

## OUR MILLIONS FOR SWIFT'S PACKING HOUSE

### CAPITAL SHOWS FAITH IN OREGON COUNTRY

#### Work on Great Plant to Be Started Within Few Months—Arrangements With Railroads Completed—Wharfage for Seagoing Vessels

**SWIFT'S PLANS.**  
Portland is to become the largest packing house center west of Kansas City.

Actual work on the stockyards and plant is to begin within a few months.

All arrangements with the railroad companies relative to spurs and sidetracks have been completed. The construction of these tracks is to begin at once.

Work on the stockyards is to commence as soon as the railroads finish the sidetracks to the packing house site. The plant complete, including wharfage for seagoing vessels, will cost something like \$4,000,000.

Announcement of the fact that arrangements with the railroad companies for the construction of sidetracks to the site of the packing-house plant of Swift & Co. on the peninsula and that work on these spurs was to begin at once was made to The Journal last night by Louis F. Swift, president of the Chicago packing concern, who arrived in Portland yesterday accompanied by the heads of the various departments who are to have charge of the work of building.

Mr. Swift said that as soon as these tracks had been completed actual work on the packing-house plant would be started at once. The plans of the stockyards and all necessary buildings were completed some time ago and were brought to Portland yesterday by H. C. Gardner, chief engineer of construction for Swift & Co. While the railroad work is being accomplished the contracts for the packing plant and all adjacent properties to be improved will be awarded.

**Work to Begin Soon.**  
According to the present plans of the company it is expected that work on the buildings will begin within four or five months.

"It will take perhaps three or four months to complete the side tracks which we have been waiting for," Mr. Swift said last night, "and as soon as these tracks are run out to the site where we are to build we will put an army of men on the job immediately."

Mr. Swift was asked how long at the very latest it might be before the task of construction would begin.

"Within six months at the very latest," he replied.

The Chicago packer was asked if there was any truth in the report that Swift & Co. was having trouble with Harriman and that the railroad magnate had so far declined to start the sidetrack which the packers are now waiting to be completed.

"We have been waiting for a time on the railroad companies," Mr. Swift

### MORSE HAS FINANCIERS ON THE RUN

#### Hinted That Former Ice King Will Expose Wall Street Methods When Called to Testify Before Grand Jury in New York.

#### Enemies Boldly Declare They Will Drive Him Out of Metropolis and Battle Without Quarter Is Expected to Result.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 8.—The report that Charles W. Morse is on his way back to New York, having sailed this afternoon on the Etruria, has given the financial world its biggest sensation in months. Morse's arrival, it is hinted, will be followed by an upheaval beside which even the recent market crash will pale into insignificance.

Morse is coming back and has caused certain financiers to shudder. If Morse wants to tell everything he knows to a federal grand jury, it is insinuated, the biggest financial scandal of years will be given an airing.

Among Morse's friends it is broadly hinted that information cabled him that he is wanted as a witness before the grand jury was what influenced him to an immediate return, even when his health demanded that he take a rest.

The slurs cast at him since his departure have angered Morse. He is prepared for a fight to a finish with his enemies. If the fight is to be waged through federal criminal proceedings Morse's friends openly say he will not be the only one hurt.

**Fear Light of Day.**  
A complete investigation of the banking system and promoting methods by the federal grand jury is something it is alleged many financiers would not relish. And that Morse will offer material for this very thing is what is feared.

"When Morse gets back here and starts to really fight there may be a few other financiers who will find it convenient to take trips abroad and I doubt if they will return as speedily as he has done," was the way one of the friends of the defunct ice king described the situation tonight. The words echo the sentiment of all of Morse's friends, and he still has many despites in the city.

To say a semi-panic exists in certain quarters is not stating the case too strongly. The financial world is quick to say when it learned of Morse's departure, that he had fled and would probably never return, now wishes it had self-defended itself.

Even in circles where any revelations that Morse can make threaten no danger to individuals there is keen dread of the threatening scandal give business generally a setback it will take months to get over. The lesson of recent revelations of illegal and dishonest practices—such as the insurance scandal and traction investigation—has not been forgotten.

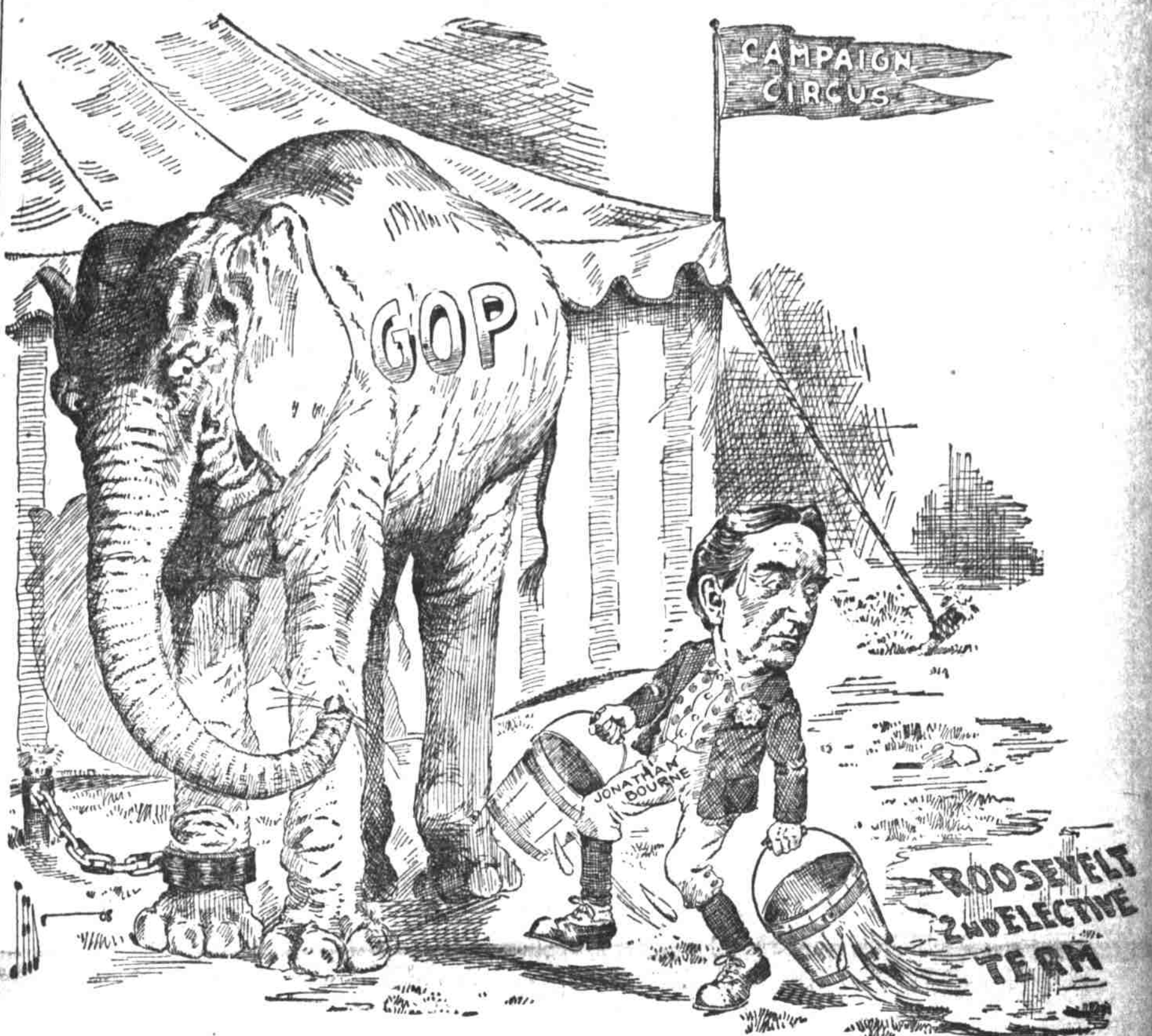
Morse's fighting abilities are well known. There are few financiers in New York who have not met Morse in the arena. In the battles and the newspaper enterprises created with the aggravation given Morse, he now has no reason to shield anyone. Some of the men deeply indebted to him have turned on him when they thought he was safely out of the way. If Morse is revengeful when he returns it is pointed out that he is entitled to make things decidedly interesting for some of these men. It is also stated, Morse is bound to fight hard. His enemies have declared they propose to "drive him out of New York for good."

**Battle to Death.**  
This means a battle to the quarter. If Morse falls completely, it is hinted he will not fall alone. It is the danger of a big crash that has started financial circles.

United States District Attorney Stimson today giving to the scare of Morse's return after an interview in which he mildly defended the man.

"Whenever a man is being investigated," Stimson said, "and criminal indictments are possible it is not right to have a false atmosphere created about him. It is my duty to protect him from that false atmosphere and that is what I am seeking to do."

Stimson's references to a "false atmosphere" is what caused the scare. However, it is freely admitted, even certain friends admit his affairs are very much involved. The hunt for property to attach under the suits now pending against him is still going on, although little beside his real estate has been found. But with Morse's return efforts will be made to make him give an accounting for the wealth which was recently his. From the moment he lands it is hinted Morse will be kept under surveillance. Even there are no immediate proceedings the fight he will have in civil courts is one before which an ordinary man might



CAN HE GROOM HIM FOR THE RACE?

### FERRIES HELD UP BY FLOES

#### Ice in New York Harbor Effectually Blocks All Water Traffic.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 8.—Instead of improving, the ice-bound condition of the harbor is growing worse and tonight it is predicted that if the weather does not moderate soon navigation for all except large craft will be stopped.

The ice blocks are worse than in the waters about New York for years and pilots are refusing to risk taking vessels between the horns, fearing accidents.

Screw boats have fared better than side-wheeler competitors, being newer and stronger and having their motive power far enough under water to clear all but the deepest ice. Many side-wheelers have been put out of commission.

In the worst of the floe today many of the older ferries did not risk passage and for hours the boats of the Union Ferry company were withdrawn from service entirely. The Hamilton avenue and south ferry lines to Brooklyn had boats caught in midstream with passengers and teams for more than five hours.

### JAP DECLARES TEDDY IS SLOW

#### Oriental Wrestler Bluffs Roosevelt Out by Exhibition of Prowess.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 8.—Among the passengers sailing on the Lusitania for Liverpool today was Tanemon Hitachiya, the famous Japanese wrestler. He is on his way back to be congratulated he hopes on his exhibitions here.

Sailing with him was the referee, Kongo Nagai, who acted as interview interpreter.

In regard to the exhibition before President Roosevelt, the interpreter said: "At first President Roosevelt looked as though he intended accepting the invitation of Mr. Hitachiya to wrestle. But after Mr. Hitachiya had given an exhibition the president said: 'You are too much for me.'"

"Hitachiya thinks from the appearance of the president that he might be able to make a good wrestler of the American kind. But the president would never do for the Japanese style of wrestling. He is built too much on the slow plan."

### SUPREME COURT MAY NULLIFY WORK OF PUNISHING TRUSTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 8.—Defeated at almost every point in its case in legislation for the benefit of labor by recent decisions of the supreme court, the administration is confronted by a disastrous reverse compared with which its previous jolting would be trifling. An impression exists that the supreme court when it convenes on February 24 will hand down a decision that the Hepburn railroad rate law repeals the Elkins rebate act and nullifies all provisions under that act, which had not been begun at the time of the passage of the rate law.

Such a decision by the supreme court would release the Great Northern railroad from its \$15,000 fine for granting rebates; the Standard Oil of its \$29,000,000 fine; the Burlington its \$10,000,000 fine; also the packing-house cases. There would be a delay of a large number of other cases, including the thousand or more counts against the Standard Oil, making it liable to fines aggregating \$60,000,000.

### BLUNDERBUSS OPENS FIRE

#### First Gun in Campaign Against Statement No. 1—Old-Time Machine Polls Get Together to Defeat Will of People.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Feb. 8.—The Republican county central committee had a bare majority in attendance, counting proxies, at its meeting today. It decided to hold a county mass meeting to name a ticket of five candidates for the legislature who are opposed to Statement No. 1.

The assembly is also to select delegates to a state convention to nominate presidential electors.

The county assembly will not undertake to nominate a county ticket.

The action of the county central committee in opening fire in the campaign which is to be waged against

### GIBBONS OPPOSES PROHIBITION

#### Gibbons Declares Temperance Should Be Promoted by Limiting Number of Saloons With High License—Wants the Laws Strictly Enforced.

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—Cardinal Gibbons has given out the following interview:

"I am satisfied that it is practically impossible to put prohibition into effect in any large community and the best means therefore to promote temperance is to limit the number of saloons by high license. I would be in favor of inflicting heavy punishment on the proprietors of saloons who violate the law in the first instance and the second violation I would revoke the license altogether.

"In the country places I would suggest local option as an excellent means for the repression of intemperance, if in the judgment of the majority of the voters the sale of liquor should entirely be eliminated.

"Laws like prohibition, that are certain to be violated, had better not be made, for incessant violation draws down upon them disrespect."

### GREAT SOUTHERN TO EXTEND

#### Portland Men Will Build Road Now Operating Between Dalles and Dufur Southward to Tygh—Construction to Begin as Soon as Contracts Can Be Let.

Articles of incorporation for the Great Southern railroad have been filed in Oregon and work will be begun as soon as contracts can be let, to extend the line of the road, which now runs from The Dalles to Dufur, south as far as Tygh, where it will tap the rich wheat and timber country of the Tygh valley.

Although the line from The Dalles to Dufur has been built and in operation a couple of years it was never extended south as had been the original intention. The original articles of incorporation were filed in Washington.

John Heinrich, president of the road, has removed from Seattle to Portland and will make his permanent home in this city. Sigmund Frank, of Meier & Frank, the vice-president, and Julius L. Meier, the secretary and purchasing agent, are both prominent Portland business men, and the road will be entirely an Oregon enterprise. The nominal capital stock mentioned in the articles of incorporation is \$100,000.

"We expect to start in the work of grading and laying track as soon as we can let the contracts," said Heinrich Meier last night. "The surveys are all completed and we believe that this is the best time for us to do the work. The financial troubles of the west are over with and the Great Southern will tap a country that is so rich that it can afford to laugh at financial troubles."

"At present our road is completed to Dufur, a distance of about 49 miles. Regular freight and passenger trains are in operation over that much of the road. We want to hurry the work so

### RUBBER! NOT SO BAD FOR MEN WHO LABOR

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Newburg, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The New York Rubber company, with works at Matteawan, manufacturers of all kinds of rubber goods and toys, today presented to its employees an extra week's salary. This is an annual custom and was not omitted even under present financial conditions.

### EARL HIGLEY STEALS WATCH AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 8.—Earl Higley, sixteen-year-old lad, was arrested today on two charges of robbery. Higley said he was wanted in Portland, and the police of that city are being communicated with. The young man pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing a gold watch.

Higley was arrested in this city several months ago for complicity in several petty thefts. He was before the juvenile court but was allowed his liberty on giving a promise of future good behavior. Chief of Police Fitzmaurice is authority for the statement that the lad is not wanted here for any offense.

### FRANCHISE PROBLEM SETTLED FOR CUBA

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 8.—The Cuban franchise problem, which has long been a source of discord, were adjusted today by the president and Secretary Taft. A general executive order will be issued permitting Havana officials to seek the open market in telephone privileges. This is adverse to the absolute Harrison concession, involving over \$1,000,000 worth of bonds largely held by British subjects. The street and sewer paying contracts of the Rely company and the McElvaine-Roke company, American concerns, were modified to conform to Cuban law, the government to share the cost with Clefuegos.

### MANY RIFLES BEING SENT TO PHILIPPINES BY THE GOVERNMENT

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Ten thousand more rifles have come from the Rock Island arsenal for shipment on the transport Crook to the Philippines, and they will be forwarded on February 20. The arms are in 1,000 boxes and are of the new Springfield pattern.

Like similar shipments that have lately come from the east for the Philippines, the rifles have been quietly brought from the arsenal and nothing has been said about their coming. But a pile of 1,000 boxes of guns is not a small item, and their presence on the army transport dock has not passed unnoticed. They will be placed in the hold of the Crook this week, along with shipment of 5,000,000 rounds of cartridges that will be sent to Manila by this vessel. There may be more freight of the same character coming for the transport, but officials of the quartermaster's department claim to be in ignorance of anything of this kind.

The shipment of 10,000 rifles by the Crook swells the number of new arms of this kind going forward this year to 25,000, or 16,000 more than there are troops in the archipelago. This is taken as evidence that the government plans to ship supplies to Manila on a tentative basis, or sufficient for a force greatly in excess of the present strength of the army there.

And while army supplies have been going forward, navy stores and big guns as well as submarine mines have been shipped and are being put in place here this week. It is now at Cebu, where wharf taking in supplies for the government in the Philippines, an item being powder. All the arms and ammunition and powder sent to the islands in months past has been forwarded since the first of this year through the port, this amounting thus far to 100,000 rifles, 10,000,000 rounds of cartridges and the large quantity of powder now awaiting for the steamer Egan.