

FREE TRADE ISSUE TO BE CLEAN-CUT

Taft Leaders See T. R. Boom Waning.

WILSON IS ONLY CONSIDERED

Mulvane Says Fight Is Republicans vs. Democrats.

RE-ELECTION IS EXPECTED

Claims of Roosevelt Forces in Indiana Said to Be False, as Only Seven of Committee Resign. Nelson's Stand Significant.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—It is more and more certain that the campaign is to be a straight out-and-out fight between Republicans and Democrats. The contest for the Presidency lies only between Taft and Wilson.

This was the view voiced by David W. Mulvane, director of the Taft headquarters, tonight, after receiving during the day visitors from a number of different states. Mr. Mulvane declared that all his callers had told of an appreciable change of sentiment everywhere in favor of President Taft and an equally noticeable waning of enthusiasm for Roosevelt.

Clean-cut Fight Possible.

"With the Roosevelt movement dying out and the issue narrowing down to American labor and American industry as against the Democratic free-trade policy, which means distress and destruction to business," said Mr. Mulvane, "we can make a clean-cut fight which will result in the triumphant election of President Taft."

Among Mr. Mulvane's callers was T. P. Branch, candidate for Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives, who came to procure literature for an extensive speaking campaign in that state.

"It has been said that Indiana is a hotbed of Rooseveltism," said Mr. Branch. "The fact is that of 92 Republican county chairmen in the state only nine have resigned and their places were immediately filled by loyal Republicans, anxious and willing to work for President Taft."

Newspapers Deny Roosevelt.

"We have also made a canvass of more than 100 state Republican papers and we find only three or four still clinging to Roosevelt. From claims made by the 'Bull Moose' anyone would think that they had captured Indiana from one end to the other. They have not done anything of the kind. It is part of their game to claim everything, when they know that they have not a leg to stand upon."

James F. Clarke, of Hastings, Neb., was another who visited Taft headquarters. Mr. Clarke asserted that farmers in his state are turning to Taft.

Many Democrats for Taft.

"The solid and substantial element of Nebraska is for Taft," said Mr. Clarke. "I know of many Democrats who will vote for the President, because they want a continuance of present business conditions."

F. W. Meyers, who has been traveling through Minnesota, reported that Taft prospects in that state were becoming more favorable.

"Republican conditions in Minnesota are much better than have been reported," said Mr. Meyers. "Senator Knute Nelson's stand for the President has had a marked effect in that state. He is a sturdy, level-headed Norwegian with an immense personal following of people who believe in him implicitly. He is the real Republican leader in the state, not Senator Clapp, and the fact that he is for President Taft is a high asset for the Republican party."

BRITISH SECTION INVADED

Chinese Marauders Seize Customs Station Near Hongkong.

HONGKONG, Aug. 29.—British territory was invaded last night by a party of heavily armed Chinese marauders. Sixty of these desperadoes attacked and seized the customs station at Le Fun, across what is called the "new territory," belonging to the British colony. They captured, bound and gagged two Europeans and some Chinese and then carried off a stock of rifles and a small sum of money from the collector's office.

Afterward the marauders raided the Chinese town of Samchun, known as the resort of many outlawed criminals.

TOMBS PRISONERS FOILED

Accidental Falling of Saw Leads to Discovery of Plot.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—A jail delivery from the Tombs prison, where Police Lieutenant Charles Becker is awaiting trial on a charge of murdering Herman Rosenthal, has been frustrated by the accidental falling of a steel saw on the floor of a cell.

A guard, investigating the noise, found eight finely tempered saws and a bottle of muriatic acid. The saws were distributed in two cells occupied by four prisoners, some distance from Becker's cell.

"WEE" COYLE, HERO OF GRIDIRON, WEDS

HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART IS BRIDE—CEREMONY SECRET.

Seattle Football Star Fears Publicity and, Quietly Married, Slips Away on Honeymoon.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—William Jennings Coyle, better known as "Wee" Coyle, hero of many a football struggle, all Northwest quarter-back and captain of last year's varsity eleven, this afternoon went down in a glorious Waterloo—his first—after an unequal duel with the little god Cupid; and as a result tomorrow morning will be quietly slipping up Hoop Canal in a canoe on a honeymoon with his bride, heretofore Miss Minnie Dalby.

The marriage ceremony was unknown to any of the thousand friends possessed by the bride and bridegroom. Immediately after the ceremony the contracting parties "made their getaway" and their exact whereabouts will not be known until they return to Seattle from their honeymoon.

While it has been known for some time, especially during the last year of the bride and bridegroom at college, that "Wee" was a frequent visitor at the Alpha Delta sorority house, where Miss Dalby was affiliated, it was understood that the wedding would not take place for some time.

Today's wedding came as a culmination to a romance extending back into the days when "Wee" was an undergraduate at Broadway High School and he and Minnie were schoolmates. It continued when both entered the State University, where both graduated in the same class, hardly more than two months ago.

"Wee" Coyle is probably the best-known college athlete in the Northwest. He made the University of Washington team in his freshman year, playing a sensational game at quarterback. At the close of his junior year he was selected to captain the 1911 team. In each of the four years he was on the team Washington won the Northwest championship.

Miss Dalby is a sister of Edwin J. Dalby, a well-known Seattle newspaper man.

GOVERNOR'S SON TO MARRY

Raymond Hay, of Washington, Chooses Prominent Idaho Girl.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Announcement was made today of the engagement of Miss Zelma Stookey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Stookey, of Lewiston, Idaho, and Raymond Hay, son of Governor and Mrs. M. E. Hay.

The prominence of the two families makes the alliance of wide interest. Miss Stookey's family has resided in the Idaho city a number of years, and her father last election was a candidate for Governor.

Mr. Hay has been engaged in the banking business at Lewiston since graduating from Shattuck Military Academy at Fairbault, Minn., two years ago. The wedding will occur in October at Lewiston and will be attended by the Washington Governor and his family.

BOATS START LONG RACE

Course to Be Covered From Victoria, B. C., to Australia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 29.—Arrangements for a race from Cape Flattery to Australia between a fore-and-aft and a barkentine, each loaded with lumber from British Columbia mills, were completed early this week, and the vessels got away yesterday on their long voyage. The vessels are the schooner Polaris, which was towed to Victoria, Monday morning, and the barkentine, James Johnson, which was towed out a few hours afterward.

Before leaving Victoria, from which port they cleared, the masters of both vessels met and arranged for the contest. The loser in the race will have to provide the price of one of the best dinners that can be obtained in either Brisbane or Sydney, and also hand over considerable cash.

Shipping men, both here and on Puget Sound, will watch the result of the race with intense interest, as the outcome will show whether a schooner or a barkentine is the best for speed.

ENGLISH FLOODS ABATING

Thousands Keep Night Vigil, However, as Danger Threatens.

NORWICH, England, Aug. 29.—A considerable abatement of the floods devastating this district occurred today, but an enormous volume of water still threatens the eastern side of the town. The earth banks and hedges holding the floods back, however, may give way at any moment, and the water thus released may sweep everything before it.

As a consequence of this imminent danger, many thousands of the inhabitants of Norwich and the neighboring villages refused to go to bed last night, and kept a constant vigil.

Further rainfall is reported from Peterborough, which already suffered greatly, and another dam has burst near Wood Walton, throwing hundreds of acres under water.

BRADY IS SLATED TO HEAD CONGRESS

Idaho Terms in Trans-Mississippi Body.

FARM PROTECTION DEMANDED

Equality With Manufactured Products Is Requested.

WICHITA GETS MEETING

Losing Fight Made for Indorsement of Exclusion of Railways From Coastwise Traffic—Coast Expositions in Favor.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 29.—James H. Brady, ex-Governor of Idaho, for the next president and Wichita, Kan., for the next meeting place of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, were practically decided upon by the directors today, although the official announcement of the decision on these nominations will not be made until tomorrow. Jared Sanders, of Louisiana, withdrew from the contest.

The association went on record today as advocating an appropriation of \$5,000,000 in aid of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and \$1,000,000 to assist the San Diego Exposition in 1915.

National Scope Insisted Upon.

This was done without the votes of the California delegates, who adhered strictly to the pledge that no financial help should be asked from the United States Government. The other delegates respected their scruples, but insisted that the expositions, being international in their scope, should have the support of all the people of the United States.

Colonel Ike Pryor's demand that the tariff on farm and ranch products be made commensurate with duties on manufactured products received the approval of the congress, as did the other Texas resolution that the United States Government should continue the improvement of harbors and inter-coastal waterways in Texas.

In the afternoon a telegram from an Iowa member was received protesting against the closing of postoffices on Sunday, as provided by the new postal law. Resolutions for the employment of convicts on public roads and another for a "blue sky" law, like that of Kansas, in all the Western states were introduced.

"Opportunity" to Be Conserved.

Speakers of the afternoon were J. E. Callbreath, secretary of the American Mining Congress, and P. E. Quinn, Immigration Commissioner of the Australian government. Callbreath protested against the proposal.

PAROLED CONVICT DROWNS

Forger Perishes in Alaska in Effort to Begin Life Anew.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Frederick Christie, a paroled convict from the San Quentin penitentiary, was drowned off the bleak coast of Alaska, near Dora harbor, Bristol bay, last July. News of his death was brought to this city today by the fishing schooner John D. Spreckels. Christie was alone in a dory when the boat capsized.

Christie was pardoned by Governor Johnson last March after serving seven years for forgery. With the consent of the parole officer he went to Alaska to begin life anew.

KAISER RIDES IN PARK

Recovery of German Ruler Now Appears to Be Complete.

CASSEL, Hesse-Nassau, Aug. 29.—Emperor William has apparently completely recovered from his recent indisposition. His majesty went out this morning for a long horseback ride in the park of Wilhelmshoehe castle. He was accompanied by the Empress, who also has been in unsatisfactory health. Both Emperor and Empress appeared in lively spirits.

BOY TRADES 2 PIGS FOR YOUNG BEAR

DEAL AT FIRST CONDEMNED RESULTS PROFITABLY.

Parents Censure Youth Until He Sells Cub to Autoists for Five \$20 Yellowbacks.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Trading two pigs for a bear and selling the bear three days later for \$100, is the profitable business deal recently transacted by Clarence Anlauf, son of Robert Anlauf.

A few days ago a hunter was passing the Anlauf place with a cub he had captured. Noticing that the Anlauf boy was interested in bruin junior he struck up a deal to make an exchange for a couple of porkers worth \$7 or \$8.

The boy's parents and friends thought he had made a poor deal, but when three Hudson Bay Company automobile party came along and left five crisp \$20 yellowbacks as the purchase price of the cub, the young man's business sagacity was commended instead of condemned.

HUDSON BAY IS GRILLED

Extradition of Man Wanted by Canadian Company Denied.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The famous Hudson Bay Company lost today in its effort to obtain the extradition of Arthur Gernard Fletcher on the ground that Fletcher had procured credit from the company under false pretenses. United States Commissioner Van Dyke made an order discharging Fletcher from custody.

The Commissioner took occasion to grill Manager McLean, of the Hudson Bay Company, who, the Commissioner charged, allowed Fletcher to remain in Vancouver two months after the commission of the act complained of without making any effort to apprehend him and even offered to back him in a future mercantile venture.

Fletcher was for two years in business in Vancouver.

WEISER TO HARVEST FRUIT

Prune Crop Double Any Former Record—Apples Go to London.

WEISER, Idaho, August 29.—(Special.)—Bright and early Monday morning a small army of workers will begin to prune orchards of the Weiser Valley, and for 15 days will labor in harvesting this year's big prune crop, which will exceed any previous season's production by nearly 100 per cent. In the Weiser River Fruit Association's packing-house 105 men and women will be employed. Seventy-five of these will be professional packers. In the orchards immediately surrounding Weiser, 100 more will be employed.

The Weiser River Association will ship 32,000 cases of prunes this season and with other shipments, the total will exceed 50,000. Through the Northwestern Fruit Exchange of Portland, the local association has just sold 14 cases of prunes at 60 cents a crate, f. o. b. Weiser.

The association shipped its first car of apples this week. They were Golden Pippins consigned to London, England. After 15 days in the prune orchards the employees will be put to work on the apple harvest, which will be completed in about 14 days. It is expected to ship more than 200 cars of apples from Weiser.

WOMAN KILLED IN STORM

Outdoor Sleeper Hit in Head by Limb of Tree at Vale.

VALE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. D. Cooper, of Vale, was instantly killed Tuesday night, when she was struck in the head by a limb of a tree which she was standing under.

The family had been accustomed to sleeping out of doors under the trees and as they were retiring Monday evening a storm came up, which forced them to seek shelter in the house.

Mrs. Cooper had picked up one of the small children and started for the house when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Cooper is survived by a husband and five children, the youngest of whom is but a few months old. The Coopers are old residents in the Malheur Valley.

KING BUYS YANKEE FRUIT

George of England Orders "Buster Brown" Wenchace Apples.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—King George of England is the latest bidder for Wenatchee Valley apples of this year's crop, according to advices received from a local agent in London today. King George has placed orders, it is said, for a considerable quantity of Buster Brown variety, the new commercial trade-marked brand of select Wenatchee apples.

The British Isles will use more Wenatchee apples than ever before this season, according to word from representatives in London and Liverpool. That Northwest apples are being preferred to all others is the word sent across from London to Wenatchee.

QUEUE IS CUT OFF PU YI

Chinese Pleased Because Deposed Baby Emperor Loses Pignall.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—The Young China Association is overjoyed at the report just received from Peking that the imperial clan has cut the queue from the head of Pu Yi, the deposed baby Emperor of China. Members of the association here think that this is the most hopeful sign of the submission of the Manchus to popular rule.

The receipt of the news set the members of the Young China Association searching through Chinatown for those who might still be wearing the queue and chasing them into barber shops. In an appeal to the press, the association begged the cartoonists to hereafter omit the queue in caricatures of the Chinese.

CANAL ISSUE WILL NOT BE ARBITRATED

Administration Plan Is Believed Settled.

TWO TREATIES ARE INVOLVED

Unbiased Judges Declared Impossible to Find.

OTHER ARGUMENTS MADE

Discrimination Against British Interests May Be Denied—Senate Can Refuse to Accept Special Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Although the State Department will authorize no statement to that effect, it is understood the Administration will decline to permit the question of the right of the United States to relieve its own shipping from tolls in the Panama Canal to go to arbitration. This position of the Government, it is said, may not be developed fully for some time.

While the British protest, delivered yesterday, clearly intimated a purpose to demand an arbitral decision in the event that a more careful study of the Panama Canal toll act brought out the impression that it is in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, if the usual course in diplomatic exchange is followed, many arguments and counter arguments must be submitted on both sides before the resources of diplomacy would be exhausted, thus warranting a demand for arbitration.

Two Treaties Involved.

The British foundation for such a demand rests upon the broad basis of two special treaties between America and Great Britain in addition to the great general convention creating the tribunal of the Hague and binding all parties thereto to adjust their disputes by recourse to its methods. The first of these treaties, the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, in its third article declares that there shall be no discrimination against any of the nations obeying the rules of the canal, and in its fourth article asserts that no change of territorial sovereignty shall affect the obligation of America and Great Britain under the treaty.

The second special treaty, made four years ago, binds each country to submit to the Hague any difference that may arise relating to the interpretation of treaties, provided they "do not affect the vital interests, the independence or the honor" of the parties. On its face, a British demand for arbitration on such a basis is generally regarded to be sound and beyond discussion.

From the American viewpoint there (Concluded on Page 6.)

MEDFORD TO BUILD ITS OWN RAILROAD

TIRED OF UNCERTAINTY, HOME CAPITAL IS ENLISTED.

Bankers and Merchants Subscribe Funds to Connect With Crescent City, Giving Access to Coast.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Medford is to have a railroad to the Coast. Tired of promises by railroad companies and outsiders, prominent Medford business men have decided to do the job themselves. Papers were filed yesterday for the incorporation of the Medford & Crescent City Railway Company, and the preliminary capitalization has been placed at \$50,000.

The railroad will extend from Medford down the Applegate, touching at Kerby and Waldo through Smith River to Crescent City. The incorporators are all well-known Medford business men and capitalists, including W. H. Gore, president of the Medford National Bank; W. L. Vawter, president of the Jackson County Bank; Lincoln McCormack, a Medford attorney; E. C. Burgess, Jr., rancher and capitalist; and Stewart Patterson, a wealthy business man, formerly of Chicago.

The incorporators are conservative business men and have little to say about their venture except that they intend to build a road to the Coast and will not discontinue operations until the work is done.

That such a road will be of incalculable benefit to Medford and the Rogue River Valley cannot be gainsaid. It will open up a virgin mineral and timber region, will tap the fertile but undeveloped Applegate Valley, and will bring a great reduction in freight rates. With the construction of the Panama Canal, it will mean that fruit and produce can be shipped by water to Atlantic Coast ports, and incidentally a delightful summer resort will be within easy distance of this city.

WEST NAMES MAN FOR CAMERON'S JOB

Ousted Official to Oppose H. M. Esterly.

FIRE IS TURNED ON SHERIFF

Tom Word Appointed "Special Agent" by Governor.

LETTERS FROM STATE EXECUTIVE TO STEVENS AND SLOVER DEFINE DUTIES—GRAND JURY TAKES UP DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROBE.

DEVELOPMENTS IN GOVERNOR'S CRUISE CAUSE.
H. M. Esterly, a Portland attorney, appointed District Attorney, to succeed George J. Cameron.
Letter directed to Sheriff Stevens, telling him what his duties are as Sheriff.
Letters directing Sheriff and Chief of Police to assist "Special Agent" Tom Word in crusade.
Announcement by District Attorney Cameron that he will fight for his position by starting quo warranto proceedings today.
Grand jury takes up investigation of affairs of District Attorney's office.
Presiding Judge Morrow announces he will be bound by Governor's appointment until that action is questioned legally.
Tom Word will advise Governor today on whether he will accept commission of "special agent" or not.

After appointing H. M. Esterly as District Attorney to take the place of George J. Cameron and seeing to it personally that the new prosecutor received proper recognition from the Circuit Court, Governor West yesterday turned his vice crusade guns from the District Attorney's office to the Sheriff's office, directing a letter to Sheriff Stevens in which his duties as Sheriff are set forth.

The letter is labeled, "Letter No. 1." Another letter was directed to the Sheriff and to the Chief of Police requesting both officials to give whatever assistance might be needed to Tom Word, who has been appointed "special agent."

Word's Phases Investigated.

The appointment of Attorney Esterly as District Attorney, was made about noon yesterday, after the Governor and Mr. Esterly had looked into the situation from a legal standpoint. A few minutes after Mr. Esterly accepted the position, the Governor dictated a letter to Circuit Judge Morrow and another to the grand jury, in which the fact that the appointment had been made was set forth.

The first appearance of the prosecutor was at 2 o'clock, when the Governor and Mr. Esterly walked into the private office of Judge Morrow and gave the Judge the letter announcing the appointment. Later the two went to the grand jury room, where Mr. Esterly was admitted on the Governor's letter. Convicted that the new prosecutor was going to get the recognition of the courts and the grand jury, the Governor went to his private office in the Gerlinger building and dictated the letters to the Sheriff and Chief of Police.

Esterly's Appointment Announced.

The letter appointing Mr. Esterly as District Attorney reads: "I have been informed by Mr. W. H. Evans, designated by me as District Attorney in and for the Fourth Judicial District, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of George J. Cameron, that it will be impossible for him to accept the appointment. In view of this information, therefore, I have today appointed H. M. Esterly, of Portland, as District Attorney in and for the Fourth Judicial District to succeed Mr. Cameron and to fulfill the duties of that office until such time as his successor may be elected and qualified. I have made this appointment pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 1750, Chapter 18, Lord's Oregon Laws."

District Attorney Cameron is still holding onto his office on the belief that the action of the Governor is not legal. This morning he will take his first action by bringing quo warranto proceedings in the Circuit Court.

Two Courts Can Decide.

Such a hearing as will be held will bring out the legal phases of the situation and it is believed a decision can be secured within a short time, much depending upon what court hears the case. Under the statute it is possible for the case to be decided by the Supreme Court or by the Circuit Court, either having jurisdiction.

There seems no doubt but that Presiding Judge Morrow will recognize Mr. Esterly as District Attorney, judging from proceedings yesterday. Judge Morrow said that the state law under which Governor West has ordered the District Attorney removed gives the Governor that authority on its face. This leaves nothing for the Circuit Judge to do but to recognize the action of the Governor as legal until the action is questioned, it is said. When it is questioned the legal phase of the situation will be decided.

"I am not saying that I will or will (Concluded on Page 2.)

