

COGHLAN WILLINGLY TALKS OF HIMSELF

His Life, Politics, Practice and Views on Public Questions Freely Given

Has Saved Eleven Men From Noose; Would Hang That Many if Elected

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH

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IS SELF-EDUCATED

"No, I am not a college man. I am self-educated. What little education I have I owe to the libraries and application.

"I studied law in the office of Dennis Spencer," Coghlan said.

"I have practiced at this bar exclusively. I have devoted most of my time as a lawyer to the trial of criminal cases.

"My last murder case was the defense of In Wan, Chang, accused of the murder of Durham White Stevens, Japan's special representative in Korea.

"I defended Scherf, a poundman accused of killing one Schultz. The verdict was in order in the first degree. He received a life sentence.

"I will devote nearly all my time to the duties of my office. There is no use of saying that I think I will. All the incumbents of that office have been obliged to devote nearly all their time to it."

AS TO GRAFT PROSECUTIONS

"I am not opposed to the graft prosecution any more than I am to any other prosecution," was the answer.

"I am opposed to the graft prosecutions because I think these cases have been conducted neither properly nor lawfully. It would not be proper to say, nor could I at this time say, that I am for or against the graft prosecution.

"If you are elected district attorney will you prosecute the cases pending under indictments returned against the evidence and indictments will receive most careful consideration.

"I would be easy enough for me to plead sections 54 and 55 of the penal code. I did not wish candidly to state to the citizens of San Francisco my position regarding Francis J. Heney. The sections mentioned would seem to prevent a candidate from promising that he will appoint any particular person to an office, but they do not deprive the candidate of the right to name those who shall not be his appointees.

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Candidates for District Attorney--No. 2

Nathan C. Coghlan, Candidate Because He Wants the Office, Expresses Views on Principal Issues

Here are some facts about the life and personality of Nathan C. Coghlan, candidate for the republican nomination for district attorney, and his views on some issues of the campaign.

Thirty-four years old; born in San Francisco; married. Lived on a ranch in Napa county for 16 years; pitched hay and read Herodotus alternately; resided in San Francisco 17 years.

Is not a college man; self-educated; owes education to libraries and application. Studied law in office of Dennis Spencer; admitted to the bar 11 years ago; practiced at this bar exclusively.

Specialty has been study and practice of criminal law. Saved defendants in 11 desperate murder cases from hangman's noose; would have hanged all of the 11 had he been prosecuting instead of defending.

Has always taken an active interest in politics; was elected three times to the state assembly from the forty-first district. Became candidate for district attorney because he wanted the office; expects to be elected and that the duties of his office will consume virtually all of his time.

Graft Prosecution—"If I am elected Francis J. Heney will not be a member of my office force. It would not be proper nor could I at this time say that I am for or against the graft prosecution, for I have not sufficient data at hand to arrive at a conclusion."

Gas Rates—"I don't know anything about the gas fight. I pay my gas bills and willingly enough. It is a legislative question."

United Railroads' Attempt to Secure Monopoly of Lower Market Street—"The district attorney's office has nothing to do with that. It is inconvenient not to have trolleys down Market street."

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HETCH HETCHY PROJECT "Are you in favor of the Hetch Hetchy water project and the acquisition and development of the proposed municipal water supply?" "I am for it. My attitude in the last legislature is well known. The people have declared for it. I stand with the general public to the end."

"Do you favor resubmission to the people of the proposed Geary street municipal railroad bonds?" "That question hasn't anything to do with this campaign, and it will have to do separately from this campaign. As a citizen I think we are not ready for municipal ownership. If the people want resubmission I would be the last to stand in their way."

SANTA FE IS SEEKING ANOTHER SPUR TRACK

Board of Works Lets Big Sewer Contract

The Santa Fe company asked the supervisors yesterday for another spur track project and the board of works let the main line in Illinois street 35 feet south from Eldorado and run parallel at a distance of 13 feet for 955 feet.

The city is constantly securing old buildings on sites purchased for schools, fire houses, etc., and upon the question raised by the commissions as to whether the money derived from their auction should go into the fund which purchased the lands, the city attorney gave an opinion yesterday. He held that such money must be turned into the general fund and be at the disposal of the board of supervisors.

The construction of section B of the Division street sewer was yesterday awarded by the board of works to the Healy-Tibbitts company for \$144,600, the firm's bid having been the low one of the three submitted. The commission asked the supervisors for \$90,000 with which to construct the proposed sewer in the University mound and Silver terrace district.

H. Lorentzen asked the supervisors' artificial lighting committee yesterday for a new light fixture to be located near his saloon at the corner of Ocean avenue and the Corbett road. Lorentzen explained that this was the commencement of the automobile boulevard leading to San Mateo county and that a number of accidents had been caused at the corner "due to the darkness." Inspector Byrne was instructed to visit the spot and report his recommendation to the committee.

GERMANS PREPARE FOR MONSTER CELEBRATION

Schuetzen Verein to Have Gala Time at Shell Mound Park

Preparations for the golden jubilee and shooting festival of the San Francisco Schuetzen Verein, to be celebrated at Shell Mound park, August 29 to September 5, inclusive, are nearing completion. The preliminary program has been submitted to the committee on arrangements, and the order of the parade, which is to be a magnificent pageant, is being worked out.

The committee on arrangements held a meeting in La Boheme hall last night, and accepted several bids for work that is to be done at the park grounds. Prof. J. W. McKenzie is preparing a chorus of 5,000 that will sing American and German patriotic songs during the entire eight days' festival. Prof. L. N. Ritter's orchestra has also been engaged for the occasion.

Up to date seven divisions, consisting of a platoon of police and the many German societies of this city and the many counties, have been listed for the parade, and the committee expects as many more within the next 10 days. Every day during the festival there will be music, prize shooting, athletic games and dancing. The festival will be on the largest scale possible.

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JORDAN WOULD BE SECRETARY OF STATE IS THEIR BROTHER

Direct Primary Gives Alameda Politician Chance He Has Been Looking For

Let the hauboyds sound and the sackbut and the psalterly make music and let the politicians lend attentive ear, for lo, there enters, as a direct primary candidate for secretary of state, Frank C. Jordan, known in Oakland and elsewhere.

Who is Frank C. Jordan? What a silly question! Why, Frank C. Jordan—but let him tell the story in his own words:

"Frank Chester Jordan is the full name, if you please, with the accent on the Chester—'Charge, Chester, charge, On Stanley, on,' etc. "County clerk of Alameda in 1894 and again in 1898; and in 1902, if you remember, I broke the slate for clerk of the supreme court. In the convention they told me to go 'way back and sit down; said I hadn't a chance against George Sharp, especially because the candidate for governor came from my county. Remember the result? I was nominated in spite of them and elected by a plurality of 52,000 and more, in spite of their state.

"And now the direct primary law justifies me in being a candidate for secretary of state. It gives me an opportunity to meet the voters face to face, to put my hand into the hands of 100,000 electors of California. "If ever I made a fight it will be this time, and there will be just three factors in my campaign—face to face, eye to eye and hand to hand. It would be my fault if I don't reach every corner of California. Let me say, in the words of the poet, 'Lay on, Macduff, and damned be he that first cries hold, enough!'"

"The office of secretary of state is a great office, and when I cross its threshold, as I surely will, I will make a good record; I will be a real secretary of state. My plan is to visit every town in California, and ask the boys to vote for me. Just wait till I get out some of my campaign literature in the shape of the good old prospectus checks, which you may recall as the feature of my former campaigns. "Mind you, I would not be a candidate for secretary of state if Charley Curry were a candidate for governor, but as he is out for the governorship the way is clear."

And so Frank C. Jordan, who made his first announcement in the city hall, had been assured of unlimited support in his fight before this conversation had carried him within a block of Lotta's fountain.

TWO PROMINENT WELSH CLERGYMEN ARE COMING

Countrymen Will Welcome T. C. Williams and M. Richards

In honor of two prominent Welsh clergymen, Rev. Thomas Charles Williams, M. A. of Menai Bridge, Wales, and Rev. Morgan Richards of Utica, N. Y., an informal dinner has been arranged by a number of the Welsh citizens of San Francisco, the event to take place Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the Hotel Argonaut. The price of the dinner will be \$1 a plate, and all Welshmen and their friends are invited.

Those who wish to attend will send their names to any of the following: W. Hammond Williams, Hotel Fairmont; H. T. Roberts, Judson manufacturing company; H. L. Jones, Griffin-Skelly company; Robert Davies and Captain J. T. Jones, steamer Berkeley; David Hughes, Chronicle composing room; and in Oakland, Richard Jones, 534 San Pablo avenue.

Rev. Dr. Williams will preach Sunday morning at the Welsh Presbyterian church, San Francisco, and in the evening at the Oakland Welsh Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Richards will preach in Oakland in the morning and in San Francisco in the evening.

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ENGINEER IS SCALDED—Salinas, July 23.—Charles Handy, engineer of a pumping plant at San Ardo, was seriously injured today when a plug blew out of a boiler tube, scalding him about the face and neck.

WATCHMAN KILLS HIMSELF—Los Angeles, July 23.—C. O. Hamill, a night watchman for Bishop & Co. aged 54, shot himself in the breast at 621 1/2 car street today and died instantly. He was separated from his wife.

CRANE'S APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED—Washington, July 23.—The chief executive today signed a large number of presidential nominations confirmed by the senate, including that of Charles H. Crane to be minister to China.

WALTER'S CASE UP TO ELECTION BOARD

Facts of Fraudulent Affidavits to Be Laid by Zemansky Before Commission

If Instructed, Registrar Will Turn Evidence Over to the District Attorney

It rests with the board of election commissioners to decide whether Carl Walter, the special verification deputy, who filed with the registrar 24 fraudulent affidavits for the petition of Fritz Gercke, republican candidate for supervisor, shall be punished for his violation of his oath.

Registrar Zemansky said yesterday that he would lay the facts of the case before the election commission at the meeting next Monday afternoon. "The board, I suppose," said Zemansky, "will direct me to turn the matter over to the district attorney. If so, I will furnish him with all the evidence at my command. It will be his duty to prosecute under the law."

Zemansky expected that Walter would put in an appearance yesterday, either to explain or to attempt to palliate his submission of the fraudulent affidavits, but Walter was not in evidence, either about the Gercke office or around the headquarters of the republican county committee.

Walter was commissioned to obtain signatures for the Gercke petition by Charles H. Forbes, secretary of the county committee. "Walter first came to headquarters," said Forbes yesterday, "with signatures to the Dolin petition. We needed men to help out on the Gercke petition and as he was anxious to get work he was employed for a day and a half. He was partially paid for his work. He had the appearance of an ignorant, inoffensive fellow."

BOGUS NAMES NOT NEEDED Gercke's petition was found to contain inefficient signatures without the names of the signers, to entitle the Gercke to a place on the ballot. His petition contained 1,627 signatures, of which 1,275 were found to be valid.

P. A. Bergeret and Andrew F. Dolin, republican candidates for supervisor, had a hard time getting on the ballot. The first examination of their petitions showed an insufficient number of signatures, but on a second examination, which involved the reprecincting of a number of signers whose affidavits were incorrectly marked, both mustered enough votes. Out of 1,254, Bergeret had 1,004 valid signatures, and out of 1,256, Dolin has 1,001.

The municipal league of independent republican clubs is busily engaged in preparing literature for its primary campaign. Among other activities finances are occupying the attention of the leaders. At a recent meeting the finance committee was empowered to add to its membership as many as it saw fit and to consult with Byron Mauzy, candidate for mayor. The present members of the finance committee are: I. O. Upham, chairman; Andrea Sbarboro, Milton H. Esberg, Marshal Hale and William H. Stewart.

LIPPMAN'S CAMPAIGN According to William H. Stansbury, secretary of the executive committee of the municipal league, the campaign of George M. Lippman for republican nomination for police judge, 1,000 businessmen have joined in a petition for his support and nomination by the republican electors. The petition was read last night at a meeting of the committee held in the Pacific building. The formation of 16 district clubs was reported and the members of the committee expected to have 25 clubs at work when it meets again on next Friday.

ARRESTED WHILE NURSING HIS BEDRIDDEN WIFE Man Accused of Forgery Is in St. Louis Jail

ST. LOUIS, July 23.—James R. Stanley was arrested here today on a warrant charging he had forged the name of J. W. Newhart of Dunsmuir, Cal. The arrest was made at the request of the sheriff of Siskiyou county, Cal. Stanley, who is well educated, was working here at night and nursing his bedridden wife during the day. He declared he did not know why he was arrested.

AGED MAN KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR—Los Angeles, July 23.—Thomas Pearce of Santa Ana, aged 65, was struck by a car on the Long Beach line at Watts station tonight and instantly killed. He was walking on the track and evidently did not hear the approaching car.

FICKERT'S FRIENDS OPEN HIS CAMPAIGN

About Fifty Men, Mostly Stanford Graduates, Sound Praise of Candidate

Plea for Clean Campaign Made by Seeker of District Attorneyship

Charles M. Fickert, republican candidate for district attorney, started his campaign last night with a meeting in Jefferson Square hall, 925 Golden Gate avenue. About 50 men, mostly Stanford graduates, were in the audience.

Ed Cunha, former yell leader at Stanford, called the meeting to order and introduced the speaker. "We are here as friends of Fickert," he said, "because we believe he is pre-eminently qualified to fill the position which he seeks. If elected to office, Fickert will be glad to meet his friends and have them ask him why this and that isn't being done in San Francisco."

After Harry Mackenzie had told funny stories and sung a song, and a Hawaiian quartet had given several selections, including a hula dance, Frank V. Keesling spoke. "Fickert," he said, "is not subject to attack by people who are likely to attack him while he is a candidate for district attorney. Honesty and capability, the only essentials of a district attorney, are in Fickert."

George Appel, chairman of Fickert's union labor campaign committee, said that he had a vast acquaintance among the men who toiled and that he had a message to deliver. "If Fickert is elected district attorney," he said, "there will be no perjured convictions."

Morris Oppenheim said that Fickert would make an ideal district attorney on account of the virtues he possessed. James E. Brennan exhorted all to get out and work from now till general election day. In addressing his friends Fickert jokingly alluded to immunity contracts, which was the only reference made at the meeting to the graft prosecution. "I will act," he promised, "in accordance with the duties of my office and with the law. I won't prosecute anybody for private or personal reasons or for political revenge. This campaign promises to be one of the bitterest ever fought in this city. Let's make it a clean and open fight. Let there be no vituperation for my opponent, whoever he may be."

The meeting ended with three cheers for Fickert.

MRS. MITCHELL, NOT INSANE, IS RELEASED

Divorced Husband Promises to Send Her to Home of Her Father

She Charges That Broker Tried to Send Her to Asylum to Evade Alimony

Insanity Commissioners McGettigan and Rethers, conducting the examination into the sanity of Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, yesterday morning, after listening to but very little of the statements of her divorced husband, Frank S. Mitchell, prominent clubman and stock broker, dismissed the charge and ordered her release from custody.

Her former husband has consented to furnish her with transportation to the home of her father in Philadelphia. The insanity charge grew out of a sensational scene in the Sahlen apartments, 1255 Polk street, Wednesday night, when Mrs. Mitchell, who had called to interview her former husband and place in his custody their 2-year-old son, became hysterical and had it not been for the timely interference of Mitchell would have slashed her throat with a piece of broken glass.

A physician was summoned and after treatment was administered throughout the night, she was taken next morning to the detention ward of the central emergency hospital. After being lodged in a cell in the institution, Mrs. Mitchell stated that an attempt was being made to have her placed in an asylum in order that her former husband would not be compelled to pay to her the alimony of \$100 a month granted by her decree. She also stated that he was far in arrears in his carrying out of the court's order and to prevent her filing a petition to enforce payment he had had her taken into custody.

The couple were divorced last April and the trial caused quite a stir among the smart set, owing to the charges made in the complaint filed by Mrs. Mitchell, who accused her husband of bringing to their beautiful home in Alameda strange women on several occasions.

The examining commissioners stated that the woman was of a nervous disposition and was merely suffering from a nervous collapse, due in all probability to the strain attending the divorce action.

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