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## WAY IS FOUND TO FORCE RETIREMENT OF BALLINGER

### COMMITTEE WILL NOT EXONERATE AS EXPECTED

If Plan Works, President Taft Will Be Forced to Ask for Resignation of Secretary—Move Is Part of a Bold Political Stroke.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 31.—That Secretary Ballinger is to be forced out of the cabinet by a bold political stroke is the report current here today. Ballinger, instead of being white-washed by the congressional investigating committee, will be censured, it is declared, thus forcing President Taft to ask for his resignation. The success of this plan depends, it is declared, on the defection of Congressman Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts, from the majority favoring exoneration, and the non-participation of Senator Elihu Root of New York in the verdict. If the plan works, the committee will stand six to five against Ballinger.

Senator Root was absent from the hearings during the closing days of the investigation. It is planned to disqualify him from voting because he did not hear the important testimony that was presented just before the committee adjourned and did not hear the argument in the case. Root sailed for Europe to represent the United States in the New Foundland fisheries case at The Hague just before the sensational testimony at the close of the hearing was presented. It was stated positively just before he sailed that he would vote on the verdict and that he would support Ballinger.

Since then politicians close to the administration have deemed it advisable, according to stories current here, to force Ballinger out of the

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## GIRL SUICIDE IS IDENTIFIED

Beautiful Young Woman Who Shot Herself in New York Yesterday Is Daughter of Late Colonel in the United States Army.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Identified as Vera Fitch, daughter of a late colonel in the United States army, the beautiful young girl who shot herself at the Hotel Astor is dying at the Flower hospital. The physicians assert that she cannot live 36 hours. She was in great pain all night and, although half delirious, continued to deny her identity. Mrs. Henry Fitch positively identified the suffering girl as her daughter. In spite of this, Vera continued to refuse to give her name and moaned: "My people are self-respecting; do not bring them into this."

Miss Vera Fitch formerly lived in San Francisco with her sister, Mrs. Grace Conger, wife of Roy Conger, a nephew of former Minister to China Edwin H. Conger.

Mrs. Conger, at her Broadway home today at first denied that the girl in the Flower hospital was her sister, but later admitted that she was.

"You cannot blame me for trying to deceive," she said. "My sister is young and I wanted to protect her." Vera's friends say that most of her troubles were imaginary. She was very ambitious to become a literary light, but was easily discouraged. She wrote short stories which she was unable to sell and therefore judged that everyone was against her. Her relatives say she had been despondent for some time.

### CHAIRMANSHIP OF CONVENTION A DIRECT ISSUE

Teddy Will come into the Open and Force Fight With Sherman—Machine Expects a Hard Battle and Are Making Preparations.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Following the conference of New York progressives who announced that Roosevelt's name as chairman. Most of the Roosevelt leaders, however, did not favor the plan and instead the matter will go before the convention itself. That the machine is expecting a hard fight is indicated by the preparations being made for the battle. The organization expects to put up its hardest fight in the cities. Leaders will make every effort to capture delegates there, believing that unless they can control the city delegates the Roosevelt forces will be able to control the convention, securing the bigger part of the country vote.

### DEFENSE FOR BROWNE RESTS

Arguments Are Expected to Be Acrimonious—This Is Second Trial of Defendant on Charge of Legislative Bribery.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—The defense in the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne rested its case today. The state introduced minor rebuttal testimony during the afternoon. It is expected that argument will begin tomorrow and that the case will be in the hands of the jury before the end of the week. The arguments are expected to be acrimonious. Throughout the trial testimony has been offered to impeach not only witnesses, but the attorneys themselves. Although this testimony has been barred, it has caused bitter feeling, which, coupled with open charges by the court and the prosecutor, and admissions by venemore that attempts were made to reach the jury, is expected to make the speeches of the attorneys unusually heated.

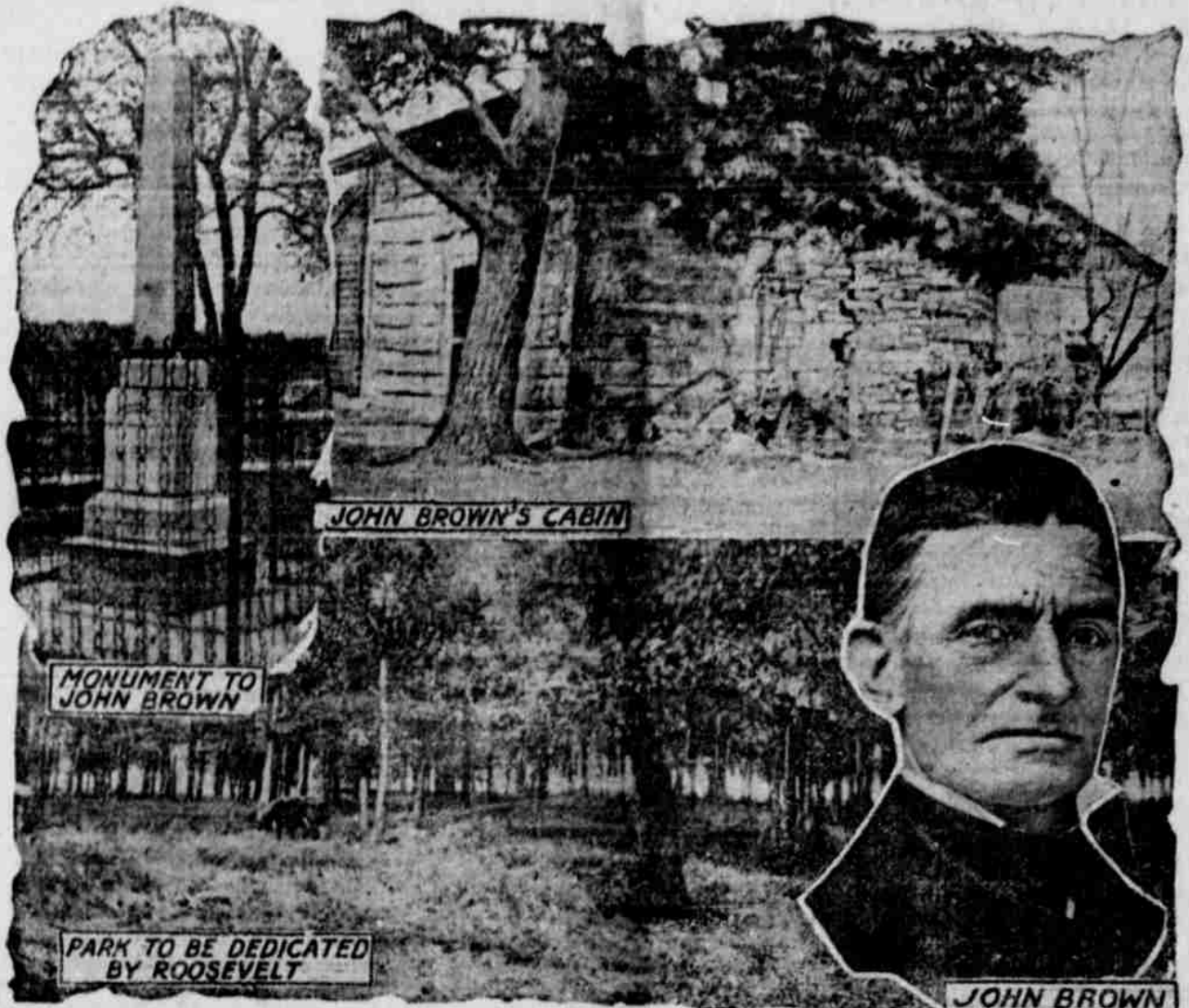
### LOCAL PHYSICIAN HOME WITH BRIDE

Dr. R. W. Stearns of this city has returned home from a five weeks' visit in Iowa. He brings with him a bride, having wedded Miss Emma Kurz of Morning Sun, Ia., on August 18. The couple will reside here.

### HOME OFFICIALS DECLARE FRANCHISE NOT FORFEITED

Officials of the Home Telephone company deny that they have permitted their Ashland franchise to lapse, as declared by the Ashland council, but assert that they have begun work and placed crossarms and hangers on the poles, only awaiting the arrival of material to go on with the work. They further assert that the city council has no authority or right to declare the franchise forfeited.

## Park Dedicated by Colonel Roosevelt to Commemorate John Brown's Life and Death.



PARK TO BE DEDICATED BY ROOSEVELT

### VETERANS HAND ONE TO SHERMAN

Adopt Resolutions Saying That Recent Action of Vice-President is a "Deliberate Insult"—Say He Offered Unpatriotic Affront.

JOPLIN, Mo., Aug. 31.—Vice-President James S. Sherman, who is today on his way to Oklahoma on a speaking tour under the auspices of the republican campaign committee, is due to receive a jolt when he opens a letter sent from here containing resolutions adopted by the Baxter Springs G. A. R. Reunion association. Sherman was to speak before the veterans. The date was cancelled.

The soldiers' committee went to the vice-president and were told that the matter was in the hands of the congressional committee. The soldiers' representatives wired the committee headquarters in Chicago and received a reply saying that the matter would be left entirely to Sherman's personal wishes. Sherman refused to speak. Then the G. A. R. Reunion association held a meeting and adopted a resolution saying Sherman's action was "not only cavalier and unpatriotic affront to the old soldiers of this vicinity and the entire country, but a deliberate insult directed at this organization."

If the furnished room ad "looks good", run around to the address given and take a look at it.

### TEDDY AT HOME OF JOHN BROWN

Fully 25,000 People Accompanied Roosevelt to Scene of Historic Battle—Also Visits Log Cabin in Which Abolitionist Lived.

OSAWATTOMIE, Kan., Aug. 31.—Theodore Roosevelt today witnessed the scenes where the martyr, John Brown, lived. The colonel was met at Osage City by Governor Stubbs and the governor's staff and escorted to Osawatotomie, where Congressmen Murdock, Madison, White and other insurgent leaders greeted him. Roosevelt was taken to the log cabin built by John Brown near Osawatotomie and later to the "battlefield," where the Kansas abolitionist, more than half a century ago, with a handful of men, withstood ten times their number of pro-slavery foes. Kansans and their visitors to the number of 25,000 accompanied the colonel to the historic field, where the distinguished guest dedicated the battlefield memorial park and addressed the immense throng.

The program for tonight is a banquet given by Governor Stubbs to Colonel Roosevelt at Lawrence. The Roosevelt train on last night's journey was greeted by crowds at every station up to midnight. The colonel did not make many speeches after dusk, but he frequently stepped to the real platform to wave his hat at the people. Gifford Pinchot and former Secretary James R. Garfield have been in daily conference with the colonel and

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### HEINZE WEDS VAMPIRE GIRL

Couple Start on Yachting Trip and Will Later Visit Butte—Neither Appear Worried by Threats of Mrs. French.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—F. Augustus Heinze of Montana and Mrs. Bernice Henderson, the "Vampire Girl" of the "A Fool There Was" company were married today in Brooklyn. Only a few friends were present. The Rev. Dr. Hambele, pastor of a Brooklyn Episcopal church, officiated. After the ceremony the couple started on a yachting trip. They announced that they would return the latter part of the week and would then go to Butte.

Neither Heinze nor Mrs. Henderson appeared worried by the threat of Mrs. Lillian Hobart French that she would prevent the marriage and that Heinze had agreed to allow her money for her support. Heinze asked the minister to conduct the ceremony without any more fuss than necessary.

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## MIDDLE FORK FIRE WORSE; MORE MEN ARE DISPATCHED TO SCENE

### \$5000 IS NOW SUBSCRIBED FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL

Committee Doing Good Work—Confidently Expect to Have \$10,000 Pledged by End of Week—Meet With Great Success.

Five thousand dollars toward the \$10,000 subsidy required to secure the \$100,000 hospital to be erected by the Sisters of Providence, had been pledged before the second day's solicitation ended. This amount does not include the banks, and some of the larger corporations, as well as many of the smaller business houses, and many citizens not yet called upon. It is confidently expected that the \$10,000 required will be secured this week. The following is a partial list of the contributors up to noon today: E. B. Piekel, \$250; Conroy & Clancy, \$250; E. H. Porter, \$100; Dr. E. R. Seely, \$250; J. E. Shearer, \$100; Clark E. Saunders, \$100; J. G. Thayer, \$100; H. P. Hargrave, \$150; Frederick C. Page, \$100; Hotel Nash Co., \$100; Medford Mail Tribune, \$100; F. N. Cummings, \$100; H. C. Keutner Co., \$100; Medford Furniture Co., \$100; Model Clothing Co., \$100; Nicholson Hardware Co., \$100; Woods Lumber Co., \$100; J.

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### NEW FIRE NOW RAGING EAST OF UNION CREEK

Crater Lake National Park May Burn Over—Flames Near Dead Indian Still Unchecked and Many Settlers May Lose Homes.

The middle fork fires near Prospect have gained an added fury during the past 24 hours, owing to the wind, which has come up and now prevails in that section, and more men have been dispatched to join those now engaged in fighting it. According to reports from Prospect this morning, there is great danger of the flames leaping the middle fork of Rogue river and if it does it is a certainty that Prospect will be wiped out. The timber is heavy surrounding the settlement and extends to the river.

Twenty-six additional soldiers who have been at work near Dudley have been sent to Prospect. This gives the rangers directing the fight there a force of about 160 men, 100 soldiers and many civilians having already been at work there.

A new fire has broken out in the heavy timber between Union creek and the Crater Lake national park. A call for aid was sent in by the guards in that section and the forestry officials will endeavor to send men to fight this fire from the Klamath side. The guards in the park and the engineering party there will also be asked to lend their aid. The fire is rapidly racing toward the park and may sweep over a large section of it. The timber in that section is very heavy. The Dead Indian fire is also worse today, owing to a high wind. Several settlers are in danger of losing their homes and much stock is said to be in peril. Other fires are said to have been checked.

### SEES HIS FIRST CIRCUS AT 75

Oliver Norsa, an Ex-Miner of the Grants Pass District, Attended Barnum & Bailey's Show Here on Monday—Was His First Show.

Oliver Norsa, aged 75, an ex-miner of the Grants Pass district, attended Barnum and Bailey's "greatest show on earth" in this city Monday afternoon.

There is but little worthy of notice in that announcement, to be true, as some other 10,000 persons did the same thing, but this was Mr. Norsa's first experience of the kind in the 75 years of his life. Never before had he sat on the hard benches and munched peanuts and drank pink lemonade; for the first time he indulged in what is the free born right of every American boy. Mr. Norsa enjoyed it. All of his life he has spent on the frontier of civilization. Never had he known a circus save by hearsay. And now that he has seen one, he is planning to see as many more as possible, for in his words, he had "one glorious time."

### BRADY VICTOR AT PRIMARIES

Insurgents of Idaho Claim Victory for French, Progressive Republican Candidate—Homer Is Believed Defeated.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 31.—Idaho insurgent! As the returns from Idaho's first primary election poured into Boise today, the regular leaders were compelled to admit that Burton F. French, progressive candidate for the congressional nomination, would in all probability win over Congressman Thomas Hamer, stalwart, who is out for renomination. French stumped the state and made Cannonism and Aldrichism an issue, while Hamer declared for standpatism and the "old guard."

Governor Brady, it is said, will secure the Republican endorsement. The insurgents were claiming victory for Burton L. French, progressive candidate. Returns indicated that he would carry Boise and Ada county by a large majority with a fair lead over his ticket. Reports from northern Idaho showed that French was leading in the Panhandle also. Thomas R. Hamer, present congressman and stalwart, was strongly supported in the southeastern Idaho region, but it was believed that he could not overcome French's lead. Arthur Bowen was leading over John Sewell for the democratic congressional nomination. It looks as though Idaho would remain wet.

When in doubt put a wast ad in The Mail-Tribune

## Medford Has the Best Water Supply On the Coast

(By DR. J. E. SHEARER, City Health Officer.)

To the Editor: During the last month or so there have been hundreds of inquiries of me as health officer regarding the purity and wholesomeness of the city's new supply of water, coupled with urgent requests for an investigation and report, and as I recently had the opportunity of availing myself of the company of a party consisting of Frank Burgess, Dr. Porter, O. M. Murphy and Charles True, some of whom were familiar with the Fish Lake region, I accordingly determined to make a thorough investigation of the situation, which I did, with the most gratifying results. Whatever distrust of this water supply has been felt by the skeptics is based entirely

upon a misunderstanding or lack of knowledge of the real facts in the case.

In order that all may have a clear understanding of the true conditions, I will first describe the geographical and physical surroundings of the water system. Fish Lake draws its water supply from one large and several small springs in the lava rock at the base of Mt. McLoughlin, from which the water gushes forth in abundance, sparkling and cold. A dam is nearly completed which will raise the level of the lake 30 feet, making a vast natural reservoir, from the sides of which all trees and vegetation are to be stripped to the high-water level, which will eliminate the slight trace of vegetable organic matter in the water at present, due to the flooded timber along the

banks. From here, at a level of 4687 feet above sea level, the water falls swiftly through a cool, rocky canyon, 12½ miles to the city's intake, at a level of 2114 feet; thence the city's supply runs through pipe line to the city reservoir, at an elevation of 1586 feet, which is 210 feet above the United States bench mark at the Nash hotel.

At the present time this water is perfectly wholesome and can be used with entire safety, for the rapid fall of over 2500 feet in 12½ miles, or 200 feet to the mile, results in the water being thoroughly "charged" with air, just as soda water is charged with carbonic acid gas. This "aeration" of the water, as it is called, has the effect of purifying the water of any contamination it may have received from the vegeta-

tion on the banks of the lake or from campers along its edges. It is evident that it must reach the consumer in all its purity, as it completes its journey in closed pipes. It is a common mistake to suppose that the water stands in the reservoir near the city and becomes warm and impure, but this is not true, as the water used in the city is conducted through a "by-pass" around the reservoir, and runs directly from the pipe line into the distributing system. The water which the city does not require, and which is run through the reservoir and allowed to find its way back to Bear creek through ditches and natural channels. The water in the reservoir, which is thus kept fresh at all times, is simply held as a reserve supply, in case it should be necessary to stop the flow

through the pipe line for a time for making repairs or any other purpose.

It should also be borne in mind that the intake of the pipe line is above the Hanley ranch, and that the water is therefore protected from contamination by cattle, etc., contrary to a mistaken idea which has been formed by some people. In fact, the only possible sources of contamination are, as I have stated, the flooded vegetation along the shores of Fish Lake, which are to be stripped of this vegetation, and the summer campers at McAllister Springs and along the lake. All danger from the latter source can be removed entirely by the establishment of proper sanitary conditions for these campers, which can be done

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