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IS WITH POINDEXTER

Colonel Roosevelt Feels Pulse of the West and Sides With the Insurgents.

Theodore Roosevelt has made it clear, not by direct statement, but by implication so strong that it admits of no misinterpretation, that he will support Representative Miles Poindexter in his fight for a seat in the United States senate from the state of Washington. They had luncheon together and a conference at Sagamore Hill and Mr. Poindexter departed jubilant.

In endorsing Poindexter for the senate, Col. Roosevelt places himself squarely in opposition to Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, whom President Taft has so warmly defended.

It is the only stand he has taken directly or indirectly on the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Mr. Poindexter is opposed to Secretary Ballinger from first to last and hopes to unseat Senator Piles of Washington, who has been identified with the Ballinger wing of the republican party in that state. Leaving Oyster Bay after the conference, Mr. Poindexter said:

"I found Col. Roosevelt unchanged. He and I have worked together always and he has assured me that we always will work together. I am delighted with the result of the visit."

Col. Roosevelt looked happy when he received the interviewers a little later. This is what he said:

"Representative Poindexter and I went over the political situation in the northwest. He assured me he was in hearty sympathy with my conservation policy. Mr. Poindexter is a candidate for the United States senate and is politically opposed to that wing of the party headed by Mr. Ballinger, secretary of the interior."

That was all the colonel wanted to have put in quotation marks. What he said otherwise made it rather clear he had given assurance to Mr. Poindexter that he would support him in his attempt to succeed Senator Piles.

Coincidentally, Secretary Ballinger and President Taft held a conference at Beverly in which they discussed the reclamation service. There Mr. Ballinger denied with emphasis the rumor that he was to resign.

"I am not a quitter and never have been," he said.

Miles Poindexter is an out and out insurgent, elected by the people of Washington on a radical platform. He has been a supporter of the Roosevelt policies especially as they relate to conservation. They were the basis of his platform when he ran for congress.

THE JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT

Bulletins Received Were of Such Nature as to Preclude Jollification.

Athena fight fans were sorely disappointed over the result of the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Reno on July 4th.

Members of the sterner sex who remained in town wore gloomy expressions of disappointment as the returns from the arena were doled out by round, and it became a foregone conclusion that the negro would become Jeffries' conqueror.

At no time during the 15 rounds did the white man show to advantage. He was outclassed in every department of the fighting game, and once more has the athletic world been warned that it is impossible for muscle and brawn to "come back" when once stalled with high living and inactivity. It takes about three pages of the big metropolitan papers to cover the fight, so the Press will confine its story to the last round, showing how Jeffries, the idol of fandom, passed in.

Round 15.

When the men faced each other it

was plain to all that Jeffries was in distress. His face was puffed and bleeding from the punishing lefts and rights he had received and his movements were languid. He shambled before the elusive negro, sometimes crouching low with his left hand stuck out in front and sometimes standing erect. Stopping or erect, he was a mark for Johnson's accurately driven blows.

Johnson simply waited for the big white man to come in and chopped his face to pieces. They came into a clinch after a feeble attempt by Jeffries to land a left hand blow on the body, and as they broke away, shot his left and right to the jaw in a flash.

Jeffries staggered back against the ropes. His defensive power seemed to desert him in an instant. Johnson dashed at him like a tiger. A rain of lefts and rights delivered at close quarters sent Jeffries reeling blindly. Another series of short, snappy punches and the big white giant went down for the first time in his ring career. He fell under the top rope, over the lower on and onto the overhanging platform.

Resting on his haunches and right elbow, Jeffries looked around in a dazed way and got up at the count of nine. While he was down, Johnson stood almost over him until Rickard waved him back. He stood ready to strike, and when Jeffries arose from his knees he dashed in again.

Jeffries reeled about and tried to clinch, but Johnson eluded him and as the old champion swung around to the south side of the ring the black jolied him twice on the jaw. Jeffries sank to his knees, weak and tired, but got up again at the count of nine. It was then that Jeffries' friends began to call to Rickard to stop the fight.

"Stop it! stop it!" they shouted from all sides. "Don't let him be knocked out."

Rickard gave no heed to these appeals. Jeffries was helpless now and as he staggered to a standing position, the negro was waiting for him. A left, a right and another left, short, snappy, powerful blows, found their marks on Jeffries' chin and he went down for the third time. Again he sprang over the lower rope, hanging half outside the ring.

The timekeeper raised and lowered his arms, tolling off the seconds. He had reached the count of seven when some of Jeffries' seconds put foot inside the ropes and Rickard walked between the fallen man and the negro champion. Placing his hand on Johnson's shoulder, he declared him the winner.

While Jeffries was not counted out, this was merely a technical evasion. It was evident that he could never have gotten up inside of ten seconds.

Pilot Rock's Celebration.

Members of the Athena band and baseball team returned from the Pilot Rock celebration Tuesday morning, a tired but happy bunch. The band headed a double header excursion from Pendleton to the Rock, and furnished music through the day and also orchestra music for the dance at night. The Maroons led both the league scheduled game and the exhibition game to the shepherders. In the Sunday game Athena lost by a score of 5 to 0 and Monday defeat perched on their banner by a score of 5 to 3. A number of Athena people accompanied the band and ball team, and those who went report an enjoyable time.

Prosperous Fruit Union.

In speaking of the prosperous condition of the Milton Fruit Union, Manager Lamb said to the Milton Eagle: "The finances of the union are in the finest condition. I have put \$30,000 in the bank to the Union's credit within the past ten days. In addition to this I have advanced \$27,000 to people on their fruit during the past two weeks. The people have shown a lack of confidence in the Union which is surprising considering that no one has ever failed to get his money promptly."

Good Time at the Springs.

The many Athena people who attended the two days' celebration at Wenaha Springs came home Tuesday and Wednesday. One of the largest crowds in the history of the resort were present on July 4th, to participate in the celebration. Bryan's two automobiles were kept busy transporting passengers to and from the springs.

Peach Day at Freewater.

Freewater has decided to have a peach day this year. At a mass meeting recently held in the rooms of the Commercial association, \$100 was raised as a starter toward making arrangements for the annual event. No definite date has been fixed for the occasion, but it will probably be about the 17th of next month.

Stung By Scorpion.

Mrs. Pete Sheridan of lower Butter creek, had the misfortune of being stung by a scorpion last Friday, but prompt attention and treatment prevented any serious results. The scorpion is rarely seen but it has been known that here are a few to be found in that part of the county.

TO FIGHT DIVISION

Pendleton Commercial Club Will Raise Money for Campaign Against "Orchard" County.

At the Commercial association meeting Tuesday evening the county division committee submitted its report, says the East Oregonian, and the substance of the recommendations made by the committee may be summarized in the one word—fight.

In the report, which was submitted in writing and read by Secretary Ben Hill in the absence from the city of Col. Raley, the division question was treated at some length and suggestions were made with reference to conducting the campaign against "Orchard" county. Two features of the report were that a competent man be engaged as campaign manager and that a fund of not less than \$1000 be raised for defraying the expenses of the campaign.

After the report had been read the general subject was opened for discussion and talks were made by President W. L. Thompson, A. Alexander, Mayor Murphy, G. M. Rice, Leon Cohen and others who were present. Every speaker urged that the fight against division be taken up in earnest and it was the consensus of opinion that the first step should consist in the raising of a substantial sum to defray the expenses of the campaign.

In his talk R. Alexander criticised heavy property owners for their failure to contribute to public enterprises in the past and urged that in raising the present fund the property owning element should do its part.

After the report had been adopted by the meeting it was decided upon motion made by George Hartman, jr. to leave the entire management of the campaign in the hands of the committee that was appointed a month or more ago. This committee will have charge of the raising of the fund, the employing of a campaign manager and the general conduct of the campaign. The committee is composed of Col. J. H. Raley, chairman; G. M. Rice, W. L. Thompson, Leon Cohen, R. Alexander, J. R. Dickson, Mayor E. J. Murphy, E. W. McComas and E. B. Aflarion.

PUTS BAN ON PRIZE FIGHTS

Investigation of Mullin-Burgo Mill at Stanfield Will Be Conducted.

Umatilla county has probably seen its last prize fight or boxing contest, says the East Oregonian. District Attorney Phelps is now engaged in investigating the fight which was held at Stafield Monday and if he finds that the law was violated in any manner he will bring prosecutions against the promoters of the affair as well as the principal, officials and all those directly connected with the battle. It is also understood that hereafter he will place such a strict interpretation upon the Oregon statute that only the most amateur boxing exhibitions will be permitted.

It is certain that had there been a knockout in Monday's contest that arrests and prosecutions would immediately follow, for these were the instructions given to Deputy District Attorney Steiner by the district attorney. Since there was no knockout, an investigation of the affair will be made before any line of action is determined upon.

If District Attorney Phelps finally decides to issue a final decree against the squared ring contests, the population of Pendleton will be slightly decreased.

A Five Acre Garden.

On a five acre tract south of Main street, J. E. Froome is demonstrating in a practical way what may be done on the acreage tracts that were put on the market by the Athena Land & Trust company. He is raising a truck patch that rivals the Walla Walla valley garden plots. Potatoes, cabbage, beets, turnips, pumpkins, squashes and corn are growing in profusion, while a patch of tomatoes is receiving especial care from the gardener. Two and one-half acres are owned by Mr. Froome and the other two and a half acres belong to Cass Cannon, Mr. Froome having rented. He has young almond and English walnut trees that are forging ahead with good, healthy growth.

Rain Short in Harney.

The dry western and frost experienced in eastern Oregon have not slighted Harney county. There has not been a rain storm since April that has done the grain and dry land any good. The few showers have generally been followed by heavy frosts that damaged the grain and potatoes. The spring grains, such as wheat, barley and oats are a failure, excepting where the grain is sub-irrigated. Fall grain will be the only kind that will be worth threshing. On the dry sagebrush land the settlers who have fall rye will harvest good crops and will have feed for their stock. The indications are that potatoes and all other

vegetables will be scarce this fall, unless some heavy rain storms visit that country soon. The prospects were never better than they were in April for good crops, but the weather man seemed to have forgotten that section of the state when the need came for a good rain. Silver river below Burns is dry in several places and stockmen are finding it difficult to water their stock.

A Fourth of July Victim.

While some fireworks were being shot off Monday evening at Hermiston the little four year old daughter of George Briggs, landlord of the Hotel Oregon, came near losing her life. She was hit by a ball from a roman candle and in a moment her clothing was in flames. Seeing the girl's peril, a bystander, Mr. Evans, quickly threw her upon the grass by the hotel and by rolling her on the lawn, extinguished the flames. As a result of her experience the little child is considerably burned but her condition is not serious.

Wedding Permits Issued.

Marriage licenses have been issued to George Gray of Michigan and Annie McBean of this county; W. H. Conrad of Union county and Lillian Padon of this county; and to F. P. Littlejohn of Fresno, California, and Clara E. Brannon of this county.

THE ALBATROSS.

The Largest Sea Bird Having the Power of Flight.

The albatross, that wanderer of the seas so often referred to in prose and poem, is nevertheless a stranger to the average person and by some is even considered a myth. In Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" the albatross plays a leading part, and one sorrow for the poor bird, which, after following the ship for weeks, is pitilessly shot down by a mariner.

The albatross is the largest sea bird having the power of flight and is closely allied to the gull, petrel and Mother Carey's chicken. It has a tremendous stretch of wing, averaging from ten to twelve feet. The wings are, however, extremely narrow, being about nine inches in breadth. The body is about four feet in length, and the weight is from fifteen to eighteen pounds, a comparatively light weight when one considers the extreme length of wing. The albatross is possessed of a peculiarly long, oddly shaped bill, which gives it a strange appearance. The nostrils open from round, horizontal tubes on each side of the bill, but at its base.

This great bird is generally met with in southern seas, although it is occasionally seen on our Pacific coast. On the Atlantic side it is rarely found as far north as Tampa bay. Its food consists of cuttlefish, jellyfish and scraps thrown from passing ships. It is a greedy bird and at times gorges itself to such an extent that it is unable to rise from the water.

Its power of flight is, however, the most remarkable thing about the albatross. It spends its life, with the exception of a few weeks given each year to nesting, entirely at sea and is on the wing practically all the time. Furthermore, it does not progress by flapping its wings, as most birds do, but seems to soar at will, rarely if ever giving a stroke of the wing, seeming to need no impetus.—St. Nicholas.

PAINTING THE WORLD.

Indian Legend of the Way Spring Came Into Existence.

Once, long before there were men in the world, all the earth was covered with snow and ice.

White and frozen lay the rivers and the seas; white and frozen lay the plains. The mountains stood tall and dead, like ghosts in white gowns. There was no color except white in all the world except in the sky, and it was almost black. At night the stars looked through it like angry eyes.

Then God sent the Spring down into the world—the Spring with red lips and curling yellow hair.

In his arms he bore sprays of apple blossoms and the first flowers—crocus, anemones and violets, red, pink, blue, purple, violet and yellow.

The first animal to greet the Spring was the white rabbit. The Spring dropped a red crocus on his head, and ever since then all white rabbits have had red eyes.

Then the Spring dropped a blue violet on a white bird, the first bird to greet the Spring, and that is the way the bluebird was made. Ever since then it is the first bird to arrive when the Spring comes down from heaven.

So the Spring went through the world. Wherever he tossed the leaves from his fragrant burden the earth became green. He tossed the blossoms on the frozen seas, and the ice melted and the fish became pained with all the tint of his flowers. That is the way the trout and the minnows and the salmon became gaudy.

Only the high mountains would not bow to the Spring. So their summits remain white and dead, for they would let the Spring paint only the sides.

The snow owls and the white geese and the polar bears fled from the Spring, so they, too, remain white to this day.

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