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Lafferty Arranges Politics

Says that the Progressives of Both Parties Will Get Together and Conservatives Will Unite Against Them

Washington, Dec. 5.—That the old standpat wing of the Republican party would merge with the conservative element in the Democratic party, this force to battle with the allied Progressives of both old parties for control of the presidential election in 1916, was the prediction here today of Congressman A. W. Lafferty (Republican), Oregon.

"I expect President-elect will prove another Taft or Cleveland, and that he will be too conservative," said Lafferty. "This will result in the amalgamation of the progressive elements of the Republican and Democratic parties before the next general election."

"In my opinion, the Progressive Republicans in congress will remain 'regular' for a time, hoping that the progressive element within the party will control nominations and shape platform declarations from now on. There is no denying the fact that the independent progressive movement this year was composed almost exclusively of Republicans."

Lafferty declared that at least half of the Republican congressmen just elected were progressives, but he did not expect them to support Representative Mann, of Illinois for minority leader next session. He predicted they would vote for some recognized Progressive Republican leader.

"I look for the elimination of the standpat wing of the Republican party," he added, "and a division of the country between the Progressive element of both parties on one side and the conservative factions on the other. This condition is certain to come before the 1916 election."

INSANE CHINAMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

After climbing from the basement of the insane asylum to the top story through the linen chute, Ah Fook, a Chinese inmate, last night committed suicide by attaching one end of a bedspread to an automatic sprinkler tube, tying the other end about his neck and leaping from the top of the chute.

Ah Fook was 49 years old. He was committed to the asylum from Multnomah county March 14, 1911, his commitment being his second in the Oregon asylum. The coroner has investigated the case, and pronounced the death of Ah Fook as self-inflicted.

MANAGER'S CORNER.

In Which the Paper Exchanges Confidences With the People.

By J. W. MINTURFF, Circulation Manager.

A simple little story, but one which well illustrates the way in which The Capital Journal subscription list is growing by leaps and bounds, was told to the circulation manager this morning by Mrs. C. E. Whitney, who lives at 2379 Elm street.

Mrs. Whitney stated that for years she had been taking other papers, but became dissatisfied, and determined to try The Capital Journal, sending in her subscription the first of the week. She was so pleased with the paper in general, and the way it was delivered in particular, that she induced her neighbors, Mrs. Sadie Smith and Mrs. W. J. Hagedorn, to also subscribe. Now all three are more than pleased with the new columns and attractive advertisements of the paper, and are confident that all their friends and neighbors will soon be taking The Capital Journal, Salem people's best paper.

This condition—mentioned in one locality—is actually taking place in many parts of the city daily. The people of the suburbs are sending in petitions to have the paper delivered by carriers, and arrangements are being made to accommodate them. One large route was established in Silverton a couple of weeks ago, and is growing steadily. Others are to follow.

Fierce Forest Fire

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 5.—Forest fires are furiously sweeping the foothills about Santa Barbara today, and grave fears are felt for the safety of the fashionable suburb of Montecito. The home of P. J. Tapie, near Montecito was destroyed today. Tapie and his family being compelled to flee for their lives. Colonel Slosson, supervisor of the reserve, at the head of a company of 20 exhausted fire-fighters is being driven slowly toward the ocean.

Will Dump Onions in the River

ONIONS AND POTATOES A DRUG ON THE MARKET—50,000 BUSHELS OF THE FORMER TO BE DUMPED IN THE RIVER

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 5.—Probably 50,000 sacks of onions grown in San Joaquin county will be thrown into the river this year, largely account of the present low prices. Local growers and commission men defend this action by declaring that the yield has been exceptionally heavy, and that there is an unusual amount of culls. Growers are offered from 30 to 40 cents per sack, according to quality. They state that it costs them 10 cents a sack to dig them and that when rent and cost of production is charged against the crop, they lose money at 30 cents. Only the culls or unmarketable portion, they declare, is being thrown overboard.

Between 30 and 50 carloads of potatoes per day are being dug in the Island district. Tubers are quoted at from 40 to 80 cents per sack, according to quality. Growers declare that thousands of acres of spuds would not be dug.

Washington Is Discussing the Road Problem

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 5.—With John P. Hartman, of Seattle, practically slated for election as president of the Good Roads association, and North Yakima or Spokane as the place for meeting next year, the state good roads convention got down to business today, and began wrestling with the problem and how and where to construct the good roads wanted.

Very vigorous opposition developed right at the start against a big blanket bond issue to create a fund of millions. While some favored a great scheme of road building with a big fund, it is going to have a hard fight for endorsement.

Seattle and Wenatchee are boosting for the east and west highway through Snoqualmie pass, but opposed to this scheme is a big element from the inland empire cities, who want good roads constructed first from the trade centers out into the surrounding country.

The Pacific highway scheme, from Blaine to Vancouver, seems to be generally favored, especially by Western Washington delegates.

GREECE IS FIGHTING TURKEY SINGLE HANDED

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—It was officially announced here today that a state of war still exists between Greece and Turkey. It is expected that Greece will capture the fortress of Janina and the island of Chios within a few days, and that then King George will be willing to suspend hostilities and sign a separate armistice, after which Greece will be represented in the permanent peace negotiations to be held in London.

H. Gilbertson Dead.

Mr. H. Gilbertson, one of the best known hop men in the Northwest whose home was in Aurora, died very suddenly yesterday morning in the suddenly hotel at Portland, from hemorrhage of the lungs. He came to Oregon about 35 years ago, locating at Aurora. He was 60 years old and leaves an estate valued at \$100,000.



—Carter in New York Press.

Decision Is Cause of Worry

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Southern Pacific railroad interests likely to be affected by the supreme court's merger decision is the subject of daily conferences here today between William Spruille, the company's president, and Vice-President E. E. Calvin and Vice-President William F. Herrin. The most important matter under consideration is the question of whether there is any way of the Southern Pacific still retaining its distributing system if the Union Pacific acquires the Central Pacific from Ogden to Sacramento and the old Central California from Sacramento to Oakland. The officials, it is said, are trying to devise some means whereby the Union Pacific would be enabled to acquire merely the Ogden-Oakland main line, leaving the other branches for distribution purposes.

He Indorses the Journal's Contention

Washington, Dec. 5.—Inferentially scoring the promiscuous granting of valuable water rights to private interests and insisting that the taxpayers should get the benefit of them, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson addressed the National Rivers and Harbors congress here today.

POSITIVE TESTIMONY AGAINST ARCHBALD

Washington, Dec. 5.—When the trial in the senate of Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the commerce court, charged with misconduct in office, was resumed today, Edward W. Williams, of Dunmore, Pa., continued his testimony of Archbald's alleged partnership with him in the purchase of a culm pile near Scranton. The witness was cross-examined by Congressman Webb, of North Carolina.

Woman Suicide Identified.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 5.—Practically certain identification of the dead woman who committed suicide in Wade park here yesterday by taking poison was made today. It is believed she was Mrs. O. N. Kleppel, of Watertown, N. Y., who formerly lived in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and returned here after the death of her husband.

A Featherweight Fight.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 5.—For a 20-round battle against Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, featherweight world's champion, received today an offer of \$500 from promoter T. J. McCarey, of Los Angeles. The date of the bout is to be either Washington's birthday or March 17. It is expected that Kilbane will accept.

DEPUTY SHERIFF ESCH GOES AFTER PRISONER

Deputy Sheriff William Esch left this morning for Portland, where he will take charge of S. A. Westcott, who stands charged in the justice of the peace court here with the crime of larceny by bailer.

Dave Had a System.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—Claude Vitus and L. L. Adcox "framed up" a poker game on Dave Budshaw, a simple looking Canadian. Dave had a system of his own, with the result that the others "squealed" to the police. All were arrested.

AMITY WOMAN HAS SLEPT 120 HOURS

Amity, Or., Dec. 5.—Mrs. J. R. Harlin, whose home is at Corvallis, is still asleep, after having been in that condition for more than 120 hours. She was stricken last Friday and while talking with members of the family in whose home she was visiting here, seemed to go fast asleep in what was supposed to be natural slumber. When at bedtime she had not aroused and efforts to awaken her proved futile, a physician was summoned. Since that time every known treatment has been tried without any effect whatever.

POLICE SUGGEST THE BIKE BE RETURNED

Contrary to the general policy of the local police force (which is to get their man, and catch him, if possible) this paper has been authorized to state that unless the person who stole a bicycle from the porch of the residence of W. C. Maxwell, 779 South Commercial street, returns the same within a very short time, trouble will result of the most embarrassing nature to the parties directly interested. Day Officer Burkhardt declared this morning that a Crescent bicycle had been stolen "by hook or by crook" from the store mentioned here, and that in the event the person or persons desired to save the city the expense of prosecuting, the vehicle should be returned at the earliest possible date.

To Chain Rice Millions.

Abeolton, Kan., Dec. 5.—Declaration that she intended to chain the millions left by William Marsh Rice, of Texas, for whose alleged murder Albert T. Patrick was recently pardoned from Sing Sing by Governor Dix, of New York, was made here today by Mrs. Anna Rice Farlow. She asserted that Rice was her brother, that he left after a quarrel with their father, and that she had never heard of him again.

A Bad Check Sell.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 5.—G. F. McManis wanted a suit of clothes yesterday, so he drew out \$45 on a checking account of 50 cents. "Check suits don't become you," the judge later remarked.

Clements Confesses the Crime

Redding, Cal., Dec. 5.—The fate of William E. Clements, on trial here for the alleged murder of William C. Landis, probably will be in the hands of the jury Saturday. The state rested its case at the morning session today, and the defense began presentation of evidence without delay. Clements' confession was admitted as evidence late yesterday, and read to the jury.

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New York, Dec. 5.—Edward H. Harriman, railroad magnate, left an estate valued at more than \$150,000,000, much greater than was at first expected, according to an official of the state controller's office here today. Since Harriman's death in 1909 the estate has been under appraisal, which is now completed. The railroad wizard left his entire fortune to his widow.

Journal Printed Message

ONLY PAPER IN THE STATE, SO FAR AS KNOWN, THAT PRINTED THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IN FULL—TWO PAGES OF IT.

The Journal takes a just pride in having printed the president's message in full yesterday, it being the only paper in the state so far as it knows, that did so. Realizing the vast importance of this message, the Journal some time ago made arrangements for getting the full message, and printed it in full. It is an able document and well worthy of personal and study, for it is educational in a way, giving a deep insight into the country's condition and needs.

While many unfortunately take little interest in this class of reading, the Capital Journal is highly gratified by the numerous warm commendations it has received for its enterprising spirit. It is the aim of the new owners of the Journal to make it a good paper, as one of its size can be made, and neither money nor effort will be spared in making it the very best newspaper possible. To this end "news" is printed uncolored, and this whether it is the political kind or otherwise. Try the Journal for a month and you will not again be without it, for you can rely on its news being correct, every time.

The Robbing of Millionaires Not Profitable

Sanadena, Cal., Dec. 5.—Robbing a millionaire's home can be described rather as a sport than a gainful calling, if the experience of a burglar who entered John H. Miller's home here early today is a fair sample. The burglar found \$10 in one purse and \$3.57 in another, and other loot consisted of half a dozen stick pins worth about \$7.50 in all. He left fingerprints on a mirror, and these are being photographed. The intruder was discovered before he had finished his rounds, but escaped.

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Love that Ended in a Murder

Woman in the Case Said It Was a Case of Suicide but the Man Who Is Dying Says She Shot Him

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—While intimating that Robert J. Widney, a Los Angeles real estate broker, who was shot in the abdomen here last night in the apartments of Vivian Vale, chorus girl, formerly the wife of William C. Lyons, of Denver, was accidentally shot, the woman today supplied reasons of letters and telegrams from Widney which indicate that the broker may have tried suicide.

Widney, who is still at the point of death in a local hospital, refuses to discuss what happened before the pistol cracked. The Lyons woman maintains her innocence and declares Widney exonerated her before he was taken to the hospital. Between the two the police are puzzled. They are holding the woman but so far no charge has been placed against her.

Widney was visited today by his wife and mother who came from Los Angeles when they heard he was shot. They remained only a few moments and then went to the home of Mrs. Otto C. Josten, a sister of Widney's wife. "She shot me. The first thing I knew the pistol was against me."

This Mrs. Widney says, her husband told her today as he lay half-conscious on his hospital cot. The wife declares Dr. Josten was informed by Widney that Mrs. Lyons, after the first bullet went home, attempted to fire a second shot, but that he had wrested the weapon from her before she could do so.

Never in all the history of tangled romances which have been bared to the world in San Francisco has there been a case where more fervor was packed into letters and telegrams than Widney crowded into his. Some of the letters are too familiar to bear publication, but even the telegrams, pleading, begging, imploring for the love of the woman who wanted to break away are so strenuous that the wires must have warmed when they passed away.

Beautiful and petite, the Lyons woman was apparently the center of Widney's life, and he was willing and anxious to lose all for her. Most of his letters were signed "V. I. A. H." which the girl says indicate "Violent adoration—Bob."

And the girl, though guarded by the police, is proud of her conquest. She made no objection to Widney's letters being taken by the press today and cheerfully consented to a selection of large photos in which her charms are depicted being taken for reproduction. Some of the exhibits found when her room in the hotel Berkeley, where the shooting occurred, were searched showed that one at least of her admirers had artistic tastes.

One book in particular, was found open at sketches well and clearly drawn, but no sketches in subject that even the policeman who added in the search, himself and the girl herself held their heads as they were revealed.

Heavens Incorporated.

Heaven has been honored. And—would you believe it?—that article of incorporation is in the office of the secretary of state. The capitalization is given at \$25,000. Naturally to the letters and names of those who have the place in view as an ultimate destination. It is not a place of rest. The purpose is to do good and to do it.

A Mixed Bunch.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—That Minister Berteaud, of Austria, is the ambassador of Austria in the United States here today, one Catholic, three Mohammedans and three members of the Greek church comprise the international government.