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A SIDETRACK FOR BRYAN

WHY DEMOCRATS WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM A SENATOR.

AS VIEWED BY REPUBLICANS

Nebraska, Which Will Have a Democratic Legislature Next Year, May Pass a Law Similar to That of Oregon.

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 19.—Word comes through Nebraska politicians that the plan for electing William J. Bryan to the senate contemplates the enactment, at the coming session of the legislature, of a law similar to the one which made it possible for the democrats to elect Governor Chamberlain senator in Oregon.

The Oregon law is the closest approach possible to the election of senators by a direct vote of the people without an amendment to the federal constitution. The people vote their choice for senator, and the one receiving the plurality of votes is elected by the legislature. In Oregon a republican legislature will have to elect Governor Chamberlain, a democrat, who was declared the choice of the state.

Bryan's friends are said to be confident that in a direct vote their leader would defeat any man whom the republicans could put forward. It would, of course, be possible for the democrats to gerrymander the legislative districts, but it is said that Mr. Bryan would not agree to such a program. The election of senators by a direct vote of the people is one of Bryan's hobbies, and the enactment of such a law by the Nebraska legislature would mark a distinctly progressive step in this direction. Whether or not Mr. Bryan stands for the senate, it is believed probable that a law similar to the one in operation in Oregon will be enacted by the Nebraska legislature.

With the exception of Oregon, none of the states has provided a senatorial primary by which the electors of the state have an absolutely free hand in the selection of their senators. In all other states where a senatorial primary is provided, it merely permits party nominations to be made, and the party which controls the legislature is restricted to the choice of the can-

didate selected by the previously held primary.

The politicians of Nebraska are genuinely alarmed at the possibilities of the enactment of the Oregon law in their state. Senator Burkett, whose term expires in two years, is not popular in some sections of the state. Burkett will stand for reelection, and came on to Hot Springs to talk the matter over with Mr. Taft. He had very poor success, for the president-elect is not interfering in the political affairs of the states.

It is also recognized now by politicians of all parties that the people are becoming unusually concerned in the type of men they send to the senate. The New York situation aptly illustrates this condition. William L. Ward, the national committeeman from that state, is now at Hot Springs. He said today:

"The election of a senator from New York is one which the politicians cannot control. Public sentiment will run clear over them. Even if they should succeed in mustering a majority of the legislature for some candidate, the outside pressure would be so strong the members of the assembly could not be held. Nine men out of ten in New York, if asked who ought to succeed Platt in the senate, would, without hesitation, reply: 'Elihu Root, if he is willing to take it.'"

"The people have not been satisfied with their senatorial representation and they recognize in Root a man who would reflect great credit on his state and be a leader in the body. New York would honor itself by electing Root to the senate. Root will not make a fight for the office. He will not have to."

The republicans believe that a situation not dissimilar to the New York situation will develop in Nebraska. It was popular pressure throughout the United States, as expressed through the newspapers, that re-elected John C. Spooner of Wisconsin to the senate. Without regard to party the public thought Wisconsin would not rise to the occasion should Spooner be defeated and a legislature which was hostile to him was forced to return him.

Already there are indications of a like impression with regard to Nebraska's duty in the selection of Mr. Bryan. The mere suggestion of Roosevelt's name as senator from New York brought editorials of approval from newspapers which had consistently opposed him as an executive and a presidential candidate. Many newspapers which have bitterly fought Mr. Bryan and denounced him as unsafe and unfit for the presidency have rather encouraged the suggestion that he be sent to the senate. Those democrats who distrust him as a national leader have become greatly interested in giving him a senate seat. They believe this would be an effective way of disposing of Bryan as a presidential candidate and would answer the argument of the Bryan partisans that their leader had never received the proper recognition from his party.

Sunday Editor Here.

Harry Lee Marriener, Sunday editor of the Galveston-Dallas News, is in the city gathering information for Sunday stories on this section of Oklahoma. The asphalt and natural gas of this section will be handled in illustrated stories especially.

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HE QUERIES ROCKEFELLER

KELLOGG CONDUCTS CROSS EXAMINATION OF JOHN D.

A HAZARDOUS BUSINESS

Rockefeller Tells Government's Special Attorney That He Does Not Think Amount of Money Made Determines Hazardous Business.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 19.—The direct testimony of John D. Rockefeller, president of the oil combine, in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, was finished yesterday afternoon. The head of this gigantic combine, told of the processes of the company and its growth.

When the hearing was resumed this morning, Rockefeller was again on the stand and his cross-examination by Frank B. Kellogg, special assistant attorney general, was at once begun.

In response to questions about the hazardous nature of the oil business, owing to the possibilities of failure of supply, Rockefeller said the products of crude oil in the Pennsylvania field had steadily increased from 1862 to 1900.

"You have been prosperous since the beginning?" asked Mr. Kellogg.

"Yes."

"Do you consider a business hazardous that on an original investment of \$67,000,000, paid dividends amounting to \$591,000,000?"

"I do not consider the amount of money made determines whether the business is hazardous or not," said Rockefeller.

KANSAS BANK CLOSED TODAY

FIRST NATIONAL OF FORT SCOTT KANSAS GOES TO WALL

RUN ON BANK YESTERDAY

Depositor's Withdrew Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars Yesterday—Officials Say Depositors Will be Paid in Full

Fort Scott, Kans., Nov. 20.—The First National Bank, one of the oldest in the state, closed its doors this morning.

The bank had deposits of \$702,000. The closing followed a run on the bank yesterday, when depositors withdrew \$56,000.

Grant Hornaday, president of the institution, said the bank's assets exceed the liabilities by \$127,000 and that the two thousand depositors will be paid in full.

The bank was organized in 1870. The officers at present are Grant Hornaday, president; F. A. Hornaday, cashier; Charles Love, vice president.

A crowd of depositors gathered about the bank this morning, but made no demonstration.

President Hornaday is a prominent politician and has large business interests here.

LAMPHERE DEFENSE BEGINS

STATE RESTS ITS CASE IN TRIAL OF LAMPHERE FOR MURDER OF MRS. GUNNESS.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 20.—The defense rested its case today in the trial of Ray Lamphere for the murder of Mrs. Gunness and her children. Attorney Worden made the opening statement for the defense. "Our evidence will show that Mrs. Gunness is still alive," he said.

DOUBTS EMPERORS SINCERITY

GERMANS NOT SATISFIED THAT EMPEROR WILL LIVE UP TO PROMISE TO VON BUELOW.

Berlin, Nov. 19.—There is today throughout Germany an almost universal tendency to doubt the sincerity of Emperor William's promises regarding his future policy as made to Von Buelow. He will not be allowed to rest by the Reichstag, if today's indications are fulfilled.

TO STAMP THE DISEASE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FIGHT FOOT DISEASE.

DISCOVERED AMONG CATTLE

Secretary Wilson Yesterday Issued a Quarantine on New York and Pennsylvania Live Stock, To Prevent Spreading.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—Vigorous efforts will be made by the department of agriculture to stamp out the dreaded contagious ailment among cattle, known as the foot and mouth disease, which was discovered among the live stock of Pennsylvania and New York.

As a result Secretary Wilson yesterday issued an order quarantining these states. All driving of cattle, sheep, swine and other ruminants is prohibited.

The quarantine is to be unusually strict in the hope of preventing a spread of the disease.

DISTRICT COURT

RETURNED A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY—JOHN LOVE TRIAL

The jury in the district court in the Bert Elliott case returned a verdict of not guilty. Elliott was charged with having stolen two hogs, some two or three years ago near Fox.

A motion for a new trial in the Buck Hampton case was filed.

G. T. Flasher was excused from further service on the petit jury.

In the J. H. Love murder case a motion to quash the indictment was overruled and a motion to continue was granted. The case is set for trial on the 17th of next February.

John Love, a Caddo negro charged with assault to kill is now on trial. He is charged with shooting Henry Watson last summer. R. F. Turner is attorney for the defense and the state is represented by County Attorney Mathers and Assistant Attorney Smith C. Matson.

COMPRESS AND COTTON BURN.

Plant in Mississippi and Much Cotton Burned—Loss \$300,000

Indianola, Miss., Nov. 19.—The Indianola compress was consumed by fire today at 1 o'clock together with 4,600 bales of cotton. About fifteen bales of cotton constituted the saving from the terrible conflagration. There was about 20 per cent of the cotton stored in the compress that carried no insurance. The compress and warehouse was insured for \$43,000. The fire was supposed to have originated from some grass that was burning near by. It started while all hands were at dinner, and all the water that was poured thereon was of no avail. It is not only a sad blow to the owners but casts a gloom over the entire town. Twelve cars loaded with cotton were also burned. The entire loss is over \$300,000.

TWELVE MEN KILLED.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Twelve men are reported to have been killed by an explosion of a gas main in the excavation at Gold and Front streets, Brooklyn, today.

SECTION HANDS MEET DEATH

TRACK LABORERS RUN DOWN BY FAST PASSENGER TRAIN.

FOUR OF THEM ARE DEAD

And Several Others Seriously Injured. Accident Said to Be Due to Laborers Putting Hand Car on the Wrong Track.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 20.—Four track laborers on a hand car were run down by a fast Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad passenger train between Highland and LaGrange, Ill., today and instantly killed.

Five others were seriously injured. Ten men were on the hand car at the time. The accident is said to have been due to the laborers putting the hand car on the wrong track.

GIVEN ENOUGH TIME

W. I. CRUCE BEING URGED FOR MAYOR UNDER NEW CHARTER—SAYS CAN'T AFFORD IT

A citizen of the First ward called on the Ardmoreite today and insisted that we begin a campaign for W. I. Cruce for Mayor. Mr. Cruce was chairman of the board of freeholders, he took an active part in the writing of the charter and would make a most excellent mayor. He is retiring in his nature and would not fight for the office.

Mr. Cruce was seen this morning. He said he would not accept the place of mayor unless he went into the work with his whole soul and that would require him to forfeit his law practice. He is now 56 years of age and feels that he could not surrender his business and also said he thought he had given enough of his time absolutely free to the city. Mr. Cruce has given his work to the school board for several years and was also a member of the board of freeholders who served without pay.

LAMPHERE ANNOYED HER

LAPORTE SHERIFF SAYS MRS. GUNNESS ADVISED HIM LAMPHERE WAS ANNOYER.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 19.—Sheriff Smutzer was on the stand nearly all of the morning session of court today. He told of finding ten bodies in Mrs. Gunness graveyard and of sifting the ashes from the ruins, resulting in the finding of watches, jewelry, bracelets, etc.

On cross-examination it was brought out that Mrs. Gunness had visited the sheriff's office three times with reference to the effect that Lamphere was annoying her.

SELLING LAWTON TOWN LOTS.

Bidding is Closed by Officials—Half Brings Over \$175,000

Lawton, Okla., Nov. 19.—To the great surprise of Judge Witten and his corps of land office officials here from Washington conducting the sale of the new Gore addition to Lawton, one-half of the half section in the addition has already sold for more than \$175,000. The portion sold is considered the most desirable half of the addition. When the bidding closed tonight not a negro had been permitted to purchase land, although the government rules puts no prohibition upon race, but the whites outbid them wherever they appeared.

Many good purchasers have already disposed of their property at good figures.

Hugh C. Jones, who has been with the cement plant at Ada for several months, has returned here and will teach school beginning the first Monday in December at the Downs and mines.

DAVID J. MOSTELLER

PIONEER CITIZEN, SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY, PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.

David James Mosteller, one of the old time citizens of the town, passed away at his home on North Caddo street this morning at 2 o'clock. He was 76 years of age and was surrounded by his wife and children when the end came. Mr. Mosteller has been a sufferer for several years from rheumatism and on last Sunday he suffered a stroke of paralysis which was the immediate cause of death. Funeral services were held at the residence, at 702 on North Caddo street this afternoon, followed by interment in Rose Hill cemetery, Dr. J. A. Wynne of the Broadway Baptist church officiating.

The deceased was a South Carolinian. He first moved to north Georgia, thence to Texas and thence to Indian Territory. He has resided in Indian Territory for 25 years and in Ardmore for 14 years. He is survived by his wife and two sons and two daughters. The sons are Leland, who lives here, and Leo, who lives in Elk City. The latter is here to attend the funeral. The daughters are Mrs. Della Stradley of Snyder and Mrs. Laura Gibson of this city. He was in the Confederate service in the civil war and was a member of the Primitive Baptist church. His membership was at Marysville, Texas, where he lived a number of years ago, there being no church here of that faith.

Foot Ball Meeting.

All young men who are interested in foot ball are requested to meet tonight at seven at the Armory. There is a prospective game with Gainesville Thanksgiving and all those who desire to take part or who will be interested are urged to come tonight.

NO REFERENCE TO EMPEROR

EFFORT MADE TO PREVENT REFERENCES IN REICHSTAG

TO QUIET PUBLIC FEELING

Chancellor Von Buelow Reported as Being Nervously Depressed and More Than Ever Disposed to Resign From Office

Berlin, Nov. 20.—Acting upon advice from Chancellor Von Buelow, Count Von Stolberg, president of the Reichstag, will endeavor to prevent all references to Emperor William for the present in the Reichstag discussions.

This course has been decided upon to quiet the public feeling.

Chancellor Von Buelow is reported today to be nervously depressed and more than ever disposed to resign from office when a good opportunity arrives. He is more easily tired now than before his recent illness.

The prince laments that his office duties allow him no time for indulging in his personal tastes.

BIG SALT WORKS BURN

KINGMAN'S SALT WORKS DESTROYED BY FLAMES TODAY. ALL MINERS ESCAPE.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 19.—The Kingman Salt works were destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$65,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

All miners escaped, before the flames reached the elevator shaft.

Pythian Sisters.

Special meeting at temple Saturday night at 8 o'clock, sharp. All members urged to be present.

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LOCAL OPTION THE QUESTION

MOVEMENT ON FOOT FOR SOLUTION OF WHISKY PROBLEM.

BOOTLEGGING MUST STOP

It is the General Belief of Very Many That Local Option Will Come Nearer Solving Problem Than Any Other Method.

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 19.—Already plans are being made for a resubmission to the people of the question whether absolute prohibition shall remain in the constitution of Oklahoma, or whether the constitution shall be amended so as to permit local option. This movement has started immediately after the overwhelming defeat of the dispensary system, which was submitted to a vote, at the last election, and the unexpected feature of it is that the movement apparently comes from men who are not politicians nor who have in the past been identified either with the saloon interests or the prohibition movement.

Every county in the state which has a large town in it has within the past year witnessed bootlegging on a scale never before seen in this or perhaps any other state. In Muskogee county alone, it was admitted by many of the prosecuting officers of the county that there are at least 200 persons who are making a regular business of bootlegging. There are joints in Muskogee and practically all other large towns, where beer is openly sold over the bar until they are raided, when they close for a few days, but open again as soon as the excitement died down.

In every hallway, every alley, every gutter one sees half-pint whiskey bottles strown in utmost profusion which tell plainer than words whiskey is being sold. And it is the poorest grade of whiskey and the prices are 40 per cent higher than regular retail prices and the state, county and city get absolutely no revenue from the sales.

It is this proof of the failure of the prohibition law to prohibit that has caused this movement. The most significant part of this situation is the class of men who seem to be in favor of it. It is totally apart from the organization known as the Sons of Washington.

What is considered desirable is a law that can be enforced, and not a statute which so many people do not want and which they will not encourage the officers to enforce. This means an chance for the people of each county or township to decide for themselves whether liquor shall be sold and a license paid for the privilege.

Legal Sale Notice.

On Wednesday December 2, I will, according to law, offer for sale at my shop at the corner of Mill and Broadway, in the City of Ardmore, Okla., one open cut-down buggy to the highest bidder. Same is being sold for repairs.

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