

BRYAN IS PARTY'S GRAVEST PROBLEM

What to Do With Nebraskan Nobody Knows.

CONVENTION TROUBLE SURE

Prohibition Obsession Promises Rare Complications.

PARTY LEADERS WORRIED

Wilson Wish That Commoner Might Be "Knocked Into Cocked Hat" Shared by Many Now.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, May 8.—Plans for the democratic convention at San Francisco are once more revolving around the personality of William Jennings Bryan.

With Governor Edwards of New Jersey an avid candidate for the presidency on a "wet" platform, and with Governor Cox of Ohio a candidate with a willingness to be "moist," the democratic campaign management is endeavoring to discover an effective method of placing a "dry" blanket on Mr. Bryan and a "wet" blanket on Governor Edwards so the dread specter of the prohibition issue may not spoil the plans for a harmonious convention.

Rare Complications Visioned. Neither Mr. Bryan nor Governor Edwards indicates a disposition to be blanketed, while the action of the New York democrats in refusing to endorse the league of nations suggests another complication in which Mr. Bryan and Charles E. Murphy, Tammany leader, may become momentary companions at the San Francisco gathering.

The extreme positions taken by the "wets" and the "drys" promise to disturb a plan that has been most carefully laid by the democratic leaders to soft pedal the "wet" issue, while seeking to inoculate the congressional elections with a sufficient degree of moisture to elect a democratic house.

Wonderful Plan Prepared. The latest information received in Washington concerning the Nebraskan is that he is more than ever determined to make prohibition the issue at the San Francisco convention, and there are no reservations in his programme. Mr. Bryan will welcome the assistance of Tammany or anyone else in refusing to endorse the president's decision on the league of nations, but expressions on the league will be subsidiary to the expression which Mr. Bryan wishes to have made on prohibition.

Trouble Courted Certainly. Democratic administration forces were intensely disappointed over the failure to defeat Mr. Bryan in Nebraska; Mr. Bryan, in the convention, means trouble. It is realized that the Nebraskan is out to acquire the leadership of the party which he laid down at the Baltimore convention, and that he is willing to wreck it if necessary, as happened in the

WINTER WHEAT CROP WILL BE SHORT ONE

YIELD FAR UNDER THAT OF LAST YEAR FORECAST.

Abandonment Is Greater Than Average—Work on Farms Generally Is Backward.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Winter wheat production this year was forecast today at 484,647,000 bushels by the department of agriculture, which based its estimates on conditions prevailing May 1. The crop showed a slight improvement from April 1, the forecast of production being 1,030,000 bushels larger than estimated a month ago. Compared with last year's crop, the prospective wheat crop has been reduced 32.5 per cent.

Abandonment of acreage during the winter was a little greater than in average years, amounting to 11.9 per cent, or 4,065,000 acres. On the basis of May 1 reports, 34,165,000 acres will be harvested this year in comparison with nearly 49,000,000 acres last year.

Shortage of labor and a backward spring are believed to have resulted in less abandonment than normally would have taken place, farmers for those reasons allowing fields to stand that otherwise would have been plowed under and planted to other crops.

Work on farms generally is much behind owing to the cold and wet spring. Plowing on May 1 was only 68.1 per cent completed, compared with a 10-year average of 71.4 per cent. Spring planting was 50.2 per cent finished, while normally it is 59 per cent done on May 1.

Production of winter wheat May 1 was 92.4 on May 1 last year and 90.5 the ten-year's May 1 average. The condition of meadow (hay) lands was 89.4 per cent of normal, the expected hay acreage about 71,752,000 acres and the production forecast 111,820,000 tons, compared with 108,665,000 tons last year.

Stocks of hay on farms May 1 were 118,000 tons, against 8,559,000 tons last year on May 1.

BURGLAR PUT TO FLIGHT

William McMurray Awakened by Prowler Working in Home.

William McMurray, general passenger agent of the G. W. R. & N. railroad, in an encounter with a burglar at his home, 645 Clark street, last night, put the midnight prowler to flight.

Mr. McMurray, who was alone at the time, was awakened at about 11:15 o'clock to find the burglar in his room. As the railroad man sat up in bed, the burglar turned a flashlight in his face in an effort to blind him.

Mr. Murray, leaping from his bed, switched on the electric lights and made a dash for the intruder. The burglar fled down the front stairway with Mr. McMurray close at his heels. The burglar, however, made good his escape.

Lieutenant of Inspectors Pat McInley with Inspectors Coleman and Collins reached the McMurray home a few minutes later but could find no trace of the burglar. Mr. McMurray could give only a meager description of the prowler.

Just how much loot the burglar obtained could not be learned. Some of the rooms on the lower floor had been ransacked.

JOHNSON LEAD 161,290

Senator's Delegate Has 371,646 and Hoover's 210,356.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 8.—Returns from 657 precincts out of California's 9705 in the Tuesday presidential primary election give 371,646 votes for the leading delegate on the Johnson ticket and 210,356 for the leading Hoover candidate for delegate.

POLL OF EDITORS PUTS WOOD FIRST

Publishers of Oregon Express Choice.

LOWDEN SECOND SELECTION

McAdoo Favorite Among Democratic Papers.

HOOPER FAVOR EVIDENT

General Sentiment of Communities as Well as Personal Preferences Canvassed.

RESULT OF THE OREGONIAN'S POLL OF OREGON EDITORS.

Republican editors' first, second and third choices for president:

Table with 3 columns: Candidate, 1st. 2d. 3d. Total. Includes names like Harding, Hoover, Hughes, Lowden, McAdoo, Polidexter, Taft, Wood.

Results of a poll conducted by The Oregonian among the newspaper publishers of the state as to their first, second and third choices for president give General Wood a slight lead among the republican aspirants and William Gibbs McAdoo a corresponding advantage among the democratic candidates.

Wood is the first choice of 18 republican editors, while Herbert C. Hoover and Governor Lowden are each favored by 13. Senator Johnson is the first choice of five, closely pressed by ex-president Taft, who has the endorsement of four publishers.

Of five democratic papers expressing their presidential preferences, three favor McAdoo for first place, with one each for Governor Cox and Hoover. Three editors of the five independent newspapers reporting are for McAdoo as first choice, Cox and Lowden being the choice of the other two. Two of the five independent editors chose McAdoo as their first choice among the democratic candidates, while Taft and Senator Underwood each received one second-choice vote.

For second choice among the republican editors, Lowden leads with 22. Wood is second with 16 and Hoover is third with five. Johnson is fourth with four. For third choice Lowden and Wood are tied with 9 each. Hoover coming next with a total of eight. Johnson with six is followed by Senator Harding and Charles Evans Hughes with five and four, respectively.

Cox, Gerard, McAdoo and Palmer each received one second-choice vote from the democratic editors. Cox was the only candidate receiving any third-choice votes, being favored with two.

In addition to expressing their personal choice of candidates, the editors also reported the probable sentiment of their political parties respecting the presidency in their respective communities. This expression, which

JAPAN TURNS PROFITS OF WAR TO EDUCATION

USE OF MONEY SAID TO PROVE ANTI-MILITARISTIC TREND.

29 Colleges and 10 Universities Being Built, Declares Minister at Methodist Conference.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 8.—Dr. Frank Herron Smith of Seoul, Corea, speaking tonight at the fraternal delegate from the Japanese Methodist church to the Methodist general conference, stated that Japan is not a military menace, giving as his reason the fact that the boys no longer are anxious to enter either the military or naval academy.

Dr. Smith gave as further evidence that Japan is turning from militaristic tendencies the fact that the enormous war profits of that nation are being used by the government to build new colleges, ten new universities and to educate hundreds of Japanese young men, both at home and abroad, to assume professorships in these new institutions.

He stated further that the most popular word in Japan today is "Demokurushi," which is the Japanese equivalent for democracy. The four great problems in Japan today said Dr. Smith, are the high cost of living, labor agitation, bolshevism and universal suffrage. An election to be held throughout the empire next Monday has to do with the matter of suffrage and bids fair to mean great things for Japan. Dr. Smith stated that in 12 years the membership of the Methodist church of Japan has doubled and contributions are twice as much per capita as in America.

WEST POINT SYSTEM AGAIN MADE TARGET

HARVARD EDUCATOR REPLIES TO GENERAL'S QUERY.

BOSTON, Mass., May 8.—The United States military academy was criticized by Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, in a letter to Brigadier-General John W. Ruckman, U. S. A., commander of the North Atlantic coast artillery district. General Ruckman had written Dr. Eliot to ascertain whether certain comments on West Point teaching, which he was reported as having made in an address before the Harvard teachers' association, were correct.

In the published report of his remarks Dr. Eliot was quoted as saying: "I hope we shall never take our example for public school administration from West Point. It is a good example of just what an educational institution should not be. This was shown by the inefficiency and failure of its graduates in the war."

Dr. Eliot replied to General Ruckman that this quotation, while not in his exact words, was substantially correct. He concluded: "In my opinion no American school or college intended for youths between 18 and 22 years of age should accept such ill-prepared material as West Point accepts. No school or college, Dr. Eliot declared, should have a completely prescribed curriculum or have its teachings done all-

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3 FISHERMEN DROWN WHEN BOATS CAPSIZE

PARTY FROM ASTORIA BEGINS SEARCH FOR BODIES.

WRECK OF CRAFT ARE WASHED ASHORE OUTSIDE NORTH JETTY—TRAGEDIES FIRST OF SEASON.

ASTORIA, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—The first tragedies of this year's fishing season occurred yesterday when three men lost their lives near the mouth of the Columbia. The victims were Eli Anderson, Meyer Johansen and Ole Johnson. The bodies had not been found late tonight. The boats were washed ashore in the breakers just outside the North Jetty.

Eli Anderson, who was employed by the Columbia River Packers association had been outside fishing for crabs and was returning to Astoria when his boat capsized. He was washed down. Anderson was a native of Sweden, about 40 years of age and unmarried. His only known immediate relative is a mother who resides in the old country.

Ole Johnson, killnetter, and Meyer Johansen, his boatswain, were employed by the Booth fisheries and had been missing since Thursday, when they went to the mouth of the river. How they met with disaster is not known, but their swamped craft came ashore yesterday near the point where Anderson's boat was found. Johansen was a native of Norway, about 35 years of age and is survived by his widow and four children, the youngest being six months old, who reside on Thirty-fifth street, this city.

Ole Johnson, the boatswain, was a single man about 25 years of age and his home is in Portland. Captain Rimer and the Cape Disappointment coast guard crew have begun searching for the bodies.

MOTHERS' DAY POPULAR

Large Demand for Carnations and Roses Reported Yesterday.

Today is being observed throughout the United States as Mothers' day. The public part of the observance takes the form chiefly of wearing a carnation or corsage bouquet as a token of remembrance. A white flower, preferably carnation or rose, is in memory of the mother, who has passed on. Florists report that all colors and kinds of flowers will be worn in honor of the living mother or sent as gifts to her. The demand yesterday was very heavy in the flower shops and late purchasers found the supply depleted, particularly of the white emblems.

In the churches of the city at morning and evening services today tributes will be paid to motherhood. At some churches flowers will be distributed to mothers. People are asked today to give a little heed to the sacrifices of mothers, to write to those who live elsewhere and make them feel they are not neglected by their grown-up children. By this thoughtfulness the mother may be cheered and her life made more pleasant.

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GASOLINE SUPPLY DANGEROUSLY LOW

City and State Face Serious Situation.

OFFICIALS HOLD CONFERENCE

Suspension of Oregon Gravity Test Law Expected.

RATIONING ORDER ISSUED

Companies Limit Allowances to Purchasers—State Industries May Be Affected.

STATE TREASURER READY TO ACT ON GASOLINE SHORTAGE.

SALLEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Following receipt of several telegrams from Portland, State Treasurer Hoff tonight issued a statement saying his office would act in case of a gasoline famine.

"Although it is not within the province of my office to suspend or set aside the gasoline gravity test law, I do not intend to sit idly by and permit the industries of Oregon to shut down because of a lack of gasoline," said Mr. Hoff. "I have notified W. A. Dalziel, deputy scaler of weights and measures, to proceed to Portland and investigate conditions. Should he find the gasoline shortage as represented by Mayor Baker, I probably will take some action early next week to meet the emergency."

In case of an emergency, officials said it would be possible for Mr. Hoff to refuse to prosecute persons or corporations dealing in gasoline of less than 56 degrees gravity.

Portland and Oregon face the most serious gasoline shortage in the history of the state, a shortage which, unless immediately relieved, will seriously interfere with industry throughout the state and reduce operation of pleasure vehicles to a minimum.

Suspension of the enforcement of the specific gravity test law is proposed as a measure of relief. This is being seriously considered by Governor O'Leit and State Treasurer Hoff, the latter being in charge of enforcement of the gasoline law.

It is believed that these officials will arrange tomorrow to assume the gasoline companies operating in Oregon of such suspension, and thus release for use a part of the million gallons of gasoline now stored in Linnton for use in the state of Washington.

Supply Dangerously Low. According to officials of the Standard, Associated and Union oil companies, there is only a six-day supply of gasoline complying to the specific gravity test law in the state. Several towns in the state have already exhausted gasoline supplies.

No restrictions on the sale of gasoline have been imposed by the Shell company of California, although it is entirely possible that this company will tomorrow impose an embargo similar to that instituted by other companies in order to conserve what officials of the company call "a moderate supply."

Tanks owned by the Shell company contain possibly 500,000 gallons, according to officials.

Occasional Rains Coming

Forecast for Week Includes Some Rainy Days for Coast.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions—Local showers indicated early in the week; temperatures slightly above normal, generally fair thereafter, with nearly normal temperatures.

Pacific states—Occasional rains north portion; generally fair south portion, with nearly normal temperatures.

2 DIE IN SHOOTING FRAY

Farmer Kills Mother-in-Law of Brother and Then Himself.

ALBION, Neb., May 8.—John Buchanan, 34, a farmer living at the home of his brother, yesterday shot and killed Mrs. Grace Chapman, mother-in-law of his brother, and then killed himself.

The killing of Mrs. Chapman was without known provocation.

PICTORIAL COMMENTS BY CARTOONIST PERRY ON SOME OUTSTANDING TOPICS IN THE NEWS.

