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ROOSEVELT HEADS 3RD PARTY TICKET

GOV. JOHNSON OF CALIFORNIA
IS RUNNING MATE.

CONVENTION HARMONIOUS

Great Enthusiasm Present at Meeting of Bull Moose Delegates in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Heralded as the one man of all others in the United States to bring equality of opportunity and equality of reward to its people through the medium of the new progressive party, Theodore Roosevelt was today nominated here for president of the United States.

After a series of partial disappointments in the conduct of its business, the progressive convention met this afternoon and after the adoption of new rules for the new party and the announcement that its platform was complete, the roll of states was called. Alabama, first on the list, gave way and New York was recognized. Comptroller Prendergast of the City of New York, was absent and the convention awaited his return with impatience. Finally he was found, and in a speech replete with praise, formally put Roosevelt in nomination. Prendergast said in part:

"This great gathering owes its being to a mighty protest against those who have tried to poison the wells of democracy. Appreciating the stupendous task before it, the progressive party declines to accept the cynical doctrine of Napoleon that God is on the side of the heaviest battalions, and it professes sublime faith in the teaching of Abraham Lincoln that right makes might.

"My candidate is more than a citizen. He is a national asset. In this momentous period of political doubt, there is no man who presents such credentials as his. This candidate has success written in every page of his official career. He has fought the most vicious forces in American life and conquered them. He surrendered the presidency in the hope that other hands would prosecute successfully what he had not the time to finish. That task has been treated with intermittent loyalty and largely left undone.

"My candidate represents the most striking and eventful civic career in American history. He is one whose originality of thought and directness of action has made him a unique figure. He has touched every duty with the gold of conscientious service and established a reputation that has challenged the applause of the public."

Reviewing Roosevelt's career, Prendergast said:

"While others talked he acted. Where the interests of the people were menaced, he has known no fear and asked no quarter. None has been so powerful as to awe him and before him the greatest captains of industry have lowered their lances. He is the only man in public life whom they genuflect. Against their opposition, which for vindictiveness, has never been equaled in politics, he has fought at times single-handed. To such a leader the hearts of millions of Americans are turning in this national crisis. Such a leader they ask you to give them in this hour as their hope. As the crusaders of old pledged themselves to God and country, so do we consecrate our lives to a service that democracy, ordained by Divine power, may endure.

"As the leader of this crusade, I present to you America's greatest statesman and lion-hearted citizen—Theodore Roosevelt."

During Prendergast's oration the great audience which filled the Coliseum listened intently to his rolling periods. Now and again as he spoke a sharp, short yell of applause broke through the current of his speech

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WILL ERECT MANSION ON "ARDEN CRAIG"

The building of the mansion at "Arden Craig," the country home being established by K. C. Neill on the Applegate ranch purchased by the young Scotchman last winter, is to commence at once, and the structure will easily occupy the premier position among Rogue river valley palaces.

Messrs. M. V. Sutherland and E. H. May arrived in the city from Portland Tuesday evening, the former the engineer and contractor under whose direction the plans for the building were made, and the latter the superintendent who will have charge of building operations. These gentlemen left for the Applegate Wednesday morning.

The blue-print plans for the building indicate not only a structure of architectural beauty, but of convenience of arrangement as well. It will be 76x35 feet in size, with two stories and basement. The basement will be of concrete, and will contain laundry, drying room, servants' apartments, boiler room, etc. The first floor of the main structure will be built of Newberg tapestry brick, laid in Flemish bond, giving a most beautiful effect, while the second floor will be English "half-timbered," plastered.

The first floor will contain the main living room, 18x32 feet in size, from which will open an office and a reception room. This floor will also contain kitchen, dining room and sun parlor, while the sleeping apartments will be on the second floor. The attic will be finished for store rooms.

A pergola-effect porch, ten feet wide will run along the entire length of the building. Roofing will be of metal tile.

All floors will be of hardwood, oak being used, and the plans call for curly birch, red gum, sycamore and quarter-sawn Circassian walnut, but Mr. Sutherland says that the woods may be changed, and native lumber used in part. The second floor rooms will be enameled in white and old ivory.

Messrs. Sutherland and May informed the Courier that all labor and material possible will be obtained here at Grants Pass, local people being given first chance in every instance in furnishing supplies, or in taking the minor contracts. It is expected that it will require from three to four months to complete the building operations, but the work will be crowded in the hope that it will be done by the time Mr. and Mrs. Neill return from Scotland in late October.

The site for the house is on a beautiful oak-covered knoll near the Applegate bridge, and back a hundred yards from the county road. The grounds were arranged under the direction of Mr. Sutherland, who left the oak-wooded effect as far as possible. Later drives will be laid out about the grounds, and the general landscape improved where nature can be improved upon.

The water tower will be erected at this time also, but the other out-buildings will not be erected till the Nellis return.

COUNTY OFFICIALS VIEW WOLF CREEK ROAD.

Judge Jewell of the county court, Commissioner Woodcock and Tom Brinkerhoff, the latter having been in charge of much of the road building in Josephine county during the past spring, went to Glendale and Wolf Creek Monday by auto to inspect the roads in that vicinity. The trip was especially to investigate the proposed abandonment by Douglas county of a part of the old stage road between the Cow creek crossing and Wolf creek. A petition had been presented to the Douglas county court asking that this piece of road be abandoned, and the main travelled thoroughfare be made the one through Glendale.

Josephine county had done much in the way of improvement on the part of the road within this county, but as it would add considerable mileage, there was naturally objection from here, and the change will not be made.

WM. ROBERTSON DROWNS IN ROGUE

PIONEER OF LOWER VALLEY
MEETS DEATH IN WATER.

WAS FISHING FOR SALMON

Was Strong Swimmer, But Apparently Made No Effort to Save Himself.

William Robertson, a well known resident of the lower Rogue river valley, was drowned in the Rogue Sunday morning while fishing on the riffle at the Bybee mine, 12 miles below Grants Pass.

Robertson, in company with Jim Cox, an old miner, had gone to the river early in the morning. Robertson waded out on the riffle, and was using a gaff to catch the salmon as they would run up into the shallow water. He had just gaffed a big salmon at the head of the pool below the riffle, when Cox, who was on the shore, saw him fall and go into the deep water of the pool. Robertson was known to be a good, strong swimmer, and when he disappeared beneath the water, Cox thought he had dove on purpose. A few moments later, however, Robertson rose to the surface of the water to sink again almost immediately. Cox then realized that Robertson for some reason was not able to help himself, evidently making no effort to swim, and ran to the Robertson house nearly a mile distant for assistance.

Parties who returned with a boat found Robertson's body lying at the bottom of the pool, only a few feet from the west bank of the river, and in six feet of water. When recovered, it had been in the water two hours and fifteen minutes, and resuscitation was impossible.

At the point where the accident occurred, a bend in the river sets the current in toward the west bank, but the water was not bad enough to have drowned Robertson ordinarily, as he was raised on the river, knew all of its currents, and was an expert swimmer. From the fact as evidenced by the statement of Mr. Cox, the only eye-witness, that the drowning man made no attempt to save himself by swimming, it is thought that possibly he may have fainted, or have been suddenly stricken with heart disease, though he was never known to have suffered from either cause. Those who were present when the body was taken from the water say that the lungs seemed not to be filled with water, which they believed indicated that he was not breathing when under the water.

Dr. Stricker, county coroner, went to the scene of the drowning, but after questioning concluded that no inquest was necessary. The doctor says that he made no examination to find whether or not the lungs were filled with water, but that it is quite possible for a person to suffocate under water and not take much water into the lungs.

The drowned man was 39 years of age, and had been born in Josephine county, his father, H. L. Robertson, who died a year ago, having homesteaded the farm lately worked by Robertson Bros. more than forty years ago. The family still resides on the old homestead, Wm. Robertson, with other brothers and sisters, having lived with the widowed mother, William never having married.

Funeral services were held at three o'clock Monday afternoon, at Pleasant Valley.

P. E. Lawrence, mining engineer of Reno, Nev., arrived in Grants Pass Monday and is now looking up a mining proposition for eastern capitalists. Mr. Lawrence says he is not disappointed in the country but is disappointed in finding a suitable proposition. He is seeking a developed mine and a known producer, as his people do not care to take up with prospects.

BUYING DAIRY COWS FOR ILLINOIS VALLEY

H. M. Pfefferly, deputy game warden-constable, deputy-sheriff-school-director-grange officer, was in the city Wednesday from the Illinois valley purchasing dairy cattle for his ranch on the east fork of the Illinois river. Out of office hours Mr. Pfefferly is a most successful dairyman, and has just commenced the building of an eight room house, modern in all its features, upon his farm located six miles from Kerby.

Mr. Pfefferly says that the Illinois valley is developing rapidly, improvement being the order of the day. In addition to his own building, he reports that Abe Hervey and Ed. McCann, of Sucker creek, are each building barns, and that two new school buildings are in course of construction. One of these, in the Rockydale district, will cost \$1,500, and is being erected by Elmer Wagcliff. It is being built in bungalow style, and will present a most attractive appearance. The other new school building is on lower Sucker creek, in a district that has but recently been formed. The contract price on this one is \$1,200.

He also reported that Bruce Ketterman & Sons had started up their water power saw mill, located on the east fork of the Illinois, for the season's run. This mill has a daily capacity of about 12,000 feet of lumber.

ASHLAND THEATRE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 6.—Fire of unknown origin which was discovered about 4 o'clock this morning, occasioned a loss of \$25,000. The Ashland theater, Mackie & Nininger's grocery, Jim Sayle's billiard hall, and a sample room of the Oregon hotel, located in the building, were burned out.

The heaviest loss will fall on George W. Stephenson, owner of the building. His loss will be \$15,000 with but \$4,000 insurance.

A. C. Nininger, whose grocery store was destroyed in the fire mentioned in the above press dispatch from Ashland, was stopping at the Hotel Josephine in this city when informed of the fire that had destroyed his establishment. Mr. Nininger, with his wife and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Briggs, had left Ashland Monday afternoon by automobile to go to Crescent City, stopping at the hotel here enroute. On being notified of the fire he and his family returned to their home, while Mr. and Mrs. Briggs continued on to the coast.

TELLS OF BEAUTY OF CRESCENT CITY.

Messrs. O. S. Blanchard and Geo. P. Jester, who have recently returned from a few days' outing at Crescent City, speak in the highest terms of that popular coast resort.

Mr. Blanchard says that he was more than surprised at the beauty of the Crescent City country, both as regards its agricultural possibilities and its scenic beauty and availability from the outers' point of view. He says that the beach and surroundings at Newport, which has held the limelight in Oregon's coast country, can in no wise compare with Crescent City. At the latter place there are thirteen miles of perfect beach, nine on one side of the town and four on the other, all of which makes the finest of automobile driveways, with the most picturesque of surroundings. He also had praise for the little city itself, its cleanliness and civic advancement.

Agriculturally, Mr. Blanchard says, the coast country has a wonderful future, and he was amazed at some of the things he saw there even now. Dairying is taking a prominent place in the commercial development of the district, in one neighborhood one dairyman milking 200 cows, another 150, and still another 100. As soon as the district is connected by rail with Grants Pass so that it is more accessible to travel from the inland, it will become the leading resort country of the north Pacific coast.

TAYLOR CREEK MINE IS SOLD

LEWIS PROPERTY PURCHASED
BY TEXAS PEOPLE.

DEVELOPMENT OF PLACERS

Three and One-Half Miles of Ditch and Flume to be Constructed at Once.

The Harry L. Lewis mining property, located at the mouth of Taylor creek, on Rogue river, in the Gallice district, has been sold to Texas parties represented by John M. Fenn, D. M. Owen and Mrs. J. J. McKeever, who have been stopping at the Josephine Hotel in this city for some days.

The sale includes four placer claims, with a total of 80 acres of rich ground that has never been worked, Mr. Lewis having done but little development along this line. There are also included 160 acres of farm land, of which much has been developed, and is now in alfalfa, covered with water from Taylor creek. Mr. Lewis was in the stock growing business, and transfers all his personal property along with the farm and the mining ground.

The new owners will develop the mining claims at once, and will put in three and one-half miles of ditch and flume to bring water from upper Taylor creek for the operation of giants, this work alone to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The price is not made public, but is known to be approximately \$20,000.

STATE FAIR PLANNING FOR GREAT DISPLAY.

Although the people of this state have been the recipients of entertainment in different municipalities during the past six months and festivities have been common throughout Oregon, there is still an event approaching which bids fair to surpass anything in the way of entertainment and amusement ever arranged so far. It is the fifty-first assembly of the Oregon state fair, which opens at Salem, the capital city of Oregon, on September 2. It is no more than proper that the state event should lead in entertaining the people of Oregon and other states in view of the fact it is maintained by the citizens of the state and is strictly a state-wide institution for the benefit of all.

Such an array of stock, poultry, agricultural and other products, including special entertainment, feature events, races and free attractions as has never been seen before will be at the pleasure of the patrons of the fair this year. By dint of hard labor, careful judgment and study, the State Board of Agriculture this year has assembled free attractions which will eclipse all former programs ever prepared for the fair. The new events are strictly original and very interesting, while the board assures the public that there will be ample fun and amusement on hand during the week both day and night for everyone. In addition to the free attractions, the officers of the fair have arranged a shooting tournament, which will be interstate and probably the largest shoot ever held in this state. A dog show, which is also interstate, is included in the program, while the races this season will no doubt go down in history as being the best ever held in the northwest. There are more horses and faster ones at the track this year.

Comes From Milwaukee.

C. Becherer, of Milwaukee, arrived in the city Thursday morning to spend a week at Homewood Farm, on Jerome prairie, in which farm he is interested with Mr. Wylberg, the resident managing owner. Mr. Becherer was preceded here by his son, Walter, aged 16, who is now at Homewood.

GRANTS PASS HEN LEADS LAYING RECORD

"Miss Corvallis" and all the other contenders for championship honors in the egg production business, must go away back and get on the perch. "Laura T.," a White Rock bred and owned in Grants Pass, has set a new mark in this hen marathon, and the chick that beats her has got to get in the game with more than the regulation one egg a day.

"Miss Corvallis" was the famous Barred Rock hen, owned by the Oregon Agricultural college, that passed away the other day, having literally laid herself to death. It was the performance of this hen that had set a standard in the state, toward which all the fanciers have striven. "Miss Corvallis" was 29 months old when she died. At nine months of age she laid her first egg, and then followed that up by producing 90 eggs in the first four months she was on duty. That is a good record. It brought the speckled cackler before the public, and she attracted much attention when exhibited throughout the state in the demonstration car sent out from the college during the spring.

But "Laura T." has moved the mark up about to the top of the column. She was there with an egg every day for 109 consecutive days in the first four months of which a record was kept.

"Laura T." is owned by C. B. Fowler. She was hatched on June 11th, 1911, and was a pullet eight months old when the fact that she was a remarkable fowl was first noticed, and she was penned by herself with only a chesty White Rock rooster for company. The keeping of her record was commenced on February 12th, 1912, and during the 17 days left in the short month, including the extra day for leap year, she shelled out 17 eggs. For the 31 days of March she added 31 eggs to the basket, and came back just as strong in both April and May, with a grand total of 109 cackles in 109 days. For a like period "Miss Corvallis" produced 22 eggs the first month, 25 the second month, 19 the third, and 26 the fourth, a total of ninety for the four months.

Following the remarkable four months' performance of "Laura T." she laid 25 eggs in June and 17 in July, then became broody and wanted to add more of her kind to the Fowler yards. She is now in moult.

This hen having been kept in a pen away from all other hens, there is no opportunity for dispute as to her performance. Mr. Fowler being positive that the figures given are correct. He has now 24 chicks hatched from the eggs of this hen, with more of her eggs in process of incubation.

Again is it proven that the Grants Pass district has the world beaten as a chicken country.

TRAVELER OF NOTE ARRIVES IN THIS CITY.

There arrived at the Wells-Fargo office Tuesday night from Los Angeles, a battered wreck of a suit case, one which would not attract passing notice were it not for the fact this identical wreck has traveled thousands of miles from east to west and north to south, a fact which is attested to by scores of tags, stickers, labels and dating stamp impressions. This case is put on the train and taken off at stations as suits the whim of the particular agent into whose hands it falls, a "Wandering Jew," coming from nobody knows where and with no fixed destination, traveling month after month with no end of the journey in prospect.

No Evidence Against Girl.

Judge Jewell, who heard the juvenile case against Jessie Conant Tuesday, decided that there was no evidence to warrant holding the young girl on the complaint made by Mrs. Jefferson, who had charged her with taking a \$20 gold piece which she had lost. The judge held that the evidence did not connect the girl with the missing coin.

Judge Jewell and the county commissioners go to Williams creek Friday to view a bridge site.