

BLAIR FIRES ON CLYDE SAUNDERS

Senatorial Candidate Declines Sensational Speech.

SAYS DEFIES CITY COMMITTEEMAN

Charges Latter With Using Undue Influence to Defeat Him, and Says He Beats the Weak-Kneed Councilmen.

"I make the statement boldly here, and I want it to appear in the newspapers, that I regard Clyde W. Saunders as the most dangerous man in this city. He has done more to browbeat and control weak-kneed Councilmen than any man in this community. Only to-day I heard that he called up a policeman over the phone and told him that if he voted for me he would see that he was not promoted. If I tell you gentlemen, you all come to a pretty pass if you allow me to be defeated for the Senate because I have defied him."

With these hot words A. Beirne Blair, candidate for the State Senate, denounced Clyde W. Saunders at a political rally at Corcoran Hall last night, and the fiery utterances of the former Alderman woke things up, and furnished a sensational climax for what had been an otherwise fairly calm and peaceful meeting. It is true that Mr. John B. Minor had already taken occasion to denounce as a "deliberate lie" the story in circulation to the effect that when a member of the Board of Aldermen he had signed a report to call the Gas Works, and he declared that the man who was responsible for it knew it was such when he told it. But it was Mr. Blair's bold denunciation of Mr. Saunders that caused the real sensation of the evening, and that set all tongues wagging after the meeting adjourned.

The former Henry Ward Alderman was the fourteenth and last speaker, and his fiery thrusts at the Clay Ward committeeman came without the slightest warning. The speaker proceeded up to this point, with deliberation, but as he declared that the man who was responsible for it knew it was such when he told it, and made vigorous gestures with his arms.

When Mr. Saunders was communicated with last night he declined to discuss the matter, further than to indicate that he would take it up later and deal with it as he thought best.

Other Speakers. Last night's meeting was under the auspices of the East End Improvement League. Another will be held in Fulton to-night, and the final one at Fairmount to-morrow night.

Mr. James W. Gentry presided at the meeting, and the Blues Band made music.

Colonel Charles E. Wingo was the first speaker. He was grateful for an opportunity to address a meeting of East End voters. He briefly reviewed his business and political career, and earnestly asked his hearers to give him their support for a seat in the House on Friday. Colonel Wingo made a good impression, and was given liberal applause. He declared for raising the limit on the poll tax exemption to \$1,200 and for broadening the public school system.

Called Time on Him. Mr. Puller followed, and he devoted much of his brief time to a defense of his position with reference to the Torrens bill offered by Mr. Maasie and formed by himself. He had helped kill the Cotton rolling stock bill and had gotten through the recent amendments to the charter of the city of Richmond. Mr. Puller reiterated his belief that the Maasie bill made property titles less stable and secure, and declared in favor of a bill to waive land registration. He assailed the Maasie measure, and undertook to point out his objections at some length, but before he had gone far on this line the chair called time, and he took his seat.

Mr. R. N. Follard had no political record, but he expressed an earnest desire for one, and declared he would make it if sent to the Legislature. He declared for many reforms, and said he would strive earnestly to represent the whole people faithfully if elected. He favored a educational reform, and a better system of land registration. Mr. Follard's speech was clear-cut and forceful, and was received with approval.

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Heard Orchard Declare He Would Have Vengeance.

CRIME INSPIRED BY MINE OWNERS

Defense Claims That Actions of Orchard and Sterling Justify This Inference—Haywood Scores Point in Ruling of Court.

BOISE, IDAHO, June 25.—The first direct testimony in defense of William D. Haywood was offered to-day. It was chiefly directed toward showing that Harry Orchard, blaming Frank Steunenberg for the loss of his interest in the Hercules mine, had threatened to have revenge by killing him, and that the conduct of Orchard and K. C. Sterling, both before the Independence explosion, when they were frequently seen together, and afterwards, when Sterling called off a bloodhound that was following Orchard's trail, justified the inference that the mine owners inspired the crime.

Seek to Impeach Orchard. The calling of the first witness for the defense was preceded by the further examination of Orchard to permit the defense to complete its formal impeaching questions. These were nearly all in connection with the claim that Orchard killed Steunenberg because of an alleged grudge growing out of the sale of his interest in the Hercules mine. Orchard came into court under protection of the same squadron of guards that always acts as his escort, maintained his old calmness and spoke in the low-pitched, soft tone. He again denied that he even threatened to kill Steunenberg because of the Hercules mine, and again asserted that he sold his interest in the mine two years before the trouble that drove him out of Northern Idaho. Two witnesses called later in the day swore that Orchard did threaten to kill Steunenberg because of the Hercules matter, and the defense has prepared the way for such testimony from a dozen more witnesses. The two heard to-day were F. R. Redd, once of Cripple Creek, and now of Goldfield, Nev., and Charles A. Sullivan, formerly of Cripple Creek, and now a watchman in the Brown Hotel in Denver.

Heard Orchard Make Threat. Redd said he heard Orchard make the statement and threat in the miners' hall in Cripple Creek, and Sullivan swore that while he and Orchard were fellow-boarders at John Meville's place in Cripple Creek, Orchard always asserted that but for Steunenberg he would be a rich man, and that he intended to kill him. The cross-examination showed that both were members of the Western Federation of Miners, and that Sullivan was a friend of Haywood, Boyer and Maasie.

Confederates with Mine Owners. Several witnesses, principally women, who kept lodging-houses at Cripple Creek, located Orchard at various conferences, with Sterling, the detective, for the Independence explosion, and the defense further showing to meetings between Orchard and D. C. Scott, the detective for the Florence and Cripple Creek Railway. Another witness told of the effort to locate the men guilty of the Independence station outrage by starting a bloodhound from the chair run, used in pulling off the mine explosion. He said the dog took the road to Colorado Springs, the one over which Orchard fled in the night, and that when he reported to Sterling he got orders to call the dog off, and Sterling said he knew who blew up the station, and later said that Steve Adams had done so.

The State fought the admission of the bloodhound story, and also opposed the admission of evidence covering general matters of the case, and in both instances the court ruled with the defense.

Brenahan Will Recover. CINCINNATI, O., June 25.—Roger Brenahan, the New York National League baseball catcher, who was struck on the head with a ball pitched by Coakley last Wednesday while he was in the hospital for his home in Toledo Thursday.

Famous Jap Wrestler Coming. VICTORIA, B. C., June 25.—The strongest wrestler of Japan yesterday brought word that the Japanese champion wrestler, Tanitveman Lehigh, known as the "Giant," will leave over 350 pounds, is coming to America in August, accompanied by some of the famous wrestlers and jiu jitsu experts.

SEVEN MEN KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

Tola Cut, Tidewater Railroad, in Remote Corner of Charlotte County, Scene of Tragedy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BROOKNEAL, VA., June 25.—An explosion this afternoon at McDermott Construction Company's work resulted in the death of two Americans and five Italians. The explosion occurred about 3 o'clock at a point on the Tidewater Railroad, seven miles from Charlotte Courthouse, remote from telegraph or telephone wires, known as the Tola Cut. Among those killed was a foreman named Sullivan, from Chicago.

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GORDON ARRESTED BY CAR CONDUCTOR

President of Chamber of Commerce Refused to 'Move Up' When Commanded to Do So.

TEST QUESTION OF RIGHTS

Bailed in Sum of \$100 for Appearance in Police Court This Morning.

Charged with refusal to move forward on a street car when directed, Mr. James R. Gordon, manufacturer, capitalist, president of the Chamber of Commerce and one of the most prominent citizens of Richmond, was arrested yesterday afternoon and bailed for his appearance in the Police Court this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Wanted to Join In. Mr. John Pickrell, who was on the car with Mr. Gordon when the latter was arrested, and Mr. T. M. Carrington, furnished the bond, which was only \$100, and Sergeant Tyler also offered his services in this line. Magistrate Purdie informed Mr. Pickrell after Mr. Carrington had said he would furnish the bond that the amount was only \$100.

That's all right, said Mr. Pickrell, by way of reply. I wish to join Mr. Carrington in the matter. They were both put down by the magistrate as bondsmen.

Mr. Gordon took his predicament philosophically, though it could be plainly seen that he was of opinion that he was within his rights when placed under arrest. He promises to be a very interesting one, and the decision of the justice will doubtless more clearly set out what are the rights of citizens and car companies with reference to seats under the Jim Crow law.

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Hon. John Goode Better. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., June 25.—Hon. John Goode, of Bedford, who has been ill here for several days at the home of his sister, where he is a visitor, recovered sufficiently as to be able to sit up a short while to-day.

Taft Spends Hours with the President

Conclusions Reached on Important Matters Touching Cuba, Panama and Philippines.

IS MUM ON POLITICS

Evades Being Drawn Into a Discussion of His Candidacy for the Presidency.

BARR'S IRON HAND BECOMES EVIDENT

Seven Departments Cut Down to Four and Expenses Reduced.

ALL GOVERNORS MAY GO

Barr May Reappoint Some of the Present Governors.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

Grounds, June 25.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Jamestown Exposition this evening action was taken which completely revolutionizes the management of the exposition. A committee report was received recommending that the seven departments of the exposition—Ways and Means, Admissions and Concessions, Congresses and Special Events, Exhibits, History and Education, Transportation and Works—each with a governor at its head, be merged into four departments, with one head each, which means that the board of governors, with salaries of its members ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 annually, will be legislated out of existence.

The operating expenses of the exposition were also slashed down about 40 per cent, or from \$120,000 to \$74,000 monthly.

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The courtroom where the famous Loving murder trial is being conducted was cleared when the young girl, dressed in black, as melancholy as her awful narrative, was called to the stand, and there remained in the room only the jury, the lawyers, those employed in the case, the court officials and a dozen newspaper writers.

Bright as was the sunshine outside, the very air within the room grew heavy as with convulsive sobs, racking her body and the tears streaming down her cheeks, Miss Loving moved slowly from her place beside her father to the witness chair. But one other woman—Miss Sneed—her aunt, was in the room and the girl, looking into the faces of the two score men, seemed de-voiced by despair and hid her flushed face in her hands. Extentely the judge upon the bench waited for her to find courage to begin, and then finally in voice low, but distinctly heard by every one in the courtroom, the pure-looking, sweet-faced girl told the story which banished light from her life and brought the sobs to the hearts and tears to the eyes of all within reach of her sad voice.

WOULD HAVE DIED TO SAVE HER HUMILIATION. Judge Loving, her father, with tears running down his cheeks, gave way to his grief, and leaning over to a friend, said: "I would to God I were in my grave with Estes, that I might be spared her humiliation. I would willingly give my life to save her from this suffering."

Slowly she told the story she had related to her father on the morning after the fatal night drive with Theodore Estes, who was sitting on her knees with her father's arms around her, she had confessed to him her being wronged on the dark and lonely mountain-side.

She told her story, punctuated by sobs and interrupted by scalding tears, of the drive into the night, of the drugged drink which took her reason from her and left her helpless, at the mercy of her companion, of her pleadings to be taken home, of the lonely road into the woods, of the marcellousness of her betrayer, of her struggle and of her cries that of by-standers, and then of the darkness of insensibility from which she awakened hours afterwards in the home of her friend and schoolmate, Miss Kidd, and of the tortures of her body racked with pain and her mind dull with humiliation and despair. It did not take long to tell the awful story, but it seemed almost an eternity to those who listened, and now then a sob broke the intense stillness of the room, for lawyers and jurymen were woe-stricken, and even His Honor on the bench openly wiped the tears from his eyes. On cross-examination, Mr. Wood Bouldin, Commonwealth's attorney for Halifax, dignified and kindly, rigorously performed his duty, but failed to weaken the testimony of the witness, rather, in fact, strengthening the strong impression made by Miss Loving on the jury, except that it was brought out that she had taken one drink before she started on the drive with Estes.

The words of the young girl rung in one's ears long after she left the stand, and as the picture was conjured up by her description of her ruin, Sobbin she left the stand, and the most sensational incident of the trial was at an end.

JUDGE LOVING'S STORY NOT LESS PITIFUL. The day was full of sensations, which came with rapid and startling frequency after the dull routine of yesterday. Judge Loving's story on the stand was not less pitiful than his daughter's, and more than once he broke down in the narrative, which told of the family dishonor and the sudden and awful taking of a human life. He described brokenly his grief and anguish, as he listened to the story of ruin told him by the one he loved best in all the world, of the feeling of vengeance which took possession of him, and of his search for and slaying of her assailant. "I thought he had escaped me," he said, "and I was surprised when I found him at Oakridge." After the tragedy, when he appeared before the magistrate, he asserted that he could not remember the words he used in giving a reason for the killing of Theodore Estes, but he added: "I meant to say that I killed him because he ruined my daughter, and nothing, not even God Almighty, could have stopped me."

Three other witnesses were examined during the day—Mr. Sneed, the uncle of Miss Loving, who informed the grand jury of her father's sin, and two physicians—Drs. Tunstall and Moynihan—who testified that Judge Loving was insane at the time he committed the deed for which he is now being tried.

The lawyers for Judge Loving have come out in the open regarding their defense, and have burned their bridges behind them. The case is the Thaw trial all over again, for what the defense relied upon is "the unwritten law," backed by emotional insanity.

The difference is that in the Thaw case the father of the girl was unimpeached, but the causes of emotional insanity are the same, drink and a life of debauchery, ending with delirium tremens and a falling and breakdown of the mental faculties being the plea set up.

CASE BEING BRILLIANTLY CONDUCTED. The case is being brilliantly conducted on both sides—Messrs. Lee, Moore, Strode, Barkdale and Brown, father and son, for the defense, and Messrs. Bouldin, Harmon and Whitehead, for the prosecution. Mr. Bouldin took occasion to say to the court that he regretted that duty compelled him to take part in this case, but none the less his handling of witnesses and his knowledge of criminal law has made a great impression on all who have heard the case. To-morrow it is expected that several experts on insanity will be put on the stand by the defense, and before the noon recess, Mr. Lee, of counsel for Judge Loving, declares the defense will finish its case. While the progress in the trial has been wonderful up to this stage, both in securing a jury and in the examination of witnesses, it is thought that the fight has not begun and said that the prosecution will be fought until the bill and insanity with which the great array of legal talent is endowed. Regarding the charges made by Mr. Lee that the witnesses for the defense have been suppressed by people connected with the prosecution, Mr. Bouldin, for the prosecution, denies the statement, and refuses to discuss the countercharge made by the friends for the Estes family.

Judge Barkdale said to-night that he would take no notice of the charges made, and as the matter was finally laid to the bitterness already in evidence, announced that Miss Loving would be placed on the stand, and Mr. Bouldin, for the prosecution, stated that the Commonwealth intends to prove that the statements made by Miss Loving are untrue, and that Theodore Estes did not offer indignities to Miss Loving.

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