



BRYAN CALLS T.R.'S POSITION UNSOUND

Commoner Takes Issue on Trust Policy.

MONOPOLY NOT NECESSITY

Socialist Declared More Logical Than Colonel.

PRIMARY LAW DISCUSSED

Nebraskan Advocates Postal Vote, as Tried in New Zealand and Advises Californians in Making of Platform.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 24.—Ushered into the Assembly chamber of the California Legislature to the tune of "Dixie," introduced standing under the portrait of Abraham Lincoln as "the great commoner," to an audience of California Republicans, William Jennings Bryan spoke today an hour to a Democratic convention that had just chosen unannounced as its temporary chairman Senator Caminetti, of Amador, a man pledged to the policies of Bryan and elected on the strength of his pledges.

Mr. Bryan arrived only a moment after the utter rout of the forces led by Theodore A. Bell, who opposed him in the Baltimore convention.

Californians' Claim Defended.

In the course of his speech Mr. Bryan declared that Governor Johnson's address at Chicago had been the "gem of the Republican National convention" and that in his opinion the claim of the contested Roosevelt delegates from San Francisco—disallowed by the National committee—was as just as their case had been interesting.

Mr. Bryan's speech, however, was almost devoid of personalities. His mention of Governor Johnson went no further; he referred to Theodore Roosevelt impersonally and Mr. Taft's name was mentioned incidentally once.

The burden of his thought was a series of recommendations to the convention for consideration before they wrote their platform—which they had not done when he spoke. Seriatim they were:

1. The New Zealand postal vote, by which traveling men and other absentees might retain their votes while away from home. The measure, he argued, saved the individual expense and preserved to the community a measure of intelligence now lost.
2. A modification of the state primary law.
3. More stringent trust laws.
4. Strict supervision of campaign expenditures and contributions.
5. Supervision of public moneys at interest.

Mr. Bryan gave most of his time to discussion of the state primary law, a timely topic to a state torn with uncertainty on that subject, and to an arraignment of Theodore Roosevelt's position on the trusts, which he thought less logical than that of the Socialists.

"At Chicago," he said, "in discussing primaries, I thought the Progressive delegates had a clear case. I thought the preponderance of right was on their side, and yet I thought there was some right in the position of their opponents, in that California had changed the National system of representation, and, as it seemed to me, changed it to disadvantage.

"The primary has come to stay. Not again, I believe shall we nominate a President by convention, but—so great will be the extension of Presidential primaries in the next four years—by the people from their homes."

Unit Rule Believed Bad.

"In the Democratic party we have the unit rule. I believe it is a bad rule. I believe the Republican system of representation by districts is the better one and though I do not question that the man who framed our primary law meant well, they put California at variance with the rest of the states when they declared that delegates should be chosen at large and not by the votes of those whom they represent."

In reference to the trusts, Bryan said:

"Mr. Taft is in favor of enforcing the laws that exist—he does not believe in any new ones—and yet he enforces them in such a way as to please the defendants.

"Mr. Roosevelt's platform goes further. He takes the position that the trusts are necessities; that they are here to stay. I do not believe that his position is sound economic. The whole tendency of monopoly is to overthrow economic law.

"Wherever you have a monopoly you find four things: pressure down on the price of raw materials; pressure up on the price of finished materials; lowering of the quality of the finished goods; despotic management.

Socialist More Logical Than T. R. Mr. Roosevelt is proposing the opening of a question he cannot close. The Socialist is more logical in his theory. Admit that the trust is an economic development, come to stay, and you cannot beat the second half of his proposition that the Government must own the trust."

To the amusement of the Democrats, Mr. Bryan was captured by the Roosevelt Progressives and addressed them.

EGGS FROM AIR IS CHEMIST'S PROMISE

SCIENTIST SEES GREAT POSSIBILITY IN NITROGEN.

More Complex Compounds Than Heretofore Achieved Regarded as Certainties of Future.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Dr. Paul Walden, of Riga, Russia, predicts that the next great feat of chemistry will be the making of eggs from air. Dr. Walden, who is president-elect of the ninth International Congress of Applied Chemistry, to be held in St. Petersburg in 1915, further predicts that a variety of nitrogenous foods will be made from the air some day.

"I consider it practically certain that at no distant day we will be drawing food supplies from the air," he said today. "Professor Berntsen, of Germany, already has succeeded in making the simple compound of nitrogen and hydrogen.

"This shows that we will be able to make more complex compounds. An egg is a complex compound of nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur and hydrogen."

ORDER OF GLACIALS FORMS

Portland Newspaper Men Prominent in Party to National Park.

CAMP McDERMOTT, via Glacier Park, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—One of the events of the trip through Glacier National Park of the large delegation of Eastern and Western newspaper men, now on the trail, was the creation of the Elevated Order of Glacials, in which organization the representatives of the Portland newspapers played a prominent part.

The purpose of the order is to carry forward the "See America" propaganda and the charter membership includes representatives of the leading publications of New York, Boston, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Atlanta, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Portland, Vancouver, B. C., Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane.

The Portland representatives were chosen for the following offices: Chief terminal morale, O. Clark Letter; great high rolling boulder, W. P. Stranburg; Chief Pathfinder, J. L. Wallin. Mr. Letter was initiated into the medicine lodge of the Blackfoot Indian tribe and the name of Bear-shirt was bestowed upon him at the close of the unique ceremony.

PRIEST BEATEN BY THUGS

Trio Rob Two Sailors and Minister and Policeman Who Go to Aid.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—A priest, a policeman and two sailors were injured in a battle with three holdup men on the Hudson River waterfront today.

The two sailors were on their way to their boat, the Morgan liner *Monius*, when they were attacked by the trio, who beat them into unconsciousness with blackjacks. The noise of the conflict was heard by the Rev. Philip McGrath, of the Catholic Seaman's Mission, a block away and he ran to their rescue, only to be laid unconscious beside the two sailors. Before he fell the priest managed to draw a police whistle from his pocket and blew a long blast.

The whistle drew Patrolman Brennan to the scene, but he was knocked into the gutter and robbed of his helmet and night stick. The three holdup men escaped.

BIG BULL MOOSE KILLED

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, Makes New Record for Quebec.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, according to telegrams received here today, has shot the largest bull moose ever killed in the Province of Quebec. The moose was found on Lake Marie, 140 miles north of the City of Quebec, where the Mayor has been hunting with several friends.

Friends of the Mayor will urge him to present the trophy to leaders at Roosevelt Progressive headquarters here.

WIFE IS GIVEN \$60,000

E. E. Upmeyer Transfers Property Year Before Death.

HARRISBURG, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Since the will of the late E. E. Upmeyer has been probated dividing his large estate, it is learned that by direct transfer about a year ago, he gave Mrs. Upmeyer title to land, stock and bonds to the value of \$60,000.

MINISTER AIDS IN CHASE

Parson, Awakened by Shots, Lands Murder Suspect in Jail.

REDONDO BEACH, Cal., Sept. 24.—Aroused from a nap by revolver shots today, Rev. V. B. Harding, pastor of the Redondo Beach Congregational Church, discovered that Florentino Roppa, a laborer, had been shot to death not far from the minister's home.

The minister headed a searching party, which saw another man, who later gave his name as Jose Rodriguez, emerge from a small clump of weeds.

The minister gave chase, captured the man and lodged him in the county jail on a murder charge.

TAFT CERTAIN HE WILL BE ELECTED

President Feels Sure of "Solid East."

THIRD TERM IDEA IS WANING

Plea Made for Congress in Sympathy With Views.

PART OF WEST RELIED ON

In Formal Statement, Executive Tells of Hopes of Victory in States Heretofore Claimed for Colonel's Party.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—President Taft, in a prepared interview issued tonight, declared that his recent claims of strength were entitled to respect. He repeated that he believed he would be elected, and gave his reasons for denying that he had been over sanguine.

He analyzed the political situation as he saw it, maintained that the regular Republicans would carry the solid East and hold enough of the Central and Western states to win.

The President made these statements at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, where he went on his arrival from Washington late today and received several of his friends and political associates.

Faith in Re-election Reinforced.

"When I declared a few weeks ago," says the President, "that I felt reasonably sure of my own re-election in November and of the success of the Republican party, I was regarded by some as entirely over-sanguine and unaware of the situation. Today, however, after a number of indications that the Republican party is still the dominant party and that the expected growth of Democratic strength has failed to materialize my original declaration is shown to be entitled to respect.

"The Republicans necessarily will have a reduced majority over 1908, because of the presence of three tickets in the field, but the Democratic party will suffer also. The combined strength of the third-term party will not be enough to change the ultimate result.

Solid East is Counted On.

"Five or six weeks ago it was asserted generally that the Republican party would secure the vote of the solid East, including the New England States, with the exception of

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HUGHES LEADS IN NEW YORK VOTE

MAN WILSON FAVORED FOR SENATOR IS FAR AHEAD.

Foss Renominated for Governor in Massachusetts Primaries, Republicans Picking Walker.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 24.—Returns from 42 out of the 1795 election districts in the state in today's primaries for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator give Hughes 1071, Smith 587, McDermott 35 and Westcott 14.

Hughes is the man whom Governor Wilson favored and Smith is the former Newark "boss" against whom the Governor waged a vigorous campaign, resulting in his defeat for the Senate when he was candidate in 1911.

BOSTON, Sept. 24.—Governor Foss was renominated by the Democrats in the primary election today. Returns from half of the state, including the city of Boston, gave him a lead of nearly 11,000 votes over his opponent, Joseph C. Pelletier.

In the same cities and town Joseph Walker had a lead at midnight of about 3000 over Everett C. Benton for the Republican nomination.

ELECTRIC OPIATE FOUND

German Doctor Says Current Will Also Eliminate Pain.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—An electric sleep, which may be turned on and off at will, is the alluring prospect offered to people suffering from insomnia by Dr. Nagelschmidt, who describes his invention for this purpose in a medical magazine.

He says he has devised a new form of electric current which, when applied to the base of the brain, will produce a narcotic effect which can be maintained as long as is desired. It has been tried with success and without any injurious effects on dogs and rabbits, and Dr. Nagelschmidt is convinced that it can be equally applied to human beings.

Application of the current also eliminates pain from any part of the body.

LAND IN SPAIN UNTILLED

Report Shows 60 Per Cent Uncultivated—30,000 Towns Schoolless.

MADRID, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—As a result of the investigation ordered by King Alfonso, the Minister of the Interior reports that 60 per cent of the land in Spain is uncultivated and that 38 per cent is utterly without irrigation.

The report shows that 4500 villages are without roads or railroad, 30,000 towns and villages have no schools and 12,000,000 of Spain's 17,000,000 inhabitants can neither read nor write.

State Forester Goes East.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—State Forester Elliott has left for Indianapolis to attend the fourth annual convention of the National Conservation Association as an Oregon delegate. E. T. Allen, of Portland, will also attend.

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GIRL'S FIANCE TO GET HER ESTATE

Father Dies on Eve of Will Contest.

MYSTERY OF DEATH REVIVED

Insurance Policies Held Up Until Body Is Exhumed.

STEPMOTHER WILL LOSE

Mr. Wheeler and His Attorney in Denver Under Assumed Name on Errand to Dispute Validity of Girl's Bequest.

DENVER, Sept. 24.—As the result of the death here of James Cooper Wheeler, of Hollis, Long Island, New York, father of Miss Candace Wheeler, who was drowned here last June, it is believed that the contest of her will instituted by her father on charges of alleged fraud will be dropped on the ground that the present Mrs. Wheeler, as the dead girl's stepmother, has no right to the estate.

In this event Otto Meyer, of Minneapolis, who was Miss Wheeler's fiancé, will receive the bulk of the estate, said to be worth \$15,000, after the payment of a \$5000 bequest to Dr. J. H. W. Meyer, Otto's brother and executor of Miss Wheeler's estate.

The estate comprises insurance policies amounting to \$12,500 and property bequeathed by the dead girl's mother.

Mystery Attends Drowning.

The fact that Miss Wheeler's body was not recovered for ten days gave rise to rumors that the drowned woman was not Miss Wheeler and that the real Miss Wheeler had gone East with the intention of going to Europe. These rumors resulted in holding up the payment of her insurance policies pending the exhuming of the body and positive identification by means of a dentist's chart.

After the recovery of the body, friends of Miss Wheeler asserted that several weeks before she was drowned, all her jewelry and other belongings had been secretly removed from her room.

Father Contests Will.

When the will was presented for probate and it was discovered that her fiancé and his brother were the beneficiaries and that her father was cut off with one dollar, Mr. Wheeler instituted suit, alleging that the beneficiaries had exercised an undue influence over the girl, that the instrument was "the product of deceit and

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MUNICIPAL DANCING MAY BE INSTITUTED

SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR URGES TRIAL OF PLAN.

Proposal Comes as Answer to Protest of Woman's Presbytery Against Sunday Dances.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Municipal dancing under municipal supervision, with municipal music and plenty of it, is the plan submitted to the Board of Supervisors yesterday by Supervisor Poyot. The matter was referred to the public welfare committee for a report as to ways and means of carrying the plan into operation.

It is the answer of the Board of Supervisors to the missionary committee of the Woman's Presbytery who demanded that the city withdraw its approval of Sunday dancing at Trocadero, under the auspices of the California Outdoor League.

The protest was presented in the form of a set of resolutions denouncing "the desecration of the Sabbath" with the approval of the city. It is the aim of the Public Welfare Committee to devise a plan and ways and means for the creation and maintenance of a public dance place wherein the municipal band may supply proper music and the people may enjoy dancing under conditions that will avoid any possible criticism of the dance or the dancers.

ELKS WILL USE "BEETATO"

Portland Lodge Will Distribute Purple Tuber at Reunion.

Oregon's newest pomological oddity, dubbed the "beetato," which is a hybrid between an Irish potato and a red beet, has already been found valuable as an advertising asset. The tuber's "inward" have a deep purple one of the official colors of the Elks' lodge.

Officers of Portland Lodge, No. 142, have been quick to realize the peculiar coloring feature of the "beetato." They are now negotiating with L. W. Rinhardt, of Silver Springs station, in Clackamas County, the originator of the new potato, for all of next year's crop of "purple spuds" to take back to Rochester for the Elks' annual reunion. Inasmuch as the reunion will be held in July, Mr. Rinhardt will have to plant his "beetatos" as early as possible next Spring so that the product of the new crop will be large enough by convention time.

Mr. Rinhardt expects to grow enough "beetatos" to supply souvenirs for every delegate to the Rochester reunion. Portland Elks are rejoicing that they will have such an unique souvenir to advertise Oregon.

GUN TAKEN, OWNER FLEES

Deputy Game Wardens Seek Man Who Shot China Pheasant.

Deputy Game Wardens Bremmer and Parker yesterday gave chase to an unidentified man who shot a China pheasant near Eugene, and, although he escaped, got his gun and the evidence of the game laws. The gun, No. 50178, is being held pending investigation as to who owns it.

Three men, of Eugene—Charles Gosson, John Hampton and Alex Elliott—were fined \$25 each at Eugene for killing pheasants.

Game Warden Finley reports that China pheasants are plentiful in the Willamette Valley and that his deputies have received many reports of people killing them. He protested against the small fine placed against the Eugene men, declaring that unless the courts use harsh measures the nuisance will not be stopped.

SCIENTISTS NOTE STRIKE

Crowds Friendly When Convicted Savants Are Not Strikebreakers.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 24.—Twenty-two of the foreign scientists touring the United States as guests of the American Geographical Society visited Bingham today, thus combining a view of a mining camp strike with an examination of a mountain of copper-bearing monzonite.

When convinced that the visitors were not strikebreakers, the crowds at Bingham regarded the scientists with friendly interest. More than half the party passed the day in visiting historic spots in and about Salt Lake City.

LEPER'S WIFE FILES SUIT

John R. Early's Spouse Alleges Inhuman Treatment in Action.

TACOMA, Sept. 24.—Alleging inhuman treatment, Mrs. Lottie Early, wife of the leper, John R. Early, now at Diamond Point Hospital, today filed suit for divorce.

The couple were married in 1906 and have three children, the last of whom was born after Early, who was shunned about from one community to another, was known to be a leper.

ARMED BALLOONS ORDERED

France to Build Swift Dirigibles Using Machine Guns.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—France has decided to build a squadron of swift armed dirigibles for its aerial war fleet in addition to the aeroplanes already possessed by the army.

Four great steerable balloons of the non-rigid type have been ordered by the government. These are to have a speed of about 43½ miles an hour and are to be armed with machine guns. Their gas capacity is to be about 600,000 cubic feet.

BOREAS DESCENDS ON MIDDLE WEST

4 States Have Early Snow Storms.

MINNESOTA CORN IN DANGER

Temperature Not Especially Low at Any Point.

GREAT AREA IS DISTURBED

Pacific Coast and Gulf Coast Only Parts of Country Free From First Touches of Winter—Mercury Falling on Great Lakes.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Dispatches received tonight at the Weather Bureau headquarters tell of pretentious snow storms in four states. The early arrival of "the beautiful" is not accompanied by unusually low temperature and proves rather beneficial than otherwise.

Wyoming was the first to report the advance agent of winter, the vicinity around Lander experiencing a regular snow fall. The maximum temperature during the day in the vicinity of the Wyoming storm was 36 and the minimum 32, so that the snow did not melt rapidly.

Storm Sweeps Eastward.

The same storm swept rapidly eastward, and tonight was reported in both the Dakotas and Minnesota. Heavy rains have been prevailing in Western Minnesota for two days, but a drop in temperature changed the rain to snow, and the temperature throughout Western Minnesota tonight is about 40 and the snow is melting rapidly because the earth is warm.

Dispatches tonight say the temperature is lowering noticeably in Northern Iowa and there are indications of snow fall there tomorrow. Storms are also predicted generally over the Central West. Rain began falling in the Great Lakes region shortly before midnight tonight and the temperature is dropping steadily. The same storm will probably spread to the Ohio River before its force is spent.

Corn in Minnesota in Danger.

Dispatches received on the Board of Trade late today show that the farmers in Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas are not worrying over frost, as they say the corn is made and frost would be beneficial. The same conditions, however, do not apply to the corn crop in Iowa, Minnesota and states in that tier. The crop there was late in planting and frost at this time or within ten days would work immense damage.

The weather map tonight shows temperature approximating freezing point in the Canadian Northwest with southwest winds. All indications point to appreciably colder weather tomorrow and perhaps for several days, until the storms now prevailing over a wide stretch of territory have spent their force.

Steam Area Spreading.

Threatening weather is reported from practically all the Mountain states and all the West Central states. The storm area is also spreading over portions of Michigan tonight. Rain and threatening weather is reported from New York and Western Pennsylvania.

The Pacific Coast states and the Gulf Coast country seem to be immune from the present weather disturbance as the reports tonight are warm, clear weather or for practically all points reporting.

Dispatches from Omaha tonight say that General Manager Holdredge, of the Burlington Railroad, has been snowbound in a cabin in the Big Horn Mountain for a week and that heavy snow is still falling over that district.

DARROW JUDGE IS NAMED

Governor Designates Madera County Jurist to Preside.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 24.—Acting Governor Wallace named Judge Conley, of Madera County, today to sit as a trial judge at the trial of Clarence Darrow in Los Angeles, beginning October 21, when the second charge of jury bribing against the Chicago lawyer in the McNamara case will be heard.

Darrow was acquitted on the first charge. When the trial date for the second case was set the Superior Judges of Los Angeles County asked to be relieved from sitting, as the publicity given the first case had tended to prejudice their minds.

FAMOUS CANADIAN DIES

Sir Richard Cartwright Firm Friend of United States.

KINGSTON, Ont., Sept. 24.—Sir Richard Cartwright died today following a surgical operation.

Sir Richard was born in 1835, and devoted the greater part of his life to the service of his country politically. He was a firm friend of the United States, and as Minister of Trade and Commerce in the Laurier Cabinet, urged commercial reciprocity with the neighboring republic.

He represented Canada on the Anglo-American joint high commission at Quebec in 1895 and at Washington in 1898-99.



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