

DEMOCRAT BLAMES LEAGUE FOR LOSSES

Gore of Oklahoma Points to Party's Decline at Polls.

OWN STAND EXPLAINED

Senator Puts Anti-Covenant Attitude Up to Constituents Purely as Political Issue.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 1.—There is one spot in the United States where the league of nations is sure to be a political issue, and that is Oklahoma. The situation is unusual in the respect that a democrat is making the issue and taking the position of opposition to the Wilson treaty.

All through the long months that the fight has been waging in the senate over the peace treaty and the league of nations, Senator Gore, democrat, who stood out for reservations along the line of those contained in the Lodge resolution has been attacked on every hand at home for not standing with his party.

He has never wavered, although Representative Scott Ferris was put into the contest by the national democratic organization to beat him for renomination. Now that the treaty fight is over for the time being, Senator Gore has returned home to give an account of his official conduct and he is making it warm for his opponents. He has announced that he is willing and anxious to go before his constituents on the issue of the Wilson league.

Anti-League Stand Explained.
He declares that the league covenant as brought home from Europe by Mr. Wilson is destroying the democratic party and was responsible for most of the recent defeats, including the loss of the rock-ribbed fifth congressional district of Oklahoma. In a letter to the voters of his state Senator Gore says:

"What the democratic party needs is to open a number of recruiting stations. We need to get and keep people in the party, not to drive them out. Procrustes was an ancient highwayman. He had an iron bed on which he laid his victims. If they were too short he stretched them and if they were too long he trimmed them to fit the bed.

"I doubt if we can avert disaster by stretching the candidates of the democratic party upon such a Procrustean bed. I doubt the wisdom of adopting a rubber stamp as the lone emblem of democratic fidelity or the sole insignia of democratic statesmanship.

Danger Ahead Is Foreseen.
"The recent election in the fifth district (of Oklahoma) should arouse democrats from any dream of fancied security and should bring us face to face with the facts as they are and with the dangers that confront us. We like counsel of adversity, but we do not like to see a tragedy enacted."

Two years ago the fifth district went democratic by something like 6000 majority. On the eighth day of this month the district gave a republican majority of 1000. The same percentage of loss had it been a state election would have carried the state against us by 25,000. Democratic leaders with the best possible intentions and the worst possible generalship instead that the league of nations without reservations was the issue.

Loss of Prestige Discussed.
"If democratic leaders can succeed in making the league without reservations the dominant party issue we will not carry a single doubtful state; we will not carry a doubtful district in the contest of 1920.

"The same causes which lost us the fifth district reduced the normal democratic majority in Maryland of 15,000 down to 140. These causes lost us the Bourbon state of Kentucky by 40,000. They helped to increase the republican majority in Massachusetts of only 17,000 in November last up to 125,000.

"These causes carried New York city republican, notwithstanding that the city gave a democratic majority of 251,000 last year. The Irish on mass are opposed to article X. The democratic party cannot lose the Irish and cling to doubtful states. East of the Mississippi New Jersey is the only oasis and it went wet rather than democratic."

MANDAMUS IS DUE SOON

Filing of Action Over Olcott's Office Expected This Week.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The papers necessary in the mandamus proceedings to be brought in the Oregon supreme court by District Attorney Roberts of Jackson county to determine the legal status of Governor Olcott's tenure of office are in making, according to word received at the capitol today. The mandamus probably will be filed not later than Thursday or Friday of this week.

The action is being taken at the request of Attorney-General Brown, who, in two legal opinions previously given, held that Mr. Olcott was governor in fact and was entitled to serve out the unexpired term of the late Governor Withycombe. Many prominent lawyers of the state who have given the matter consideration say it will be necessary for the supreme court to uphold the attorney-general's opinion or reverse itself in the somewhat celebrated Chadwick-Earhart case. It was upon the supreme court ruling in the latter case that the attorney-general based his opinion regarding Mr. Olcott's status.

EXTRADITION IS ALLOWED

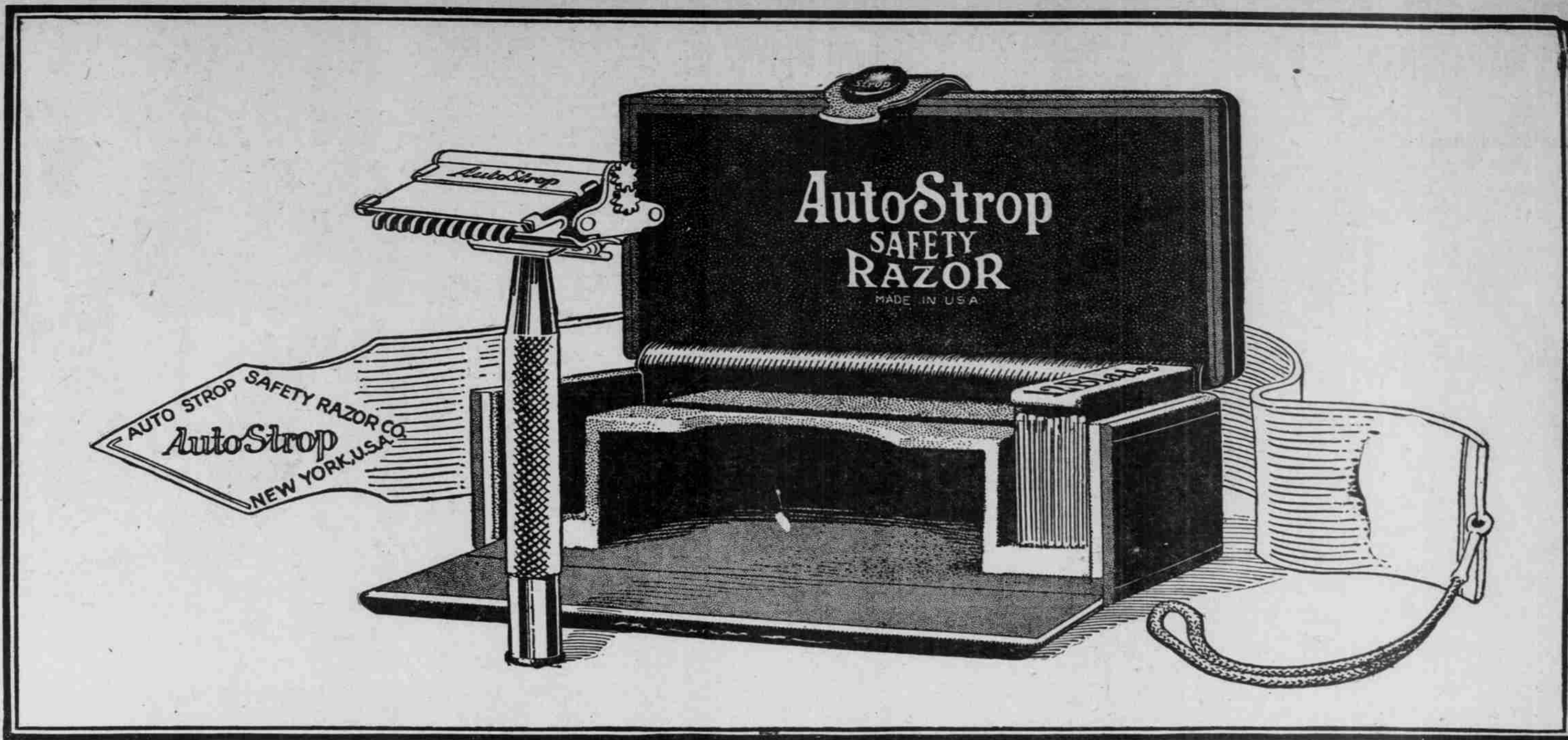
Alleged Forger in Jail Here to Be Taken to North Dakota.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Oscar Olson, deputy sheriff from Morton county, N. D., today obtained extradition papers from Governor Olcott authorizing the return to that state of Millard Leighton, who is under indictment there charged with forgery. Leighton is in jail in Portland and will leave for the east tomorrow in custody of the officer.

Mr. Olson says the people of North Dakota are fast tiring of non-partisan rule and that the next election will see a complete change in the political complexion of that state.

Bayocean Road Tax Voted.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the newly formed Bayocean road district it was decided to vote a special road tax of 10 mills. The money to be raised will be used in building the Bayocean part of the road which the county will complete to that place next year, the budget providing for \$24,000.



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