

COLONEL'S FRIENDS PREPARING FOR '16

Sounding of Leaders Gives Indication of Desire to Return to Old Party.

MYSTERY ATTENDS MOVES

Few Commit Themselves, and There Is No Rush for Roosevelt Bandwagon—Lack of Candor Generally Resented.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 31.—Is Colonel Roosevelt deliberately laying plans to go after the Republican nomination for President in 1916, or is the sudden activity of his friends merely an indication of their desire to see him return to the Republican party? That question is receiving much consideration in the lobbies of Congress, and is really attracting more attention than either the tariff or the currency.

Within the past month several prominent Republicans of the "progressive" type have been cautiously approached by men intimate personally or politically with Colonel Roosevelt, and have been sounded to ascertain how they would stand if the Colonel should decide to seek the Republican nomination. Whether these men came to Washington by direction of the Colonel or on their own responsibility was not disclosed, and in few instances did they receive any positive encouragement. Nevertheless, they have aroused unusual interest.

Friends Sounding Leaders. Coincident with the visits of these men to Washington, Republican Senators are receiving word from several states indicating that other friends of Colonel Roosevelt have been traveling over the country, conferring with Republican leaders, and especially with "progressive" Republican leaders, trying to learn their attitude, and the fact that a country-wide investigation appears to be in progress lends additional interest to present-day speculation.

That Colonel Roosevelt should want to return to the Republican fold is not surprising, especially in view of the collapse of his third party. He himself has never said publicly that he intended to or even thought of returning to the Republican party, but his recent speech at Chicago, following his trip to Arizona, conveyed to many politicians who read it the idea that he contemplates getting back to his old political moorings. He significantly said: "There has been a great deal of talk about political parties getting together. They can get together at any time they wish by joining us. But they must accept all of our principles, even the judiciary plank in our platform form."

Mystery Is Resented. Unfortunately, in many respects, the men who have been engaged in sounding out progressive Republican leaders on the Roosevelt candidacy did not get much definite assurance. A few leaders who were approached did commit themselves. Some were in favor of nominating Colonel Roosevelt, if he will return to the party, and if the party will reorganize on "progressive" lines; others, and the vast majority, declined to commit themselves, not so much because of the Roosevelt name, but because of the mystery that existed in their own minds, as because of the mystery thrown around the visits paid them.

Those who have been doing the interviewing have been frank and open with the leaders to whom they talked; they refused to say whether they came as representative of Colonel Roosevelt, or merely as persons interested in his political success. Because of this air of mystery they got little satisfaction, and purposely were left in doubt until such time as they were willing to state their true cause frankly.

Some of the leaders of the "progressive" wing of the Republican party would welcome Colonel Roosevelt back into the fold and would work for his nomination in 1916. If he again proclaims himself a Republican, they will oppose him on other than selfish grounds or because of the stand he took in the last campaign, contributing largely, as he did, to the defeat of the Republican party in 1912. For instance, will not come out in favor of Roosevelt's nomination in 1916, for he will himself be a candidate. The same is true of Cummings, of Iowa. It is evident, from recent gossip in Senate cloakrooms, that there will be no rush to get on the Roosevelt bandwagon.

PARDONS TO BE PROTESTED

Pointdexter and Wickersham Oppose Freedom for Bulloch and Houston.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Senator Pointdexter, of Washington, and Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska, will call on President Wilson on his return from New Hampshire and protest against pardoning of John H. Bulloch and Charles Houston, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for frauds in connection with contracts for furnishing coal for Army posts in Alaska. Several Senators, James Chamberlain and Lane and Representatives Humphrey, La Follette and Johnson called on the President and urged the pardon of Bulloch, who now lives in Portland, on the ground that he was merely an agent in the transactions for which he was indicted, and is understood the Attorney-General also has recommended the pardon of both men.

Wickersham is a political enemy of the two defendants in question and has induced Pointdexter to aid him in his appeal to the President.

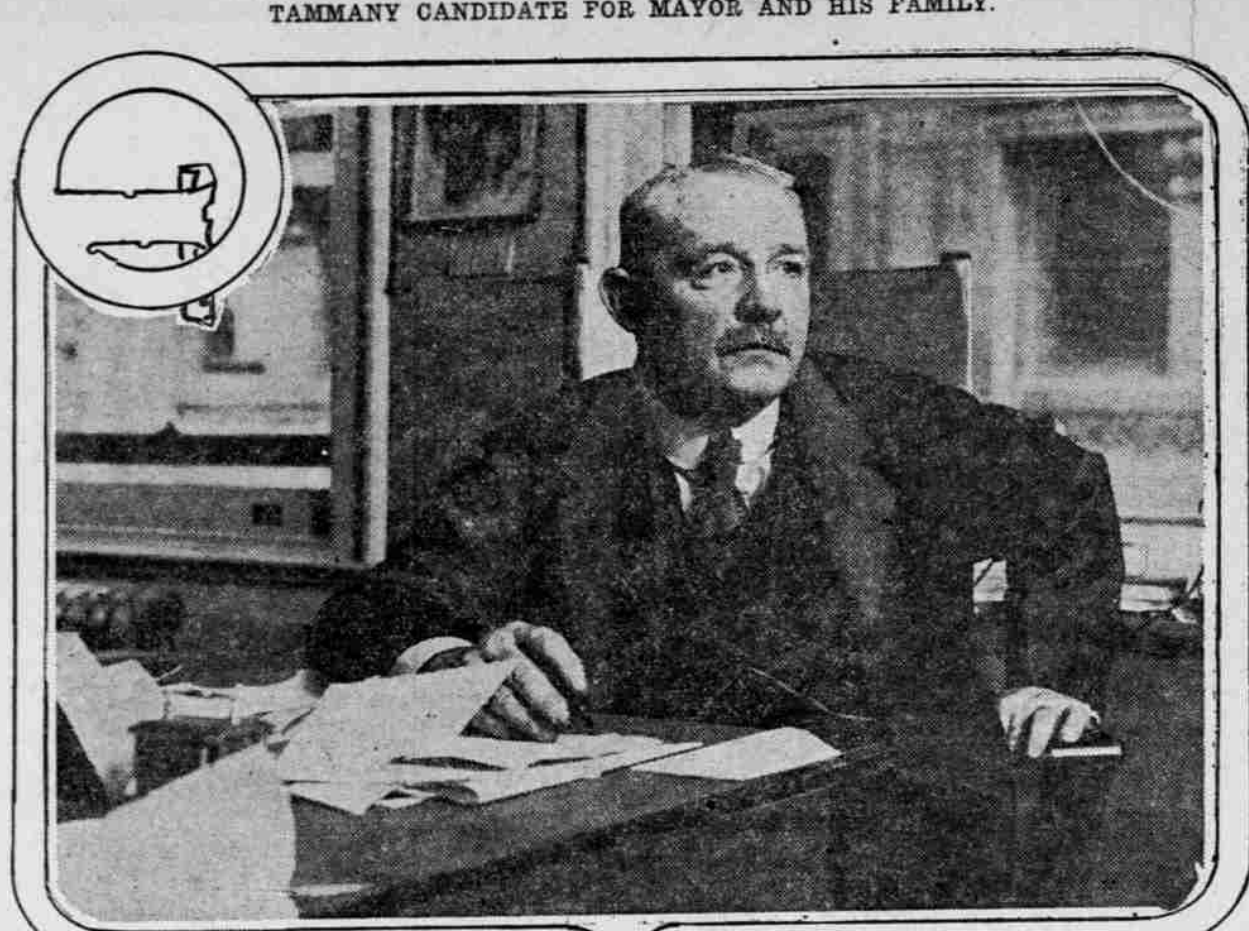
HORSELESS CITY IN VIEW

Animals Fast Give Place to Motor Vehicles in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—There will be no horses in Chicago 50 years from now if the annual decrease of 2 per cent. in the use of animals in the city continues. The decrease has been computed for the years between 1907 and 1912, which show a total falling off in horse-drawn vehicles of 12 per cent. for that period, while the use of automobiles has increased 57 per cent. Figures gathered by the Citizens' Street Cleaning Bureau show that 1769 fewer horses moved through the downtown streets daily in 1912 than in 1907. Motors increased in the same period from 1193 each day to 7398.

Lindsay Speaks for Suffrage

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver, was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of suffragists here today under the auspices of the National Woman Suffrage Association. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, presided.



TAMMANY CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR AND HIS FAMILY.

MURPHY HAS HOPE

Tammany Thinks McCall Stands Chance of Election.

OPPOSITION IS DIVIDED

Gaynor's Candidacy Regarded as Help, and Republican Aid Is Counted On—Attacks on Sulzer Will Prove Costly.

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him to the United States Senate when his term in the City Hall was up, to which Dowling replied that he was doubtful whether there was going to be any Tammany Mayor next year, and, anyway, he did not mean to take the chance.

With Dowling absolutely eliminated, Murphy and his advisors were all at sea. Just at this time certain persons well known in Wall Street called on Murphy and asked what was the matter with McCall. They explained that there was considerable interest in the subway problem, and that it was necessary to have a "safe" man in the City Hall. If the man like McCall were named, they went on to say, it was an absolute certainty that a good-sized campaign fund could be raised.

The understanding among well-informed Tammany men is that this argument made a profound impression on Murphy. Anyway, the nomination was offered to McCall and accepted with promptitude.

Traction Companies Like McCall

McCall is now the chairman of the Public Service Commission in the Metropolitan district. He was appointed by Governor Sulzer to succeed William R. Wilcox, resigning from the bench to take the place. His first official act was to cast the deciding vote for the subway plan advocated by the Interborough and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Companies, interested parties; the same plan that was bitterly attacked by John Purroy Mitchell and William Randolph Hearst as a steal of uncounted millions. Perhaps it is and perhaps it is not; anyway, the traction companies are exceedingly pleased with McCall.

The nominee is the brother of John A. McCall, who as president of the New York Life Company was obliterated by the investigations conducted by Charles E. Hughes, now Justice of the United States Supreme Court. It is general knowledge that Edward McCall owed his promotion to the Supreme Court to the influence of his brother in the days of his power.

How will Edward McCall run? That has been the question of the present writing. The Tammany men express confidence in his election. They figure as a starter on the dyed-in-the-wool Tammany men who can be relied on to vote for any one no matter who he may be. Next, they count on a large share of the Republican vote, holding, with good reason, that the Republicans are dissatisfied with the fusion nomination, and that the effort that was made to shove the G. O. P. to the rear. According to the Tammany idea, Gaynor, as an independent candidate, will poll the larger share of the Republican vote. McCall the next, while the smallest number of Republicans will be found with Mitchell.

Gaynor Counted as Aid

No one thinks that McCall is a popular candidate. Tammany's hopes are based on the belief that Republicans will not stick to the fusion slate. They hope Gaynor will remain in the race, counting on him to help them. A source of worryment to the Tammany warriors is the attitude of the friends of Governor Sulzer. You will find persons who believe that the Governor should be removed, but no one can deny that there are thousands of voters in the city who are fanatics in the belief that he is a victim of "the system."

Sulzer is particularly strong on the east side of town, and his friends are ready to go to any length to "get even" with Murphy. Sulzer is prepared to take the stump for Mitchell, and that he will swing thousands hereafter to straight Tammany votes to the fusion side cannot be questioned. Talking with one high Tammany man the other day, he said:

"We might convict Sulzer, or we might even elect him, but we could not destroy the faith his friends have in him. They regard him as a martyr and argument is useless. I am afraid we are going to find on election day that our attacks on him will be costly."

Mitchell Called Socialist

The Democratic campaign programme is outlined in the platform adopted at the convention. Briefly, it calls for home rule, the eight-hour day and a more economical conduct of the city business. Mitchell will be attacked as a Socialist and every effort made to get the support of "the belt element" on the ground that four years of Mitchell would ruin the city's credit. Murphy believes that by throwing Gaynor overboard his ora-



Above, Edward E. McCall (Photo Copyrighted by Bain News Service)—Below, (Left to Right), Mr. McCall With His Hands on Shoulder of His Daughter, Allis Gaynor; McCall's Daughter, Constance; McCall, Sidney; McCall, Nephew, and Mrs. McCall (Photo Copyrighted by Underwood & Underwood, New York).

PRINCE IS PUNISHED

Pretty French Laundress Is Dismissed by Queen Mary.

GIRL'S CHEEKS TOO ROSY

Young Ruler-to-Be Dares Not Object, but He Sends \$750 to Deposed Employee — Puritanical Edict Causes Smiles.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Smiles and grins will surely cross the channel from France to Great Britain over the story published here today by the royal Parisian of the latest puritanical edict of stern Queen Mary, enforced on the Prince of Wales, in which a pretty little French laundress of the royal youngster's establishment became the victim, being summarily dismissed.

The Cri de Paris asserts that the only indictment possible against the little French laundress was her youth and good looks. Her department is said to have been demure; her ironing ceased and no water in the washbasin. But the rose of her cheeks and the light of her eyes were condemned by Queen Mary as being not suitable for the immediate environment of the future ruler.

AUTOS SHOW BIG GAIN

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS FOR AUGUST ARE 508.

State Collects \$56,000 to Be Distributed to Various Counties in Coming January.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The motor vehicle registrations made with Secretary of State Olcott during August were 508, as against 352 in August, 1912. The total fees from motor vehicles and chauffeur registrations from January 1 to date aggregate \$54,190, as against \$41,190.50 for the corresponding period last year. The total number of licenses issued to August 31, 1913, was 9706, while thus far during the present year they total 13,416, showing a gain in the motor vehicle registrations during 1913 of approximately 37 1/2 per cent.

Mr. Olcott stated that the total motor vehicle registrations for 1913 on the present basis, will reach fully 14,000, and that the total fees for the year will be not less than \$66,000. This money, after deducting the expenses of administration, which will not exceed 20 per cent of the fees, will be distributed throughout the various counties this coming January, in proportion to the registrations from the counties. Multnomah County will receive a lion's share of this money as more than 50 per cent of registrations are from that county.

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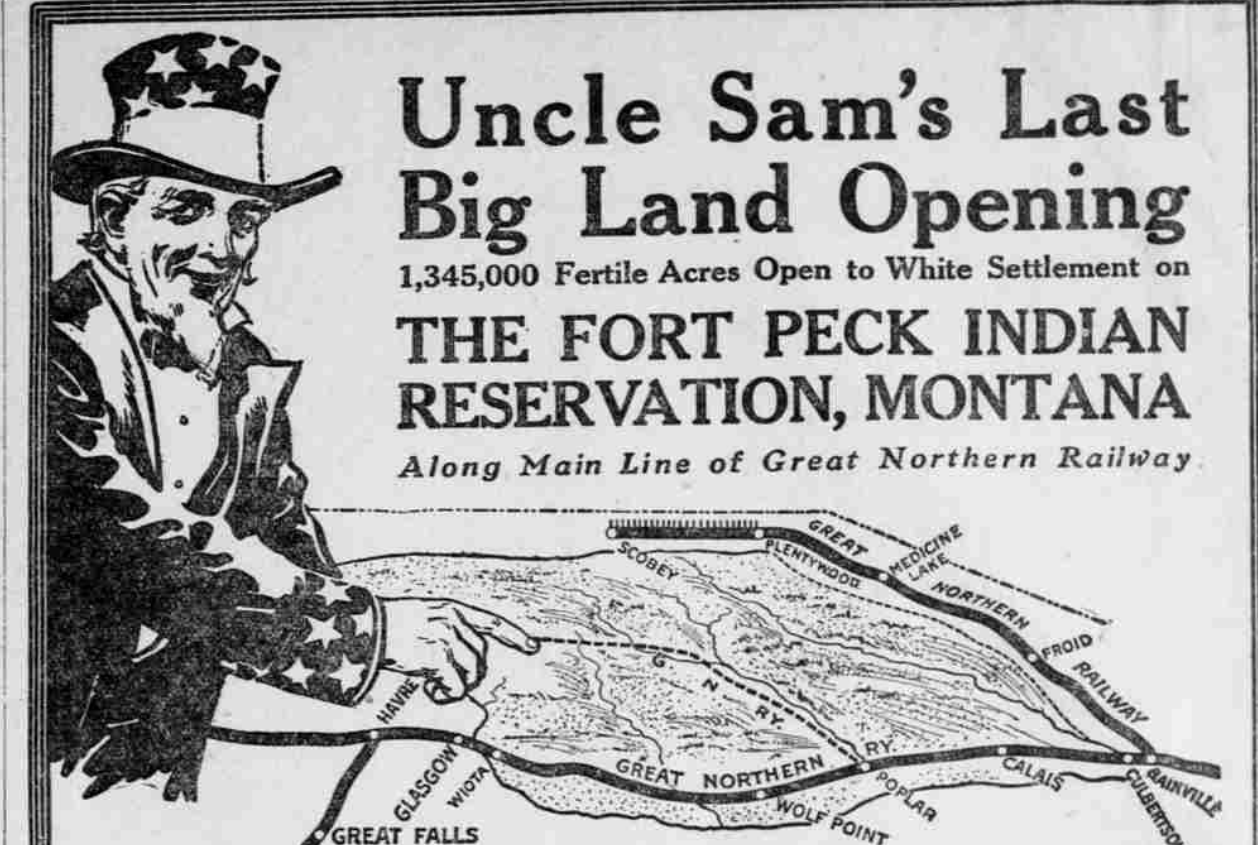
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Uncle Sam's Last Big Land Opening

1,345,000 Fertile Acres Open to White Settlement on THE FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA Along Main Line of Great Northern Railway

On the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, located just north of the Missouri River on the fertile plains of Northeastern Montana, lie 8,406 homesteads of 160 acres each, waiting the coming of the farmer. The Indians, peaceable and fond of agriculture, have been allotted their lands.

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1,345,000 acres remain for the white man—land with a rich, sandy loam soil capable of raising 20 to 30 bushels of wheat and 40 to 60 bushels of oats per acre. These lands have been appraised at \$2.50 to \$7.00 per acre and can be taken up under the United States homestead laws.

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DAM RUINING LAND

Reclamation Reservoir Withholds Needed Water.

LOWER CURRENT VANISHES

Railroad Bridge Across Platte Is Burned Because No Water Can Be Secured—Sub-Irrigation No Longer Possible.

OMAHA, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The great Pathfinder dam and reservoirs, for the reclamation of semi-arid Western lands, is reported to be ruining half a million acres of high-priced farming lands in the broad Platte River Valley in this state, and 1909 farmers and land owners have just held a meeting at Kearney, Neb., to petition the Government to abandon the big river reclamation system, which cost more than \$2,000,000.

In addition to this petition, the Nebraska farmers will at once file claims against the Government for the loss of lay to the big dam, which is impounding and holding the waters that ordinarily roll down the Platte River. Platte itself, for 100 miles around Kearney, contains no more water than does the heart of a desert. The river bed is simply a sandy waste, with not three-quarters of a mile can be crossed without getting the feet damp, but not without wading in sand six inches deep.

Underground Current Vanishes. Government reports of a few years ago showed that far more water came down the Platte River beneath the sand than above the bed. A hole dug in the sand anywhere in the Platte Valley would rapidly fill with water. But today this sub-irrigation has ceased and no water is obtainable in this manner. Last week, when the Burlington railroad bridge over the Platte River at Grand Island took fire, it spans burned because no water could be secured with which to quench the flames.

The Pathfinder dam is a huge affair thrown across the Platte just where it breaks from the mountains, and several hundred thousand acres of arid lands were reclaimed by the canals which led from the great reservoir formed just above the dam. All this land has been sold and is now being cultivated. Three

MOISTURE TOO DEEP FOR CROPS

Even the sub-irrigation water has disappeared. Experts say that the level of the sub-irrigation water has sunk from six to 10 feet since last year and that the moisture is now so deep in the sand that the roots of vegetation cannot reach it. This is due, say the experts, to the fact that the big Pathfinder dam, nearly 200 miles up the North Platte River, is impounding the water which formerly flowed down under the sand and gravel of the river valley.

The dam was constructed for the purpose of impounding only the flood water. Elaborate measurements were made by Government engineers and the utmost precautions were taken to insure that the usual amount of water would be sent down the Platte River, the surplus only being held in the reservoir above the dam. But some of the blunders, say the irrigation experts, and the tremendous volume of water which flowed beneath the sand on either side of the river and even beneath the river bed itself, was not taken into consideration. As a result, this sub-irrigation water has sunk to a low level and the water which usually flows above the dam, but some of the blunders, say the irrigation experts, and the tremendous volume of water which flowed beneath the sand on either side of the river and even beneath the river bed itself, was not taken into consideration.

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PORTOLA GIRLS COMING

DOZEN PRETTY MAIDS TO CONVEY INVITATION.

New Coast Liner Congress to Have Honor on First Voyage of Carrying Party North.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—California's Portola invitation is going to be taken to the Northwest in person by 12 pretty girls, chosen from among the workers of San Francisco and nearby cities. While the 12 have not yet been selected, that they will be pretty goes without saying, for they will all be California girls.

This contest is similar to that conducted in 1909, just prior to the opening of the Portola celebration of that year. Nominations are practically in order, the opening date for them being September 1. The date for the closing of nominations has not yet been announced. The contest proper will begin within a few days, however, the voting being done at designated polling places throughout the city and neighboring communities.

The party will go north on the new Pacific Steamship Company's liner Congress, which, costing \$1,250,000, has just been completed at Philadelphia. It is expected that the Portola girls will be among the passengers on the maiden trip. They go to Seattle first, thence into British Columbia, back to

TACOMA AND ON TO PORTLAND, RETURNING TO SAN FRANCISCO BY THE SHASTA LIMITED.

Every expense will be paid by the Portola committee, which will supply plenty of money as well as the 12 lucky girls. It is expected that this tour will do much to strengthen the community of interests between the various communities in the North and San Francisco.

GRESHAM WOMAN BURIED

GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Metzger, who died in Portland, was held in the Gresham Baptist Church, Rev. A. Thompson officiating. Mrs. Metzger was born in Clarke County, Wash. July 9, 1874, was married to W. H. Metzger in 1893 and moved to Gresham. She is survived by two children and her husband, her mother, Mrs. Joseph Dixon, and sisters, Misses Ina and Stella Dixon, and brothers, Joseph and Jess Dixon, of Portland; James Dixon, of Sandy; Arthur and Frank Dixon, of Kelso. The six brothers were the pallbearers.

DANGERS OF AUTO HEADLIGHTS

"In a recent accident, which also cost a life, a trolley car ran over a pedestrian who happened to be crossing in the shadow of a tree. The motorman's eyes were so dazzled by the bright span of illumination immediately in front of him that he could not discern objects in the shadow ahead."

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