

EAST HOLDS KEY TO MIX IN POLITICS

Near Future of Republican and Progressive Republican Parties Held in Abeyance

The near future of republican and progressive republican politics in California today hangs largely on what the party leaders in the east will do. A plan to reunite all republicans and make a single fight instead of a four cornered battle royal—to say nothing of the democrats—is being held in abeyance.

The movement for amalgamation was started at the conference of the Drew-Hewitt progressive republicans, which former Speaker Hewitt failed to attend.

WILL TRY TO MERGE FACTIONS

The conference decided to try to harmonize, including a union with the movement headed by Rudolph Spreckels, who has sent out 2,200 letters urging a new organization based on the La Follette league, which he formed in 1912, after breaking away from Governor Johnson.

A. M. Drew of Fresno admits that he favors a merger of his division with the republican state central committee, declaring that the aims of both are identical.

The conference led by Drew, was attended by Senator E. O. Larkins of Tulare, ex-Assemblyman John R. Cronin of Benicia, Assemblyman T. D. Johnston of Richmond, Charles M. Beishaw and J. L. Wright of Martinez.

CONFERENCE IN JANUARY

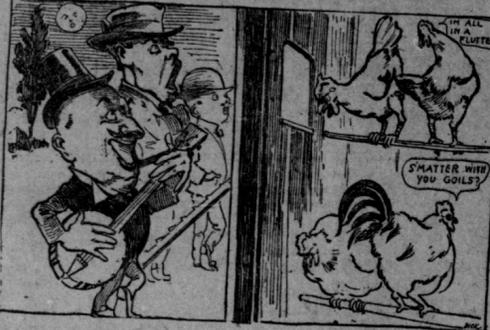
Another conference will be called for January, and by that time it is expected that the eastern Republicans will have given the cue. Out of the preliminary meeting, however, new candidacy possibilities have grown. Ex-Speaker Hewitt may be put up for the governorship or the senatorship, and Beishaw is a possible candidate for governor.

Meanwhile the democrats are getting busy also. The most active campaign among the gubernatorial aspirants that is being waged by Fred Hall of Bakersfield, who is said to be strong in the south.

Missing Three Weeks; Police Make Search

The San Francisco police are looking for Claude Crinckshank of Kelseyville, Lake county, who has been missing since November 28. He came to this city to purchase turkeys. He was seen at that date at the ferry building by a friend and has not been heard of since. Crinckshank has a wife and two children at Kelseyville.

"Vien Poupoule" for Hens Gaby's Lay Makes 'em Lay An Egg for Every Song



Fuller Hoppe was walking down Market street today, when he met Henry Shelley. They are the leaders, you know, in this crusade to amuse hens, increase egg production and decrease the high cost of living. The hen pathologists have stirred things up by saying that hens must be amused, and Fuller Hoppe and Shelley have been trying all kinds of experiments.

As they were discussing whether a buff orpington or a white leghorn were more susceptible to Bill Nye, and what the probable effect would be of a course of Mark Twain on a black minorca, Nestor Hatch came up. Hatch is also prominent in the hen amusement crusade.

Woman Is Freed of Embellishment Charge

Miss Katherine Pearce, recently arrested on charges of embellishment and passing fictitious checks, is free today, having been released on her own recognizance by Police Judge Crist. The complainants refused to prosecute.

PLAN CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Manzanita council No. 43, Degree of Pochontas, Improved Order of Red Men, will have its Christmas tree festival in Pochontas hall, Red Men's building, in Golden Gate avenue, tomorrow night. Special arrangements have been made for the entertainment of children of members.

SPOTS ON SUN? LOOK FOR STORMS

The relation of sun spots to the weather was the subject of a lecture given last night by Father Jerome Ricard before an audience of more than 1,000 persons.

Father Ricard told his hearers how years of observation and the records of the sun spots had entirely confirmed the theory that there is a close and definite relation between sun spots and the weather. "It has been shown by observation," he said, "that when the sun spots coalesce the storms coalesce and that when they are separate the storms are separate."

The speaker in closing said that better and more expensive instruments are needed at Santa Clara college to produce the best results.

SANDY CLAUSS HEARS PATHETIC PLEA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—When Santa Claus makes his rounds in Jersey City this Christmas he surely will not forget to visit the home of little Leona, who has written him a pathetic plea not to be overlooked. She addressed the letter "to the care of Mr. Tumnulty, President Wilson's head man."

"Dear Sandy Claus: Neither says that you won't call to us this Christmas," little Leona wrote. "as we are too poor for you to get down to 373 Washington street, as you won't have anything left when you leave the hill, so dear Sandy Claus, try and save me a big doll and a big carriage for it to ride in, and anything you like, Sandy, dear, you can bring. Our stockings will be hung up in the basement. Will leave the window open for you, as the chimney is too small for you to come down. We all wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Good Mister Sandy Claus, don't forget and come, and come, Sandy Claus, to us three children. We live in the basement."

The touching little appeal was included in a letter to Secretary Tumnulty, asking to be excused for addressing him, as "mother says you are always busy, but mother is out of work."

Bad Check Trail Leads Sheriff to Fashionable Hotel

But Officer Finds Prospective Prisoner Has Decamped, Leaving Only Bills

Representing himself as a wealthy bond broker, a well dressed man known as Robert E. Caldwell stayed at the Hotel Oakland and left Monday, leaving a building brick, tooth brush and change of linen in his safe deposit box in lieu of a heavy bill, and just 12 hours ahead of Sheriff Cornell of Merced, who arrived in Oakland after tracing Caldwell from Merced by a trail of bad checks.

Caldwell had been using an automobile belonging to R. Schaffer, rancher of Merced county and father of District Attorney H. B. Schaffer of that county, from whom he borrowed the machine November 8.

After Caldwell decamped with the automobile trouble arose over several checks he had passed, and he was traced to Oakland, registering at the Hotel Oakland November 18.

ACTORS IN RUSH TO HELP OUT NEWSIES

Everybody loves the "newsies," so it seems at least by the many offers that come from theaters, actresses, actors and others willing to appear at the benefit which will be given Friday afternoon at the Savoy theater. The program will provide all the choicest entertainment acts from their own bills, including vaudeville, musical comedy and tabloid drama, and among the stars that will appear are Irene Franklin, from the Gaiety; Miss Helen Goff, Louise Mayo, the Great Balla Brothers, Katherine Miller, Murray's big dog show, Waterbury brothers and Tenny.

Champion Willie Ritchie, Harlem Tommy Murphy and Eddie Graney will also be there, giving acts depicting gymnasium work during training.

Among the theaters which will help are the Savoy, Gaiety, Alcazar, Princess, Orpheum, Cort, Columbia and Grauman's Imperial, the last presenting a special film feature.

DIVORCE DENIED; SHE TRIES AGAIN

The marital troubles of Mrs. Helen Manson Frollich, poet, and Flan Haakon Frollich, sculptor, were again brought into court today with the filing of an amended cross complaint by the wife. Judge Griffin recently gave permission for the reopening of their divorce suits, after each had been denied a decree on cruelty charges.

Some of the sensational features of the first complaint are eliminated in the wife's second. She alleges that Frollich, before a friend, accused her of drunkenness and of being unfit as custodian of their child, Helen V. Frollich.

Mrs. Frollich lives at 1600 Fell street.

CHECK PASSER ARRESTED

Charged with passing two fictitious checks for \$20 each on A. F. Friedman, 1432 Broadway, and Frank David, 1448 Broadway, Thomas T. Titus was arrested last night by inspectors McSorley and Wood of the Oakland police.

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A Christmas Tree and All That It Means

Do you realize what it means to be without a Christmas Tree? Do you know that many a wide eyed youngster stands before the beautiful shop windows and longs for a tree like the one displayed there? Do you know that there are thousands who never get closer to a Christmas Tree than the outside of the shop window? The Tree symbolizes Christmas. It means Christmas to children. The Call-Post appreciated this, and at a great expense, undertook to provide the trees. Five large carloads were shipped here containing over five thousand trees. This was a big undertaking, and if you want to see what five thousand fresh California trees look like, visit the top floor of Boos Bros. Cafeteria, where they are stored awaiting delivery. The price asked hardly covers the cost of freight and hauling, and is placed at 50c, which works no hardship on anyone. Get the spirit. If you have made arrangements for your own tree, send one to some home that otherwise may be without one.

Your Christmas Tree Is at

PRAGERS DEPARTMENT STORE

has kindly consented to receive orders and has placed 1,000 of them on display, representing all sizes. This work will be carried on without any charge whatsoever, the store being more than willing to aid in such a great campaign.

The price will be 50 cents each, regardless of size. They run from 5 to 10 feet high.

When you consider the magnitude of the undertaking you will surely appreciate the advisability of making your selection early.

Your tree purchase will be a separate and distinct transaction, not connected in any way with other purchases you may make in the store. None will be sold on transfers and none will be sent C. O. D. You must pay at time of selection. Deliveries will be made on December 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th, and at no other time. Delivery limits—Potrero Avenue on the East, 30th Street on the South.

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