

FOUR MEN IN FIELD FOR SEAT HELD BY KENT

Former Speaker Hewitt and E. H. Hart of Marin County Republican Aspirants

Connick and Hunter Tour District, but Not Likely to Fight Alone

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH

The political wisecracks who picked the first and third districts as the republican congressional storm centers seem to be in a fair way to establish reputations as prophets, even in their own countries.

Numerous squalls were stirred up by the formation of the two districts, and these squalls have been developed into steady winds of a velocity indicative of full size hurricanes before anything like congressional campaigns are developed in the other districts. For that matter most of the districts hold forth small promise of vigorous fighting for the republican nominations.

The new first district was carved out of portions of the old first and second districts in a manner designed to make Judge Cliff Connick of Eureka the successor to Congressman William Kent of Marin county. The carving was done by progressives and with entire frankness. The situation was not lost on Kent and he promptly announced that he would not be a candidate for re-nomination.

HUNTER OPPOSES CONNICK

Kent's withdrawal was not a default resignation of the district to Connick. Humboldt county had another candidate long before Connick was brought out and long before the plans were perfected to make a district for him. Humboldt county has that other candidate yet. He is Judge G. W. Hunter and he is behaving like one who had serious intentions.

Hunter started on a tour of the district more than a month ago. He has in his own right plenty of the shrews of political warfare. He is a rancher and cattle man besides being a jurist, and wears his beard in a manner that should make a decided impression on the ranges. Hunter is a tariff man and a conservative in nearly all things except vote getting.

Connick is only a lap or two behind Hunter in the matter of beating up the bushes for votes. He arrived in San Francisco several days ago after a feeling out trip through the coast portion of his district and was scheduled to leave yesterday for a similar tour of the interior counties. He has no whippers, but in the matter of digging for votes is no more conservative than Hunter.

ADVENT OF HEWITT

When Kent announced that he would have no more of the congressional game the friends of Hunter and Connick respectively had high hopes of a two handed fight, in which Humboldt county would take in the stakes, regardless of which gladiator was returned a primary victor.

Now they are entertaining some doubts on that score. From Yuba city come rumblings indicative of the probable candidacy of A. H. Hewitt, speaker of the last assembly, a veteran legislator with a spotless record, a disposition to look like Abraham Lincoln minus whiskers and a stakehorse speed as a vote getter.

Hewitt was suspected of entertaining congressional aspirations several months ago. At one time he almost admitted harboring a desire to show the national legislature how to amend the constitution with one hand and flick nicks into a state payroll with the other without the slightest confusion either as to orders or details.

MARIN COUNTY CANDIDATE

Subsequently it was declared by those who said they were Hewitt's friends that he had given up the idea of taking a term lease on Kent's Washington office furniture. Now it is said that either his friends were misinformed as to his state of mind or that he has changed his mind.

Nor is Hewitt the last on the tentative list of republican aspirants. From Marin county comes a rumor that E. H. Hart is not disposed to permit Kent to dismiss Marin's claim to that seat in congress by a pronouncement. Hart is an insurance man of known ability, but as a politician he has broken no records according to the chronicles of Thomas Nossler.

DEVLIN-CURRY FIGHT

The third district was framed for Frank R. Devlin of Vallejo. When the framing was finished, former Secretary of State Charles P. Curry permitted it to be known that he considered the ballwick cut exactly to his own measure. The issue was promptly joined, and both Devlin and Curry have been hustling for votes for weeks.

Devlin is the state administration candidate and Curry is the Taft candidate, and the issue is so clearly drawn that no one in the district has considered it advisable to shy a third hat into the ring.

The democrats are taking only a passive interest in the affairs of a district that is hopelessly republican and which promises to be the battleground upon which the political complexion of the republican party in California will be determined.

CALIFORNIA OLIVES LAUDED BY EXPERTS

Government Pomologists Praise Butte Product

Valuable recognition of the unsurpassed quality of the ripe olives of this state is given in letters received yesterday by J. L. Bley, the customs broker, from G. B. Brackett and E. R. Lake, pomologist and assistant pomologist, respectively, of the bureau of plant industry of the United States department of agriculture.

Bley recently sent them samples of ripe olives from Butte and the pomologist Brackett acknowledged the receipt of them in his letter to Bley as follows:

"The ripe olives sent to Professor Lake and myself came in excellent condition. I sampled them carefully and gave samples to experts in this office and others who are good judges of quality in olives and they report these of the best. The olives are as fine as any that I have seen in good fortune to test in a very long time."

HUSBAND ASKS POLICE TO FIND MISSING WIFE

The police have been asked to aid in finding Mrs. Caroline Foreman, who disappeared with her 5 year old daughter February 25 from her home at 261 Missouri street after a disagreement with her husband, Daniel Foreman. She told her husband that she was going out to look for work and would not come back. Foreman asked the police to search for her, fearing she might do herself bodily harm.

Club Receives in Honor of Rolphs

Honor guest and president of Corona club, which held a reception last night for the city's mayor and his wife.



Mayor and His Wife Guests of Corona Members

In honor of Mayor and Mrs. James Rolph, the members of Corona club entertained at an elaborate reception last night at Mission Masonic hall. More than 500 guests were present.

Each year Corona club gives an evening reception, which is one of the events of the club season. This year it was decided that Mayor and Mrs. Rolph should be honored by the prominent woman's club of the Mission district. The presidents of the various women's clubs of the city also were specially invited guests.

The reception hall was attractively decorated with quantities of woodwardia ferns, huckleberry and baskets and bowls of daffodils. In the receiving line were Mrs. J. D. Jessup, president of Corona club; the two vice presidents, Mrs. Clive A. Brown and Mrs. B. R. Keith and Mayor and Mrs. Rolph.

Those who assisted in receiving were: Miss Laura M. Collins, Miss Helen Bryant, Miss Emma Yea Berger, Miss Sadie E. Starr, Mrs. Harold L. Seeger, Mrs. James W. Treaswell, Mrs. E. K. Strong, Mrs. J. A. Henry, Mrs. J. A. Weston (chairman of the club's reception committee), Miss Mildred Bryant, Mrs. W. B. Cookson, Mrs. E. F. Crosett, Mrs. Ella F. Graham, Mrs. W. H. George, Mrs. F. H. Griffiths, Mrs. William Hardy, Mrs. Christian Hellwig, Mrs. C. H. Ham, Mrs. W. E. Hendon, Mrs. George F. Hanson, Mrs. T. G. Inman, Mrs. Robert B. Phillips, Mrs. William Metzger, Mrs. Herman Noll, Mrs. Gifford L. Sobey, Mrs. W. S. Upham, Mrs. Stephen Wing.

Mrs. Rolph was gowned in pink satin and duchesse lace, trimmed with silver bands and white tulle.

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CHARGES AGAINST CAFE OWNER FAIL

Commission Holds That Accusations in Case of Abe Becker Are Not Substantiated

The postponed hearing of the charges filed a month ago against Abe Becker, proprietor of a cafe at 165 Eddy street, took place yesterday in the meeting of the police commission, and resulted in the charges being dismissed on the ground that they were not substantiated. E. D. Russell, proprietor of the Russell hotel, occupying quarters above Becker's place, was the chief complaining witness. Russell and Mrs. E. M. Simpson, who also lives in the hotel, testified to hearing "The Rosary" sung at 2 a. m. February 4.

Edward M. Knorp, a former policeman, who was granted a leave of absence July 2, 1911, and who was later adjudged insane, appeared before the commission with a petition for reinstatement as a member of the department. He stated that his insanity was caused by insomnia, brought about by his rigorous duties as an officer, but that he had recovered completely. The petition was denied.

The license of George Somerset, proprietor of a saloon at 10 Washington alley, was renewed, but notice was served that the place must refuse to sell drinks to female patrons. Somerset, who was present, was confronted with a charge of boasting about a "pull" with the commission, and was assured that he had none whatsoever.

John B. Antonini, proprietor of a dance hall, was given permission to move from his present location at 1034 Kearny street to 842 Montgomery. A protest signed by the officers of the Society of California Pioneers, objecting to another saloon on the site of the old landing place of the first settlers, was received, but the action of the commissioners was unanimous.

The trial of Policeman John T. Kelly on charges preferred by Chief White was postponed one week.

Not even in whispers was the far famed "Texas Tommy" mentioned at yesterday's meeting until after it was all over, when the same whatsoever was made that a special meeting next week would be devoted exclusively to the consideration of "rag" dances. Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the commission will endeavor to settle the fate of the "rag," and every one interested is invited to be present and take part in the discussion.

CROCKER'S SECRETARY IS ILL OF PNEUMONIA

HILLSBOROUGH, Feb. 28.—Dwaine Hopkins, private secretary to Miss Jennie Crocker and Charles Templeton Crocker, has been seriously ill of pneumonia at the home of Miss Crocker. His condition has been critical, but he has passed the crisis and will recover.

SUPERVISORS WILL VISIT WATER PLANT

Mayor Rolph and Others Confer on Subject of Spring Valley Properties

Judge Curtis H. Lindley, Mayor Rolph, Supervisor Vogelsang and City Attorney Long had a brief conference yesterday to review the results of their trip of inspection over the Spring Valley properties.

Judge Lindley, the chairman of the special committee, stated yesterday that they would soon meet again to take up the question of purchasing the Spring Valley plant. The matter resolves itself virtually into a question of price, and the city and the company alike are awaiting Engineer John R. Freeman's report on the water system's valuation as a basis for agreement.

All of the supervisors except Vogelsang, who has just been over the ground, and Jennings, who is recovering from an operation in the hospital, will today start on a three days' trip over the Spring Valley plant.

MEASURE FOR FACTORY WORKERS IS UP SOON

Various Persons Interested Notified to Attend Meeting

Supervisor A. J. Gallagher's proposed ordinance for the protection of factory and other industrial workers from fire danger will be made a special order of business in the near future. The fire committee yesterday directed that the owners of factories and representatives of the fire department and of the labor council be notified of the meeting, when the matter will be taken up.

The bill provides for fire drills in buildings housing workers above the second story, open exits during working hours, inspection by members of the fire department and other precautions.

Milton Righetti's application for a garage permit in Sacramento street near Spruce, was recommended over a number of protests.

WAITER AND GIRL'S \$700 ARE SOUGHT BY POLICE

Frank Chicha, a waiter, is sought by the local police upon the complaint of Miss Fannie Torh, who alleges that Chicha stole \$700 from her room yesterday morning and disappeared.

Chicha and Miss Torh arrived from Los Angeles Tuesday night on the steamer Yale and registered at 300 Columbus avenue. Miss Torh says that the waiter promised to marry her upon their arrival in San Francisco.

She says he left the room early yesterday morning, taking all her money, and saying that he was going to look for a minister.

OIL OPERATORS TO HOLD MEETING

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BAKERSFIELD, Feb. 29.—As a result of the visit of W. H. Storms, state mineralogist, to inspect the Kern county and Coalinga oil fields, a mass meeting of California oil men has been called for Bakersfield on March 9, to discuss plans for guarding the Midway and Sunset oil fields against the infiltration of water.

It is feared that unless speedy action is taken the producing oil wells and oil strata yet untouched will be ruined by the seeping in of water from wells that were left to stand. The alkali ate through the pipes, permitting the water to percolate the oil sands. A measure will be framed calling on the state legislature for funds and authority to cope with the situation.

The independent oil producers' agency will meet here March 9 to discuss the offer of the Union Oil company to pay 35 cents a barrel for agency oil in storage. Several million barrels are on hand.

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