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THE ATTACK OF THE POPULISTS

Condition of the County Records and the Recorder's Office Is Discussed.

DIVISION OF THE COUNTY TAX

Expenses Charged Against the Recorder Which Are Not Properly to Be Considered Against Him - Improvements.

An Astorian representative called on Judge Gray yesterday afternoon and interviewed him in regard to the status of the county records and the manner in which they have been kept.

"What is the cause of the attack made by leaders of the Populist party against the present recorder?"

"I do not know of any cause that can be assigned for these attacks excepting that the gentleman who is the nominee of the Populist party may possibly think that by making such statements he can secure election to office. A number of statements have been made that are misleading and are not true. A circular has been issued by Elias B. Smith, chairman of the Populist party, headed, 'Why the taxes for Little Clatsop county exceed the enormous sum of \$10,000 per year and are increasing.' This circular has apparently been prepared by Mr. Henry J. Weeks for the signature of Mr. Smith, who has always had the reputation of stating facts as they were, but who has been badly misled in this matter. The tax of \$10,000 is divided up as follows: State tax, \$1,750.75; school tax, \$13,567.50; school district No. 1, \$12,564.00; fourteen different districts within the county have levied \$2,024.25, making the total for schools \$33,127.25. The county tax is \$467,960.00; the city of Astoria, \$3,000.00; road tax, \$7,500.00. These statements run throughout the county broadcast are misleading and intended to deceive the public. The offices of recorder and county clerk have within the past year had a great deal of extra work consisting of the recording of subsidy deeds for the railroad. The taxpayers of the county signed a petition which was presented to the county court asking that the county bear the expense of the recording of these deeds. After due deliberation it was decided to assist the subsidy committee by recording these railroad deeds at the expense of the county. Property owners were striving to clear up the titles to property which they donated, and the expense of this work is probably charged on the books to the county at \$100 or \$200. There has been, as heretofore stated an expense of procuring modern indexes, in the recorder's office, and it is now possible, with the use of these new books, to ascertain what is desired in one minute where it used to take an hour to look up the titles or other information. We have also secured metal cases in the recorder's office to hold the records of deeds and various documents filed for record, including plats of the county, etc., and this expense has been a very necessary one. So far as the recorder's office is concerned, I am willing to defend the condition of it in every respect, and I am quite sure the county commissioners will do likewise.

"The office of the county clerk of the work has been doubled by reason of the delinquent taxpayers and the settling up by those who have been paying their back taxes within the past few years. It is hardly necessary for myself, as county judge to say one word to any intelligent man of the improvements made in the office, and the methods of doing business. The same thing can be said of the sheriff's office. When it is required to have extra help to do the necessary work it has been the policy of the officers, endorsed by the county court, to take the ground that it is no more expensive to the taxpayers to employ ten men forty days than it is to employ one man forty days, and especially when the work ought to be done quickly in order to comply with the laws of the state and avoid opportunities on the part of technical tax dodgers to beat the county by reason of the officials not strictly complying with the law."

When questioned in regard to the recorder's office and the efficiency of the present incumbent of that office, Lawyer John H. Smith said: "I have always found Mr. Gunderson to be a most accurate, commanding and efficient officer. His office is kept in good shape, and one can find readily what one wants. I don't know much about the details of the office or the expenses of running it as compared with what has been done in the past or what might be done in the future. I have never investigated the question. I know that the office is in good condition now and is in charge of a gentleman."

Mayor Taylor said in response to questions by an Astorian representative concerning the attacks made on the recorder:

"The office of the county recorder of Clatsop county is well and economically conducted. I do not like any stock in this talk about the unnecessary expenses he has incurred. A set of patent indexes was started before Mr. Gunderson came into office. He finished up the work and did it well. Modern indexes were a necessity, and the money expended I consider a good investment by the county. The cost of a great deal of work has been charged up against Mr. Gunderson with which he is not entitled to be charged. A large number of subsidy deeds for the railroad have been recorded at the expense of the county. We the railroad committee went to the county court and succeeded in getting it to record these deeds at the expense of the county. A large figure was charged on the books in order to keep the accounts straight, although the work actually cost not to exceed \$100. The people of the city and county donated this property to the railroad, and the committee had gone to great expense in connection with the matter and felt that the county ought to record the deeds free of charge to the donors of the land. This it did.

"It strikes me that the circular issued by Mr. Elias B. Smith, chairman of the Populist party, is very much like the man who has failed in his own business and turns around to tell his successful neighbors how to conduct their's."

"Mr. Gunderson has always proved himself to be a perfect gentleman in the office, ready and willing at all times to furnish the most trivial information to anyone inquiring of him. I do not think that we could find a better man to act as county recorder."

DETAILS OF THE ST. LOUIS HORROR

Wholesale Wreckage of Property and Life on Both Sides of the River.

MANY MIRACULOUS ESCAPES

The Damage Estimated in the Millions. Much of Which the Insurance Companies Will Manage to Escape Paying.

St. Louis, May 28.—When darkness temporarily interrupted the search for the storm's victims tonight, 35 people were known to be dead on both sides of the river, and although the complete death list will never be known, it is believed it will approximate 40 in the two cities. The number of injured is larger and many of the maimed cannot survive. The property loss will reach well into the millions, but the insurance people, firemen and police alike, refuse to hazard a guess at accurate figures. The uncertainty regarding the loss of life and property is due mainly to the wide extent of the havoc by the storm. Miles of wrecked buildings, as yet unexploded, and more numerous collapsed factories, towards the investigation of which little progress is made, may hide almost any number of bodies, as the police have been unable to secure anything like an accurate list of the missing.

In the factory districts many of the employees on duty at the time the storm broke were without relatives in the city, and their disappearance would scarcely be noted, even though they be buried in the ruins. It is believed by the police that owing to the suddenness with which the crash came many tramps and homeless ones sought shelter among buildings which were leveled and nothing will be known of their death until, perhaps weeks hence, their bodies are found.

The list of the known dead in St. Louis is 18 in and in East St. Louis 18. The city is in darkness tonight, the repairs on the electric light wires having scarcely been begun and but few of the trolley lines are running. All over the stricken district the debris choked streets are crowded with sight-seers, and through the dim gas lighted aisles of the city morgue at St. Louis a constant stream of people is urged forward by lines of police.

St. Louis, May 28.—Colonel Wetmore, manager of the Laggett & Myers Tobacco plant, which was wrecked, estimates that the entire property damaged at \$2,000,000 which will be, he says, almost a total loss, owing to the lack of cyclone insurance. Other estimates range from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000, but the majority of them are close to that made by Colonel Wetmore.

St. Louis, May 28.—The storm was most peculiar. The wind seemed to take the form of a tornado rather than that of a cyclone and the wrecked buildings show none of the twisted irons and girders which usually mark the track of a rotary wind storm. The first heavy damage was in the vicinity of Tower Grove and LaFayette Park, where hundreds of handsome residences were wrecked and many people injured.

St. Louis, May 28.—A river man estimates that \$2,000,000 would not repair and replace the boats alone that figured in yesterday's disastrous storm.

The Louis Lodge broke its hawsers during the tornado. Four of the crew plucked overboard and were seen to drown. Others were rescued. The crew and passengers of the ferry-boat Christie had a remarkable experience. When the storm broke the boat was torn from its moorings at the foot of Spruce street and blown down stream with fearful velocity. The passengers were craned with fear and sixteen two-horse teams stampeded on the lower deck. The water rushed over the boat, filling the hull, but by a miracle it floated and was driven before the storm down stream. The river was like a raging sea, and the crew was unable to launch any of the boats. The passengers crouched in the cabin, expecting every moment to go down. The boat drifted as far as Jefferson Barracks, where she sunk in shallow water. The teams on the lower deck were drowned, but the passengers were saved.

St. Louis, May 28.—Nothing whatever remains of Broadway from the river to the viaduct and on the east side for a width of probably 600 yards there is absolutely no semblance of a house, freight shed or cars left standing. The Big Four, Vandalla, and L. and N. freight sheds are razed to the ground, not so much as a stick remaining in an upright position. At the Vandalla depot the loss of life and the number injured is very great.

St. Louis, May 28.—Business was practically at a standstill today. Street cars were running in some directions, but in the vicinity of the wrecked district trolley, telephone and telegraph wires were badly tangled and practically useless for a great part of the day. In some streets the telegraph poles were all broken off close to the ground, making passing almost impossible owing to the twisted wires.

Through South St. Louis damage was done between Russell avenue on the south, and Chestnut avenue to Papin street on the north. Within that territory, from the city limits to the river, the

PROHIBITIONISTS ARE DIVIDED

The National Convention Rejected a Free Silver Plank, and the Delegates Split Up.

TWO PROHIBITION PARTIES

Original Party Nominates Candidates for President and Vice-President, and the New Is Trying to Adopt a Platform.

Pittsburg, May 28.—The Prohibition national convention today nominated the following ticket: President, Joshua H. Levering, of Maryland; vice-president, Hale Johnson, of Illinois.

The silver plank was rejected and the candidates were placed upon the thinnest kind of a narrow gauge platform, embodying merely the principle of prohibition and even omitting the woman suffrage plank, which has been the feature of its platforms for years past. Ex-Governor John P. St. John, seconded by nearly all the Western delegates, made a gallant fight for the free coinage of silver, and Helen M. Goughar, of Indiana, and Mrs. Poole, of New York, struggled in vain for woman suffrage; but the narrow gauge people controlled the convention and took everything.

When nominations for president were reached, the name of Charles Bentley, of Nebraska, a broad gauge candidate, was not presented, his name having been buried by the overwhelming defeat of the silver forces at the afternoon session.

At a late hour a number of broad gauge delegates left the hall with the avowed intention of organizing a new party. The entire afternoon session was given to the discussion of the money plank. The argument was spirited, but by a rule of the convention the speakers were limited to ten minutes each. It developed that the fight was not so much one of gold vs. silver as it was of the narrow gauge faction against the free silver advocates. Ex-Governor St. John spoke for the plank, remarking he would vote for free silver, not only because he considered it right, but because his constituents instructed him to, and the debate continued until nearly 6 o'clock when a vote was finally reached, which resulted 20 for and 47 against the plank. The victory of the narrow gauge faction and the defeat of the free silver men was greeted with wild applause.

The broad gauge element left the convention hall late tonight and organized a rump convention in another hall. Eleven on state chairmen were among the bolters and twenty-four states are represented. They are now engaged in the formation of a new party and the adoption of a platform and the nomination of candidates for president and vice-president. Moore, of Nebraska, is presiding. Among the prominent bolters are Helen M. Goughar, ex-Governor St. John, R. S. Thomsen and L. B. Logan. A motion to name the new party the National party was lost.

VERY HONORABLE

San Francisco, May 28.—A novel petition was presented to the probate court today by Mrs. L. Stanford, widow of Senator Stanford. Ever since the death of her husband Mrs. Stanford has, under order of the court, been drawing a family allowance of \$500 per month. At her request Judge Coffey today reduced this allowance to \$300 a month, pending further order of the court. Mrs. Stanford considered the reduction of her allowance necessary because of the present condition of the estate.

ARMY OFFICERS

Washington, May 28.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Corbin, assistant adjutant general, to be colonel and assistant adjutant general; Major Arthur McArthur, assistant adjutant general, to be lieutenant-colonel and assistant adjutant general; First Lieutenant Joseph E. Kahne, corps of engineers, to be captain; Second Lieutenant Jay J. Morrow, corps of engineers, to be first lieutenant.

BASEBALL SCORES

Boston, 28.—Pittsburg, 6; Boston, 3. Philadelphia, May 28.—Philadelphia, 10; Chicago, 5.

Tacoma, May 28.—Portland, 15; Tacoma, 11. Seattle, May 28.—Victoria, 12; Seattle, 1. Other games postponed on account of rain.

BISHOPS' SALARIES

Cleveland, May 28.—At the Methodist conference today it was decided to pay expenses \$100 per year and traveling expenses. The Rev. Dr. A. N. Fisher was chosen as editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate.

THE MARKETS

Liverpool, May 28.—Wheat—Spot, easy; demand, poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 8 1/2; No. 3 hard Manitoba, 5s 2 1/2; No. 1 California, 5s 3d.

THE STATE GRANGE

McMinnville, Or., May 28.—The Oregon State Grange elected the following officers today:

W. M. Hillary, of Marion, master; H. G. Leedy, overseer; J. Costo, lecturer; Frank Wilson, assistant steward; J. W. Messenger, chairman; J. B. Stamba, treasurer; J. H. Scott, secretary; J. R. Booth, gatekeeper; Mrs. M. C. Connell, poemist; Mrs. French, flora; Mrs. Clark, correspondent; Mrs. Waldron, lady assistant steward.

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