



CHEERS OF 10,000 GREET W. J. BRYAN

Nebraskan's Oratory Entrances Multitude.

ROOSEVELT IS BERATED HARD

Big Democrat Says Colonel Steals La Follette's Glory.

INTERESTS AND T. R. TIED

Commoner is Applauded Vociferously as He Attacks ex-President. Party Lines Forgotten in Vast Crowd at Tabernacle.

William Jennings Bryan, probably the most popular Democrat and one of the foremost citizens of the land, was Portland's guest yesterday.

As on former occasions, from the time of his arrival shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, until his departure last midnight for Tacoma, Mr. Bryan was tendered a continuous ovation.

For two and one-half hours last night at the Gipsy Smith Auditorium, Mr. Bryan held an audience of 10,000 persons while he delivered an address on general political conditions.

Roosevelt is Censured. Mr. Bryan discussed the progress of the country educationally and the moral awakening of the people, particularly along political lines.

Referring to the Presidential situation, Mr. Bryan said the entrance of Roosevelt into the contest was an indictment of President Taft that would be used by the Democrats to advantage in the campaign.

Mr. Bryan charged that Roosevelt was always lined up with the interests in campaigns when Bryan and the Democrats were fighting for progressive reforms.

Mr. Bryan supported his declaration that the world was making as much progress in the application of the principles of popular government as it is intellectually and morally.

2000 COLLEGIANS TOIL WITH PICKS UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BUILDS ROADWAY.

Youths Become Horny-Handed Sons for Day—Then They Have "Big Feed" Prepared by Girls.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Two thousand students gathered on the University of California campus this morning clad in the garb of workmen, shouldered pick and shovel and marched to the northwestern corner of the campus to construct a roadway as part of the quadrennial celebration of Labor Day.

TODAY LAST FOR FILING Corporations Subject to Fine if Statements Are Not Submitted.

Today is the last day for all corporations in the state to file a statement of the nature, extent and amount of their business for the year 1911 with the Collector of Internal Revenue.

'FIRELESS' SWEEPER QUILTS Oregon City Man Surrenders After Long Fight to Retain Position.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—F. L. Trullinger, Oregon City's "fireless" street sweeper, has resigned.

Another man was appointed and since then Main street has been swept twice each night. Trullinger declared that he knew the law on the subject and that he would get his salary, although the Council refused to pay him.

ACQUITTAL REFUSED BY 2 Some of "Bathub Trust" Defendants Will See Case Through.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 29.—United States Judge Angel, presiding today at the trial of the so-called Bathub Trust, charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade, ordered the acquittal of seven of the defendants.

SHIPPERS GET TOGETHER Discussion Reached in Conference on Railroad Rate Case.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 29.—That shippers of the Willamette Valley will unite in asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to sustain in a rehearing of the railroad rate case March 4 in which the shippers and the Southern Pacific are parties, findings given in tentative decision handed down as a result of the recent preliminary hearing.

RABIES MENACE TO CITIES San Francisco's Health Officer Wants Loose Dogs Muzzled.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—(Special.)—The wholesale muzzling of dogs in San Francisco will follow the adoption of a bill recommended by the hospital committee of the Supervisors if the bill is formally passed by the Board at the meeting on Monday.

ASQUITH DEMANDS ENDING OF STRIKE

Government Issues Ultimatum to Owners.

MINIMUM WAGE RECOGNIZED

"Other Means" to Be Found, if Agreement Is Refused.

MILLION MEN INVOLVED

British Government's Unusual Position Hailed by Workmen as Giving Promise of Victory for Their Cause.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The government having recognized the principle of a minimum wage for all underground workers, if it is not secured by agreement it will be secured by the government by other means.

This extract from the speech made by the Prime Minister to members of the National Miners' Federation, as reported in an official statement issued tonight concerning the conference held today, indicates the lengths to which the government is prepared to go to settle the strike.

It is through any circumstance an extension of this is necessary, that can be obtained by making application to the collector as late as today, but not after today.

The local office of the Internal Revenue Collector, in the Customs-house, has been deluged for the last few days with statements from various corporations in the state, but it is believed that there are many who are neglecting to make the statement, principally through ignorance or oversight.

Majority of Owners Assent. The government has started upon the investigation of the problem, the Premier said, without any prejudice of party or class bias in one direction or another.

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SHEER TIMIDITY IS ELOPERS' EXCUSE

CALIFORNIA MAN AND OREGON GIRL ELUDE POMP.

Redlands Swain and Junction City Miss Awaken Officials to Marry Them, Spoiling Function.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Sheer timidity caused Frank W. Ross, of Redlands, and Miss Stella Purkison, of Junction City, Or., to steal away from the home of relatives in this city at a late hour last night and get married by a Justice of the Peace.

According to the plans of Mrs. Della Oust, sister of the bride, the wedding was to have taken place on the roof garden of a hotel and to have been an elaborate affair. The couple at first acquiesced in the plans, but changed their minds last night and during the absence of Mrs. Oust left the home and went to the Courthouse, where they imported Night Watchman Peter Smith to advise them.

The hour was late but Smith rustled up a clerk to issue the license and then managed to find Justice Parker. Instead of a dreamy roof garden with bridesmaids and music, the couple were married in a cold, dimly-lighted courtroom in the presence of the night watchman, a policeman, deputy clerk of the court and a reporter.

STATE REFUSES TO PAY If Veterinarian White Hires Stenographer It's at His Expense.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—If Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health, wishes to employ a stenographer and other clerks in the office of State Veterinarian, which is also his, the money for salaries will have to come out of his own pocket, according to an opinion given yesterday by Attorney-General Crawford.

Dr. White inquired if expenses could not be credited to the State Board of Health fund. The law does not provide for such procedure, as the only office for which he is to receive a salary is that of State Health Officer. This carries \$3000 a year, with \$1500 for traveling expenses.

BRIGADE POST PROPOSED Department's Idea as to Vancouver Embodied in Bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Feb. 29.—Representative Lafayette today introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to convert Vancouver Barracks into a brigade post and authorizing the construction of whatever additional buildings may be required.

The concentration plan of the War Department included the enlargement of Vancouver Barracks.

VALET DENOUNCED AS ROGUE BY DIX

Brandt Held Unworthy of Clemency.

GOVERNOR'S "LAST WORD" IN Ex-Servant Mentioned Name of Woman, He Says.

THIS OFFENSE CAUSES IRE

New York Executive Admits Moral as Well as Legal Considerations Influenced Him in Denying Convict Pardon.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 29.—Branding Folke E. Brandt as a confessed forger and declaring that until it is shown conclusively the former valet of Mortimer L. Schiff did not commit the crime for which he was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment, Governor Dix, in a statement tonight, says he will justify and maintain his determination that Brandt is not worthy of a pardon.

The Governor says the statement is his "farwell word" in the case unless the higher courts set aside the writ of habeas corpus by which Brandt won his release.

The Governor declares he has no regret for his action and offers no excuses. Moral as well as legal considerations, he says, influenced him.

Referring to the statement of Brandt and his attorneys that no attempt was made to attack the honor of a woman in the prisoner's appeal for clemency, the Governor says:

"In regard to this particular feature of the case there remains only to say that the application for clemency does not include statements of a scandalous nature and which reflect upon the integrity and honor of a woman who is mentioned by name.

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GIRL WRITES MAYOR FOR 'HUBBY' FOR 'MA'

KANSAS CITY WOMAN WOULD WED TO LIVE ON RANCH.

Daughter, Having Mother's Interests at Heart, Seeks Good-Looking Stepfather, One Well to Do.

Setting out to find a good husband for her mother, who wishes to be out on a ranch "away from the city," is the task Miss B. Eckles, of Kansas City, Mo., has set for herself. She has written a letter to Mayor Rushlight, asking him to have it published, in helping on the work she has undertaken, expressly with her mother's consent and approbation. Her letter follows:

DIVA "GUSHES" OVER T. R.

Schumann-Heink Would See Colonel President "All the Time."

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—"I love Teddy Roosevelt, I could eat him; I wish he would be President all the time," thus spoke Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the world-famous contralto and prima donna tonight, when asked for her opinion on the political situation. The diva slipped into Medford last night unannounced, and passed a day at the Hotel Medford before the public was apprised of the fact.

"Dear old Teddy," she repeated with a smile of motherly affection, "I have sung for him and I will sing his praises from one end of the country to the other. He stands for those things that go to make up the wholesome American home, the home with children, with ideals, and yet with a practical view of service."

"What do I think of woman suffrage?" Mrs. Schumann-Heink gave a dramatic shudder. "No, no. The place for woman is in the home. The women of California tried to convert me, but I know too much of life and affairs. Politics is bad. Women would not lift politics up. Politics would drag woman down. No, I never want to vote. My life is for my art and my eight children."

ROMANCE BARED AT ALTAR Baker Couple Married in Portland Without Friend's Knowledge.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—A pretty romance developed today when it was learned that Miss Marjorie Miller, aged 19, and Thomas L. Borman, aged 21, were married at the Imperial Hotel at Portland Tuesday night. Both live in Baker, but the bride left a month ago for Portland and Borman left Saturday, neither announcing his or her intentions.

The romance of the young persons began when they were students at Baker High School. After her graduation Miss Miller took up a nurse's training course at the Good Samaritan Hospital. They will return to Baker to live.

CHURCH-SHY GIRL BALKS Washington Co-Ed Will Not Join to Get Y. W. C. A. Presidency.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—If Miss Nellie Higgins, of Vancouver, Wash., would consent to join the church she could be the president of the University Young Woman's Christian Association, but since she belongs to no religious organization and refuses to join one, she has been declared ineligible for the office by the association authorities.

Miss Higgins is a junior in the school of arts and sciences, was the unanimous choice of the women, and when it was found that she could not be president legally, friends importuned her to join some church at once. Miss Higgins refuses to do anything of the kind.

LEAP YEAR BABE PA'S JOY Delighted Parent Spends His Money Freely Telephoning News.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—So elated over the birth of a leap-year baby boy this morning that he could not wait, Paul Knoblauch, of Richland, 45 miles from here, spent much money in telephone tolls informing his friends throughout the county of his good fortune.

ALBANY PROSCRIBES DANCE Council Bars All Public Affairs of This Kind Hereafter.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Public dances are a thing of the past in Albany.

FEBRUARY 1912 IS PORTLAND'S BEST

Month's Records Show General Gain.

BANKS RICHER THAN EVER

Two-Thirds of Building Permits Are for Dwellings.

SHIPMENTS GROW GREATLY

Increase in Lumber Movement Is 9,826,533 Feet—Foreign Cargoes Prove Lively Trade—Postal Receipts Are Enormous.

With substantial gains made in all important lines of business, the month just closed was the best February in the history of Portland. Business conditions are better than they were a year ago, notwithstanding the disturbing influence of the political situation.

The first two months of the year were unusually active and the prospects are that prosperity will attend the city in a much greater degree this year than ever before.

Great gains were made last month in bank clearings, postal receipts, building permits, realty transfers and lumber and flour exports, while notable increases in orders of wholesale houses and implement houses indicate that Portland's trade zone is prosperous and making a pronounced growth.

Portland is keeping up a great stride in building operations. Big buildings are planned and are under way which involve several million dollars. One of the important features of the situation is the immense amount of residence construction. Virtually two-thirds of the permits issued since the first of the year are for dwellings.

Permits Increase Greatly.

While the total value of permits is much larger than it was for the same period of last year, it would be still substantially increased if some of the large buildings now in course of construction were represented in last month's building permits. Plans for these structures have been filed in the Building Inspector's office and permits will probably be issued this month.

From all indications, there is good reason to believe that the building activity will be pronounced this spring and the year will close with the biggest record for Portland.

In the number of building permits issued one of the biggest records in the history of the city was made in February. There were 329 permits granted, the largest percentage of which being for residences. The total value of the permits was \$1,199,861. The permits issued for the corresponding month of last year reached 371, with a total value of \$1,085,075. The gain in the number of permits is 249 and in valuation is \$114,786.

Comparing the record of the first two months of the present year with the showing for the same period last year, Portland made a most satisfactory increase. The total for the past two months in the number of permits was 1225, with an increase of 241. The total valuation of permits issued in January and February reached \$2,106,484, compared with \$2,070,691 in January and February, 1911, showing an increase of \$35,793 for the two months.

Postal Receipts Gain over Same Month Last Year was 12.4 per cent, according to estimates given by Postmaster Merrick last night. The total receipts amounted to \$58,775.23 compared with \$79,009.96 in February, 1911.

The big February record last year in bank clearings was exceeded last month by nearly \$5,000,000, or 13.2 per cent. The clearings for the month just passed aggregated \$27,770,906.27, compared with \$27,784,945.85 for February, 1911. There is more money on deposit in Portland banks than there ever was before and the reserve is also unusually large. Within the past few weeks considerable foreign capital has been drawn to Portland for building and investment purposes.

Realty Deals Numerous.

The past month was active in realty transfers. There were several big sales in inside property, while the demand for home sites and suburban acreage was pronounced. The realty situation in Portland was never better and signs point to an unusually strong activity during the next few months.

