

ROOSEVELT FLY IN LA FOLLETTE'S CUP

Colonel Causes Worry to Wisconsin Man.

CANDIDACY NOW IS FEARED

Plan to Capture Ohio Delegation Suffers Setback.

TAFT STILL COMPLACENT

Observers Point Out That Outlook Editor Has Really Denied Nothing—Secret Plans Believed Perfected.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Dagsty is added to the National political situation by the statement which Colonel Roosevelt yesterday authorized a New York morning paper to print, in which the Colonel professed surprise that anyone should have commented upon his recent editorial in the Outlook on the subjects of the trusts, and says that recently he requested a certain unnamed Senator not to work for him for President, but left off without a denial worthy of being called a denial that he has aspirations for 1912.

The fact is that, as the politicians here in the National Capital view the situation, Colonel Roosevelt is much a factor, particularly in the shaping of the programme of the insurgent Republicans. President Taft through it all is complacent and serene, and not as much as can be said for the LaFollette men. It appears as if the shadow of the Colonel were falling exclusively upon the LaFollette camp.

LaFollette Men Weeping.

Developments of a few days past—particularly in Ohio, where the LaFollette forces have been boasting that they surely would divide the delegation to the National convention, and perhaps would take it entirely away from the President—have shown that political times are changing. Heretofore, the LaFollette men have counted on such Roosevelt sentiment as there was as a political asset of their own; now they seem to have fears about it. There is danger, it is said, that the anti-Taft movement may split upon this rock. The LaFollette men have been unable to still the demands that have been heard in every section where they have conducted their propaganda, that Roosevelt, and not LaFollette, be drafted to "save the party and the day." The Colonel is refraining from any specific denial which would improve this situation from the point of view of the LaFollette leaders.

And every one knows that if Colonel Roosevelt really wants to deny a thing, he knows how to deny it hard. Specific declarations by way of denial have been made by the Colonel in the past, proving that this is true.

Movement Believed Inspired.

It is the view of many political observers here that the steps taken to prevent the insurgent movement from becoming purely LaFollette is not purely spontaneous—that it is being connived at by the Roosevelt followers who are high in the councils, and that it at least is not frowned upon by the Colonel himself.

It is expected that the anti-Taft "progressives" will get together in an effort to force a declaration from Roosevelt. That the object of all this solicitude can keep silence long in the face of the kaleidoscopic situation is doubtful, but it is thought that he will choose his own time and place and manner of utterance. Not even the dean of all the oracles of Delphi could have turned out a better job of utterance.

OREGON FIR TREE IS POSTOFFICE HOME

BLACK ROCK MAIL HANDLED IN STRANGE ABODE.

Wires of Telephone Company Also Center in Base of Old Trunk. Desk Carved Out of Root.

SHERIDAN, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—In the stump of a huge yellow fir tree at Black Rock, in the central part of Polk County, the United States, with the assistance of F. J. Holman, the postmaster, has established a postoffice. Mr. Holman also operates the central exchange of the Mutual Telephone Company in Black Rock.

The stump, the care of which is under the direction of the Postmaster-General, is 25 feet in diameter, and the Government appropriation for its initial cost and up-keep was small. When arranging his quarters in the old trunk, Mr. Holman encountered an obstructing root tentacle, which by a little planing and sawing he converted into a serviceable desk.

Color for 1912 Changed and Chauffeurs to Be Numbered.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Six thousand numbers, or 12,000 tags, weighing over 7000 pounds, were received by the automobile department of the Secretary of State's office today for use in registration of motor vehicles in 1912. In addition 2600 chauffeurs' badges have been ordered. The number tags for 1912, which are issued in duplicate, will be green background with black figures. In 1911 the tags were of yellow background with black figures.

The automobile department is now sending to every owner of a motor vehicle, as registered in 1911, a copy of the 1912 application blank. These will be filed in the order that they come in and immediately on the first of the year the numbers will be sent out. The letters are being sent early as probably there will be a great rush of applications.

CHILD SEX IS FORETOLD

Paris Academy Hears Methods of Pre-Birth Experiment.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Professor Leon Lubbe read before the Academy of Medicine this week a paper written by Dr. Robinson, giving startling results from a series of experiments with adrenalin as determining in advance the sex of a child. The French savant also asserts that the sex of a child can be determined by studying the mother's pulse. When it is unusually rapid the child will be a girl.

TURKEYRAISERS GET RICH

Total of 11,000 Birds Shipped Out of Douglas County.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—A total of 11,000 turkeys were shipped from Douglas County tonight for the Thanksgiving trade. Of this number about 7000 birds were purchased by Oakland poultry dealers, while the remaining 4000 were contracted by Roseburg merchants. The birds average 19 pounds each and at the market price of 21 cents the raisers receive approximately \$25,000.

Other than the 11,000 birds shipped to distant markets it is estimated that about 1000 will be sold in supplying home consumption. This year's output of turkeys is about half of that marketed last season.

SINGLE BID MADE FOR MAIL SUBSIDY

Baker Is Suspected of Coup on Rivals.

POSSIBLE COMPETITORS FEW

Bates & Chesebrough Would Need Added Line.

COMMITTEE GETS ADVICE

Baltimore Promoter Says Canal Business Would Not Make Serious Inroads Into Railroads Owing to Immigration.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(Special.)

Only one bid was submitted today in answer to Postmaster-General Hitchcock's advertisement for the establishment of a subsidy mail line between the two coasts. The fact is being cited now in support of the indirect charge being made by Bernard H. Baker, of Baltimore, that the transcontinental lines are thwarting his effort to establish an independent steamship company to operate through the canal. Nobody knows who made the bid, although in one quarter the suspicion exists that Baker put in that bid, the assumption in that quarter being that he accomplished a coup on the transcontinental lines and every other possible bidder by making it possible for the reports about the choking to be set afloat and thus leaving the field to himself.

Only Two Rivals Possible.

At the time the advertisement was put out, aside from Baker there were only two possible bidders, the Hawaiian-American Steamship Line and the Bates & Chesebrough Company. The bid, which came in without any possible marks of identification, will not be opened until after the Postmaster-General returns on Monday. Bates & Chesebrough cannot comply with the terms of the proposed contract until after they have put steamers on the route between New York and Colon, the service out of New Orleans not being sufficient, even if the ships are fast enough.

The Hawaiian company could comply by extending the routes of its ships from Philadelphia to New York, an easy thing to do.

Capital Is Fearful.

The investigations thus far made by the Senate committee on Interstate Commerce do not sustain sensational reports that the transcontinental railroads have actually combined to prevent the capitalization of steamship lines intended to engage in coast-to-coast trade through the Panama Canal. At the same time, it has been shown that American capital is generally fearful that the railroads, if not restrained by Congress, might inaugurate cut-throat competition which would render private enterprise ineffectual in competition with the transcontinental railroads, and it is this fear, rather than anything that has yet been done, that has made it impossible to finance successfully the Atlantic & Pacific Transportation Company, which intended to operate ships between the ports of the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts by way of the canal.

This whole question was gone into at great length by Mr. Baker in a three-hour hearing before the Senate committee.

Mail Contract Would Help.

While Mr. Baker believed it would be necessary to carry out his idea to form a \$15,000,000 corporation, he personally felt that if \$2,000,000 could be raised prior to November 25 his corporation could submit its bid for the mail

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\$900,000 TOTAL IN 3 REALTY TRADES

Eastern Money Figures in Week's Activity.

BROADMEAD TRACT BOUGHT

Syndicate Pays \$350,000 for 2300 High-Class Acres.

KLAMATH LAND GOBBLED

More Than Eight Square Miles of Rich Soil Transferred for \$300,000 to Oregon Land Corporation—Plaster Sale Also Big.

Table with 2 columns: Description of land, Total amount. Includes items like 50,000 acres in Klamath, 2300 acres at Broadmead, 1200 acres in Eastern Oregon, and a total of \$900,000.

With the closing of two deals yesterday and one Thursday, there was invested in Oregon lands last week nearly \$1,000,000 of Eastern capital. The properties are in three different portions of the state, one being in the Willamette Valley, one in the northern part of Klamath County and one in Eastern Oregon.

The Willamette Valley tract taken over yesterday comprises about 2300 acres at Broadmead, along the extreme southern limit of Yamhill County. The property was purchased by a syndicate of Minnesota and Portland capitalists from the Broadmead Land Company, of which L. B. Menefee is the head, the amount involved in the purchase being \$350,000.

This property was acquired by Mr. Menefee and associates about three years ago from the Ladd estate. It is declared to be exceptionally good land, there being about 1700 acres in a high state of cultivation. The remaining part of the acreage is covered with hardwood timber. The tract is about 43 miles southwest of Portland, on the Corvallis branch of the Southern Pacific, the station known as Broadmead being on the land. The proposed extension of the Oregon Electric between McMinnville and Dallas will touch the property.

Minnesota Men Buy. The Minnesota members of the syndicate are V. C. Mead and A. D. LaDue. Mr. Mead was for several years president of the First National Bank of Hills, Minn., but resigned to give his attention to the Broadmead enterprise. He will close out his interests at once in Minnesota and remove to Portland. Mr. LaDue is president of the First National Bank of Luverne, Minn., and is one of the most prominent financiers in Northwestern Minnesota. The Portland members of the syndicate are E. W. Barnes, timberman; W. H. Barnhart, building contractor; B. Lee Paget, of the Portland Trust Company, and W. P. Huribut, formerly of New York and Idaho.

The tract taken over by our syndicate is, in our opinion, one of the finest in the Willamette Valley," said Mr. Huribut last night. "Already in a high state of cultivation, we will make more extensive improvements on the property. We are not ready to announce our development plans at present. We expect, however, to do our share toward the upbuilding of the state."

Valley Is Extolled. Mr. Mead is also greatly impressed with the Willamette Valley and predicts that in a few years this section of the state will make strides in intensified farming.

The Klamath County land sale in

BIG SHAFT MARKS H. W. SCOTT'S GRAVE

HUGE MARBLE MONUMENT RISES AT RIVERVIEW.

Facsimile of Signature of Distinguished Editor Is Carved on Beautiful Tombstone.

Over the grave of Harvey W. Scott, for many years editor of The Oregonian, is being erected a beautiful monument of Barre granite, which will be the largest and heaviest private monument in Riverview cemetery. Including its concrete foundation, which is 12 feet square and six feet deep and weighs about 54 tons, the total weight of the shaft will be 111 tons. It will stand 10 1/2 feet high. Otto Schumann, veteran marble dealer, is superintending erection of the monument, which he expects to have in place next Saturday.

The first base is 12 feet square and two feet in depth and weighs 22 tons. It is cut out of solid granite and is polished on all exposed surfaces. The second base, eight feet eight inches square and one foot eight inches thick, is of the same material and weighs about 12 tons. The die, or pedestal, is six feet square and seven feet three inches thick. It is also cut from the celebrated Vermont granite, is highly polished and weighs 23 tons. The name "Scott" in plain, square-sunk letters appears on the front side of the pedestal, while a facsimile of Mr. Scott's signature is engraved on the opposite side.

The three sections of the monument were shipped to Portland from the Vermont quarry in a special car and the task of unloading and transporting them to the cemetery was a large undertaking, requiring the use of a small traction engine. Over 6000 feet of heavy timbers were used for double-planing some of the bridge structures over which the immense sections of granite were transported en route to the cemetery.

VANDAL GOAT AT LARGE

Bearded Ruminant Defies Authorities of Two Counties.

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—A strange and wily goat is ravaging the countryside near the county line, and Medford authorities are uncertain if the animal is in their jurisdiction or that of Josephine County. John Burley, a countryman of Pleasant Creek, has notified the city officials of the depredations of the goat, and has asked assistance.

Burley, it seems, has tried to bring the goat down with his rifle, but could not get within range. Meanwhile the bearded ruminant is eating all the cabbages left in the ground, and does not hesitate to carry away Burley's weekly paper as a morning relish. Burley drew the line when the goat ate his fishing tackle, and he wants Constable Singler to run the beast to earth with his pack of imported bloodhounds. It is believed that this is the same goat that troubled the residents of Grants Pass last September and scared several women on the streets.

ANTE-MORTEM RECITAL HIT

Washington Supreme Court Settles Fine Legal Point in Reversal.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 25.—The Supreme Court today reversed the verdict of a King County court which convicted Axel Nist of murder in the second degree for the slaying of Policeman Judson P. Davis in Seattle on the night of February 23, 1911, and granted Nist a new trial. Nist and John Ford set out on that night to hold up and rob men on the street, according to the ante-mortem statement of Ford. Nist was unarmed. Policeman Davis halted the men and Ford and Davis engaged in a pistol duel which resulted in the death of both. Nist fled and was captured.

The Supreme Court ruled that a dying man's statement cannot be used except against one of his opponents in a fight. Thus Davis, if not killed instantly, might have made a valid statement against Nist, but Nist's own partner's statement—barred.

STATE LAYS STRESS ON SHOT IN BACK

Killing of Patterson Re-Enacted in Court

CLOTHES ARE MUTE EVIDENCE

Woman Sobs as She Denies Malice Toward Husband.

DRAMATIC CLIMAX REACHED

Nurse Testifies Patterson Made Threats That He Would Kill His Wife if He Ever Got Out of Bed.

DENVER, Nov. 25.—Crouched on one knee on the courtroom floor, with special Prosecutor Horace C. Benson standing over her, his right arm poised for a blow—the attitude in which she had testified her husband was when she fired the shots that took his life—Gertrude Gibson Patterson today ratiocated before the jury the scenes of the moment that brought her to trial for her life. It was near the close of a long ordeal of cross-examination. "And he swung his right arm for another blow?" asked the prosecutor. "Yes, yes—" and her breath came fast—"and he looked like a demon." "And you shot?"

Courtroom Shudders at Climax. "Yes, yes, I don't know how many times." "And you shot him in the back." "That was all. A little shudder ran over the crowded courtroom. The witness resumed the stand. The cross-examination began anew.

Against Mrs. Patterson's version of the shooting, the state is content with the testimony of the physicians who performed the autopsy and the mute evidence of the dead man's clothes, thrown in a heap under a table in front of the witness chair. Both show that the bullets entered his back. One went through his right shoulder, the other through his heart.

State's Theory Outlined.

Just before Mrs. Patterson had been asked to show how the shooting had occurred, the state had placed before the jury its version of how Patterson met his death. "When your husband told you he would not dismiss his alienation suit against Emil Strauss, didn't you say, 'I told you Saturday that if you wouldn't I'd kill you,' and didn't he start to run and didn't he shoot him in the back, and while he was on his hands and knees before you, crying, 'Oh, my God, my God!' didn't you put the muzzle of your gun within a few inches of his coat that he was wearing and shoot him through the heart?" and Mr. Benson thrust almost in her face the coat her husband wore at his death, his finger on one of the powder-burned bullet holes in the back.

Woman Denies Unflinchingly. "She did not shrink. "No, sir; no, sir; that's a lie," she replied.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Prosecutor Benson ended his cross-examination and turned the witness over to her counsel, O. N. Hilton, for redirect examination. Mr. Hilton took up almost immediately her alleged relations with Emil W. Strauss, the millionaire clothing manufacturer of Chicago, a point avoided by the defense on direct examination and brought out by the prosecution on cross-examination. "How did you meet Mr. Strauss?" he asked. "I was visiting in Chicago and was asked to dine with Mrs. E. J. Weller. Mr. Strauss also was a guest."

CARTOONIST REYNOLDS REVIEWS SOME OF THE WEEK'S EVENTS IN PICTURES.

