

NORTON NOW TAFT'S BUFFER

New Private Secretary of the President a Self-Made Man, With Plenty of Backbone and Plenty of Tact.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—As McKinley had his Cortes and Roosevelt his Loeb, so Taft now has his Norton.

When Norton recently took his office he called the newspapermen at the White House into conference.

"I'm green on the job," he explained, "and I want your assistance. I believe that the public is entitled to know how the wheels go round here, and I want to help you get them clear news."

It is the secretary to the president who explains to the newspapermen (and through them to the public at large) what the president thinks. He hears the presidential brain cogitation and translates—with discretion—those thoughts to the correspondents. It takes a good deal of knowledge and tact and a big lump of discretion to translate the presidential brain.

The secretary is the buffer against which smash all the vexatious little things that go to make a presidential day. He makes and keeps track of the president's engagements. He relieves his chief so far as possible by a judicious "weeding out" process and sidetracks the troublesome and bothersome callers. He gets all the blame for everything and none of the credit.

Twenty years ago Norton started out in life as a book agent, the son of a poor clergyman. Later he went into the life insurance business, learning how to think quickly and talk without circumlocution. He advanced from solicitor to head of a division for a self life insurance company.

It is said that President Taft first formed an admiration for Norton when he called at the White House one day on a routine matter. Conversation turned into another channel and the executive casually expressed an opinion on a certain subject. Norton very quietly took the opposite view. And he told the president why; he advanced further facts to support his position, and finally got the executive to admit that his was the right way. It was all done tactfully, and yet with a display of backbone that won Taft right away.

So it happened that when Fred W. Carpenter's health failed, and the president found himself in need of an individual with backbone and plenty of tact, he turned to Norton.

Too Late to Classify

WANTED—5 or 6 room furnished house at once, close in. E. F. BITNER, room 207 Phipps bldg. 82*

HEAVY TOLL.

(Continued from Page 1.) were cancelled. Negroes have been cautioned against assembling in the streets.

Killed in Illinois.

MOUNDSVILLE, Ill., July 5.—One negro was killed here and one is dying as a result of rioting following the victory of Jack Johnson yesterday over Jeffries. Race feeling showed itself as the reports of the fight were received and rioting resulted.

Three Dead at Enoka.

ENOKA, La., July 5.—Three negroes were killed in rioting here following the victory of Jack Johnson at Reno. The negroes, wild for Johnson, paraded the streets cheering the champion and taunting the whites with their defeat. Henry Anderson, colored, was killed in an altercation that followed. His father, John Anderson, was shot by a mob that quickly formed after the disturbances began. He died this morning.

A negroess who shouted for Johnson was followed by the infuriated whites, who shot her tongue out. She died today.

BEARS MAKE RAID UPON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, July 5.—The bears began a general raid upon the stock market, following the resumption of business today after the holidays. The railroad situation and the crop scare served as depressing factors. United States Steels and Pennsylvania dropped 1. American Smelting and Union Pacific 3/4; Reading lost 1/2. Rock Island lost 2. Atchison 2 5-8. Northern Pacific 3/4. Reading 4. Chesapeake & Ohio rose 1/4. B. & O. and New York Central 1. The market closed strong.

NEAR PEONAGE SUGAR ISLANDS

Disgraceful Conditions Reported to Government as Obtaining in Hawaiian Plantations — Russian Peasants Lured to Slavery.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Conditions akin to slavery in the Hawaiian islands are pictured in a memorial asking for an investigation submitted by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to the department of commerce and labor.

Sugar planters, acting through the Hawaiian government, Gompers charges, have been luring peasants from Harbin, in the interior of Siberia, to the islands. Russian and Hawaiian agents are engaged in the work. They recruit peasants, Gompers says, by attractive pamphlets, and in these and by other means promising the peasants wages of \$45 a month, free houses, fuel, electric light, furniture, an acre of land each for gardens, evening schools, free hospitals, half pay during sickness, free railroad fares and free school for children.

Deluded Siberians.

A delegation of 300 deluded Siberians went to the islands last October and the total number that yielded to the lure of the sugar planters is over 1000. Their experience is thus set forth by Gompers: "Instead of all the comforts above described, the people found wooden shanties, without roofs, the floors made of rough boards, set apart with wide crevices. The furniture consisted of a few benches, a table and a few beds; instead of the promised electric light, kerosene lamps were to be used, the oil to be supplied by the men themselves; the fuel consists of the roots of sugar cane, which the men were to carry from three to seven miles. Coal is a great luxury, which is but seldom obtainable.

"Instead of the free transportation to and from work, the men had to walk to the place of work at a distance of five miles, and the time consumed was not included in the working day; lateness by five to ten minutes was punished by a deduction of a quarter of a day's pay; the wages are \$22 a month for men and \$13 for women.

"The men are compelled to buy all their provisions in the plantation store at such exorbitant prices that they exceed the earnings due and they become the debtors of the planters.

Conditions of Peonage.

"In short, the conditions are such as would establish a condition of peonage.

"After three months of suffering and quiet submission, having spent not only their scant earnings, but the money they brought with them, realized from the sale of their real property and other belongings at home, the men revolted; they left the plantations and went to Honolulu with a view of informing the American government, through its regularly constituted authorities.

"The people looked for work elsewhere, but could find none.

"The governor of the territory was informed by a delegation sent by the men of the unbearable conditions, but the only answer that they received from the governor was that they were to return to the plantations and a promise to improve the conditions of their life was made.

"The people returned to work, but found no fulfillment of any promise.

CLUB TO ELECT NEW MANAGER

Directors of Commercial Club Meet Tonight to Select Successor to Secretary Conrad, Who Resigned Some Time Since.

The board of directors of the Medford Commercial club will meet in regular session in the club rooms at 8 o'clock this evening, at the call of the president, to elect a successor to Secretary Hal L. Conrad, resigned.

There are a number of applicants for the position, among them being Arthur Geary, son of Dr. Geary, an orchard owner, and former resident of Medford; W. F. Quisenberry, of the Oregon Orchards Syndicate; Mr. Stearns, a recent arrival, brother of Dr. Stearns; C. A. Malhoen, formerly district freight agent of the Southern Pacific, and Will G. Stead of the Crater Lake company.

Haskins for Health.

10,000 PEOPLE AT JACKSONVILLE

Historic Old Town Never Held Such a Throng Before—Unique Parade—Decorated Autos—Every One Has a Good Time.

Jacksonville never had such a crowd on her streets, even in the "days of gold," such as the one which filled the thoroughfares of the pioneer town and overflowed into private grounds Monday.

Altogether it is estimated that 10,000 people visited Jacksonville on the Fourth and at no time after 9 in the morning until the evening hour came were there less than 6000 surging up and down through the streets of the town.

The parade was unique, cutting out some of the stereotyped features and introducing some more in consonance with the times.

Twenty-five gaily decorated automobiles participated in the parade and the judges had some trouble in deciding up the winners of the prizes offered for the best decoration.

Frank Hawk of Central Point took the first premium. His car was decorated in the national colors, the driver dressed as Uncle Sam, and the army and navy represented by small boys. Perched in the back were three small girls singing "Hall Columbia." You can't beat a combination like that on the Fourth of July.

Walter Kennedy of Medford took second with an elaborately dressed car representing an aeroplane.

The third prize went to N. S. Bennett of Medford. J. B. Wood captured the fourth, George Robinson of Ashland the fifth, and the Justice car of Sheriff Jones came in for the sixth place.

The program was somewhat delayed, owing to the illness of Judge Hanna, who was to act as president of the day. Hon. W. M. Colvig was persuaded to accept the chair and carried the program through with the vim for which he is noted.

Hon. C. N. McArthur, speaker of the house of representatives, delivered a stirring and patriotic address which was listened to by an interested audience, which filled the courthouse square and overflowed into the streets on all sides.

The ball games between Medford and an all-southern Oregon team in the morning and between Medford and Jacksonville in the afternoon were full of interest. They will be reported more fully in another column.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday morning the last tired bunch of revelers returned to Medford. They had enjoyed themselves and were happy, though tired.

One feature of the celebration was that in spite of the fact that between 7000 and 9000 extra people were packed into a town of less than a thousand, there was very little disorder. A few minor fights which

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were quickly suppressed was about all the police had to contend with, and, the biggest wonder of all, nobody was injured by firecrackers.

FISHERMAN BAG BEAR AND TAKE TWO CUBS

E. D. Elwood and O. N. Burnett have just returned from a fishing trip to Elk creek. They report a fine time, bagging a bear and taking her two cubs, which they brought back alive. The fishing was fair. They caught one cub with a rope, and the other came up and provided a lively time.

Haskins for Health.

T. R.

By McCutcheon. A book of this famous cartoonist's drawings, depicting the public career of Ex-President Roosevelt. Just off the press.

Medford Bookstore

Czar's Palace Burns.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 5.—A wing of the czar's summer palace at Peterhoff was destroyed by fire. The fire is believed to have been incendiary. The loss is heavy.

H. B. Patterson, the Quaker Nursery man, has moved his office to 116 East Main street.

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800 acres—35 acres in alfalfa, 35 acres in orchard, 200 acres more can be put in alfalfa; good buildings and barns; live stream through the property; this is an ideal stock and dairy ranch. Price is only \$15,000; terms.

1000 acres—Fine, level wheat land at \$25 per acre; this is a bargain, as the adjoining lands are selling at double; every acre has been and can be farmed.

960 acres—Good improvements, 160 acres of fine creek bottom land that could be put in alfalfa; 200 acres of summer fallow. Price is only \$25,000; will sell for double within 12 months; two live streams through this property all year.

14,000 acres—In Glenn county; this is the best big buy in the state and better than an oil well; 40,000 bags of wheat was raised on this tract every year for years; plenty of living water all year on the property; for a stock and grain ranch there is no investment in California that will pay as large a rate of interest. My price is \$14 per acre; half cash.

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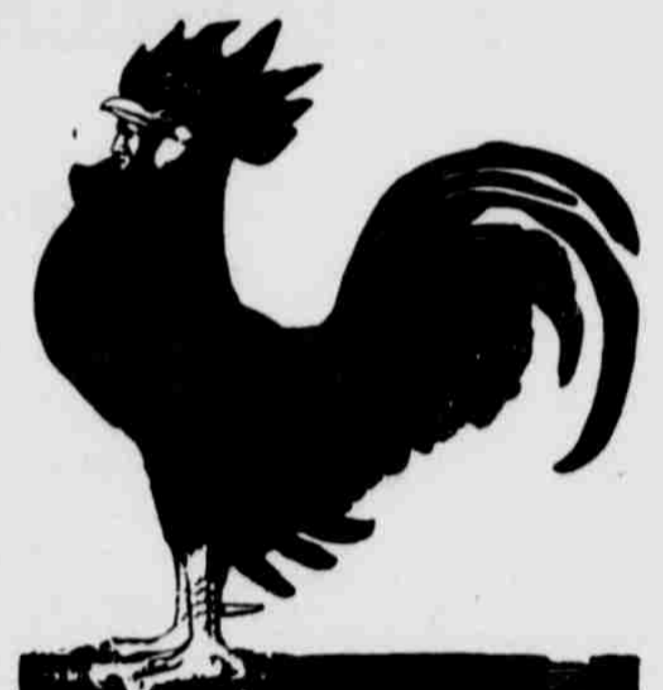
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