

3 BILLS MAY MEET REFERENDUM TEST

Olympia Astir With Talk of Submitting Legislative Measures to People.

PARTY PROGRAMME ISSUE

Republican Election Laws Find Foes Which May Unite in Demands, but Registration Shortage Is Serious Obstacle Discovered.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—If Democrats, Progressives, labor leaders and heads of the State Grange and farmers' unions can, within the next week or ten days, get together and decide upon a party platform...

Active workers of the groups named agreed that before the 30 days waiting period elapses, some effort should be made to capture and carry off to the prize court of the next general election some member or members of the militia of 300-odd bills set afloat by the Legislature.

Three Bills May Be Put to Vote. In Spokane a meeting of Democratic and Progressive chiefs tentatively decided to center referendum efforts on one measure, House bill 129, requiring initiative and referendum petitions to be signed by a certain number of voters.

Measure Dooms Jitney, in View. The effect of the Jitney bus bill, it is decided, will be to put these vehicles out of commission in first-class cities, as surety companies will not write the business.

Registration Lists Short. In the city of Spokane, where there are approximately 36,000 voters, only a little more than 4000 are registered now. There has been a considerable early registration in Seattle, on the other hand, and to this city the backers of the referendum movement probably will have to look for the bulk of their signatures.

Before leaving the capital Democratic members of the Legislature sent a telegram to State Chairman Fogarty, urging him to make the vetoed election bills party measures.

Trade of Votes Reported. George D. Conger, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, in a Spokane interview, is quoted as favoring the new law on the ground that it will make it practically impossible for the wets to initiate a new liquor bill.

Mr. Conger is further quoted as saying that he traded votes to the Republican organization to pass the initiative and referendum measure, in return for the organization's action in keeping the liquor bills off the floor, this announcement coming as a surprise to some members of the organization who were unaware of any such trade.

KARLSRUHE THOUGHT SUNK

Part of Crew Lost Through Explosion, Says Danish Paper.

LONDON, March 18.—Reuters' Copenhagen correspondent sends a story of the sinking of the German cruiser Karlsruhe, taken from the Stittstidende, which asserts that it obtained the story from an authoritative source.

BRITISH ADMIRAL DROWNS

Death Caused by Fall Overboard, London Announces.

LONDON, March 18.—Rear-Admiral William J. Grogan has fallen overboard from his ship and been drowned, according to an announcement made by the Admiralty.

ESCAPED LINER CAPTURED

Spain Orders Investigation of Interned German's Departure.

LONDON, March 18.—The interned German liner Macedonia, which escaped from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Monday, has been captured by a British cruiser, according to the Daily Mail's Madrid correspondent.

WAR FOUND LITTLE HELP

Rockefeller Institute Surgeon Says Few Facts Are Bared.

rel. of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, who has had exceptional facilities for observation of the workings of the sanitary department at the front and in the different hospitals, in a statement to the Associated Press, asserted that thus far surgeons have not learned much about the war.

At the beginning of the war the theory was advanced that the greater speed of bullets, creating intense heat, would cauterize the wound and prevent infection.

When all conditions were favorable, the bullet wound was less serious than formerly, but in this war the conditions seldom are favorable.

The organization and working of the sanitary department, Dr. Carrel said, was efficient and the general health of the army excellent at all points.

The proportion of soldiers succumbing to their wounds in the hospitals is regarded small considering the difficulties offered by the general infection of wounds.

Dr. Carrel spoke highly of the American hospital at Neuilly and Mrs. Harry Wood's hospital at Jully, both of which are recognized by the French as superior in organization and administration to the French hospitals.

GRANGE HAS LOAN PLAN

POMONA CAMPAIGN STARTED FOR RURAL CREDIT SYSTEM.

Resolutions Provide Method to Aid Farmers at Low Rate of Interest.

Multnomah County Pomona Grange at Gresham Wednesday adopted resolutions favoring a rural credit system for farmers that will provide long-time loans at a low rate of interest.

The first set of resolutions, introduced by W. H. H. Dufur, provides that the state shall issue non-interest bearing bonds to the general government, which shall loan to the farmers the cash represented by these bonds at not more than 3 per cent interest to run 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 50 years.

The second plan, endorsed by the Masters and Lecturers' Association, makes the postal saving fund the source of supplying farmers with long-time loans at 4 per cent. According to this plan the postal saving fund will be loaned to the farmers of the country.

Since both plans will require Congressional action, the Grange declared it would not support candidates for Congress unless they pledge themselves to support some rural credit system.

The measures were discussed by W. H. H. Dufur, Roy Gill, H. E. Davis, T. J. Kreefer, C. H. Welch, H. A. Darnall, Theodore Brugger, H. W. Sna-shall, Eugene Palmer and Mrs. Eugene Palmer.

FENN'S STORIES CONFLICT

Seattle Business Man Now Says Old Injury Made Him Unconscious.

Temporary unconsciousness from a return of pain from a concussion of the brain received several months ago was yesterday said by Charles A. Fenn, president of the Seattle Eastern Corporation, to have caused him to be found in a dazed condition Tuesday morning.

Mr. Fenn has puzzled the police by his stories to account for his being found in that condition. He at first asserted that his name was Fred Martin and that he had been assaulted and robbed of a watch and \$20. Then he said he had probably fallen and cut himself. No injury could be found on his head, and his face was scratched as by a cat.

BRITISH OFFICER LOSS BIG

Two Hundred and Five Fall in Four Days at Neuve Chapelle.

LONDON, March 18.—The British casualty list for the five days from March 10 to March 14, inclusive, during which the battles of Neuve Chapelle and St. Eloi were fought, show that 112 officers were killed, 110 died from wounds and that 193 officers were wounded or are missing.

The list of casualties among the men has not been given out, but some competent critics estimate them at about two-thirds of those suffered by the Germans, which Field Marshal Sir John French, the British commander-in-chief, said were between 17,000 and 18,000.

MEXICAN RAIDERS KILLED

Posses Capture Others and Pursuit Is Still in Progress.

SANTA FE, N. M., March 18.—A raid on the Dwyer Mercantile Company store at Dwyer, Grant County, Tuesday night by Mexicans from nearby settlements, who had broken small groups of men, was followed by a battle with posses from Silver City and Deming, in which several of the Mexicans are reported to have been killed.

GOVERNOR'S FEAST IS DRY

Pennsylvania Superior Court, as Guests, Drink Ginger Ale.

HARRISBURG, Mar. 12.—No liquors were served at Governor Brumbaugh's

UNITED STATES TO HELP CURB JAPAN

Independent Pressure Exerted to Ameliorate Extreme Demands on China.

Britain and Russia Said to Have Declared Diplomatic Status Will Be Difficult Unless Moderation Is Shown.

PEKIN, China, March 18.—Official information has reached Peking today that the Russian and British Ambassadors at Tokyo called on Baron Takakaki Kato, Japanese Foreign Minister, on Saturday, and informed him that if Japan persisted in pressing on China demands beyond those contained in her original communication to the powers, it would be difficult for Japan's allies to negotiate diplomatically with her in the future.

It is understood that on the same day the United States, acting independently, although possibly after consultation with another power, informed the Japanese government that certain of the Japanese demands were not in consonance with treaty agreements between China and the United States.

The opinion is expressed by both Chinese and foreign diplomats that a substantial proportion of the demands will be withdrawn by Japan because of the attitude of the powers, who have called China's attention to the fact that she has a low rate treaty with Japan contravening existing treaties.

The Japanese Minister to China, Eki Hiroki, sustained yesterday by a fall from his horse and his condition will prevent the holding of conferences for a few days.

JITNEY'S VALUE \$338,829

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REPORTS ON FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Appraisal on 307 Automobiles in Service. Excess Average at \$692—Four Trucks Worth \$4800 Each.

Financial responsibility of jitney automobiles and buses is shown in an appraisal of all the jitneys in Portland, completed yesterday by Municipal Traffic Engineer Kirkpatrick.

The appraisal was made by Engineer Kirkpatrick from reports he has gathered on all jitneys. He has a record now of the age and condition, the make and a history of every car in the service.

It is only fair to assume the amount invested in the cars, says Engineer Kirkpatrick in his report, "represents the major portion of the total investment in the jitney service, as I believe few of the operators have any investment in garages, shops and plants. In this connection it is well to consider the fact that a large portion of the above figures are in motor vehicles which are not in reality owned by the car operators, but is being carried by various firms holding chattel mortgages against the cars and placing in jail until bond was later arranged.

FATHER OF 23 IS DEAD

Family of Levi Stevens One of Largest in Minnesota.

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 18.—Levi Stevens, a resident of Minnesota 65 years and father of one of the largest families in the history of the state, is dead at his home in Newport, Washington County, aged 80 years. He became a mail-carrier in what is now Washington County in 1855, his route including both Stillwater and Hudson.

BID ON BIT OF BAIT NEEDED

Postoffice Must Get Washington Consent to Buy Cheese for Rats.

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 18.—Wanted, a piece of cheese. After local postoffice officials have obtained consent from the Postoffice Department at Washington, D. C., to advertise for bids, they'll buy a half pound hunk of it to bait rat traps.

AMERICANS BELIEVED LOST

Members of Grounded Bark Missing, Is Report to Berlin.

BERLIN, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y., March 18.—An announcement made today by the Overseas News Agency indicates that several men lost their lives in the wrecking of the American bark Pass of Balmain, which was ashore near Sylt, one of the North Frisian islands. The announcement says that seven members of the crew were saved by lifeguards from a coast patrol station.

GOVERNOR'S FEAST IS DRY

Pennsylvania Superior Court, as Guests, Drink Ginger Ale.

HARRISBURG, Mar. 12.—No liquors were served at Governor Brumbaugh's

first official dinner at the Executive Mansion. It was a function given in honor of the Superior Court, which began its annual sitting here, and precedents of long standing were broken by its being a "dry" affair.

The color scheme was white and pink, roses being used in profusion. The guests included the Superior Court Judges, Judge George Kunkel and S. J. M. McCarrall, Harrisburg; Lieutenant-Governor Frank H. McClain, Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods, Attorney-General Francis Shunk Brown, Auditor General A. W. Powell, William Jennings, a Harrisburg banker, Senator E. E. Beldeman, John A. Herman, President Pro Tem Charles H. Kline, Speaker Charles A. Ambler and Secretary James H. Hyatt.

One of these Judges when asked, "Was the dinner dry?" replied: "Oh, yes; it certainly was. But we didn't have grape juice. We had sweet ginger ale."

In the lobbies members were singing "Sweet Ginger Ale" to the tune of "Swanee River." The song was made famous by Lieutenant-Governor McClain. Not in the memory of the "oldest legislator," so far as learned, has there been such a dry dinner.

FREE CONCERTS ARRANGED

Series by Dr. Shaw at Y. M. C. A. Aims to Elevate Musical Tastes.

To popularize the operas, now little known beyond the ranks of professional musicians, Dr. Clement B. Shaw has arranged a free course of 20 concerts that will be given in the Young Men's Christian Association hall as well as on Friday night. The series will be given under the direction of R. C. French, educational secretary, and will be open to the public.

In each concert there will be unfolded the story, spirit, philosophy and tragic climax of each of the numbers, emphasizing the literary as well as the musical features of each production. Some of the best artists of the city have been enlisted and will donate their services.

Dr. Shaw and Mr. French, in arranging the course, believe it will educate the masses to an appreciation of classical music and that the students in the musical schools, particularly, will be able, when they are graduated, to recognize the various arias and to recall their history and the incidents with which their composition.

Dr. Shaw will be assisted by Mordaunt A. Goodnow, pianist; F. Hampton Wing, violinist; and Robert E. Millard, flutist, besides other artists of the city.

AUTO ADDS TO QUARREL

Philadelphia Newtyswaps Part and Both Claim Machine.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 12.—The rightful possession of an automobile has proved an active factor in the short and stormy matrimonial career of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Wilson, who were married less than a month ago. Since that time the husband, who holds a position in the office of a large corporation, has been held in court on charges of desertion and non-support and spent one night in the county jail.

The couple appeared before Alderman John A. Martin when the husband was held for trial on charges preferred by the wife, under \$500 bail. When arrested the day previous he was released on his own recognizance at the request of his attorney, but later, again was taken into custody and placed in jail until bond was arranged.

LOCAL OPTION BABY BORN

Newcomer Is Adopted as Mascot by Philadelphia Policeman.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 12.—The police station at Trenton avenue and Dauphin street has a new mascot in a "local option baby." He is Martin

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