation is felt in Centralia over the affair, as Pearce was in the city on the morning of the shooting and begged the local police department, a Justice of the Peace and the Prosecuting Attorney to place Daugherty under peace bonds.

**REPLIES WILL BE LIMITED**

Washington Attorney-General to Answer Only Rightful Queries.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Owing to the great amount of regular business, an edict has gone forth from the office of W. V. Tanner, Attorney-General, that no longer will questions be answered for others than those who have a legal right to call upon the department for information. The law makes the Attorney-General's office for all state officials and departments and for the prosecuting attorneys of the various counties. In turn, the county officials are expected to submit their questions to the county attorney, while each municipality, in theory at least, has a city attorney.

In the past it has been the custom for the Attorney-General's office to answer the queries sent in, but now the practice has ceased. The reason is that the Attorney-General and his assistants are kept busy caring for the usual run of state business.

**MORMONS TO BE FOUGHT**

Rival Parties in Salt Lake Renominates Present Mayor.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 1.—Mayor John S. Bransford yesterday was chosen for the third time to head the municipal ticket by the American (anti-Mormon) party convention. The affairs of the city government January 1 next will be administered under the commission plan. Chief among the resolutions adopted by the convention was one requesting the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Navy to accept a silver service for the battleship Utah bearing a patriotic design, and to reject the tray showing the design of Brigham Young and the Mormon Temple.

**Vancouver Prepares for Crowds.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—To handle the crowds who will attend the Clark County Fair, October 4, 5, 6 and 7, several cars have been shipped from Portland to Vancouver for the traction company's use. With the addition of these cars the company will be able to handle 400 people every 15 minutes of the day. It is expected that there will be an attendance of 25,000 people during the four days' fair. Exhibits are now being placed.

**Four Hunters Kill 37 Ducks.**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Thirty-seven spoonbill and teal ducks were killed today at Mulligan's Lake by Sheriff Cresap, George M. Bordeaux, George Thompson and Cross Gaither. No mallard or canvasbacks were seen. This was the first day of the open season for ducks and upland birds. It rained steadily all day, making ideal weather for shooting.

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**SENATE SEAT STAKE**

Stephenson Must Explain His \$107,793 Election Fund.

**INVESTIGATION ON TODAY**

Wisconsin Senator to Be First Witness Called in His Own Defense at Inquiry Into Charges of Corruption.

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