

EVENTS MAKE TAFT MEN OPTIMISTIC

780 Votes on First Ballot Predicted.

McKINLEY IS EARLY AT WORK

Both Insurgents and Democrats Disaffected.

CAUCUS "GAG" UNPOPULAR

Many Changes Have Been Noted in Past Month, All to Advantage of President—Movement Toward Bandwagon Begins.

BY HARRY J. BROWN
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 9.—There is no disguising the fact that friends and supporters of President Taft are looking ahead with much more optimism than prevailed during January. Several causes have brought about this change, but nothing has done more to inspire hope than the apparent slump of Roosevelt sentiment in certain quarters. Coincident with this, however, comes evidence of growing disaffection in the Democratic ranks, with a fair prospect that the Democracy, when the Presidential campaign opens, may be split as wide open as was the Republican party a year ago.

Majority of 241 Predicted.
Representative McKinley, of Illinois, manager of the President's campaign, conferred today with Secretary Hillis and W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, and the three agreed, after a careful canvass, that the President would have 780 votes in the convention on first ballot, or 241 more than a majority.

McKinley began work early, and planned to see many of the party leaders in Washington, quarters for the Taft boomers have not been secured, but within a few days McKinley expects to open offices.

Although Republican leaders said today that it was too early to talk about the plans of campaign after the Chicago convention, many friends of McKinley were of the opinion that if President Taft is renominated, McKinley will be his choice for chairman of the Republican National committee. McKinley probably would be acceptable to all the old-line party leaders. Some of these leaders objected to Postmaster-General Hitchcock and to Hillis, both prominently mentioned heretofore for National chairman.

Little Signs Multiply.
From various quarters come little indications that the Roosevelt strength has been over-estimated. First was the Oklahoma convention, then came the reversal of opinion on the part of the Republican city committee of St. Louis; then Senator Scott, of West Virginia, after declaring that Roosevelt would sweep West Virginia, gave out an interview saying that West Virginia would be for Taft, and most of the Republican leaders of that state have come to Scott's support, leaving Governor Glasscock the only active Roosevelt booster in the public eye.

These are only a few of the incidents that have served to encourage the President and his friends, so far as Republican sentiment is concerned. The quarrel among Republican insurgents is another thing that has brought them cheer, and it is now asserted, with some show of foundation, that a large element in the insurgent faction is favorable to President Taft's renomination. It will be recalled that 14 out of 24 insurgents in the House recently voted in line with the Taft view of the Democratic steel tariff bill, and refused to stand by the radicals for popgun tariff legislation.

Insurgents Do Not Agree.

The greatest cause of friction in insurgent circles, however, is the multiplicity of candidates for the Presidential nomination. La Follette, who once had the bulk of this faction with him, is now leading a hopeless little band, and to no apparent purpose, other than advertising. La Follette is sore at Roosevelt, who really "busted" the La Follette boom, and almost as sore at Cummins because the Iowa man assumed to enter the race against him. Roosevelt is tired of La Follette, and regards him as too radical for serious consideration; Cummins holds a similar opinion of "Fighting Hub," and the Roosevelt partisans and the Cummins partisans share the views of their chief.

It is therefore safe to say that the insurgent ranks are "all shot to pieces," and out of this chaotic condition President Taft is daily gaining recruits. For the opinion is growing that a three-cornered insurgent fight will only result in the defeat of all insurgent candidates, and make certain the renomination of President Taft. And after all, insurgent politicians are only human. They want to be on the winning side. Hence the trend towards the Taft bandwagon.

Bandwagon Seats Popular.

Senator Norris Brown, of Nebraska, was the first to climb aboard. Others less known have followed, and it is generally believed that ultimately the strength of Senator Cummins will be thrown to the Administration, for Iowa

HORSEWHIPS AWAIT "I. W. W." INVADERS

SAN DIEGO DETERMINED TO ENFORCE ANTI-SPEECH LAW.

Vigilance Committee Will Be Organized to Turn Back 10,000 Said to Be on Way to City.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 9.—Another demonstration by persons opposed to the enforcement of an anti-free speech ordinance which went into effect here yesterday was held in the business section of the city tonight. About 3000 persons were held in check by a force of 700 regular and special policemen in uniform.

As rapidly as speakers mounted their platforms they were marched off to jail and held in detention without bail. A dozen were arrested in this way. This makes 58 arrests since last night. The prisoners will be charged with conspiracy under the state law.

It was announced that between 5000 and 10,000 members of the Industrial Workers of the World soon will be headed this way to protest against the new law, willing, if necessary, to go to jail. As a result, plans are being made tonight to organize a vigilance committee armed with horsewhips to turn the invaders back when they reach the outskirts of the city.

MORSE MAY SAIL TODAY

Report Financier Will Seek Revenge on Enemies Denied by Sen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Reports were current today that Charles W. Morse would sail tomorrow for Bad Neuhelm, perhaps on the Oceanic, having decided that it was best to start for Europe at once, instead of remaining here for a week or 10 days, as he first proposed.

Regarding a report that Mr. Morse might re-enter Wall street, his son, Harry, made this statement: "My father has never said a word—not even to my mother—about going into business again. The stories that he is planning revenge upon those who fought him in the financial world are ridiculous. He is too sick a man for anything like that."

HOME BANKS STILL GAIN

Portland Clearings for Week Are \$10,418,000—Four Decline.

Substantial gains were made in bank clearings this week by nearly all large cities in the United States. According to Bradstreet's report there were only four out of 50 cities that showed a decrease, these cities being Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Fort Worth.

Portland made a gain of 14.4 per cent, the total clearings being \$10,418,000. The clearings at Seattle were \$11,032,000, with a gain of 25.9 per cent. Both Tacoma and Spokane showed small gains.

The total bank clearings in the United States were \$2,469,999,000 as against \$1,165,248,000 last week. The gain over the totals for the corresponding week of last year was \$150,978,000.

PRICE OF SILVER SOARS

East Indian Syndicate Preparing to Sell for Needed Coinage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The price of silver in the New York market touched 60 1/2 today, the highest since November, 1907, the quotations having advanced fractionally over those of last week. A quotation of 61 cents an ounce in February, 1907, was the record price in recent years.

Authorities in the financial district credit the rise to the activity of a powerful syndicate in India. The Indian government's supply of the metal for coining is believed to be low, and large pooling operations are said to be under way with the purpose of selling to the mint when demands of coinage become pressing.

PREMIER YUAN IS AGREED

Report Says He Will Favor Republicans' Plan for Abdication.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The Times says that news received in London is that Premier Yuan Shi Kai, after having consulted with the Dowager Empress, has agreed to most of the modifications made by the Nanking government to Yuan's proposals for the abdication of the Emperor.

The newspapers in Peking report that Willard Straight, acting on behalf of an American group of financiers, is considering the details for a \$5,000,000 loan to the revolutionists in Nanking, taking as security therefor the Canton-Hankow Railway, says a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Peking.

HOWELL ANSWERS CHARGE

Bridegroom Denies He Wedded Miss Armstrong for Her Money.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—George Howell, whose matrimonial alliance with Margaret Armstrong, of Spokane, led to the Probate Court, where she petitioned for a guardian, and to her petition for annulment of marriage, filed his answer today to the annulment proceedings.

He denies the various allegations set up in the complaint, among others that he threatened to kill himself unless she married him, and that his object in contracting the marriage was to gain control of her property, a paying flower store in Spokane.

CAVALRY REDUCED BY VOTE OF HOUSE

Army Bill Cuts Off Five Regiments.

FIGHT IS NOT YET ABANDONED

Friends Will Renew Effort on Measure's Final Passage.

3980 MEN ARE AFFECTED

Enlisted Force Would Be Mustered Out, but Officers Transferred to Other Branches—Plea for Acroplanes Is Made.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A reduction of the cavalry force of the United States Army from 15 to 10 regiments, with a consequent reduction of the enlisted force of the Army by 3980 men, was voted in the House late today after a bitter fight.

The cavalry reduction amendment was presented by Chairman Hay of the military affairs committee, who was in charge of the \$58,000,000 appropriation bill, but it did not bear the imprimatur of the committee. It was vigorously opposed by the Republican side and it probably will be the cause of another fight when the bill is put on final passage. If retained in the bill, the amendment would become effective July 1, 1912.

Ten Regiments Made Maximum.

Mr. Hay declared that the United States Army was too heavy with cavalry. Where the British army had a cavalry force equal to one-sixth of the infantry, he said, the American cavalry was equal to one-half of the infantry strength.

The Hay amendment would establish a maximum of ten regiments of cavalry. The enlisted men in the five regiments thus to be dropped would be mustered out, but the officers would be retained and absorbed into other regiments of cavalry, or into other branches of the Army without reduction of grade. Chairman Hay estimated the amount saved by the reduction would be \$4,375,253.

Opposition Is Vigorous.

Representatives Prince of Illinois, Kahn of California, Butler of Pennsylvania, Anthony of Kansas, and other Republicans attacked the amendment. They declared that if any change in the proportion of cavalry was to be made, it should come only after the Army authorities had reported a commission.

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STAND OF TEXANS BALKS MEXICANS

Plan to Move Troops Is at Standstill.

WASHINGTON HEEDS PROTEST

State Department Stops When Governor Colquitt Speaks.

EL PASOANS FEAR BATTLE

Madero Reported to Contemplate Reinforcing Himself in Northern Chihuahua, to Which Rebels Might Object.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Diplomatic complications arose today between the State of Texas and the United States Government on one hand and the Mexican government on the other, which temporarily, at least, will not allow Mexico to move any troops over American territory in connection with her revolutionary disturbances.

Secretary of State Knox tonight made further inquiry from Mexico through the American Embassy at Mexico City, asking the specific purpose of the military expedition for which permission is sought to travel from Eagle Pass, Tex., to El Paso, Tex., in order that points in Northern Mexico, to which the rebels have out international railroad communication, may be reached.

Texas Fear Conflict.

Governor Colquitt, of Texas, pointed out to the State Department in his message today that residents of El Paso were apprehensive that rebels at Juarez might resist the entry of Mexican troops from American territory and precipitate a battle endangering American lives and property.

Secretary Knox assured Governor Colquitt that no permission would be granted until the matter had been studied carefully and indications tonight were that it would be adjusted in a leisurely, diplomatic manner. Advice reached here that no troops had started on the proposed expedition and none would do so until the question had been decided.

Arrangement Nearly Completed.

The State Department practically had completed arrangements for the expedition, instructing the Treasury Department to notify the customs officers and the War Department its border patrol, that the troops might be expected in a few days.

The orders were similar to those issued last year in conjunction with the safeguarding of the irrigation projects

CONVICTS UNDER 25 WILL BE EDUCATED

WASHINGTON PENITENTIARY WARDEN PLANS NIGHT STUDY.

Novel Plan Announced From Walla Walla Institution if Board of Control Sanctions Proposal.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Providing the Board of Control sanctions the scheme, Warden Reed, of the State Penitentiary, announced his intention today of establishing a night school at the penal institution of which he is the head, educating in all branches up to and including the eighth grade all convicts under the age of 25 years.

According to Mr. Reed's plan, the school will have its quarters in the old dormitory formerly used by the women, and capable of accommodating 125 to 150. Convicts over 25 years of age, who desire will be allowed an opportunity of attending the schools, but no convict under 25 will be excused from attending unless he can show he is proficient in the studies taught in the eighth grade.

The plan of securing instructors has already been arranged but this portion of his scheme Warden Reed does not care to make public at present. He is now engaged in ascertaining the convicts who will be enrolled as pupils and is confident that the opening attendance at the school will be between 75 and 100.

MEETING 25 OVER CENSUS

Sherwood Grows Beyond Railroad Tracks Since 1910 Count.

"Although the official census for 1910 gives Sherwood a population of only 115, including men, women and children, the attendance of men at the meeting of the Sherwood Commercial Club Thursday night was 140—and all were bona fide residents," said C. C. Chapman, who returned yesterday from a visit to the meeting in Sherwood.

The official city limits of Sherwood end at the railroad track and the town has grown across the railroad track until now its population is larger outside the city limits than inside. The meeting Thursday night was held for the purpose of taking steps to increase the city limits and to inaugurate a public campaign.

The inspiration for the new movement is the approaching electrification of the Southern Pacific line through the town and the business men are preparing to enlarge and beautify Sherwood and make it one of the best of the suburbs of Portland.

BRIDEGROOM IS STRICKEN

Naval Officer, Married on Sick Bed, Lives but Few Hours.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Lieutenant-Commander Samuel B. Thomas, United States Navy, son of the late Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas, and attached to Mare Island, died at the California Club at 6 o'clock this afternoon of pneumonia.

Lieutenant Thomas arrived in Los Angeles January 5, in readiness for his marriage to Miss Grace Mellus, a prominent society girl of Los Angeles. When talking with friends at the California Club that afternoon, he was stricken. Lieutenant Thomas' condition was so materially improved on Wednesday that it was decided the marriage should take place as at first planned. Accordingly, in the presence of the parents of the bride and a few intimate friends, Lieutenant Thomas and Miss Mellus were married Tuesday night, Bishop Johnston of the Pro-Cathedral officiating.

HAWLEY HEIRS IN HARMONY

Agreement Is Made to Create Holding Trust of Securities.

CHATHAM, N. Y., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Another conference of the Hawley heirs was held here today. It was attended by the heirs living in Chatham and Charles Seymour, of New York, nephew of Hawley. It was practically decided to create a holding trust with the agreement that none of the securities shall be disposed of within five years to protect railroad interests and the securities themselves. The heirs are working in harmony and the plan also has the sanction of Frederick H. Crandell, of New York, the cast-off nephew.

NORWEGIAN CABINET OUT

Proposal to Make Peasant Dialect Literary Tongue Angers.

CHRISTIANA, Feb. 9.—The resignations yesterday of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Commerce, Defense and Public Instruction were due to their opposition to the movement to make the peasant dialect Norway's literary language.

This movement has been enthusiastically supported by Premier Knov, who, in a recent speech, characterized opponents to the change fanatics.

This incensed the Conservatives and Liberals in the Storting, who, with a majority of authors and scientists, favored retention of the modified Danish tongue as the literary language of the country. They asked the Premier to resign, and when he refused they requested their representatives in the Cabinet to give up their portfolios.

NEW SERVICE LUMBER BOON

North Pacific Coast to Benefit in Deal Through Soo Line.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—With the agreement recently reached between the O.-W. R. & N. and the Soo Line, a new transcontinental railway service from Grays Harbor, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle and all intervening points to the Minnesota transfer, will be opened within a few days, according to a statement made today by L. E. Faskill, freight agent of the Soo Line, who is in the city today.

The agreement means that lumber manufacturers south of Seattle will be able to invade the vast market existing in Southern Canada and at the same time, can route through to Minneapolis at a rate no higher than other competing lines which cover the Southwest Washington territory.

HAWLEY'S WARD IS SEEKING FORTUNE

Girl Betrothed of Late Railroad Wizard.

SEARCH FOR WILL IS FUTILE

Wife of Heir to \$2,000,000 Is Released From Workhouse.

SPOUSE IS "CELEBRATING"

Millionaire Whose Death Has Caused Scramble for Money Is Said to Have Planned to Marry His "Niece" This Month.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The villa of Edwin Hawley, in Babylon, L. I., was practically turned inside out Wednesday in a hunt for a will by Miss Margaret Cameron, the young woman who for years presided over the railroad financier's Summer and other homes.

The young woman was known in Babylon as Hawley's niece and ward. It was positively asserted that when Edwin Hawley was stricken with the illness that ended his career he was making elaborate plans to marry his protegee.

Wedding Plans Made.

The wedding was scheduled to take place this month, also came the rumor. It was for this reason, it is alleged, that Hawley neglected to execute the will that had been tentatively drawn by his counsel. Attorneys for Miss Cameron have put in a claim for part of the estate. It is said she will be provided for.

Mrs. Alice McAllister, housekeeper for Hawley, said today she had been informed by Hawley's ward that the couple would marry in February. Miss Cameron was still at the Hawley home today with Mrs. Walter S. Crandell, wife of one of the nephews and several other members of the family.

Relative Is Released.

Mrs. Adeline Crandell, wife of Frederick H. Crandell, who is heir to one-fifth of the Hawley estate, was released from the county workhouse on Blackwell's Island today after spending almost three weeks as a prisoner, convicted and sentenced for disorderly conduct and malicious mischief.

Mrs. Crandell said she had never heard a word from her husband. She had been informed, though, that he had borrowed \$100 to buy a suit of clothes immediately after he had learned of his inheritance. None of Mrs. Crandell's people had been able to trace him beyond the point where he got \$100. Their explanation was that he was celebrating his inheritance.

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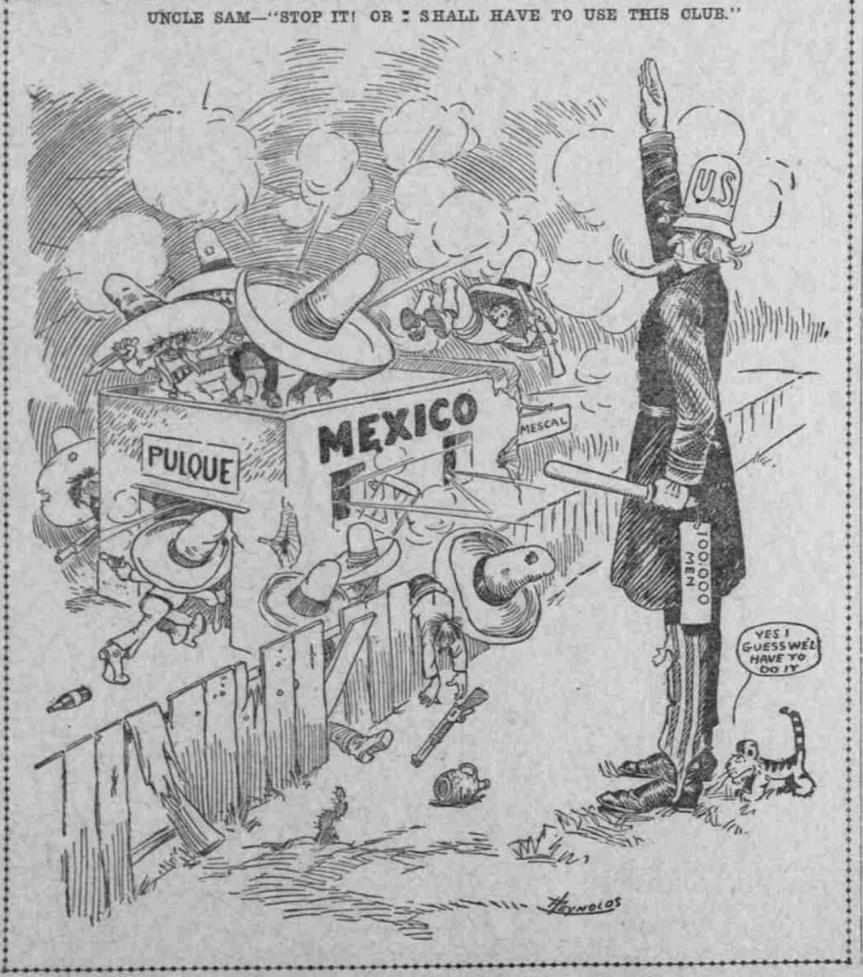
The provisions of the will made by Hawley in 1908 but not executed, are known. It provides for a division of the estate into five portions, one each for his two brothers and three sisters, one sister, Mrs. Homer Crandell, of Chatham, having died years ago. Her portion will be divided among her three children, Mrs. J. H. Pace, of Chatham; Walter and Frederick Crandell, of New York. There were no charitable bequests or bequests to any one in his office. Neither did he will anything to his ward, Miss Margaret Cameron, or \$100,000 to Mrs. Frederick Hayward of New York, formerly Miss Florence Hamer, of Chatham, to whom he is reported to have been engaged while she was a school girl.

Had the will been executed the estate would have been practically as if it will now be disposed of under the inheritance law of the state.

INAUGURAL DATE CHANGED

Arizona Will Now Enter Union on St. Valentine's Day.

GLOBE, Ariz., Feb. 9.—Inaugural day in Arizona has been changed from Monday, February 12, to Wednesday, February 14, according to a statement made by Governor-elect Hunt here today.



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