

## BRYAN GRILLS SEATTLE EDITOR

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 16.—A crowd of more than 5000 loudly cheered and applauded Congressman James W. Bryan's speech here last night at Dreamland pavilion in which he attacked Colonel Alden J. Blethen, editor of the Seattle Times, accusing him of staging the Potlatch riots, and of being the ally of the vice interests. It was one of the most remarkable meetings ever held here.

Blethen had challenged Bryan to prove against him one immoral act "in the eyes of man or God." Bryan accepted the challenge and offered to give Blethen an equal share of the time at the meeting. Blethen did not accept. Bryan read a letter from Blethen to ex-Police Chief Wapenstein, now in the penitentiary for bribery, in which the editor betrayed a keen interest in the welfare of the Arcade dance hall, a notorious resort. He also accused Blethen of faking an immoral photograph of Dr. M. A. Mathews, moderator of the Presbyterian church.

The congressman plainly charged Blethen with hiding behind a cloak of patriotism to cover a life of raciality. The meeting passed resolutions boycotting the Times.

## BEAT THE GANG IS CRY IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16.—"Beat the gang; oust the boss," was the slogan today in Philadelphia where primaries are being held to nominate candidates for county offices. The big fight is centered on the election of a district attorney. Samuel Nolan, present incumbent of that office is the machine candidate to succeed himself. Independents and reform leaders have named a fusion ticket to beat the machine and the situation here is not unlike the New York situation. On the ballot for nomination today were names of candidates for the office of register of wills, receiver of taxes, and seven magistrates. Two judges of the superior court; nine judges of the new municipal court, three judges of the court of common pleas and two members of the state committee for each party also are being voted for.

## TALENT WELCOMES VETERANS OF WAR

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps for Southern Oregon formerly opened last night at Talent in a grove near the school house. The first campfire was presided over by President J. H. Fuller of the Talent Commercial club. An address of welcome by Mayor Bresse, remarks by Editor Bert R. Greer, and a number of musical selections by the four-piece Talent orchestra formed the evening program.

Tuesday was Central Point and Gold Hill day, the veterans in these towns having charge of the program for that day.

Wednesday is Grants Pass day and the veterans and others from that live city will give something well worth hearing.

Thursday is Medford day and the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of that city will do things in the true Medford way.

On Friday Burpside Post and W. R. C. will have charge, it being Ashland day. Rev. Schwimley and his honored Professor Vining will be the afternoon speakers, and at 11 o'clock there will be the presentation of a flag to the Talent schools by the women of the W. R. C. In the evening Professor George A. Briscoe of the Ashland city schools will speak.

Everything possible has been done to make it pleasant for the old soldiers.

## SPANIARDS RIOT OVER MOROCCO REVERSES

PARIS, Sept. 16.—Many arrests are being made throughout Spain, according to letters today from Madrid and Barcelona, on account of fresh manifestations of political unrest growing from recent Spanish reverses in Morocco and the consequent necessity for reinforcement of the troops there. It was believed here that Spain is on the eve of serious internal troubles.

### Weather Forecast

Oregon—Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer east portion tonight; northerly winds.

## BOSC PEARS MAKE VALLEY FAMOUS

C. F. Lansing owner of the Quaker Nursery, Salem, Oregon, left for Salem last evening after spending four days in the valley visiting his local representative H. B. Patterson. Mr. Lansing who has grown nearly two million of the young fruit trees now coming into bearing was naturally anxious to watch their development and progress, and wore the smile of satisfaction as he toured the valley.

Mr. Lansing declared that in his 24 years experience in raising nursery stock and after visiting all of the fruit growing sections of the Pacific coast, that the Rogue river valley was the fruit growing paradise of the country. He was particularly enthusiastic over the Bosc pear and declared that in years to come the Bosc pear alone would make the Rogue river valley famous all over the world, he said, "It's your perpetual sunshine that puts the sugar in the fruit and that is why you can raise pears to the highest state of perfection."

Mr. Lansing also remarked on our system of fruit inspection saying it was the most thorough and effective he had come across in his travels and that it is just as necessary as our sunshine and climate. Mr. and Mrs. Lansing were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

## MONTHLY MEETING OF MEDFOR DMERCHANTS

The Medford Merchants association held its September business meeting and banquet at the Nash Grill Monday night and were served a splendid chicken dinner.

The regular routine business was transacted and one new member was admitted.

It was decided to invite merchants from neighboring towns to become members, attend the banquets and to secure the new rating books that are being prepared.

A committee consisting of H. C. Garnett, E. A. Welch, Geo. Putnam and A. C. Hubbard were appointed to meet the railroad commission and protest against the increase of telephone rates.

A committee was appointed to investigate the rest room to which the association is a regular monthly contributor.

## FORCE STEEL CARS ON ALL RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Representative Allen of Ohio today introduced in the house a bill demanding that all interstate railroads provide all-steel cars by July 1, 1918, or suffer heavy penalties. It probably will be enacted in preference to a score of similar measures introduced since the disaster on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad near Wallingford, Conn. Allen's measure provides that after January, 1914, the railroads must provide steel mail cars or pay a penalty of \$1000 for each violation.

## THREE PANTHERS KILLED BY FOREST RANGERS

The forest rangers in the Crater Lake national forest recently killed three panthers. Roy Chambers of this city, one of the forest rangers force, was out one evening and saw one, but not having an adequate weapon went to camp and notified the Fry brothers, also of the forest service, who took a dog and started after the "varmint," which they soon found and killed. When they went back next morning after the carcass the dogs jumped two more, which were also killed. George Hargadine declares that Bud Van Dyke of this city brought some of the flesh to Ashland and his sisters ate it for venison, which he declared it was.—Ashland Tidings.

## LUTHERANS PLAN COSTLY CELEBRATION

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 16.—A total fund of \$10,000,000 for a jubilee celebration in 1917 in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the reformation is planned here today by the general council of the Evangelical Lutheran church. A resolution also was adopted to raise \$2,000,000 for the ministers' pension fund and missionary work.



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