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ALLES DECLARE THEY WILL FIGHT TO END

United Press Obtains Statement Outlining Political Structure From Which the Candidate Will Appeal for the Votes of the People.

Chicago, June 12.—The United Press today obtained the following statement of the platform agreed upon by the Taft men from one in a position to offer positive information: "The Taft platform will appeal to the intelligence rather than to the prejudice of the American people."

WHALER BAILEY CRUSHED IN ICE

Roth Blum & Co.'s Boat Is Lost While Cruising Off Lawrence Island.

Nome, Alaska, June 12.—A report received here today says that the whaler, William Bailey of San Francisco, lies crushed in the ice pack and suffered from death in the pack and suffered from exposure before they were picked up by the other vessels of the whaling fleet.

San Francisco, June 12.—The whaler, William Bailey, is owned by Roth Blum & Co. of this city. She is here with the whaling fleet for the north some time ago. There were 28 men in her crew.

JUDGE LANDIS SAVES BILLEK FROM DEATH ON THE GALLOWES

Chicago, June 12.—Just as the jailer of the Cook county jail had marshaled his deputies in line and the physicians had made ready for the march to the gallows with Herman Billek, the condemned murderer of Mary Terrell, a messenger arrived from the federal court with the news that Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis had granted the prisoner a reprieve. Instead of reading the prisoner the death warrant that he had ready in his hand, the jailer told Billek the news.

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TWO MILLIONS FROM ALASKA

Steamer Prospector Arrives at White Horse After Her Longest Trip.

White Horse, Yukon Territory, June 12.—The steamer Prospector, having \$2,000,000 in gold aboard, arrived today after the longest voyage she has made on the river. She had a very difficult time in ascending both the Thirty-Mile and Fifty-Mile rivers, and was hung upon sandbars for several days.

In the meantime hundreds of the men bound for Dawson and the interior have gone down the river in small boats and barges and the boat builders are reaping a harvest.

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TO SUCCEED BOISE'S CAPITAL STATE BANK

Boise, Idaho, June 12.—A new bank is to be incorporated here with a capital stock of \$100,000. It will probably be called the Commercial bank. The promoters are prominent capitalists of this city and other parts of the state. The new institution will occupy the present quarters of the defunct Capital State bank.

CAMERON WILL PUSH BANK CASES

Judge Pipes Will Be Retained by Incoming District Attorney to Continue Prosecution of Officials of Wrecked Institution.

Two Additional Deputies Will Be Asked for by the New Official to Cover Widely Scattered Justice Courts in This County.

Prompt and vigorous prosecution of the remaining cases against the indicted officials of the Title Guarantee & Trust company as soon as these cases are reached upon the calendar of Judge Burnett's court in Multnomah county as soon as they are reached by the court; close attention to the detail of the office and supervision of the work of the district attorney's office throughout the whole of the Fourth judicial district—these are the things which George J. Cameron promises for the administration which he is to inaugurate July 6.

District Attorney-Elect Cameron will retain Martin L. Pipes as the private prosecutor in the remaining cases against the indicted officials of the Title Guarantee & Trust company, and will conduct of the Ross trial resulting in the conviction of Ross, and his work in drafting the indictments under which the trials are to be had has put him in possession of knowledge concerning the cases which it would be impossible for another to gain without months of study.

It is the probable intention of Judge Cameron to ask the legislature for two additional deputies. This is made necessary, in the opinion of the incoming official, by the far separated justice courts of the district. There are justice courts at Troutdale, Gresham, Mount Taber, Linton and St. Johns. In order to give attention to the work continually coming up in these courts Judge Cameron believes that he should have a deputy to attend to nothing else. In the past there has been much complaint on the part of litigants in the rural justice districts at the delays occasioned by the inability of the district attorney's office to get a man on the scene when needed.

SHE LONGED FOR VAN SO TOOK MAIL

Indictment Is Returned Against Mrs. Ragan, Assistant Postmistress and Formerly Cow Queen of the Klamath Range.

Gowns, Corsets and Pillow Covers Among Articles Claimed by Other Women Who Had Ordered Them From City Stores.

It was the aesthetic taste, it seems, and her longings for higher and finer things, that led to the downfall of Mrs. Nellie E. Ragan, former assistant postmistress at Royston, and at one time known as the cowgirl queen of southern Oregon, against whom an indictment containing four counts was returned by a federal grand jury this morning, sustaining the charge of robbing the United States mails, which had been placed against her two months ago.

Among other fancy articles that Mrs. Ragan is accused of having taken from the United States mails and converted to her own use are two sofa pillow covers, each of which was addressed to other persons. That pretty petticoats and fancy hose, cream colored and dainty blue union suits are also mentioned in the indictment as having been among the effects which Mrs. Ragan confiscated from the channels of Uncle Sam's mail service.

Mrs. Maggie Leonard of Ely, comes in for more things found in possession of Mrs. Ragan than any of the others who lost articles in the mail robbery. Mrs. Leonard claims a petticoat, two union suits, four white corsets and the same number of corset covers. Mrs. J. E. Edsall of Ely, claims a corset which Mrs. Ragan had when the article was found in her possession. It is also asserted by the government agents that nearly a trunk full of other things which are usually sent through the mails by the department stores to their customers were found stowed completely against Mrs. Ragan when she was made.

TAFT'S OWN IDEA OF HIS POLICY PLATFORM



"The Allies" Test "Bill" Taft's Battery.

MACHINE MUST CEASE ITS WORK

Congressman Burke Determined to Efface Secretary's Program.

Chicago, June 12.—Congressman J. Francis Burke of Pennsylvania, a leader of the allies, announced today that they will not give up the fight on Taft until the convention itself has passed upon the question of representation in the south. "We will carry the matter before the resolutions committee and we will fight it out before the credentials committee," he said. "We will present a resolution providing that in the future representation to national conventions be on the basis of four delegates at large from each state and one district delegate for each 10,000 votes cast in the election next fall."

ANTHONY COMSTOCK SAYS DIRECTOIRE MUST BE BANISHED

New York, June 12.—The latest daring Parisian creation that has caused a sensation in the gay French metropolis, is not for New York. Anthony Comstock has spoken. The chief of the society for the suppression of vice says that "he will arrest and prosecute, to the full extent of the law," any woman who appears in public attired in one of these gowns.

DE SAGAN CANNOT HOLD THE CASH

Marriage Contract With Mme. Anna Gould Makes Wife Custodian of Coin.

Paris, June 12.—It was learned by your correspondent here today that a marriage contract was signed yesterday by Mme. Anna Gould and Prince Helle de Sagan. It provides for a complete separation of property, so that Mme. Gould will be able to hold the purse strings and the prince will have to ask her for money whenever he wants to dip into the Gould millions. The papers set forth also that the prince is to have full control of his own estate. It is customary in such cases for the wedding to follow within two weeks of the signing of the contract. It is known on the highest authority that the marriage will not be performed in France. It is probable that the couple will go to England in hope of escaping notoriety. The ceremony probably will be performed by a Protestant minister. The registration fees for the contract were about \$4,000.

The JOURNAL A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE DAILY CLUB--Its Object:

The Daily Club of New York is an organization of 54 leading newspapers of the highest standing, who are cooperating for the purpose of increasing newspaper advertising. These newspapers absolutely maintain their rates and in every respect the highest ethics of journalism. The Journal has been a member of the Daily Club from its inception. The secretary of the Daily Club, Mr. Edward P. Call, formerly publisher of the New York Commercial, sends out the following announcement, which gives a list of the membership:

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REPUBLICAN PARTY'S PLATFORM DOES NOT PLEASE JAPANESE

Tokio, Japan, June 12.—The Japanese press today is unanimously indignant over the reported draft of the platform that will be submitted to the Republican national convention at Chicago next week. According to advices received here the platform, which is supposed to have been written at the White House in Washington, contains a plank declaring in favor of the exclusion of Japanese laborers from the United States. The papers of Japan are unable to understand the plank as it had been the impression here that both Roosevelt and Taft were friendly to Japanese interests and were against the exclusion law which was demanded by the Pacific coast. Some of the papers recall Roosevelt's messages to the legislature of California when their favor was shown to such laws prohibiting Japanese from attending the same schools as white children and forbidding them to marry. Other papers recall the speeches of Secretary Taft when he was in Japan a short time ago on his trip around the world.

TROUTDALE POSTOFFICE IS ROBBED

Second Time Safe Is Blown by Cracksmen Within Six Months—Booty Is Near \$1,000—Government's Loss Is Light.

Strong-Box Weighing 400 Pounds Carried Quarter Mile and Blown Up—Three Men Believed Needed to Carry This Weight.

Troutdale's postoffice safe was blown early this morning—the second time in less than six months—and something like \$1,100 secured by the robbers. Troutdale is but 13 miles from Portland. Owing to this fact the police believe the office was selected for the robbery, so that the safecrackers could get away with the loot and make the city before daylight. Several old time "Peet" men have been seen in this vicinity recently.

F. E. Harlow, postmaster at Troutdale, is of the opinion that the job was done by the same men who robbed the postoffice last winter. At that time, December 29, the safe was blown and \$1,500 taken by the highwaymen.

The robbery was discovered soon after a o'clock this morning by James Larson, an employe of the firm of Harlow, Blaisler & Harlow, in whose store the postoffice is located. Although there is absolutely no clue to the robbers the impression prevails among the officials that the task was accomplished by three or more men. Three men, it is thought—none of them was ever caught—did the work in December.

After blowing the outer door of the big safe this morning the robbers pried the chest or strong box on the inside from its fastenings and by means of a hand truck took a quarter of a mile from town, where it was quickly opened by means of additional charges of dynamite. Most of the money in the strong box was in gold and silver, and what paper currency there was was not damaged by the explosion. The contents of the chest belonged to the government. This had been taken in during the last few days of the war. The safe was packed and were not in the strong box, and consequently were overlooked by the safecrackers.

Postmaster Harlow is not certain of the amount of money in the chest belonging to the firm, but he thinks that it will aggregate \$900, and possibly more. The exact amount will not be known for a day or two until the books are checked up.

Entrance to the store was gained by means of a skeleton key. The men went to work immediately on the steel outer door of the safe and cutting along in the building was disturbed. The safe was considerably damaged and will have to be repaired by an expert. As soon as the discovery was made this morning that the postoffice had been robbed, search was commenced at once for the strong box, the hope being entertained that the robbers had used all of their explosives, and unable to open the chest, had left it behind. While the empty strong box was found near a camp which has become known as the "robbers' resort," it is thought in Troutdale that the robbery was committed by three or four men, not ordinary men of the road. The strong box weighed perhaps 400 pounds. Owing to this fact the authorities believe that three men at least were in on the deal.