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BRYAN CONGRATULATES TAFT ON VICTORY

L. M. KIRK, WELL KNOWN INSURANCE MAN DROPS DEAD TODAY

MACHINE OPENS WARFARE ON THE POPULAR CHOICE

Greatest Political Battle in History of Oregon Will Be Fought Out in the Next Oregon Legislature

The Oregon machine has evidently decided to make the Taft victory in Oregon the pretext for the overthrow of the popular will and the repeal of the Oregon direct primary law. While Washington and California have followed Oregon in enacting a direct primary law, and while all states are trying to bring about the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people—a result which Oregon has accomplished—the machine managers of Oregon are on the back track. They have begun embarking every member of the legislature with a program to defeat the people's choice, and restore the old corrupt way of electing senators. This battle is up to the people regardless of party in Oregon. It means machine warfare on the intima-

tive and referendum and the direct primary, backed by all the money that corporate power and corrupt politicians can throw into the battle against the people. Let no one be deceived. The machine leaders hate the popular reforms. This is going to be a fight to destroy the progress that has been made in putting Oregon in the front rank of political states, and put in the saddle instead the most vicious elements of Oregon politics.

It means the overthrow of the direct primary law, the corrupt practices act, and the power of the people generally to control the public policies of this state.

It is not a fight to give a United

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ICE KING JURY IS STILL OUT

PUZZLING OVER INSTRUCTIONS

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Nov. 5.—After several hours' consideration of the evidence, the jury in the trial of Charles W. Morse, the ice king, and Alfred H. Curtis, the former president of the Bank of North America, returned to the court room at 11:25 last night for additional instruction.

The foreman of the jury wanted enlightenment on the judge's charge covering the interpretation of conspiracy. The specified portion of the court's charge was re-read, and the

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PRIEST IS INVOLVED IN SCANDAL

CONCERNING GIRL'S DISAPPEARANCE

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco Nov. 5.—Filing to trace the movements of Edna Clark, the 19-year-old art student, who mysteriously disappeared from her Oakland home nearly a fortnight ago, the private detectives employed by the family abandoned their search today. The case will be taken up by the police of this city as new light was thrown on the case today by the finding of a Pullman ticket stub on a heap of sweepings from the church of St. Mary, the Virgin, whose pastor, the Rev. Payson Young, was known to have been with Edna Clark shortly before her disappearance.

The uncle of Edna Clark, despairing of maintaining secrecy by the find of the girl, with the aid of private detectives, at last has called upon the police of this city and Oak-

MAJORITY OF 25000 IN OREGON

INDICATED BY THE RETURNS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Or., Nov. 5.—That Taft has carried Oregon by a plurality of 25,000 is indicated by complete returns from 16 of the 34 counties, containing three-fifths of the vote, and giving the president-elect a lead of 15,325.

In 18 complete counties the count has proceeded far enough to indicate an additional plurality of nearly 10,000.

Owing to the incompleteness of the figures on Debs, Chaffin and Hisgen, their respective totals cannot be approximated so closely as those of Taft and Bryan. It appears that the lesser candidates polled less than 10,000. Of these Debs received between 6000 and 7000, Chaffin 2500 and Hisgen less than 500.

Debs received 500 votes less in Multnomah county than four years

BRYAN ADMITS DEFEAT

IN MESSAGE SENT TO TAFT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5.—Convinced by more complete returns from the doubtful and close states that Taft has been elected, Bryan today sent the following telegram: "William H. Taft, Cincinnati, Ohio: 'Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for the success of your administration. (Signed) 'W. J. BRYAN.'"

ROOT TO BECOME CHIEF JUSTICE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—The reports of various changes to be made in the cabinet are augmented by the prediction of politicians here that Elihu Root, secretary of state will soon retire. It is prophesied that he will accept the chief justiceship of the supreme court to succeed Melville W. Fuller.

OHIO REPUBLICANS ADMIT HARMON'S ELECTION

Columbus, O., Nov. 5.—Republican Chairman Williams today conceded the election of Judson Harmon, Democrat, as governor, with a plurality of over 20,000.

The legislature will be Republican but as Senator Foraker's term expires before the special tariff-revision session of congress and there will be no regular session of the new legislature in the meantime, Governor-elect Harmon might have the appointment of a successor for Foraker to serve at the special session.

The Republican leaders are planning to prevent this. The term of the new legislature begins January 1. Governor Harris remains in office until the second Monday in January. It is expected that Governor Harris will call the new legislature into session January 2 to elect a successor.

INSURANCE MAN DROPS DEAD

L. M. Kirk, one of Salem's business men, prominent in insurance, dropped dead this morning at 10:30 at the intersection of High and Chemekets street. Dr. W. H. Byrd was called immediately, but death was instantaneous resulting from heart failure.

Mr. Kirk has been a resident of Salem for over 20 years, and is well known throughout Marion county. He leaves four children and a wife to mourn his death. The body was removed to the family home on Capital street.

Had a Premonition. Mr. Kirk came down this morning and swept out his office. He had made a date with Insurance Special Wells, of Portland, this afternoon and put his business in order to turn it over to some one. He left a card on his counter, saying he would be back soon, and went out on his last earthly errand. He has been ailing for several weeks. He would have been 70 years old on his next birthday. He was a man of quiet disposition, of Quaker stock, and very conscientious in all his dealings.

THE WEAPON WE FIGHT WITH IS LOW PRICES

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Just received. They are beautiful. The latest modified Directoire and Sheath effects. Material the latest. We ask Small Prices.
\$8.50, \$10.50 \$12.50 and up

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Ladies' Coats
In Black and Colors; the very latest.
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Dress Goods and Silks
The greatest stock in Salem. Price yard. . . 25c, 30c, 40c, 65c and up

Chicago Store
SALEM, OREGON

SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS

Taft has made an announcement of thanks for his election, stating that he owes it principally to both Republican and Democratic business men.

A \$500,000 fire swept a part of the business part of Pembroke, Ont. Taft's lead in Oregon has passed the 25,000 mark.

Chances are about even in Maryland; the probabilities being that neither Taft nor Bryan will get a majority of more than 200.

The Republican majority in the house of representatives has been reduced from 56 to 25.

J. Nelson Velt, a Wall street broker, yesterday killed his wealthy widowed mother because of a quarrel which ensued following his announcement that he had been secretly married.

Charles Schlessler, the Los Angeles merchant who five years ago had six thousand pieces of others' skin grafted on him where his own had been burned away by his falling in a vat of boiling water, will today have his arm cut away from his side where it has grown fast.

land. Today descriptions of the girl, with all information concerning her actions on the day of her departure, are on the way to every police department in the United States.

The finding of the ticket stub, while not conclusive evidence, is regarded as extremely important. Hitherto Chief Biggy has asserted that, beyond a perfunctory inquiry at the various hospitals, the police were not taking up the case, because there was no evidence of crime. Today detectives of the upper office are hard at work.

The police have discarded the theory that Miss Clark was induced to withdraw money from her bank by a stranger, who subsequently murdered her for the amount. They rely upon further developments to show Edna Clark being on an eastbound train. The date stamped on the Pullman ticket stub is October 26.

That the girl left the train after it pulled out of Oakland and returned to San Francisco is the police theory, based on the fact that the stubs are usually collected from passengers by the conductor after the train is several hours out of Oakland. This, they say, indicates that the girl returned to the church and there threw away the stub. Whether she then saw Father Young the police will not say. Father Young denies that he has seen her since the Friday before her disappearance.

Discarding also the theory that religious differences between the girl and her mother, Mrs. Anita

ago. His Oregon vote then was 7619.

Most surprising was the Independence vote for Hisgen, which, in the state, may not exceed 300. Prohibitionists seem to have held their own fairly well. In Multnomah county they polled 627.

Taft carried every county in Oregon. The closest county contest was in Baker, which was won for Taft by less than 100.

SECOND SQUADRON GOES TO MANILA

Amoy, China, Nov. 5.—The second squadron of the American fleet, after a week of receptions and social entertainments to its officers and men, sailed for Manila today.

Admiral Emory on the Louisiana will be detached temporarily from the squadron and will go to Hong Kong for a brief visit. The remaining seven ships are scheduled to reach Manila next Sunday.

SOCIALIST PARTY 525,000 PROHIB CLAIMING GAINS

Chicago, Nov. 5.—Secretary Barnes of the national campaign committee of the Socialist party, today estimated that the Socialist vote would exceed 525,000. The vote of Illinois, according to Barnes, will barely reach 50,000. Oklahoma showed the largest gain, with a vote of 17,000, compared to 4400 in 1904.

The Prohibition committeemen report a gain in the vote, but give no estimate of its size.

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