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C. P. STRAIN FOR COMMISSIONER

Assessor Boomed for Democratic Nomination for R. R. Commissioner at Large.

WILL MAKE RACE IF GIVEN NOMINATION

Enviably Record as Assessor for Eight Years Gives Him Strong Backing for Post on Railroad Board—On Entering Assessor's Office Trebled O. R. & N. Assessment and Made It "Stick."

C. P. Strain, assessor of Umatilla county during the past eight years, is being strongly urged to run for the democratic nomination for railroad commissioner and he will take that nomination if it is tendered him. An announcement to this effect was made this morning by Will M. Peterson, democratic chairman for Umatilla county and the statement that he will accept the nomination if tendered him was later endorsed by Mr. Strain himself.

As explained by Assessor Strain, his candidacy is up to his democratic friends. He is not out seeking the nomination for railroad commissioner. On the other hand he has aspired to run for governor upon the democratic. But the multiplicity of democratic candidates, together with other considerations, has caused him to virtually withdraw from that race. He is now of a mind to keep clear of the coming campaign and serve out his term as assessor. Yet if the democrats of the state want him to run for railroad commissioner at large, to succeed Oswald West he will make the race. Should he secure the democratic nomination Mr. Strain will have to run for commissioner at large against Frank Miller of Albany, who recently secured the assembly nomination recently.

Has Worthy Record.

Local friends of Mr. Strain are enthusiastic in backing him as a candidate for railroad commissioner for which position they declare he has peculiar qualifications. They point with pride to his record as assessor to which position he has been elected three times, running upon the democratic ticket in a strongly republican county. He was first chosen assessor in 1902 and soon after entering office he took up the matter of raising the O. R. & N. company's assessment. At that time the company was assessed at the rate of \$4000 per mile for its right of way, the assessment being at a one-third valuation. Mr. Strain immediately began an investigation and at the conclusion of the same trebled the railroad's assessment by making it \$12,000 per mile on a one-third valuation. The O. R. & N. company resisted the raise and the matter was fought out in the courts. However, the county won out and the company paid the increased taxation. At the time the increase was made the change meant approximately \$20,000 a year to Umatilla county. The O. R. & N. company now pays taxes on an assessment of \$40,000 per mile for its roadbed, the assessment being at a full valuation.

In view of the fact that Mr. Strain was able to make the advance stick his friends say he should be fit timber for the board of railroad commissioners.

WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR KILLING HER HUSBAND

Libby, Mont., Aug. 15.—The second day of the trial of Mrs. Vera Prosser, of Seattle and Cleveland, for the killing of her husband aboard a passenger train near Libby in June, began today with County Prosecutor Maiden still examining witnesses. Mrs. Prosser looked tired and worn in court today although she is relieved since she learned the state will not ask the death penalty if she is convicted. Yesterday afternoon she collapsed and the court adjourned until late in the afternoon to give the woman time to recover.

FEAR FINANCIAL PANIC FROM BIG FAIR FIRE

Brussels, Aug. 16.—Following the heavy losses sustained by those interested in the burned world's exposition, the people of Belgium are demanding an extra session of parliament to prevent a possible financial panic. Thousands of fair employes are dismissed and labor conditions are consequently critical. Advocates of an extra parliament will ask a bonus be awarded the promoters who lost tremendously. The fair reopened today with a mere handful of people visiting the small cluster of remaining buildings.

RAINS IN MOUNTAINS QUENCH FOREST FIRES

The downpour of rain which occurred last evening in the Blue mountains did more in a few minutes toward extinguishing the forest fires which have been creating such havoc that all the forest rangers, soldiers and settlers have been able to accomplish in weeks of the hardest kind of work. The rain began falling a few minutes before 6 o'clock and continued for several hours.

Water was soon running in dry gulches that have not seen water before in many weeks, the parched range was brightened up and altogether much good was accomplished aside from the forest fire work.

Though the range was the best this spring that was ever known in the mountains, the long dry summer has caused it to be in very poor condition for many weeks. The grass is there but it is dried up until it has lost much of its nourishing power and owners of sheep and cattle have been complaining for several weeks that their stock was not doing well. If last night's rain should be followed in a few days with a second one as heavy, the range conditions will be greatly changed for the better.

FOREST FIRES COST U. S. \$7000 A DAY

Washington, Aug. 16.—It is costing the government \$7000 daily to fight the northwest fires, according to forestry officials today. It is believed now the worst is passed. The fires are the most comprehensive and disastrous since the bureau was created. Reports from the northwest say the fires are subsiding with the rains.

McDowell Pageant in Progress.

Peterboro, N. H., Aug. 16.—A three-day pageant entitled "The House of Dreams" was commenced near here today by the McDowell Memorial association in honor of Edward McDowell, the commander, who was long a resident of this town.

C. N. McARTHUR WILL REPRESENT OREGON

AT CONFERENCE OF WESTERN GOVERNORS AT SALT LAKE

Acting Governor Bowerman Appointed Speaker of House to Attend Meeting Which Will Discuss Conservation Movement.

Salem, Aug. 16.—C. N. McArthur, speaker of the Oregon house, left for Salt Lake today where he will represent Acting Governor Bowerman and the state of Oregon at the conference of western governors, regarding conservation, August 18. The views of the various western executives will be presented later to the national conservation congress at St. Paul in September. McArthur declined to say what stand he will take regarding conservation. The conference will be held at the suggestion of Governor Hay of Washington.

Recommends Public Wharves.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 16.—Before leaving for Salt Lake last night to attend a meeting of the western governors, Governor Hal addressed letters to secretaries of commercial associations in all of the big coast cities of the state, asking them to take up the question of establishing public wharves. He called attention to the fact that the railroads are monopolizing the water fronts of the nation.

BELIEVE DEAD MAN VICTIM OF MURDER

Kingman, Kans., Aug. 16.—Police here are convinced that Richard Luther who died in a local hospital Saturday night as the result of a beating inflicted upon his head and knife wounds on various parts of his body, was murdered by an enemy. No witnesses to the assault have been found. At 9 o'clock Friday night, Luther was suffering from many wounds and bruises, entered a drug store here and asked that a physician be called to attend his injuries. The physician, finding Luther's condition dangerous sent him to a hospital. He died the next day, after having persistently refused to disclose the identity of his assailant.

MAYOR GAYNOR IS FAST GROWING STRONGER

Hoboken, Aug. 16.—Mayor Gaynor spent a restful night and seemed stronger today. He is getting better fast.

WILL MAKE EFFORT TO FLOAT PRINCESS MAY

Victoria, Aug. 16.—An effort will be made tomorrow to float the Princess May which grounded at Sentinel Rock recently, according to Captain Troop who arrived here last night. He says the vessel will be operating in October.

TAFT CHOOSES THORNY PATH

Course Laid Out By President in Reorganization of Party Beseet With Obstacles.

CANNON WON'T LAY DOWN; BALLINGER WONT RESIGN

President Undergoing Supreme Test of His Ability to Head His Party—"Uncle Joe" Refuses to be Eliminated From Party—Ballinger Wont Resign Unless Taft Requests Him to—Aldrich Still Pulls His Strings—Crane Shapes Taft's Course.

Beverly, Aug. 16.—Scheme of President Taft to reorganize the republican party is steering a stormy course. Speaker Cannon refuses absolutely to be eliminated and information considered reliable says that Secretary Ballinger will not resign unless the president so requests him. Senator Aldrich is still announcing he will retire but it is generally understood he expects to retain his hold on party affairs, and will not voluntarily relinquish it.

Senator Crane, who, it is believed is the chief advisor of the president, is alleged to have advised the changes. It is understood tremendous pressure has been exerted to make Taft get busy and make good the program Crane has outlined. It is reported that when Crane approached Ballinger regarding his retirement, Ballinger told Crane he could not see how it would help the party and instead would make him the scapegoat for others' mistakes. Ballinger declared Taft found him trustworthy and would not resign unless the president said so. It is understood Taft is being urged to give the secretary a resignation hint.

COLLEGE GIRLS AS WAITRESSES

Old Boys of Thirtieth Maine Regiment Association Enjoy Innovation.

Lewiston, Me., Aug. 16.—With pretty college girls, imported at great expense from Vassar, as waitresses, the "hard tack" disguised on the bill of fare as "hardasminticus tackinnoof," and the bean swagan served under the alias of beanuettio swanganski, the old boys of the Thirtieth Maine regiment association are today enjoying quite the niftiest banquet and reunion in the history of the organization. In the past the "vets" have been satisfied with short dinners of an extremely informal kind, but this year it was determined to show the world at large that the Maine veterans are up to snuff when it comes to modern customs.

Anything may interrupt the prayer of the lips, but nothing the prayer of the life.

INDIANS VOTE FOR ROUND-UP

Three Tribes on Reservation Enthusiastic for Big Wild West Show.

PARADES OF REDMEN WILL BE FEATURE

Umatillas, Cayuses and Walla Wallas, Endorse Frontier Show and Signify Willingness to Lend Their Presence—Will Camp at Grounds—Parades Will Be Dignified—Chiefs Will Head Tribes and Drunken Indians Not Allowed.

The big Roundup to be held in Pendleton this fall received an added impetus yesterday when the three Indian tribes upon the Umatilla reservation in council unanimously voted to participate in the celebration. Major Lee Moorhouse and Roy T. Bishop, chairman of the Indian committee, attended the council and with Major Swartzlander succeeded in arousing more enthusiasm among the Indians of influence than has any other proposition ever presented to the Indians by the white men. Chiefs Unapine, of the Cayuses, No Shirt of the Walla Wallas and Amos Pond of the Umatillas, all made talks in favor of the celebration and when it was put to a vote there was not a dissenting voice.

The Indians are to be allotted a certain portion of the celebration grounds. There they will pitch their teepees and no white man will be allowed to enter except at the invitation of the Indians. The parades, which are to be one of the big features of the Roundup, will be things of dignity and will be awe-inspiring spectacles. Instead of being participated in by a few drunken and rowdy red men, they will be led by the three chiefs and the other head men among the three tribes. Indeed, if the enthusiasm now being manifested by the Indians keeps on increasing the spectacles to be presented will be far more awe-inspiring than anything that has been seen since the last Indian uprisings.

It is expected that fully 100 teepees will be within the circle and that the Yakima, Nez Perce, Warm Spring and Columbia river Indians will also participate in the encampment.

Illinois Farmers Hold Meeting.

Urbana, Ill., Aug. 16.—The Illinois Farmers' institute is holding its midsummer session today at the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois. The meetings will continue three days, with addresses by leading agricultural experts. Largely due to the influence of the institute, the College of Agriculture now ranks among the first in the country, with students from all over the world.

FRANCE LOOKS TO U. S. FOR WHEAT

Portland, Aug. 16.—With crops ruined by excessive rains, France has turned to America for wheat and local exporters have been ordered to buy bluestem. Although the wheat market has advanced 2 1-2 cents, only small lots have moved within the past 24 hours from the interior on the basis of 88 1-2 trackage. Portland farmers are holding throughout the northwest, seemingly believing that higher prices will prevail. A prominent French grain man in Chicago said: "It will take France several years to recover from her failure of crops. The terrific rains ruined the farms and the banks' losses are tremendous. We usually look to Bulgaria, Russia and Argentina for wheat but this year turn to America as a last resort."

ARCHER TOURNEY IN CHICAGO.

National Association Arranges Excellent Program for Men and Women. Chicago, Aug. 16.—Three men's rounds and three women's rounds, at various distances, are down for decision today at the opening of the thirty-second annual tournament of the National Archery association of the United States. Experts with the bow and arrow from many states are entered in the competitions, which will continue four days. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held each day, the events, both scratch and handicap, being provided in equal numbers for both men and women. The annual business meeting will be held Thursday evening at the Vendome hotel. The tournament will be wound up on Friday morning, when prizes will be awarded.

SPANISH STEAMER SINKS AND 39 ARE DROWNED

Gibraltar, Aug. 16.—Thirty-two passengers and seven of the crew of the Spanish steamer Mortos were drowned today. The ship sank near Tarifa Point following a collision with the German steamer Elsa, in a heavy fog. The Elsa's crew saved many.

ROOSEVELT MEETS HIS SECOND DEFEAT

LOSES CHAIRMANSHIP OF N. Y. REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Vice President Sherman Nominated as Temporary Chairman by Vote of 20 to 17—Second Defeat for Colonel Since His Return—Griscom Figures in Both.

New York, Aug. 16.—Vice President Sherman will be temporary chairman of the New York republican convention at Saratoga on September 27th. The state committee defeated Lloyd C. Griscom's motion to name Roosevelt by a vote of 20 to 17. A motion to defer the selection of a chairman was defeated 23 to 12. This is Roosevelt's second defeat since his return from Africa, and Griscom has figured in both of them. The first defeat was the direct primary bill which Teddy supported, and the New York legislature failed to pass. Five minutes before the vote was taken Roosevelt disappeared from the office of the Outlook.

HORSE THIEVES FOUND AND ONE IS KILLED

Klamath Falls, Ore., Aug. 16.—After a chase of 125 miles across hill and mountain, a posse in pursuit of two suspected horse thieves, found the pair, and A. T. Remorse was shot and killed when he refused to surrender. Edward E. Kuhl later gave himself up. A coroner's jury has justified Elsebery Brewer, the leader of the posse for his act.

Ranchers around Silver Lake have suspected the two men for the past two weeks, and last week, when a number of horses were missing and the suspects could not be found, a search was organized. Taking two Indians as guides, they trailed the men across country, coming up with them near Dairy.

PREMIER OF CANADA ARRIVES IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Aug. 15.—On the first visit to the Pacific coast in nine years Sir Wilfred Laurier, premier of Canada arrived in Vancouver this afternoon. Ten thousand spectators lined the streets from the station to Dominion hall where the premier publicly lunched. Indians from every coast tribe in war paint were in the procession. The premier went out to Hastings where he officially opened Vancouver's first exhibition. This evening he will address the people.

Wildwood Mardi Gras.

Wildwood, N. J., Aug. 16.—Wildwood's annual Mardi Gras festivities, excellent in attractions and splendor the previous celebration of the last seven years, were commenced today and will end in a blaze of glory tonight.

PRIMARY POLLS SCENE OF LIFE

California and Nebraska are in Throes of Process of Elimination.

GREAT NUMBER OF VOTERS CAST BALLOTS

Two States Voting at Primaries Today—Great Fight in California Between Regulars and Insurgents—Contest is Keen Over Many Offices—Liquor Question is Live Issue in Nebraska—Bryan Endorses Premium Incumbent.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—California's next governor will be decided by the primaries in progress today throughout the state. Candidates will also be nominated for all other state offices, for two associate justices of the Supreme Court, district appellate judges, railroad commissioners, representatives in congress and United States senators. The entire state assembly and senators from even numbered districts are also to be nominated in today's primaries. The fight between the "insurgents," known as Californians, and the Lincoln-Roosevelt republican league, and the regular republicans, makes the political battle to be decided today one long to be remembered and of national interest.

Theodore Bell will head the democratic state ticket, without opposition, while J. Stitt Wilson of Berkeley, a lecturer and writer of international reputation will carry the red banner of socialism. In the republican camp however, harmony is the scarcest thing imaginable. For months the rival candidates of the G. O. P. have been campaigning, until the entire state is aroused politically as never before.

Five candidates are in the field for the republican nomination for governor: Hiram W. Johnson, insurgent, of San Francisco; Alden Anderson, of Sacramento, alleged by his opponents to be the favorite of the Southern Pacific machine; Charles Curry, of San Francisco, who is also alleged by the Lincoln-Rooseveltites to be acceptable to the so-called "bosses"; Phil Stanton of Los Angeles and Nathaniel Ellery, of Sacramento, who are dark horses and quoted in the advance odds as "also rans".

With such a field, the republican voter has a wide range of choice, and it is futile to attempt to forecast the result, although admittedly the race is between Johnson, Curry and Anderson.

The S. P. Octopus. Whether the state shall continue to be the appendage of the Southern Pacific railroad, owned body and soul by a grasping and grafting corporation, the prey of a politico-business hierarchy which for forty long and weary years has held the state within its octopus-like tentacles—this is the issue before the voters today, according to the Roosevelt-Lincoln republican league candidates.

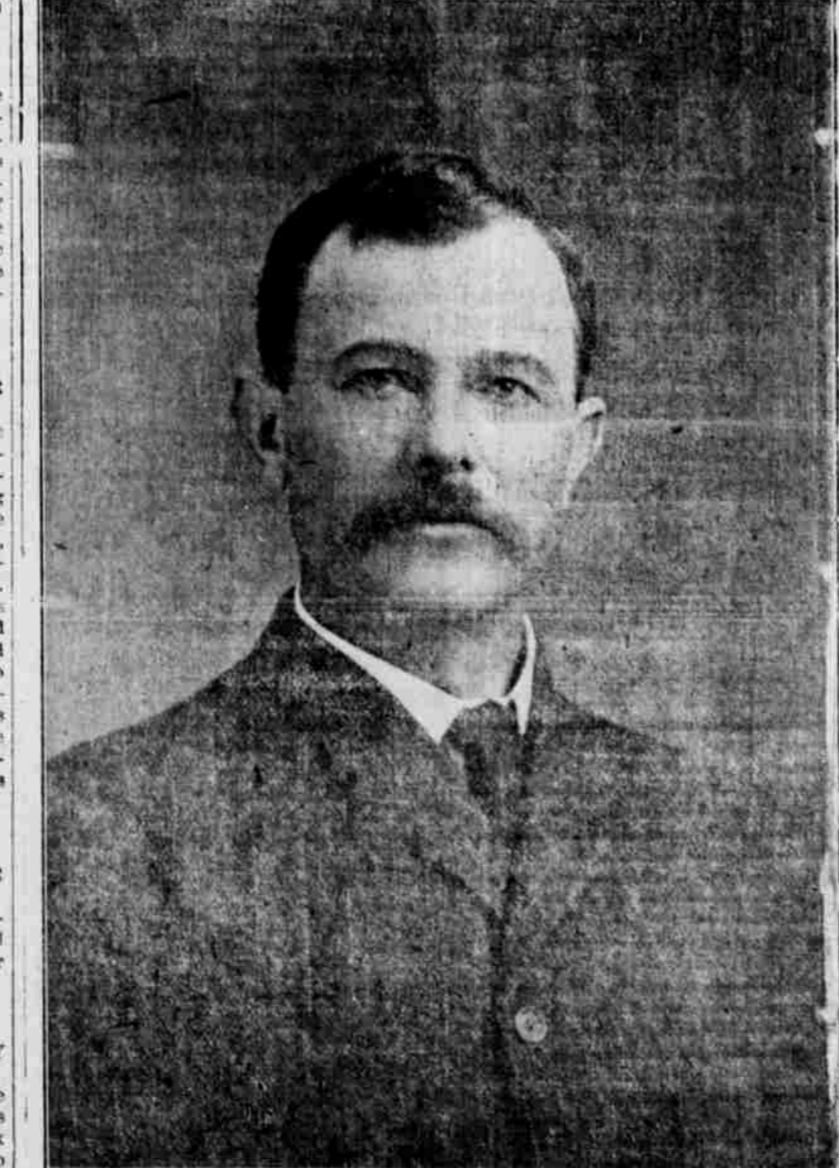
On the other hand the regular republicans denounce these charges as the feverish vapors of those who ride a nightmare after nothing. The republican voters are called upon to put the stamp of their everlasting disapproval upon the muckrakers who have maligned the fair fame of California, to damn eternally the political mercenaries and soldiers of fortune, who, to encompass their own selfish ends, are willing to disgrace before the nation and the world that great and glorious state o'er which still float the Stars and Stripes, beneath whose folds men are and forever must be free.

Three republican aspirants to a United States senatorial toga will also be voted on today. They are John D. Works of Los Angeles, A. C. Spaulding of San Diego, and Edwin A. Messerve of Los Angeles. They are both regular and insurgent candidates for congress in the first, second, fifth, seventh and eighth districts. In the first, Congressman Englebright is opposed by John L. Childs of Crescent City. Congressman Duncan McKinlay, who represents the second, is opposed for the nomination by William Kent, of Kentfield. In

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FROM LONDON TO PARIS BY AEROPLANE

Paris, Aug. 16.—Hubert Latham, the English aviator, left Paris for London today in an aeroplane. This is the first time the feat has ever been attempted. The London Daily Mail offers a prize of \$25,000 for the successful performance. Latham ascended at six this morning and started rapidly on his 253 mile journey. He flew 70 miles to Amiens, France and alighted on account of a defective engine. He said he would continue this afternoon.



ASSESSOR C. P. STRAIN. Boomed as Democratic Candidate for Railroad Commissioner.