

## LOUNSBERRY SUSPECTED OF COMPLICITY IN TRAIN ROBBERIES AT YONCALLA AND ELSEWHERE

Confession That He was Bandit in Red Bluff Robbery Has Convinced Postal Authorities That Rogue River Rancher was One of the Most Daring and Successful Train Robbers of the Age and Search of His Record Being Made—Wife Leaves to Nurse Husband to Recovery

Confession made by Wells Lounsberry on his cot in a Topeka hospital that he was guilty of the robbery of the mail car on the Southern Pacific at Red Bluff last January has raised the question among his neighbors as to whether or not he was implicated in other train robberies besides those at Lawrence and Red Bluff. He has frequently been absent from home for extended intervals, and the supposition has been ventured that whenever hardup financially, he resorted to the bandit's occupation to replenish the treasury.

That Lounsberry is suspected of complicity in the mail car robbery Yoncalla, Ore., recently is the information received from Portland today and a close investigation of all recent similar robberies is being made with a view of connecting the local orchardist with them, postal authorities evidently being convinced that in Lounsberry they have captured one of the most daring and successful bandits of the age.

Mrs. Lounsberry left for Topeka, Kansas on train No. 16, Friday evening. Whether or not she was cognizant of the clandestine occupation followed by her husband at intervals, is a mere conjecture. She goes to nurse her husband to recovery.

**The Lounsberry Home**  
The Lounsberry home on the Central Point-Jacksonville road, is an unpretentious one from the outside. A typical white farmhouse in need of paint and rather run-down in appearance, it in no way suggests an interior filled with art gems and costly furnishings.

A visitor approaching the house Friday morning was met by the two smiling children of three and six years, who warned him not to enter. "Mama says never to let anyone go into the house," volunteered the older and then he scampered down

From a place of vantage far back under a two story house on north Front street this morning with less than 16 inches between the earth and the bottom of the floor joist, Alice Trembly, aged 18, of Corvallis, defied the police of Medford and a half hundred citizens to "come and get me." As there was not room for a man under the building the girl would probably be there yet had it not been for the winning words voiced by A. W. Walker who finally coaxed her to emerge. She is said to be simple minded and ran away from her home at Corvallis. She was located in this city this morning after a statewide search on the part of the authorities who took up the case at the request of her widowed mother.

The girl has been in Medford for some time. She was taken in by a friend on north Front street where she was located by Acting Police Chief Cincade this morning. He left the girl at the house guarded by Verne Canon.

Young Canon was called to the telephone after he had been on guard for some time and while he was absent from the room she went up stairs, crawled out of a second story window onto the kitchen roof, and dropping to the ground, crawled under the house.

For more than two hours the entire police department aided by citizens and members of the fire department labored to get her out. At one place the brick foundation was undermined, Jack Dent doing yemen service with a pick and shovel. In the meantime A. W. Walker brought his winning vocal chords into play and induced the girl to come out.

The girl will be returned to her home at Corvallis.

into the orchard where the mother was helping a crew pick peaches. Mrs. Lounsberry, a slight and refined looking woman, came from the orchard to meet the visitor and ushered him into the home. While he was preparing to break the news to her, that a man bearing a letter with her name, had been seriously injured, the telephone rang. It was another person with the same message.

**Faints on Hearing News**  
Mrs. Lounsberry listened at the telephone long enough to hear that someone had been injured, then she dropped the receiver, shouted "My God," and fell to the floor. It was some time before she could be quieted, after which she sent the children back to the orchard, pleading with them dramatically, "If you love me, go down to the orchard." Half afraid and sobbing, the children left.

"There is some mistake, some mistake," the woman repeated after hearing the story. "The man who robbed the mail must have shoved a letter from my husband in his pocket. I will telegraph to Denver and it will be all cleared up. When does the next train leave Medford for Topeka?"

As the woman was almost prostrated and seemed to be suffering a pain in her heart, it was useless to question her further. All questions as to why the husband had left Medford she let go unanswered. Neighbors state he told them he was to look up a timber deal in Colorado and the wife says she heard from him last at Denver.

**Every Comfort Within**  
The Lounsberry home inside, is fitted with every comfort and luxury. The real Cluny curtains on the windows must have cost several hundreds of dollars and the Oriental rugs, cut glass, pictures, marble statuettes, mahogany pedestals, and silverware that was visible, runs into hundreds more. It is the home of a man of taste, refinement, and wealth, such a house might belong to one of unlimited means or to one to whom had been left heirlooms of former riches. It is peculiar and significant that nothing of this splendor is even hinted at from the outside.

As the visitor left he saw the children in the orchard, stuffing themselves with peaches and laughing. Neighbors had come over to take care of the wife and all expressed indignation that the idea that her husband had committed robbery should even be broached. It was too ridiculous for belief.

**Always Pays His Loans**  
Lounsberry is known to have borrowed money from several people in the valley. By this means he gave out the impression, whether correct or not, that his affairs were in good shape but he needed ready cash. One neighbor loaned him \$5,000 which he spent freely and not at all like a man who was in dire need. Most of these loans, so far as is known, were promptly paid and Lounsberry's reputation for honest dealing and financial soundness was established. In Medford he spent money freely and bought nothing but the best of everything.

When Lounsberry's thoughts first turned to crime is not known. When he bought his ranch here five years ago, he didn't know how to harness a horse, but he and his wife worked hard to make the place a success.

**TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 24.**—Mystery no longer surrounds the daring robbery of a mail car which occurred at Red Bluff last January, following the confession to the police here today by Wells Lounsberry, who yesterday attempted to hold up the Colorado Limited train on the Union Pacific near Lawrence, Kan., and was seriously wounded by his own revolver during a struggle with the conductor.

Lounsberry, in his signed confession, explained that the Red Bluff robbery was conducted in the same manner as the one at Lawrence, and

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## CHAMP CLARK REVIEWS WORK OF DEMOCRATS

House Democrats Have Done Great Things Asserts Speaker—Made Possible a Sweeping Democratic Victory—Sees Rosy Prospects

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Reviewing the work of the house of representatives during the present session, Speaker Champ Clark, shortly before the adjournment of congress today, predicted that the work already accomplished would make certain democratic victory at the polls in the November election.

"When future historians review the times in which we live," said Clark, "they will truly declare that the house democrats of the sixty-first and sixty-second congresses did great things. By so doing, the house has made a sweeping democratic victory not only possible, but so probable as to approximate a certain victory, which will give us the presidency, the senate and the house, enabling us to work out our destiny with a free hand, and accepting both blame and praise for what we do and do not do."

(By Champ Clark.)  
The present democratic house has passed more constructive legislation than any house in twenty years. It passed bills on tariff alone that would have saved the people \$5000,000,000 a year. It passed more bills of benefit to laborers and wage earners than in any congress ever did. It admitted New Mexico and Arizona to statehood, as should have been done twenty years ago. It was an outrage to keep them out so long.

We submitted a constitutional amendment for the direct election of senators, made the rules of the house more liberal and passed a law intended to stop the undue use of money in elections. President Taft's vetoes prevented the enactment of our tariff bills and prevented the establishment of many other reforms through new legislation. We had the right to pass the bills; he had the right to veto them. The issue now goes before the people. I am not afraid of the result.

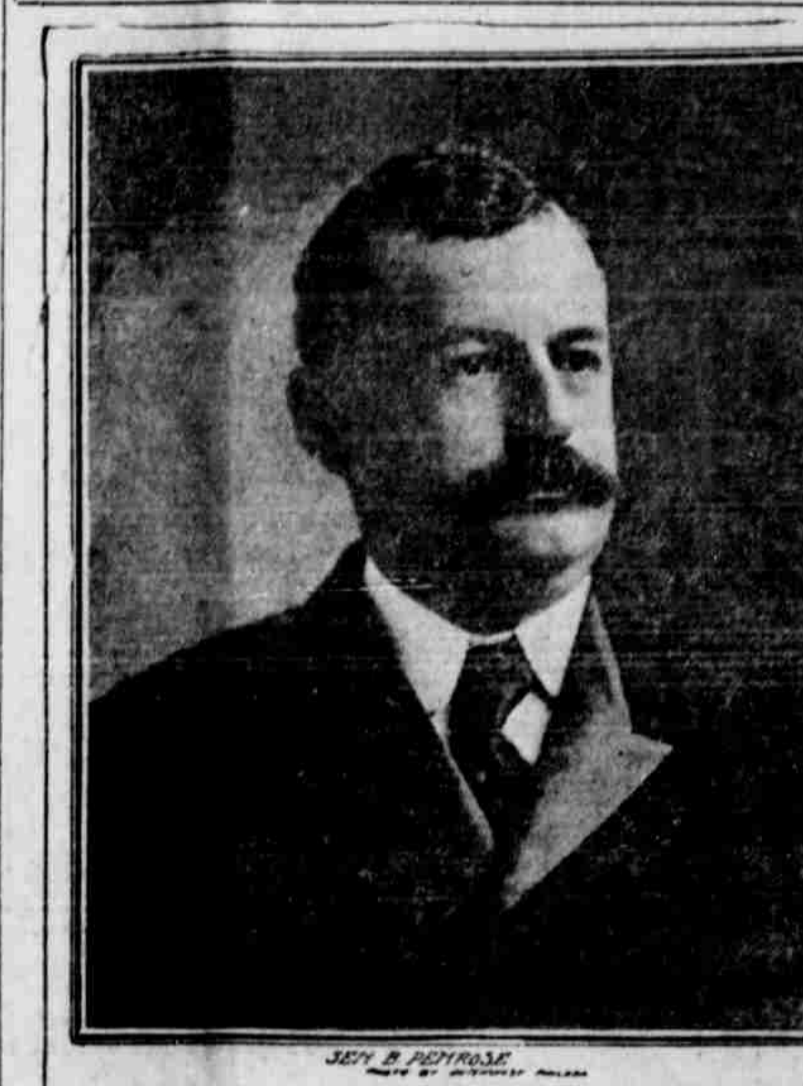
(By Representative George W. Norris of Nebraska.)  
Fundamentally progressive republicans have been fighting for a method of control, rather than concrete propositions of legislation. We desired to obtain for each congressman absolute freedom of action and to break the control of political machines and the bosses.

The most bitter enemy to progressive legislation and action is the political machine and the political caucus which strives to remove personal responsibility, and make it impossible for the citizens to locate the cause of the failure of legislative action. The main difference between progressive republicans and progressive democrats is that the former have been thrown out of control by caucus action, while the latter have not made that much progress. The progressives, however, have sought to remove partisanship wherever possible.

## ROOSEVELT SPENDS DAY AT PICNIC

**OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 24.**—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, the progressive nominee for president, laid aside his political duties today, forgot all about the controversy with Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania regarding campaign contributions in the 1904 election and spent the day picnicking with Mrs. Roosevelt, and Archie and Kermit, his sons. Roosevelt flatly declined to give an inkling of testimony he would give in the Penrose-Standard Oil scandal if called before the senate campaign contributions committee. He said, however, that he might give out another statement tonight. The former president plans to leave next Wednesday on a three days' speaking tour of Vermont.

## Roosevelt's Latest Accuser



SEN. B. PENROSE  
MADE BY HENRY HALL

## \$53,000 SECURED FOR CRATER LAKE PARK HIGHWAYS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—President Taft signed today the civil sundry appropriation. The measure is the largest of the supply bills and contains a provision for the abolishment of the tariff board.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The senate today passed the civil sundry bill as amended by the house conferees and passed by the house. The bill contains \$3,000 for upkeep of Crater Lake National Park and \$50,000 for road construction under the recommendations of the war department.

As passed by the senate, the Bourne amendment carried \$100,000, in the form of a continuing appropriation of \$100,000 a year for seven years. Due to opposition from the house, which twice cast out the item, a compromise was made with the house conferees for \$50,000.

This amount states Senator Bourne, will act as a precedent, the first recognition of the park by congress, and greatly facilitate the securing of further appropriations.

Senators Bourne and Chamberlain as well as Congressman Hawley, have worked hard for Crater Lake.

## JOHNSON STARTS CAMPAIGN TOUR

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 24.—Accompanied by his private secretary, Alexander McCabe, Governor Hiram Johnson started today on the sixty day campaign tour planned for him by the progressive national committee. He was given a luncheon by the party leaders in San Francisco today and will speak tonight in Oakland. Monday noon he will be the guest of Los Angeles leaders at another luncheon and Monday night he will address a monster gathering there on the issues of the national campaign.

On Tuesday morning Governor Johnson will leave Los Angeles for Salt Lake City, where he will address the first big political meeting of the year in the Mormon capital. From there his progress eastward will be marked by daily speeches.

Lieutenant Governor Wallace is expected here Wednesday to take charge of the executive offices.

## YUAN IS HONORED BY VISIT FROM DR. SUN

TIEN TSUEN, Aug. 24.—President Yuan Shi Kai telegraphed here today that he would consider it an honor to receive Dr. Sun Yat Sen at his palace, and promised to be personally responsible for Dr. Sun's safety while in Peking. Dr. Sun left Shanghai several days ago for Peking.

## WEST NAMES EVANS TO LEAD VICE CRUSADE

Republican Nominee for District Attorney in Multnomah County Offered Position as Special Prosecutor to Clean Up Metropolis

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24.—Governor West this afternoon tendered to Walter Evans, republican campaign for district attorney of Multnomah county, the position of special prosecutor represent him in his crusade to stamp out vice in Portland. Evans would not say definitely this afternoon whether he would accept the appointment or not. It was generally believed he would.

The governor also stated he would appoint Tom Word and W. H. Fitzgerald, democratic and republican candidates for sheriff respectively, as special agents to gather evidence to be turned over to Evans who will prosecute whenever he sees fit. Governor West said he expected also to appoint candidates of other parties for sheriff as special agents if they wished to serve.

## M'COMB'S ILLNESS LOSS TO WILSON

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Confined to his bed here with intestinal poisoning, Chairman William F. McComb of the democratic national committee, it is feared here today, probably will not be able to resume active management of Governor Wilson's campaign for the presidency.

McComb's physicians here today admitted they considered his condition serious and predicted that he would not be able to return to his desk for a month, if then.

The loss to Governor Wilson of McComb's services comes as a hard blow to the democratic nominee. Wilson is coming to New York Monday, when it is believed he will arrange to have Clee Chairman McAdoo appointed chairman to succeed McCombs.

Although his physicians have worked heroically McComb's condition shows no improvement and if he recovers they probably will refuse to allow him to participate in the coming campaign.

## STRONG UNDERTONE IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Today's short session of the stock market, although trading was light, developed a strong undertone. Hill and Harrison issues, Reading and Louisville and Nashville made fractional gains, Canadian Pacific, the weakest of the railroad shares, was down more than four points. Dealings otherwise were of minor importance. The market closed firm.

Bonds were steady.

## FOREST FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH DEVIL'S CANYON

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 24.—With more than 2,000 acres already devastated, the most disastrous forest fire of the year in Southern California is raging today in Devil's Canyon, north of Pasadena. Although hundreds of men, under the direction of forest rangers fought the fire throughout the night, it travelled by great bounds toward the ranches in the lower country. Many of these are directly in the path of the flames, and nothing, it seems, can save them.

Additional fighting forces will be sent today from Pasadena and Sierra Madre.

## PROBE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO CONTINUE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The senate campaign investigating committee today is considering just when to resume the Penrose-Roosevelt probe. It is believed that no additional authorization is necessary to continue the investigation after the adjournment of congress.

## FILIBUSTER BY HEYBURN UPON SLUSH PROBE

Just as Senate Agrees to Resolution for Investigation of Taint of Oil Trust Campaign Fund, Senator Starts Talking Measure to Death

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—House and senate recessed until 6 p. m. Expected congress certainly adjourn tonight.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Just when the senate was about to agree this afternoon on a resolution calling for an investigation which would develop whatever taint of Standard Oil money there might be in campaign contributions since 1904 and throw light on charges that certain legislators received gifts of money from the oil trust, Senator Heyburn of Idaho started a one-man filibuster.

Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania and Poindexter of Washington had framed a resolution authorizing the senate campaign contributions committee headed by Senator Clapp of Minnesota, to probe certain charges voiced on the floor of the senate.

Senator Heyburn was on his feet in an instant.

"The senate," he declared, "should not open up the sewers of political contests."

Despite efforts of other senators to dislodge him, Heyburn held the floor. It was plain that Senator Heyburn hoped to force final adjournment without the adoption of the resolution.

Before Senator Heyburn started his filibuster, Poindexter called up the Penrose resolution and moved an amendment extending the power of the Clapp investigating committee to probe all financial transactions and correspondence passing between John D. Archbold and members of congress from 1904 up to the present time.

The amendment means an investigation of charges that the Standard Oil Company manipulated political control through payment of money to legislators. The amendment also authorized the committee to employ counsel. The motion was adopted.

Senator Penrose suggested an amendment covering the investigation of correspondence and financial transactions "between George W. Perkins and former president of the United States."

This motion precipitated a bitter debate as to whether funds were available for the inquiry.

## WILSON NOT TO MAKE STUMPING BATTLE FOR VOTES

SEA GIRT, N. J., Aug. 24.—Governor Woodrow Wilson will go to New York Monday to confer with William G. McAdoo, who is acting as chairman of the democratic national committee, owing to the illness of Chairman McCombs. It was announced today that Wilson expects to arrange with McAdoo, partially at least, for an active speaking campaign. Wilson said today:

"I am not going to make an extended stumping tour of the country. At my conference Monday with Mr. McAdoo we will simply decide upon what amount of speaking I shall do and the places I shall visit. There will be a few speeches in New Jersey. It is the general judgment that this is the most effective way to conduct the campaign."

"From my correspondence," added Wilson, "I find that the majority of people believe that I ought not to make many speeches. I believe that the country is tired of stumping tours. My private judgment is that stumping is not the most effective method of campaigning."

"I may make a good many speeches, but as for going about and canvassing the country I have no such intention."

The Vermont election on September 3 will give the politicians their first opportunity to gauge the strength of the third party movement.