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PLANS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CANDIDACY STILL MYSTERY

Possible Candidates Are Making Themselves Heard From

LIQUOR QUESTION UP

Senator Borah Asks That Delegates Be Chosen Upon Their Liquor Views

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The mystery regarding whether President Coolidge intends to run again grew deeper today while rival aspirants maneuvered to make prohibition and farm relief the pivots of the republican party's coming presidential fight.

Three republican presidential possibilities were heard from here today—Senator Borah and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of New York on prohibition, and former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois on farm relief.

President Coolidge smoked cigars and said nothing. Senator Borah forced the liquor question into the republican foreground today with a demand that delegates to the next republican national convention be chosen on their prohibition views, so that the party would have a direct expression of sentiment from its members.

Borah made this proposal in a letter to Dr. Butler, president of Columbia university, New York who last night declared in a speech that the republican party must go wet or be beaten next year. Butler also predicted Coolidge would not run again.

This developed just as the presidential aspects of the farm relief fight were thrust forward by a telegram from former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, declaring flatly for the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill and condemning the Curtis-Crisp revolving loan bill, which is supposed to be preferred at the White House.

The farm relief fight is rapidly approaching a climax as the senate has agreed to begin voting on the bill Friday afternoon and the house is supposed to vote about the same time.

ILLINOIS TO HANG SIX NEXT FRIDAY

Men Who Killed Prison Guard Will Pay Penalty For Their Act

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—All six convicts awaiting death on the gallows in Joliet penitentiary, will meet their fate at dawn Friday, as scheduled, unless Governor Len S. Small intervenes—and that isn't likely.

After hearing much on the subject of why an extension of time should be recommended for three of the condemned men, who are Mexicans, the state board of pardons and paroles, meeting today in Chicago for that purpose, announced that no extension would be recommended.

The announcement came at the end of a long distance, which was as unfeeling and undramatic as a rate hearing despite the efforts of attorneys to make an emotional affair.

Hinton Claybaugh, chairman of the board, said: "I don't see why they should be given any more time. They did not give poor Peter Klein any time to save his life," and that ended the hearing.

Klein was the deputy warden at Joliet who stood in the way of the six men when they made their break for freedom last spring. They disposed of him in short order with knives and clubs.

Confined to Home

Miss Ina Crowson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crowson on Eighth street, is confined to her home with illness.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM RETURNS FROM TRIP

Local Boys Win Two Out of Three Games Losing Only to Salem

The high school basketball team, accompanied by Coach Russell Cripe and W. P. Walters, returned home yesterday from a barnstorming trip, which took them as far as Salem, with a record of allowing only one game and that one to Salem.

According to Mr. Walters the Salem high school team is one of the best in the state and it was phenomenal the way the Salem boys could shoot baskets from every angle of the floor.

Those who made the trip were: Roy and Aldo Parr, Roy Abbott, Everett McGee, William Kanasto, Wayne Hill, Lawrence Leedom and Clifton Garnett.

Ashland will play two return games with Salem in the new Junior gym here Friday and Saturday nights.

LAND OFFICE SELLS MUCH TIMBER LAND

Nearly Thirty Four Thousand Dollars Worth of Land is Sold

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 9.—(UN)—Timber lands in Lane, Benton, and Coos counties were sold by the United States land office here for \$23,996.

W. H. Dougherty of Cottage Grove bought a large tract in Lane county for \$465.93. L. M. Stephens of Veneta bought 450,000 feet of timber in Lane county for \$675.35, while the Snellstrom brothers purchased another 710,000 in the same county for \$1,422.87. The Penn Lumber company of McElvann bought 2,490,000 feet also in Lane county for \$4,948.96.

The Coos Bay Lumber company of Marshfield got 10,050,000 feet near the Coos bay wagon road in Coos county for \$24,949.60, while W. J. Miller of Monroe purchased 895,000 feet in Benton county for \$1,561.87.

SCHOOL OFFICERS TO MEET NEXT SATURDAY

Annual Convention Will be Held at the Oak Grove School

The annual school officers convention for Jackson county will be held on Saturday, February 12, at the Oak Grove school house on the Jacksonville highway between Jacksonville and Medford, according to an announcement made today by Susanne Homes Carter, county superintendent of schools. The program will be as follows:

- 9:30—Roll Call. 10:15—Address—H. C. Seymour, O. A. C. Round Table. 11:40—"How We Did It"—A. E. Brockway.

Noon Luncheon, Price 50c (Served by Oak Grove P. T. A. in Dining Hall at Oak Grove School) 1:15—Demonstrated Talk. Miss Marsters of Ashland Normal School.

1:45—Use of the School Laws We Have—Supt. Hedrick of Medford Schools.

2:15—(a) Legislation We Are Interested In—Supt. Briscoe of Ashland Schools. (b) Week Day Religious Instruction.

2:45—Election of Officers. 3:00 Conference Hour.

These sessions are open to all who are interested.

The Oak Grove assembly room will seat two hundred, so there will be room for all.

A Correction

The battle of Gettysburg, and not the battle of Bunker Hill was the inspiration for Lincoln's Gettysburg address, E. V. Carter told the members of the Ashland Kiwanis club Friday. The Tidings misquoted Mr. Carter's speech, and credited him with referring to the battle of Bunker Hill, when in his address reference was made to the battle of Gettysburg.

UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND STAND BY AND WATCH FIGHTS

Fierce Fighting Developed Yesterday in Portugal, China and Nicaragua

INTERESTS PROTECTED

Both This Country and Great Britain Ready to Look After Own People

(By United Press)

Fierce fighting marked yesterday's developments on the battle fronts of Portugal, China and Nicaragua with the forces of the United States or Great Britain standing by near the war zones of all three countries to protect their own interests.

Simultaneously word came from London and Peking, indicating that opposing factions in the British concessions controversy in the Orient were approaching a settlement, and that British warships might be diverted away from Shanghai.

Although Premier Baldwin announced that unless a real emergency developed in the British districts of Shanghai, British troops and warships would be stopped at Hongkong, a dispatch from Sheerness, England, said that another destroyer flotilla, the eighth, had sailed for China.

An early settlement of the British-Chinese differences was indicated in reports from Peking where Foreign Minister Eugene Chen and British Charge d' Affaires O'Malley had resumed their peace parley. Despite these moves looking toward settlement of the British-Chinese controversy gunpowder still figures prominently in the foreign picture. The defenders of Shanghai have taken the offensive against invaders of the Cantonese army, driving their opponents back to a point 200 miles southwest of Shanghai.

President Diaz of revolt-torn Nicaragua ordered all available government troops assembled at Chinendega where rebel liberals engaged government forces in a bloody battle.

Rebel and loyal forces continued fighting in Lisbon, Portugal, with seven reported dead and twenty wounded. Both sides were using machine guns and the government's cruiser Carval Hoquanjo was shelling the city from the harbor.

Great Britain entered the Portugal revolt when three British warships were ordered to proceed to the fighting area from their base at Gibraltar.

COLD WAVE TO END ILLINOIS FLOODS

Critical Condition in Half Dozen Cities Will be Eliminated

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—(UN)—The cold wave, predicted tonight for Illinois, was expected to bring an end to flood conditions that have been critical in half dozen cities.

Heavy rains and melting ice have combined to bring the Illinois river to overflowing. The cold wave with its freezing temperature, was expected to half the thaw and to permit much of the water to pass.

At Beardstown, completely under water for several weeks in the fall floods, merchants and townspeople were serving in volunteer patrols as water began to rise in basements.

Conditions also were critical in Peoria, Peru, LaSalle and Ottawa. At Mount Carmel the Wabash river was rising again and threatening to destroy property and crops.

In the Green Bay bottom district south of Burlington, Iowa, considerable livestock was in danger from the waters of the Des Moines river. Hundreds of acres of farm lands were under water.

Normal Loses to Dunsmuir Team

Overconfidence spelled defeat for the Southern Oregon Normal school basketball team last night when the Dunsmuir All-Stars carried away the long end of a 38 to 42 score. The locals missed shots time after time that would ordinarily have been converted into baskets with ease, and were extremely ragged on their passing and checking.

The All-Stars were all that the name implied and had things largely their own way until the last part of the second half, when the locals began to show signs of realizing that they were in a basketball game, and for a few seconds at a time showed flashes of their usual speed and accuracy. Fouling was plentiful and Ashland finished the game with Gosnell, second string forward playing that position, Coach Hughes having to resort to him after three of his men were taken out on fouls.

In the preliminary game the Guard, and the second string of the Normal playing two extra periods finally called the game on account, of time with a score of 25 to 25.

Fiddle Contest To Be Renewed

Because of the closeness of the contest between the five leading fiddlers in the old-time fiddlers' contest at Walker's hall in Medford last Thursday night, they will hold another contest at the same place tomorrow night to decide the winner. The music will be broadcast over station KMED, and the results will also be announced. Only those present will be able to cast a vote in the final contest.

JUNIOR HIGH LOSES

In a hard fought basketball game last night which needed an extra period to decide the winner the Ashland Junior High school team was defeated by the Medford Junior High, by a score of 16 to 19. According to Coach Howell, last night's game was the last to be played on the home floor this year.

CITY LEAGUE GAMES TO BE PLAYED TONIGHT

Interest Growing as Final Games of the Series Draw Near

Teams in the city basketball league will play on the Junior High school gym tonight instead of Thursday night. This change is made necessary to avoid conflicting games in which some of the city league players are taking part. This is the next to the last game of the series and some fast basketball games are promised. The series now has two teams tied for first place, the Battery B and Faculty teams. "With other teams showing up better every game it is hard to say just who will finish in first place," said one of the officials. "In tonight's contest the games will be as follows: Lithians vs. High School Seconds at 7 p. m. Hi-Y Employed Boy's vs. Faculty at 8 p. m. Battery B vs. Normal Seconds at 9 p. m.

The dope is a bit upset on the second game of tonight, the Normal Seconds having held Battery B to a tie score in a preliminary tilt on the local Armory floor last night.

Local Scouts Visit Medford Meeting

Troop Two of the Boy Scouts of this city was represented last night at the 17th Anniversary Banquet of the organization by Troop Commander Eric E. Weren and Scouts Anderson, Dodge and Malone. The banquet was given under the auspices of the Crater Lake Council and was in the nature of a "father and son" party, the dinner being served at the Medford hotel. Scout stunts and a mystery menu were features of the evening.

Hydroelectric development of California Oregon Power Company on north fork of Rogue River progressing rapidly.

Where Rebel Hopes Bloomed, Then Faded



News which belted the globe day after day incubated in the cottage home of the Sacasa revolution in Nicaragua, pictured above with the revolution's leaders. The cottage, a two-family affair formerly used by saw mill hands, looks out from Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, over the Caribbean sea—a thousand miles and more south of New Orleans. The crowd shown in the picture had gathered to congratulate Dr. Sacasa on a military victory. Hopes of success for the revolution faded when Uncle Sam stepped in with support for the other side.

BIG RAILWAY BATTLE LOOMS IN NEW YORK

Gigantic Financial Firms Pitted Against Each Other in Fight

CONTROL IS SOUGHT

Wheeling and Lake Erie Road is Storm Center on Wall Street Action

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(UN)—Another gigantic railroad battle for control of the eastern sector, rivalling the famous Hill-Harriman feud over Northern Pacific in 1901, was imminent in Wall street tonight after five hours of hectic trading had failed to break the technical corner on common stock of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad.

Instead of the pants of the railroad world whose bones strewed the exchange during the panic of 1901, market wizards see in the present situation two financial houses, J. P. Morgan and company, pitted against each other in a struggle for control of the east.

Morgan is backing the New York Central and Nickle Plate railroads, which have not gained control of Wheeling and Kuhn Loeb and company furnish the financial sinews of the Baltimore and Ohio lines. Both groups desire the otherwise unimportant Wheeling and Lake Erie as a link in their plans for domination of eastern trunk lines. On the basis of the first blow struck the New York Central and Nickle Plate seem to have triumphed.

As the Wheeling hurry continued unabated in Wall street today scores more of Wheeling shorts were forced to pay through the nose for the stock which they had sold without delivering before the present boom.

At one period wild trading ran the common stock up to \$130 a share, practically four times the price it brought during the first week of January.

TEXAS LEGISLATURE OUSTS TWO MEMBERS

Were Accused of Accepting a Bribe to Help Legislation

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 9.—(UN)—By an overwhelming vote the Texas house of representatives today voted to expel two of its members, Representatives F. A. Dale and H. H. Moore, after charges of accepting a bribe had been brought against them.

The vote to oust Dale was 133 to four, and 119 to 15 in Moore's case. Both seats were declared vacant and Governor Dan Moody was expected to call a special election within a few days to fill the vacancies.

Dale and Moore were charged with accepting a \$1,000 bribe from W. W. Chamberlain, optometrist, to favor legislation favorable to optometrists in Texas.

The house investigating committee found the charges sufficient to mete out to the accused the highest punishment by the house.

Neither Moore nor Dale had any comment after the vote.

STRANGLER SUSPECT PROVES INNOCENCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9.—(UN)—A "strangler" suspect brought to Portland from Polk County was not the murderer of several women as first suspected, but was wanted just the same. The man, giving the name of Pearl Wiltmoore, was returned to Dallas, Ore., today, where he will be held for vagrancy pending the filing of a more serious charge by Los Angeles, Cal., authorities.

Wiltmoore, in proving he was not the "dark stranger," admitted robbing two service stations in Los Angeles.

LOWER HOUSE PASSES BILL FOR TITHING BY BIG VOTE

Only Seven Opposed to Patterson's Proposal to Get Funds

ADMITTED MAKESHIFT

Some Vote for It Although They Are Opposed to Principle

SALEM, Feb. 9.—(UN)—With seven dissenting votes, the house passed Governor Patterson's tithing bill, which provides that all state commissions receiving revenues shall pay five per cent of these into the general state fund for 1927 and 2 1/2 per cent in 1928 and annually thereafter. A special order had been set at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon for the third reading of the bill and consideration as to its passage, but the house, at its morning session, suspended its rules and gave the bill first and second reading.

Graham Opposes It. Representative Graham, who was one of the seven who voted against the measure, declared that "as I was instrumental in drawing the measure that created the highway fund I maintain that the road fund of Oregon should not be disturbed. I believe this bill will seriously disturb it."

Graham said that if a considerable part of this fund was diverted as the bill would permit then the people of Oregon would be justified to go before the next legislature and demand a reduction in the automobile license fee and gasoline tax.

Would Cripple Funds. He said that an estimation of the receipts of the highway fund in the next biennium would reach \$15,500,000 and that \$13,200,000 of this amount would be required to carry the cost of activities in hand, payment of interest and so forth, and that but \$2,470,000 would be left for new work.

If this is to be cut down so that it would be but \$1,781,125, then the highway program would suffer most seriously, several other members said they were not in accord with the idea, but as it appeared to be the only way out of the present financial predicament, they would vote for it.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—A decision that Oregon retire as a farmer was reached by the legislative Ways and Means committee when they rejected the request of the Land Settlement Board for \$15,000 to place the State Model farms on a sound financial basis. The farms were established 6 years ago, one near Independence, one near Roseburg and one in the Ochoco irrigation district. The committee unanimously decided that the state had better sell out and leave farming for individuals.

Signs Briggs Bills. SALEM, Feb. 9.—Governor Patterson yesterday signed the House Bill by Briggs to move the county seat of Jackson county from Jacksonville to Medford, and today he signed another House bill by Briggs, authorizing the regents of the state Normal school to sell certain lands in Jackson county.

NEW BOMB THEORY. PITTSBURG, Kans., Feb. 9.—A new theory, concerning the mysterious bombing of the home of Mrs. Lena Mayberry Sunday night when two babies were killed came to light when physicians, at the hospital where she is recovering from injuries, said she had an ungodly mind.

COBB HIRED. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 9.—Ty Cobb today signed a year's contract to play with the Athletics getting the highest salary ever paid a baseball player. The amount is unrevealed, but it is understood that it is either \$66,000 or \$70,000.