



BULL MOOSE WILL LOCK HORNS TODAY

Washington Followers to Hold Primaries.

SUREST THING IS UNCERTAINTY

Faith of Some Leaders to Abide by Vote Doubted.

SAFEGUARDS NOT LEGAL

Aggressive Candidates Will Conduct "Traveling" Vote Collectors and While Funds Are Plentiful Lack of Organization Felt.

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SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Bull Moose primaries will be held throughout the state tomorrow to indicate a preference of progressive party voters for Congressional, State and County candidates.

The census of opinion in Bull Moose circles is that between 35,000 and 40,000 votes will be cast, but there are no available data either at Bull Moose headquarters, newspaper files or the official quarters of the other political parties to indicate either the number of counties which will hold primaries or run county tickets or the general character of the primaries in those counties where ballot boxes are to be opened.

Executive officers of the Progressive party expected to have complete reports today which would show the manner in which the primaries are to be held; the number of counties which will make an effort to open ballot boxes in all precincts; those which will name county tickets and those which will ignore the call. If this information will be received and it probably has not been, the Bull Moose leaders will not give out any information regarding it. In a general way the assertion is made that some sort of a primary expression will be held in all counties save Jefferson and Pend Oreille.

Lack of Organization Felt.

This probably is a true statement, for the Bull Moose party was hurriedly launched and inasmuch as many counties are extremely difficult to cover it is likely that word has not been sent out generally. The Bull Moose leaders have made an effort to make the primaries representative and undoubtedly have done the best they could. But that headquarters should not know what is happening in many counties is the logical outcome of the decision to hold the lists open for nomination to the last moment and of the lack of general organization which prevents thorough organization in all counties.

Bull Moose leaders do not attempt to give details, but explain the situation generally to be this: In some of the larger and better organized counties like King, Spokane, Yakima, Pierce, Whatcom and Snohomish, fairly representative primaries will be held for all tickets. In other counties an effort will be made to make the primaries representative, but there will be a lack of expression on county and state tickets in many precincts. In some counties there will be no attempt to nominate a county ticket. In others, primaries will be held in the county seats alone. Still others will send automobiles about soliciting votes where they can be found. Even in King County where the Bull Moose are best organized, a traveling primary will be held in some country precincts, though in the better organized districts the polls will be open between 8 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Faith of Some Questioned.

This primary, the leaders claim, will reflect popular sentiment regarding Bull Moose sentiment on nominations and the pledge of the leaders in the movement is to ratify the results of these primaries in county and state conventions to be held September 10. There is no question about the good faith of the leaders to carry out this programme, though it also is undoubtedly true that some Bull Moose want to disregard these uncertain primary results and make pure convention nominations.

Under the Washington primary law only parties which have cast 10 per cent of the vote at the last general election can participate in the official primaries September 10. The Progressive, or Bull Moose, party being a new creation, is listed among those which must make nominations at conventions held on primary day. To observe a principle of the Progressive party an advisory primary tomorrow was ordered.

No Legal Safeguards Exist.

Inasmuch as the primary is unofficial and the convention is the legal form of nomination, skepticism regarding the bona fides of the advisory primary has been shown.

All arrangements for the primaries popularity designated as soap-box primaries, are in the hands of voluntary committees. These are pledged to protect returns insofar as possible, but there is no legal safeguard thrown about the affair.

Surface indications are that the gubernatorial fight lies between Senator W. H. Paulsen, of Sumner, and Sheriff R. T. Hodge, of Seattle. John C. Lawrence, former Public Service Commissioner and Otto A. Case, Auditor.

OIL LAND IS HELD TO SUPPLY NAVY

GOVERNMENT PREPARES TO DEVELOP OWN FIELDS.

Secretary Fisher Recommends Action in View of Increasing Use of This Fuel by Warships.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 6.—Thirty-seven thousand acres of oil lands in the Elk hills, California, adjacent to the Elkway and McKittick oil fields, have been withdrawn from entry by the President and will be held for development and used by the United States Navy. It is the intention of the Navy Department to sink wells in this area and use the oil on naval vessels equipped with oil burners. In the opinion of many officers, the time is coming when oil will be universally used on all warships and it is deemed advisable that the Government shall have an adequate oil supply of its own.

Torpedo boats and other small craft are now burning oil. The battleships Nevada and Oklahoma are oil burners and the Pennsylvania, just authorized, will also be equipped with oil burners. The withdrawal of these lands was recommended by Secretary Fisher at the request of the Secretary of the Navy.

BABY'S ESCAPE IS NARROW

Rock From Blast Demolishes Buggy Occupied but a Moment Before.

Severely crushed but a moment after its occupant had been taken out, was a baby buggy outside 763 Third street, by a boulder hurled from above and over the house.

The boulder, which was the result of faulty blasting in connection with the new Terwilliger boulevard above Fourth street. Children standing all around and playing at the foot of the house, escaped uninjured.

Mrs. Angorina Polissella, the mother, had just ascended the steps with little Antonio in her arms when the piece of rock, a foot long and eight inches in breadth, crushed the buggy, tore holes in the little jacket that had been left inside, and embedded itself in the wooden pavement.

C. Frezzi, the owner of the house, said yesterday that this particular blasting occurred shortly after 4 o'clock, but that the day before stones had fallen all around, on the tops of the houses and in dangerous proximity to the many children at play around the neighborhood.

W. Holz, of 250 Woods street, said he had informed the police Thursday and again yesterday, and was told that the matter would be inquired into. The contractors for the work on the boulevard are Giesch & Joplin.

"BEAUTY CARRIE" IS DEAD

Former Pet of Millionaires Victim of Morphine Habit.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Carrie Meyers, "Beauty Carrie," who 30 years ago was the pet and toast of millionaires, will be buried tomorrow by the county in the potter's field, unless some friend claims her body. She was arrested September 4 and appeared next morning in the police station, a slovenly, feverish-eyed old woman. "Done and raising a disturbance," said the policeman, who made the arrest.

Judge Goring fined her \$10 and costs. She had no money and went to prison. Three days in a cell without morphine drove her hopelessly insane and on the third day she died, moaning pitifully for the drug. Her identity came to light today.

MAIL SCHEDULES ISSUED

Local Postoffice Prepares Tables for Outgoing Trains.

For the information of patrons of the office, particularly business and professional men, Acting Postmaster Williamson has caused to be prepared a schedule showing the hour of departure of all of the principal mail trains departing over the different railroad systems from this city. The schedule gives the number of the train and the road over which it travels, the hour for leaving, the hour mail closes at mailing divisions at Fifth and Glisan, hour mail closes at the main office and the destinations for mail carried by each train.

This has been done by the Portland office to assist in expediting the handling of outgoing mail. Between 400 and 500 of the schedules were distributed in the business district yesterday. Additional copies will be printed today and may be had upon application at the Postoffice.

HOWARD IS NAMED AGAIN

Recess Appointment Made to Succeed Hanford on Bench.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 6.—It was announced at the White House today that a recess appointment has been given Clinton W. Howard, of Bellingham, as United States District Judge for Western Washington.

Howard was nominated late in the recent session of Congress, but failed of confirmation because Senator Polix charged preferred. The recess appointment will place him immediately upon the bench and his nomination will be sent to the Senate again next December, when it is expected the Judiciary committee will make an investigation, unless the charges are withdrawn. Howard succeeds Judge Hanford.

CALIFORNIANS ARE HARD HIT BY RAINS

Orchards and Hopyards Suffer Damage.

TABLE GRAPES ARE RUINED

Downpour So Sudden Drying Fruit Cannot Be Saved.

HOPS LYING ON GROUND

Situation Is Without Precedent in Quarter Century—Weather Forecaster Says Warning Prevented Greater Loss.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—(Special.)

—For the first time in 25 years rain fell yesterday this early in September, and it continued today, with signs of much more tonight. Up until noon today nearly half an inch was the record established for the two days.

From the great interior valleys of the state come walls from orchardists, vineyardists and hopgrowers that the greater part of their crops have been ruined. A report from Fresno says that from one-half to two-thirds of the entire table and shipping-grape crops have been ruined by the rains. Hundreds of carloads of drying fruit spread on racks in orchards could not be stacked and covered in time to prevent loss, the rain came so suddenly in the middle of the night.

Hopgrowers Without Shelter.

In the great Sonoma Valley thousands of hopgrowers have suffered three days and nights of severe hardship, as they have never been accustomed to go to the fields provided with tents or other protection from rain. The storm found these thousands sleeping unprotected in the fields. A dispatch from Santa Rosa tonight reports more than 1200 acres of hops, together with supporting poles and wires, were collapsed and on the ground as a result of the storm. It is feared that when full reports from the entire state are received the amount of damage will reach an enormous figure.

Weather Forecaster Sees Relief.

"Twenty-four hours more should see the end of the present downfall," said Forecaster McAfee. "It is one of the most unusual in the history of the city and this portion of the state. The

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BOYS ROUT ARMIES IN MIMIC BATTLE

LADS IGNORE HAIL OF BLANKS AND RUSH ON FIELD.

Shining Cartridges on Ground Lure Youngsters and Spoil Maneuvers at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 6.—Hundreds of small boys scampering over the battlefield collecting discarded blank cartridges all but routed both armies in the re-enacted battle of Westport at Swope Park today. Twenty thousand persons swarmed the hill tops in the park and watched 3500 soldiers comprising the third regiment, Missouri National Guard, and several United States battalions from Fort Leavenworth work out in bloodless battle the problems of the famous Civil War engagement of 60 years ago.

The conflict was scarcely under way when the young Americans noticed that each time a squad dropped to the ground to fire they left a shining streak of empty nickel plated cartridges. In their ardor to pounce upon these relics of war the youths often completely surrounded the firing squad, receiving the galling broadsides in their faces.

Many a bold charge was for a moment turned aside because the soldiers considered its unheroic to trample small boys underfoot even in a sham battle.

ONE JOB PUZZLES COUNCIL

Suggestion Is Made That City Hall Carpenter Repair Political Fence.

"Why is a City Hall carpenter?" asks Mayor Rushlight. The question arose at a meeting of the civil service commission yesterday afternoon when one man wanted to be transferred to the position of bridge carpenter from the City Hall. "I cannot understand why there should be a City Hall carpenter," said the Mayor. "What does he do all the time?"

No one replied. "Why, a carpenter doing nothing else, could overhaul every piece of furniture in the building in a year," declared Commissioner Armstrong. "I know nothing definite on the subject," said Commissioner Logan, "but I can guess—he probably spends a good deal of his time repairing political fences around the 'Hall'."

PHYSICIAN HAS TETANUS

Disease Contracted When Treating Patient Who Died Later.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 6.—Dr. Clarence E. Pierce, of O'Fallon, Ill., is in a critical condition from tetanus, contracted when treating Miss Emeline Schoellkopf, who died from the disease Tuesday. Dr. Pierce became unconscious Wednesday, and up to this morning 125,000 units of anti-toxin had been administered to him. He regained consciousness today, and it is now thought he will recover.

STRAUS HEADS T.R.'S NEW YORK TICKET

Stampede Started by Ex-Broncho Rider.

DECLINATION SWEEP ASIDE

"Suspender Jack" Is Hero of Hour at Syracuse.

CONCLUSION IS DRAMATIC

Controller Prendergast and State Chairman Hotchkiss Withdraw and Leave Field to Former Cabinet Minister.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 6.—Oscar S. Straus, ex-Secretary of Commerce and Labor in the Cabinet of President Roosevelt, was unanimously acclaimed the nominee for Governor of the Roosevelt Progressive party by a stampede convention this afternoon.

Straus' nomination came about under dramatic circumstances. The former Cabinet member, acting as the convention's permanent chairman, was about to entertain a motion from Timothy L. Woodruff to expedite the recall in the names of State Chairman Hotchkiss and Controller Prendergast, of New York, when a delegate from New York County leaped to his chair and demanded to be heard.

"Suspender Jack" Starts Things.

"It's 'Suspender Jack' McGee," cried a voice from the gallery. Chairman Straus looked puzzled. McGee, who got his name in the Indian country by riding a broncho into camp with suspenders used as reins, moved toward the platform.

"They say I am crazy, but I know what I am doing," he cried, as he swung upon the platform steps. Chairman Straus looked with surprise on the man, who tossed his rough rider hat on the floor and demanded the right to make a nomination.

"Whom do you wish to nominate?" asked Chairman Straus. "Suspender Jack" paused a moment and then cried: "I nominate the illustrious and honorable Oscar S. Straus."

Straus at First Amused.

The delegates seemed stunned; then a few of them cheered. Straus gave an amused laugh at "Suspender Jack."

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PASTOR DECLARES SUN IS ON HIS SIDE

M'PHERSON POINTS TO WEATHER FOLLOWING PRAYER.

Minister Replies to Critic Who Had Said Supplication Was Reflection on God's Judgment.

"They may say what they like but they cannot deny that it was fine today, and that on the other hand it was raining all Thursday, and long before that, and it is now raining in California, so we have all the evidence on our side."

So said Rev. C. T. McPherson who on Thursday had prayed for fine weather. In reply to a letter ridiculing the idea, from Perry Joseph Green, minister of the Temple of Truth, Green, after saying he was amused at the appeal of Mr. McPherson to all Christian people to join in prayers for the cessation of rain, held out the idea that as God was omnipotent and omniscient, he was therefore, the best judge of the proper time to send the rain, and the right moment to stop it.

If the rain was a punishment for sin, Green urged all to take their punishment manfully or else find out where the sin lay and abstain from the wrong doing. "If orthodox preachers continue to deal in such shortsighted reason and logic, infidels will increase," was one of his shots.

"All I can say in answer," said Mr. McPherson, "is to point to the report of the Weather Bureau, which will show that not only have we had no rain but we have even had some sunshine, and there are prospects of further fine weather for tomorrow."

"As for ridiculing prayer to the Almighty, why, ever since the beginning we have been taught to carry to the Almighty our needs. Other people before me have prayed for rain or for fine weather and their prayers have been answered, and I would point to the fact that so far, though there is no method of proving that the fine weather has come as a direct result of our prayers, the solid fact remains that there has been no rain."

"Impromptu and private prayers are being offered up all over the Northwest, and the only reason I can give for others abusing me and ridiculing the idea of asking anything of the Almighty is that they are sore because they didn't think of it themselves before. No one I have met has done anything but thank me and congratulate me for doing it."

AIRSHIP NIGHT LIGHTS NEXT

Hydroplane's Defiance of Vague Law Worries River Inspector.

There is a joke going the rounds of the Custom-House this night and end as a real joke if the Federal statutes are strictly interpreted. The story goes that Chief Inspector H. F. McGrath has had an attack of nervous prostration and gone to Tillamook County to shoot bears because he could not find in the customs regulations anything about the regulation of hydro-aeroplanes.

He witnessed one at dusk, hovering along the waters of the Willamette with a passenger on board and without any lights displayed. Later he discovered that it had no life preservers aboard, no bucket of sand or other required aids, such as fog horns, bells, anchors, etc.

As it was a motor-driven boat on the water, McGrath insisted that it came under the regulations, but as he could not find anyone to agree with him he went to the woods to hunt bear.

The craft referred to is that in which Walter Edwards and Christensen, of Vancouver, have been skimming the river recently.

THEFT AWAKENS CHARITY

Child's Theft of Penny Brings Help to Destitute Mother of 18.

SPOKANE, Sept. 6.—The theft of a penny by her small son today brought relief from destitution to Mrs. Selma Mayer, who has been the mother of 18 children, 15 of whom now are dependent on her.

Little Oliver Mayer was taken before the juvenile judge for stealing a penny. Under the kindly questioning of the judge he told of the bitter poverty in which his mother lived. County officials made arrangements at once to provide Mrs. Mayer with enough money to keep her and her children in food and clothing.

PIPE DRIVEN TO MINERS

Hope Entertained That Two May Be Saved From Flood.

BIWABIK, Minn., Sept. 6.—Officials of the Biwabik mine, which was filled by a cloudburst Wednesday night, are today driving a pipe through 35 feet of ground to two miners caught in a sub-level, to give them air if they still are alive.

If the men are alive they have given no sign. It is believed, however, that the two are safe from the water and that they eventually will be found alive. A third man caught was at the bottom of the shaft, and undoubtedly is dead.

POTATO EXPERT IN FIELD

Railroad Employs Eugene H. Grubb to Teach Western Farmers.

OMAHA, Sept. 6.—With a view to developing potato culture in several states west of the Missouri River, Eugene H. Grubb, a well-known authority on potato culture, has been placed in the field by the Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Grubb, who has successfully experimented for years in that line, believes the West can increase its potato crop to an extent which will make needless the present importations from other countries, which, he says, amount to about 25,000,000 bushels annually.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS SWOOP UPON DIVE

"Black Bottle" House's Inmates Caught.

12 MURDERS MAY BE BARED

Two Men and 14 Women Held to Give Evidence.

WITNESS IS THREATENED

Fearing for Safety of Miss Virginia Brooks, Authorities Place Two Detectives to Guard Her, Day and Night.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—West

Hammond's graft-ridden "murder levee" became a Federal target tonight when Henry Foss, keeper of the dive in which the "black bottle" is said to have been used with fatal regularity, and "Con" Moore, another vice king of the district, were arrested on charges of violation of the Mann act.

The raid on the district, conducted after darkness had fallen, under the supervision of Miss Virginia Brooks and Walter M. Krimbill, assistant District Attorney, came unexpectedly. Two women, alleged to have been agents for Moore, and a dozen women inmates of dives also were taken into custody. They were bundled into automobiles and hurried to Chicago, where they were arraigned before Wirt E. Humphrey, United States Commissioner, and placed under bonds.

Woman Tells of Death.

The new angle to the "black bottle" murders came after Mrs. Ethel Parker, known as "Frankie Ford," had taken the stand in County Judge Owens' court and openly told her story of the death of John Messmaker. It virtually was the same as told last Thursday morning and corroborated during the day by "Little Clark," a former chambermaid at the Foss dive, who was found at Gary, Ind.

Immediately after Mrs. Parker had told her story, Miss Brooks went into conference with Mr. Krimbill. Government agents also had been in court and heard the girl's testimony.

Warrants were sworn out for Foss, Moore and a dozen women. Technically they were charged with having transported no less than 50 girls from Indiana into Illinois for immoral purposes. Specific cases of bringing a dozen girls from Gary, Crown Point and South Bend were charged.

Hotel Keeper Arrested.

About 7 o'clock Deputy United States Marshals Connelly and Northrup and six deputy sheriffs were taken in Mrs. Foss' automobile to West Hammond. They entered the town secretly and then acted in concert in a raid on the dives under the direction of Miss Brooks and Mr. Krimbill.

"Con" Moore, keeper of the notorious Colonial Hotel, first was arrested. Then the squad descended on a State street and took Mrs. John Forsythe and Lena Dittshur into custody. They were charged with having been leaders of a band of women who made tours through Indiana, enticing girls to the West Hammond dives. Mrs. Moore, Gertrude Collins and five other women were next arrested.

Foss could not be found until a late hour. He also was then taken to the Moore dive, where the others arrested had been herded together. He had been in hiding.

Results Are Expected.

From the witnesses corralled in tonight's raid the officials hope to force much evidence bearing upon the deaths of no less than a dozen men in the West Hammond dives. Certain conviction of the divekeepers under the Mann act was promised.

A sensation was caused in Judge Owens' court while Miss Brooks was on the stand during the morning preliminary to the story told by the Parker woman. Bailiff Deff saw a letter character wearing a red necktie endeavoring to give the girl a bottle supposed to contain drugs. Before he could reach the man he broke through the door and made his escape down the stairway.

Miss Brooks on the stand told of the investigation which had led to the girl's arrest on a charge of being an accessory to the murder of John Messmaker, the latter having died in her arms after being given a draught from the alleged poisonous "black bottle." She ended by telling of numerous threats which had been made against her life, both over the telephone and by letter. She said she had been threatened again before leaving her home for court. Because of her danger, two city detectives have been assigned to guard her day and night.

SPOKANE PUBLIC TO SWIM

Free Bathing Pool in River Planned by Municipal Commission.

SPOKANE, Sept. 6.—The Spokane Park Commission decides today to build a free municipal swimming pool in the Spokane River. The pool will be a part of the river itself, a retaining wall in the middle of the river forming one side. The water will be kept at a proper temperature by steam pipes. A large number of dressing rooms will be provided.

