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Refusal of Presidential Primary Calls Forth a Scathing Review.

TAFT FACTION TO BLAME

Says Result, So Far, Is Ambiguous and Unintelligible Formulation for National Convention - Primary May Hurt California Progressives.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 15.—In a statement which scathingly reviews the refusal of the republican national committee to allow a presidential primary and which may result in the exclusion of delegations elected by the people, Governor Johnson today declared that California progressives will stand on the principle that "the selection of a president, as in all matters, the people should rule. It is expected that the legislature will pass a law to enable Californians to make their own presidential selection."

Governor Johnson said the national committee is in the hands of reactionaries. "It has formulated for the national convention all that is ambiguous and unintelligible. The design of the call seems to be either to ignore the laws that are in force in the progressive states, providing for presidential primaries, or to render a way easy to ignoring the law in the future."

"Senator Borah asked the national committee to adopt a provision that the delegates might be chosen by a direct vote of the republican electors and the reactionary national committee, representing Mr. Taft, the advocates of whom in California were begging piteously for a presidential preference primary a month ago, overwhelmingly defeated the Borah motion, that delegates might be directly elected. This reversal justifies fully the calling of a special session of the legislature."

He concludes by a statement that the primaries might hurt the progressives in California now, but nevertheless, they must stand by the principle of "people's rule."

Johnson in his statement inserted a letter from Senator La Follette, presidential candidate, in which La Follette told Johnson to enact the presidential primary even though it might wreck La Follette's chances, because they wanted to stand for the principle.

SOAKING RAIN IS MORE THAN WELCOME

"A blessing undisguised," is the way the drenching rain which has been falling all day is generally characterized and there is much elation among the growers of grain. To them it means more bushels to the acre in the 1912 crop and their only wish is that it will continue to fall for some days.

While all parts of the county will share in the benefits to be derived from this precipitation of moisture, the land north of the city in the Cold Springs district will receive special value from the downpour. The light rains which have fallen heretofore during the fall have not extended into the Cold Springs country and, in consequence, the soil has become exceedingly dry, and farmers in that section have been praying fervently for a big soaking rain such as is being received today.

The rain began about eight o'clock this morning and in a few hours had developed into a steady downpour which has continued up to press time.

GIRL 11 YEARS OLD PUT ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Hartford, Ky., Dec. 15.—Eleven-year-old Nellie Dowell, charged with the murder of Gertrude Kirby, a 12-year-old playmate, was placed on trial here.

The Kirby girl was found dead in a room at the Dowell home last Sunday. A shotgun was lying a few feet from the body.

As the Dowell child was said to have been the only other person in the house at the time, she was arrested on a warrant sworn out by the dead girl's father. Nellie maintains she is innocent. She says her playmate's death was the result of an accident, and asserts that the gun was in the hands of Gertrude Kirby when it was accidentally discharged.

Aldrich to Retire. Washington, Dec. 15.—Ex-Senator Aldrich positively announced today his retirement from public life. He probably will retire when the report of the monetary commission, of which he is chairman, is made to congress, January 8th.

FORGER CONFESSES 5 MINUTES AFTER JOB

Chinese Restaurant Owner Is Victimized By Laborer

William Spangler, Branch Asylum Employee, Uses Other Names in Circulating Bad Checks.

It took William L. Spangler alias William L. Steward alias William L. Johnson just five minutes to break into jail after he had passed a bad check upon the Chinese proprietor of the Horseshoe restaurant last evening. He made out a check upon the American National bank for \$10.15 and tendered it in payment for his meal. It was received and the change returned to him, after which he walked out onto the street, pleased with his success.

It happened, however, that another customer witnessed the transaction and was satisfied that the Chinaman was the victim of a bogus check man. Hurrying to the police station, he notified the officers and Chief Gurdane and Officer Kearney had the man in their custody within a few minutes. Another check made out on the same bank for \$10.17 was found in his possession.

He admits his guilt but is not sufficiently contrite to suffer his punishment willingly. While being escorted to the city jail, he tried many ruses by which he hoped to give his guardians the slip, but none of them were successful.

To one of the checks he had signed the name "William L. Johnson" and to the other "William L. Steward" but he declares his real name is William L. Spangler. Under the last name he has been working for some time at the branch asylum and was recently the butt of a joke hold-up perpetrated by his fellow laborers.

He was transferred to the county jail this forenoon to await his hearing.

DANCERS' UNCLAD LIMBS SHOCK

St. Louis Police Force Gertrude Hoffman Company to Don Bloomers.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Harry H. Hodgson, auditor of the police department and connected with the Men and Religion Forward Movement, saw Gertrude Hoffman and her dancers at the Shubert theater.

In a report to Chief of Police Young Hodgson said his only objection to the performance was that the legs of some of the dancers were unclad.

Chief Young telephoned to Melville Stoltz, manager of the theater. Now bloomers will be used in the dance.

RUSSIANS CAUSE HOMELESS PERSIANS TO DIE OF COLD

Teheran, Dec. 15.—At mass meetings today the Persians denounced the actions of Russian troops in invading Kasbin and ousting several thousand Persians from their homes. Several Persians were frozen to death in the snow and the others are suffering. The citizens are expected to remain loyal to Shuster. Anti-British sentiment is spreading and Persian shopkeepers are refusing to supply the British consular guard with food.

Russia Net Interested.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—Claiming many American Jews are anarchists and revolutionists, the Russian government today announced a new pretext for keeping the mouth of Russia. It is claimed that their coming with passports would cause diplomatic friction. Little interest in the question is shown here and the prospect of the treaty abrogation is apparently not disturbing the authorities.

LOCAL RED SEC'Y OF INDIAN BROTHERHOOD

Joe Craig, well known Umatilla Indian and interpreter, has been made the great secretary of the Brotherhood of North American Indians, just organized in Washington. The following telegram received by Judge S. A. Lowell this morning tells of Indian meeting and election.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14-15, 1911. Hon. S. A. Lowell,

Pendleton Oregon. Brotherhood of North American Indians completely organized by eighty delegates representing two hundred thousand Indians. Officers elected by ballot. The convention by unanimous vote elected Richard Adams of this city as great sachem, Jos. Craig of Oregon as great secretary. Several senators, congressmen, clergymen, including Father Ketcham, director of the bureau of Catholic Indian missions and other prominent men joined as honorary members. Brotherhood memorials presented to president and to congress this morning. Indian commissioner approves of movement. Telegrams indicate other delegates on way to convention which continues for several days. Meeting well respected by all.

HARVE H. PHIPPS, Attorney for Indians.

ASYLUM WILL USE CRUDE OIL

R. R. Grants Special Rate on This Commodity for Fuel to This City.

ANNOUNCE OTHER PLANS

Contractors Tell East Oregonian Newsgatherer That Pendleton Branch of State Institution Is to Be Finest They Have Ever Constructed

An announcement of much significance to Pendleton was made yesterday by Captain Charles A. Murphy, superintendent for the architect at the branch asylum work, when he stated that crude oil will be used exclusively as fuel for the new state institution. He declared the state had secured a special rate on this commodity from the railroad company which would make it as cheap for use as any other fuel.

The announcement is regarded as important because it means the entrance of crude oil into the local field to compete with coal and wood and, further, because it might mean cheaper gas. Officials of the gas company have declared in the past that the principal objection to the reduction in their rates was the refusal of the railroad company to grant special rates on crude oil.

Other Announcements Made.

This was only one of the many announcements made yesterday by Superintendent Murphy in explaining the plans and specifications of the branch asylum to a representative of the East Oregonian. One of the noteworthy features of the construction work on the new institution is the provision being made for the future. The laundry, the power house, the kitchen, the offices and all utility buildings and facilities are designed to accommodate a much larger number of patients than is anticipated during the first few years, and the wards are so arranged that additional wards may be added without marring the architectural beauty of the buildings. While these provisions will increase the original per capita cost of the institution, they will be the means of saving the state much money in the future.

Excellent Sanitary Precautions.

Special attention is being paid to sanitation in the different buildings. By means of a gigantic fan in the power house all fumes from the kitchen and toilets will be drawn into the 165 foot stack which is to be constructed in connection with the power plant. The drinking cup will not find a place in the institution but instead the patients and employees will quench their thirst at bubbling

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator George Oliver of the Stanley committee, investigating the Steel trust, called a number of witnesses today for the purpose of discussing freight rates for iron, coal and steel products over the steel corporation's roads and steamers and other lines between the Great Lakes and Pittsburg.

MORO OUTLAWS ORDERED TO GIVE UP THEIR ARMS

Manila, Dec. 15.—General Pershing, issued today an ultimatum to the Moro outlaws, in Mindanao, ordering them to deliver their arms over to the United States by Saturday or be prepared to face another punitive expedition.

King Denies He Is Dead.

Delphi, Dec. 15.—A review of Indian police, from all parts of the country, presenting of a few honors and attendance at the military tournament occupied King George today. When told of rumors of his assassination in Canada, he smilingly said, "Permit me to deny it. I'm very much alive and enjoying myself."

Chicagoans Get Next Woolgrowers' Convention

Omaha, Dec. 15.—Declaring the middlemen had gobbled up all the wool industry profits, President Brown of the Minnesota Wool Growers association, addressed the National Wool Growers here today. He said both the woolmen and woolwearers were robbed alike by the middleman. He said the general public is educated falsely to believe the woolmen are making profits. The next convention will be at Cheyenne.

The mashee is as much at fault as the mashee.

ALDERMAN-ELECT NOT A CITIZEN OF U. S.

John Siebert Files Naturalization Papers Today

Attorneys Say This Fact Makes Election Null and Void and Grave Complications are Promised.

Can a man who is not a citizen of the United States be elected to a city office and, if elected, can he take his seat? This is a question which arose today when John Siebert, who defeated Valentine Stroble, present incumbent, in a race for a seat in the council from the third ward, appeared at the office of the county clerk and filed his petition for final naturalization papers. He filed his declaration of becoming a citizen in 1884 but has never completed the legal requirements.

Deputy District Attorney W. C. E. Pruitt expressed himself positively on the matter, declaring that Siebert is not qualified to accept the position to which he was elected. Mr. Pruitt was stenographer in the office of the county clerk for several years and became thoroughly familiar with the naturalization laws and it is upon this knowledge that he bases his opinion. "You may quote me as saying that I do not believe Mr. Siebert was entitled to be a candidate," he said, "and I am positive he cannot legally take his seat in the council. Aside from the fact that he was not a citizen at the time of his election, the fact that his first declaration was filed in 1884 disqualifies him even to vote. The naturalization laws specifically declare that unless a man files his final papers within seven years after he files his declaration, his declaration shall become void. That means that Mr. Siebert would have to begin all over again."

City Attorney Raley was disinclined to pass upon the matter without first looking up the law on the case and Circuit Judge Phelps also declined to express himself for the reason that if the matter should be taken into the courts he might be called upon to render a decision.

In his petition for final papers, Mr. Siebert gives his native land as Germany. Whether or not there will be any contest made on this point is yet uncertain, but Mr. Stroble has many friends who would like to see him retain his seat in the aldermanic chamber.

INVESTIGATION TO COVER FREIGHT RATES ALSO

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LABOR LEADER WILL SQUEAL ON HIGHERUPS

Sensational Developments are Expected Any Moment in Federal Probe of Dynamitings.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Rumors are rife today that a prominent San Francisco labor leader is to confess complicity in the Times dynamiting case. It is said he is holding out for immunity in case he involves others higher up. District Attorney Fredericks would not discuss the matter, although he admitted that a sensational development is expected soon. The local federal grand jury resumes its investigations this afternoon.

The chief of county detectives filed a formal notice today that he would claim half the rewards offered for the conviction of the Times dynamiters. The Burns Detective agency estimating the rewards will aggregate \$87,000. Detective Browne will waive any rights to the rewards offered for the arrests.

Tenderer of Cash Sought.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—The jury today is seeking the name of the man who furnished Orrie McManigal with money to carry on the dynamite campaign in which he acted with the McNamars. Mary Dye and Nora Hale, confidential secretaries of John McNamara, were the first witnesses today.

Arrests Up to Attorney General.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Information has been obtained that Attorney General Wickersham has been informed from Los Angeles that sufficient facts have been secured by the grand jury to warrant the indictment and arrest of four California labor leaders for complicity in the dynamiting. It is now up to Wickersham to direct whether Lawlor shall arrest them or whether the entire matter shall go to the Indianapolis authorities and they order the arrests from there.

MURDERER OF GIRL IS BELIEVED FOUND

Portland, Dec. 15.—Local authorities think that Leon Lechard, suspected of the murder of little Barbara Holseman here last March, is insane. Lechard, who is held prisoner at Kelly's Butte for robbery, is said to have boasted that he committed the murder.

Miss Bertha Nelson, the only woman who ever saw the man who rented the room at her boarding house, says he looks much like the man but she is not sure it is him.

Stokes Still Seriously Ill.

New York Dec. 15.—Col. Stokes' condition is still critical. Arguments in the Graham-Conrad cases are being heard today. The case will probably go to the jury this afternoon.

BURGESS, SEEKING REVENGE, RESORTS TO SKULLDUGGERY

Sheepman Tries to Disrupt Commercial Club and Discredit Action Taken Wednesday Night

BEHAVIOR BRINGS BITTER DENUNCIATION

"Wants to Get Dan Smythe" Admits Prime Mover Who Acknowledges Move Cannot Aid Birch Creek Settlers-- Few Sign Except Through Ignorance.

Disgruntled over the action of the Commercial club, taken at its meeting Wednesday evening, J. N. Burgess of the Cunningham sheep company, has during the past 24 hours been waging a guerilla fight to disrupt the Pendleton Commercial club and to seemingly make it appear that the members of the club do not countenance the action taken by an almost unanimous vote.

Assisted by several others, whom it is charged have been misled into his move, Burgess has been going about among the business houses of the city since yesterday morning imploring people to sign a petition which he presents. In substance, as it is said, the petition says that the signers do not sustain the action taken by the club but endorse a statement attached and which is said to embody the features of the substitute resolution offered by Fred Steiwer and which was turned down by a decisive vote.

During the day yesterday, parties from Stanfield, smarting under the

endorsement of the project extension, assisted Burgess in his scheme. According to parties who have seen Burgess' petition he has made almost no headway with it among local business men who understand the subject and were present at the club meeting. Many to whom the paper was presented turned it down in disgust and discouraged the move. Others to whom the paper was presented declare they signed it not knowing its true meaning and import. The plea was made to them that it was a move in behalf of Birch creek settlers. Other businessmen, to whom the paper was presented, were openly threatened with loss of business if they did not sign it, so it is charged.

Is Shyster Move. Among prominent business men and members of the Commercial club Senator Burgess is being denounced today in unmeasured terms. He is harshly roasted for taking such a course after the Commercial club had listened so intently to both sides of the controversy and had expressed its sentiments in such a decisive way. While Burgess professes to act in behalf of Birch creek settlers it is pointed out that his aim is really to discredit the Commercial club in its endorsement of the Umatilla extension. In support of this it is pointed out that some substantial farmers near the city do not want the government to withdraw its adjudication suits and are strictly opposed to Burgess in his present scheme. This being the case it would be manifestly improper for the Commercial club to ask the government to drop its adjudication suits.

Parties to whom Burgess has talked while upon his guerilla raid declare he openly admits that he knows there is no possibility whatever of getting the government to drop the adjudication suits. It is virtually admitted that the whole scheme is a fight for revenge. To one man Burgess admitted he was "after Dan P. Smythe," who as president of the Commercial club presided during the session recently held. It is presumed he hopes to hit at Smythe by seemingly discrediting the club. This despite the fact that it was current comment among people of all classes that as president of the club during the controversy Mr. Smythe held rigidly to a fair and square policy with reference to both participants.

It is understood that in the petition Burgess has been circulating it is set forth that the resolutions wired to President Taft were not really endorsed by the club with but one dissenting vote. This charge has aroused the ire of Secretary Jack Keefe, who filed the messages to the president. Last evening Keefe roundly scored Burgess for his course and likewise paid his compliments to Frank Sloan of Stanfield who assisted in the move for a time.

SAYS ETHEL CONRAD IS KITTEN WILDCAT

New York, Dec. 15.—Characterizing nineteen-year-old Ethel Conrad, who with Lillian Graham, is on trial here for shooting Col. E. H. Stokes, as the "most astounding combination of kitten and wildcat" Assistant District Attorney Buckner today began his opening statement for the prosecution, to the jury.

He said she was the master mind of the entire "mess." Throughout the scathing arraignment Miss Conrad hid her nervousness under a defiant look, while Miss Graham sobbed bitterly.

Wolgast Improves.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Declaring he feels as well as ever, Ad Wolgast, champion lightweight boxer, startled his friends today by the announcement that he will be ready to defend his title on Washington's birthday. "I'll Fiddle Walsh to stick around. He will get a scrap several months before he expected it," said Ad, who tomorrow goes to his home at Venice to improve.

A little that is certain is better than much that is doubtful.

Only 7 More Days In Which to Shop Before Christmas. Remember the Tired Shop-girls. Spare Them by Shopping Now. SHOP EARLY WHILE THE LINES ARE MORE COMPLETE.