

FARMERS WILL QUESTION ALL CANDIDATES

Ask All With Hats in Ring for Answers to Many Questions on Pertinent Topics Sent in Letter

W. J. BRYAN RECEIVES FIRST INQUISITOR

Want Rich to Pay for War; Ask Farm to Home Trade

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The first copy of a questionnaire, prepared by the national board of farm organizations for presentation to all presidential candidates to place them on record on matters affecting farmers, was received today by William Jennings Bryan.

Mr. Bryan said, that although he was not at this time a candidate, he would study the questionnaire and give his opinion on it. He declared himself forthrightly in accord with requesting candidates to place themselves unequivocally on record prior to the campaigns.

Eliminate Middleman. Elimination of the middleman, protection of the farmer in his right to organize and appointment of an expert acceptable to organized agriculturists as secretary of agriculture and representation for farmers' platform outlined in the questionnaire according to C. S. Barrett, president of the national board and chairman of the committee which drew up the document.

Other issues presented include the free and unquestioned right of collective buying, reduction of the farm tenancy evil, improvement of farm credit facilities, national consultation and the maintenance of "free speech, free press and free assembly."

To Question All Candidates. The committee already has listed 14 active or prospective candidates to receive the inquiry and will add others as each candidate, active or prospective, assumes that status. The list now includes vice-President Marshall, Senators Johnson, Pinckney, Harding, Lenroot and Owen; Governors Cox, Sprout, Coolidge and Goodrich, and Herbert Hoover, Attorney General Palmer, Governor Lowden and Major General Wood.

The questionnaire is in the form of a letter asking the recipient to send "definite and clear replies" to 12 specific inquiries as to his views on "Prosperity on the farm is the first condition of general prosperity," the preamble asserts. "Decline of agriculture is now and always has been the central danger to civilization. Agriculture is declining in America. If the general welfare of our people is to be safeguarded, the decrease in farm production compared with population and the impairment of the fertility of our soil must be stopped."

Want Farm to Home Trade. "In view of the power exercised by the President upon both the legislative and administrative branches of our government we believe that not only the forty million people who live and work on our farms, but all Americans desire and have the right to what they may count upon a candidate to do after election."

The questions follow: "Will you do your best to bring about such direct dealing between producer and consumer as will secure to farmers a fair share of the wealth they create, reduce the cost of living to the consumer and limit or destroy the opportunity of the profiteer?"

"Will you do all that in you lies to secure to all farmers and consumers the full, free and unquestioned right to organize and to purchase and sell co-operatively?"

Want Efficient Sect. of Agriculturists. "Will you see that the farm people of America are represented on general boards and commissions in whose membership various interests are recognized, whether or not the work is directly concerned with agriculture?"

"Will you appoint a secretary of agriculture who knows actual conditions, who is satisfactory to the farm organizations of America and who will cause to be made comprehensive studies of farm production costs at home and abroad, and publish the uncensored facts?"

To Reduce Tenancy. "Will you take action necessary to ascertain and make public all obtainable facts concerning the great and growing evil of farm tenancy, so that steps may be taken to check, reduce or end it?"

"Will you do your best to secure improved personal and commodity credit facilities on reasonable terms for farmers?"

"Will you earnestly endeavor to secure to co-operative organizations of farmers engaged in interstate commerce, service and supplies in all respects to those furnished private enterprises under like circumstances?"

"The railroads having returned to their owners, if at the end of two years or further trial of private ownership the railroads fail to render reasonably satisfactory service to

TAX COLLECTOR IS DELUGED WITH WORK

AVERAGE OF \$15,000 DAILY RECEIVED BY SHERIFF

Office Force Labors Night and Day, But Hasn't Yet Caught Up—Mail Remittances Behind

The receipts of the Marion county tax collector's office are averaging about \$15,000 daily according to Sheriff W. I. Needham. The taxpayers are responding so readily that the office is swamped. The mail remittances are behind and from the present aspect it does not look as if the work will be over come for some time. The office crew is working night and day in an effort to keep account of the steady stream of money pouring in.

The tax roll was submitted to the sheriff later than usual this year and many of the larger portions of land have been sold during the past year in small tracts which has complicated the work. The collection department had only 10 days in which to collect between \$300,000 and \$900,000 when the books were turned over the last of February.

OREGON RED IS APPREHENDED

John Reed Arrested and Removed From Finn Steamer

LONDON, March 17.—A dispatch to the London Times from Aeo, Finland, says that at a preliminary hearing and under cross examination the man arrested in coal bunker of a Finnish steamer bound for Sweden recently, asserted that his name was John Reed and declared he was the editor of two newspapers in Oregon. The man, who previously had given his name as Casgrmlich and declared that he was an American, said he had arrived in Russia five months ago according to the dispatch.

A dispatch to the Times from Abo Monday, announcing the arrest of the man on board a Finnish steamer said he had English, American and German passports and diamonds and money aggregating a large sum. Also there was found on him, according to the dispatch, soviet propaganda literature, cunningly prepared photograph films, reduced to the size of postage stamps, and a very small compass.

John Reed, editor of The Voice of Labor, said to be the party organ of the communist labor party in the United States, was indicted in Chicago, along with a large number of other alleged radicals, last January, charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government by force in violation of the state syndicalism act. Previously he was reported to have sailed from New York on his way to Russia to join the bolsheviks. While in Russia, it was asserted, it was his intention to arrange for closer affiliation between the Russians and their sympathizers in the United States. Reed was born in Poland, Ore., and is about 32 years old. He is said to be a close friend of both Lenin and Trotsky. In February of last year he appeared before the congressional committee at Washington investigating Russian propaganda and defended the Russian soviet government.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—John Reed is the son of the late C. J. Reed and Mrs. Reed, who is a resident of Portland. The elder Reed was once United States marshal for Oregon. John Reed left here about 190 and afterwards graduated from Harvard. Thereafter he traveled widely. One he toured Mexico and obtained some interviews with Villa and his aides which were published in this country.

Reed was next heard from in Russia, where he arrived accompanied by his wife, whose pen name is Louise Bryant and who also is from Portland. Following the revolution there Reed and his wife returned to this country and he was heralded as the first soviet ambassador to the United States, but he denied any such credentials later. He was in Portland for some time last year and engaged in organizing the communist labor party here.

Election Results in Dakota Still Uncertain

FARGO, N. D., March 17.—Returns from yesterday's presidential preference election were still too indefinite and meager tonight to indicate the outcome of the fight for delegates to the national conventions, wage din the republican and democratic primaries between groups of candidates indorsed by the non-partisan league, and groups of candidates opposing the league.

In the cities the tickets opposed tot the non-partisan league are leading but the rural vote, where the non-partisan league's strength lies.

U. of O. Management Announcement Schedule for Season

EUGENE, Or., March 17.—Athletic authorities at the University of Oregon here today announced the complete track schedule for this season. It is as follows: April 24: University of Washington relays at Seattle; May 8—University of Washington-Oregon dual meet at Seattle; May 15—Pacific coast conference meet at Palo Alto, Calif.; May 22—O. A. C.-Oregon dual meet at Corvallis; May 29—Northwest conference meet at Pullman.

L. & B. BANK GIVES \$5000 TO HOSPITAL

Approval of Financial Stronghold Is Received and Long Stride Is Made Toward Ultimate Goal of Workers

LETHARGY OF SOME SOLICITORS DEPLORED

Public Believed More Generous Than Present Results Indicate

Five thousand dollars is the amount added to the hospital fund yesterday. The generous donor is the Ladd & Bush bank.

The committee places a two-fold value on this contribution. Not only does it mark a long stride toward the \$100,000 goal, but it also fixes the stamp of approval, by one of Salem's financial strongholds, on the proposed hospital.

An incident occurring yesterday, in a local store, seems to indicate that many people are ready—even anxious to contribute funds if they were approached by solicitors. One of the proprietors said a woman inquired of him, while in the store, to whom she could pay a contribution for the new hospital. He handed her a blank card. She at once penciled the amount of her subscription on the card and returned it.

The urgent need of active solicitors was expressed yesterday by Walter A. Denton and William McGilchrist, Jr. Scarcely one-half of the number who had been commissioned as canvassers have done any active work for the hospital.

It is believed that the need for the hospital is fully recognized by the public and that solicitors would meet with encouraging response, at least in small contributions, if people could be approached individually.

OLIVE DEATH BLAME FIXED

Government Chemists Hand Responsibility to the Packers

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Failure of some packers to use a sufficiently high temperature during sterilization of ripe olives in glass containers permitted development of the botulinum germ, which caused the deaths of 25 persons two months ago, said a report of specialists of the bureau of chemistry, who have just concluded an investigation in cooperation with the public health service.

The poison would develop just the same in tin containers, the report showed if the olives were not sufficiently processed, but as there is no danger of leakage involved in tin, the packer does not hesitate to apply the proper degree of heat to kill the germ in sterilization. The investigation disclosed only one fatality where a tin container was involved, but this contained a relish consisting of minced ripe olives, the poison forming through inadequate processing.

Dance Last Night Nets Ball Club Handsome Parse

One of the largest dance crowds that has attended an event at the Salem armory for a long time, enjoyed the St. Patrick's day benefit dance last night for the Salem baseball club. Many who were not able to attend the dance stopped at the box office late in the evening to give the price of admission for the benefit of the club.

Thearmory was decorated in a light green and colored effect which served as a befitting background for the serpentine and balloon dance. Manager Biddle Bishop announced that the dance was financially a big success and expressed his appreciation of the good will and assistance of the people. The total receipts of the evening were around \$300.

Legion Plans for Big Convention at Astoria

ASTORIA, Or., March 17.—That from 500 to 750 delegates will come to Astoria to attend the annual state convention of the American legion was the estimate of State Adjutant E. J. Eivers, announced today, following conference with members of the executive committee of the local post. The date of the convention has not been determined, but the dates suggested at the conference indicated the meeting might be held early in June or after the middle of July.

CLERK'S OFFICE NOT CANINE HABERDASHERY

COUNTY OFFICIAL NOT RE-QUIRED TO MAKE DOG COLLARS

Woman Incumbent in Grant County Says Prosecutor Told Her to Manufacture Puppy Cravats

"The law does not impose upon the county clerks of Oregon the duty of making dog collars."

This is the advice of Attorney General Brown to Governor Olcott.

The governor made the inquiry following receipt of a letter from Mabel McKern Hilbourn, county clerk of Grant county, who wanted to know in effect if she had to establish a dog collar manufacturing department in the county clerk's office because the district attorney told her to, and further asked if she had to pay the increased expense out of her salary. The attorney general advises that the law does not require her to turn out hand-made dog collars, but that it does require the county to pay her for the money she has paid out.

When the question of obtaining dog collars under the dog act came up, District Attorney A. D. Ledy of Grant county, according to the county clerk's letter, told her to order leather and buckles and make the collars herself, as it would be cheaper. The clerk had her deputy to the work, and the deputy, also a woman, made up 150 collars by hand taking 22 eight-hour days for the work, before it occurred to the clerk that probably the district attorney and the county court were about as well informed in the law as in the properties.

When her deputy began to devote all of her time to manufacturing collars for the dogs it was necessary for the clerk to hire extra help to take the deputy's place in the office, an additional expense of \$100. The county judge told the clerk, she claims, that this would have to be paid out of her own salary, that any claim she might present to the county court would be disallowed and that this was simply one of the risks run by county clerks.

DATES SET FOR GUARD TRAINING

Infantry and Engineers to Encamp at Lewis, Artillery at Stevens

Announcement was made from the office of Adjutant General Conrad Staffin last night that the annual encampment of the Oregon infantry, engineers and artillery will be held from July 6 to July 20. The infantry and the engineers will be stationed at Camp Lewis and the artillery at Fort Stevens.

Target practice and field firing will be features of the encampment. June 14 to 17 inclusive have been set as the dates for the officers' schools of instruction for the regiment, including engineers and artillery. School will be maintained at Vancouver for the officers of the infantry and the engineers and at Fort Stevens for the artillery.

BOLIVIA GIVEN WARNING BY U. S.

Breach of Peace With Peru Matter for Consideration of League

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(By The Associated Press)—Insistent representations to Bolivia not to disturb the peace of South America have been made by the American government as a result of the anti-Peruvian manifestations at La Paz. In connection with the communications it was stated that Peru has sought the good offices of the United States to prevent hostilities.

Two notes have been sent and a third is ready to go forward unless a reply to others is received soon. The first was dispatched immediately after official news was received Monday of the attack on the Peruvian legation in the Bolivian capital. The section was put on the cables yesterday.

Officials view the situation as serious and the representations made by the state department were described as "urgent."

Despatches to the Peruvian embassy today said events in Bolivia resulted from the influence of the Chilean government and the activity of Chilean agents. It is known here that this view also is held in other diplomatic and in some official circles here.

Peru and Bolivia are members of the league of nations, and if they sever diplomatic relations, the crisis thus provoked would, under the articles of the league be such as to bring the dispute to the official cognizance of the council of the league.

High Cost of Dog Food Reduces Size of Dogs

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—Scarcity of large dogs, said to be due to the high cost of dog food, is reported by the secretary of the Seattle Kennel club, now making arrangements for the annual dog show to be held here in May.

LEAGUE WILL ASSEMBLE TO STUDY BILLS

Marion County Taxpayers' Organization Meets Saturday to Dissect Tax Measures Slated for Ballot

NO PARTICULAR FIGHT SAYS OFFICIAL WORD

Officers To Be Elected by Association and New Life Injected Into Body

The Marion County Taxpayers' League has issued a call to taxpayers and all citizens interested in the proposed new state tax levies to meet at the Marion county court house Saturday, March 20 at 10 a. m. for the purpose of considering the measures placed on the ballot at the special election to be held May 21.

The four proposed millage measures submitted to vote of the people would increase the state tax levies over 100 per cent above the regular levy already made and this meeting is to consider the proposed increase at this time Isadore Greenbaum, secretary, signs the call.

League Dormant During War The Marion county branch of the State Taxpayers league was organized five years ago and took an active part in putting over the 6 per cent tax limitation that is now a part of the constitution. The officers were Joseph Albert, president; Alex LaFollett, vice president; Isadore Greenbaum, secretary, and Frank Hughes, treasurer. The league has been dormant over the war period, but is awakened to its present activity by the unusual number of tax measures pending at the May special election.

"As consideration of tax measures is the special business for which we were organized the officers of the league would be remiss in their duties if they did not give the people some chance to express themselves and get as well informed as possible on the arguments for and against the bills that were put on the ballot by the special session," says a statement by one of the officials.

"We have no fight to make on any particular measure but as the aggregate will more than double our state taxes the organization thought it would be no more than fair to have a thorough understanding of what we are to meet."

Officers to be Elected "The present officers also feel that the organization should be kept alive to consider just such matters, and one of the first things for the convention to consider will be to elect new officers. The league has not disbanded and yet it has not been actually alive for three years. It will be up to those attending the meeting at the court house Saturday to say what shall be done and whether the organization is worth keeping alive."

THE SCIENTIFIC SPRAYING OF LOGANBERRIES

(The following communication on spraying loganberries, written by S. H. Van Trump, Marion county fruit inspector, has been held a couple of days, for the Salem slogan issue, with the idea of reaching the largest possible number of growers, who have come to look for the special issues designed to show the world the basic industries of this locality—those on which stress ought to be laid; the things that are done and can be done, and the things and varieties that are grown and can be grown a little (or a good deal) better than any other people in any other country or section.)

"The commercial value of the loganberry crop is so great today that no grower can afford to be content with less than a 100 per cent yield. The fact that the average loganberry yield in the Salem section varies, in different yards, all the way from 1 1/2 to 5 1/2 tons per acre indicates that conditions are not what they should be in many yards.

"Anthracnose is present in varying degrees of severity in every loganberry yard in this section and is an unsuspected but very serious source of loss to many growers. Careful observation indicates that this loss is not less than 5 per cent in the least infested yards, while it often amounts to 20 or 30 per cent loss in the worst infested yards.

"In the midst of the ripening season many of the fruiting lateral canes are observed first to wilt and

COLISEUM WRECK TO ECHO SOUNDS OF JOY

HISTORIC RUIN FINDS PLACE TAKEN BY MODERN PARK

Rome Will Be the Site of Coney Island Done in Italian With All the Appropriate Trimmings

ROME, Feb. 27.—Rome is to have a large amusement enterprise somewhat on the lines of Luna park at Coney Island. An immense piece of waste land near the city is to be made into a great park, with two theaters, one covered and one uncovered, each capable of containing 6000 persons and having enormous stages. All kinds of theatrical and variety entertainments, moving picture shows, operettas, cinema, circus and boxing and athletic exhibitions will be given in them and there will be halls for concerts and skating, restaurants, tearooms and all kinds of open air amusements. It is to be called the "Parlora" from the district in which it is situated. Cavaliere Filicoteo Albertini, a moving picture pioneer, initiated the undertaking.

SIMS PLANNED; OTHERS WORKED

His Ideas Adopted Only After Benson Gave Same Advice

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Again centering his fire at the navy department on his charges that it insisted on directing all war operations from Washington, Rear Admiral Sims told the senate investigating committee today that his urgent appeals for an adequate staff in London were ignored until November, 1917.

Admiral Benson, chief of operations, reached London that month. Admiral Sims said, and quickly convinced himself of the "necessity for establishing a real advanced base headquarters of the navy department abroad with an adequate staff to make possible full cooperation with the admiralty and coordinating all activities with the allies."

"I had been recommending such action for five months," said Admiral Sims.

"After Admiral Benson had reported, the department changed its attitude, he continued, and a cable to Benson November 17, said a decision had been reached that it would be advantageous to have a permanent war staff in England to work with the British admiralty."

Portland Council Passes Disputed Zoning Ordinance

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—An ordinance providing for zoning of the city into residence, factory, business, apartment house and other districts was passed by the city council today, after a heated fight against it, led mainly by real estate interests.

The ordinance as passed, carries a provision that it be referred to vote of the people for approval or rejection at the next city election.

Wood Holds Own With Minneapolis Voters

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 17.—Two delegates, unopposed, from Minneapolis, and two others pledged to vote for Leonard Wood for the national convention as president at the national republican convention at Chicago, were named today at two district conventions.

At the Minneapolis meeting, an attempt to have the delegates instructed for Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, failed.

KAPP FLEES FROM BERLIN AS RULE ENDS

Condition of Germany Very Unsettled But Early Return to Peace Under Ebert Is Possible

CRIES BEWARE OF REDS AS HE RUNS

General Strike Declared Successful and Now Abandoned

BERLIN, March 17.—(By The Associated Press)—Wolfgang Kapp has fled Berlin, leaving the chancellery in an automobile at six o'clock this evening.

It is stated that the communists are constructing barricades in many places in the northern and northeastern sections of the city.

The leaders of the general strike have issued a proclamation saying: "The general strike of the railway men has been completely successful and therefore it is suspended forthwith."

BERLIN, March 17.—Troops commanded by General von Luttwitz, which have been supporting the reactionary revolt in this city, will have left Berlin by Thursday evening at the latest, according to an announcement by Dr. Hirsch, Prussian premier. Security guards and loyal regular troops will then take over control of the capital.

BERLIN, March 17.—(By The Associated Press)—The resignation of Chancellor Kapp and his chief officials is confirmed by the following official announcement: "General provisional director Kapp has retired with the object of bringing about internal peace. General von Luttwitz has retired for similar reasons.

"The vice chancellor in the name of the imperial president has accepted the resignations and has entrusted Major General von Seeckt with the provisional conduct of affairs as commander in chief."

PARIS, March 18.—Orders for arrest of Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who assumed control of German governmental affairs in Berlin last Saturday; General Luttwitz, his military lieutenant and other leaders in the reactionary revolt, were issued tonight by Gustav Noske, minister of defense of the Ebert government last night, according to a Zurich dispatch to the Petit Parisien.

BERLIN, March 17.—After holding the reins of power for less than five days, Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, self-appointed chancellor and dictator, has retired from power and control. He resigned today, and an official communication explained that the chancellor considered his mission fulfilled when the old government decided to meet the most essential demands addressed to it. He was also moved to this action by the extreme necessity of the fatherland, which demanded union against the dangers of bolshevism.

The real circumstances of Kapp's retirement are still shrouded in mystery. An important factor undoubtedly is found in deliberation of the secretaries and imperial council yesterday, which Major General Luttwitz attended. The views of this conference were that both Kapp and von Luttwitz withdrew in order to terminate an intolerable position.

Von Luttwitz Likes Authority. Von Luttwitz agreed to this, but when he returned to the chancellery he allowed himself to be persuaded to change his mind and retain office. To him has been delegated the executive power and it is difficult to say what will happen now that von Luttwitz remains as military dictator of Berlin.

It is reported, however, that Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the Ebert government is coming here tonight and von Luttwitz perhaps will transfer his now found authority to him.

In conference with foreign correspondents yesterday, Kapp's press chief made plain with the bolshevist dancer. In a second conference an attempt was made to conceal the fact that the Berlin government was likely to be of only short duration.

No Political Backing. Although the general strike dealt

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