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ROOSEVELT PASSIVE IN CAMPAIGN

Former President Will take no Part in New York Policies—Is Urged to Carry Fight Before Convention—Party to Turn to Teddy as Saviour of Situation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—That Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will take no part in the coming campaign in New York is the belief of most of his supporters here, though it is known that Lloyd C. Griscom, chairman of the New York county republican committee, is urging him to carry his fight for temporary chairman before the state convention at Saratoga. It is believed that Roosevelt is not unwilling to stay out of the campaign, believing that under present conditions a republican victory in New York is extremely unlikely.

Await State Election.
If the democrats win in New York, the old republican organization, the Roosevelt men say, would surely be headed for the rocks. Then Roosevelt might take hold of party affairs. It is intimated, and might even be persuaded to make the presidential race in 1912.

Although Griscom, who persuaded Roosevelt to allow his name to be presented to the state committee as candidate for temporary chairman, is urging him to continue the fight, other leaders oppose the plan. They believe if Roosevelt should win his fight and dominate the convention, the "old guard" would probably bolt and the colonel would then face the probability of leading a forlorn hope and would be accused of being responsible for a democratic victory.

Not Worth the Risk.
Though the Roosevelt men believe that even against heavy odds, the colonel would be able to pull the party through, they do not think it is worth while to take the risk of possible failure, and believe that he could do more for the overthrow of the anti-Roosevelt faction in the state by staying out of the campaign altogether.

Under the circumstances, the likelihood of his becoming a candidate for the governorship is laughed at by the Roosevelt followers, who point out the fact that the colonel himself has declared that he would not be a candidate for the place. They declare the regulars are responsible for the rumor that he might be a candidate and that they are without foundation.

WOMAN IS ACQUITTED OF CRIME

Jury in Prosser's Murder Case Find Wife Not Guilty of Slaying Husband—Self-defense Pleaded Successfully—Defendant to Leave for East at Once.

LIBBY, Mont., Aug. 19.—Mrs. Vera Prosser of Seattle and Cleveland, on trial charged with murder for killing her divorced husband aboard a passenger train near Libby June 1, was acquitted by a jury here today. A few minutes before 10 o'clock the jury reported to Judge J. E. Erickson, saying that it had reached a verdict. The attorneys were called into the court room and Foreman Clifford Clay announced that the jury had found the defendant not guilty on the grounds of self-defense.

Undecided in Plans.
In an interview shortly after her acquittal, Mrs. Prosser said that she was undecided as to her future plans, but that she probably would leave immediately for the east. She said she could not find words to express her thanks to the jurymen and those who befriended her.

The closing scene in the court room yesterday was most dramatic. Clad in a fetching gown of white, Mrs. Prosser had looked the part of indifference and fortitude which she did not display in the afternoon. Once she broke down and wept when a hypothetical question of 2,000 words, touching upon her probable insanity, was put to Dr. J. M. Seaman of the insane asylum at Warm Springs, Montana, by County Attorney Maiden.

Wept During Argument.
During the argument, which began at 1:30 and lasted through the afternoon, however, she failed absolutely to maintain the composure which she had affected earlier. As Thomas D. Long, the attorney who has been defending the woman, began his argument for her life, Mrs. Prosser's sobs broke the otherwise oppressive silence which had been maintained by all in the court room except the counsel. Throughout the argument, which lasted for an hour, Mrs. Prosser wept continually, often hysterically.

Long's argument was effective, with the audience, at least, for every woman in the room was crying, as well as many of the men, when he finished.

SOLDIERS FIGHTING FIRES IN MT. M'LOUGHLIN DISTRICT

BURKE DRAWS OUT OF RACE; FAVORS WILSON

One of Poindexter's Opponents Pulls out to Strengthen Opposition—Only Possible Way to Stay Insurgent Tide in Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 19.—Thomas Burke will withdraw from the race for the United States senate and throw his support to John L. Wilson, publisher of the Post-Intelligencer, and bitter political rival, in an effort to beat Miles Poindexter, according to the Seattle Star today. The formal announcement of Burke's withdrawal, says the Star, will not come for several days, until the anti-Poindexter forces have decided how much of the Burke support will go over to Wilson and how much will go over to Poindexter.

It is known that Poindexter's campaign in western Washington and his reception has alarmed the Wilson-Burke forces and it is believed that the withdrawal of one or the other is the only possible way of stemming the insurgent tide.

VIRULENT CHOLERA KILLS ALONG ADRIATIC COAST

BARI, Italy, Aug. 19.—With the death list of 33 names hourly increasing, the virulent cholera epidemic in the vicinity of Bari, in Apulia, on the Adriatic coast, is assuming ominous proportions. The Italian government today is hurrying doctors and nurses from Rome to the scene of the disease and fairs and public gatherings of all kinds have been forbidden. The peasants of the provinces adjoining the infected districts are holding religious meetings, hysterically imploring divine aid.

The nature of the cholera is of the worst. Many patients last a few hours only after they are stricken, dying in great agony. The towns of Barletta, Trani, Bitonto and Maailla, are principally affected.

Not one of a store's "regular customers" fail to note—with personal interest and pleasure—every evidence of increasing advertising enterprise which it shows.

BLAZE CLIMBS RANGE AROUND FOUR MILE LAKE

A special train bearing 110 soldiers and officers of the regular army, arrived in Medford Friday morning at 4:30 and the cars were immediately transferred to the Pacific & Eastern tracks and sent out to Eagle Point, where the troops were disembarked and started for the big fires raging in the forest south and west of Butte Falls. The "Cat Hill" fire is reported to have climbed the range and is now threatening the watershed of Four-Mile lake from which Medford will receive its water.

West and north of Four-Mile lake a timber belt extends for miles on the northeast, the country is covered with "snow brush," while on the southern side of the slopes of McLaughlin carry a heavy growth of pines under which are the accumulations of decades of leaves from the trees. Should the fire get into this region dry as the woods are at present it will make an almost clean sweep.

Acting Supervisor Swenning went as far as Eagle Point this morning with the troops.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 19.—According to information received today from all parts of the northwest by Associate Forester Cecil, the forest fire situation continues to improve, and it is believed all the fires will be controlled or extinguished within the near future.

Save the fires in the Crater national reserve in southern Oregon and the Clearwater river fire in northern Idaho, both of which are causing much trouble, the majority of forest conflagrations are comparatively small.

Rains within the past few days did much to improve the situation. Indications are for more rain throughout the northwest.

Soldiers Depended Upon.
Associate Forester Cecil said today that companies E and M of the First regiment, United States Infantry, which left American Lake yesterday for southern Oregon to fight fires, had left Medford for the fire fighting line. It is expected that the soldiers will do much toward bringing the flames under control, as they are disciplined men.

According to information received here, all fires in the Wenatchee national forest in eastern Washington are under control and the assistance

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KLAMATH CALLS FOR MEN TO FIGHT FIRES

Four Hundred Wanted to Assist in Subduing Flames in Vicinity of Pelican Bay—Spreading Rapidly—Fifty Million Feet of Pine Already Destroyed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 19.—A call for 500 fire fighters to assist in subduing the forest fires in southern Oregon, particularly in the vicinity of Pelican Bay, was received in Klamath Falls this afternoon. The fires are reported to be spreading rapidly.

Fifty million feet of pine has been consumed already, according to lumbermen's estimates.

Every available man in this district is being rushed to the scene.

The fire extends over 20 miles of forested hills. It is reported that several forest rangers are hemmed in by the flames.

A number of persons from Klamath Falls are camping in the threatened district and it is feared that they might be surrounded by the fire. The timber is exceptionally dry and the blaze is making rapid headway through the dense growth.

A large number of volunteers have already responded to the call for aid.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 19. J The forest fire which was burning fiercely near Fruitvale, four miles from Grants Pass, yesterday is reported to be dying out this afternoon. Considerable cordwood and a large area of dead timber was consumed before the fire fighters succeeded in stopping the fire's progress.

ENGLISH NEWSPAPER CITED FOR CONTEMPT

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The proprietors and chief editor of the Daily Chronicle today were ordered to appear in the Court of Crown Cases Reserved (criminal division) to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt by having published a story intimating that Dr. H. H. Crippen poisoned his wife, Belle Elmore Crippen.

INSURGENT CANDIDATES VICTORIOUS

Richardson Nominated for State Printer in California—Secretary of State Still in Doubt With O'Brien Slightly in the Lead Over Jordan—All Returns not Yet In.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—That Friend W. Richardson probably has won by a margin of about 1000 in his race for the nomination for superintendent of state printing is indicated by the latest returns from Tuesday's primary election. This fight, which was one of the closest of all the primary contests has switched, according to returns from the outlying counties. While the entire vote is not yet in and the result may be somewhat changed, Richardson has the lead today. The total vote of the state, estimated from the precincts now in, gives W. W. Shannon approximately 41,000 and Richardson about 42,000.

From the figures already received Richardson has a lead of about 900 votes. It is believed from the present ratio this lead will be maintained.

Later returns cut down the lead of F. J. O'Brien, for secretary of state, but O'Brien still leads the field and it is believed the count will not be materially changed by the counties still out.

The vote for about 90 per cent of the state stands:

O'Brien 48,526; Jordan, 47,650; Wagner, 44,981.

Estimated on this basis, O'Brien's total vote is 53,378; Jordan's 52,415, and Wagner's 49,354. Jordan in spite of the returns, says he will win out, claiming that he has unofficial but practically complete returns which show that he has a lead of a few hundred votes. It may require the complete official vote to decide the contest.

In the race for lieutenant governor late returns have cut down Wallace's lead, but still leave him winner by 3000 to 5000. With less than 10 per cent of the state to hear from, the estimated vote is:

Wallace, 64,660; Kesting, 57,881; Ferris, 28,658; Farmer, 40,533.

The late returns have not changed the showing of Ferris and have added on a few hundred scattering votes to Farmer's total.

A store that's on a "big scale" should plan its advertising on a big scale.

GOVERNOR BENSON TO COME BACK

No Truth in Rumors of Serious Illness—Is out of all Present Danger and Will Probably Recover—Comes Back From Mill Valley Much Improved in Health.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Emphatically denying that there is any truth in the rumors that Governor Benson of Oregon is at the point of death, Dr. H. Worden, his physician, today stated to the United Press that the executive was not only out of all danger, but probably would recover.

Governor Benson has been afflicted with cancer which for a time threatened to destroy first his eyesight and then his life. He has been in San Francisco for some weeks. A short time ago Governor Benson left the city for Ross Valley, near San Rafael, in Marin county, where he was advised to go by his physicians.

There the governor and his wife rented a cottage among the big redwoods. Yesterday Governor Benson returned to his apartments here. He had been hardly able to stand when he left for the country, but on his return was able to walk briskly about and seemed in much better spirits.

Governor Benson will probably return to Salem in a few days, according to his doctors. It is admitted that there is possible danger of a change for the worse, but such a possibility is regarded as remote, his physicians say.

+ ROOSEVELT TO TOUR COAST NEXT YEAR +
+ NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Although no definite plans have yet been announced, it is expected that Roosevelt will tour the Pacific coast in March. It is understood that tentative plans for such a trip have been considered and are apt to be concluded. +

LUMBER CASE BEING ARGUED

Government's Fight to Prevent General Advance in Lumber Rates From Pacific Coast to Central Western Points Resumed at St. Paul.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Attorneys representing the Interstate Commerce Commission today resumed at St. Paul the government fight to prevent a general advance in lumber rates from the Pacific coast to Central Western points, according to the dispatches. The struggle has been going on now in the Minnesota courts two years, and in the meantime the advance ordered by the railroads had been rendered inoperative by the action of the commission.

In November, 1907, a general advance of 10 per cent in lumber rates was announced by the trans-continental lines, and protests were filed immediately. After a hearing, the commission restored rates to their old basis, whereupon the railroads sought an injunction. A hearing was had before Special Master Frederick M. Dickson, who recently decided that the injunction applied for should be granted as to points east of a line drawn from Pembina, N. D. to Fort Arthur, Texas. He held, in other words, that an advance of 10 per cent in the present rate might be made east of this dividing line.

If this opinion is concurred in by the court, the two chief rates affected would be those to St. Paul and Chicago. In the former case the advance would be from 40 to 45 and in the latter from 50 to 55 per cent.

LABOR FIGHTS JOHN DALZELL

Gompers Remarks Indicate That Stand-patters Are to be Knifed—Says It is a Duty of Citizens to Defeat Certain Congressmen.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 19.—That the American Federation of Labor will oppose John Dalzell, "regular" republican, and will support Dr. Black, independent, was predicted today following an intimation dropped by President Samuel Gompers of the federation. Black was defeated by Dalzell at the primary, but after a special contest for recount announced that he would make the race against Dalzell as an independent candidate. "It is the duty of patriotic citizens to help defeat Dalzell," said Gompers. "His actions are inimical to the interests of the people, not only in his own district, but in the entire country. I would anything in my power to help in Dalzell's defeat, but the best way to win the fight has not yet been decided. If a proper candidate runs, I probably will enter the campaign myself."

TEDDY WILL SPEAK FOR HIMSELF

Roosevelt's Addresses in the West Will Represent His Own views Only—State League of Republican clubs Pledges Him its Support—Taft's attitude in Question

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—"My speeches in the west will represent my own views," said Theodore Roosevelt to the reporters who crowded around him when he arrived at his office at the Outlook, patting himself in the chest, he added: "They will not represent the views of anyone else."

He said that the addresses were not to be made under the auspices of the republican congressional committee.

John A. Stewart, president of the League of New York Republican clubs, and General James S. Clarkson were among the Roosevelt callers. After a conference with Roosevelt, Stewart told the reporters that the league was organized to further the Roosevelt policies and that it would continue to do so.

To Help Roosevelt.
"The State League of Republican clubs," he said, "was organized solely under the issue of furthering the Roosevelt policies. They will continue to advance the interests of those

PLAN HOSPITAL FOR MEDFORD

Mother Provincial Due Here Monday to Approve Site Selected for Proposed Structure East of City on Hills Overlooking the Valley.

Father Van Clarenbeek has received word from Sister Wenceslans, of the St. Vincent's hospital, Portland that she and one of the Mother Provincial will arrive in Medford Monday evening for the purpose of passing upon the site selected to erect a large hospital upon for Medford.

For several years, efforts have been made to induce the Catholic orders to erect a large hospital here for the use of southern Oregon generally. A site has been selected on the hills east of the city, and it is hoped that now the looking to the erection of a large structure will be undertaken.

The Mother Provincial has made several visits here for the purpose of considering this as a hospital site, but has never seen the location decided upon.

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JACKPOT METHODS WITH INDIANS

Sensational Reports of conditions Surrounding Make-up of "Citizenship Rolls" of Five Tribes Made Public—Reductions in Time Limitations—Effort to Keep Others Out by Favoritism

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 19.—A sensational unpublished report to the department of the interior by J. H. Howell on the conditions surrounding the make-up of the "citizenship rolls" of the five civilized Indian tribes of Oklahoma, today is in possession of Chairman Burke of the congressional committee which is investigating the charges of Senator Gore that an attempt was made to bribe him in the interest of legislation on Indian land contracts.

The report followed a personal investigation by Howell of the methods of admitting Indians to citizenship and making them participants in land "jackpot" methods used to keep others out.

Howell was called as a witness and testified before the house committee on Indian affairs during the last session of congress. The full report he had made to Secretary Garfield was laid before the committee. In part it referred to the "ridiculous time limitations" placed

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