

CAMERON OUSTED,
REFUSES TO QUIT

Evans Can't Say Yet That He
Will Take Job to "Clean
Up" Portland.

MASS MEETING IS CALLED

State's Executive Says It's "Cameron's Next Move"—Cameron Refuses to Recognize West Order and Will Resist Eviction.

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anywhere else. Not he, but the man I name will exercise the duties of District Attorney from this time on.

No Alternative in Mind.

"I want Evans to do the work and I have thought of no possible alternative appointment seriously enough to be able to make public any other name at this time. Of course, if Evans positively refuses to accept, some other appointment will be necessary, but I don't care to cross that bridge until I come to it.

"As for difficulty in his being able to get away from Mr. McCourt's office at this time, he need not leave it if it is not now possible. He can appoint deputies and send them to do the active work in the District Attorney's office."

Governor West said that no effort would be made, in view of the present move by which he intends to place Mr. Evans in Cameron's place, to try out the plan of securing appointment as a special prosecutor through the Circuit Court.

Cameron Will Not Yield.

District Attorney Cameron declares, on the other hand, that in spite of Governor West's proclamation, he is still District Attorney, and even if there were no method of nullifying the Governor's action, he would remain legally in office until his successor qualifies.

In the meantime, active business of the grand jury has been suspended until the legal status of the District Attorney is determined by the courts. Immediately after the announcement of the Governor's proclamation, the members of the grand jury consulted with Judge Morrow and dismissed the witnesses who had been called, with instructions to return when summoned. "The jury will meet again to attend to some minor details of business," said Foreman Dow V. Walker last night, "but no more indictments will be brought until the legality of Mr. Cameron's conduct of the jury's proceedings has been definitely ascertained."

Pending a solution of the matter, Deputy District Attorney Hennessy retired from the municipal courtroom yesterday, leaving a number of cases continued, and when Assistant Deputy District Attorney Michael appeared in Judge Morrow's court to prosecute several cases on indictments by the present grand jury, the court continued all the cases, declining to permit Michael to act until the status of his superior is determined.

Mass Meeting Announced.

A new feature in the development of the movement is the preparation for a mass meeting of citizens interested in cleaning up the city, to be held at the Gipsy Smith tabernacle Saturday night. Announcement of the proposed meeting, was made by the Governor last night, but a definite programme for the occasion will not be announced until tomorrow.

The reports of an effort since Monday, of a movement emanating from the liquor interests of the city to institute recall proceedings against the Governor appear to have been made by the Governor. It has been learned from an authoritative source that the rumor that the liquor interests were contemplating such a movement was entirely unfounded and has never been contemplated or discussed by them.

Relying on a constitutional provision, which he says takes precedence over the statute relied upon by the Governor, District Attorney Cameron announces that he will fight the attempt to oust him from office. This is the 20th of chapter 7 of the state constitution, which provides that a judge of the Supreme Court or Prosecuting Attorney may be removed by the Governor for incompetency, corruption, malfeasance or delinquency, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature concurring.

West's Plan Assailed.

Judge Cameron deems it to override the statute under which Governor West is acting, which provides that any judge or District Attorney failing to make full report of the facts in any case where a parole is contemplated and where the information has been asked by the Governor shall be removed. While not attacking the validity of this statute entirely, Cameron argues that it must be construed and administered in conjunction with the constitutional provision above cited. Another point of attack is directed at the Governor in section 19 of chapter 7 of the constitution, which is to the effect that there shall be no impeachment of public officers but that they shall be tried for incompetency, malfeasance, corruption or delinquency in the criminal courts and under the common criminal procedure, a verdict of guilty carrying removal and such other penalties as may be provided. The removal in this case would not take place as long as the trial was pending in the courts.

Cameron also attacks the action of the Governor on the facts. He denies that he has failed to make answer in parole matters which is asked to do so if such instances have occurred, he says they were unintentional and therefore do not come under the act, which requires that the neglect shall be willful.

It has been the practice of the state officials, he says, to send letters asking for information on applications for paroles, frequently direct to the deputy who handled the case. If any of these have been neglected, says the District Attorney, the delinquency cannot be charged to him personally. To such letters as have come to him personally, he says, he has always made prompt answer.

Many District Attorneys in the state and many Circuit Judges, are in the same boat if the Governor sees fit to proceed against them, says John F. Logan, a member of the state bar. "Throughout the state many District Attorneys and Circuit Judges flaunt this statute," says Mr. Logan, "because

NOTED WOMEN WHO PARTICIPATED IN PARADE OF SUFFRAGISTS
AND THEIR HUSBANDS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, YESTERDAY.

Above, Fola La Follette; below, Dr. Anna Shaw.

WOMEN IN PARADE

Suffragists and Their Husbands March in Columbus.

RIGHT TO OUST QUESTIONED

Old Statute Revived by West-Cameron Contest.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Declaring the office of District Attorney Cameron vacant and removing that official from office under an old statute passed in the Oregon code, Governor West today took another drastic step in his Portland crusade. He immediately appointed Walter H. Evans, Republican nominee for that office, as successor to Cameron to hold until the next general election.

The removal of Cameron came suddenly and was announced by Governor West here on a hurried trip to Salem from Portland and a proclamation was issued declaring the office vacant and setting out the reason of the Executive for so doing.

The statute under which West acted to oust Cameron states that in event any District Attorney willfully refuses or neglects to furnish information as to pardon matters when requested to furnish such information by the Governor, the Governor may remove him from office and appoint a successor to continue in office until the next general election.

Somet doubt has been expressed as to the legality of the Governor's move even in the fact of this statute. Since a constitutional provision provides that the Legislature Assembly by a two-thirds vote may pass resolutions declaring the office of Supreme Justice or District Attorney vacant, it is argued that this is the only way a District Attorney may be removed from office. The contention is made that the Governor cannot remove a District Attorney under a statute when the constitution provides a procedure for that cause.

This theory is scouted by others, however, as being untenable. Assistant Attorney Van Winkle refused to pass on the legal points involved in the dispute today, although he did say he believes the act of the Legislature, providing that the Governor may remove the District Attorney for failure to provide proper information, is not repugnant to the constitutional provision relating to removal by resolution of the Legislature.

The general sentiment among attorneys here seems to be that the clause is not unconstitutional and that the Governor was acting well within his legal rights in removing Cameron from office.

The proclamation issued by the Governor is as follows: WHEREAS, on or about the twenty-second day of March, 1912, a communication addressed to the Governor of Oregon, and requesting executive clemency in the case of J. W. Byrnes, sentenced in the Municipal Court of the City of Portland, County of Multnomah, and State of Oregon, to jail in Multnomah County for the crime of larceny was received at the executive office by the Governor;

WHEREAS, on or about the fourth day of April, 1912, the Governor, pursuant to the provisions of the said section and chapter 7 of the constitution, in my vested requests of the said George J. Cameron, District Attorney, each of which requests had to do with separate and distinct petitions for executive clemency submitted to the Governor for his action; and

WHEREAS, in each and every one of these cases the said George J. Cameron, District Attorney, did willfully neglect to furnish the statement of facts and recommendations requested by the Governor; and

OHIO BALLOT DEMANDED

Soap Boxes Carried by Participants, Among Whom Are Dr. Anna Shaw and Miss Fola La Follette, Senator's Daughter.

CAMPAIGN TO BE URGED

Willamette Endowment Work Will Be Renewed Actively.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The Willamette University endowment campaign will be actively resumed in a few weeks. President Homan, of late has been engaged in organization work and assisted by an efficient clerical force the plans as outlined at the beginning of the campaign are being advanced.

The annual Methodist conference convenes at Ashland the coming month, and at this gathering Dr. Homan will arrange with every minister attending to assist him in his efforts to obtain the remainder of the amount desired.

"If the pastors fail to co-operate with us in the way I plan, and I do not expect this to happen, we shall go ahead with the work according to my plans and cover the entire conference and get the money, but with their aid the campaign will be hastened."

Only about \$100,000 remain to be raised in order to make Willamette University a \$1,000,000 institution. Among the heaviest contributors toward the Willamette endowment fund are: R. A. Booth, Eugene, \$100,000; Peter I. Severson, Portland, \$100,000; and James J. Hill, of St. Paul, \$50,000. Hundreds of others have given sums varying from \$10,000 down to small amounts.

TANK STEAMER BURNED

CREW OF 42 MEN FORCED TO SWIM ASHORE.

Vessel Destroyed by Flames Above Water Line, Then Sinks, Loss of \$80,000 Resulting.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 27.—The oil steamer Rosecrans, owned by the Associated Oil Company, was destroyed by fire above the water line and sank in deep water at Alcatraz, near Gavilan, late today, with a loss estimated at \$80,000. The crew of 42 men escaped with their lives by jumping into the sea and swimming ashore.

The Rosecrans was lying at her dock loading oil. Suddenly an explosion occurred in the boiler-room and in an instant the oil-soaked craft was a mass of flames. The men engaged in loading hastily abandoned her, others on the deck cut the ropes and the ship slowly drifted out to sea. Within half an hour she began to settle and soon afterward plunged to the bottom.

The Rosecrans arrived at Alcatraz from Redondo earlier today and was taken off from here for San Francisco. About 1000 barrels had been pumped into the ship when the fire broke out.

The Rosecrans was built 20 years ago and had a carrying capacity of 30,000 barrels. She was commanded by Captain Lucien F. Johnson. March 12 last she went ashore near Alcatraz and two men were lost.

RAIL LINE IS PROJECTED

Roseburg-Cooos Bay Route Will Be Surveyed It Is Announced.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Roseburg and Douglas County will have rail communication with Coos Bay. If the business justifies, the statement of Walter E. Pierce, of Douglas County, who arrived here today, "I am here to look over the situation," said Mr. Pierce today, "and before making any decision as to the building of the road I must know whether or not there is sufficient business in sight to warrant me going ahead with an expenditure of more than \$4,000,000."

LIBERALS ASK FREE
TRADE IN NICARAGUA

Junta Working in Washington to Secure Reduction of Forces of Marines.

NEW ELECTION DESIRED

Demand Made That Large Number Disfranchised by Clerical Party Shall Have Right of Citizenship Restored.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Appearance in Washington of an active Nicaraguan junta, working in the interest of the liberal party and laying plans for bringing pressure to bear upon the State Department to cease change of policy in the handling of the Nicaraguan revolutionary problem, has added much to the interest felt by Latin-Americans in the development of the situation in the Central American republic.

In the absence of direct news from the beleaguered capital in the last 48 hours, attempts here to bring about a diplomatic settlement of the troubles of Nicaragua are being watched with interest.

The envoys in Washington of the liberal party are Francisco Altachul, who was Nicaraguan Consul-General in New Orleans under the Zelaya administration and has since resided there, and Angel Ugarte, one time Honduran minister to Washington, but afterwards one of the liberal leaders in Nicaragua.

They are seeking to reach the State Department with a proposal that the American Naval force there be diminished to a mere legation guard and that the American minister demand that all factions, including the Government, submit to the will of the people the question of political supremacy through free and fair election, with the stipulation that the large number of liberals who are disfranchised by the clerical party should regain their rights of citizenship.

It is regarded improbable that the State Department would entertain any proposal for the diminution of the force of American blue-jackets and marines in Nicaragua, so long as present conditions continue.

WRECK DELAYS RAILROAD

Material for Eugene-Cooos Bay Tied Up in Stranded Vessel.

MAPLETON, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Built on a country village with its little group of dwellings, postoffice and two or three stores, Mapleton has all at once grown into a bustling little city of tents and temporary dwellings. For the railroad contractors at work on the Eugene-Cooos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific, have selected this point at the head of tide on the Sluslaw as the location of one of their construction camps which are scattered along the right-of-way every two or three miles, and the long-talked-of railroad is fast becoming an assured fact.

Some delay has been caused by the wrecking of the Wilhelmina as she was crossing in at the Sluslaw with the second load of freight for the construction work, consisting mostly of rails and a few small cars, but no time was lost in putting a gang of men with their heavy teams at work saving all that is possible from the wreck. It is only possible to haul the iron from the wreck at low tide, and most of this work must be done in the night, but the deckhands have already been saved, and an attempt is being made to get all that can be reached from the hold.

MOOSE SHY IN POLK

T. J. CHERRINGTON APPARENTLY ONLY ONE IN OPEN.

Indications Point to Heavy Majority for Taft in November—County Campaign On.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—The county convention of the Bull Moose party did not materialize in this county. Though a call was sent out from the Bull Moose headquarters for a holding of a county assembly to elect a delegate to the state convention, which met in Portland today, no assembly was held.

This anticipated drastic action on the part of T. J. Cherrington, chief Bull Moose of this county and county, and apparently he called a convention himself, elected himself chairman, secretary, and then took a vote with himself upon who should be the delegate to represent Old Polk at Portland, and, as a consequence, he was duly elected. Therefore, Polk County is not without representation today in the body that meets in Portland. It is believed, however, that there are several more Bull Moose roaming the woods of Old Polk, but they seem very shy.

As in the primaries held in April, everything here points to a heavy majority for Taft in November; still it is hard to tell where the silent vote will fall. Surface indications are strong for the re-election of President Taft. It is not doubted that Taft will carry the county, but it is believed in many parts of the county that Wilson will poll a good vote, and that Roosevelt will get many more votes than present indications grant to him.

The county campaign has already opened. What opposition existed to the candidacy of John Teal, Republican candidate for County Judge, is disappearing, and it is believed that Teal will be elected by a large majority. From the fight on County Judge, interest has switched to the contest over the Sheriff's office. John M. Grant, Democrat, and incumbent, is opposed by Elmer Paddock, Republican candidate for Representative, and Verd Hill, Democratic candidate. Both men are from Independence. Walter L. Toozie, Jr., of Dallas, is fighting for the office of County Sheriff. Grant has made an excellent Sheriff during the three terms he has served, and has many friends. Orr is a young man and has never before held any office in the county, and is gaining much strength.

A close race also is expected between Elmer Paddock, Republican candidate for Representative, and Verd Hill, Democratic candidate. Both men are from Independence. Walter L. Toozie, Jr., of Dallas, is fighting for the office of County Sheriff. Grant has made an excellent Sheriff during the three terms he has served, and has many friends. Orr is a young man and has never before held any office in the county, and is gaining much strength.

Miss Tugersoll Is T. R. Delegate. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Miss Maud R. Tugersoll, whose father, the late Colonel Robert G. Tugersoll, made the famous "plumed knight" speech nominating Blaine, in 1884, will be one of the delegates to the Roosevelt Progressive state convention here on September 5. She lives in New York City.



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DENVER, Aug. 27.—That there is a plant in New York City manufacturing spurious half dollars which are sent to various agencies throughout the United States in the confession made today by Ignazio Mercini, an Italian, arrested at Sopris, near Trinidad, last Thursday.

Mercini declares the counterfeit half dollars are sent out from the New York headquarters of the gang and that he has been distributing them to four other Italians, who were arrested by a secret service agent.

BOND ISSUE TO BE DECIDED.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 27.—The County Commissioners today voted to submit a bond issue at the November election providing \$3,000,000 to build trunk highways. One of the projects for which the funds will be used if the bonds are voted is the construction of King County's portion of an automobile road over the Cascade Mountains.

Drowning Girl Is Saved.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Miss Helen Orr, of this city, had a narrow escape from drowning on the Chehalis River yesterday, when a boat in which she was rowing struck a log, throwing her into the river. She was rescued by B. E. Sears.

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