

PROGRESSIVE WILL WIN, WHOEVER HE IS, SAYS J. N. TEAL

Political Pot Boils in East, but Good Deal of Uncertainty Is Seen; Little Preparation for Canal Opening.

"The political situation is getting extremely acute in the east," said Joseph N. Teal, who returned yesterday from attending the meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors congress held in Washington, D. C., and from a visit to the Panama canal, where he spent more than a week. He was gone a little over six weeks and had opportunity to feel the pulse of political sentiment, not only in the national capital, but in New York and other eastern centers. He found the political pot boiling and seething.

It is my opinion that if one party nominates a progressive candidate for president and the other nominates a standpatter, the progressive will be elected regardless of the party to which he belongs.

That is the way Mr. Teal has sized up the situation from the information he received from many sources during his visit in the east. He says he found progressive sentiment strong everywhere.

"La Follette is very strong with the people everywhere," continued Mr. Teal. "This is also true of ex-President Roosevelt. At this time many good judges of matters political are very uncertain as to who will be nominated by the next Republican convention."

Woodrow Wilson Favored. On the Democratic side of the fence, Mr. Teal said indications pointed to Governor Woodrow Wilson as being the favorite. He said the recent unfair attempts to injure Governor Wilson, coming from the sources they did, have but strengthened him.

"At the present time," said Mr. Teal, "there is but little doubt that Governor Wilson is the first choice of the majority of the Democrats, if they have opportunity to express themselves."

He said he found the so-called conservative Democrats favoring Governor Hiram, while Speaker Clark was receiving considerable mention. He said he thought the choice would lie between these three.

"However, those Democrats who favor what are termed the progressive policies and the government being run in the interests of the people instead of by the interests of the few, want to see that the delegates representing their views are sent to the national convention," is a bit of advice Mr. Teal offers. "As a two-thirds majority is required to make a nomination, the progressives cannot afford to be idle. I do not believe the Democrats will line up behind a candidate who is not truly representative of the people's ideas."

In speaking of the Panama canal, Mr. Teal said there were two aspects to the situation, one the engineering and the other the commercial. "It is with the commercial aspect that the people are most interested," he said. "The controlling question is whether the canal is to serve its greatest possible use commercially or whether it is to be simply a military asset."

Should Prepare for Canal Opening. "There is in the east a tendency to exaggerate the importance of the returns that will be received from tolls, rather than the expansion of commerce. The intense rivalry between Germany and England over South American trade and the great advantage those countries enjoy over us in respect to that trade is overlooked. While, without doubt, this congress will fix the rate of canal tolls, the question has been but little discussed. The possibilities of the canal seem to have been but little considered by the Atlantic coast cities."

"The people of the east have assumed that the canal would not be completed until 1915 and consequently they have supposed that there was plenty of time to consider the subject. As before stated, unless something unforeseen occurs the canal will be opened by the first of September, 1913. It therefore behooves every one who is interested in the subject to do what he can now to get the subject treated in the proper manner. Whenever the canal is discussed among business men the difficulty is for them to arrive at any conclusions. The trouble is that those who favor tolls for the canal are losing no time in pressing their side of the case, while those who do not favor tolls, at least for domestic commerce, are not giving the subject the attention it deserves."

30 Foot Channel Ahead. Mr. Teal said that during the next week he expected to call the attention of the chamber of commerce, for which organization he is general counsel, and other commercial bodies, to the conditions he found in regard to the canal. "I do not think there is any question that the project for a 30 foot channel between Portland and the sea will be officially adopted," is the encouraging report brought by Mr. Teal in regard to rivers and harbors. "The bill has been favorably reported on by all the authorities," he said. "Indeed, the present rivers and harbors bill will carry an appropriation to be used in connection with this project."

"While the recommendations of the engineers in charge were all arbitrarily reduced in the report to congress, I think it not at all improbable that an increase more in line with the recommendations of the engineers will be made in a number of instances by congress. I will be disappointed if the appropriations for the Cello and Columbia and Snake rivers are not very considerably increased."

"It is very gratifying that the entire northwest is now working in harmony in these matters, each section helping the other. Our delegation in congress is animated by the same sentiment."

O. A. C. Country Fair Ends.

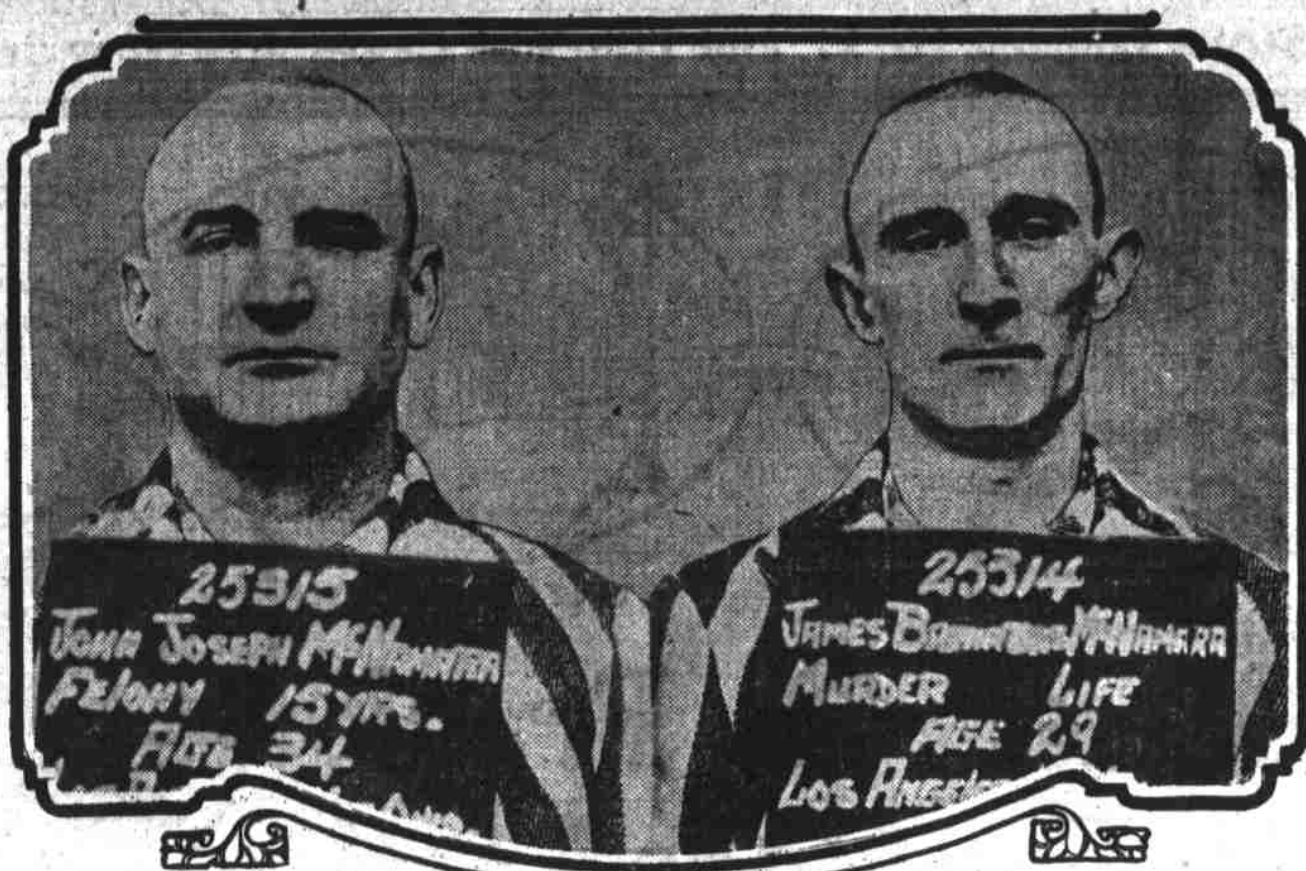
(Special to The Journal.) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 13.—The Annual Country fair at the Oregon Agricultural college closed tonight and is considered one of the most successful events in the history of student enterprises at the college. The fair is conducted by the students of the agricultural and domestic science and art departments and annually occupies two days. This year the departments put forth many novel ideas in arranging their exhibits.

The funds obtained from the fair will be used to defray the expense of maintaining several student enterprises within the departments, especially the Oregon Country, the agricultural publication.

Aviateuse Will Use "Baby."

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—Miss Blanche Scott, who will fly at the coming Dominguez aviation meet, announced today that her craft will be the famous "Baby Grisham-White" with which the British aviator gained fame. The car will be shipped today from New York.

M'NAMARA BROTHERS SINCE ENTERING CALIFORNIA PRISON



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CALIFORNIANS FOR ONE UNITED STATE

Delegates at Big Development Convention All Men of "Flexible Tenacity."

(By the International News Service.) Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—Collis P. Huntington at one important time in his career needed a man of commanding power to accomplish a big bit of work. He consulted a number of his lieutenants and one of them said to him, "What type of man do you wish, Mr. Huntington?"

"I want a man of flexible tenacity," was his reply.

That phrase has become classic and is used frequently by writers who imagine they created it themselves. But if Mr. Huntington or any of the other captains of California who have passed could have been among those present at the convention of the California league today, while he would have found men and affairs largely different from those of his own era, his phrase about the delegates would have been the same.

For the delegates took everything with flexibility of temperament, without relaxing in an iota the gripping tenacity of the ultimate they sought to reach.

Delegates from the northern and southern portions of the state of California, united in advocating the good of the state as a whole, while at the same time not losing the idea of their individual districts' welfare. Speakers from Southern California and from San Francisco and vicinity advocated a united state in respect to furthering the interests of the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco and the Panama-California exposition to be held at San Diego in 1915. At the same time the main issue was not overlooked, that of forming, of putting forward the interests of the various communities in respect to immigration and development.

The next meeting place of the California Development convention was chosen as San Jose.

FARMERS' UNION PRESIDENT DIES

John W. McAllister Suddenly Called at La Grande After Short Illness.

(Special to The Journal.) La Grande, Or., Jan. 13.—Death today called John W. McAllister, president of the Farmers' union in Oregon, following a short illness. His condition has been critical for several days, though it was not generally known, and his death is a distinct shock to this entire section of the northwest, for during the past few years McAllister has been closely connected with the birth and growth of the farmers' union in Oregon and Washington and was reelected president at the recent convention. Politically he has been prominent, being elected on the Democratic and Populist tickets to the state legislature some years ago. He is survived by a widow. His ranch is one of the richest in the county. Masons, Grangers and Farmers' union members will have charge of the funeral.

For solving a problem that had puzzled eminent mathematicians for more than a century, Miss Clara Smith, an instructress in mathematics at Wellesley college, has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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