

MEDFORD WILL BUILD RAILROAD

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE SOLICITED BY COMMITTEE

Work in Raising Fund Commenced by Four Banks—Committee Hears From R. S. Towne, Owner of Mine, Who Promises Operation on Large Scale if Railroad is Built.

Citizens Committee at Session Held Today Decides to Submit Proposition to the People for Railroad.

Medford will build a railroad to the Blue Lodge mine.

Such was the decision reached by the citizens committee at a session held Wednesday morning.

To start the ball rolling the four Medford banks will hold a meeting this afternoon to determine upon the amount the banks will subscribe to the fund of \$75,000 needed.

The committee decided to go ahead with the project following a careful inspection of the mine and the receipt of assurances from Robert S. Towne, owner of the Blue Lodge, that it would be operated promptly upon the completion of the road.

The citizens committee having the matter in charge state that the work of raising the \$75,000 needed to begin the construction of the railroad will start at once. Subscription papers will be out soon.

The citizens committee which was appointed at a mass meeting called to consider the building of a railroad to the Blue Lodge arrived at a determination to build the road only after a dozen conferences at which all matters in connection with the proposed road were discussed.

HALF MILLION ACRES INUNDATED BY LEVEE BREAK

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 10.—Half a million acres are inundated today as a result of the break in the levee at Wilson, Ark. The break is 1,000 feet wide.

Couriers rode all night ahead of the flood warning farmers and residents of small towns of its coming.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 10.—With the Mississippi river falling at all points above Memphis, the river below the Tennessee metropolis is rapidly rising, and flood stages today are reported at several points. At New Orleans the river reached a stage of 18, a fifth of a foot above the flood stage.

COURT THROWS OUT I. W. W. PROTECTION CASE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 10.—Characterizing the habeas corpus proceedings as "fishing" expedition on the part of the I. W. W. attorneys, Judge Sloane, in department three of the superior court, today dismissed an investigation started with a view to ascertaining the whereabouts of Julius Tum, a tailor.

Judge Sloane declared that an attempt to show illegal procedure on the part of the police came with poor success "from persons who came to San Diego with the avowed intention of violating a city ordinance."

ROOSEVELT STRONG IN MAINE CONVENTION

BANGOR, Me., April 10.—In the state and district republican conventions which met here today it was predicted that Roosevelt would get two delegates each from the second, third and fourth districts and four delegates at large.

ILLINOIS VOTES BIG MAJORITY FOR ROOSEVELT

Hundred and Thirty Thousand Lead for Teddy—Champ Clark Wins Democratic Delegation by 150,000 Over Wilson.

Senator Cullom Defeated by Lawrence Sherman—La Follette Polls 40,000 Votes Without Campaign.

Totals at Noon.
For Roosevelt 233,000; for Taft 118,000; for La Follette 41,000; for Clark 221,000; for Wilson 79,500.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 10.—Colonel Roosevelt was jubilant here today when informed of his sweeping victory in the Illinois presidential preference primary. "I shouldn't be surprised," he said, "if the tide goes all our way from now on. We slugged them over the ropes. I want to see Pennsylvania do what Illinois did—declare for the people against the politicians."

CHICAGO, April 10.—Incomplete returns today from all sections of Illinois indicate that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's plurality over President Taft in yesterday's presidential primary election will approximate 130,000. It is certain that 54 of the Illinois delegates will be pledged to Roosevelt.

Speaker Champ Clark, aspirant for the democratic presidential nomination, defeated Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey by 150,000 majority. This means that the solid Illinois delegation is pledged to Clark.

Lorimer's District Faithful.
The only district carried by President Taft was the Fifth, Senator William E. Lorimer's stronghold. The outcome in one other district is doubtful, all the others going to Roosevelt by overwhelming majorities.

Returns from the state primaries show that Edward F. Dunne, former mayor of Chicago, leads the other democratic gubernatorial candidates by 35,000. Governor Charles S. Deeney has been re-nominated by the republicans by a majority of 75,000.

United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom has been defeated by Lawrence Sherman by 20,000 in the senatorial advisory republican primary.

La Follette's Vote.
Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin polled about 10,000 votes in the presidential primary. As he made no speechmaking campaign, resorting merely to the distribution of circulars, to outline his policies, La Follette's showing in the state is considered remarkable.

Colonel Roosevelt carried the home districts of both Congressman McKinley, President Taft's campaign manager and former Speaker Joe Cannon. In McKinley's district and ward the voters favored Roosevelt two to one. Despite these figures both McKinley and Cannon were re-nominated for congress.

Lea Small, Senator Lorimer's gubernatorial candidate is overwhelmingly defeated.

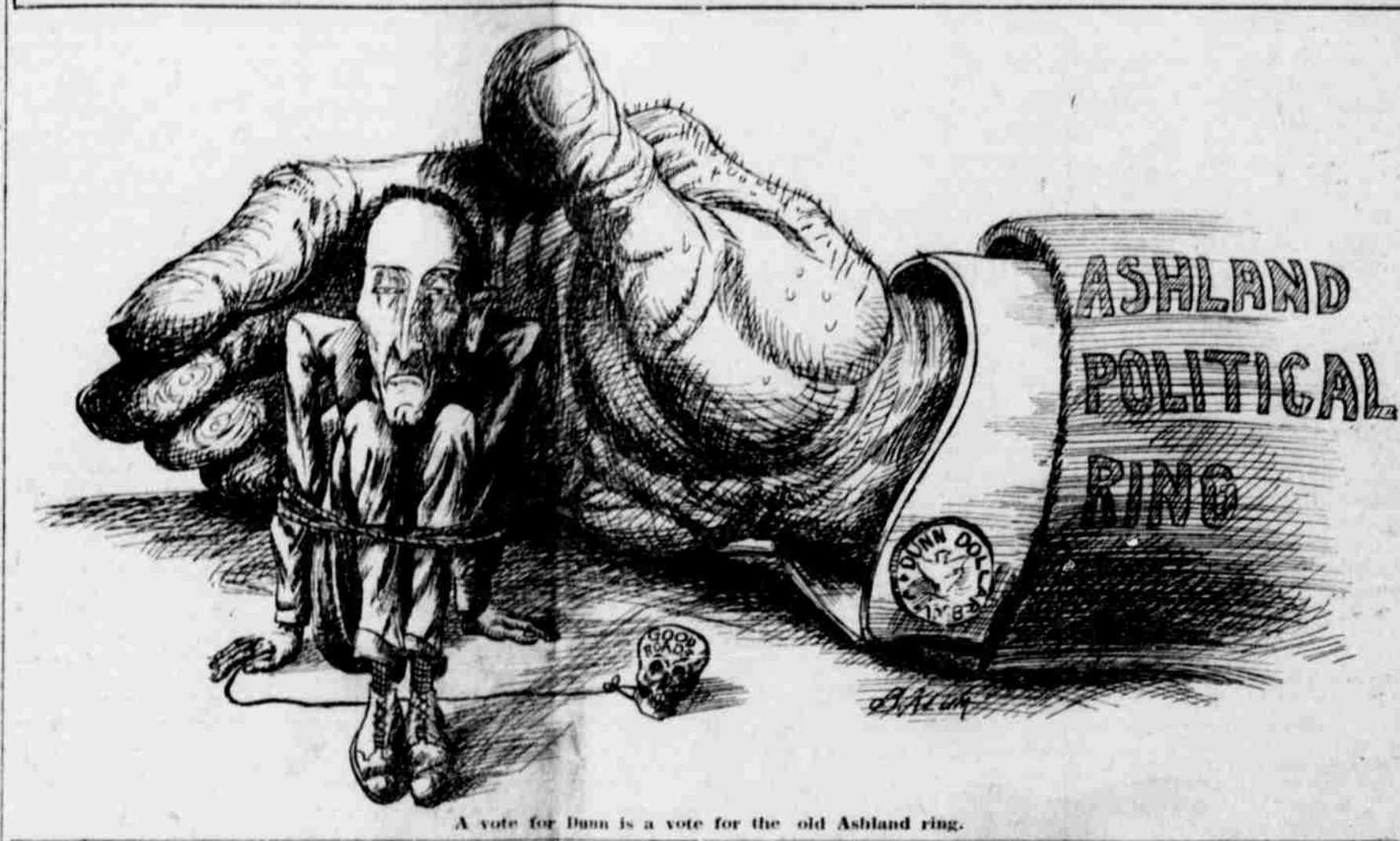
The first ten congressional districts with the vote complete, showed:
Roosevelt 72,443; Taft 44,107; La Follette 12,103; Clark 113,334; Wilson 32,688.

With two-thirds of the vote on the suffrage proposition in Cook county compiled, the count, shortly before noon, stood:
For woman suffrage 54,007; against 102,632.

Rain Postpones Baseball

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The opening game of the series between the Oaks and Beavers was for the second time postponed today on account of rain.

In the Hands of His Friends



A vote for Dunn is a vote for the old Ashland ring.

WORK STARTS SOON ON PUBLIC MARKET; CONTRACT IS LET

Work will start in the near future upon the erection of the building which is to house the new public market in this city. The city council Tuesday afternoon awarded the contract for the erection of the building to Drew & Handy the contract price being \$1787.15 which was the lowest bid offered.

The work on the building is to be rushed as the establishment of a public market depends upon its completion. The building will stand on the lots owned by the city on Riverside avenue just south of Main street.

WOMEN BEATEN ABERDEEN STRIKE

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 10.—Women were beaten severely and thrown in jail again today in the mill workers' strike at Aberdeen. One woman was thrown into a foul cell though nursing a three months babe at her breast. None of the women had committed any offense, but were pounced upon by big burly "deputies" and struck about the shoulders and backs with clubs and blackjacks.

Hindus have been imported by three of the mills but are accomplishing practically nothing. Much of the clubbing has been done by deputies at the Wilson and Donovan mills and at Slade's mill. Former Registration Clerk Courtwright, of Seattle, is one of the armed deputies.

AMUNDSON TO SEEK NORTH POLE FROM FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—That San Francisco will be the starting point for the next North Pole expedition, with Captain Roald Amundsen as its leader, is announced today by Henry Lund, the Norwegian consul and a close friend of Captain Amundsen, who has just received a letter to this effect from the famous explorer. The Arctic expedition will be made in the Fram, the same vessel in which Amundsen made the Antarctic voyage. The Fram will arrive here next April and Captain Amundsen the following June, to begin the work of fitting out, upon which \$80,000 appropriated by the Norwegian parliament, will be expended.

SPORTSMEN MEET WITH FINLEY TO PLAN FOR FUTURE

Sportsmen of Medford met with State Game Warden Finley at Humphrey's gun store Tuesday evening and talked over the game situation. Mr. Finley offered to send settings of pheasant eggs to those who would provide suitable quarters and care in various parts of the valley, and to buy back the birds reared, if desired. Those who want the pheasant settings are to notify Dr. E. R. Seeley, president of the Medford Gun club.

Mr. Finley stated that he had purchased a large number of Bob White quail east for the valley, but shipment was stopped by government officials, when it was found the quail were infected. He hopes to secure more.

Mr. Finley explained that the railroad was fitting up a special fish car, in which shipments of trout fry would be made to various points of the state. The car will be in Medford in June and applications for fry should be made at once to Dr. L. Bundy, secretary of the Rogue River Fish Protective association.

MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE IN BUTTE

BUTTE, Mont., April 10.—Fire starting in the wholesale district of Butte shortly after noon today caused a loss of more than \$1,000,000 and is spreading into the business section. All of the fire fighting forces of the city are attempting to check the flames, but have not yet succeeded.

LOST EYE STEALING KISS FROM STRANGER

BERKELEY, Cal., April 10.—Police are searching today for a "blind Jack the kisser," who made his appearance on the University of California campus and attempted to embrace Mrs. Arthur Chester with disastrous results. The man threw his arms about the woman and tried to kiss her, but she fought him off to arm's length, and then jabbed her umbrella through his right eye. He ran screaming with pain from the scene.

1.41 INCHES OF RAIN LAST NIGHT BREAKING RECORDS

A total of 1.41 inches of rain fell in the valley Tuesday afternoon and night which is a greater amount than fell during the entire month of April one year ago when the precipitation for the month was 1.29. Showers will continue this afternoon but the Thursday forecast is fair and warmer.

The rain of last night worked a great benefit in the valley. Practically all of the pears had finished pollinating and the fact that a large number of petals were whipped off by the shower does not mean that any damage has been done. It looks now as if the weather would clear up warm with little or no frost following.

Last night's was the heaviest April rain in a number of years past. It is of great benefit to the valley. It was heaviest at Medford, but little rain falling in the north end of the county.

SMALL LOSSES ON ALL LEADING STOCKS

NEW YORK, April 10.—Losses of one to two points in nearly all the leading issues characterized the opening of the stock market today. Canadian Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, American Smelting and Union Pacific declined more than a point during the first hour's trading. Prices recovered slightly after the opening losses, but on heavy selling pressure again yielded, in some instances falling below the opening slump. Erie common and Reading were exceptions to the general decline, both these stocks reaching high points for the movement. On the close Lehigh dropped 1-5, later recovering. The market closed steady.

USE STEAM ROLLER TO CRUSH ROOSEVELT

CHICAGO, April 10.—"Despite the result in Illinois Taft will be nominated on the first ballot," was the statement here today of a man close to the president but who refused to allow his name to be used. "President Taft has determined to overcome all opposition," he continued. "Roosevelt will know what it means to be flattened out by the steam roller. Taft will use all the machinery, every bit in his power, to control the convention."

VOICE OF PEOPLE SPEAKS FOR HIM DECLARES TEDDY

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 10.—Colonel Roosevelt sent a congratulatory telegram from here to Medill McCormick at Chicago. The message said in part:

"The outcome in Illinois is not a victory for me, but primarily, a victory for the cause of social and industrial justice. Moreover it is a stinging rebuke to the alliance of crooked business, bosses and special privilege to thwart the will of the people by scandalous abuse of federal patronage, and the use of other methods, including violence, to work shameless frauds.

"The people of Illinois had a chance to speak for themselves. The result in Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky would have been practically the same if the same chance of expression had been given the people. I believe every single delegate against us in these three states will misrepresent the people behind him. Even under the present system all the rest of the states are ours, and in them the delegates will be two to one in our favor unless there is a condonation of most far-fetched frauds."

WANT AQUARIA FOR MEDFORD

Medford will probably soon have an aquaria near the depot wherein tourists, travelers and citizens can watch the native trout of this section disport themselves.

Application for the construction of a cement basin, similar to that at Dunsuir and to one now being constructed at Eugene, has been made to the Southern Pacific by local anglers at the instance of Game Warden Finley, and favorable consideration is expected.

The basin or fountain will probably be located between the express office and depot. It will be under the supervision of the fish and game commission and will arouse great interest in fish and their habits.

MAN CUT IN TWO BY A CIRCULAR SAW

UNION, Ore., April 10.—Cut in two by a circular saw, the body of Colin McShane was brought here for burial today. McShane was killed while working in a mill in Telocaset near here. The saw entered the top of his head, went through the body, dividing it into halves.

JUDGE HUGHES IS LOOMING UP AS DARK HORSE

Republican Convention at Rochester Believes Taft Eliminated by Roosevelt's Victory in Illinois and Think Hughes Most Available Candidate.

Platform Eulogizes Taft and Takes a Slap at Teddy—Initiative, Referendum, Recall Denounced.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Associate Justice Hughes, of the United States supreme court, today declined to be interviewed regarding the presidency. He told a representative of a newspaper: "The people thoroughly understand my position."

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 10.—Charles E. Hughes of New York, justice of the United States supreme court, loomed up today in the republican state convention here as a probable "dark horse" for the republican presidential nomination at Chicago in the event of neither President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt, or Senator La Follette receiving the nomination on the early ballots. Despite the fact that Justice Hughes has declared that nothing could induce him to leave the supreme bench, the delegates today discussed his availability as a republican national standard bearer.

Many of the state leaders here believe that as a result of Roosevelt's victory in the Illinois primary, President Taft's name may not be presented to the Chicago convention. The standpat element is greatly shocked over the outcome in Illinois.

Eulogy of President Taft and a direct slap at Theodore Roosevelt are included in the platform. Taft is applauded for his "patriotism, wisdom and undramatic courage." The initiative, referendum and recall measures are bitterly denounced, but the delegates endorsed the tariff board plan of revision, at the same time condemning the democratic house for revising the tariff downward, "regardless of the facts represented, or without caring for the needs of American labor."

The denunciation of the initiative and referendum is intended as a slap at Colonel Roosevelt.

The convention also urged the adoption of the Aldrich bank plan. The tariff board plank recommended by the convention was written by United States Senator Root.

BIGGEST BATTLE OF WAR RAGING

MEXICO CITY, April 10.—Fighting in the most important engagement of the latest revolution 500 rebels and federals are known to have been killed. The battle is being continued today 40 miles south of this city and has been raging for 30 hours.

President Madero and his followers in the capital express the greatest anxiety over the outcome.

ABE ATTELL WINS FORTUNE OF \$30,000 AT POKER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—After losing several fortunes at gambling and his title of featherweight champion of the world, Abe Attell is again on Easy Street today as a result of his clean-up of \$30,000 at draw poker just when his fortune seemed at the lowest ebb. The little pugilist is still keeping up his winning streak, and the old line gamblers declare there is no stopping him.