

COLONEL MAKES PUBLIC HIS LETTER TO FRANK MUNSEY

Said He Wouldn't Be Candidate but Would Not Tie His Hands With General Statement.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, March 3.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today made public his letter of January 18 to Frank A. Munsey, the publisher. In this letter Roosevelt said he would not be a candidate, but would not tie his hands with a statement making it difficult or impossible for him to serve the public if the whole people wanted him. His letter follows:

"I shall not be a candidate and I shall not seek the nomination, nor would I accept it if it came to me as the result of intrigue. But I will not tie my hands with a statement which would make it difficult or impossible to serve the public by undertaking the great task, if the people as a whole, seemed definitely to have come to the conclusion that I had to do that task."

W. Bourke Cochrane of New York, and William Allen White of Kansas, conferred today with Colonel Roosevelt. White told the former president that Kansas wants him to be a candidate. After leaving Roosevelt, White said: "I told the colonel that my personal observation indicated that he was already sure of two fifths of the delegates to the Chicago convention. President Taft's southern delegates will vote for their jobs, not in accordance with their instructions. If they think it is best for themselves they will switch."

LOVETT AND HIS AIDES DUE ON COAST TONIGHT

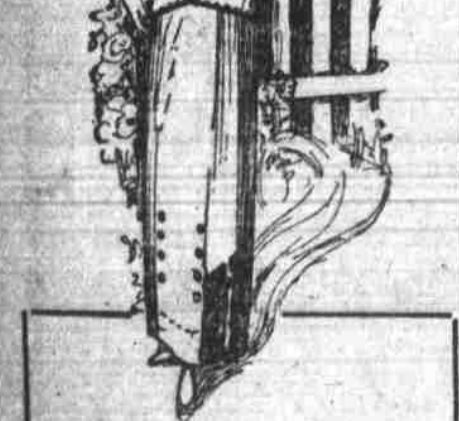
(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, March 3.—Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive board of the Hartman line; Julius Kraftichord, director of maintenance and right of way, and L. J. Spence, traffic director, are expected to arrive here today, decided to stop over at Fresno and will not reach San Francisco until tonight.

SOCIALISTS WOULD RECALL OFFICIALS

Oakland, Cal., March 3.—Sunday night is the date set by the Oakland branch of the socialist party for the institution of the recall proceedings against the entire city administration. Rice institute is the place agreed upon for the meeting of the branch. At this time and place the membership of all other branches of the party in the city will be present and formal charges against the administration will be made. The petition for the recall of the city officials should be on the street some time Monday.

UTAH AND ARKANSAS ARE CONCEDED TO PRESIDENT

Chicago, March 3.—Utah and Arkansas are the only two states west of the Mississippi river whose delegates to the national republican convention are conceded to President Taft by the Roosevelt supporters, according to a statement issued by Frank Knox, chairman of the Michigan republican state committee. He is also vice chairman of the Roosevelt executive committee.



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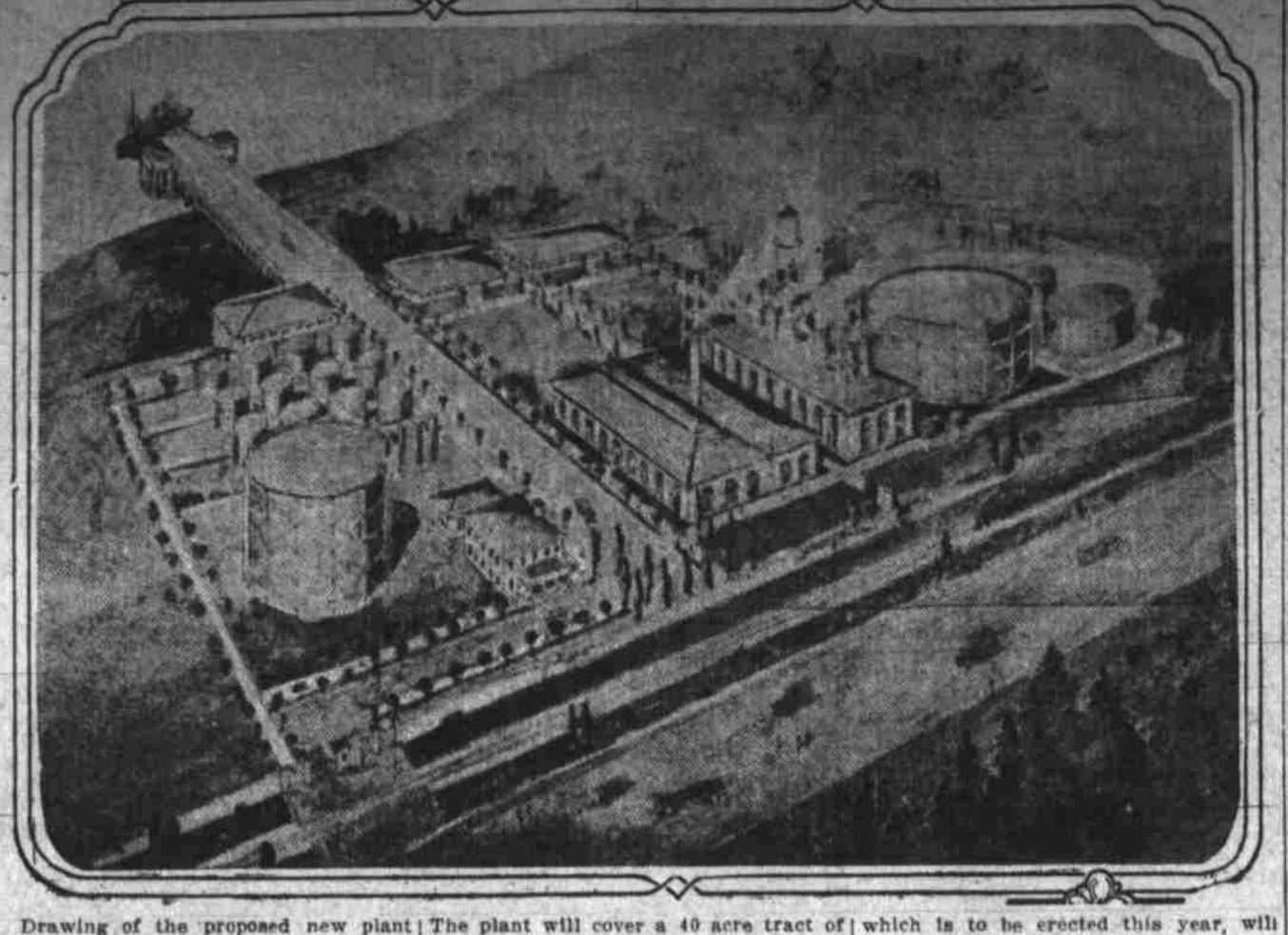
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Proposed Gas Plant Completed Will Cost \$3,000,000; Generating Capacity Will Be 10,000,000 Feet of Gas



Drawing of the proposed new plant on the river front of the Portland Gas & Coke company, the early construction of which was announced last Saturday by the officials of the company.

The plant will cover a 40-acre tract of land located just east of Linton and adjoining the government mooring. The estimated cost of the completed plant will approach \$3,000,000. The first unit, which is to be erected this year, will cost approximately \$150,000.

PLAINCLOTHES MEN MAY BE INVOLVED

George L. Beard Confesses to Bribery in Federal Court; Accomplices Sought.

The arrest of George L. Beard by federal authorities last night charged with soliciting bribes as a custom inspector may involve two if not more of the plain clothes men of the city detective force. Beard pleaded guilty to soliciting and accepting a bribe of \$100 from Thomas Lane before Judge Bean in federal court this morning. He returned \$8 of the \$100. "Until the relation between Beard's operations and that of at least two plain clothes men is ascertained he will not be sentenced."

Beard has an alibi, H. F. Watson. The case so far as evidence has been gathered was related this morning by Assistant United States District Attorney Walter Evans.

It seems that some time ago Beard secured appointment as special inspector of customs in order that he might be given opportunity to unearth some opium smugglers. He was successful. Then he was permitted to retain his commission without pay.

In the meantime he approached Thomas Lane and told him he had "something on him" for smuggling opium. Lane offered \$50 and this was refused on the ground that it was too small an amount. Finally he agreed to pay \$100 and leave for Seattle where Beard had been representing that his chief was.

When Lane went to the depot he bought a ticket for Vancouver instead of Seattle and to that destination he shipped his trunk. When he approached the gate he found Beard watching, so he held out the portion of the ticket having the word "Washington" on it, said Seattle to the gate keeper and goodby. Beard kept watch of the train until it was sure Lane was safely aboard. Then a plain clothes man whose name is known to the federal authorities, watched outside the train until it started, making sure that Lane did not get away.

When Lane arrived in Vancouver he called up a detective who told him he had been bunked. He took some of his friends into his confidence and acting on their recommendations reported the case.

Beard who had been sent to Astoria on some special work, was recalled and was sent to a place on Washington street, ostensibly to watch for a man wanted by the government. Meantime Lane was marched down the street and when he saw Beard, he said, "This is the man." The arrest followed. The prosecution of the plain clothes men now under surveillance is expected to follow.

JOHNSON SAYS PEOPLE ALL OUT FOR ROOSEVELT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Blue Canon, Cal., March 3.—Governor Hiram Johnson, on board a Sacramento bound train from the east yesterday, said:

"The people are overwhelmingly for Roosevelt. Politicians and federal office holders are for Taft. The only question is whether the overwhelming sentiment of the people can make itself felt in the republican national convention. The issue is recognized now to be sharp and clear. The Roosevelt people believe in the people and their right and ability to govern. The other side distrusts the ability of the people to govern themselves."

SALEM, OR., MAYOR CALLS FIRE CHIEF INEFFICIENT

(Special to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 3.—At the council meeting last night Mayor Lachmund severely criticized Fire Chief Savage, charging inefficiency. The mayor announced that he would appoint a committee of citizens to make an investigation of the department.

Cave-in Injures Salem Workman.

(Special to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 3.—While digging a sewer, the earth caved on Robert Gibson, almost covering him. Workmen dug him out and he was taken to the Willamette sanitarium, where he is suffering from shock and injuries to his back. It is not believed he has internal injuries.

Governor Goes to Albany.

Salem, Or., March 3.—Governor West and Superintendent L. R. Alderman are at Albany today attending a meeting of the school district officers of Linn county. Superintendent Alderman will go from there to Lafayette and then to Astoria.

\$4 Piano Rent.
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LA FOLLETTE MEN IN OREGON RESENT ATTITUDE OF T. R.

New Petitions Being Put Out by McCusker; Taft Petition Holds Names of More Than 4000 Voters.

Resentment by La Follette men over the disloyalty Roosevelt is alleged to have shown the Wisconsin senator is giving new power to the La Follette campaign in Oregon, and Thomas McCusker, head of the La Follette movement, expresses gratification over the reports he is receiving.

By his recent conferences with W. L. House, the national manager of the La Follette interests, McCusker was convinced of the double dealing of Roosevelt, and he shares in the indignation that is now finding expression among the friends of La Follette. He is a candidate for delegate to the national convention and says that while he will carry out the wishes of the Republicans of the state, he will be sorry if he is instructed for Roosevelt.

"La Follette suffered a severe setback at the time of his physical breakdown," said McCusker, "but is now recovering much of his strength. In many places, particularly the eastern part of the state, the impression went out that La Follette had withdrawn, circulation of his petitions stopped, and the way was made easy for Roosevelt's announcement."

Decided by Roosevelt.
"Now it has become apparent that La Follette was deceived by Roosevelt, and only became a candidate after Roosevelt had sent a special messenger to La Follette asking him to make the race. Mr. House's evidence on this point seems complete, and there has not been a denial from Roosevelt."

"Today I am putting out a new La Follette petition, so that the required number of names may be secured before the end of the week. The petition putting La Follette's name on the ballot will be ready by the end of the week."

McCusker exhibited a telegram from Senator La Follette announcing that he will soon be on "the firing line" again. It reads:

"Washington, D. C., March 3, 1912.—Thomas McCusker, Portland, Ore.—We are glad to hear your good report and assurance as to Oregon. Like encouragement comes from other states."

"Senator Gronna goes to North Dakota to speak and says he will carry that state. Other speakers will make aggressive campaign in progressive territory. I shall myself soon be on the firing line."

Taft Clubs Organized.
At Taft headquarters reports are given of growing sentiment for the president. Taft clubs are to be organized this week at Corvallis, Heppner, Pendleton and Oregon City. There will be a meeting at Oregon City Saturday afternoon, followed by a banquet and organization of the club.

VALUE OF 2 DAYS OF RAIN PLACED AT 30 MILLIONS

Los Angeles, March 3.—Conservative estimates today by Produce Exchange experts fix the value of the last two days' rains in southern California at \$30,000,000. The rains have been general from San Luis Obispo to the Mexican line, and crops in every section have been saved. Pasadena and Los Angeles registered the heaviest fall of the year, 2.70 inches, and 2.02 inches, respectively.

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SHIPPING INVESTIGATION DIRECTED BY HOUSE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, March 3.—A resolution directing the committee on marine and fisheries to investigate the control of the shipping industry by the combine, was unanimously adopted by the house today.

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