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WE'LL PLAY THE GAME SQUARE, SAY HONOR MEN

Interesting Account of Establishment of "Westville" and What the Honor Men Themselves Think of Governor West. Written for Mail Tribune.

NOT A LIFE OF EASE, AS MANY PEOPLE THINK

"We Will All Go Out Into the World Better Men," He Declares, as Result of the Plan.

(The following account of life at "Westville," Honor Camp No. 1, was written expressly for The Mail Tribune by Dan Ragan, one of the men Governor West is allowing to work out his own salvation. It gives one a view of the camp from the "inside," and reflects the feeling the men hold for Governor West for, he says, "when we are finally released we will go out into the world better men, by the fact of coming in contact with him."—Editor.)

(By Dan Ragan.)

I take this opportunity of explaining to the public the conditions under which the convicts are working at this camp. We left the prison at Salem, Ore., October 30, and went aboard a special car which had been chartered for our use, in charge of Warden Curtiss. Governor West came down to see us on the car, and supplied the boys with tobacco and pipes to while away the time with. He also gave us a short talk and explained the conditions under which we were going to work. He did not exact any promise from any of the men, but I am positive that each man made a silent vow with himself to stick this thing out, no matter what came up. The men were not very demonstrative, but one could see that every one was deeply touched by what was being said and done. We left Salem about 9:30 p. m., and arrived in Medford, Ore., 12 m. October 31, where we were met at the train by a large crowd of people whose curiosity was soon satisfied, and the crowd dispersed as soon as it saw we were only men, the same as themselves.

I personally heard several remarks which were all in favor of us, and showed that the crowd was with us. We then were taken to a restaurant, where we ate our dinner, and then walked to the P. & E. railroad depot, where a train was waiting to convey us to Derby, Ore., where we loaded our belongings on wagons and started for our camp at Prospect. The roads were in a bad condition and our baggage was about all the teams could haul up the hills, so the boys started and walked ahead of the teams in order to relieve the horses, and I will venture to say that both driver and horses felt grateful.

We arrived at the camp at Prospect about 9 p. m., and as there was only one tent for our accommodation, we were up against it for sleeping quarters, as the most of the boys unrolled their beds and slept under the first tree they could find. We were also supplied with sandwiches and hot coffee, and quiet noon settled over the camp. The next morning we were up bright and early and ready for what the day might bring forth. We were introduced to Mr. John Grieves, who was to have charge of the men on the work. He soon explained that the first thing to be done was to fix up sleeping and eating quarters. He had the tents and the bunks, but was short on tools, as there was only one hammer and two saws in the camp, but he soon rustled two more hammers and then called for volunteer carpenters. Well, he was up against it, as none of us was listed as carpenter, but when he said he wanted board floors in the tents and side walls, we knew what to do, as a great many of us are ex-soldiers and know how to build a camp. So we were all busy as bees in a few moments, and by night time had made quite a showing. I did not hear any grumbling in regard to anything. For the first few days the cook had to do all his work in the open air, but we soon had him under cover, and men de-

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SOCIETY WOMAN SMOKES WHILE CROWD GAPES



MRS. CRAIG BIDDLE—PHOTO BY HILBERT

Mrs. Craig Biddle, the well known Philadelphia society woman, created quite a stir in that city when pedestrians who passed the famous Bellevue-Stratford Hotel restaurant gazed with amazement while she sat at a table carelessly smoking a cigarette. She paid no attention to the crowd outside or to other guests in the restaurant.

SICKNESS AND DEATH CONTINUE TO CHECK TRIAL

Strange Fatality Seems to Have Intervened in the McNamara Murder Case to Prevent Speedy Settlement of the Issues Involved.

HALL OF RECORDS, Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 20.—That a strange fatality seems to have intervened in the McNamara murder case to prevent the speedy settlement of the issues involved was brought strongly home today to all concerned when still another juror, passed for cause by both sides and subject only to peremptory challenge, was eliminated because of illness.

From the day that John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and his brother, James B. McNamara, were arrested charged with the murder of the twenty-one victims of the explosion and fire which destroyed the Los Angeles Times on October 1, 1910, death and serious illness have stepped in time and again to interfere with a speedy clearing up of the charges against the brothers.

The climax came today when William Nicholson, a local grocer, passed for cause by both sides and subject only to peremptory challenge, was eliminated because of illness. Nicholson was sent to her bedside, being excused by consent of both sides.

The hoodoo is still hovering over the jury box. The wife of F. D. Green, permanent juror, is ailing at her home and worrying greatly because her husband cannot come to her. Should her condition become worse, Green can hardly be held by the court, as they are a most devoted couple, and the knowledge that his wife was in a serious condition would interfere with the juror giving all of his attention to the case.

Then Charles Sexton, half-brother of J. B. Sexton, also on the panel, is at the point of death here, while Bryon Lisk, president of the Pasadena Milling company, and the third member of the jury, is having difficulty with his men.

Before the initial panel of jurors qualified in the case three were eliminated on account of illness.

Look for the loser of the articles you have found—for a prompt of may save him a lot of worry.

MOTHER HERE SEARCHING FOR RUNAWAY GIRL

Mrs. Alice Wilson of Portland Has No Clue as to Whereabouts of Girl Save a Postal Card Mailed in the Local Postoffice.

With only a postal card bearing the local postoffice mark as a clue Mrs. Alice Wilson of Portland arrived in Medford Monday morning in search of her runaway daughter Edna, but no trace can be found of the girl here.

Edna disappeared from her home at Portland on November 6. She is said to be an attractive miss of 17 summers and no reason was given for her strange disappearance. She retired to her room the evening of November 5, and the next morning a note containing the single word "Good-bye" was found addressed to her mother. Since then no word has been received of her save the receipt of a single post card mailed in this city on which was written "Don't worry, mother, dear; I am alive and well. Will write soon and explain all.—Edna."

Mrs. Wilson received this card Saturday and at once prepared to come here. Her husband is an engineer on the O.-W. R. & N. company's lines and could not get away. Edna's mother steadfastly refuses to entertain the theory that her daughter was induced to leave home by some man, stating that the girl had always been a "home body" and knew very few men, all of whom are in Portland.

Mrs. Wilson states that she intends to remain in Medford several days in an effort to locate the girl.

FATHER SAYS SON WILL NOT CONFESS

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 20.—Reports to the effect that Henry Clay Beattie, under sentence to be electrocuted next Friday for the murder of his young wife, has offered to confess if granted a reprieve, are hotly denied here today by the father of the doomed man.

It had been stated that Beattie offered to make a confession of the crime if allowed a thirty-day reprieve, postponing his execution until after Christmas.

BLUEJACKETS LAND IN CHINA SAY REPORTS

American Marines Said to Have Landed at Chi Fu, Where a Force of Japanese Troops Landed on Chinese Soil Saturday.

EIGHT THOUSAND REBELS MOBILIZING AT CANTON

Attack on Nanking Will Come Soon—Rebels Converging on the City.

TOKIO, Nov. 20.—Reports here today are that a company of American marines have landed at Chi Fu, where a force of Japanese troops landed on Chinese soil on Saturday.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 20.—More than 8,000 rebel recruits are mobilizing today at Canton preparatory to joining the revolutionary forces now before Nanking.

The rebel attack on Nanking, which was expected yesterday, has been delayed owing to the discovery that the position and forces of the imperialists were stronger than the rebel leaders had been led to believe. It is probable that the rebels will now delay the general assault until their numbers are so increased as to remove all danger of a setback.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 20.—Forces of rebel troops under foreign-trained officers are converging in on Nanking from every point and a fierce battle is expected at any moment, according to dispatches received here today by the Chinese Press. The imperialist forces, 11,000 strong, are strongly entrenched on Purple hill, where they will make their last stand for the Manchu dynasty. The rebels are said to be 50,000 strong.

Skirmishes are constant outside the walls, but no direct attack will be ordered by the rebel commanders until all their troops are in position.

SEATTLE FACES WATER FAMINE

Two Main Pipe Lines Break and City Faces Critical Condition—Water Is Hauled in Wagons, Barrels and Buckets.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—Because of the breaking of two main pipe lines which supplied water for Seattle, this city this afternoon faces one of the most critical conditions of its kind in local history.

A great part of the city is entirely without water. Water is being hauled in water wagons and buckets. Along the shore of Lake Washington scores of automobiles are lined up, while their owners take water from the lake in buckets.

Hospitals, hotels and apartment houses are without water. The city officials are making every effort to relieve the situation, and reservoirs containing 100,000,000 gallons of water are being used to supply a part of the city.

GOMPERS WILL BE REELECTED

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 20.—It is predicted here today that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and his fellow officers will be re-elected by large majorities at the convention. This seemed to be the general opinion at continuation of the sessions here today.

A hot fight on the floor will be precipitated tomorrow when the socialists' resolution demanding Gompers' resignation from the National Civic Federation will be adversely reported on.

MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR AIDS CAUSE OF SUFFRAGISTS.



Declaring that he favors woman suffrage and predicting that women will be voting in every state in the Union in ten years, Governor Osborn gave the suffragists of the state of Michigan more encouragement than they have received from a state official in many years.

As a result of the governor's statement telegrams from women are pouring into the executive's office congratulating him.

DREDGE SINKS IN 18 FEET OF WATER; BIG LOSS

Long Trench Must Be Dug in Order to Drain Pond to Recover Dredge—Owned by the Champlin Family of Chicago.

Sunk in 18 feet of water on Foothills creek, nine miles from Gold Hill, one of the finest dredging outfits on the Pacific coast will sustain a loss estimated at \$35,000. The dredge on which revolve the giant buckets that scoop up the gold bearing gravel broke in the middle while in operation, and the buckets and chain, weighing 70 tons, settled down on the sides of the boat.

No equipment was on hand to relieve the strain thus placed on the wooden hull, and in a few hours the tremendous pressure forced the planks apart, the water came in and the dredge sank to the bottom of the pond with its precious weight of motors, transformers and gold saving machinery.

The pond in which the dredge sank will be drained, and the work of repairing the damage began in a few days. It will be necessary to rebuild the hull, and the services of an expert shipbuilder must be secured for this work, which alone will cost in the neighborhood of \$14,000.

The dredge and several hundred acres of the richest placer ground in southern Oregon are owned by the Champlin family of Chicago, and has been one of the notable mining successes of this district, although at a great expenditure.

REPORTED LOST: AGAIN AT HOME

Wm. Brosas, G. D. Walker and Chas. Luckus, the three hunters who were reported to be lost on the Umpqua divide, returned to Medford Saturday and state positively that they were not lost at any time, had no idea of getting lost and, in fact, could not have gotten lost had they tried.

YAKIMA DAMAGED BY GREAT FLOODS

EASTON, Wash., Nov. 20.—The whole Yakima valley is in danger of being flooded, with losses of thousands of dollars in crops. Five hundred government men are working desperately to save the Lake Kachess dam, impounding 210,000 acre feet of water. It is feared it may be necessary to release the flood of waters to save the dam.

REVEISTA REBELS ARE ATTACKING CITY OF JUAREZ

Troops Are Scattered Along Border With Orders to Arrest Any Mexican Revolutionists Heard Airing Their Views on American Soil.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 20.—Considerable rifle firing was heard outside of Juarez, across the river from here in Mexico, today. Reveista rebels are reported to have reached a house on the outskirts of the Mexican town and to have opened fire on Maderista outposts. Juarez is defended by a large force of Maderista troops.

Troops on Scene.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 20.—Ordered to arrest all revolutionists and enemies of the Mexican government airing their opinions on American soil, Troop I, Third United States Cavalry, under command of Captain G. B. Conley, arrived here today en route to Laredo.

The remaining troops of the Third Cavalry and possibly the Fourth are expected to follow Troop I.

Reyes in Toils.

Maderistas here declare that the arrest of General Bernardo Reyes nipped the Reveista revolution in the bud, and they do not expect further trouble from that quarter.

American and Mexican secret service men are swarming here.

General Reyes today appeared before Federal Commissioner Edwards and furnished \$5,000 bonds for his appearance before the federal court at the next term. He is charged with fomenting a revolution within the territory of the United States against a friendly power. It is understood that the government is preparing to deport him.

ROOTED TOO HARD AT BALL GAME; DIES

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—United zealous rooting of the Minnesota-Wisconsin football game at Madison last Saturday caused the death here today of Harry Forbes, millionaire iron manufacturer, according to his physician.

Forbes was attacked shortly after the game with a severe illness to which he finally succumbed. It is believed that over-exertion caused a blood clot on his brain.

Mr. Forbes was a close friend and college mate of A. R. Schuster and R. W. Rahl of this city.

PROGRESSIVES WILL NOT USE MACHINE PLAN

Governor Johnson of California Says Progressives Will Forego Their Advantage and That Special Session Will Include Primary.

COULD INSTRUCT FOR BOB LA FOLLETTE, BUT WILL NOT

Instead Will Submit Presidential Candidates to a Primary Vote of the People.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 20.—Declaring that, as at present situated, the progressives are in full control in California and could with no trouble send a full La Follette delegation to the republican national convention, Governor Hiram Johnson today, in a statement to the United Press declared, the progressives will forego their advantage and that he will include in his call for an extra session the demand for a presidential primary. Following is Governor Johnson's summing up of the political situation in California and his declaration of the action he and his fellow progressives are to take.

(By Hiram W. Johnson, Governor of California.)
The direct primary law, given us in 1909, contained a joker designed to continue and perpetuate in 1912 the power of the old Southern Pacific machine. This provision was that the county conventions, which should be selected in 1910 should be called together again in 1912, and these county conventions should select delegates to a state convention, which in turn should choose delegates to the national convention. Of course, at the time of the enactment of the law in 1909 the old Southern Pacific political machine looked forward confidently and complacently to the usual result in 1912 by which it would control most of the county conventions and the state convention as well.

The political revolution of 1910, however, upset the plans of those who have ruled our politics for so many years and the progressive wing of the republican party, after its extraordinary victory in the direct primary of 1910, found itself in possession not only of the nominations but of the party control and control of county conventions of the state. By inheritance that which was meant to perpetuate the old machine came to the progressive wing of the republican party and today the progressive wing of the republican party has control of the machinery of the party in the state and in a great majority of the county conventions of the state. The law was permitted by the last legislature to remain as the machine had given to us because it was known that a special session of the legislature was to be called. The political situation in the state of California is just this:

The progressives of the republican party are in control of that party's machinery and they can, by simply obeying the law which was enacted by their opponents, send a solid delegation to the national republican convention for Senator Robert M. La Follette.

The question presented is whether the progressive republicans of the state, with this power, given by a machine law, which by poetic justice holds the old machine with its own petard should take affirmative action and should enact another and a definite law which would yield the advantage they possess. Of course, if the reactionaries in California held the advantage that the progressives now hold, they would simply laugh derisively at any request for a presidential preference primary.

In every state in the union where the reactionaries are in control the people are demanding a direct primary for president, the reactionaries stolidly and defiantly deny that primary. The only states in the union where a presidential preference primary is accorded are in progressive states where progressives are in control. That a presidential preference primary is just, nobody can deny, and so we will forego our advantage and call for a presidential primary.

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