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BRYAN'S RECORD FAILURE ON PUBLIC QUESTIONS SAYS TAFT

Republican Candidate Raps Democrat In Speech In Chicago.

NO UNCERTAIN LANGUAGE USED

Declares Nebraskan Has Been Advocating Foolish Propositions.

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 24.—What William H. Taft really thinks of William J. Bryan as a statesman and politician was told Tuesday in no uncertain language by the Republican candidate to the National League of Republican Clubs. The Bryan feature of Mr. Taft's speech came as the conclusion of a 10,000-word address in which the accomplishments and purposes of the Republican party were contrasted with what the speaker termed the Democratic record of opposition and promise.

"Turning now to the other picture," said Mr. Taft, after his review of the issues, "what is it that we have to expect from Mr. Bryan? Have we anything to expect but what he promises? Have we anything to expect but what is based upon his eloquence and his adroitness as a public critic? Has he ever given any practical demonstration of his ability to meet problems and solve them? Has he ever done anything but formulate propositions in his closet of an utterly impracticable character, largely with a view of attracting votes by their plausibility and very little with a view to their operation? 'By their fruits we shall know them.' What is the history of Mr. Bryan? It is from beginning to end a record of failures on public questions."

Mr. Taft reviewed Mr. Bryan's career as a public man and continued: "In 1906, Mr. Bryan went around the world and on his return was heralded with the statement that in his visit around the world he had so gained information and knowledge that he had become safe and sane; that he was a conservative and all the Democratic party awaited his coming with great interest. Immediately upon his arrival he dispelled this erroneous impression by declaring that he was convinced that the only solution of the railroad question ultimately would be government ownership. He had previously declared in favor of national initiative and referendum and also in favor of the election of federal judges. All these most radical propositions have been excluded from the Democratic platform. They do not meet such popular approval as to justify their being brought forward as a means of acquiring office in this campaign, but they show the instability and variability of his views and they justify the fear that so many people of this country have in respect to the danger to which the public weal would be exposed should he be put at the helm as the pilot.

"And now, with the record of promises and prophecies unfulfilled for a period of 12 years, with this record of a hunt for an issue upon which to achieve the presidency, with this record of repudiation, of negation and of running away from national responsibilities, Mr. Bryan comes forward and asks that the people now give him an opportunity to put into operation new reforms in respect to trusts and in respect to guaranty of bank deposits, wholly untried, wholly theoretical and on their face bearing evidence of their impracticability and of having been devised by the ready brain of one looking for plausible arguments rather than real reforms. He only, in a qualified way, approved the postal savings banks recommended by the Republican platform which is a tried and proved means of encouraging the wage-earner and small farmer to make deposits in a bank absolutely secure; but much prefers a system which takes a man's money to pay another man's default and which, instead of strengthening our

WEALTHY MEN WILL GATHER

Arrange Conference Between Local Capitalists and Harriman Man.

One of the features of the visit of Col. Holabird, E. H. Harriman's special representative, who is investigating the business and resources of the Coos Bay country to determine whether or not a line from Drain here would pay, will be a conference between he and a group of the wealthiest men of this section. The conference has not been fully arranged, but it is proposed to have he and General Manager C. J. Mills meet with Elijah Smith, C. A. Smith, J. E. Oren, Captain A. M. Simpson, L. J. Simpson, Henry Sengstacken, Col. Grimes, Dr. J. T. McCormac and the situation be gone thoroughly over.

It is likely that the conference will not only result in these parties giving exact data as to the business they are doing but also in forecasting as to what they might do if given the additional shipping facilities that a railroad would bring. Today, Col. Holabird, Mr. Mills and a number of prominent North Bend men are making a trip up North Inlet to look over the cranberry ranches. They will also spend considerable time in North Bend, looking over the city.

banking system, will break it down by destroying the value of the banking character and experience and capital, and offering inducement to reckless and speculative bankers without character or capacity.

"The record of Mr. Bryan and his character as it is understood by a twelve years acquaintance with him, have impressed the business community of this country and those whose judgment determines whether or not capital shall be invested, that he is not a safe man with whom to try experiments in government; that he loves financial theories that are full of sophistry and are impractical; that he advances propositions with but little sense of respect as to how they may be carried out in practice, and that he gives but little attention to the welfare of the conservative business community in suggestions of reform. Certainly his record justified this judgment of him by the business men. If he were to be elected, unquestionably because of his record, however much now he may seek to pose as a conservative—because of his record, because of the failure of the theories which he has proposed for the last twelve years; his election will mean a paralysis of business and we should have a recurrence of the disastrous conditions of the last Democratic administration."

RAP AT FORAKER.

Taft Didn't Want to Be Endorsed With Him.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 24.—The identity of the man to whom was addressed W. H. Taft's letter protesting against the endorsement of Taft and Foraker in the same resolution by the Ohio Republican convention given out by President Roosevelt the other evening, was announced by Taft himself last night. "Arthur I. Vorys is the man. I wrote that letter to him," said Taft.

TRY CORTHELL'S LUNCHES.

Our coffee and doughnuts can't be beat.—Johnson Building, Second and 'C' streets.

STEAMER BREAKWATER

sailed from Marshfield for Portland, Saturday, September 26, at 10 a. m.

PIANO STUDIO

of Louis H. Boll, First Trust and Savings Bank building. Winter term now open.

EGG PLUMS FOR CANNING

AT CHAS. STAUFF'S, THE GROCER.

BRYAN LOOKS UP THE CHARGES

Presidential Candidate Personally Probes Allegations Against Gov. Haskell Who May Have to Resign Treasurership.

(By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—No action will be taken today by the Democratic committee in reference to the charges made against Gov. Haskell pending the investigation now being made by W. J. Bryan. Meanwhile, the committeemen are expressing the hope that Haskell will resign the treasurership unless he can clear himself of the alleged charges.

ROOSEVELT HAS REPLIED.

Bryan Won't Talk About the President's Response. (By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 24.—

FOREST FIRES NEAR EUREKA

Lumber Interests In Humboldt County Sustain Heavy Losses.

(By Associated Press.) EUREKA, Cal., Sept. 24.—Forest fires are doing immense damage to the timber in Humboldt county, several lumber plants have been destroyed and the town of Luffenholtz was wiped out. The loss will run into the hundreds of thousands, probably.

CHOLERA DEATH RATE LARGE

Number of New Cases In Manila Thirty Daily But Is Diminishing.

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, P. I., Sept. 24.—Cholera is of less alarming proportions. The daily average number of new cases is thirty. The number of deaths is still large. Since the public gatherings were stopped there, the disease has not spread as rapidly as previously.

GOMPERS HIT VAN CLEAVE

Labor Leader Makes Serious Charges Against Head of Manufacturers.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor in the contempt hearing today testified that he and other labor leaders are continually followed by detectives employed by President Van Cleave of the Manufacturers Association, and that an emissary of Van Cleave offered him a bribe at a meeting in New York to desert the cause of labor and put the Manufacturers Association in possession of its secrets.

DISPATCH DRIVEN AGROUND.

BANDON, Ore., Sept. 24.—The steamer Dispatch, the largest on the Coquille river, was caught by the high wind near here and driven ashore near here. Before she could be pulled off, the tide went out, leaving her high and dry on the sands. The passengers were removed to the Venus and brought to Bandon.

President Roosevelt has replied in no uncertain terms, it is believed, to W. J. Bryan's letter regarding the charges against Gov. Haskell. Bryan refuses to discuss it or give out any statement until he has had time to think it over.

MAKES WEAK REPLY.

Gov. Haskell Merely Upbraids W. R. Hearst. (By Associated Press.) GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 24.—Gov. Charles N. Haskell, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, today issued, through the Associated Press an open letter to W. R. Hearst taking the New York editor to task for his attitude in the political campaign. Haskell made no reference to Hearst's statement or to the controversy over Hearst's charges that Haskell had sought to influence Attorney General Monett of Ohio, to dismiss certain suits against Standard Oil.

REDDING HARD HIT BY FIRE

California Town Suffer \$100,000 Loss In Conflagration Today.

(By Associated Press.) REDDING, Cal., Sept. 24.—A midnight fire destroyed \$100,000 worth of property in this city. Two hotels, three saloons, three warehouses, some general merchandise stores and a score of houses in the restricted districts were among the structures burned. The cause is not known.

COFFIN NAILS ARE HIT AGAIN

Washington Supreme Court Upholds Ban On Papers and Cigarettes There.

(By Associated Press.) TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 24.—A special to the News from Olympia says the Washington Supreme court has in the Winsor case from Spokane upheld the state law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers.

ARREST TWO FOR MURDER

John Rice and Harold Green Accused of Crime In British Columbia.

(By Associated Press.) NICOLAI, B. C., Sept. 24.—John Rice and Harold Green were arrested here on the charge of murdering a hotel-keeper named Thomet, at Midway, B. C.

New Smokestacks Coming.

Capt. Starkey of the dredge Oregon, today received a letter from Major McIndoe, the engineer in charge of the government office at Portland, stating that new smokestacks for the dredge had been secured and will be shipped on the Alliance which will be in here next Monday morning. This will be before the barge with the pipe can reach Coos Bay. This will mean that there will be no loss of time sustained on account of the accident to the dredge Monday morning outside the bar.

Corn chop and alfalfa hay at HAINES.

TYPHOON LEAVES TRAIL OF DEATH AND RUIN ON ISLANDS

HEWITT LIKES STREET WORK

Tacoma Millionaire Pleased With Improvements and Discusses Things In General

"Why in blazes don't you cut that hump out of the street up yonder so you can look down the Bay and see the vessels coming up and also bring Marshfield and North Bend business sections in plain view of each other?"

This was the question that Henry Hewitt, Jr., the Tacoma millionaire who owns the major portion of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company, put to a group of men at the corner of Broadway and 'C' streets this morning as he was looking over the town. The hump he referred to was the small hill on North Broadway which was recently planked.

Continuing, he said, "Marshfield has done itself proud by the paving and street improvement work lately completed and now in progress. Keep it up. Nothing helps a town so much as good streets and good paving. If a few hold back and don't want to improve, force them to. We had to do it in Tacoma and I think every other town that has ever amounted to anything has had to do the same thing."

Plans For Improvements.

Relative to his own plans for improvements here, Mr. Hewitt said he had little to announce. "Why we are giving you street lights at \$3 less than any other city is paying for them and still you are kicking. When we get the new plant done, we will have the best plants of any city of the size in this section. The gas rates are high, I know, but the consumption is small. Furnish me demand for four times as much gas and I'll cut the rates in half.

"I don't know whether I want to build an electric line here or not. The people don't seem to want it now and another thing is that the financial situation has been such that it has been practically out of the question to market bonds.

"I don't believe in all this kicking against trusts and corporations. They are a good thing. If the trusts don't make money, no one else will. The only trusts I find fault with are the ones I am not in. All these big companies like the C. A. Smith Company, the Simpson Lumber Company and others that are doing things for Coos Bay are trusts. I like to be where they are lots of them because if I am not able to get my share out of the dinner pails, I have no one to blame but myself.

Not Making Money.

"Public utilities don't pay in small towns. For instance, what I have invested here won't begin to show returns for ten years or so and won't be anything big until this gets to be a town of 100,000 or 150,000 people. If I had the money I put in here, I could have doubled it during the financial troubles lately.

"Take electric lines for another example. Practically every electric line loses money on the start and the fellows who build them lose all they have. Some other fellow comes along and buys the property up at a sheriff or receiver's sale and gets rich out of it.

"Coos Bay will boom when Harriman builds in here, but I don't believe he will come for three or four years anyway. He has a lot of other projects on his hands and believes they are more important to him than Coos Bay. Of course, he has a man here now, but that may help him get all of the business there is in and out of here at present."

Mr. Hewitt said that Seymour H. Bell, his general manager, was largely responsible for the heavy investments he has made here. He said Bell kept urging him to do things and he kept digging up the money.

Number of Victims In Philippines May Run Into Hundreds.

MEAGER DETAILS ARE OBTAINABLE

Storm of Extraordinary Violence Swept Large Area.

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, P. I., Sept. 24.—A typhoon of terrific velocity swept through the central portion of the Philippines, and sweeping over part of the Island of Samar. It is evident that there was great damage but the wires in most directions are completely prostrated.

A telegram from Masbate says every building there was razed with the exception of the postoffice. Great damage was done at Roblon. It is believed there was a heavy loss of life, which will run into the scores and perhaps hundreds. So far as known, all the dead are natives.

WILL REDUCE FIRE DANGER

North Bend City Council Throws Safeguards Around Moving-Pictures Shows.

The North Bend City council has passed an ordinance regulating the installation of moving-picture machines in that city, the owners being required to comply with the regulations fixed by the Pacific Board of Fire Underwriters. These regulations require a metallic case and other safeguards. The North Bend ordinance makes it a misdemeanor for anyone operating the machines without first complying with these provisions. The ordinance was drafted for the purpose of reducing the fire hazard and the danger of theatre disasters that are frequently caused by moving-picture machines exploding or catching fire.

The council did not act on the charter election result Tuesday night owing to the absence of Mayor L. J. Simpson. It is necessary for Mayor Simpson to issue a proclamation declaring the result of the election as certified to him before the new charter can become effective.

The liquor license of the late Ernest Wittick for the old Eagle Saloon was transferred to the Coos Bay Liquor Company.

The grading of Marion avenue across Pony Slough was ordered completed. The improvement was started sometime ago, but was not completed for the lack of funds and dirt to fill the street.

Several other street improvement matters were taken up.

Convention Tomorrow.

The annual session of the Coos county Sunday School Association will open tomorrow afternoon in the Baptist church. The convention will continue through Saturday and Sunday, closing Sunday evening. Prominent churchmen of this section will participate in the program and Chas. A. Phipps of Portland, a leading worker in the state, will also be present.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

Please take notice that the second installment of taxes will be due on or about October 5th, 1908. No taxes will be sent out except upon application.

Dated September 16th, 1908.
W. W. GARDNER,
Sheriff and tax collector.

ALL good things for stock HAINES.

"MERRY WIDOW" vetts a full line at Clarke Millinery.