

BE BELL LIKELY TO GET AN ENDORSEMENT Los Angeles Conference May Declare for Him and Spellacy, Despite Protests Active Workers in South Would Name Him as the Bourbon Choice for Governor

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH The democratic state conference, to be held in Los Angeles April 12, may decide to endorse a candidate for governor, vigorous advertising to the contrary notwithstanding. The promised refusal to endorse is no sure thing bet. Neither is the proposition that Theodore A. Bell will not be the candidate endorsed.

Private advices from Los Angeles indicate that an organized movement to endorse Bell is headed by a solid block of 119 Los Angeles delegates to the conference. It has been given out, and authoritatively, that the San Francisco conferees will go to Los Angeles untroubled—instructions to vote against endorsement of any candidate. The same may be said to apply to the delegations from Sacramento, Sonoma and Tulare counties, but that is not the case. A majority of the conferees will be instructed against endorsements.

Bell vigorously insists that he does not seek the endorsement of the state conference and that he defeated the proposed endorsement of himself by the Los Angeles county committee. Bell's friends declare that his political associates have forced an issue and that the Los Angeles conference will go on record for Bell in spite of him and his opponents.

DIFFERENT SORT OF TALE The version of the Los Angeles county committee incident given by Bell's friends differs materially from the one put in circulation several weeks ago by his foes. The old organization version of the tale was that Bell's friends attempted to secure an endorsement for the San Francisco man and were defeated by a vote on the other side of it, as told by Bell's friends.

Bell was in Napa when the Los Angeles county committee was scheduled to meet. L. Norton, one of the mainstays of the Los Angeles reform democracy and one of Bell's right-hand men, wired Bell that, regardless of Bell's attitude, the committee purposed to endorse him for lieutenant governor. Tim Spellacy for lieutenant governor.

Bell promptly wired back, insisting that his friends should use every effort to prevent the presentation of his name to the committee. Then, as the story goes, when the committee meeting was breaking up, some one did spring Bell's name, and an endorsement was averted by Norton and other friends of Bell, who had been advised of Bell's instructions.

Democracy's wives are crossed in another place. The McNab organization men have what they consider positive assurance that Tim Spellacy will be a candidate for governor. On the other hand, Bell has Spellacy's assurance that he has Spellacy's promise to run for lieutenant governor, but the Bell men believe that the Los Angeles conference will result in making the former chairman of the state central committee a seeker for the second place on the ticket.

Many republicans who have not even a secondary interest in the makeup of the democratic ticket would be glad to know that Spellacy was programmed for the nomination of lieutenant governor. Their appreciation of such a situation would not involve anything especially complimentary to Spellacy, but it would mean that the republican party would be interested and from which they expect to extract no little amusement.

CARTWRIGHT'S POSITION If Senator George W. Cartwright is not forced into the running for the second place on his party ticket, he will be a candidate to succeed himself. Assemblingman A. M. Dwyer of Fresno is out for the republican nomination to Cartwright's seat.

Alden Anderson returned yesterday from a trip to Bakersfield and Los Angeles. Since his return, Anderson in Los Angeles prevented him from going into the political situation as affected by his candidacy or as affecting his candidacy. He was at his desk all day yesterday, and beyond the receipt of letters from friends throughout the state, did not get in touch with the work of his campaign. He said that the work of his campaign would be pressed at the earliest practicable moment, but he also indicated that he would not take up a personal campaign for some time. Anderson appeared to believe that a personal campaign so long in advance of the primary election would be largely wasted effort.

BEATTY OUT FOR SENATE The republicans of the eighteenth senatorial district, including the thirty-first and thirty-sixth assembly districts, have formally boosted Assemblyman Henry N. Beatty into the race for the upper house. At a mass meeting held in Schubert hall, at Sixteenth and Mission streets, 150 republicans put Beatty in the field and arranged for a big campaign committee to make his primary fight.

The make up of the meeting was an endorsement of Beatty, second only to the splendid record he made as assemblyman. The first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant the regulars and reformers of the two assembly districts were agreed on a candidate. Fred Eggers, boss of the regulars in the thirty-sixth for years, was one of the moving spirits. G. H. von der Mehden, chief of the long hairs in the thirty-first and prominent worker in the good government league, Henry League and other reform movements, presided. William Symon, one of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league wheel horses, presented the resolution endorsing Beatty's assembly record and requesting him to run for the senate. And it was due Beatty. San Francisco has never had an assemblyman that reflected more credit on her delegation than did Beatty in the session of 1905.

LOCAL CENTER REGISTRATION Realization of the election commission scheme for local center registration seems assured. President Carter and Registrar Harrington conferred with Supervisor Kelly, chairman of the finance committee, and found him in sympathy with their plan.

Charles E. A. Creighton, one of the prominent young republicans of the thirty-fifth district, has formally signified his intention to seek his party's nomination for justice of the peace. Henry Thompson is out for the republican nomination to the assembly in the fortieth district. Thompson was a member of the assembly in 1907. The machine dumped him for Bill Schmitt two years ago and Thompson declared that he was done with slaving for an ungrateful public. The enactment of the direct primary law has caused him to change his mind. He wants his job back and he especially wishes to take it away from Schmitt.

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RAIN MAKES GRAIN PROSPECTS BRIGHT

San Joaquin County Farmers Happy Over Promise of Big Crop Returns

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 23.—San Joaquin county farmers and grain dealers anticipate one of the finest seasons in years so far as the crops are concerned. The prospects for a record breaking yield could not be better.

There has been plenty of rain and the grain is in excellent condition. Further precipitation would do no good. A large acreage has been planted. The West Side, which sometimes suffers for want of rain, has received its full share. The market is "soft," the indications of a big crop generally having that effect upon local prices. An increase in the prospects naturally tends to lower prices.

The stock of potatoes in this county is estimated at 100,000 sacks. Part of this supply is stored in local warehouses and considerable of it is still on the bank. Dry rot has been discovered and may reduce the stock on hand somewhat.

George Shima has a large number of sacks of tubers on his tract. He has not sacked all of his potatoes and mountains of them are piled up on the levees covered over with hay and tules. The early crop, which comes in about June, is doing well. On Roberts island last year 1,600 acres were planted, while this season the total acreage is 1,000.

Judging from present indications, last year's big onion yield will be duplicated. Onions will be on the market about May or June.

SICK PRISONER PARDONED BY GOVERNOR GILLET Vagrant Afflicted With Disease of the Brain

SACRAMENTO, March 23.—Governor Gillet today pardoned W. H. Ford, a young man who was imprisoned in the Los Angeles city jail on a charge of vagrancy and was serving a sentence of 180 days.

Ford was pardoned because it was shown he had erysipelas of the brain, which made him indolent and unwilling to work.

The governor today honored a requisition for the return of C. Stephens, alias C. Stephenson, imprisoned in this state, to Portland on a forgery charge. It is alleged that Stephens forged a check for \$27 on the Canadian Bank of Commerce, using the name of G. L. Greenfield.

ABANDONED SHAFT OF OLD MINE CAVES IN Giving Away of Earth Leaves Long and Deep Crevice

GRASS VALLEY, March 23.—Word has been received here that an abandoned shaft at the Union Hill mine has caved in as a result of the excessive rains. The caving leaves a long crevice in the ground across the court road. In some places the crevice is 40 feet deep and 12 feet across. The mining company is preparing to fill the crevice with rock from its dump.

MEXICAN WAR VETERAN ANSWERS FINAL CALL George Cross, Who Accompanied Fremont, Passes Away

SAN JOSE, March 23.—George Cross, who came to California with Fremont in 1846, died last night in a local sanatorium.

Cross was a veteran of the Mexican war, and he helped build the historic mill race in which Marshall discovered gold near Sacramento.

For many years Cross resided on a farm near this city. He was a native of Ogdensburg, N. Y., 85 years of age. He leaves a number of children, all grown and married.

FAST MAIL TRAIN HAS MISHAP NEAR COLFAX Two Cars Jump Track, but Remain Upright

COLFAX, March 23.—Westbound fast mail train No. 9 had a close call to a wreck this morning at Gorge, three miles east of Colfax.

Two mailcars jumped the track and plowed along on the ties for 75 yards. The cars were not overturned, and no one was hurt. After a delay of four hours the train came through.

EDITOR DECLINES TO CAUSE ARREST

Marysville Newspaperman Will Not Prosecute Person Who Attacked Him

[Special Dispatch to The Call] MARYSVILLE, March 23.—W. S. O'Brien, editor of the Marysville Democrat, declined today to swear to a warrant for the arrest of Milton P. Haney, defeated candidate for councilman from the third ward. Haney assaulted O'Brien in front of a local theater last night.

O'Brien supported all the democratic nominees for city office in the recent election except Haney. He made repeated attacks on Haney in his paper during the campaign and again last evening.

Haney resolved to whip him and waited until O'Brien arrived at the theater with his wife. He struck him on the nose, breaking his glasses and knocking him to the sidewalk.

Friends then stopped the fight. Both men are locally prominent. O'Brien was formerly employed on Sacramento newspapers.

LOGES CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS Organizations Observe Anniversaries of Establishment

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 23.—Juanita camp No. 2313, Royal Neighbors of America, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary last night, and Stockton lodge No. 108, Fraternal Brotherhood, its fourteenth birthday.

The Royal Neighbors observed the occasion with a banquet and the following program:

Music.....H. Macquarrie's orchestra Address.....Mrs. Jennie Cencirilo Recitation.....Mrs. A. Boland Fare....."Grandma's Gals" Mrs. A. W. Hollis, Miss G. Bicker, Miss Mary Cencirilo and E. Harris. Vocal solo.....Orell Clarke Recitation.....Miss Marie Kaya Vocal solo.....Mrs. R. B. Reibenstein Piano duet.....Mamuel Silva "Mrs. Jennie Cencirilo and daughter Mary Tablino....."Gals to the Cross" A banquet was one of the features of the Fraternal Brotherhood function.

The program follows: Piano solo.....Miss Lou Asher Vocal solo.....Richard Perrin Violin selections.....Charles Light Recitation.....Miss Jacobs

NAVY YARD BLACKSMITH DESERTS YOUNG BRIDE Leaves Note and Dollar, Wishing Wife "Luck"

[Special Dispatch to The Call] VALLEJO, March 23.—This city is somewhat wrought up by what appears to be a case of wife desertion on the part of Adolph Julius Seeman, who until Thursday last was employed as a blacksmith at the Mare Island navy yard.

Seeman, who is 34 years old, left his home Friday morning, apparently to go to his daily toil at the local naval station, but returned home later and after packing his personal belongings departed for some unknown place.

Let's see, he was married less than a year, who had been going out sewing to earn money that the couple might build a home of their own, returned to find the following note:

"When this reaches you I will be 200 miles away. I'm leaving you this dollar. Here's luck to you. A. J. S."

Shortly before his marriage Seeman became entangled with a young widow in this city, and it is hinted that this widow had some connection with the strange desertion of Seeman's young bride.

WATER BOND ELECTION IN SACRAMENTO TODAY Unknown Persons Start Movement to Defeat Issue

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 23.—A bond election will be held in this city tomorrow for the purpose of voting on an issue of \$666,000 to provide clear, pure water for Sacramento. The campaign ended tonight with a big automobile parade and a public demonstration.

There is a movement started by unknown persons for the purpose of defeating the bonds. It is supposed that the anti-bond people are interested in some mountain water supply and desire to sell it to the city.

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CONVENTION NAMES OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convenes in Sacramento

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 23.—The Woman's home and foreign missionary society convention for the Sacramento district, comprising the entire section known as northern California, convened today, discussed the year's work and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. M. M. Harding, president, Sacramento; Miss Eda Bush, vice president, Redding; Miss Clara Alger, recording secretary, Vacaville; Mrs. E. E. Rose, treasurer, Sacramento; Mrs. A. E. Perkins, corresponding secretary, Sacramento.

Other departmental secretaries selected are: Mrs. E. H. Rivett, Sacramento; Mrs. E. E. Triplett, Sacramento; Mrs. J. B. Hicks, Sacramento; Miss Lillian Cooper, Winters; Miss Margaret Culton, Winters; Mrs. J. H. Harbough, Sacramento; Miss Lillie Sherman, Sacramento.

STOCKTON TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW HOTEL Committees Appointed to Arrange Program for Occasion

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, March 23.—Stockton will celebrate the opening of its new half million dollar hotel next month in fine style. The opening of the new hostelry is taken as an indication of the beginning of a new and greater era for this city. Tomorrow night a meeting of the committees from the various commercial and business organizations will be held, when plans will be completed for the celebration. The following are committees:

Real estate association—T. P. Bonney, W. J. Rhoades, S. E. Holton, Francis E. Cutting and Clarence A. Grant. Merchants' association—John Smith, Walter Perryman, A. N. Barnett, C. E. Bartholf and Charles Yost. Grocers' association—C. B. Pearson, E. G. Bartholomew, B. R. Gianelli and J. F. Dietrich.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL PAY VISIT TO NAPA Degree Work Will Be Exemplified by State Officers

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NAPA, March 23.—Fifteen hundred Knights of Columbus from San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Rosa and other cities will come to Napa Sunday, May 1. The occasion will be the exemplification of degree work by the state officers. Seventy candidates from various councils of the bay cities will be initiated.

At 11 o'clock all the delegations will attend mass at the Catholic church. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the third degree will be conferred by the state team, with elaborate ceremony. The League of the Cross Cader's band of San Francisco will render a sacred concert during the afternoon.

PARTY WILL SEARCH FOR MISSING HUNTER Proprietor of Tocher Hotel, McArthur, Has Disappeared

[Special Dispatch to The Call] FALL RIVER MILLS, March 23.—Will Tocher, proprietor of Tocher hotel at McArthur, went hunting yesterday and has not been seen since. A searching party has been organized to find him. It is feared that he has shot himself. Tocher is one of the best known young men of the county.

MAN COMMITS SUICIDE BY HANGING HIMSELF Asks for Night's Lodging and Is Found Dead

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WILLOWS, March 23.—The body of Robert Mackey, a stranger in Germantown, was found hanging from a rafter in the Holton lively stable there this morning. He had committed suicide during the night. He came into the lively stable the night before and asked for shelter. He said he was a sheep herder.

SYMME MAY GET BANK RECEIVERSHIP

Judge Seawell Will Appoint Temporary Successor to Le Breton This Morning

Judge Seawell announced yesterday that he would name a temporary receiver of the California safe deposit and trust company in place of the late E. J. le Breton this morning, but declined to divulge the name of the prospective appointee because he had not yet communicated with him. Many of the depositors believe that Frank J. Symmes is the man.

Judge Seawell appointed Charles F. Blandin to be temporary assistant to the receiver to represent minority depositors and creditors. Blandin, who is an attorney at law, lives at 57 Jessie street. He had a deposit of \$1,95 in the insolvent bank, and in virtue of this interest in its affairs has attended all the hearings in Judge Seawell's court.

His appointment, which was made by the judge on Blandin's personal application as a friend of the court, runs to the effect that Blandin is hereby appointed as temporary assistant to the receiver, to represent minority depositors and creditors interested herein, with a bond fixed at \$5,000, and to serve without compensation, save only such as may be voluntarily and freely given him by such minority interests.

In an affidavit Blandin recited that he had endeavored to collect his 10 per cent dividend on his deposit of \$1.95, as well as 10 per cent on the \$37,52 deposit of E. M. Coffin, but had been refused the money. Blandin asked for and was given permission to file a suit in intervention.

WESTERN UNION MUST DEFEND DAMAGE SUIT Judge Van Fleet Overrules Demurrer of Company

The demurrer interposed in the United States circuit court by the Western Union telegraph company to the suit for \$11,250 damages brought by William Lange and J. U. Hastings was overruled yesterday by Judge Van Fleet.

A delay of four days in delivering a message to the bank at Yerington, Nev., Lange and Hastings allege, allowed W. C. Pitt and W. T. Campbell to cash a draft on them for \$11,250. They had tried to intercept payment by telegraph.

The plaintiffs were making this payment on a purchase of stock in the Kennedy gold mining company, which they say they learned was worthless immediately after mailing the draft. The Western Union's grounds of demurrer were technical.

GIRL MASKERS ARE SEVERELY LECTURED

Los Angeles Young Women Who Donned Men's Attire Regret Act

Miss May Sullivan and Miss Margaret McCarthy, the two young girls from Los Angeles, who were arrested in Chinatown Tuesday night while masquerading in men's attire, appeared before Police Judge Shortall yesterday. Miss Sullivan told the judge that she was about to become a bride and she did not think she was doing anything wrong. She expressed her regret after the judge severely lectured her and promised to behave herself in future.

The cases were dismissed and the case of Joseph Cole, who accompanied the two girls, was also dismissed.

LABORER TAKES VICTIM'S CLOTHES—Patrick Ryan, a laborer, charged with grand larceny, was compelled to disrobe in Police Judge Shortall's court yesterday. George Matheson, 219 Church street, complained that he met Ryan Tuesday and was entered into a water front saloon, where he was robbed of his clothing and left almost naked. His clothes adorned Ryan, who was sent to jail for 10 days.



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