FUTURE OF MOOSE IS NOW DOUBTED

California Governor Glories in Past, but Looks Forward Toward Republicans.

OWN PLANS ARE PUZZLE

Politicians Believe Candidacy for Senator or Vice-President on Old Party Ticket Eventually Will Be Announced.

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SACRAMENTO, Jan. 16.—Neither National nor state politics in the present campaign will have attained a definite status in California until the position of Governor Johnson has been declared. It may be given out as certain that Governor Johnson will not be aligned with the Progressive party.

Governor Johnson practically admitted that in a conversation with the writer today.

Asked if he believed there was any prospect of success for the party to which he so brilliantly swung the electorate of California in the last National campaign, the Governor studied a moment and then replied:

"As an independent party I don't see that it has any chance for success. Do you?"

Furthermore, the Governor indicated that he did not think a great deal of the preparedness issue announced last week by the leaders of the party, as represented by the National committee to be one of the big prongs that the bull moose will wear when it is trotted out a little later on.

Preparedness Issue Discounted.

"Just now the question of preparedness looms big," Governor Johnson said, "but I think that as the turmoil and agitation of the present subsides it will not be found to warrant the prominence accorded to it."

Mr. Johnson's attitude toward the Progressive party seems to be one of satisfaction in its past glories, such as they were, rather than one of anticipation of future honors at its hands. This frame of mind is aptly expressed in his message sent to the National committee this week in which he said:

"We have every reason to be jubilant that the party has exerted a most wholesome influence in the Nation's politics."

As a leavening influence it has done its work, the Governor thinks, but he sees no reason for congratulation in its present plight, and predicts for it no achievements for the future—as an independent party.

It is generally believed that as soon as the campaign of the present year is under way, it will find Governor Johnson again in the Republican camp, as a candidate either for the Vice-Presidential nomination or for the Senatorship.

Politicians Ask: "Which?"

The question that is bothering the politicians now is: "Which?"

There is little question that when the Governor swung his iron club at the extraordinary session of the Legislature just closed he swung it with the political interests of Hiram W. Johnson in view. What those interests may be the Governor assiduously declines to say.

But the Governor now has it so fixed that he can swing his big voting strength whichever way he wants it, even to the last moment of election. That strength at the last election was nearly a half-million votes, every one of which is still with Johnson.

The legislative session so changed the law as to provide for non-partisan registration at partisan primaries. Formerly old system, first adopted by Oregon and still in force there, which required the voter to declare his party at the time of registration, was in force.

The new order gives the voter the privilege of calling for any party ticket he may choose at the time he votes. The system of party nomination, however, is retained.

By this new procedure it would be possible for Mr. Johnson to swing his strength practically anywhere by simply passing the word.

New Issues May Arise.

Governor Johnson was frank in explaining the advantage of this, as it appears to him.

"It would be hard to say what questions or issues might arise between the time of the registration of the voters and the primaries and August. Issues may change and new ones may appear," he said.

He indicated that by being compelled to vote according to the ticket with which they had declared themselves, they might be left entirely helpless in the face of important issues. In addition, the Governor said:

"There are many voters who are opposed to declaring their party affiliations. In the southern part of the state at the last election there were 75,000 voters who could not participate in the primaries because they did not want to declare their party affiliations, and throughout the state there were 150,000 such voters."

However all that may be, those who follow political developments closely say that Governor Johnson's purpose is to "steal" the Republican party in California if he can.

Governor's Ambitions Puzzle.

"Does he want to be Vice-President with Hughes or some other strong Republican, or does he want to go to the United States Senate," they ask.

Speculation on the subject favors the latter and developments in a short time may tell the tale. For if Johnson wants to be Senator he most likely will declare himself as soon as the various other candidates get in the running and the campaign gets under way.

If he does not declare himself by that time, it is argued he will loom up as the active candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination of the Republican party.

HORSE IS COYOTE BAIT

John Day Ranchmen Tempt Many Predatory Animals to Poison.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—By killing an old horse and using it for coyote bait, according to the plan recommended by the United States Forestry Department, J. C. Oliver and sons, prominent John Day stockmen, realized $92.50 for coyote bounty and hides.

Herman Oliver, ranch foreman, selected a favorite spot for the coyotes, killed the old horse and spread poison about the carcass. In three weeks 17 coyotes have been caught. Grant County pays $3 bounty for coyotes and $2.50 was received for the hides, making a total of $5.50 an animal realized. The horse might have brought $75.

HISTORIC LANDMARK AT OREGON CITY TO GIVE WAY TO MARCH OF IMPROVEMENT.

CLIFF HOUSE. —Photo by Calvert.

OLD HOTEL TO GO

Cliff House, Built in Forties, Makes Way for Mill.

PIONEERS GATHERED THERE

Oregon City Building Was Meeting Place for Territorial Legislators. Hotel Was Rated as Best in the Early West.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Cliff House, built in the late '40s and probably the oldest standing hotel in the state, is to be razed to make room for the $750,000 addition to the plant of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company.

The Cliff House is inseparably interwoven with the history of the Northwest. It was the meeting place of the pioneer river men, the scene of hundreds of early day balls and banquets and the gathering place of judges, lawyers, politicians and traders when the only Federal Court west of the Rockies was held here, and Oregon City was the capital of the territory.

When the Cliff House was the leading hotel of the state, in the '50s and '60s, the Willamette River was the chief means of communication. The locks had not been built in those days and river boats above the falls would discharge their freight and passengers a short distance above the Cliff House, and the lower river steamers would pick them up again just below the historic hotel. This made the Cliff House a place where travelers gathered and the place was known by every visitor to the Pacific Coast.

Hotel Known Far East.

The Cliff House was advertised throughout the East. J. E. Hedges, an attorney of this city and a former member of the State Senate, who was born and reared here, saw the Cliff House advertised in New England cities as one of the leading hotels in the West.

In 1866, when the first issue of the Oregon City Enterprise was published, the Cliff House was advertised as a modern hotel and the excellence of the food was featured in the notice. W. L. White and T. A. Rhoades were then the proprietors.

Mr. White took over the management of the hotel alone in 1867, and enlarged the building. He remained in charge until shortly before his death. Mr. White was appointed County Judge in 1874, was elected to that position in 1882 and again in 1886, and remained in control during the time he was in a public office. During his administration the Clackamas County Courthouse was built.

Building Near Missionary's Home.

Thomas Ryan, now Deputy State Treasurer and ex-County Judge of this county, was once proprietor of the Cliff House, and E. C. Holden of Astoria and John Bittner of Oregon City are among the other proprietors.

The building occupies a site near the falls of the Willamette and close to the original site of the home of Dr. John McLoughlin, the pioneer missionary. Many of Oregon City's most prominent men remember the Cliff House as it was in early days. Mr. Hedges recalled today that, as a youth, he sold cherries to the visitors.

In recent years the Cliff House has been conducted as a lodging-house. It is a large frame structure, containing about 50 rooms.

ROOF FALLS ON RANCHER

George W. Burrow, of Bachelor Island, Injured Severely.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—George W. Burrow, a rancher of Bachelor Island, near this place, suffered severe internal injuries yesterday when a roof of a shed laden with snow, fell and pinned him to the ground.

With difficulty George Green extricated Mr. Burrow, who was rushed to the home of John W. Blackburn. Dr. R. S. Stryker is attending him.

ALBANY CURFEW ENFORCED

Youngsters to Be Kept Off City Streets After 8 o'Clock.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Albany lads must be off the streets and home before 8 o'clock at night hereafter, for the city's old-time curfew law is to be enforced once more.

Soon after he took office Chief of Police Catlin, who was school truant officer for several years and saw the evils of children on the streets at night, announced his intention of enforcing this law.

LIQUOR CASES BUSY COURT

Gambling, Horse Stealing and Sheep Raids Concern Ontario.

ONTARIO, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Circuit court is in session in Malheur County this week with the largest docket for several seasons. W. F. Ridings was convicted of larceny of horses.

Nine men, indicted for illegal sale of liquor and all of whom were taken in a raid at Riverside last month, pleaded guilty to a gambling charge, and one of them, M. V. Hart, also pleaded guilty to bootlegging. The men were M. V. Hart, George Donaldson, Grover Wade, E. R. Schutter, W. P. Doyle, A. Fisher, James Brockett, Ernest Brockett and James McClure.

George F. Moyer was convicted of stealing sheep. Roy Weatherly pleaded guilty to an assault charge and was fined $300. Bert Stafford pleaded guilty to a forgery charge.

The grand jury for the January term adjourned Saturday after a record-breaking session for this county. The 18 indictments returned involved 32 persons, the greater number of whom are held on charges of gambling or bootlegging at Riverside.

RABIES HITS LIVESTOCK

BAKER COUNTY RANCHERS WORRIED OVER OUTBREAK.

Plan Proposed Is to Buy and Slaughter All Animals Thought to Have Contracted the Disease.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Rabies, breaking out suddenly again in this county, is causing death to livestock and consternation to ranchers and officials. District Attorney C. T. Godwin received two telephone calls in the last 24 hours from County Commissioner Ritter and Deputy Sheriff Garlinghouse seeking some way to stamp out the disease in Pine Valley.

At one ranch near Halfway, eight hogs and one calf are dead, while 20 more hogs are almost certain to be affected. It is proposed by stockmen of that vicinity to buy and slaughter all animals thought to have contracted the disease. Three cases of rabies are reported at the Murray ranch, at Unity in another part of the county, where 1250 head of sheep and 1430 head of cattle and horses are being wintered.

M. J. Ustus and M. Langley each killed a coyote, thought to be mad because they had chased dogs, one entering a barnyard and attacking the dogs. One dog acted strangely and was shot, while others are being watched. A steer belonging to William Lofton, on the Murray ranch, went mad and died. It is feared by stockmen there that more destruction will follow. In the Lower Powder country in still another part of the county, Henry McKinney shot a mad coyote just as it was emerging from a band of 200 swine and the swine are being watched closely to observe traces of rabies. Commissioner Ritter wished to learn what power there was to take charge of the Pine Valley situation and Garlinghouse sought an order to muzzle all dogs there.

The District Attorney declared himself powerless to act without authorization from the State Board of Health and, as the county has no county veterinarian, there is no one here that has power to act, County Judge Messick being in Portland.

RAILROAD WORK MOVES

LINE BEING PUSHED FORWARD INTO HARNEY COUNTY.

Survey for Strahorn Road Also Is Going Ahead, With Party Working Between Bend and Burns.

ONTARIO, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—In spite of the severe weather, work continues on the O.-W. R. & N. extension west from Riverside, Or., to points in Harney County.

Nearly all the grading has been completed as far as Oakley and the rock cuts and bridges are now progressing rapidly. Mail service to Riverside has been begun, the mail run on the thrice-a-week train being from Ontario to Riverside.

Between Bend and Burns the Strahorn surveying party is in the field, running the newly projected line between those interior points. H. N. Bogue, chief engineer for the Strahorn party, was in Burns last week and hired a saddle horse for the purpose of a closer investigation of the Sage Hen Pass. Leaving the horse, he proceeded by auto to Bend, so it is not known whether this pass will be used by the new line, but probabilities are that it will.

Everything indicates that within a few months work will actually be under way to connect Burns finally with the outer world, and to do away with "Interior" Oregon forever.

HOSPITAL WING ACCEPTED

$100,000 Addition to Institution for Insane Received by State.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—With the arrival of State Treasurer Kay from St. Paul yesterday the new wing of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital for the Insane at Pendleton was officially accepted for the state last night by Secretary of State Olcott, Treasurer Kay and State Architect Knighton.

The addition was recently completed at a cost of $100,000. High praise was given the management of the institution, and especially Dr. W. D. McNary, head of the hospital. The party left for Salem last night.

OPEN CAUCUS IS REPUBLICAN ISSUE

State Committee at Seattle to Determine Method of Delegate Selection.

MOOSE BECOME FACTOR

Regulars Consider Danger of Being Outvoted by Roosevelt Faction and Progressive Element Sent to Chicago Convention.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—When the Republican state committee meets in Seattle February 11, the most important question to be decided will be the manner of choosing delegates to the various county conventions next Spring. It has been customary to leave that matter entirely to the county committee, with the result that hand-picking, the open caucus and the mass convention methods have been used impartially.

To prevent a recurrence of the unpleasantness of 1912, Republican leaders will see that every party voter has a voice.

Already the scouts of several Presidential candidates have reached this state and there will be a brisk fight to control the state convention, which will name the delegates to the National convention at Chicago, June 7.

Moose Ambitions Considered.

Theodore Roosevelt, who within the last few months has crystallized the growing sentiment against the Democratic Administration, has again centered attention upon himself as a Presidential possibility. The regular Republicans have not been disposed to accept Colonel Roosevelt as a possible candidate of their party, but the Roosevelt movement has attained such importance that it is considered possible that he might stampede the Republican convention at Chicago.

Naturally the 113,000 Roosevelt Republicans who voted in this state in 1912 would like to see a Roosevelt delegation sent to Chicago.

With this condition the question of holding open caucuses, wherein the Roosevelt Republicans might easily outvote the opposing factions, attains more than ordinary importance.

Open Caucus Is Favored.

W. M. Whitney, president of the Young Men's Republican Club, who is also chairman of the King County committee, is strongly in favor of the open caucuses in every county, wherein every Republican may have a voice in the proceedings.

It is probable that the State Central Committee will adopt the principal features of the so-called Whitney bill in arranging for the conventions, which includes the caucus method of selecting county delegates, the adoption of platforms and the holding of all county conventions on the same day.

It is likely that the State Central Committee will set the date for the state convention not later than two weeks before the National convention. May 20 has been suggested as the approximate date for the state convention and May 10 for the county conventions. By holding all the county conventions on the same date the chances for manipulating the conventions in the interests of the various candidates for President would be lessened.

Unpledged Delegates Hoped for.

The Republicans generally hope that the delegates to the state convention will come unpledged, so that the Washington delegation to Chicago may go without instruction for any particular candidate.

After the September primary the new State Central Committee will reorganize. M. T. Hartson, chairman, has given nearly two years to the work of organizing the Republican party, and it is considered likely he will ask to be relieved of this duty after the new committee has been chosen.

Charles P. Lund, of Spokane, has been mentioned as an excellent chairman. However, some Republican leaders aver the chairmanship should be retained west of the mountains, where the greater part of the vote is cast, and have put forward William T. Laube, Loren Grinstead or Harry Wilson, of Seattle.

1000 to Be at Banquet.

In the event that W. M. Whitney decides to enter the race for the Republican nomination for Representative in Congress, which is probable, his name will not be considered in connection with the state chairmanship.

By holding the meeting of the State Central Committe on the day set for the Lincoln dinner, the Republicans hope to attract state-wide attention. Fully 1000 persons will be seated at the tables in the Hipprodrome. As a banquet the Lincoln day celebration will overshadow any dinner of a political character ever given in the city.

Mills Operate to Prevent Freeze.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Fearing that the water in the turbine wheels would freeze if they were shut down, local mills are running steadily today, although it is customary to close for a 24-hour period beginning Sunday morning. The river here is still going down, although slowly, and mills are preparing for unequaled high water.

Mistletoe is proving a pest in the lumber region of the Northwest, and steps are being taken by the Government forestry people to combat it.

MEXICO ISSUE LOOMS

Congress to Wrestle With Problem Near Home.

LANSING PROMISES DATA

Ambassador Cannot Be Confirmed Until Republican Demands Are Met; Congress Widely at Variance on Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The problem of securing protection for American life and property in Mexico, revived by the Santa Ysabel murders, is expected by Congressional leaders to be a dominant subject in the proceedings of both Houses the coming week. Issues arising from the European war have been completely overshadowed by it and conservation bills and other important legislative measures under consideration are not drawing the attention that would ordinarily be given them.

There is sure to be more of the fervid discussion of the Mexican problem that enlivened sessions of the past week. Members of the House and Senate are unanimous in their insistence that the bandits be punished, but the majority oppose any step that would result in intervention, which might mean destruction of the de facto government the United States and the Pan-American nations led in establishing.

Republicans Must Be Appeased.

Mexico will be the basis of formal consideration by the Senate foreign relations committtee, beginnng Wednesday, when the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as Ambassador to General Carranza's government will be taken up. Administration leaders are hopeful that a report recommending confirmation will be made to the Senate without delay. Several opposition Senators, however, have announced they will oppose such a step vigorously and it generally is admitted nothing can be done toward confirmation until the Republicans have been appeased by an answer from President Wilson to Senator Fall's resolution asking for resolutions which led to recognition of Carranza.

Secretary Lansing has promised to have data in compliance with that resolution ready for the President early this week and Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, hopes the President's reply will be sent to the Senate in time for the committee meeting Wednesday.

Gore Proposes American Aid.

Discussion of the Mexican problem on the floor of the Senate and House is expected to arise from consideration of various intervention resolutions. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, Democrat, is considering submitting a resolution to direct the use of American armed forces as aids to the Carranza forces in protecting American citizens in a neutral zone in Mexico. Legislation in Congress is progressing slowly, none of the supply bills being anywhere near ready for discussion. The House has passed the Administration conservation measures and the Senate may take them up this week after passage of the Philippine self-government extension bill. A vote on this measure is expected Wednesday or Thursday.

Chairman Alexander, of the House merchant marine committee, said tonight he was ready to introduce the new Government ship purchase bill after repeated conferences with Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield and others. The bill would create a $50,000,000 fund for Government purchase of ships and for regulation of waterborne traffic by a shipping board in the same manner as the Interstate Commerce Commission regulates the railroads.

Sunday School Offers Free Rides.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—To encourage attendance at the Sunday school at Miller, in the Mormon Basin, a mining district 22 miles from a railroad, the officers of the school are providing free transportation for the pupils. Beginning tomorrow morning a team will be at each mine ready to haul all children to the Sunday school.

PROJECT HEARING TO WAIT

Commission's Powers Over Carey Act Land Is Supreme Court Issue.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Until the question of whether the State Public Service Commission has jurisdiction in Carey act projects or private corporations is decided, hearing before the Commission of the complaint of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company Water Users' Association against the Central Oregon Irrigation Company will be postponed.

This was ordered Saturday when the Supreme Court issued a writ of prohibition, delaying the hearing set for next Monday at Bend. The court set February 3 as the time for hearing arguments on the question of the Commission's jurisdiction.

The water users' association alleges that unless the company makes repairs the system will be of little value when the settlers take it over two years from now. In its reply the company alleges that the settlers are behind in their payments.

CERTIFICATES WON BY 20

Result of Pendleton Examinations for Teachers Announced.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Out of 30 applicants who took the teachers' examinations in Pendleton last month, County School Superintendent Young announces the following to have been successful:

One-year certificate—Lyda A. McDonald, Hermiston; Elizabeth Rodna, Hermiston; Rena Clisby, Freewater; Ruth Brown, Milton; Nellie Green, Freewater; Mabel Noyes, Freewater; Leila Whiteaker, Milton; J. W. Smith, Milton; Evelyn Meager, Gibbon; Nellie Anibal, Pendleton; Ethel Freeman, Pendleton; Luella Pinkerton, Weston; J. A. Hawks, Nolin; J. C. Bowman, Nolin; Grace Foster, Pilot Rock; Mrs. L. B. Cordery, Pilot Rock; C. E. Graham, Holdman; Lucille Cordery, Adams; Edna Jamieson.

Five-year certificate—F. D. Hawley, Pilot Rock.

The light of the sun is 600,000 times greater than the full moon.