



STIMSON WARM IN SUPPORT OF TAFT

Defeat Counted Blow to True Progress.

CRITICISM HAS BEEN UNFAIR

Former Roosevelt Supporter Pleads for Square Deal.

ACHIEVEMENTS ARE NOTED

Administration Not Less Effective Because Undramatic and Not Devoted to Thought of Personal Welfare.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Henry L. Stimson, of New York, Secretary of War and the Roosevelt candidate for Governor of New York in 1910, tonight declared himself for President Taft, and said that while he remained the sincere friend of Mr. Roosevelt, he could not support him for the Presidential nomination.

Mr. Stimson entered President Taft's Cabinet last year, after consultation with Mr. Roosevelt, and with the distinct understanding with the President that he would be bound in no way to take part in the political activities of the Administration. In a speech before the Taft Club of Illinois tonight he declared his belief that President Taft's Administration represented the highest expression of progressive Republicanism.

Taft Real Progressive.

"I am here tonight to speak for the re-nomination of President Taft," said Mr. Stimson. "I am now and always have been a progressive. I am for Mr. Taft because I believe he has faithfully carried out the progressive faith of the Republican party; that his Administration stands for orderly, permanent progress in our National Government; and that to refuse him the nomination on the assertions that have been made against him would be a blow to that progress and would put a premium upon hasty and unfounded criticism.

"I entered into public life under the inspiration of Theodor Roosevelt. I am a firm believer in the great National politics for which he has fought; and I now remain his sincere friend.

Colonel's Friends Doing Harm.

"But I believe that those who are forcing him, contrary to his original intention, into the fight against Mr. Taft are jeopardizing instead of helping the real cause of progress in the Nation.

"The introduction of such a contest at this time, dragging in, as it necessarily will, new and personal issues which are quite foreign to the great progressive policies for which the Republican party stands, cannot fail to weaken whichever candidate is eventually nominated in June, if, as a result, that candidate is defeated in November, the Government may be thrown into the hands of a truly reactionary party for years to come."

Mr. Stimson said that President Taft had devoted himself unceasingly to the carrying out of constructive work along progressive lines. The Administration was begun, he said, upon a plan that had the thorough approval and deliberate endorsement of Mr. Roosevelt, and that plan President Taft had adhered rigidly.

Work Done Without Display.

"It is fair now to criticize him," asked Mr. Stimson, "because in faithfully carrying out this pledge of four years ago, in performing this vitally useful though inconspicuous work, he has not dominated the public attention with dramatic display."

President Taft pledged himself, said Mr. Stimson, to a "progressive development" of the work that President Roosevelt had inaugurated, and the "completion and perfection of the machinery by which the moral standards set by President Roosevelt may be maintained."

"To this work Mr. Taft has devoted himself," said Mr. Stimson. "He thus deliberately renounced more striking methods of reform and set himself to the undramatic and inconspicuous public service which leaves out all thought of a man's own aggrandizement.

Political Power Spurred.

"He has repeatedly, for example, urged upon Congress to place upon the classified civil service virtually all of the Presidential offices, a measure which would at one blow strike out most of the enormous political power of the President."

"The results of this deliberate self-abnegation are shown in the great legislative and constructive accomplishments of his term.

"Mr. Taft's standards of administration, like those of Mr. Roosevelt, have been constantly toward purity and elevation in our public service and our public life."

"Certain reform methods of government advocated by many of the 'progressives' and in part by Mr. Roosevelt, were severely criticized by Mr. Stimson. He denounced the recall of judges as destined to bring the courts 'down into the gutter of politics.' 'It is mere narrowness and intolerance to insist upon a remedy which

"MISS INNOCENCE" SHOCKS SEATTLE

THEATER CENSORS PUT BAN ON ANNA HELD'S PLAY.

"Texas Tommy" Dance Not Objectionable to Board—"Bunny Hug" to Be Investigated.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—"Miss Innocence" will not be presented in Seattle again unless a vigorous protest from the board of theater censors is disregarded by the Mayor who may be in power at the time Anna Held decides to return to this city. This is indicated in a report from the censorship commission, submitted to Mayor Dilling, in which it is held by the commission that the "Texas Tommy" dance is not objectionable. "Miss Innocence" should be censored, the reports says, as it is distasteful to the commission and not calculated for any public good. The censorial commission explains that it had no grounds upon which to base legal action at the time the attraction appeared here.

Arthur R. Priest has tendered his resignation as a member of the board to Mayor Dilling and Frank Moran, a Y. M. C. A. worker, has been appointed to succeed him. The commission has not investigated the moral standing of the "Bunny Hug" dance, but expects to do so, according to advices to the Mayor.

ONE CENT DAMAGES GIVEN

Unusual Verdict Granted in Suit Against Clothes Cleaner.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—One cent and costs, amounting to \$24, is the verdict given to Edward Kraft, a clothes cleaner, by a jury of five business men in the court of G. Lloyd Davis, Justice of the peace, today, in a suit in which Mrs. Agnes Thibodeau was plaintiff. The jury deliberated 35 minutes before arriving at this unusual decision. Mrs. Thibodeau sued for \$29 and costs.

From evidence given it appears that Mrs. Thibodeau, who has had six husbands, sent a light gray coat, which had been considerably worn, to Edward Kraft's shop to have it dry cleaned. He cleaned the coat by the dry process two times and as this was not satisfactory to Mrs. Thibodeau, steam cleaned it and when he was about to press it she called him by telephone and demanded that the coat be sent to her at once and that she would clean it herself, if he could not.

Kraft said he would send the coat to her and did so, but that he could not clean it and would, if she would give him time. The coat was returned and Kraft charged \$125, which Mrs. Thibodeau refused to pay. Instead, she insisted that he pay her for the full value of the coat. When he refused to pay, she brought suit for \$29, costs and attorney's fees. Kraft filed counter-suit for \$125.

\$20,000 ON TAFT OFFERED

San Francisco Men Willing to Bet He'll Carry Primary.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—(Special.)—Twenty thousand dollars that William Howard Taft will carry the Republican Presidential preference primary in California on May 14.

Almost simultaneously with the opening of the campaign in this state, the money was offered as a wager on the result of the primary which will declare the choice of the Republicans of California for President and elect delegates to the National convention in Chicago in June. Frank Daroux reiterated today his statement of last night that he will bet \$10,000, or any part of it, that Taft will be the preference of his party in California.

At noon today Tom Corbett announced he has been commissioned to bet \$10,000 on the same proposition. They announced the money is to be bet on even odds and that there is plenty more where that \$20,000 came from.

GOODY-GOODY BOY SCORED

Preacher Hopes Recruits for Ministry Aren't Drawn From Type.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5.—That the "goody-goody boy," who doesn't play "hooky" from school, "wipes" watermelons and go swimming in the creek in the face of parental objection, isn't worth much even as a minister when he grows up, is the belief of Rev. F. A. Cone, pastor of the St. Anthony Park Methodist Church.

"If preachers are taken from such 'goody-goody' type of boys, so much the worse for the profession," said Mr. Cone in an address here yesterday at the Minneapolis Ministerial Association.

"I do not believe that the adolescent period of a boy's life, when he would rather follow in the footsteps of Buffalo Bill than any of the saints, should be avoided."

"SLAVE" LAW IS UPHELD

Interstate Commerce Act Governs Human Traffic, Court Rules.

CINCINNATI, March 5.—The traffic in human beings can be regulated by the interstate commerce act, as well as traffic in chattels, was held by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here today in an opinion delivered by Justice Dennison.

DISTRUST IS RIFE IN REBEL CAMPS

Orozco and Salazar Vie for Leadership.

TWO FORCES HOLD ALOOF

Juarez Man Wary of Entering City of Chihuahua.

ADDITIONAL "HOW" A MENACE

Generals' Craving for Supreme Command of Revolutionists May Wreck Plans for United Move on Madero's Capital.

POTATO SUPPLY IS SHORT

California 300,000 Sacks Behind Requirements for Consumption.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 5.—(Special.)—An inventory just taken of the potatoes in Stockton warehouses shows that there are 34,600 sacks on hand in Stockton. It is also said that George Shima has 98,000 sacks on the river bank. It is reported that the total supply in the state is 300,000 sacks short of the supply needed to meet the demands until the harvest opens.

The average daily consumption of potatoes in California is estimated at 9000 sacks. Tubers sold yesterday for \$2.50 a bag on the river bank, and higher prices are predicted in the near future. The Eastern cold spell has proved a source of gain here, and it is said that had it not been for the hoop of the railroads and the damage done to the potato crop, the local product would have been selling perhaps as low as 50 cents a sack.

H. L. SWIFT'S WIDOW DIES

Death of Husband's Son of Chicago Packer, Not Long Survived.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The widow of Herbert L. Swift died of pneumonia today at a hotel here. Her husband was a son of Gustavus E. Swift, Chicago packer.

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Unless the wind changes to the north or south, relief cannot be hoped for.

LEAPYEAR "POPS" TO BRING RESULTS

MASONIC BODY STARTS CONTEST IN SPIRIT OF FUN.

Young Women and Widows Serious About It, and So Are Men Now, for That Matter.

LOS ANGELES, March 5.—(Special.)—Scores of marriages are likely to result from a unique leap-year proposal contest recently started for amusement by the Glendale Lodge of Masons. The lodge, in a spirit of fun, offered a prize for the best proposal written by a miss or a widow and more than 100 competitors were quickly heard from. They wrote in such a convincing vein that it was decided to turn their proposals over without the names to an equal number of eligible young men in the lodge and let them trace them if possible.

It develops that a good many of the women were very much in earnest, which accounts for the fine quality of their efforts. Many wrote in rhyme and some showed remarkable talent at putting the question to an unknown. None expected to win a man for a prize, but assurance is given that many will. The prize offered—not a man—was taken by Miss Helen Ingraham.

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SCHMITZ IS FREED IN BRIBERY CASE

Court Orders Verdict of Not Guilty.

EX-MAYOR SOON RELEASED

Abe Ruef Is Ordered Back to San Quentin Penitentiary.

FELON'S LAWYER PROTESTS

Attorney for ex-Boss of San Francisco Asks Why He Should Go to Prison When Co-Defendants All Are Discharged.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Eugene E. Schmitz, ex-Mayor of San Francisco, and the most recent of the persons implicated in the famous graft expose of 1906 to face a jury, was freed today of the charge of having bribed Supervisor Wilson in the so-called gas cases, for which he was indicted by the grand jury in May, 1907.

Acting upon the request of District Attorney Fickert, Judge Lawler instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, which was done as soon as the verdict could be written out by the foreman.

Schmitz and Ruef in Court.

Both Schmitz and Abraham Ruef, political boss of San Francisco at the time Schmitz was Mayor, and now serving a sentence of 14 years in San Quentin after conviction on charges similar to those confronting Schmitz, were in court when the case was called. Ruef was brought from the penitentiary to testify against Schmitz, but refused to do so, as a number of indictments were still pending against him.

Judge Lawler said that he would consider within two weeks motions for the dismissal of the remaining indictments against Schmitz and, after the jury had filed out, entered an order for Ruef's return to San Quentin tomorrow.

Ruef's Lawyer Intercepts.

Ruef's attorney interrupted proceedings at this point. "I submit, your honor, that there must be some legal way whereby Abraham Ruef should not be sent back to San Quentin when his co-defendants, all of them, have been discharged from custody. It is not just. Surely this court must realize the injustice of this."

Judge Lawler declined to discuss the plea and Ruef was taken to the County Jail.

Vancouver Man Gets Place.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—The Clark County Fair Association has secured the services of Gordon Stuart, a Vancouver newspaper man, to handle all publicity of the Third Annual Harvest Show, to be held in this city September 9 to 15, inclusive.

OREGON "U" GIRLS SIDESTEP ATTACK

SUFFRAGE BELIEVERS WON'T RETRENCH EVEN IN DEBATE.

Co-Eds, Who Will Contest With Washington "U" Suffragists, to Propose Favorable Question.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 5.—(Special.)—That the advocates of equal suffrage among the young women of the University of Oregon are unwilling to recede from their views, even in an intercollegiate debate, has been demonstrated by their clever sidestepping of a possible obligation to attack the suffragist side in the coming debate with the co-eds of the University of Washington.

Oregon has the privilege of submitting the question and Washington the option of sides. It was at first proposed by Miss Birdie Wace, of Astoria, and Miss Carin Degermark, of Portland, who compose the Oregon team, to submit the question of equal suffrage, pure and simple. However, the possible situation arose that should the Washington debaters elect to defend suffrage, which would be highly probable, the Oregon women would be forced to attack their own heretofore stoutly-maintained position on the question.

Both young women are ardent suffragists, Miss Wace being president of the newly-formed chapter of the National Equal Suffrage League in this college, and Miss Degermark an active worker under the same banner.

Rather than desert, even under the flag of truce of a sham argument, they substituted the following question:

"Resolved, That the 15th amendment should not be changed so as to read, 'The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of race, color, sex or previous condition of servitude.'"

The word "sex" in the above paragraph will resolve the debate into a discussion of equal suffrage, but both teams will have an opportunity to champion the cause, and the controversy will hinge on whether suffrage should be granted to women by the National Government or by the states. Thus, whichever side the Washington team selects, the Oregon co-eds will be at liberty to talk in favor of their hobby. The debate will be held in Seattle in April.

FINLEY NOW OFF FOR ELK

Oregon to Get 15 Head to Be Placed in Wallowa Forest Reserve.

State Game Warden Finley leaves this morning for St. Anthony, Idaho, where he will take charge of the shipment of 15 elk recently presented to the State of Oregon by the National Government. The elk are to be liberated in the Wallowa Forest Reserve in a pasture of 2500 acres that has been prepared for them.

The cost of shipping the animals is to be borne by subscriptions from lodges of elk in various parts of Oregon and from individuals. This fund now approximates \$250. The Portland Lodge of Elks has subscribed \$100 of this sum. A fund of \$100 will be necessary, according to Warden Finley, to provide feed for the animals until there is grass on the range in the tract set apart for them.

LAFFERTY BILL CURIOUS

Exchange of Forest Reserve for Desert Tract Is Advocated.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 5.—Representative Lafferty today introduced a curious bill, which provides that settlers on lands within forest reserves may relinquish them to the Government and take in exchange "desert lands not suitable for homestead entry of approximately like value and acreage."

Just what the settler would want with desert lands not suitable for homestead purposes is not made clear. Lafferty also introduced a bill directing that in the future the President, when allotting money from the reclamation fund, shall give preference to states that have heretofore contributed more than they have received from this fund.

GRAIN RULING SUSPENDED

Pure Food Law May Not Apply to Cereal in Natural State.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Grain dealers and producers here to protest against the application of the pure food and drug act to shipments of grain, received virtual assurance today by Secretaries Wilson and Nagel that the act would be suspended as regards all grains, to relieve the present situation. Secretary Nagel expressed doubt whether the act was intended to apply to grain in its natural state.

CHICAGO, March 5.—All activities of the Government relative to the enforcement of the recent rule of the Agricultural Department against the sale of adulterated oats will be suspended until July 1, pending further investigation, it was announced today by President Bunch, of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Three Cities Name School Directors.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—School directors were elected in Centralia, Chehalis and Winlock yesterday. In this city Dr. Rush Banks was the successful candidate. In Chehalis, Miss Maud Newland; and in Winlock, G. M. Hall and O. L. Isbell. A total of 439 votes were cast in Chehalis, 162 in Winlock, and only 29 in Centralia.

SEATTLE ELECTION RESULT UNCERTAIN

Cotterill Leads but Margin Is Slight.

GILL HOLDS PRIMARY VOTE

Lead Only 229 With One-Third of Ballots Counted.

CHURCH FORCES CONFIDENT

Reform Candidate's Supporters Say Victory Theirs by 4000—Great Holds of Open-Town Man.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 5.—With returns in hand from one-third of the city George F. Cotterill, municipal ownership and single tax candidate for Mayor, has a lead of 229 votes over Hiram C. Gill, open-town candidate, who was recalled a year ago and who sought vindication in the present campaign.

In the precincts that have reported are many of the Gill strongholds. Gill held the vote which he obtained in the primary of February 29, and added something to it, whereas Cotterill frequently doubled and tripled his vote.

Cotterill supporters claim a majority of more than 2000 for their candidate. During the last few days the campaign took on the aspect of the battle for the recall of Gill and the church people and the women were called on to vote for the suppression of vice.

No returns have been received on the single-tax amendment to the charter, or on any of the other propositions submitted to referendum vote.

Complete returns from 95 out of 281 precincts give Cotterill, 19,595; Gill, 19,367.

RATE INQUIRY IS RENEWED

Further Arguments Advanced by Willamette Valley Interests.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 5.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today began further inquiry into the Southern Pacific freight rates between California and Oregon points. At a previous hearing the carriers sought to defend the present adjustment of rates, but the Commission was not satisfied with the showing made and ordered the production of additional testimony.

The commercial interests, represented by William R. Wheeler, of San Francisco, and Edward M. Cousins, of Portland, endeavored to demonstrate to the Commission that the rates are based on an entirely illogical and unreasonable theory, in that a similar zone of criminal rates, which applies to California points, is not extended to Oregon cities in the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon.

PACKERS' DEFENSE NEAR

Prosecution Expects to Conclude Its Case Within Two Days.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The Government expects to rest its case in the trial of the ten meat packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law tomorrow or Thursday.

The trial, which began December 6, was shortened materially today when both sides agreed to have read to the jury stipulated corporate statements, describing the organization and financial condition of the four companies controlled by the defendants, instead of calling a score of witnesses to prove the facts.

The first of those statements was that of Armour & Co. It showed that the company was incorporated in 1900 with a capital stock of \$20,000,000 and has a surplus of \$70,000,000.

HAWLEY CHAMPIONS ITEM

Investigation of Cut-Over Timber Lands Would Aid West, He Says.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Charging that wealthy lumber companies were seeking to have the Government clear their cut-over timber lands, Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, succeeded in eliminating from the agricultural bill in the House today an item of \$500 for the investigation and financial condition of the four companies controlled by the defendants, instead of calling a score of witnesses to prove the facts.

The item was championed by Representative Hawley, of Oregon, who acknowledged that much of the land was owned by lumber corporations, but declared that such an investigation would add to billable lands of the West many thousands of acres now virtually worthless.

DEATH SEQUEL TO FIGHT

Merchant Drops Dead From Heart Failure After Scrap With Rival.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—After a hot fight over money matters, Achille Block, a wealthy merchant of this city, dropped dead in his place of business today, presumably from heart failure, brought on by the excitement of the encounter.

James Wolf, Block's antagonist, was arrested and charged with manslaughter. Wolf also is a merchant.

SENATOR BOURNE—YOU NOMINATE ME, AND I DON'T THINK I'LL STICK THAT INTO HIM.

