

## COUNTY COURT TO LET CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE ON BEAR CREEK, BUT ASHLAND MAN TALKS INJUNCTION

Benton Bowers States to Men Who Submitted Bids on Work That the Work Will Be Stopped "Even if It Takes an Injunction Suit to Do It"—County Judge Says Court Will Go Ahead and Let the Contract Wednesday Afternoon.

Large Crowd Completely Fills County Court's Chambers and They Are Forced to Adjourn to Circuit Court Room—Bowers Says He Is Representative Only of Men Who Signed Protest to County Court.

Benton Bowers: "I am here to warn the men bidding on this bridge of the feeling which exists throughout the county and to say to them that this bridge over Bear Creek will not be built even if it takes an injunction suit to stop it."

J. R. Neil, county judge: "Then you had better get busy for this county court certainly intends to let a contract. We will pass on these bids at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon."

Then the oratorical fireworks began.

The county court held a special session this morning for the purpose of receiving bids for the construction of a bridge over Bear Creek in this city. A report that protests would be filed by Benton Bowers of Ashland against the letting of a contract circulated in Medford this morning and when the county court met to open the bids the crowd was so large that the county court adjourned to the circuit court room on the second floor of the court house. Even this room was filled, there being between 75 and 100 persons present. Most of the citizens at the session were from Medford. Benton Bowers and S. A. Carleton of Ashland attended the meeting and tendered the county court a protest against the bridge signed by a number of taxpayers.

Six bids were opened by the county court. Some of them were involved and the court therefore put off definite action until Wednesday afternoon. As nearly as they could be figured roughly the bids were as follows:

D. M. Stevenson of Salem: Bridge according to his own specifications, \$38,000; according to the specifications on file, \$43,000.

Coast Bridge company: \$40,000 for steel concrete girder; concrete girder, \$39,000; Luten arch, \$37,500. This is the company having the specifications on file.

Leonard H. Wiles Construction company: \$40,200, based on specifications on file.

E. G. Perham, of Marshfield, Ore.: according to specifications on file, \$32,500. (This bid provides extra payments for retaining walls and the like.)

Milwaukee Bridge company: As-

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CLAIMED BY EACH TODAY'S PRIMARIES

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 4.—With the supporters of Colonel Roosevelt claiming 1,000 to 1,500 plurality, the polls for the state primary election opened throughout South Dakota at 8 o'clock this morning, to remain open until 5 p. m.

On the Democratic side, both Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon managers claim victory for their respective candidates.

## SETTLE PROBLEM OF UNIVERSITIES

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4.—Control of the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college by one board of regents, maintenance of both institutions by an annual millage tax of six-tenths of a mill and elimination of all duplicates in the courses of study today have been agreed to by committees representing both schools. These provisions, it is planned to embody in an initiative bill to be submitted to the voters of the state at the general election next November.

## LORIMER FLOWER OF CROOKEDNESS ASSERTS KERNS

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Hotly denouncing the election of United States Senator William Lorimer of Illinois as the flower of political crookedness in America, Senator John W. Kern of Indiana today in the senate opened the renewed fight on Lorimer by announcing that he intended to consume two days in his denunciation.

Senator Kern represents the minority of the senate Lorimer committee which favored unseating the "Blonde Boss" from Chicago. In opening he ridiculed the majority of the committee's argument that as Lorimer was once exonerated and no new evidence had been presented in his case was res adjudicata and could not be reopened.

## MONEY TRUST INQUIRY TO BEGIN THURSDAY

WASHINGTON, June 4.—That the "money trust" investigation will be taken up in New York Thursday was the decision reached today by the committee on banking and currency of the house. Preliminary hearings will be held in the stock exchange and at the clearing house.

## BRYAN SEES DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

LINCOLN, Neb., June 4.—While President Taft apparently has a majority of the Chicago delegates, Colonel Roosevelt intends to be a candidate before the people and, if necessary, will organize a bolting convention. Either Clark or Wilson can defeat Roosevelt or Taft.

This is the gist of an editorial forecast by William J. Bryan in the current issue of the Commoner. The article is as follows:

"We have now approached near enough to the Republican national convention to forecast the action of that body. Ex-President Roosevelt will apparently have a majority of the Northern states, while President Taft seems likely to have a majority of the Southern delegates, who represent merely patronage and hoodlum."

## CHINESE RECONQUERING REBELLIOUS PROVINCES AND ARE NOW BESEIGING THIBETAN CAPITAL

BATANG, China, June 4.—Reports received today from Tibet say the Chinese are regaining the upper hand in the rebellious dependencies. At last accounts the Chinese forces from Kansu and Sze Chwa provinces were converging upon L'Hassa and it is likely that by now they are besieging or in possession of the Tibetan capital. More than this, the Chinese military commanders have won the friendship of the Tibetan tribes along the frontier of China proper, and many of the tribesmen joined the Chinese troops in their march on L'Hassa.

## MRS. R. H. DAVIS SUES FOR DIVORCE



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Mrs. Richard Harding Davis has started suit for divorce in Chicago, charging desertion.

Mrs. Davis was Miss Clark, daughter of John M. Clark, a Chicago financier. Her love affair with Mr. Davis was at its height at the end of the Spanish-American War, in which the latter served as war correspondent.

## CUBAN NEGROES CAUSING ALARM CITY OF HAVANA

HAVANA, June 4.—In response to a special message from President Jose Gomez, requesting that he be given authority to do so, the Cuban senate today passed a bill permitting the president to suspend the constitutional guarantees wherever he deems such action necessary during the present revolution. A special session of one hour was ordered to determine whether the order should be applicable everywhere in the country. The house referred the matter to the law committee.

The government was unable today to confirm reported outbreaks in Havana province. The attitude of the negroes in this city and vicinity is causing alarm. It is reported that the rebels invaded Wajay village, in this province.

The situation in Daiquiri was improved today.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TO PROBE BEEF TRUST

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Quiet preliminary investigation of the beef trust was decided upon by the house committee on judiciary, in executive session here today. The committee agreed to report the Edwards resolution which calls for the investigation.

## GOMPERS GAVE BRIBE MONEY SAYS FRANKLIN

Self Confessed Bribe Giver Says Darrow Told Him That Coin Came From Labor Leader—Says He Was Promised Assistance.

Says Darrow Asked How Large the Cells at San Quentin Were and What Were Accommodations.

LOS ANGELES, June 4.—Clarence Darrow told me that he got the money direct from Samuel Gompers," testified Detective Bert H. Franklin, referring to the \$4,000 alleged to have been paid McNamara Talesman George N. Lockwood for the purpose of bribery, during the morning session of the trial of Darrow, who is charged with the bribing of McNamara jurors.

The statement was made: Franklin swore, when he had told Darrow that he had read in a newspaper that the district attorney had been able to trace the money direct from the vaults of the bank through Franklin's hands, the bills being numbered.

Darrow Offered Help  
Darrow, he said, laughed at the idea, saying that that was impossible, as the money had come direct from the president of the American Federation of Labor.

Before this startling allegation was made Franklin had contended that "Clarence Darrow told me that if I would plead guilty and take a fine, he would see that I got \$3,000."

On direct examination, Franklin testified that Associate Counsel LeCompte Davis of the McNamara defense had made such a promise to him. Franklin could not fix the date of this alleged conversation, but persisted when question further, that Darrow had made such a statement.

Asked About Prison Cells  
The witness further testified that at various times Darrow had expressed solicitude for his family and asked how he and his friends were taking his arrest. Franklin displayed considerable spirit and fought Attorney Rogers, often when cornered answering: "I don't remember."

The witness testified that Darrow asked him on one occasion:

"How large are the cells at San Quentin, and what are the accommodations?"

"I told him," said Franklin, "to the best of my ability I was thinking a good deal on the subject myself at that time."

## GOMPERS SAYS FRANKLIN LIES IN BRIBE TALE

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Informed by the United Press that Bert H. Franklin in the Darrow trial at Los Angeles today swore Darrow had told him that money to bribe Juror Lockwood in the McNamara case came from Samuel Gompers, the head of the American Federation of Labor here said today:

"Any statement that I furnished money to Darrow in the McNamara case for the purpose of bribing talesmen or jurors is absolutely untrue. I never handled one penny of the money sent there, and I certainly did not send any for bribery."

"As a matter of fact, Darrow has already testified under oath that not a single dollar of the money he used came from me. Franklin's story is absolutely false."

## ARCHBALD INQUIRY NEARING ITS CLOSE

WASHINGTON, June 4.—No witnesses in his own defense were presented today by Judge Robert Archbald of the commerce court before the house committee on judiciary, which is investigating charges against him. The examination of witnesses ended this afternoon.

## MR. BARNES STILL FIGHTING FOR MR. TAFT



William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the Republican State Committee in New York, is still fighting hard for Mr. Taft. Mr. Barnes issued a statement warning the people that Mr. Roosevelt, if elected, intends to make himself king of dictators.

## BELGIANS CLASH IN RELIGIOUS WAR AGAINST SOLDIERY

BRUSSELS, June 4.—Scores of persons were wounded throughout Belgium today and at least one died in a series of riots, disaffection being somewhat in the nature of a religious war, Protestants opposing Catholics and both denominations apparently determined to "wipe out" the nation's soldiery.

In Koekelberg, a small town near Brussels, a mob attacked the government troops sent to quell post-election riots. The soldiers fired into a crowd of defenseless women, who swarmed the streets, many falling in their tracks.

Military reserves were called out but the disorders continued in several towns, despite the efforts to quell them.

Although government troops are concentrated in all the larger cities, clashes have been frequent, but it is impossible at this time to get authentic figures as to the number of dead and wounded.

## NATION'S WRECK ROOSEVELT'S PLAN ASSERTS BARNES

NEW YORK, June 4.—Bitter arraignment of Theodore Roosevelt is made here today by William H. Barnes Jr., chairman of the New York state Republican committee, who charges that Colonel Roosevelt in his statement at Oyster Bay last night betrayed his intention "to subvert this government to a despotism."

"Roosevelt has come out in the open now by the declaration that the principles enacted at the Rochester convention are not merely reactionary, but are Bourbon and reactionary."

"The principles reaffirmed at Rochester were never before attacked by a public man in the history of the nation. If the Republican convention at Chicago desires to follow Roosevelt's advice and declares the bill of rights of the constitution as endorsed by the Rochester convention 'Bourbon and reactionary,' then the Republican

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## MEDFORD WOMEN ENTER POLITICS

Votes for women will have a practical test Monday at the coming election for a member of the school board to succeed L. G. Porter, president of the board, whose term expires. That the women may unite upon a candidate at a mass meeting of women has been called for Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Medford theater.

There will be speeches by both men and women and school affairs thoroughly aired. Protest, long voiced by the women, has culminated in action for reform, and for the first time in Medford's history, the women will be out in full force to vote Monday, and they intend to win.

There will probably be two tickets in the field, one put forth by the friends of the present administration, and one by the insurgent women and their male allies who think a change needed in school affairs.

Dr. E. L. Seely has been impudently to make the race by the administration forces while the insurgents have asked Prof. P. J. O'Gara to become their candidate. Neither has as yet accepted.

A hot fight is promised and the women assert that they have the backing of the bulk of parents of the school children.

## TAFT ELECTS DELEGATES AT LARGE IN OHIO

President's Forces in Control of State Republican Convention by a Good Working Majority and Secures a Clear Cut Endorsement.

Roosevelt's Strength From the Rural Districts—Motion Lauding Colonel Is Decisively Turned Down.

COLUMBUS, O., June 4.—Controlling the Ohio state republican convention here today by a good working majority, adherents of President Taft elected for him the six delegate at large from the state, and despite desperate endeavors by the Roosevelt clans, obtained a clear-cut endorsement of the present chief executive for the republican nomination for the presidency.

After the Taft victory it was rumored that the Roosevelt men would bolt the convention.

The first test of strength between Taft and Roosevelt came on the question of endorsement. The Roosevelt men attempted to substitute for the majority report endorsing Taft, a resolution lauding Colonel Roosevelt. On a division, Taft won by 393 1-2 votes to Roosevelt's 359 1-2.

On the vote for the delegates at large Roosevelt showed a trifle more strength, the vote being for Taft delegate 390 1-2 against, or Roosevelt delegates 362 1-2. Every large county in the state except those containing Columbus and Toledo supported the Taft delegates, the Roosevelt strength being largely drawn from the delegates representing the rural sections.

## POLITICIANS GATHER AT CHICAGO FOR G. O. P. CONVENTION

CHICAGO, June 4.—Overjoyed by Colonel Roosevelt's statement voting a decision to fight to the last the selection of Elihu Root as temporary chairman of the Republican national convention, adherents of the former president were doubly delighted here today when the first rift in the lineup of solid South, handpicked Taft delegates came.

The first break in what the Roosevelt men declare ultimately will become a rush to the colonel was made by two Alabama delegates, who declared that, despite their instructions for President Taft, they will vote for Roosevelt "because 99 per cent of Alabamians are for the colonel."

Adding to the confidence of the Roosevelt party is their belief that, when the test comes, the delegates pledged to Cummins and La Follette will vote for Roosevelt. Ormsby Mearns, Roosevelt's contest manager, declares that his chief's nomination on the first ballot is a certainty.

On their side, the Taft men are delighted with the president's "calling Roosevelt's bluff" and insisting that he favors making public the committee meetings in which the contests for delegates are to be decided.

Hundreds of politicians and newspaper correspondents are arriving here today. The lobbies of all the principal hotels are jammed. Congressman McKinley, director of the Taft bureau, so far has failed to appear in Chicago. Senator Dixon, Roosevelt's campaign manager, is due this afternoon.

## TANNER SAYS BIBLE TELLS OF 40 DAY FASTS

SEATTLE, June 4.—Dr. H. S. Tanner, the fasting specialist, defied the Seattle ministers federation yesterday to refute his assertion that the Bible contains several instances of fasts lasting forty days. He asked the assembled clergyment whom they thought was right—the medical men, who say fourteen days is the limit of human endurance without food, or the Bible which they teach. Tanner's challenge was unanswered.

## POLITICAL PULL ALONE SECURED PARDON FOR WILLARD JONES ASSERTS FRANCIS J. HENEY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—"Political pull alone was responsible for the action of President Taft in granting an unconditional pardon to Willard Jones of Portland, convicted of land frauds," according to the declaration here today of Francis J. Heney, who prosecuted the case against Jones.

"President Taft's explanation," continued Heney, "that he was moved to act on the ground that improper methods were used in filling the Jones jury box is all rot. Former Congressman Wheeler of Pennsylv-