

1916 CAMPAIGN MOST LIFELESS IN GENERATION

Explosive Shells Taken Out of American Politics—Furthermore, Republicans Shy of Burning Issue—Wilson Will Not Hustle for Votes—Baseless Herrick Issue.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 22.—The most lifeless and uninteresting presidential campaign in a generation! This is the way the real leaders of the two great parties size up the contest between President Wilson and Would-be President Hughes, which was officially opened when the latter started on his western stumping tour.

The situation up to the time of the national conventions at Chicago and St. Louis in June, was pregnant with 57 or more varieties of possibilities for spirited, not to say knock-down and drag-out, contest. Roosevelt and Bryan, the two high explosive shells of American politics, one or both of whom has played a star role in every national campaign since the late eighteen hundreds, were still alive, politically speaking, and in good voice.

Passing of Pop.

With their passing and the consequent elimination from the campaign of the issue of extreme military preparedness against extreme pacifism, the prospects for anything even approaching a live campaign went glimmering.

The cold truth is that the republicans are in the most unenviable of political positions. They must make an offensive fight without any real issue. This is not a partisan statement. It is not made for any other reasons than to attempt to present to open-minded readers of independent newspapers, a correct interpretation of the political situation as it exists. In proof of the fact that this is a fair interpretation, the republican platform and Candidate Hughes' speeches up to this time are offered as exhibits.

Fault-Finding and No Remedy.

Take the platform and compare it with the democratic platform. What issue is raised in it that is worth while fighting about in a national campaign? It is composed almost entirely of criticism, some general, some specific, of the Wilson administration. In not one paragraph does it tell the country what the republicans would have done had they been in power, or what they propose to do in given circumstances, if they get into power.

"President Wilson has sacrificed the honor of the nation in his dealings with European powers and Mexico," is the chief complaint. This is the key upon which the republican convention evidently intended to pitch the campaign against President Wilson. Undoubtedly this is Candidate Hughes' interpretation of the will of his party, judging by his speech of acceptance and his later speeches.

The obvious counter to this serious charge by party and candidate is: "If you had been in power what would you have done to have saved our honor?"

What Would You Have Done?

"Would you have declared war against Germany after the Lusitania?"

"Would you have declared war against Turkey after the slaughter of Armenians and the mistreatment of missionaries?"

"Would you have declared war on England and France for interference with our ships and mails?"

"Would you have declared war on Mexico, after this that or the other tragic occurrence in that country and, if so, after which one?"

"What recourse, excepting war, has been open to the American people to save the honor, which you say, but we deny, has been sacrificed?"

These questions, in varying forms, have been hurled at the republican leaders in congress and at Candidate Hughes ever since the Chicago convention. The only attempt that has been made to answer them was made by Hughes in his speech of acceptance when he said that all of the crises that had occurred between this and foreign nations, during the past two years, were due to the fact that President Wilson had put efficient republicans out of office; had put inefficient democrats in office, and these inefficient democrats had not been smart enough to prevent crises from occurring.

This Herrick incident is cited simply to emphasize the point that the republicans are mighty shy of issues. For certainly no one will seriously contend that this is an issue,

EUGENE CALLS O. & C. CONFERENCE UPON TAXATION

The Medford Chamber of Commerce has received the following letter from the Eugene Chamber of Commerce:

The Eugene Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting on the 16th inst., unanimously endorsed the report and recommendations of its Bureau of Taxation and Legislation with reference to the Oregon and California Land Grant Matter. The Chamber referred the entire matter back to its Bureau of Taxation and Legislation with full power to carry out the purposes set forth in its report and recommendations.

Following the regular meeting of the chamber, the bureau, to which the matter was referred, held a special meeting for the purpose of considering ways and means for carrying out the original purposes and recommendations submitted in its report. Representatives from a number of the Land Grant Counties were present at this meeting and participated in its deliberations and gave their assistance in formulating the plan of organization herein proposed. It was the unanimous sentiment of the members present that the future taxation of Grant Lands is of such vital importance to the general welfare of the land grant counties, as to warrant the calling of a conference of the representative interests of these counties to the end that a permanent organization might be formed. A temporary organization was formed and the following temporary officers chosen, viz:

Chairman, Judge Watson of Coos county; vice-president, Judat Gillette of Josephine County; and secretary, Wendell C. Barbour of Lane County. The plan of organization agreed upon, provides for three representatives from each of the land grant counties, to be appointed by the county courts of the several counties, and one representative to be appointed by each of the board of commissioners of the several port districts, in which are located any of the grant lands. It was further agreed that owing to the importance of the matter under consideration, that a conference of the representatives of the several counties and port districts be held at the Chamber of Commerce in Eugene, on Monday evening, the 28th of August, 1916, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The purpose of the conference called is to take up, discuss and determine whether the Oregon and California grant lands shall be placed on the assessment rolls of the several counties for taxation purposes as in the past, and to perfect a permanent organization of the several counties for their mutual welfare.

In accordance with the foregoing, your County Court is hereby authorized to appoint three representatives to represent your county in the conference called and the Board of Port Commissioners, one representative in counties where situated.

The Eugene chamber of commerce, through its bureau of taxation and legislation, respectfully urges the importance of this conference, and it is suggested that the matter be taken up with your county court to the end that they have your co-operation.

It is the hope and desire that each county will be represented by a full delegation.

G. E. BEAN,
FRED G. NICHOLS,
W. C. BARBOUR,
Committee on Arrangements.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—A cooling wind out of the northwest today broke the heat wave which has gripped the middle west since Saturday, according to reports to the government weather bureau here.

worthy of the name, in a national campaign.

Campaign Strategies, Both Sides.

As the campaign opens, it looks as though it was going to take such form as this: The republicans will try to make the voters feel the full sense of their shame because of the loss of national honor and will promise to get it all back if Hughes is elected.

The democrats will say that our national honor is just as unshuffled as it ever was, in fact a little more so, and what is of equal importance to the United States is an oasis of peace and plenty in a world desert of war, starvation and approaching bankruptcy.

Unless he entirely changes his plans, the president will not stump the country as he did four years ago. He holds that the dignity of the presidential office will not permit of the president hustling for votes for reelection. Between September first and election, the president will probably make half a dozen important speeches in various sections of the country in which he will present the case of democracy and himself.

SHIP AHOY! 1000 CIVILIANS LEAVE WORK TO LIVE LIKE SAILORS



Here is one of the 1000 civilians, from every walk of life, who are embarking on the battleships Maine, Kentucky and New Jersey, at the Brooklyn navy yard, for the naval practice cruise along the Atlantic coast. They will be instructed in drilling, gun handling and other essentials. The cruise, lasting a month, will be in charge of Rear Admiral Helm, commander of the Atlantic reserve fleet.

BEGGAR OF CAWNPORE AT THE PAGE THEATRE

In "The Beggar of Cawnpore," H. B. Warner shows that he has not become an actor in a rut, playing the same types time after time. During the greater portion of the picture he assumes the character of a decrepit old beggar and his drawing of the part is highly artistic. His make-up is so good that it is hard to realize this forlorn creature is the same dapper young man with whom everybody is so familiar, and his acting takes on an entirely different style. He conveys the complete degradation of the once capable physician in such a manner that it can be judged a remarkable performance.

The story of the picture makes a good vehicle for the heretofore unshown versatility of Mr. Warner and it is interesting.

In speaking of the quality of Ince-Triangle plays, Ince's productions keep up the record for lavish, but not wasteful expenditure. "The Beggar of Cawnpore" and H. B. Warner presented a faithful picture of India in the middle of the last century. California may be versatile, but there is a limit. Ince went the limit to supply the deficiency and make the Indian story a true picture. The town of Cawnpore lived in replica of the Indian city captured by the Sepoys when they revolted in 1857. A Mohammedan temple raised its spire toward the sky. Hundreds of extra people were on the salary roll for days while the battle scenes were being made. And yet, Ince contributed "The Beggar of Cawnpore" to the Triangle program with as little fuss as if such spectacles and such producing costs were to be the regular thing.

PRESIDENT VETOES PUBLIC LAND BILLS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Wilson today vetoed a bill allowing cities and townships to buy public lands, including forest lands, in their vicinity for parks, cemeteries and sewage. The president vetoed the bill on the ground that the national forests should not be utilized in that way.

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HELD FOR TRIAL FOR DELINQUENCY OF YOUNG GIRL

Mrs. Retha Swartzfager and C. L. Dusenbury of Gold Hill were bound over to the grand jury this morning, charged with contributing to the delinquency of Lizzie Horn, 16 years old, a sister of Mrs. Swartzfager, on bonds of \$250 and \$500, respectively.

Argument was made by R. B. McCabe, attorney for Dusenbury, in an attempt to show that Dusenbury, who drives a jitney at Gold Hill, was not responsible for the events in the case, that he had been merely hired to drive the party to Medford. However, the decision of Justice Taylor ruled that he had more than a business interest in the happenings of the night of August 4.

Lizzie Horn related how she was asked by her sister to accompany Burleson and Dusenbury and Mrs. Swartzfager to Medford, August 3; how the girls met the man in the case at the bridge near Gold Hill; that the car contained both beer and whisky, which all those in the party partook of; how the car was driven to Ashland, turned about and stopped before the Florida rooming house in Medford about 1 o'clock on the morning of August 4. Lizzie claimed that she objected to entering the house, but that her sister and Dusenbury asked her to stay, and that Burleson refused to take her home or to any other place. She remained in the Florida until 8 o'clock on the morning of August 4.

A number of Gold Hill youths present were questioned by Prosecutor Kelly concerning their interest in the case and were sent out of the courtroom during the hearing.

Effort is being made to locate Carl Burleson of Gold Hill, who accom-

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THREE GODFATHERS AT STAR TONIGHT

From Peter B. Kyn's great story, "The Three Godfathers," that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and was pronounced by the editor to be the best story the Post ever printed, Bluebird Photoplays have made a splendid feature which will be shown at the Star Theatre today and tomorrow. E. J. Le Saint directed the production, using a scenario by Harvey Gates.

Three bank robbers, escaping from a pursuing sheriff's posse find a woman ill unto death of childbirth. She is in an abandoned "prairie" schoolhouse left alone by her husband, who has wandered afar in search of the term of horses and has perished in a blinding sand-storm. The hardy bandits each pledge themselves to the mother before she dies that they will rear her baby boy in the path of respectability.

REGULAR CONCERT BY MEDFORD BAND TONIGHT

This is band concert night, the usual weekly concert by the Medford band taking place at 8 p. m. Bandmaster Rowland and the members of the band have been recipients of so many compliments and requests for repetitions on last Sunday's concert at Ashland that it has been deemed advisable to repeat the program this evening. In the "Chimes of Normandy," the xylophone solo will be played by E. Charles Root who contributed much to the success of the selection last Sunday. An innovation in this evening's program will be the band's rendering of "The Star Spangled Banner" just preceding the concert. The performance will be concluded by the playing of "America."

The program:
"The Star Spangled Banner"
March, "N. Title".....Rowland
Overture, "Tanzel".....Rossini
Concert waltz, "Blue Danube".....Strauss
Potpourri, "Popular Operas".....Beyer
Overture, "La Barlesque".....Suppe
Selection, "Chimes of Normandy".....Plantquette
Selection, "The Bohemian Girl".....Balfe
March, "Manhattan Girl".....Souza
"America".....

panied Lizzie Horn on the escapade, and if found he will be prosecuted. Lizzie Horn was taken in charge by Juvenile Officer Gay and pending her disposition is in charge of Mrs. Wilson, matron of the county jail at Jacksonville.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—William J. Bryan's speaking tour in behalf of President Wilson will begin about September 15, probably in Ohio, and will continue up to election day, it was announced today at national democratic headquarters.

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