

BOTH DEMOCRATS AND G. O. P. IN FOG ON PARTY ISSUES

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Washington, Nov. 1.—In the meeting of the Democratic national committee at St. Louis today much more is involved than a contest between the adherents of Mr. McAdoo and the adherents of Governor Cox. That line of cleavage is the easiest to express, but it is by no means sufficient to describe the contest.

Mr. McAdoo, in addition to his executive gifts, is a far-seeing politician. He has tried to make his more vehement followers realize that the only thing for the national committee to consider is effectiveness of organization. With the party all shot to pieces at the last election and with no clear issue on the horizon, the political issues cannot yet be defined.

Nor can any guess be made about the standard bearer for 1924. It is true that the more liberal forces in the party tend to center around McAdoo and that the conservative Democratic leaders permanently look on Underwood as their favorite, but it is also true that any man you talk with will say that all the signs today favor a dark horse as the Democratic candidate three years from now.

What issue can fairly be called a party issue today? Take foreign affairs, for instance. We stayed by a crushing majority out of the League of Nations and out of the Versailles treaty. Whether we did wisely or not is a dead issue. Nobody but a blind man would say there is any more sentiment for our undertaking those obligations than there was last November.

On the other hand the Republicans are in a quandary. They are afraid of the public opinion they have aroused. They go into the conference of November with the eye on the economic facts and the other eye on a public they have taught to fear any arrangements whatever with Europe.

The other day I was talking with one of the senate irreconcilables. "You won a great victory," I said. "Can you organize it? Do you know what you want? The United States has cornered most of the gold in the world. You don't want it. What do you want? Europe to pay us in, to meet her debts?"

This man was frank with me. He admitted that if it were not for fear of the public, the senate would take an optimistic and fresh view of the best way of getting out of the world's economic tangle. He admitted that the debts to us are worthless as probably worse than worthless; precisely like the money owed by Germany to France and England.

But he said the public had swung so much further than even some of the irreconcilable leaders intended to have them go that these economic matters, the most real matters to consider, cannot be taken up frankly and without fear. The scores worked up to destroy Wilson, now confront his conquerors.

TARIFFS NEARLY MEANINGLESS

Tariffs have become pretty nearly meaningless, foreign trade being what it is. The farmers' bloc succeeded in getting a tariff on wheat against Canadian wheat. It did not affect the price of wheat in this country a cent. The Canada is now carrying on a campaign to put a tariff on our products, to get even with us. The tariff issue will probably favor the Democrats in 1924, but probably also nobody will take much interest in it.

Taxation is the other outstanding issue. There also the Republicans are up a tree. They start to make a tax program on the principle that it is hopeless to grade taxation according to ability to pay, and then they become alarmed at that confession.

Bodies of Overseas Heroes Brought Here En Route to Homes

Bodies of seven soldiers who died overseas, are due to arrive in Portland, Wednesday morning, and will be consigned to various points in the Northwest, according to word received from the war department. None of the bodies is of a Portland boy. The names are as follows:

Albert W. Rosen, private, Company D, Twentieth engineers, Castle Rock, Wash.; Joe Zurliuh, private, Company H, Thirty-ninth infantry, Centralia, Wash.; Martin Hardies, private, Company M, 251st infantry, Grand Ronde, Or.; John A. Lang, second lieutenant, Headquarters company, 31st infantry, Grangeville, Ida.; Allen G. Brattstrom, Company I, Twenty-sixth infantry, Seattle; Charles E. Mussy, private, Company C, 305th infantry, Spokane; Leonard Augustine Hitter, corporal, Eighth teenth company, Fifth Marines, Tacoma.

Church Raises Fund For New Building

Medford, Nov. 1.—The First Baptist church of Medford, which recently decided to carry on a campaign to raise funds for building a new church structure, Sunday evening announced that the fund to that date amounted to more than \$20,000. More than \$10,000 subscribed by members of the church during the first week of the campaign. The new building is to cost approximately \$40,000 and will be modern in all respects.

GIRL DIES AT BOYARDS

Covallis, Nov. 1.—Edna Pichette, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pichette, died Sunday afternoon at the Seavey boyards, where the parents were employed. Funeral services were held Monday in Grand Ronde.

SANDY DRIVER ESCAPES

Sandy, Nov. 1.—Joel Jarl, returning from a trip to Medford, Friday evening, was run into by an auto and his Ford went over a bluff, falling 40 feet. Jarl jumped and escaped injury.

Oregon Memorial Highway Receives Committee Vote

McMinnville, Nov. 1.—The committee appointed by the Oregon Memorial Highway association to recommend a name for the paved highways west of the Willamette recommended that the road from Portland by way of Newberg and thence south to Eugene on the west side of the Willamette river be designated as the West Side Pacific highway and that the road now commonly known as the Tualatin highway, from Portland through Hillsboro to McMinnville and from McMinnville via Newberg to Portland, be designated as the Oregon Memorial highway.

The resolution was signed by the following committee: W. T. Vinton, R. J. Moore, W. B. Dennis, G. S. Wright, E. B. Vincent, Paul Abraham, O. B. Galen.

FLOOD SUBSIDING; DAMAGE EXTENSIVE

Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 1.—Flood waters, which for several days have covered the tracks of the Northern Pacific railway, near Tulpe, have gone down enough to allow crews to commence filling numerous minor washouts and permit resumption of passenger service to Moclips today, according to word received by railroad officials here. The peak of high water has been passed in all parts of the country and reports are coming in from various sources that all flooded areas are being freed from water.

In Lake Quinalt the heavy rains of last Friday following three days of steady downpour caused a rise of 17 feet, while the Olympic highway, at Tulpe and Newton, was under four feet of water. All rivers tributary to Grays Harbor rose from three to six feet and the level of the upper Humpulps was said to be the highest in the last 20 years.

Considerable damage to cottages along the margin of Lake Quinalt resulted from the unprecedented rise. Damage was caused to ranches along the valley about Quinalt. For a time the water in the lake rose at the rate of a foot an hour. The clubhouse of the Hoquiam Rod & Gun club was floated off of its foundations and in several cottages the water rose to a height of four feet.

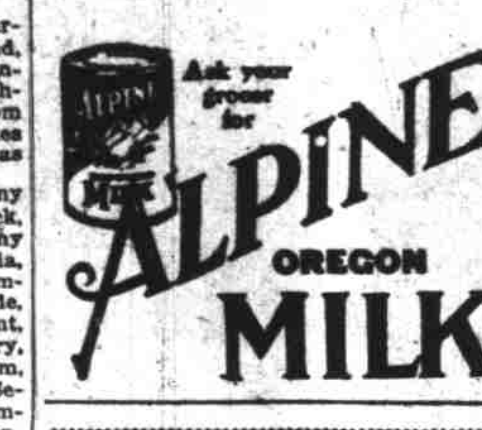
Plat Zigzag Creek Sites for Summer

One hundred new summer homesites have been surveyed along Zigzag river and Camp creek by the United States forest service this fall, according to Forest Examiner A. G. Jackson, who has had charge of the work. The Camp creek lots, Jackson states, are as attractive and beautiful as those of Still creek, which he has regarded as nearly ideal for summer homes. All the lots are fairly close to the Mount Hood loop road. For the Camp creek colony, a road will have to be cut through some small logpole pine timber.

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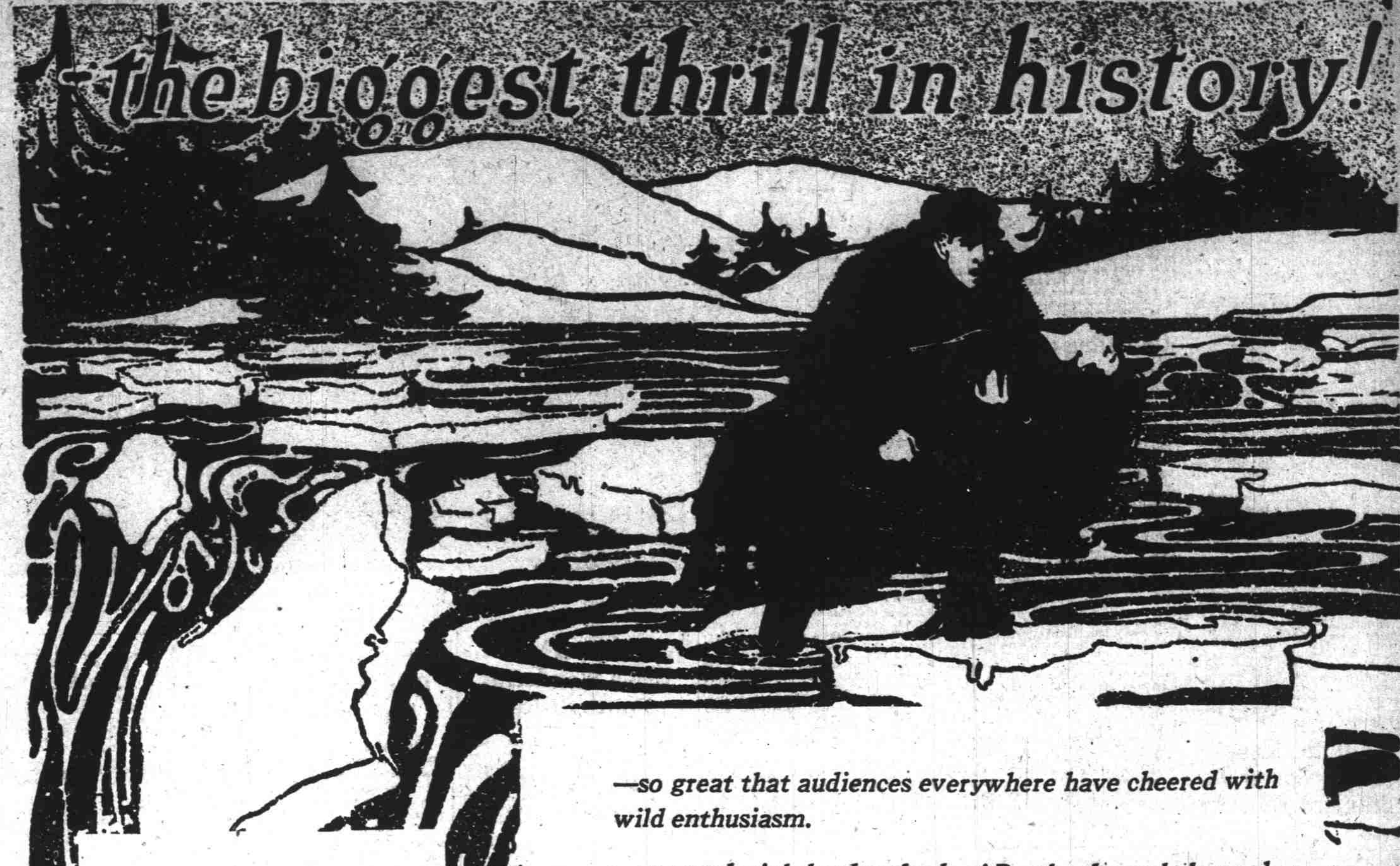
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