

# Two Republican Raies, Democrats Ask Raker to Resign

## Taft Congratulates

**AKLAND, Oct. 17.**—A letter from William H. Taft, presidential nominee of the republican party, has been received by County Clerk Cook, congratulating Judge Melvin on his elevation to the supreme bench of the state. The letter follows: "My Dear Friend—I have your letter of October 9 and am delighted to hear that Judge Melvin has been nominated as judge of the supreme court of California. I sincerely hope he may be elected. Sincerely yours, William H. Taft." The letter was dated Cincinnati, O., October 12.

## REPUBLICANS PLAN TWO BIG BALLETS

**Governor Gillett and John L. McNab of Ukiah Spellbinders of First Meeting**

**Efforts Made to Have This the Banner Affair of the Campaign**

Two big republican mass meetings will be held in this city before the campaign is brought to an end. For the first of these, which will be held next Monday night, October 26, in Dreamland pavilion, arrangements are now being made by the chairman of the republican state central committee.

Governor Gillett and John L. McNab of Ukiah will be the spellbinders of this meeting. For presiding officer it looks as though Charles Woodruff, U. S. A., retired, will be chosen, although there is some talk of inviting ex-Governor Henry T. Gage to do the honors. Woodruff is in the Philippines with Taft and is a talker of unusual eloquence, and the balance leans his way at headquarters.

Every effort will be made to make this meeting the banner affair of the campaign. There will be good music and lots of enthusiasm. Republican clubs in some of the districts will march to the pavilion in bodies, the big club of the thirty-seventh being the first to suggest this departure from former methods of assembling. Gillett and McNab have had good crowds wherever they have spoken, and are expected to be in fine oratorical fettle when they face their San Francisco audience.

The second big meeting which will be held will be addressed by Presidential Elector Samuel M. Shorridge and will mark the completion of his speaking itinerary. Arrangements for this meeting have not yet been completed.

Advices received from Shorridge at republican headquarters yesterday were to the effect that he has had splendid meetings wherever he has spoken, and his comments on the falling off in enthusiasm in the campaign since the last presidential campaign, but states that he has never before found audiences so attentive to argument.

Chairman Phil Teller of the state committee has received from national headquarters copies of the correspondence between Roosevelt and Taft regarding the latter's acceptance of the presidential nomination, which was recently made public by a New York magazine. The national committee suggests that these letters be used by stump speakers as much as possible.

**WAGER ON RESULTS**  
Will Davis, secretary of the state central committee, is one of the most optimistic republicans in the state. He thinks that Taft will carry California by a plurality of 50,000, and made the wager of a \$5 hat to that effect yesterday with Will Ashe of Glen Ellen. Ashe is an enthusiastic on his side as Davis is, and promptly countered with the wager that Bryan would carry California. Davis bet and expects to win \$15 worth of headgear.

George A. Tracy, democratic candidate for congress, will address a meeting in the thirty-ninth district at 527 Clement street tonight. On Thursday night he will speak at Ocean View, on Friday night at San Mateo, and on Saturday night at Mountain View and Menlo Park.

The democrats of the forty-fourth and forty-fifth districts will hold a joint meeting in Garibaldi hall on Friday night. Speeches will be made by legislative and judicial candidates.

**FAVORS DIRECT PRIMARY**  
George Van Smith Addresses Voters of Thirty-third District

The direct primary constitutional amendment and the India basin act were discussed last night at a meeting of the voters of the thirty-third assembly district at Columbia hall, Theresa and Mission streets.

George Van Smith, political editor of The Call and secretary of the direct primary election law committee, advocated the ratification of assembly constitutional amendment No. 3, upon which he said the enactment of a direct primary election law depended. Van Smith took up the arguments advanced by the forces of direct primaries and met them in turn with concrete examples of the experience of the voters in those states which have adopted direct primary systems. He said that all the arguments against direct primaries made by the machine politicians had been made and disproved in the direct primary states, and urged the necessity of serving notice on the organization managers that their direct primary pledges must be redeemed in good faith. He pointed out that at the May and August primaries this year two-thirds of the electors of California had been disfranchised by the refusal of the machine bosses to hold primaries of any kind, and showed by the results of direct primary election in other states that direct nomination of partisan candidates for public office was the one avenue to genuine representative government.

Engineer C. L. McEnerny, on behalf of the Mission promotion association, advocated the ratification of the India basin act, which provides for the acquisition of a large block of planted property, all under water and east of Kentucky street. McEnerny denied the charge of the harbor work not take care of the expenses of the proposed acquisition, and insisted that the opposition to the project had its origin in the self-interest of realty speculators who wished to profit at the expense of the state and city.

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**OBJECTS TO BALLOT WORDING**  
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—City Justice A. L. Stephens, who is a candidate for superior judgeship on the democratic ticket, has filed a mandamus suit to compel the county clerk to remove from the official ballots the words "vote for four," claiming this to be a violation of the election laws. He will secure a decision from the supreme court, he declared, since the constitution provides that a complication will ensue, as there is no time now to secure new ballots before the election.

## Cook's Disgusting Defense of His Pet Stenographer, Who Was Too Near Ruef Jury

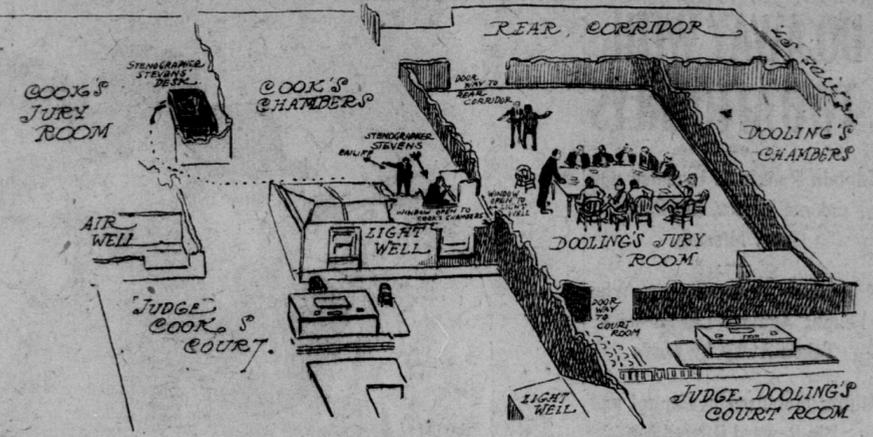


Diagram showing the scene of the Stevens-Cook incident. Stevens, the stenographer in Judge Carroll Cook's court, was discovered by the bailiff of Judge Dooling's court in Cook's chambers in a position where he could listen to the deliberations of the Ruef jury across the air space. Stevens' desk is in the Cook jury room and he could hardly have had legitimate business in Cook's chambers.

## JUDGE RAKER IS ASKED TO RESIGN

**Democrats Dissatisfied With Evidence in Suit Promises to Work of Chairman of State Central Committee**

Taking their cue from murmurs of discontent constantly heard where bourbon politicians congregate, and emboldened by the action of Will Ashe of Glen Ellen, who recently wired William J. Bryan that the state central committee needed a new head, the Iroquois club has adopted a resolution calling upon Judge John E. Raker to resign.

Raker was made chairman of the state central committee through the influence of Theodore A. Bell, who dominates the committee. Feeling against Bell has had a good deal to do with the Iroquois club's action. Raker, but the principal item in the list of grievances which the democrats have compiled is that Raker has not put in an appearance at local headquarters since the campaign opened. This was the complaint which Ashe made to Bryan, and it is also the complaint which the braves of the Iroquois club are now making.

The resolution adopted by the Iroquois club not only calls upon Raker to resign, but it also directly charges the members of the state central committee with the responsibility for his continuance in office.

Notwithstanding this fact, there is little likelihood that Raker will resign. His excuse for non-appearance is that he has a fight of his own to make in Modoc county for re-election to the superior bench, and this excuse is accepted by many members of the committee as satisfactory, especially as these members feel that the campaign has been well conducted by Secretary John E. Murray and his assistants, "Bob" Dewitt and "Tommy" Walsh, and that the resolution was drawn and submitted to the club by Robert P. Troy. It did not meet with unanimous approval, by any means, although the resolution was adopted by a majority of the committee.

**FEELING AGAINST RAKER**  
Feeling was so strong against Raker, however, that the resolution was adopted and copies sent to every member of the state central committee. Informal discussion which followed the adoption of the resolution showed that Senator J. B. Sanford would be satisfactory to the club as a chairman in lieu of Raker. Some of the braves proposed Max Popper as the proper man for the place if Raker resigned, but Popper said "No" to the suggestion.

The resolution reads: Whereas, Hon. John E. Raker accepted from the democracy of the state of California the office of chairman of the state central committee, the chairmanship of the democratic state central committee of the state of California; and Whereas, Hon. John E. Raker has failed to discharge the duties of the high and honorable office which he holds as executive of the democratic party in the state, and has at a critical moment in the pending campaign abandoned the interests of our party; and Whereas, J. Bryan, and has devoted his whole time and energy to his own campaign in behalf of himself for the position of superior judge of Modoc county; and Whereas, by reason of his failure to manage the state campaign in behalf of the democratic party, the committee is without a head in the present contest; and Whereas, the Iroquois club demands that John E. Raker forthwith resign the position of chairman of the democratic state central committee, so that a competent and active chairman shall be elected; and it is further Resolved, that the responsibility for the continuance in office of John E. Raker rests with the members of the democratic state central committee.

We approve: Robert P. Troy, Max Popper, James J. Flynn, N. J. Mansson, T. J. Pinder, resolution committee.

Attest: W. H. WILLIAMS JR., Secretary. San Francisco, Cal., October 16, 1908.

## BELL MAKES PREDICTION

**Declares New York and Indiana Are Certain for Bryan**

Theodore A. Bell is on his way to this city with the news that New York and Indiana are "sure to go for Bryan." So certain is Bell that these two states will be in the democratic column that he has sent the intelligence ahead of him, and it was received by the local leaders last night. Bell will speak in Reno on Thursday night with Senator Cammett of Nevada, who left for Nevada last night on Friday night. Bell will speak in Grass Valley, and on Saturday night in Oakland. He will speak in this city before the campaign closes.

Richmond P. Hobson is expected to arrive in this city on Friday, coming from Washington and Oregon, where he has been spreading his battle-speech and Japanese war propaganda.

The democrats of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth districts held a joint meeting in the open air at Third and Harrison streets last night. Speeches were made by James Maguire, John W. Sweeney, Andrew Furuseth, Patrick Purcell, candidates for the state senate, and John P. Feehan and Charles McGreevy, candidates for the assembly.

## DARGIE MAY FIGURE IN BANK SCANDAL

**Members of Salinas Druids on Way to Soledad to Initiation Ceremony**

Conjectures as to the initial scope of the suit filed in the United States circuit court by Attorney Charles S. Wheeler in behalf of Mary J. Hoff, Theresa Calvert and E. B. Block, complainants, against Thomas Prather, Edson P. Adams and John Charles Adams, and the Union national bank of Oakland, defendants, were cleared yesterday when the papers in the action were put on public record. In the suit it is asked that the defendants be brought into court to explain certain deals made by the three ex-officials of the bank who are named. The complainants in the action are minor stockholders in the bank. Of the defendants Thomas Prather was president of the defendant bank and Edson P. Adams and John Charles Adams, his brothers, and also brothers in law of Prather, were directors. After the Prather-Adams regime at the bank the property passed into the hands of J. Dalzell Brown and Walter J. Barnett, whose peculiar financial methods were well known.

**DARGIE'S NOTE FOUND**  
When Prather and his associates are on the stand in the federal court explaining their banking methods it is possible that the mysterious relations between William E. Dargie, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, the transbay organ of the local grafters, and Thomas Prather will be exposed. Dargie is known to have had two queer experiences with Prather and the Union national bank of Oakland. When the rehabilitators of the bank were straightening out its affairs after the Brown-Barnett confusion Dargie's note for \$1,500 was found among the assets in the bank. The note was unsecured. When George Reeth, one of the directors at the time, was asked about the paper he made an evasive answer. Dargie did not make the resolution against the bank, but declared that he would evade payment. He declared that the note was in connection with a business matter between himself and Prather and that Prather would have to meet the obligation.

**SUES FOR THE "JOB"**  
Later Dargie and Prather had more trouble. Dargie began a suit against Prather in the superior court of Alameda county April 20, 1905, to recover 25 \$1,000 bonds of the Merced river electric company, or \$25,000 in cash. That sum was alleged by Dargie to be due him in part payment for a \$50,000 "job" he turned in Washington in behalf of the Yosemite Valley railroad. Part payment was \$25,000 worth of Yosemite Valley railroad bonds. Eight days later the Dargie-Prather suit was withdrawn by the editor. Now the scandal that smoldered at that time may burst into flame. There are 28 interrogatories. Attorney Wheeler, on behalf of his clients, would put to Prather, Edson P. Adams and John Charles Adams. Those questions concern directly the management of the bank and are provoked by allegations made in the complaint.

**BIG SUMS BORROWED**  
It is charged that Prather and the two Adams brothers controlled the affairs of the bank and used much of the proceeds to their own profit in the period between January 6, 1906, and November 12, 1906. At one time, it is alleged, the three had borrowed the aggregate of \$280,730.32 from the bank. It is alleged that \$162,943.30 was loaned to the California bridge and construction company, a corporation, without credit. This loan was paid by \$350,000 of bonds issued by the republic of San Salvador. Prather is said to have shared in the excess of bonds over the loan. Warren B. English is named in the suit as having acted as a dummy to secure from the bank a loan of \$41,000 wanted by the Burrell construction company. This loan was not repaid, it is declared, and the loss is blamed to

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**MINE FOREMAN KILLED**—Tacoma, Oct. 20. A. W. Gustafson, assistant foreman in the mine of the Wilkeson coal and coke company at Wilkeson, was killed, yesterday afternoon, falling down a chute and being buried under a mass of coal.

## ONE KILLED; FIVE INJURED BY AUTO

**Salinas, Oct. 20.**—One man was killed and five others injured in an automobile accident last night at Camphora, three miles north of Soledad.

**John Hohelt, The injured: C. M. Villa, Charles N. Cape, Victor Massera, Charles Lindstrom, L. B. Dickey.**  
All were members of Salinas grove of Druids and were going to Soledad to assist in the initiation ceremonies at that place. In it were the injured L. B. Dickey may die. The machine left Salinas at 7 o'clock for Soledad to convey a party of prominent local Druids to attend initiation ceremonies at that place. It was seated L. B. Dickey, chauffeur; John Hohelt, Victor Massera, C. M. Villa, Charles N. Cape and Charles Lindstrom. At Camphora, the chauffeur, who is reported to have been speeding the machine, lost control at a point where there are two sharp turns in the road. The machine skidded, turned completely over and landed on its side. Hohelt fell under and was crushed to death. The others were thrown out, with the exception of Dickey, who remained in the car. He received injuries to his shoulder, but is less hurt than his companions, and is the only one who can give an account of the disaster. He states that the accident was the result of high speeding and the chauffeur's lack of familiarity with the road. Massera, Cape and Lindstrom are suffering from serious internal injuries. The chauffeur, Dickey, received injuries to his back and head. When Villa recovered from his fall after jumping he went to his companions' assistance. Cape was lying face downward in the sand. He would have smothered had Villa not

Prather in his "abuse of his office as director." If the court allows the questions Prather and the two Adams brothers will be asked what profit they received from these transactions, which are declared to have been illegal.

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## SEATTLE SELECTED BY SUFFRAGETTES

**Delegates Urged to Make Test Cases of Elective Franchise in Various States**

**Fortieth Annual Convention Will Finish Important Business Today**

**BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 20.**—The fortieth annual convention of the national American woman suffrage association closes tomorrow. With one exception all of last year's officers were re-elected. An invitation to hold next year's convention in Seattle was extended by Mrs. Emma Smith de Voe, state president of the Washington suffrage association, and the invitation was accepted.

At the afternoon session Harriet M. Johnston-Wood of New York, a lawyer, read a paper on "Some Legal Phases of the Disfranchisement of Women."

Mrs. Wood quoted from court decisions and the federal and state constitutions to show that no distinction is made as to sex in provisions relating to the elective franchise. She urged that a concentrated effort be made to influence women to try to register and qualify as jurors and, in the event of their being refused, each state make at least one test case and carry it to the supreme court.

Anna Howard Shaw of Mayland, Pa., was re-elected president, and the other officers were also re-elected with the exception of Mrs. Mary S. Sperry, California, second auditor, who retires on account of her ill health.

Amendments to the constitution of the National woman suffrage association today provide for admission of individuals and organizations to membership at an open session of the convention from states at national conventions.

A man championed the cause of woman suffrage at the evening session. Charles Edward Russell of New York told 2,000 delegates and their friends, at an open session of the convention, that he believed in votes for women just as he believed in votes for men and for the same reasons—and for one more. He said:

"They tell me women do not want the ballot. I do not know. I know that the ballot needs women. We have had in the United States the worst municipal governments in the world. We may as well confess that we failed. And we have failed because there is not sufficient moral force and moral inspiration, moral purpose and moral fervor in the electorate as at present constituted to keep us fast in the moral path. Then, I say that the electorate needs the addition of the most moral element in the country—now excluded from it. Whether woman needs the ballot or not, the ballot needs the woman."

Kate Trimble Wolsey of Kentucky discussed the motion, "Has Democracy Benefited Womanhood?"

turned him over. Hohelt, who lost his life in the accident, was found under the machine, which fell across his shoulders. His body is badly crushed. The injured were taken to Soledad.

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