

### CAPPER AND BUNKO AUCTIONEER HAVE BEGUN TO VANISH

Purveyors of Brass Watches and Glass Diamonds Hear Tramp of Public Sentiment and Hush Blatant Voices.

### "NOTHING DOING" IS CRY "NORTH OF BURNSIDE"

Police Investigation, Long Delayed, Brings Revocation of Licenses Very Near.

The day of the fake auctioneer and his caper nears an end in Portland. The seductive chest notes of the wheedling, bullying, salesman have given place to signs which, in front of Sam Mazurovsky's squalid quarters, 242 Burnsides, with characteristic spelling read: "Closing out below cost" and before the flashy front of Cranwall & Rosenthal, 74 North Sixth: "All watches must be sold in seven days."

Two smiling individuals leaned over the counter of Mazurovsky's place yesterday listening to a racy joke the auctioneer in a quiet moment was relating. The location is near the intersection of Burnsides and Second, where the visiting farmers and the loggers long that the sidewalk is never very long deserted. Two seemingly green and easy marks meandered by. The pungent tale of the auctioneer ended in the middle of its climax, he sprang to his height like a jackknife unobscured and cried in a tone of loud reproach while the amiable persons danced around him:

"What! only \$5 for this beautiful piece of solid gold jewelry? It should bring \$40 and it's a gift at \$25. Walk in, gentlemen, walk in and watch us lose our money!"

But presently a wiser looking individual also sauntered past. The auctioneer, like a quick change artist, smuggled the watch out of sight and resumed his story. The proprietor came out on the street and watched anxiously for a moment, then said to a questioner, dry:

"We don't hold auctions no more. Too."

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### HAWAII'S DEFENSE FORCE INCREASED

Department of Honolulu Established; Four Regiments; 6 Artillery Companies.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Manila, Aug. 18.—Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickinson today announced that he had authorized the formation of the department of Honolulu and the establishment of a considerable military detail in the Hawaiian islands. The new department will include two regiments of infantry, one of cavalry and one of field artillery and six companies of coast artillery.

The present defenses of the Hawaiian group have been strengthened and enlarged during the past year and accommodations for the increased garrison are practically ready.

### DAHLMAN LEADS IN CLOSE RACE FOR GOVERNOR

With Returns Incomplete, 2300 Ahead; Taft Congratulates Anti-Cannon Congressman in Nebraska.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 18.—Complete returns from 23 counties and incomplete from 45 give Mayor Dahlman of Omaha a lead of 2300 in the contest for the Democratic nomination for governor. The result will be close and will remain in doubt until the last returns are in. Both candidates are claiming the nomination.

Congressional nominee Hayward, successful in the first district on an anti-Cannon platform, today received a telegram from President Taft, congratulating him on his nomination. This is regarded as significant in view of the statements given out today by Representative Nicholas Longworth to the effect that he would strongly oppose the reelection of Cannon to the speakership. It is believed that these are the first hostilities since the elimination of the administration of Cannon.

Congressman Hitchcock, easily outdistanced Metcalf for the Democratic senatorial endorsement. The Republicans have probably nominated Aldrich over Cadz for governor and Burkett over Whedon for United States senator.

### OYSTER BAY ONCE MORE WAR CENTER

Roosevelt's Aides Flock About Him as in Days When He Was Nation's Chief.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Mysterious conferences are under way at Sagamore Hill today. Men who were Roosevelt's active lieutenants when the colonel was president arrived at Sagamore Hill and the scenes were as animated as when Oyster Bay was the summer capital of the United States.

Roosevelt refused to see any one except those with whom he had appointments, but there were a number of these, and he was busy throughout the greater part of the day. All information regarding the subjects discussed was withheld from the newspaper correspondents, by the colonel himself and by his guests.

Lloyd C. Griscom and William Loeb, Jr., arrived at Oyster Bay today. Loeb came in an automobile. He looked worried and rushed at once to Sagamore Hill, where he conferred with Colonel Roosevelt. Loeb refused to discuss his visit.

Shortly afterward Congressman William W. Cocks, of New York, and several other callers arrived and followed Loeb to the Roosevelt home.

When Griscom came he looked depressed. He said the developments of the past few days were only a beginning. "This fight will be carried to the state convention," he added.

The positions of Griscom and Loeb are regarded as precarious. President Taft appointed Loeb collector of the port of New York, and the present administration selected Griscom as chairman of the New York county committee. Griscom and Loeb are close friends and supporters of Roosevelt, and are expected to back him in the present controversy.

### VEGETABLE PESTS PERMITTED TO GO TO SEED UNDISTURBED.



Patch of noxious weeds on Mayor Simon's 5 acre tract beyond Sunnyside. Small boy is now at work with sickle trying to clear off unlawful growth.

### INSURGENTS HOPE T. R. WILL START THINGS IN KANSAS

At Home of Old Osawatimie John Colnel Will Speak, August 31; Progressives Look for Open Declaration.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Aug. 18.—That the next few days may bring a sharper division in the Republican party between the conservatives and the radicals, with Taft leading the "old guard" and Roosevelt leading the "progressives," is confidently expected.

The statement that Roosevelt and Taft have broken is considered here as unquestionably authoritative. That Beveridge was not surprised is indicated by Vice President Sherman's remark yesterday that the rejection of Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the New York state Republican convention was an "administration victory." This is regarded by the insurgents as tantamount to a declaration of war.

The Roosevelt followers think the colonel displayed unusual strategy in allowing his name to go before the New York Republican committee, forcing the committee to reject him, and making the administration show its hand. Roosevelt is now allied with the insurgents openly, as they view the situation.

Owing to the fact that Gifford Pinchot and Congressman Victor Murdock of Kansas confided with Roosevelt over the speech he will deliver at Osawatimie, Kan., on August 31, it is believed it will be the former president's declaration for insurgency.

That such a declaration would mean that the chance for harmony in the party had gone and would add tremendous impetus to the insurgent movement is the general view of the politicians here.

### TROOPS HASTEN TO CONQUER FLAMES

Forest Service Calls for Aid in Fighting Southern Oregon Fires in Standing Timber.

In answer to an appeal from forest service headquarters, a detachment of 104 men, four officers and several horses has been sent from American Lake to combat forest fires which broke out yesterday in the vicinity of Crater Lake. The troops left their encampment at 6:40 o'clock this morning according to telegrams received by the forest service and will be rushed with all possible speed to the scene of the fire.

### BENHISKERED VACANT LOTS GRN, UNSHORN, AT CITY'S GUESTS AND RESIDENTS

While the police are proscribing in an effort to keep Portland clean and attractive, hundreds of owners of city property are neglecting to carry out the orders of that ordinance which provides that vacant lots shall be cleaned and manicured at least twice each year.

While Mayor Simon heads the departments that seek to keep the city beautiful, he is derelict in his duty as a citizen. His five acres that stretch from Belmont to East Stark streets, between East Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets, make up about an unsightly spot as there is in the city of which he is chief executive. Tall, sturdy weeds and grass fringe the sidewalk and cover the property until it resembles a hayfield ripe for harvest. Street-cars pass the property every few minutes, bound for Mount Tabor and stopping at the Sunnyside junction, and visitors riding past have the novel view of a city weed field.

Small Boy Makes Dents. Yesterday a small boy labored on the mayor's plot and made several small dents in the expanse of fuzz. He worked with a sickle. Judging from the progress made by the boy yesterday he will not have the field clear of weeds and scrubs this summer. Neighbors said the grass has not been cut this year, although the ordinance provides that it shall be cut twice each year.

"I own the ground, and a man living across the street from it has charge of it," explained Mayor Simon. "This is the second season, and he gets what fruit is on it and whatever he can raise. I ask no charge for rent, but the fruit and use of the land pays for the attention it needs. I did not know the weeds were allowed to grow up as badly as has been represented, and in fact, it has been exaggerated. I was out past the place Saturday afternoon, and noticed some weeds in several places. I asked the tenant to attend to this matter as soon as convenient, and even paid a boy in the home a dollar to cut the weeds."

There Are Many More. On a score of more vacant lots that may be seen from the Sunnyside-Mount Tabor car line this grass and weeds shoot up toward the skyline, in places, however, not so thickly as to hide the glitter of the tin cans sprinkled about. One of the most kept vacant lots in town is the one on the north side of Keowny street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, in one of the best residence neighborhoods. There the grass and weeds rise to the proportion of miniature trees. The sidewalk is beset with whiskerettes of weeds that threaten to hide a friendly telephone pole from view.

So it is in many parts of Portland. In the meantime the police, are busy serving notice on owners and agents who, unless they clean their lots within 10 days after that same notice, will be haled into municipal court and fined. The ordinance provides that grass and weeds shall be cut from vacant lots, and the property cleaned, at least twice a year.

### BOURNE OUTLINES ATTITUDE TOWARDS BRIDGE PROBLEM

Senator Bourne Appreciates Popular Demand for Closed Periods but Regrets Clash With War Department.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Aug. 18.—Accusing the present administration of favoring the trusts, and devoting most of its space to the support of the Democratic assertion that Republican insurgents are in reality Democrats, the Democratic campaign text book was issued today. The speeches of Senator Bourne, a member of the Senate, and the defense of insurgency by Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York are also included.

### VERA PROSSER TO RELY SOLELY UPON PLEA OF INSANITY

Experts Introduced by Defense Make Woman Who Killed Divorced Husband Innocent as a Babe; State Scoffs.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Libby, Mont., Aug. 18.—Vera Prosser's attorneys will rely solely and absolutely on insanity as her defense. All day yesterday this was made evident, and upon the reconvening of court today State Senator Long, her chief counsel, continued his examination on these lines.

The defense placed two insanity experts upon the stand yesterday, both of them from Seattle. Dr. J. A. Ghent said in answer to a question by Attorney Long: "I would say that she was undoubtedly and unquestionably insane at the time of the shooting. It was absolutely impossible for her to resist the irresistible impulse to kill."

Dr. W. A. Stillman said in answer to the same question: "She was suffering from impulsive and hysterical insanity. The will was too weak to control the impulse. Her mind was not in a condition that would make it possible for her to form a criminal intent."

The state is expected to center its attack against the insanity plea, attempting to show that the expert testimony upon the stand by the defense are not experts in reality, and that Mrs. Prosser was no more suffering from insanity than any of the thousands of slayers since the beginning of time, who have killed in blind rage.

### TRAMPS START \$12,500 BLAZE AT DAYTON, W.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dayton, Wash., Aug. 18.—A fire started by tramps early this morning burned the Alliance Livery owned by William Bradford of Portland, the Wehnard two story brick block and the Northern Pacific Grain warehouse, caused a loss estimated at \$12,500, half covered by insurance. Dayton's business district was threatened for a time.

One man may have perished and two others narrowly escaped burning. The firemen on reaching the scene heard screams in the rear of the livery stable. Searchers have failed to find any human remains. Joe Magee, a lodger, dashed through the smoke and flames and was badly burned about the arms and back.

D. P. Brown, an old man, was dragged through a window by firemen. Five valuable horses, a cow and several wagons and 400 sacks of brewing barley were burned.

### PROGRESSIVES OF G. O. P. CLAIMED REAL DEMOCRATS

Campaign Book Also Strong on Charge That Administration Favors Trusts; Tariff Is Assailed.

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The book contains 516 pages. A third of it is devoted to a discussion of the weaknesses of the tariff as revised by Republicans, and to statistics, bearing on the high cost of living. Many of the speeches of Champ Clark, minority leader in the house, are printed and compared with those of Republican progressives.

The administration also is attacked for fostering the ship subsidy and other measures which are declared to favor the trusts.

### R. L. YANCEY KILLED WHEN HORSE STUMBLES

Leavenworth, Wash., Aug. 18.—The body of R. L. Yancey of Hunnewell, Mo., is here today. Yancey was accidentally shot when a horse he was riding stumbled last Monday. Yancey's rifle was discharged as he fell to the ground. He was placed on a stretcher and the 20-mile tramp to the nearest physician began. Mrs. Yancey, two companions and her child taking turns at carrying the stretcher. Two days and nights had been spent on the trail when Yancey died. With his family he had come to Washington for a vacation.

### VOTERS ARE DILATORY IN REGISTERING AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Registration of voters at the courthouse is proceeding slowly, and each day increases the probability that squads of voters will have to stand in line to wait their turn on the last days, because they neglected to take a few minutes' time in July or August. The books close for the primaries on September 14, and yesterday only 183 voters appeared, against 454 on the corresponding day two years ago.

The total to now 25,382, only 1874 ahead of 1908 for the same date. The books are open daily from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and on Saturday until 3 p. m.

### BREACH BETWEEN COLONEL AND TAFT NOT TO BE HEALED

President is Pledged New York Delegation in 1912 in Return for His Support of the State Machine.

### ROOSEVELT NOW FORCED TO OPPOSE PRESIDENT

Shrewd Politics Ascribed to Colonel, in Forcing State Committee's Hand.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Aug. 18.—That there is an open rupture between President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt, and that all possibility of the latter's endorsing the administration has departed, is the consensus of opinion of political leaders here, following the reports in a break of the New York papers that such a break has occurred.

The staff correspondents of the New York World, the Sun and the Herald, writing from Oyster Bay, all declare positively on highest authority that the gap between the president and his predecessor has suddenly widened as a result of the selection of Vice President Sherman as temporary chairman of the Republican state convention of New York and the rebuff of Roosevelt in the selection.

The correspondents unite in saying that the plan was known and approved by Taft and that it was the result of a political trade whereby the president was to receive the help of the New York machine at the elections in 1912.

Terms of Anti-Roosevelt Deal. "Roosevelt does not endorse the Taft administration," says the Herald today. "The final break came with the selection of Sherman as temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention. These assurances come from absolutely authentic sources. There will be no further peace between Sagamore Hill and Beverly."

Those close to Roosevelt charge that the Saratoga incident was the result of a political deal between Republican State Central Committeeman Timothy L. Woodruff, William Ward, New York Republican national committeeman, and Vice President Sherman on the one hand, and Taft's close advisers on the other. By the terms of this deal Woodruff was to be re-elected state chairman and Sherman temporary chairman of the convention. Woodruff pledged to Taft the New York delegation to the Republican national convention in 1912 in return for Taft's present support.

The erstwhile president will criticize openly no man whom he chose as his successor in the White House. But it would not surprise those in close touch with Roosevelt if the colonel finds himself in such a position as to be forced to become an avowed candidate.

### BRISTOW CALLS CANNON DOTARD

Kansas Senator Asks What's Use to Pay Any Attention to Childish Old Man?

(United Press Leased Wire.) Salina, Kan., Aug. 18.—"I consider the statements of Speaker Cannon the petulant remarks of a childish old man. The people of Kansas do not approve the domineering methods of Cannon, who seems to think he is the Republican party."

In these words Senator Joseph L. Bristow today replied to Speaker Cannon's scathing criticism of insurgents and their movement in his Illinois speech yesterday.

### CAPTAIN GEORGE FLAVEL'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, KATIE, SUCCEUMBS TO RHEUMATISM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., Aug. 18.—Katie Flavel, the youngest daughter of the late Captain George and Mrs. Mary C. Flavel, died this morning at the family residence after an illness dating back to last September, when she contracted symptoms of gastric rheumatism which the most scientific medical attention could not overcome. She died peacefully, surrounded by the members and relatives of the immediate household.

Of late years it had been the custom of the family to travel much, and while in Europe Miss Flavel perfected her musical education. She possessed a beautiful voice, which contributed to the success of many social functions. She freely gave her talents where it would leave a bright spot in the world, and her charity was unbounded and without ostentation.

In the death of Miss Flavel, Astoria loses one of its most ardent supporters. Whether abroad or at home, she was ever exploiting the best interests of the city. Like in the social circles, her presence was felt, as her benevolent character always commanded attention. She had contributed in many ways toward the success of individual effort on the part of her friends. By her patient, earnest application to the principles of life she leaves the world better for having lived.

### LIVE WIRE NAVY ADVANCES UPON PORTLAND'S HARBOR CALLING ON WOMEN FOR AID

The Live Wire navy anchored in Portland harbor this morning. Rear Admiral F. W. Jobelmann sang out from the quarter deck his flagships: Ladies, ahoy!