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CAPTURE OF OLD PARTIES IS OBJECT

Land and Labor League Not to Nomin'ate Independently, But Pledge Men Running on Other Tickets

RYNERSON BELIEVES VICTORY IS AT HAND

Delegates Take Decided Stand Against Becoming Political Body

Capture of the Republican and the Democratic parties in Oregon is the objective of the Land and Labor League which completed state organization yesterday. The league will attempt to accomplish this by securing the election on the old party tickets of men who will subscribe to the platform of the Land and Labor League. Operations are to begin this year.

The declaration of a Republican or a Democratic candidate that he will support the league's program of government reformation must be made publicly. The committee and other delegates, in the closing session last night, were emphatic in the assertion that they would not resort to secret agreements with office-seekers who might wish clandestinely to win the support of the league. When a candidate on any of the regular political party tickets has declared publicly that he will support the league's platform, then the support of all members of the league, regardless of the political party with which they may be affiliated, will automatically be pledged to him.

Names Are Mentioned.

The league has decided not to become a political party and will not nominate candidates independently of the other parties. Had it decided to do so, it would have nominated in the primary election this year because of the state law allowing only legally constituted political parties to nominate in the primaries, and defining a political party as any party that polled at least 20 per cent of the vote cast for justice of the supreme court in the last preceding election. It would be possible to nominate by convention, but this the league has decided not to do.

One delegate, J. C. Murphy of La Grande, went so far last night as to name two Republicans whose election to the legislature he will endeavor to secure this year. They are John Clifford, whom he wants elected to the senate from Union county, and Walter Parker, whom he hopes will be elected to the lower house.

Rynerston is Sanguine.

"I have my program for local operations all worked out and am going to call a meeting as soon as I get home," Murphy declared.

Among the delegates who advised against the nomination of independent candidates was C. M. Rynerston, editor of the Portland Labor Press. "In Multnomah county," said Rynerston, "500 men can secure the election of a yellow dog. It has been done. The same number of organized men can elect good men, and frankly I wouldn't care whether all those elected were union men or not. I know some men who do not carry union cards and who are pretty good union men."

Rynerston asserted that the new league can capture the Republican party.

STATE AGENT PLEADS GUILTY

Charles Burton Admits Having Liquor in Possession—Other Charges Dismissed

LAKEVIEW, Or., Jan. 30.—Charles Burton, a state agent for prohibition enforcement, pleaded guilty in court here today to a charge of having liquor in his possession. Other kindred charges against Burton and Frank Davis, another state agent, were dismissed. The two officers came here from Salem last week and were arrested following charges that they had offered liquor to various persons during the progress of their efforts to obtain evidence of infractions of the prohibition law.

Forest Rangers of Coast to Study Wireless for Patrols

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 30.—Colonel B. K. Yount, commander of March field, near here, announced today sixty forest rangers from Washington, Utah, Nevada and California would arrive there within two weeks to study wireless telegraphy in order to receive messages from aviators patrolling national forests. Colonel Yount said the rangers would be expected to learn to receive ten words a minute.

Miss N. Trakell, 20, Is Victim of Sleeping Sickness

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 30.—A new case of sleeping sickness in Portland was reported to the city health bureau here today when Dr. John C. Abele, assistant bureau chief, confirmed the diagnosis in the case of Miss N. Trakell, aged 20.

Another newly developed case was reported from the Good Samaritan hospital where treatment is being given C. R. Miller for the peculiar malady. Miller is 37 years old.

LONE BANDIT ROBS MAIL CAR

Man Armed With Empty Automatic Loots Train Near Omaha

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 30.—One lone bandit armed with an empty automatic gun, robbed the mail car on Union Pacific passenger train No. 2 of all registered mail this evening between here and Fremont, 40 miles west. One bag containing \$8000 in savings stamps was ripped open, but the contents were not stolen.

STANFORD BEATS W. S. C. 30 TO 29

Washington Leads Until Last Minute of Play When Tables Are Turned

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 30.—Stanford's basketball team nosed a victory away from the Washington state college five here tonight in the last minute of play, a goal from the center court by Richmond making the final score 30 to 29.

Washington state led all the way through the game up to that point. In the first half the northerners showed considerable superiority, the half ending 12 to 10 in their favor. Stanford improved in the second half but was unable to overcome Washington's lead until the last minute. The teams will play again tomorrow.

U. OF W. BEATS AGGIES 22-20

Score Neck and Neck and Is 20 Until Last Minute of Play

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 30.—University of Washington won by two points from Oregon Agricultural college in the first game of a two-game basketball series here tonight, the final score standing 22 to 20 in Washington's favor. The score was tied 20 to 20 near the end of the contest, Nicholson making the winning basket in the last minute of play. The Washington five led in the first half, but the teams played neck and neck in the second.

ADULTS CROWD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Portland School Board Limits Expense Because of Increasing Demands

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 30.—Because of the many demands made upon the public schools for facilities for educating adults, the school board last night at an informal session decided to limit its expenditures in this direction.

If available space in old school buildings is used for any purpose, it was decided that those who make use of the buildings should provide the equipment. There are now available for such use the old Couch, Terwilliger and South, Mount Tabor schools.

Recently School Superintendent Grout received an application for use of a shop in Benson Polytechnic school from the federal government for reconstruction classes, with the understanding that where equipment is not furnished by the government, regular shop supplies of the school district should be used. No definite decision was reached.

V. K. Skelton, Charged With Misuse of Uniform, Taken

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 30.—Virgil K. Skelton, who fled from a deputy United States marshal when he was being arrested here this week on the charge of wearing an army uniform illegally, was taken into custody at Seattle today, the local authorities were advised. He was released on a cash bond, guaranteeing to appear in Portland Monday. Skelton and another young man have been selling copies of a book of war rhymes and represented to customers that the proceeds would be used to aid former service men. It is said. Assistant United States Attorney Flegel will handle the case for the government.

12 JURYMEN PASSED FOR GRIMM TRIAL

All Talesmen Seated Subject to Peremptory Challenges of Defense and Prosecution Examinations More Speedy

14 TO SIT IN BOX BUT ARE WITHOUT VOICE

Washington Law Provides Alternates to Provide for Possible Emergency

MONTESSANO, Wash., Jan. 30.—Twelve talesmen out of 37 examined have been seated in the trial here of 11 alleged I.W.W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, one of the victims of the Armistice day shootings at Centralia.

The twelfth temporary juror was accepted by the defense shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. He was Robert L. Steptoe, clerk in the office of a lumber company in Hoquiam. Examination of talesmen seemed to proceed with much more speed today, four talesmen being passed out of eight examined.

One Women in List.

The members of temporary jury and the order of their selection is as follows:

Thomas C. Connor, former liquor dealer, Montesano.

S. A. Youngs, watchman, Montesano.

W. F. Ferguson, plumber, Hoquiam.

Mrs. Emily C. Pattison, housewife Aberdeen.

Orton Glenn, garageman, Satsop. O. C. Schneider, hotelman, Aberdeen.

R. P. Ames, farmer, Oakville. C. C. Strayer, grain merchant. E. E. Torpen, retired farmer, Montesano.

John E. Hill, poultry dealer, Montesano.

A. H. Kuhn, shingle manufacturer, Hoquiam.

Robert L. Steptoe, clerk, Hoquiam. 14 to Sit in Box.

The fact that 12 jurors now occupy the jury box is not an indication that the taking of testimony will begin very early next week, counsel for both the defense and the state say. Several of those now in the box are subject to a further examination upon a possible showing by counsel of alleged prejudice. Then, there are 18 peremptory charges to be exercised, 12 by the defense and 6 by the prosecution, which means, if all of these challenges are exercised, that at least 18 more talesmen will have to be called and examined. Two extra jurors will sit with the jury after it is sworn, the laws of Washington state providing for two alternates jurors to hear the testimony but not to participate in the deliberations unless one of the twelve jurors becomes incapacitated for service. Court will adjourn tomorrow at 4 o'clock in order to permit counsel and Judge John M. Wilson, presiding, to go to their homes in nearby cities over Sunday.

DEPARTMENT OF AIR GETS JOLT

Borah Leads Opposition on Grounds of Extravagant Expenses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The new bill to create a separate department of the air encountered further vigorous opposition in the senate today, Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, leading the attack against it on the ground of extravagance. Urging its passage, Chairman Wadsworth of the military committee, asserted that the next great war involving this country would be ushered in with an air battle off the coast and warned the senate to prepare.

Opposition to the bill, so far as it would separate the army air service from its status as an integral part of the army, also was expressed in a letter from General Pershing, made public by Representative Fisher, of Tennessee.

In his attack on the bill, Senator Borah took occasion to warn his Republican colleagues that the party's special promise of economy at the last election was not being carried out in congress. He also referred to the committee on platform and policies appointed recently by Chairman Hays of the Republican national committee as a committee "of 157 varieties," adding that "the gifted gentlemen" who composed it "cannot convince the people against the record being made here."

AGED RANCHER IS DEAD SUICIDE IS INDICATED DEATH IS PREDICTED

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 30.—Within a short time after he had informed his wife that she would outlive him, A. J. Marvin, a rancher, aged 76, was found dead at his home near Jacksonville, Or., yesterday with a gunshot wound in his chest, according to word received here today. A shotgun lay beside the body.

CHICAGO "FLU" SHOWS DECLINE

Number of Cases and Deaths of Kindred Maladies on Decrease

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—New cases of influenza for the last 24 hours numbered 1,015 as against 1,149, on Thursday, while pneumonia claimed 340 new patients, compared with 445. Deaths from influenza totalled 112 and from pneumonia 80.

A ban was placed on public funerals and on wakes, and persons attending funerals were limited to 10, by order of the health department tonight.

SEVEN WORKERS DIE IN HOMES

Blaze Destroys 15 Houses of Employees of Carnegie Steel Mills

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 31.—Fire early today destroyed 15 homes of Carnegie steel company employees at Clairton and, according to the police, seven bodies have been taken from the ruins.

JAMESON HEADS HARDWARE MEN

McMinnville Man Chosen at Closing Session of Convention

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 30.—A. L. Jameson of McMinnville, Ore., was re-elected president of the Northwest Hardware and Implement Dealers Association at the closing session of its convention here today, and E. E. Lucas, of Spokane, Wash., secretary J. E. Lewis of Coos Bay, Or., was elected vice president. Delegates from towns in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia attended the convention, which lasted for four days.

NORTH DAKOTA PLAN EXTOLLED

John M. Baer, Representative Tells of Positive Benefits

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Explaining the positive benefits shared by citizens of North Dakota through the operation of cooperative enterprises and state-owned industries, Representative John M. Baer of that state in a speech tonight at a Y. M. C. A. meeting here, declared North Dakota's antidote for bolshevism was the non-partisan league.

Profiteering and exploitation together with constantly rising prices and the passage of suppressive laws. Mr. Baer declared, were the principal causes of Bolshevism, the only cure for which, he said, was the removal of the source of the "disease" such as North Dakota had been successful in accomplishing.

Crew of Sunken Mihero Is Picked up After Days at Sea

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 30.—According to radio messages picked up here tonight the crew of the tank steamer Mihero which sank at sea Monday, was rescued by the steamer Sucroca, a sister ship. The men were picked up this afternoon after having been afloat in small boats for five days.

Coast Shippers Demand Seat in Car Service Committee

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 30.—A resolution insisting that if the railroads organize a car service committee after passing from government control, Pacific coast shippers be represented in its personnel, was adopted at the annual meeting here today of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

LAST EFFORT IN DEADLOCK IS FAILURE

Unofficial Negotiations on Treaty Come to Sudden End When Democrats Walk Out Saying Conference Futile

HITCHCOCK TO MOVE ON RATIFICATION FEB. 10

Unshaken Stand of Republicans on Article 10 Is Cause of Smash

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Efforts to break the peace treaty deadlock by unofficial bi-partisan negotiation, ended suddenly in failure today, and Democratic senate leaders began preparations to bring the treaty back into the open senate for consideration.

It was over the long debated article ten that the bi-partisan movement after bringing Republicans and Democrats together on many collateral issues, finally met disaster. The end came after Senator Lodge of Massachusetts had renewed his refusal to compromise on that article and had rejected a reservation on the subject written by former President Taft and presented to the bi-partisan conciliation committee by the Democrats.

Walking out of the conference with the announcement that further deliberations there were useless, the Democrats quickly drafted plans to renew the fight in the open. The acting party leader, Senator Hitchcock, announced that notice would be given in the senate tomorrow of his intention to move on February 10 to take up the treaty for ratification. Opinion was divided as to whether such a motion would prevail.

Hitchcock Has Plans.

If it does, Senator Hitchcock expects to propose he said that the senate adopt those reservations upon which tentative agreement has been reached in the committee and then fight out differences over the others. A draft of the committee's work made public by Mr. Hitchcock did not correspond with a review of Senator Lodge's however, and a bitter aftermath seemed in store should the Democratic plan of open discussion be carried out.

Move is Surprise.

The move of the Democrats in championing this reservation came as a surprise, the leaders on both sides having indicated beforehand that any decision on Article 10 probably would be put over until next week. In rejecting the proposed substitute, Senator Lodge reiterated his announcement that no change at all would be considered in the article 10 reservation drafted by the Republicans at the last session of congress. Agreeing to finally disagree, the conference then broke up in less than an hour after it had begun.

What happened was thus described by Senator Hitchcock in announcing the negotiations were at an end: "We presented the Taft reservation on article 10 as our proposition. There was some conversation as to its exact meaning. We urged them to accept it or take a few days to decide. But Senator Lodge said defiantly he could not accept it."

"We then asked them if they had any counter proposal or would make one. Mr. Lodge said he could not make any counter proposal. I suggested that we try to agree on a way for taking up the treaty in the senate, but Senator Lodge did not want a meeting on that subject. So we are going to proceed to call it up."

Lodge is Reticent.

To this Senator Lodge had nothing to add, nor would he indicate what his attitude would be on a motion to bring the treaty before the senate. In his statement reviewing the accomplishments of the committee, however, he set forth at length his reasons for refusing to compromise on article 10 and the Monroe doctrine.

The proposed change referred to by the senator was a suggestion by the Democrats to strike out of the Republican reservation the words "said doctrine is to be interpreted by the United States alone."

On the question of bringing the treaty into the senate, it was apparent that sentiment was in an indecisive state. There have been some indications that there might not be undivided Democratic support for the move, but some of the mild reservation Republicans and some senators of the irreconcilable group have looked with favor upon it.

Senator Hitchcock said he did not know whether a majority favored it but believed such was the case. He added he would confer with various Democrats and Republicans before he made his motion.

One Way Traffic Will Not Be Tried in Portland Now

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 30.—One way traffic will not be tried in Portland streets, at present. The ordinance providing for such system was defeated in the council today by a vote of three to two. Mayor Baker and Commissioner Barbour voted for the ordinance and Commissioners Mann, Bigelow and Pier opposed it. Pier, who had been in favor of adopting the plan swung over today on the side against the one-way system.

CATTLEMEN AND SHERIFFS CLASH

Three Well Known Ranchers Killed When Ill Feeling Comes to Head

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 30.—In a clash between cattle raisers and deputy sheriffs in Polk county last night three well known cattlemen were killed and a fourth captured. The officers claim they caught the cattlemen cutting wire fences surrounding the vast tract of phosphate land of the American Agricultural Chemical company.

For a number of years there has been ill feeling among the cattlemen over the encroachment of fences in cattle ranges of southern Florida and large landowners had complained of their fences being mysteriously cut.

1400 DEPORTED IN SIX MONTHS

Aliens to be Sent Out of U. S. in Small Groups Says Caminetti

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Explaining that the bureau of immigration had under consideration plans for sending undesirable out of the country in small detachments, Commissioner General Caminetti said today it was probable that no more "soviet arks" similar to the Buford would leave the United States.

Aliens ordered deported the commissioner reported, must be sent to the countries from which they came. If it is found less expensive to send the many radicals recently arrested out of the country in small groups aboard regular passenger ships, he said such a course would be followed.

Deportation by the small group method is going on constantly, he asserted, and since last June a total of 1400 aliens have been sent from the United States.

FINE IS DOUBLE SUM EMBEZZLED

Kisler, Former City Treasurer of Warren, O., Gets Prison Term Too

WARREN, O., Jan. 30.—Charles B. Kisler, former city treasurer, today pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling city funds and was fined \$100,640.10, double the amount of money embezzled and sentenced to from one to 20 years in the state penitentiary by Common Pleas Judge C. M. Wilkins.

STECHER TAKES WRESTLING BELT

Nebraskan Defeats Craddock for Heavyweight Title After Two Hours

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Joe Stecher of Nebraska tonight won the heavy weight wrestling championship at catch-as-catch-can by defeating Earl Craddock of Iowa with a body scissors and arm lock after more than two hours of wrestling.

JERSEY CLUB TO OFFER BIG PRIZE

National Organization to Give \$1000 at Portland Exposition

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 30.—The American Jersey Cattle club has appropriated \$1000 to be awarded in premiums at the 1920 Pacific-International Livestock exposition here in the Jersey classes. This word was received by O. M. Plummer today from Representative McArthur, in Washington, D. C. who has been assisting Mr. Plummer in his efforts to obtain appropriations from the various national breeders' associations, for next year's show.

SINGLE TAX IS AVOIDED BY LEAGUE

Interpretation of Plank in Land and Labor Platform Causes Long Fight in Closing Hours of Session

HARTWIG IS STATE CHAIRMAN OF MOVE

Abolition of Senate and Voting by Mail Are Part of Party Program

Whether the taxation plank in the platform of the Land and Labor League, organized in state convention here yesterday, seemed to tend toward an advocacy of the single tax, caused the most prolonged discussion while the platform was in the process of adoption. It was the desire of the convention that it bear no record for nor against the single tax. After a debate that occupied the greater part of the afternoon the clause was modified before being adopted.

Another hard fight took place over the wording of a clause relative to the rights of the people, stating that "they have at all times a right to alter, reform or abolish the government as they think proper," objection being made to the word "abolish." Even after explanation had been made that the words were an exact quotation from the constitution of Oregon there was a prevailing opinion that the words would be misinterpreted by persons who are not familiar with their constitution. It was decided to leave the words, but to place them in quotation marks and in parenthesis to credit them to the constitution.

Platform is Modified.

Adoption of the platform was the main work of the day. It is much modified in comparison with the tentative platform submitted the previous day. Abolition of the state senate, voting by mail and public ownership of all public utilities and natural resources are among its provisions.

The platform follows in full: "We, the members of the Land and Labor League of Oregon in convention assembled, seeing that those who labor and produce the necessities of life, are and of right ought to be, the masters of the things they produce, do announce the following platform of action, and invite all men and women, irrespective of party or condition to fellowship with us in the reconstruction of the state and nation along the lines of permanence and justice rather than that of profit and expediency. We recognize:

"That all men when they form a social compact are equal in right; Constitution is Quoted

"That all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness;

"And they have at all times a right to alter, reform or abolish the government as they think proper." (Article I, Constitution of Oregon.)

"That all abridgments of free speech, free assembly and free press are violations of the constitution of these United States.

"Therefore, in order to promote the welfare and happiness of our state and restore uniform justice and equal opportunity to all, we demand, as a minimum, that the following changes and additions be immediately enacted and put into force:

"1 The extension of the direct primary to the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

"2 The privilege of voting by mail together with universal registration.

"3 The abolition of the state senate.

"4 The public ownership of all public utilities and natural resources.

"5 The formation of a department of agriculture and industry, and the creation of a fiscal department, whose function shall be the creation of a state marketing system, a state bank and other such industrial activities as may be necessary and desirable.

"6 The removal of all unjust taxes from productive industry and the substitution therefor of a more equitable method of taxation.

"7 Proportional representation on all elective legislative bodies.

"8 That the public schools be placed upon a real democratic basis by making school boards representative through proportional representation and that the object of the schools be to teach democracy rather than to train children merely to be servers of others for profit.

"9 We hereby declare for the economic and industrial equality of women together with special protection for the mothers of our future citizens."

Single Tax Avoided

The tax plank in the platform originally read "removal of all unjust taxes from productive industry and substitution of a tax on commodity

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