

# WOMAN ORGANIZES FIRST TAFT CLUB

Mrs. Krebs, of San Francisco, Prominent in Society, is Sponsor for Move.

## OTHERS READILY ENLIST

President of Lumber Company is Enthusiastic Over Campaign to Secure Republican Nomination for President.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—To Mrs. Abbie E. Krebs, president of the Caesar Lumber Company, one of the most widely known society leaders and clubwomen of the city, goes the honor of organizing the first women's Taft Club in California, and so far as is known, in the United States.

Mrs. Krebs has lived at the Palace Hotel for the last few years, being one of the first to reserve apartments in the new building. She has also a country home, but she has registered in San Francisco and will make the Palace the first meeting place of the Taft Club. Mrs. Krebs is now enlisting the attention of Mrs. Krebs and a number of enthusiastic lieutenants and the full membership will be published within a few days.

About 100 representative women of the city, many of whom are known throughout the state, have given their names and pledged their support to the club and the statesman whom they want for President. Mrs. Krebs will call a public meeting of the organization within the next few days and at that time will announce the plan of campaign outlined by the society of women who have her cabinet in the preliminary work. Scores of women have for many weeks sought to organize a Taft Club, she said, and I have not been unwilling. It seems to me there is no better time than the present for the great army of strong, conservative Republican women to show their colors and, by organizing, to announce that they have no patience for the vacillating uncertainty and indecision of that wing of the party which did not know until yesterday where it was going to bestow its support. Mrs. Krebs has ample means, insuring plenty of leisure to give the club the best that is in her. She has business ability of a high order and she has the poise and dignity which come of many years in society and as the head of a great business firm. She will put her whole soul into the work.

## MCCAIN'S ORATION WINS

Ralph Hoffman Second in Contest at Willamette.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—In a contest held in the Willamette University chapel this evening under the auspices of the Willamette Prohibition Oratorical League, Harry G. McCain won first place and Ralph Hoffman finished second. Each delivered well-prepared orations. The winner's delivery was clear and pleasing and the subject matter handled by him seemed especially adapted to his style. The winner of tonight's contest will compete with the Oregon candidates for state representation to be sent against the other orators of the northwest college in the Spring at the contest to be held in Salem.

The orations delivered were: "Prohibition, a National Issue," George Huntington Curry, "The Four Men's Club," F. S. Francis, "Public Opinion and the Liquor Problem," Ralph Hoffman, "Liquor vs. Liberty," Harry G. McCain. The judges on commission were Rev. A. N. Ayles, Roy Shields and Walter Whaley. Judges of delivery—Judge Moreland, Miss Davis, Professor W. F. Fargo.

## BISHOP VISITS ASHLAND

Committee Looks Over Proposed Site for Boys' School.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Bishop Charles Scobee, accompanied by E. E. Robinson and John Kollock, a committee representing the board of trustees of Bishop Scott Academy, arrived in Ashland today from Portland to pass two days here looking over the city and particularly investigating the site of the Normal School property here, with a view of securing it as a location for the re-establishment of the Bishop Scott School for Boys, which it is expected to reopen shortly.

The City Council and Commercial Club previously had made a pledge to the committee to urge the state authorities, to whom the property was presented for school purposes, to relinquish it, now that it is not desired for a state school, and the State Board of Education has agreed to recommend such action by the next Legislature. The committee expressed great satisfaction at the prospects for the securing of the property for the purposes desired at a meeting of citizens tonight and there is much cause for hope over the favorable outlook for the permanent establishment here of an educational institution under Episcopal auspices, that it is promised to make the leading boys' boarding school in the Pacific Northwest.

## COLE CASE GOES TO JURY

No Verdict Reached Late at Night. Attorneys Attack Evidence.

The case of the state against E. W. Cole, an ex-police sergeant charged with grafting from women of the underworld, went to the jury in Judge Morrow's court at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Late last night the jury was locked up without having reached a verdict. The argument occupied the entire day. Waldemar Seton, who appeared as special prosecutor at the request of Mayor Ruslight, opened for the state, and Deputy District Attorney Page closed. For the defense the argument

## OAKLAND BIGAMIST AND SIXTH WIFE, WHOM POLICE OF NORTHWEST ARE SEEKING.



Trail Grows Cold. All Trace of Bigamist Is Lost in Seattle. CHICAGO MAY BE SHELTER

was made by E. S. J. McAllister. The attorneys for the state ridiculed the insinuation that Mayor Ruslight is seeking to "get" Cole because of the latter's activity in behalf of Joseph Simon during the last municipal campaign. They strove to belittle the evidence of the defense as to statements made by Patrolmen Fuller and Larfield exonerating Cole, contending that these men had only turned state's evidence when it became apparent that the "game was up" as far as they were concerned also. Mr. Seton referred to Cole as "a vulture preying on unfortunate women, greedily forcing them to disgorge more and more money until they were forced, perhaps, into other avenues of crime necessary to existence."

Mr. McAllister's argument was largely an attack on the evidence offered by the witnesses for the state, whom he called "self-confessed grafters" and women who have sunk to the lowest depths. He had, he declared, impeached every witness called for the prosecution, and contended that not a scintilla of evidence tending to establish the guilt of his client had been produced. Cole, he vehemently asserted, was being made the victim of political revenge and he scored the city administration because the women who testified against Cole, according to their own evidence, are being allowed to operate disorderly houses without police molestation.

## RECALL NOT REQUESTED

TAFT AND CABINET DISCUSS COLOMBIAN INCIDENT.

Colombia May Be Told That Knox Contemplated Negotiations Looking to Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Taft took up the Colombia situation with his Cabinet today and later discussed it with Huntington Wilson, Acting Secretary of State. No official statement was made of any action had been taken by this Government. It was declared authoritatively that the United States did not contemplate asking for the recall of Senator Ospina, the Colombian Minister. A report was current that a full explanation of the attitude of the United States in the present controversy had been called to American Minister Dubois at Bogota, so that he might informally advise Colombian officials.

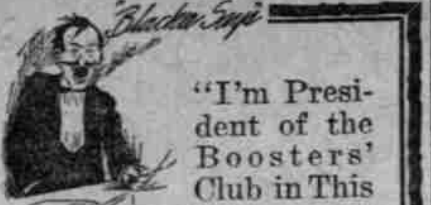
It is believed that the Colombian government now will learn from Mr. Dubois that Secretary Knox did intend the initiation of some negotiations that might terminate the troubled relations that grew out of the revolt of Panama from Colombia. Whether in view of such information to Mr. Knox is said to be based on the character of the negotiations which he would begin, the Colombian government has been instructed to submit the matter through the Hague tribunal, rather than through any commission of diplomats.

## NEW YORK WITNESS HEARD

Testimony-Taking Proceeds in Holbrook-Altshon Case.

Additional testimony was presented yesterday against F. B. Holbrook and John E. Altshon, on trial in the Federal Court for alleged conspiracy to defraud the Government of desert claims in Eastern Oregon through non-bona fide entries.

The principal witness of the day was Robert F. Hall, of New York, who said the defendants, as agents for the Oregon Land & Water Company, had induced him, while he was a resident of Portland, to file on a claim on the Columbia River, west of the mouth of the Umatilla, for which he was paid \$40 in cash and all traveling expenses and hotel bills. He had no intention of taking possession of the property, he said, and conveyed all interest in it to the defendants soon after the entry was made. Mr. Hall came all the way from New York to testify. Other witnesses who have given similar testimony are Robert Catlin, Mrs. Augustus C. Nelson and Mrs. E. R. Holmes. The Government alleges that through these dummy entries the company conspired to obtain illegal title to irrigation claims near the Umatilla project from the Government. Although not nominally a defendant, the Government is seeking to establish the same facts as to J. Thorburn Ross as against Altshon and Holbrook. Robert Maguire, Deputy United States District Attorney, who is handling the case, said that the decision of Judge Gilbert of the Federal Court in San Francisco, upholding the employment of dummy entries in the case of the Barber Lumber Company, would have no bearing on the case being tried here.



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WATER RIGHTS CONTESTED Baker County Farmers May Sue to Establish North Powder Claims.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Farmers representing 120 claimants, owning 21,000 acres of land, met today and decided to enter a formal objection, to be filed with the State Water Board of Control, against the adjudication of the board on the North Powder Creek rights. The matter may develop into one of the largest suits of Baker County.

LABOR QUESTION SELECTED Valley Colleges Will Debate Big Problem in March and April.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—"Resolved, that boards of arbitration with compulsory power should be established to settle disputes arising in the United States between employers and employees." is the question which has been selected for discussion in the debates for the championship of the Collegiate Debating League of Oregon this year.

Executors File \$18,250,000 Bond. CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The will of the late Richard T. Crane was admitted to probate formally here today. A joint bond of \$18,250,000 was filed by Richard T. Crane, Jr., and Charles R. Crane, sons of the iron master and executor under the will.

Spectators at Dice Game Liable. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 20.—Spectators who watch the shuffling of dice for drinks or the matching of coins for cigars will be liable to a fine not to exceed \$50 or 90 days in jail or both, if an ordinance which already has passed first and second readings is adopted finally by the City Commission.

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