

IS LEGISLATURE FOR HARRIMAN OR FOR THE PEOPLE?

RAILROAD FORCES FIGHT CHAPIN BILL

Appeal to Partisanship the Last Refuge of Traction Lobbyists Who Are Flocking to Salem to Eliminate Appointive Feature of Commission Bill.

All the strength of the Harriman cohorts will be arrayed at Salem this week in the effort to strike out from the Chapin railroad commission bill the provision giving to the governor the appointment of the first board of commissioners. Friends and foes of the measure regard this as one of its most vital features, and it is the only point on which the railroad interests have now any hope of victory.

The appeal to party feeling is the last refuge of the railroad-lobbyists. Their efforts to strike out of the Chapin bill the provisions for reciprocal demurrage and for regulation of rates have met with failure. All that is left them is to strive for such a method of selecting the commissioners as will enable the railroads to bring political influence to bear, so that a majority of the board may be favorable to their interests.

The demand for a railroad commission appointed by the governor is essentially non-political. The present governor is a Democrat, yet an overwhelming majority of those who have informed the Chapin railroad commission bill, which gives the governor the appointive power, are Republicans. There are 195 lumber mills in Oregon, employing probably 30,000 men, and fully 90 per cent of the owners of these mills are clamoring for the enactment of the Chapin bill, and their demand finds unqualified support among their employees. Probably 25 per cent of the members of the Portland chamber of commerce are Republicans, yet the resolutions of this body endorsing the Chapin bill have been passed without a dissenting vote.

Demand is General.

All over the state shippers, farmers, merchants, hoggrowers, dairymen, commercial clubs and chambers of commerce, regardless of politics, have given the same strong and unqualified endorsement of this measure. The bill was introduced by a Republican and referred to a committee in which there was not a single Democratic member. Seven of the ten members of this Republican committee have agreed to recommend the bill favorably, with the comparatively unimportant amendment that eventually the commissioners shall be elective, but continuing a majority of the appointed commission in office until January 1, 1911.

Republican endorsement of an appointive commission find abundant preced-

BUSINESS MEN DEMAND PASSAGE OF CHAPIN BILL

Large Delegation of Portland Merchants Going to Salem to Investigate Legislature and Opposition of Speaker Davey to Appointive Committee.

A large delegation of Portland business men, members of the chamber of commerce and other commercial bodies will go to Salem tomorrow to investigate for themselves the nature of the opposition to the railroad commission bill and reciprocal demurrage law. Alarmed by the political activity of Harriman railroad agents, and the attitude of Speaker Davey, they will exert their personal efforts to assist in the passage of the railway regulation law they have asked from the Oregon legislature.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the chamber yesterday afternoon the matter was discussed and it was decided that the situation is of such gravity that extraordinary action must be taken to prevent defeat of the measure at the hands of partisan elements in the legislature. They say the law in all its features is entirely outside of any political consideration and should be legally supported by every man who has the best commercial interests of Oregon at heart.

Resolution Adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the trustees, most of whom are Republicans:

"Resolved, that the board of trustees of the chamber of commerce endorse the bill known as the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce railway commission bill and request the members of the legislature to vote for it as recommended by the majority of the joint committee of the legislature and that the president be empowered to appoint representatives of the chamber to go to Salem to obtain favorable action thereon."

Favor Chapin Bill.

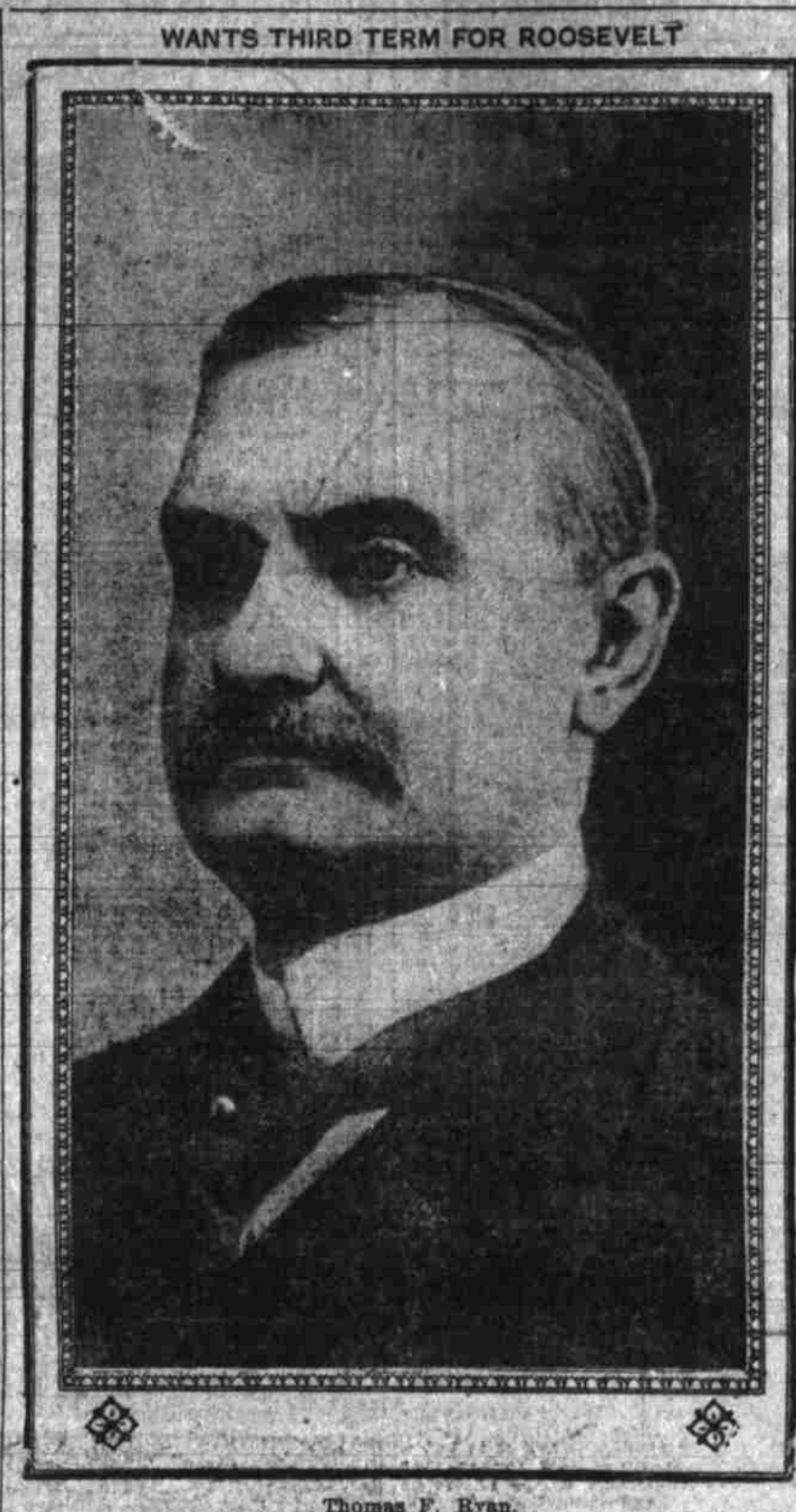
The bill that the chamber favors is known as the Chapin bill. It was drawn by attorneys for the transportation committee of the chamber and the Oregon Lumbermen's Association and unanimously endorsed by them. This bill has received the voluntary and earnest endorsement of more business men than has any measure ever brought before the Oregon legislature in the history of the state. It is backed by immense business interests, permeating every class of shippers in the state. Granges, hoggrowers' associations, lumbermen and commercial bodies all over Oregon have asked for the legislation embodied in it.

Two Dead From Fire.

(Publisher's Press by Special Leased Wire.) Odebit, Ia., Feb. 9.—Two men were killed, another fatally injured and five others seriously injured by the collapse of a fire-guttered building today. The dead are Charles Krudstorf, aged 42, married, and Harry Johnson, aged 20. John Salstrom, a widower, was fatally injured.

Honston Defeats Dawson.

(Publisher's Press by Special Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 9.—Thomas E. Honston of Scranton, Pennsylvania, defended his right to the title of the world's professional pool championship by his decisive defeat of Edwin Dawson of St. Louis at Morningstar's academy today. The final score was 600 to 353.



ROOSEVELT-RYAN ALLIANCE

New York Traction Magnate Slips Down to See President and Story of Combine and Third Term Talk Results.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 9.—That Thomas F. Ryan is pledged to the support of Theodore Roosevelt for a third term is generally understood among well informed politicians here.

It is believed that the alliance between the president and the traction insurance magnate was consummated last week, when Ryan and Roosevelt had a long secret conference at the White House.

Ryan, unheralded, slipped into Washington on an early morning train. Immediately on arriving he drove to the White House. Apparently he was expected, for he was at once ushered into the presence of the president. Other visitors were waiting and others arrived from time to time, but one and all were told that it would be impossible to say how long Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Ryan would be engaged. A definite understanding was reached between the two men.

The Hearst correspondent has learned the facts concerning this alliance, although it may be predicted that the White House and probably Mr. Ryan will make a very vigorous denial, but the facts remain and their truth will be demonstrated by future events. The interview was arranged by Secretary Root.

And now Washington is waiting for the first confirmation of the deal in the rejection of the Oliver canal bid.

President Roosevelt is making no effort to suppress politicians who are booming him for a third term.

Recently Roosevelt cared little or nothing in reiteration of the understanding promulgated when he began his second term that he would not be a candidate again. Hence Fairbanks, Foraker, Taft, Cannon and others who are regarded as prospective candidates for the Republican nomination in 1908 are viewing the situation askance.

NO DECISION IN JAPANESE SCHOOL ROW

President and Frisco Delegation Fail to Arrive at an Agreement Upon Question.

Californians Firm in Demands for Japanese Exclusion and President Insists That School Board Must First Recede From Original Position.

(Publisher's Press by Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 9.—Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco announced today that the Japanese school question was in a fairly good way for satisfactory settlement. Authority that cannot be quoted intimates that the whole thing is again in the air. Mayor Schmitz says that a conference is to be held between the president and the Pacific slope visitors Monday or Tuesday and an agreement satisfactory to all is likely to be reached. The other authority, whose identity must be concealed, declares that the president and the San Francisco authorities will never be able to adjust the differences, and the visitors will depart without agreement being reached. The mayor and two of his party had their formal conference with the president at the White House this afternoon. They gave every evidence of being satisfied with the progress of events. Mayor Schmitz was very optimistic.

No Result Arrived At.

To the Publishers Press he said: "The matter will be finally settled, it is believed, at another conference to be held on Monday or Tuesday. We placed our position before the president and he stated this to us. There was nothing in the way of an ultimatum or a statement of demands from either side, but just a plain, straight-forward announcement of the stand taken by each."

"Was the conference on the whole satisfactory or unsatisfactory?" he was asked.

"It would not be possible to say that it was either," replied the mayor. "We will hold several meetings among ourselves between now and Monday and will then notify the president that we are ready to call upon him for final conference. We feel sure that the outcome will be satisfactory."

Expects a Backdown.

No statement was given out at the White House to indicate the position of the president. It is understood, however, that the executive told his callers plainly that the government expected the school board to recede from its attitude of antagonism and again to open its schools to the children of all races. In return for this concession, the president is said to have assured them that the administration would arrange with the Japanese government for the discontinuance of the immigration of coolies.

Unless the San Francisco board were to make this concession, which is a

THAW WILL TELL STORY TO JURORS

Defendant Is to Relate His Side of Murder Case in Court—Comstock May Testify.

Anti-Vice Society Leader Has Evidence Confirming Evelyn's Narrative in Many Ways—Thaw's Will Good Evidence of Insanity, State Attorneys.

(Publisher's Press by Special Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 9.—Harry Thaw will take the stand to deliver the final blow in his defense for the killing of Architect Stanford White. Judge Delmas Delmas, chief counsel for Thaw, practically decided today that the millionaire defendant should become a witness and corroborate the testimony given by his chorus-girl wife. Harry Thaw will tell of Evelyn Nesbit's refusal to marry him because of what she termed degradation at the hands of Stanford White. He will tell the jury how the fragile child, in tearful words, that day in Paris, sobbingly told him of her shame and ruin—a story that burned into his soul and fanned the fire of a consuming hatred for White.

Thaw's lawyers will seek to show by his testimony that he brooded over his wife's wrongs until the stretch of time disappeared in the ferment of his disordered mind, a white specter after girl, a victim of White's lust, as was his wife.

Spectre Came at Night.

The spectre came to him at night and in his waking hours and with it the hallucination that Stanford White was pursuing his wife to take her life with some subtle poison.

When he saw White that night glowering at him on the roof of Madison Square Garden, Thaw will tell the jury that he believed that the agent of providence, he was directed to kill the architect. Within a minute after the shooting Thaw said to his wife, "It's all right, dearie; I have probably saved your life."

It is this belief that Thaw was plotting to murder Evelyn that caused Thaw to make that remark; that for a long time it was one of the mysteries in the case.

Should Anthony Comstock, head of the anti-vice society, recover from an attack of pneumonia before the conclusion of the Thaw trial, he will be called as a witness for the defense, and will, he himself says, give startling testimony to corroborate the testimony of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

Comstock as Witness.

Comstock gave out an interview at his home today in which he declared that a year before the shooting Thaw told him of White's character and that he found one clear case against the architect. Comstock said: "I know that Stanford White was a

COAST LEAGUE PLACED WITH MINOR LEAGUES

(Publisher's Press by Special Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Feb. 9.—The national baseball commission today promulgated new rules and amendments regarding drafting of players to the following effect: The drafting season of the Pacific Coast league is changed to the same dates as all other minor leagues; when a major league club drafts a player he cannot be returned within one year to the minor league from which he was drafted until the team he was drafted from has had a chance to repurchase the player; any club interested has a right to file with the commission a formal agreement to purchase major league clubs as to purchase of players.

The secretary of the national association,

MEADOWTHORPE STUD SOLD

(Publisher's Press by Special Leased Wire.) Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—The famous Meadowthorpe stud, established 24 years ago by the late Colonel James E. Pepper, was dispersed today. The horses and farm brought an aggregate of \$51,958.

GOTCH DEFEATS BURNS

(Publisher's Press by Special Leased Wire.) Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Frank Gotch defeated Farmer Burns in tonight's wrestling match here, securing the second and third bouts.

CHASE FROM NOME IS ENDED

Deputy Marshal Arrests Chinese Wanted for Robbery After Round-About Search Through Two States.

From the frozen ice fields of Nome, Alaska, to Seattle, thence on a circuit through Washington and Oregon, United States Deputy Marshal J. F. Warren reached Portland last evening, after spending four months on a man hunt which covered a distance of over 4,000 miles. He had in custody a Chinese man named Chung Now, whom he finally succeeded in arresting at Oregon City before bringing him to Portland, where he is now confined in the county jail on a charge of forgery and robbery. He has confessed his guilt to both crimes.

Chung Now was in the laundry business at Nome until August of last year. He forged a check for \$93 on another Chinaman and stole from him over \$300 in cash.

Starts on Song Chase.

A few weeks after the Chinaman left Nome, Warren started out immediately for the states. The deputy marshal landed at Seattle, traced Chung to Spo-

MRS. FISH LOSES LEADERSHIP IN 400 THROUGH HARRIMAN

Railroad Magnate Has Avenged Slight to Daughters by Causing Downfall in Business of Husband.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish's social supremacy hung in the balance with her husband's position as president of the Illinois Central railroad in his contest with E. H. Harriman.

Mr. Harriman won. Mr. Fish lost his presidency and now Mrs. Fish is devoting all the resources of an ambitious and beautiful woman to save her social eminence from going the way of the railroad leadership.

When Mrs. Fish marked out a social deadline which she declared that the daughters of Harriman must not cross, she paved the way for the decapitation of her husband. For the last four months New York's smart set has been watching the Fish-Harriman social battle with bated breath. Those who have been keeping count declare that the pain of victory rests with Harriman.

What is said to have been the con-

WIFE OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL GIVES FUNCTION AND IS IGNORED BY SMART SET.

Misses Harriman under her wing and bring them within the charmed circle? But Mrs. Fish put her foot down hard and said that the Misses Harriman must step outside. So Harriman gave up the attempt in behalf of his daughters and bided his time. That came in November when he deposed Fish as president of the Illinois Central.

Mrs. Fish's one great ambition has been to succeed Mrs. Astor as the leader of the Four Hundred. Her social standing, through her marriage to Stuyvesant Fish, was unquestioned. She had birth, money, social gifts and undoubted talent for entertaining. Society was ready almost to look to her as its leader. Her husband was a railroad president in with the big men. She herself was original, daring and ever ready to set the pace. Her society was ready to hail the new queen when the time should come. However, she blundered, and now her coveted position is slipping through her fingers.

GAMBLER KILLED BY EDITOR

Bob Estes Shot by John P. McManus of Pilot Rock, at Pendleton, Who Claims an Attempt at Robbery.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 9.—John P. McManus, editor of the Pilot Rock Record, shot and killed Bob Estes, a gambler of this city, at 5 o'clock this evening in the Pullman saloon. The bullet passed through Estes' abdomen and he died a few moments after the shot was fired.

The shooting occurred in a back room of the saloon. There were no eye witnesses except McManus.

McManus said after the shooting that he was robbed of a watch and \$50 in cash at the Idle Hour rooming-house last night and upon a second attempt of Estes to take money from his pockets in the rear room of the saloon he shot him to protect himself.

After the shooting McManus started to leave the saloon by the front door and was taken in custody by ex-Chief of Police Orville Coffman. McManus is now confined in the county jail.

Both men are well known in Umatilla county, having resided here many years. The dead man leaves a wife and sisters and brothers in this county. McManus has a wife at Pilot Rock.

For several years McManus has been editor of the Pilot Rock Record, which is founded after his years of newspaper experience he is considered one of the ablest writers of this section. The dead man was a professional gambler. McManus had been on a protracted

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