

## U'REN HAS PLAN TO LOAD LEGISLATURE

### Strength of Parties to Be Represented

## WOULD ALTER CONSTITUTION

### No Representation or Misrepresentation Result.

## SCHEME IS COMPLICATED

### Methods of Computation to Determine Who Have Been Elected Difficult to Understand—Amendment Is of Great Length.

Through the medium of the initiative, W. S. U'ren and his associates, once known as the People's Power League, have presented to the voters of Oregon for adoption or rejection a constitutional amendment designed to apportion the members of the Legislature among the several parties of the state solely according to voting strength of each party and without regard whatever to place of residence. This question will be submitted under the numbers "399 yes" and "400 no."

If this proposed constitutional amendment had been in effect at the time of the last general election, in all reasonable probability six to 10 of the present legislative districts would have had partial or no representation at all in the lower house of the Legislature, while a number of districts would have had either double or treble the representation to which they are now entitled.

### How Parties Might Have Stood.

There would have been 15 Democrats in that body instead of seven; 17 Republicans instead of 11, while the Socialists would have had four members and the Prohibitionists three in place of none at all.

This vague scheme of proportionate representation is only a part of a lengthy amendment which is a self-executing, detail-imposing, general statute proposed as an addition to what was originally adopted as the organic or fundamental law of the state.

While the proposed scheme of voting for members of the Legislature is simple enough, the methods of computation to determine who have been elected are complicated and difficult to understand.

Briefly expressed, it is proposed that candidates for the Legislature shall be nominated under the present primary election plan, and in the same districts to which legislators are now apportioned. Each candidate is entitled to have his name printed on the general election ballots only in the district in which he has been nominated, but an elector in any other district may vote for him by use of a "sticker." Each elector may vote for but one candidate for each house, but there is no objection if a Multnomah County voter cast his one ballot, if he sees fit, for a candidate in Harney, Wallowa, Josephine or any other county.

### How Scheme Works Out.

After election, the votes cast for all Republican, Democrat, Prohibitionist, Socialist, Populist, Independent or other candidates for the lower house are added into one total. This total is divided by 50, which is the number of members in the lower house, and the result is called the "quota." The total number of votes cast for all Republican candidates is then divided by the quota and the result signifies the number of members of the House the Republican party has elected. In like manner the number of Democrats, Socialists and Prohibitionists elected is determined. If, when all these calculations are concluded, the membership of the House is not filled, a complicated system of "remainders" is resorted to in order to determine which party is entitled to the still vacant places. The seats in the House to which each party is entitled are given to those can-

## KANSANS TO SWARM TO SEE ROOSEVELT

### RECORD GATHERING TO MEET HIM AT OSSAWATOMIE.

### Dedication of John Brown Battlefield Will Draw 20 Times Population of Town.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Visits to Kansas by Presidents Harrison, Roosevelt and Taft have brought together great crowds, but the coming of Colonel Roosevelt on August 21 to dedicate the John Brown battlefield at Ossawatimie will cause, to assemble there the greatest number of Kansas people ever congregated within the borders of the state.

Fully 50,000 will attend this celebration, which is to be held on the battle-grounds where John Brown and his men fought for free Kansas. The tract of land, comprising 23 acres, has been purchased by the Women's Relief Corps and devoted to the state for a memorial park.

Ossawatimie, the early home of John Brown, is about 50 miles south and west of Kansas City, and about 15 miles from the Missouri state line. In the early history of the state the town was a mere trading post, but with the building of the Missouri Pacific Railroad through it an era of prosperity came and with this the location of shops for the railroad company, its population today is about 2500.

What the little town will do with the 50,000 who assemble there to greet Colonel Roosevelt on the morning of August 21 is a question not easily answered.

## MR. SCOTT AT BALTIMORE

### Undergoes Surgical Operation, With Satisfactory Results.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Harvey W. Scott, editor of The Oregonian, underwent a surgical operation for a trouble growing out of prostatic complication, at Johns Hopkins Hospital today. The surgeon was Dr. Hugh Young, a well-known specialist. The operation was entirely successful and lasted about thirty minutes. The patient suffered no special discomfort from the anesthetic and made a prompt and regular recovery from his condition. Dr. Young says that Mr. Scott's illness is entirely favorable and he feels certain of his full restoration to health. The operation presented no special difficulties or dangers, though it was of a delicate nature and required careful and expert treatment.

Mr. Scott, attended by members of his family and by Dr. H. M. Read, a specialist at Seattle, left Portland via the North Bank and Northern Pacific Railroads on Thursday, July 28. The party came through to Baltimore without incident. Mr. Scott had a comfortable journey and did not suffer from the hot weather. Several days were given over to rest in Baltimore before the operation. It is probable that Mr. Scott will remain here for a few days and then he will go to the Anshore for more complete recuperation.

No definite plans have been made as to when Mr. Scott will return to Portland.

## ROAD CONGRESS ADJOURNS

### Uniform System for Work in United States Is Urged.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 6.—The international road conference which opened its sessions here July 21, finished its work today and adjourned, the members remaining for several excursions organized by the Belgian government. The American delegates say that the great lesson of the Congress for America is the showing of the absolute necessity for the introduction of uniform system of road building in the United States.

## TAFT'S INQUIRER COMING

### Fletcher Maddox to Investigate Political Conditions in West.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 6.—Fletcher Maddox, Montana Internal Revenue Solicitor, leaves next week to inspect Washington public building sites and investigate political conditions in the Northwest, in the interest of President Taft. He will spend some time in Washington and return to Montana for the Republican state convention in September.

## SOLDIERS NEEDED TO SAVE FORESTS

### Cry From Northwest Is "Send Us Troops."

## APPEALS GO TO PRESIDENT

### Lumber Associations Admit Their Forces Worn Out.

## GOVERNORS JOIN IN CALL

### Taft Asked to Send Regulars into Northwest Woods During Four Summer Months—Timber Interests Back of Move.

George M. Cornwall helped set in motion last week a scheme for the preservation of the National forests from fire that is expected to have far-reaching effects. At a meeting of the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association held at Boise, Idaho, a resolution was unanimously passed calling on President Taft, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United States, to utilize the Federal troops for the protection of the National forests during May, June, July, August and September.

Telegrams embodying this resolution were sent to the President and to the Governors of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California. In addition to this, S. Flewelling, president of the Western Forest & Conservation Association, sent a personal message asking that Federal troops be ordered into the National forests during the summer months, when danger of destruction of the timber by fires is greatest.

Press dispatches yesterday carried an item to the effect that General Wood had also requested the President to allow Federal troops to fight fire in the National forests of Montana and Idaho.

"Something has got to be done to save the timber," said Mr. Cornwall on his return from the meeting last night. "Conditions are bad in Idaho and Montana. In the Clearwater district fires have been raging for several weeks and thousands of dollars' worth of timber has been destroyed. This is the driest season the country has had in many years. There was one shower that lasted about two hours a couple of weeks ago, but with that exception no rain has fallen for months.

"We do not know of any reason why the Federal troops should not be used to protect National property, and especially the Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United States is the one to take action."

## FIRE-FIGHTERS REFUSED AID

### Ned Bruse Arrested for Failure to Assist Checking Forest Blaze.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—For refusing point blank to join a party of fire-fighters who were organized to check a fire which had started near Blaker's mill, near Yacolt, today, Ned Bruse was arrested by Forest Ranger W. H. Smith. Later J. P. Stapleton, County Attorney, ordered that the man be brought to Vancouver.

Bruse is now in the County Jail and has been unable to raise a bond. He refuses to tell why he refused to assist in fighting the fire. His case will come up for hearing Monday.

## Montesano Reports No Loss.

MONTEZANO, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Contrary to the various reports sent from this city and despite the fact of the unusual dry spell, the like of

## BARRYMORE, ACTOR, ENGAGED; GIRL 18

### IF "MATINEE IDOL" WEDS, FIRM LOSES \$50,000.

### Loyds Takes Insurance Policy on John Drew's Nephew—Managers May Win.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Katherine Brady Harris, ex-wife of Sidney Harris, the lawyer, has announced the engagement of her daughter Katherine to John Barrymore, actor and nephew of John Drew.

The wedding will cost Loyds \$50,000. Last May, Barrymore's managers, Cohan & Harris, took out a \$50,000 policy with Loyds against the possibility of his getting married inside of a year. They allege that his value to them would be lessened to that extent in case he should forswear single blessedness. He said at that time that he was not engaged to be married, although he reserved the right to wed should the right girl come along.

Mrs. Harris is the daughter of the late Supreme Court Justice John R. Brady. She was at one time a member of John Drew's company and her marriage with Mr. Harris, a son of Miriam T. Harris, the author, was an elopement. It occurred on the same day as the wedding of her sister to Albert Stevens of the Stevens family of Hoboken. Mrs. Harris obtained a divorce in June, 1901.

Friends of Mr. Barrymore say that Mr. Harris, the father of the bride-to-be, is not pleased with the match because of the youth of the bride. Her age is given as 18, while Mr. Barrymore is 27. Mr. Harris is at present in Europe.

## ANOTHER TRAIN PROPOSED

### Southern Pacific May Double Chicago-San Francisco Service.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Southern Pacific officials in Chicago, if it is reported in this city, are contemplating changes in overland travel between California and Chicago by the installation of an extra eastbound train and an additional westbound train running on the Golden State overland limited schedule. This would mean two extra trains between San Francisco and Chicago.

According to the report, the eastbound train will leave San Francisco in the afternoon. The regular overland train, leaving, as now, in the morning, will go to Chicago by the Chicago & Northwestern route. The other will go by way of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. It has been reported that the afternoon train out of San Francisco, No. 10, will be made the overland limited train to make up the schedule on this end.

## HOLD-UP MEN ROB STAGE

### Twice in a Week Is Same Coach-driver Victim, Now Dead.

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 6.—Captain Fred Fornoff, of the mounted police, was notified today that the stage from Mogollon, Socorro county, Socorro county, to Silver City, was again held up, the driver killed and \$20,000 worth of silver bullion stolen.

This stage was robbed last week and three or four men passengers relieved of \$500. Several passengers took up the trail of the robbers today. When the stage was two and a half hours en route to Silver City, Driver Jake Rouse, who was to relieve Driver Dominguez, started out to meet him and found Dominguez dead in the road. The mails sacks were unharmed. A dispatch from Mogollon received this noon states that four of the eight bars of bullion have been recovered.

## LATHAM SAILS 87 MILES

### Aeroplane Twice Circles Eiffel Tower Before Descending.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—Hubert Latham made a flight today from Chalons-sur-Marne to Paris, a distance of 87 miles. He made two stops en route.

The aeroplane passed over the city at an altitude of 150 feet. Latham circling twice around the Eiffel Tower.

## CHURCH SCENE OF CRIME

### Man Shot in Back While at Devotions—Business Dispute Cause.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 6.—Henry Martin, clerk of the Rock Creek Baptist Church in Whitley County, was killed in church, according to the dispatches received here today. Martin was shot in the back as the result of a business dispute, it is said.

## BRIBE STORY TOLD BY CHOCTAW CHIEF

### Offers Made to Governor and Son.

## TRIBE ANXIOUS FOR MONEY

### Indians Lose Faith in Government, Witness Says.

## TAFT OPPOSES BIG FEES

### Sherman Agrees That Amounts Were Unreasonable, Senator Curtis Testifies—Hearing Resembles War Council.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Aug. 6.—Not only Jake L. Hamon, but J. F. McMurray was named as a would-be briber in the investigation of the \$20,000,000 Oklahoma Indian lands before the special Congressional committee today.

McMurray is the holder of the contracts with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians to promote which in Congress Senator Thomas P. Gore charged a bribe, was offered to him.

D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw Indian and a delegate to Washington for his tribe, charged that McMurray, in 1905 offered him a bribe of \$5,000 to withdraw opposition to the other McMurray contracts with the tribe, which subsequently were disapproved by President Roosevelt.

### Chief Tells of Offer.

Greene McCurtain, chief of 18,000 Choctaws and a veteran Indian of 62 years, then took the stand and told the committee that one George W. Colt, whom he believed acted in the interest of McMurray, had offered him one-fourth of the profit to be realized from the land deal provided he induced the tribe to withdraw all opposition. This offer referred to new contracts held by McMurray, which are the cause of the present investigation.

The amount of the bribe mentioned by D. C. McCurtain, who is a son of the chief, is the same as that which Senator Gore alleges was tendered him on May 6 by Hamon to put through the pending contracts, which, according to Senator Gore, would result in the selling of 400,000 acres of coal, asphalt and timber lands owned by the Indians to any syndicate on a basis that would give McMurray and his associates an "attorney's fee" of 10 per cent of \$20,000,000.

### Curtis and McGuire Deny.

The presentation of the charges against McMurray followed another day of sensational testimony. In the course of which Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, and Representative McGuire, of Oklahoma, appeared on the stand to deny statements that they were "interested" in the deal. The name of Vice-President Sherman was again mentioned and conferences held by President Taft over the McMurray contracts were referred to.

Both President Taft and Vice-President Sherman, according to Senator Curtis, had declared that the ten per cent attorneys' fees asked for was excessive. The opinion was unanimous at the President's conference, he said, that in the sale of the land no attorney's assistance was needed, as the Government by treaty already had stipulated to sell the land on its own responsibility.

Something of the spirit of an Indian war council was presented when Chief McCurtain, known as the "governor," squatted himself in a chair before the committee and, brushing the flies off his head with a large handkerchief, gave his testimony.

### Story of Protest Told.

"A long time ago," he said, "many of the Choctaws protested against the big fees that would be allowed under the McMurray contracts. I, myself, sent a protest to the Secretary of the Interior, just before the adjournment of the last Congress. George W. Scott came to my home and asked me to sign a letter. I refused to do so. Then he came again

## PUGILIST JOHNSON SHUNS NEW YORK

### NEGRO WON'T BUY PROPERTY WHERE NOT WANTED.

### Champion Declares Right Living His Motto, and Wouldn't Lower Self for Aristocracy.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The feeling of residents of the exclusive section of Brooklyn Heights were a little relieved today when they read that Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, had declared that he did not want to buy any property where he was not welcome.

Edward M. Gillespie, the real estate broker who has charge of the property, admitted today that there was little chance of Johnson getting the property, but by Wednesday the house and lot would be sold and there was a chance that a negro might be the buyer.

As to the identity of the negro, the real estate dealer refused to make any statement.

When seen in Chicago, Johnson said that he was anxious to put some of the \$100,000 he had in real estate and believed that property was the best of all investments. He said: "No rubbing of shoulders with me. Right living is my motto. I treat everybody squarely and I wouldn't lower myself by joining the ranks of most of the so-called aristocracy who are always getting in the public eye, mostly in a bad way."

## GRIMACES MADE IN CHURCH

### Baptist Deacons Ask Injunction Against Disturber.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—Deacons of the Armourdale Baptist Church and the Splitlog Baptist Mission at Kansas City, Kas., today filed a petition in the Wyandotte County, Kas., District Court, asking that William V. Jones be prevented from attending service at either institution.

The reason for the recourse to law is Jones' alleged proclivity for making "facial grimaces" and "noises" during the services. The petition avers that Jones mocks the congregation with facial contortions and disturbs the preacher with noises and remarks.

According to the petition, Jones fell out with the congregation in September, 1909, over a proposal to repair the damaged foundation of the church. Jones has been creating disturbances in the church ever since, the petition says.

In the absence of the judge of the District Court, Probate Judge Van B. Prather issued a temporary restraining order against Jones. It is returnable next Saturday.

## EXPOSITION TAX OPPOSED

### Farmers' Union Votes Against Panama Fair Levy.

MANSFIELD, La., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Union of Louisiana appears to be opposed to the special Panama exposition tax, as provided for in recent acts of the Legislature. The Desoto parish division of the Farmers' Union, in convention here today, attended by leaders of the movement from all over the state, went on record by almost a unanimous vote in opposition to the proposed tax.

When the resolution was offered, pledging members of the union to vote against the tax, a prolonged discussion ensued, after which the vote was taken. This opposition, as voiced by the Farmers' Union, however, is not general and the exposition management does not believe the action of the Farmers' Union will have any serious weight in the November election, when the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing the special exposition tax must be ratified by the people.

### McKinley on Political Trip.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Congressman McKinley of Illinois, chairman of the Republican Congressional campaign committee, is on a flying visit to the East to observe political conditions. He looked over the situation in New York yesterday and moved on to Boston today. From Boston he is going to Portland, Me., and thence back to Chicago. Congressman McKinley asserted his confidence that the next House will be safely Republican. He is not at all alarmed, he said, by the apparent disaffection in Kansas, and declared that the Republicans there would vote the ticket as they had always done.

## REVENGE BELIEVED MURDER MOTIVE

### Death of Millionaire Still a Mystery.

## ROBBERY THEORY ABANDONED

### Lurker Found by Servants May Have Killed W. L. Rice.

## \$5000 REWARD OFFERED

### Threats Made Against Cleveland Attorney Furnish Clue to Police.

### Murderer Is Thought to Have Had Accomplices.

## CLEVELAND, Aug. 6.—After 20 hours

work, the police are tonight as much at sea as ever in regard to the mysterious murder of William L. Rice, the millionaire lawyer whose body was found in the roadway near his house last night.

A startling development in the case came tonight with the testimony of three men, a nightwatchman, a patrolman and a chauffeur, who told how they had found a man lurking in the rear of the Rice home just prior to the murder. The man appeared to be a foreigner and fled when he was detected.

### Murderer Gives Signal.

These men also testified that four shots had been fired instead of two, as had at first been stated. Two bullets were found in Mr. Rice's body, and the other two are believed by the police to have been a signal to the murderer's accomplices who were watching the other approaches to the Rice home for their victim.

While refusing to make public the entire results of their investigations, the police profess to have established that Mr. Rice's movements were closely watched all yesterday evening, and that when he left the Euclid Club for his home, assassins were lying in wait in at least three places.

### Caddy Under Suspicion.

Rice had been shot twice, struck on the head by a blunt weapon, and slashed across the left hand with a knife. The theory of robbery has been abandoned and the police now believe that the murdered man met his death at the hands of men who were seeking revenge. They are searching for an Italian golf caddy, who, it is said, had sworn vengeance against Mr. Rice for siding against him in a fight, which he had with another caddy, and which resulted in his dismissal.

Apart from this slight clue, the fact that two foreigners were seen near the place where the murder occurred just prior to the discovery of the body, the police confess they have nothing tangible to guide them. The body was found close to a powerful arc light, and although Mr. Rice carried a large sum on his person, in addition to several articles of jewelry, nothing was missing. On the body the police found \$122 in cash, three gold rings, a watch and a diamond-studded collar-button.

### Big Reward Offered.

A reward of \$5000 has been offered by Rice's law partners for the capture of the murderer or murderers. Relatives of Rice informed the police that Rice had been threatened within the last month and that dynamite bombs had been found at the Rice home within the last few weeks.

## BABY DEATH RATE GREAT

### Third of Iowa's Infants Have Died in Present Summer.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 6.—One-third of the babies in Iowa under 1 year old have died this Summer, according to statistics collected by G. H. Sumner, secretary of the Iowa State Board of Health, Chicago, Infants with infantile paralysis, poor milk and improper care are given as causes.

## HARRY MURPHY OFFERS A PICTURE GALLERY OF GROUCHY CITIZENS WHO HAVE OPINIONS AND EXPRESS THEM.



Doesn't believe there's anything in this talk of Bourne being behind the anti-assembly movement. Says the Senator told him so himself. Thinks Cook discovered the Pole.

Declares it's absurd to say that the people can't decide off-hand on those 23 measures just as wisely as the Legislature. Says we ought to trust the people. They can't make any mistakes. Doesn't care if they should make mistakes—he isn't a taxpayer.

Offers you a dollar and a quarter for an option on your choice half block; worth about \$5000 a front foot. Is still at large.

Refuses to work because it would merely be playing into capitalism's hands. Says commercialism is destroying all the poetry of life. Aves that unless things are fixed mighty quick, we'll all be plunged into a bloody revolution that will make the celebrated French stunt sink into insignificance.

Thinks things are going to the bows. Wouldn't invest a nickel. Has no confidence. In fact, hasn't anything but money. His motto is: "If you can't knock, keep quiet."

Says that if he had only bought real estate a couple of years ago, would have had a "big bunch of money" now. Couple of years hence he will say the same about the present.

Is always turning down offers of \$100,000 per year to go East and manage J. P. Morgan's banking business, or straighten out the affairs of the Steel Trust, etc. Stays here for ten a week because he's "stuck on this wonderful climate."