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The advertiser with the syndicate advs., like the rube with the paper collar, believes that he has the public "buffaloed."—Rusty Mike's Diary.

COAL QUESTION BECOMES ACUTE

Eastern Operators May Not Bid on Supplying Fuel for Naval Pacific Program.

DOMESTIC DEMAND HEAVY

NAVY DEPARTMENT MAY PURCHASE ABROAD.

New York, Sept. 14.—The situation with regard to the proposals issued by the bureau of equipment of the navy department for supplying coal for the battleship fleet on its voyage to the Pacific, says the Journal of Commerce, has assumed rather interesting shape here by the statements of several agents of the larger coal mining concerns, that they would not present bids. Their reasons are that they have not the necessary quantity of coal on hand, aside from the quantity demanded by private contracts already entered into.

The companies claim that they have no reserve stocks on hand amounting to anything and that the labor situation is such that they cannot increase their mining capacity.

The coal, it was stated, can be obtained in England if it is necessary to go there, but the prices will undoubtedly be what might be classed as "fancy."

CAN GET COAL ABROAD.

Secretary Metcalf Believes British Price Would Be Less.

Washington, Sept. 14.—If coal mining companies have decided not to present bids for the contract of furnishing coal to take the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific coast, this purpose of the companies has not been communicated to Secretary Metcalf, according to a statement he made today. The secretary said today that the department will have no difficulty in getting all the coal desired, and he believed that if necessary to go to England for it the price would be less than would have to be paid in the United States.

Admiral Cowles, the chief of the bureau of equipment, says he has no apprehension that the navy department will be unable to get all the coal needed. Sufficient supplies are already pledged by the railroad companies through which the regular supply is obtained. The department desires that the coal be shipped in American bottom boats, if possible, but if necessary will use foreign boats for this purpose, if the prices submitted by American dealers are regarded as practically prohibitory.

Arrangements are being made for loading the supply ships, Glacier and Culgoa, with the provisions for the trip of the battleship fleet to the Pacific coast. They will be ready to sail Dec. 10, giving them time to join the battleship fleet when it starts on the 15th. All the big battleships of Admiral Evans' fleet, except the Vermont and the Louisiana, are now at the target grounds, Cape Cod bay, and the range firing will begin Monday. Its duration is indefinite.

CRIME OF MURDER SECOND

Connecticut Congressman Would Inflict the Death Penalty for Grafting.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 14.—Representative George L. Lilley, member of the house naval affairs committee, who has been criticised because of his outspoken attitude on Charleston harbor, has written an open letter in which he says:

"If I had the supreme lawmaking power in this country the only crime punishable with death would be that of grafting. Murder would receive secondary consideration.

"Any many who sits as a member of the committee on naval affairs and uses his efforts to obtain an appropriation for some tumble-down navy yard in his district to the end that he may provide well-paid jobs for his constituents is grafting. Not a single dollar may touch his hands, but just the same he is grafting—grafting out of the United States government, which he is paid to serve and sworn to serve."

THE DEATH RECORD.

Brother Dominic.

Baltimore, Sept. 14.—Brother Dominic, provincial in charge of schools conducted in this country by the Brothers of Xavierian Order, died at St. Mary's Industrial school this afternoon, following a stroke of apoplexy.

"Alec." Shields.

New York, Sept. 14.—"Alec" Shields, well known in turf circles for the last twenty years, died last night in Brooklyn, following an attack of stomach trouble and typhoid fever. Shields made a horse called Logan famous by winning races in Canada and at every race track in the north, south, east and west in America. This horse ran 120 races during his career.

Mushir el Dowleh.

Teheran, Sept. 14.—Mushin el Dowleh, ex-grand vizier, and ex-foreign minister to Persia, who was regarded as being chiefly responsible for the shah's rescript granting a national assembly, died suddenly today of heart disease.

YELLOW FEVER IN CUBA.

Washington, Sept. 14.—In a dispatch from Havana, Governor Magoon says that four new cases of yellow fever were discovered in Cienfuegos Thursday and three yesterday. All are Spaniards except one American soldier, Private William Foster of the Fifteenth cavalry. Discovery of these cases is attributed to the increased efficiency of the medical patrol. There is also one new case at Alacranes and one at Nusvapaz, both Spaniards.

ILLINOIS DAY.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 14.—Governor Deneen of Illinois and Dr. Edward J. James, president of the University of Illinois, were the centers of interest at the Illinois day celebration at the Jamestown exposition, both delivering addresses.

This afternoon Governor Deneen reviewed a great military spectacle on the Lee parade.

MEMORIAL GIFT.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 14.—The Sheffield Scientific school of Yale university will receive a gift of $150,000 from Mrs. James B. Oliver of Pittsburg, for erection of a new lecture hall as a memorial to her son, a student in the Sheffield Scientific school, who died last June. It will be called the "Oliver Memorial hall."

ON MAIDEN VOYAGE.

Hamburg, Sept. 14.—The new Hamburg-American steamer President Grant, sister ship of the President Lincoln, started on her maiden voyage to New York today, with a full complement of passengers.

WHY NOT CALL IN DR. ROOSEVELT

Case in Chicago Court Which Would Have Tested the Wisdom of Solomon.

THREE SIDES TO THE SCRAP

JUDGE THREW UP HIS HANDS IN DESPAIR.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—King Solomon of old might have tried his mettle worthily had he been called upon to unravel the claims of the Zamales, the Tolans and one Klimovicz, regarding Tillie Tolan, financee of one Hammerstrom, yesterday in court here. Judge Cleland could not tell whether the young woman was Miss Tillie Tolan of Chicago, Miss Anna Zamales of Grand Rapids or Mrs. John Klimovicz of Grand Rapids and Chicago. The Tolans claimed the young woman as a daughter, while Mrs. John Zamales protested she was the girl's mother. John Klimovicz last Sunday accosted Miss Tolan and Hammerstrom on a street car. Klimovicz claimed her instantly as his runaway wife and was arested for disorderly conduct. At the trial yesterday the young woman said:

"I am Tillie Tolan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tolan. I never saw these people from Grand Rapids. I never saw Klimovicz until he tried to force his attentions on me."

"She is my daughter and she was born and reared in Grand Rapids, Mich. Don't you suppose I know my own daughter when I see her? She left us two years ago and married Klimovicz," said Mrs. Zamales.

Both Sides Produced Photos.

runaway wife and was arrested for discourt, Klimovicz and the Zamales showing portraits, which the court admitted to look very much like those which Miss Tolan presented.

The Tolans were accompanied by the pastor of their church, who stated that Miss Tolan had been a member of his congregation for years and was engaged to be married to Hammerstrom, organist in his church.

Attorney Ponic asserted that Miss Tolan had a mole on her back which might be of weight in identifying her.

"This question of relationship is the most remarkable I ever heard of," said Judge Cleland. "But it has nothing to do with the charge of disorderly conduct against Klimovicz. I shall dismiss this charge, because the defendant was acting in good faith when he approached the complainant and told her that she was his wife."

The parties to the controversy will have to determine among themselves whether the woman is Miss Tolan or Mrs. Klimovicz.

SETTLERS GRIMLY WAITING

Attempt to Jump Claims in the Imperial Valley Will Result in Bloodshed.

Imperial, Cal., Sept. 14.—More than 500 settlers in Imperial valley within the past twenty-four hours have joined the Settlers' Protective association, organized yesterday to meet raids on lands by jumpers and contesters. It is reported here that a carload of jumpers is being organized in Los Angeles to raid lands in the valley and hold them by force against the original claimants. A number of claims already have been jumped, including several well cultivated farms. It is the intention of the settlers to drive off the jumpers by force and meet invaders on their arrival and order them to leave. During the last three weeks the situation has been drifting towards a critical stage, through the operations of an organized band which sends men here with alleged information on which land can be contested or jumped. Indications point to a serious clash between the jumpers and the organized settlers.

TOOK THEM ALL.

Kaiser Wilhelm Has Costly Experience With King of Siam.

New York, Sept. 14.—Kaiser Wilhelm, says a Berlin dispatch to the Sun, has had an amusing and expensive experience in remembering the king of Siam's birthday. The king, while the kaiser's guest, expressed admiration for the kaiser's two intelligent little dachshunds, that follow their master everywhere. When the king went to Hamburg he expressed a wish to purchase a similar pair to take with him to Siam.

The remark was repeated to the kaiser, together with the fact that the king's birthday would occur in a few days and he gave orders to procure a number of the best specimens of the breed and sent seven pairs for the king to choose from.

The ruler of Siam was so overcome with the kindness of the kaiser that he accepted all fourteen, which he will take home with him. It ws only on the return of a palace official, who had been intrusted with the delivery of the dogs, that the kaiser learned the cost of the gift. He took the situation good humoredly, as a joke on himself.

ALLEGED SWINDLER TRAPPED BY PARSON

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 14.—The Rev. W. H. Frost, rector of the St. James Episcopal church, last night outwitted David B. Richardson, an alleged swindler, and handed him over to the police. Richardson made preliminary calls on ministers, arranged for a baptismal service, and later returned to report a distressing accident. Under this plea he would secure funds. Frost entrapped him and an officer caught the schemer.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

London, Sept. 14.—A general railroad strike is threatened in England as the result of the long struggle of the Railwaymen's union with the British railway companies for the recognition of their organization. The decision of the executive committee of the union will be announced in Manchester on Sunday. It is understood that it gives the companies a week in which to officially recognize and treat with the union and that a strike will follow a refusal.

BURKETT WILL OPPOSE.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 14.—Senator E. J. Burkett, who leaves this evening for Washington, today declared that he would fight the Alaska-Yukon exposition appropriation in congress. He declared that the exposition at Jamestown had been a lamentable failure and he would oppose all such projects in the future.

BLAZE IN KANSAS TOWN.

Hays City, Kan., Sept. 14.—Fire here early today destroyed the I. H. Yost mill and elevator and other buildings, causing a loss of $115,000. The business section was threatened and aid was sent from surrounding towns.

New Fall Styles.

RULING PASSION STIRS HUMORISTS AS THEY PASS THROUGH SALT LAKE

The American Press Humorists association slid by Salt Lake City under cover of the darkness yesterday night. They come from several cities in the east and go to their annual meeting in Los Angeles. There are eighteen in the party, and their names are known wherever, etc. They all gladly contributed original selections to the Salt Lake Herald at the regular space rates of three dollars a column or fifteen cents an inch. In addition to the above suggestion as to their capacity there is appended an interesting comment by George A. Post of New York, the president of the Standard Coupler company, whom they annexed on the trip. Billy Robinson, the well-known promoter of the Aerial Irrigation company, refused to join in the procession. The signatures below may be used with safety at any bank. Here they are:

The Tides of Love.

Flo was fond of Ebenezer,
"Eb," for short, she called her beau.
Talk of tides of love, great Caesar!
You should see them—Eb and Flo.

F. W. Daly

Accidents and Incidents.

"I was in a railway wreck recently and had my funny bone broken off, which reminded me that this language of ours is about the limit. For instance, when two railroad locomotives come together we call it a collision, and when two babies come together we call it twins. I guess that's appropriate to Utah, all right."—S. W. Gilliland.

S. W. Gilliland

Lampton on Woman.

Say,
When a man comes this way
His gaze
Is one of amaze,
And with a cry
Of "Oh my,"
He yells:
"I want to be a Mormon;
These girls are so durn fine.
I want at last a dozen
That I can seal as mine.
And, by gosh,
That's no josh."

W. J. Lampton

Our Wives.

Our wives are part of all our lives—
All of each life! They make us love it!
Why, even when our baby cries,
Our wife is at the bottom of it.

Judd Mortimer Lewis

Saw Two Blades Where One Was.

If the able gentleman who can make two blades of grass grow where there was one before will get busy in southern Wyoming, I am convinced, after examining the country from an observation car, that a merry haycutter who went forth looking for a crop would discover as many as two blades of grass, if he had a good eye.

Duncan McDuffie

A Musical Joke.

Here is a true story of the social side of the Kentucky legislature. Some years ago the representative from Clay county, in the mountains remote from the railroads, was a leading member of the Philpott clan. With his good wife he journey to the capital to be introduced to the dazzling delights of the inaugural ball, etc. The Philpotts were plain people, but adaptable to circumstances. About the second day after they arrived at Frankfort one of the society leaders of the capital asked the legislator's wife if she was going to the grand opera that night.

"Waal, I reckon we'll have to," said the Clay county lady, "ef it's the style, but I don't calculate to take part."

F. W. Schaefer

A Song of Seven.

As I went up to St. Ives,
I met a man with seven wives.
Each wife had seven heirs,
And each had seven Teddy bears.
Ives, wives, heirs, bears—
How could the Mormon pay the fares?

Blair McAdams

Held Up!

Held up for a contribution,
As in stagey days of old;
Taking that which most folks do shun,
Brains, forsooth, instead of gold.

Robt. L. Pemberton

The Mormon Mother.

Where snow had drifted o'er the land,
I saw a Mormon mother stand.
A babe was lying on her breast;
Its little form
Against herself she closely pressed
To keep it warm.

In later years I passed once more,
And saw her at her cottage door.
A boy was lying on her knee,
Her look was grim,
And, suffering Joshua, how she
Was warming him!

S. E. Kiser

Soliloquy to a Bottle.

'Tis strange to see that you and I
Together cannot pull,
For you are full when I am dry,
And dry when I am full.

Edwin A. Oliver

The Tourist's Evening Petition.

Now I curl me up to sleep;
The con man will my ticket keep;
But should he die before I wake,
What would I do, for goodness' sake!

S. W. Gilliland

Seasonable.

That you have salt to give away
Is quite a common rumor;
We'd like to stop with you a day
And freshen up our humor!

William H. Rozg.

Take the Union Pacific Home.

I'm a bachelor, heart whole and fancy free; that's why
Utah's best crop doesn't bother me.
—J. Hulff.

J. Hulff

A Grave Joker (First Time).

I have learned on this journey that the west is not as wild and woolly as it has been painted. And it is not as red.

Mr. Harriman is right. The country is prosperous and everybody busy. I have seen only one soft snap. It was that of an old toothless dog.

R. S. Graves.

Saline Preservative.

They do not claim the Fount of Youth
That poets oft have sung,
And yet we know their patron saint
Remains forever "Young!"

W. R. Rose

One Brainstorm Coming Anyway.

A bunch of Ha Ha makers
Are traveling toward the west;
I've heard more funny stories—
My sides have been distressed;
I hope they'll all quit working
For California's sake;
For poor old California
Has had enough of shake.

W. J. Robinson

Price of Standard Couplers to Be Raised.

To be immured for three days with the humorists of the American Press has been the saddest and dearest experience of my life. I've bought 'em cigars, and I've bought drinks in the hope of getting a joke out of the bunch, but the net result has been simply that the joke is—on me.

Geo. A. Post
New York City

A Coupler Shy Metre.

There are many men of many minds,
And humorists of many kinds.
* * *
This thing looked good when I commenced it,
But now I find I'm up against it.

E. E. Walker

The gentlemen in the party are the best known and most competent humorists in America. They are adepts, master craftsmen at their trade. Off the stage their attitude toward it is as a trade. They are a serious, hard working group of experts in the most complicated and difficult of all the word handling crafts. There is nothing cruel or brutal in the faces in the attitude toward life or in the work of any one of them. They represent the new American humor that makes its world laugh with just a touch of the sadness which only comes from the fact that it may not laugh always. There are no gentlemen of America who have contributed more to the development of the hearty, healthy sense of humor which has and will save the nation from its sins and help it by its sorrows.

President Daly of the association said it didn't seem funny to be a press humorist from the inside. "We were discussing the fact that our profession had been in existence a very long time and that there had been very many clever men in it from time to time, and that the net result must certainly be that there were very few new stories under the sun and still fewer which could afford to sit up late with a bunch of professional joke smiths. So we agreed that we would let her go anyway and if anybody told anything old, to any of the bunch, the member to whom it was new would laugh louder than the member to whom it was not. By that way we have had whiled away the long western route."

From Ogden to Salt Lake City, whatever it may have been before, the trip was certainly enlivened by more sparks of good, sure enough, zigzag lightning, pointed straight for the funny bone than it was dulled with leaden somber clouds.

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BOILERMAKERS OUT ON STRIKE

Great Northern, Great Western, Omaha, Northern Pacific and "Soo" Roads.

HELPERS ALSO LEAVE WORK

MACHINISTS AT OELWEIN, IA., DROP TOOLS.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14.—A general strike of boilermakers on the Chicago Great Western, Great Northern, Omaha, Northern Pacific and Soo railroads was called today and it is expected that before night the shops of the entire systems of those roads will be tied up. The boilermakers are aided in their fight by their helpers and in the case of the Great Western, the machinists in the big shops at Oelwein went out in sympathy.

The strike of the boilermakers followed a refusal of the railroads to accede to a demand for 45 cents an hour east of the Mississippi river and 47½ cents west of that river. This the railroads consider to be the heaviest demand ever made by any of their shop employes. As a compromise, the railroads offered 41½ cents an hour east and 43½ cents west of the Mississippi, with the nine-hour day for both. This increase will be equal to 1½ cents differential above the wages paid machinists.

Allied With Machinists.

The Great Western situation is complicated by an alliance between the machinists and the boilermakers and the machinists in the big shops at Oelwein, Ia., struck in sympathy. On the other lines only the boilermakers and their helpers went out. Of the entire number of men out, the boilermakers represent about one-third, while the rest are helpers who had no grievances. Reports at headquarters of the road here show that there are out on the Great Northern, 360; Great Western, 225; Omaha, 160; Northern Pacific, 338, and the Soo line at Shoreham, 225. Railroad officials expect that the strike will spread rapidly and that they will be seriously handicapped at once.

Strike in Montana.

(Special to The Herald.)

Livingston, Mont., Sept. 14.—All of the boilermakers and helpers in the Northern Pacific shops here, the largest in the northwest, struck today, upon the failure of a committee at St. Paul to secure wage of 46½ cents an hour and a nine-hour day. More than 150 men are out here and on the division. It is expected that all of the Great Northern boilermakers in Montana will strike.

Out at Superior.

Superior, Wis., Sept. 14.—The entire force of boilermakers, numbering sixty, employed in the Great Northern shops here, struck today.

FATAL POWDER EXPLOSION

One Man Blown to Atoms and Another Loses His Mind as a Result.

Alton, Ill., Sept. 14.—Fifteen thousand pounds of powder exploded shortly before noon today at the Equitable Powder works at East Alton, two miles from here, killing Charles McGinnis and shocking Charles McGilser so that his mind is gone. The shock of the explosion was felt throughout Alton. Houses trembled, windows rattled and many people thought there was an earthquake. McGinnis and his helper were working in the glazing mill and McGinnis was letting powder run from a drum into kegs. McGilser was wheeling a truck 100 yards away. Suddenly there was a flash and McGilser was blown into the air and carried more than 100 feet before he alighted. When he was picked up, McGilser was unconscious, and later it was found that his mind was a blank. Parts of McGinnis' body were found near the mill. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

MEDALS FOR AMERICANS.

Awards Made by Liverpool School for Study of Tropical Diseases.

Liverpool, Sept. 14.—The Mary Kingsley medal, instituted by the Liverpool School for the Study of Tropical Diseases, to commemorate Miss Mary Kingsley, the African traveler, has been awarded, among others, to Dr. Charles Finlay, chief sanitary officer of Cuba, who originated the theory that yellow fever is carried by mosquitoes; to Colonel W. C. Gorgas, U. S. A., who as chief sanitary inspector at Havana, gave practical effect in 1902 to the discovery of Dr. Finlay, and the American commission in connection with the investigation of the cause of yellow fever and succeeded in banishing the disease from Havana, and to Dr. Theobald Smith of Harvard, who discovered a new kind of blood parasite in his investigations of the so-called Texas cattle fever. Colonel Gorgas is now chief sanitary officer of the Panama canal zone.

LOVE TURNS TO HATE.

Italian Fires Three Shots Into Body of Former Sweetheart.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—An ardent courtship that began in Italy several years ago culminated in Los Angeles this morning in a tragedy, when Lorenz Isaia, an Italian baker, shot and seriously wounded Maria Isaia an Italian waitress. Isaia was lodged in jail.

"I shot her," he said, "because she no longer loved me."

Although the couple are of the same name, they are no relation. They were sweethearts several years ago, in Italy. Today he went to the house where Maria was working as a waitress and, with a pistol, fired five shots, three of which struck her in the body. Surgeons say she may recover.

DRUDE PREPARED TO WIPE OUT THE MOORS

Paris, Sept. 14.—Sultan Mulai el Hafig, it is reported, has announced that he will pay the cost of the French expedition to Morocco on condition that the French evacuate the country. Only two columns of tribesmen are now reported to be under arms in the Casablanca district, the others having disappeared.

The latest advices received from General Drude said that if the delegates from the tribes suing for peace did not appear at noon today he intended to destroy the Moorish camp near Fedora.

LABOR LEADERS ARRESTED.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 14.—Frank A. McGee of Worcester, Mass., organizer of the International Moulders' union, and John A. Dunn, secretary of the local union of the craft, were arrested this afternoon, charged with intimidation of non-union men who are at work in McLagon's foundry, where a strike is on.

POLITICAL FIGHT IS FAIRLY BEGUN

Two City Conventions and Two Ward Conventions Scheduled for This Week.

SMOOTITES WAIT FOR WORD.

CAN'T DECIDE WHOM TO NAME FOR MAYOR.

With two city conventions and the ward conventions of two parties scheduled for this week, the simmering of the political cauldron's contents has begun. Just two things are reasonably certain at this stage of the proceedings. They are that Richard P. Morris will be chosen as the mayoralty candidate of the Democrats, and John S. Bransford as the leader of the "Americans." The sentiment in favor of these gentlemen in their respective parties is overwhelming.

The Republicans have not yet crystallized their sentiment in favor of any candidate. Nor is it likely that they will do so until after Apostle Smoot has made his choice known. Dr. A. S. Bower, F. W. James and George T. Odell are the men most talked of, but of course the ukase of Smoot will put any or all of them out of the running, for it is conceded that the gentleman from Provo will, as usual, dominate the Salt Lake City Republican convention. This fact is conceded by all who are familiar with the situation. But the real difficulty with which the Republicans are confronted is the finding of any Republican of standing who will consent to head the ticket. However, in due season, a lamb will be found for the slaughter.

Fight for Treasurership.

The most interesting prospective fight in any convention will be that between Gideon Snyder and Frank Swenson, the present incumbent, for the treasurership nomination. Word has gone out from the "persuaders'" clique of the "American" party that Swenson must be slaughtered, for reasons best known to the "persuaders." Swenson is out working tooth and nail for the nomination, and the friends of Snyder are also very active. Snyder is the brother of Willard F. Snyder, chairman of the "American" state committee, and chief financial backer of the party.

W. F. Snyder is one of the charter members of the I-Saw-the-Hierarch-First club. He put up plenty of money for the first state campaign three years ago, and in the city campaign of two years ago he lost lots of sleep working for the ticket. When the election was over he asked for just one thing. That was the appointment of his brother, Dr. Snyder, to be health officer. The doctor didn't even come close to landing. The place went to Mayor Thompson's personal and political friend, Dr. Stewart.

It is understood that Gideon Snyder has entered the treasurership fight for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the "Americans" value the Snyders only for their financial backbone. He also wants the job. Some patches of political hide will be torn off and much bitterness engendered regardless of how the fight is terminated. At the present writing it looks as if Swenson, largely because the "persuaders" are against him, would land the nomination.

Probable Democratic Nominees.

For the different nominations on the Democratic ticket, aside from the mayoralty, various names are being mentioned. Those heard most frequently are Joseph E. Caine for treasurer, M. F. Cunningham and Perley A. Hill for recorder, W. H. Bramel for attorney and C. B. Felt for auditor. All of these gentlemen are well and favorably known to their fellow Democrats and to the public generally, and it is conceded that they would give the voters one of the strongest possible tickets.

On the "American" side J. B. Moreton, incumbent, apparently has the best chance to be nominated for recorder, and perhaps he will go in by acclamation, though this is doubtful. Rudolph Alff, for auditor, seems reasonably safe in spite of his bookkeeping, and H. J. Dinniny is one the slate for attorney. Whether or not Mr. Dinniny will land is an open question, because E. B. Critchlow is said to be a receptive candidate.

Mr. Critchlow's well known antipathy to some of the leaders of the "American" party gives him a shade the better of the argument to start with. For another thing, he is a real lawyer, a man of ability and integrity. With the opposition of the "persuaders" Mr. Critchlow, if he seriously contemplates making the race, ought to stand a first-class chance for the nomination.

Republican aspirants for minor offices are as scarce as Republican district pluralities for Lynch two years ago. The boys don't appear to be taking much interest, and the party is going to have a hard time filling its list of delegates for the city convention next week.

CRABTREE MAKING FIGHT.

Councilman Having a Battle Royal in First Precinct for Nomination.

Councilman Crabtree is in the thick of a fight for renomination. He has not given it up by any means, as his opponents are trying to make it appear, but is putting in his best licks night and day since he returned from the national irrigation congress at Sacramento. The opposition to Crabtree has apparently centered on A. E. Payne, who was defeated last fall in his race for a place on the board of education.

Crabtree is the councilman who has been deferring action on the Utah Light & Railway franchise on the plea that "other important matters" must first be attended to. Just what those matters are has never been made clear. He may win his battle, but if he does it will only be after the hardest kind of a struggle.

Thomas Hobday will be the other nominee in the first, probably for the long term. Mr. Hobday has at last definitely cast his lot with and staked his political fortunes on the "Ameri-

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