

The New Direct Primary Law Proved Fairly Satisfactory to the Candidates Who Won But Is Held By Losers to be a Most Damnable Affair

TRACTION STRIKE WILL BE FOUGHT TO A FINISH

Railway Managers Determined to Crush Powers of Union Leaders

COMPANIES MUST YIELD, MEN SAY

Declare Fight is Forced Upon Them and That They Will Not "Lie Down."

New York, Sept. 14.—Coincident with marked improvement in traffic conditions throughout the city, officials of the traction companies whose men are on strike refused yesterday, as it had been indicated they would, the request of Mayor Mitchell and the Public Service Commission that they arbitrate the questions at issue in the strike with the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees.

They persisted in this refusal even after the union leaders had offered not only to arbitrate, but to waive objection for the time to the "master and servant" contracts, if they should be modified so as not to hinder the workers from joining a labor union.

The stand of the traction heads destroyed any hope Mayor Mitchell and Chairman Oscar S. Straus may have had of bringing the two parties together immediately and of ending the strike at once.

Hundreds more strike breakers were put to work yesterday, and railway managers declared they would not be satisfied until they had completely crushed the power of the union leader.

Leaders of the union insisted, however, that they would continue the strike until they forced the companies to their terms.

MANCHESTER FAIR

All But One of Three Races Won in Straight Heats.

Manchester, Sept. 14.—Three races were on the card at Manchester Fair yesterday afternoon the third remaining unfinished after five heats. In the final race both Joe Andrew, owned by Andrew Brennan of Granville and Lady Wilcox, owned by C. E. Britton of Marlow, N. H., had two heats while one heat went to Dorothy Lamphere, the property of C. R. Lamphere of Windsor. The society race, confined to the limits of the society, went to Kocian, owned by Wesley Perry of Manchester with Our Lady and Frances Logan, horses of C. E. Snow of Bennington finishing in third and fourth places respectively. Belle Arment, owned by U. G. Smith of Glens Falls had an easy time in the two-thirty trot. The absence of children in compliance with the order of the State Board of Health affected the attendance quite materially, yet the merry-go-round and the usual class of fakers were quite busy. The special free attractions were very good.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont cloudy tonight and tomorrow, Friday cooler.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

Estate of DAVID THOMAS. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington COMMISSIONER, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of David Thomas late of Pownal, in said District, do hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Office of Joseph Wood in the Town of Pownal, in said District, on the 15th day of Oct., and 23rd day of February next, from 10 o'clock, a. m. until 2 o'clock, p. m., on each of said days, and that six months from the 15th day of Aug. A. D. 1916 is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

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PRIMARY VICTORS LOWDEN AND DUNNE

Nominated for Governor By Republicans and Democrats

CONGRESSMAN MANN WINS

Former Senator William Lorimer in Close Fight in His Congressional District.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 14.—Former Congressman Frank O. Lowden of Oregon, Ill., and Gov. Edward F. Dunne, incumbent, were nominated by large pluralities for governor by the republicans and democrats, respectively, in the Illinois primaries yesterday, according to estimates based on incomplete returns at Chicago last night. Lowden carried Chicago by a plurality of 40,000 over Morton D. Hull of Chicago, second man, returns from one-third of the city indicated. Frank I. Smith of Dwight, Ill., ran a poor third in Chicago. Down-state returns indicated a heavy plurality for Lowden, with Smith running close to Hull. Estimates based on incomplete returns from the entire state put Lowden's plurality at more than 150,000. Returns from down-state counties early indicated that Lowden won there by 112,000.

Congressman James R. Mann, republican House leader, has been renominated by a big majority over Rev. Melbourne P. Boynton, a minister, who was backed by the antisaloon league.

William Lorimer, whose election to the United States Senate a few years ago was declared illegal, and Arthur W. Fulton were running a close race for the republican nomination for congressman in the district from which Lorimer served several terms in the House, according to early returns. Fulton was 155 votes ahead, with approximately half of the district in, but the ward which formerly gave Lorimer his strongest support was yet to be counted.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Couldn't Fool Him.

Lecturer in small towns—Of course you all know what the inside of a cornucopia is like. Chairman of Meeting interrupting—Most of us do, but we better explain it for the benefit of that child that has never been inside one.

Get Familiar With Them.

Professor Fugate—What do you mean, Mr. Jones, by speaking of Dick Wagner, Ludie Beethoven, Charlie Gogson and Fred Handel? Jones—Well, I never happened to run against any when I've been going through his pockets at night.—Yonkers Statesman.

Just Change.

Mrs. Bacon—Does your husband carry any life insurance? Mrs. Egbert—Well, I never happened to run against any when I've been going through his pockets at night.—Yonkers Statesman.

Children and Reading.

That the child who reads rapidly gets the most thought out of the books read is the result of every experiment that has been made in this line.—Miss Mary Downey at Chautauque.

MORBID GIRL SHOT BROTHER-IN-LAW ALSO SELF

Mysterious Shooting Case at Burlington

HER VICTIM WILL RECOVER

Rose Willetts Followed John Deyette To Shop and Shot Him Through Window.

Burlington, Sept. 13.—Miss Rose Willetts, a girl of 22, for some reason as yet unexplained, shot her brother-in-law, John E. Deyette, a coal merchant of this city this morning, and, without waiting to note the effect of her act, turned the weapon on herself and sent a bullet through her brain. She died immediately. Deyette was only slightly wounded.

The case seems to be somewhat mysterious. The girl arose this morning earlier than usual and told her mother, who questioned her, that she was going to see her married sister, Mrs. Deyette, who lives on Monroe street. Mrs. Deyette said that when the young woman arrived she was pale and seemed to be laboring under some mental excitement. Her early appearance excited the elder sister, who naturally asked what brought Rose out at such an early hour. Rose replied merely that she had simply come to wake her sister up.

After a few minutes conversation the girl left the house and, as it subsequently proved, went to her brother-in-law's coal yard on South Champlain street. She was observed by several people in that vicinity just before the shooting.

When she arrived at the coal yard she saw Mr. Deyette leaning back in his chair in the office reading a newspaper. Without giving him the slightest warning she crept up to a window behind him and fired two shots at the man whose back was only a few inches from the window pane. Her aim was poor for one ball only grazed the man's cheek and the other made a slight flesh wound on the ankle. Before Deyette had even a chance to speak the girl at once pointed the still smoking revolver at her head and fired a third time, dying in a few minutes.

The authorities began an investigation at once but failed to learn little of what led up to the shooting. It appears, however, that the young woman has been brooding over fancied slanders of her character by Deyette. She had frequently spoken to her mother about it and once made the declaration that she would some day take the law into her own hands if Deyette had not been punished in a legal way. There appears to be but little foundation if any for her suspicions. The young woman was of a very sensitive disposition and was inclined to magnify or distort remarks touching her personal appearance or actions. It is supposed that these fancied insults temporarily unhinged her mind.

THE QUACKENBUSH WILL

Division of An Estate Estimated at \$100,000. The will of John B. V. Quackenbush, late of Hoosick Falls, was offered for probate in Surrogate McChesney's court, Troy, last Thursday. The will disposes of an estate estimated at \$100,000, and names the testator's wife, Marion R. Quackenbush, Delmer Runkle and George E. Greene as the executors.

No "Poor Land."

"That land of yours was mighty poor when you bought it," a friend of ours remarked to the wide awake owner of a beautiful farm we passed the other day, whereupon the owner delivered himself of a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance—or mighty nearly so. "You're mistaken," he said, "there's not any poor land when you manage it right." It is a true rule that "there is more in the man than there is in the land."—Progressive Farmer.

Superstitions of Royalty.

Caesar, Napoleon, Bismarck and others were not above the superstition of "lucky" and "unlucky" days. Thursday was the "unlucky" day of Henry VIII. of his son Edward and of his daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. It is strange that they should have died upon this day.

As Regards Vanity.

"All is vanity. At least so says the philosopher." "I don't know about that," chimed in the Plunkville sage, "but there is enough of it to keep the drug stores doing a good business in complexion contraptions."—Exchange.

RUTH C. TAFT

Aged Resident Passed Away This Morning at Home of Nephew

Ruth C. Taft, aged 82, one of Bennington's oldest residents died this morning at the home of her nephew Orin Sibley of Main street after an illness which has incapacitated her for several years. Miss Taft was a spinster and has lived here all of her life, being born on Branch street.

Miss Taft was the oldest member of the local Methodist church and up to the past few years was an earnest worker in any of its undertakings. She is survived by two nephews, Orin Sibley of Main street and Dr. E. F. Sibley of Kingston, N. Y., and one niece, Mrs. Margaret Sibley of Main street.

DEAF AT AGE OF TEN

Amos G. Draper, Born at Shaftsbury, Had Remarkable Career.

Amos G. Draper is about to leave the Hotel White, North Bennington, after a stay of unusual length this summer. His career has been somewhat remarkable. Born in Shaftsbury in 1845, he became totally deaf 10 years later from severe exposure while skating. He was sent to the school for the deaf at Hartford, where he stayed two years, leaving there to rejoin his father who meantime had left Vermont for Illinois. He made the journey alone, no small feat in 1862, when there were no trunk lines and traveling facilities were limited, a situation much complicated by the fact that the civil war had begun. He has a vivid recollection of changing cars every 50 miles or so, and of being called on to "wood up" the engine frequently, often in remote places. Thus, with many interruptions, he finally arrived at his destination, Danville, Vermont county. There he remained throughout the civil war, an eye witness to many of the bitter tragedies and tumults arising among a population half union and half disunion. He had at Hartford acquired the art of typesetting, and soon he found employment on the Danville newspapers. In 1866 he followed his father, removing to Aurora, in Kane county, where the field for his work was much wider. He entered the service of the Aurora Beacon, an industrial republican paper. He was now fully trained, and rapidly rose in the service, both as a printer and an editorial writer, until in 1888 the owners of the paper described him as "the most helpful man they ever had in the office." At this juncture he heard of the establishment of a college for the deaf at Washington, resigned his place on the Beacon and entered the new college as a student. He graduated from the college in 1872 and traveled that summer in Europe. On his return in the fall he was appointed a member of the faculty of the college and as such, with certain changes and advances, he has remained until now, covering a period of 48 years in Washington and 44 as an instructor. This spring of 1916 he retired from the faculty, with the cordial praise and best wishes of his students, past and present, and of his associates in the profession. Now, in his old age, it is his delight to return to the scenes of his childhood and youth, a witness to the grandeur, beauty and patriotism of Vermont.

DIES SUDDENLY

George F. Wells, 22, of St. Albans, Collapses After Eating Supper.

St. Albans, Sept. 12.—An autopsy was performed today upon the body of George F. Wells, aged 22, who died suddenly last evening just after he had had his supper. He had been apparently in his usual health.

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FRENCH ARTILLERY COMMANDS CITY OF PERONNE

Paris Claims German Defenders Are Cut Off from Main Army

MORE PROGRESS AT VERDUN

Germans Withdrawing Troops to Oppose French Attacks on the Somme

Paris, Sept. 14.—French artillery has drawn a ring around the city of Peronne and has cut off the Germans still occupying a portion of the town from the rest of the Teutonic troops on the Somme front. During the past 48 hours the French have gained possession of all roads leading into the town.

The Germans have withdrawn more troops from the Verdun sector to assist in opposing the French advance in the Somme district.

London, Sept. 14.—North of the Somme the French enlarged their positions opposite Cambes and stormed few trenches south of Le Priez farm, says the official statement issued by the war office at Paris last night. After desperate attacks the Germans recaptured a farm in l'Abbe wood and hill 76. But both were retaken by the French, who maintained all their gains on the center and right. The total captures of Tuesday and yesterday were 2300 prisoners, 10 guns and 40 machine guns.

The British still remain inactive on their part of the Somme front, no fighting of even minor importance being reported today.

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OVER 41,000 VOTES CAST TUESDAY IN VERMONT

Of the Total Vote Had Some Over 25,000

GATES WAS IN THIRD PLACE

With a Few Towns Still Missing Hulburd Heads Weeks By About 300.

Rutland, Sept. 14.—With about 19 towns missing according to Rutland Herald the victory of Senator Carroll S. Page for the republican nomination does not loom up quite so large. He will not have twice as many votes as both of his opponents together, but a little better than twice as many as Allen M. Fletcher, his nearest competitor.

The total vote cast is extremely large. It will be more than 41,000 votes, in all probability, when the missing towns are comprehended in an official report. For this, the fine weather was very largely responsible, although both of the leading candidates for senator and active organizations in every county and Senator Page's organization was nearly complete in every town.

The senator's plurality over Mr. Fletcher will be in the vicinity of 13,000 votes and his majority over both about 5800. The Herald's tabulations give the following figures:

Table with columns: Candidate, Votes

ORGANIZING WAR SUPPLIES

Wonderful Work Done in Russia Without Adequate Preparation.

What Russia has done in providing the national organization of war supplies back of the army in the past year is a wonderful evidence of what may come after the war. Russia went into the war without adequate preparation, but with the military organization much better than the industrial and traffic system that is required behind the armies in modern war. The army swept forward too strongly for its support. Russia received a lesson. The nation saw in a moment what was lacking. The effectiveness with which the whole nation got together behind the army has an unmistakable significance.

From the imperial government out to the smallest political divisions of Russia it was speedy organization of effort. Every facility was put to use and all have been skillfully coordinated. Some new industrial facilities have been constructed. What Russia could produce was got moving in the right direction. War supplies in immense amount had to be obtained from outside through inadequate sea ports. With what machinery for production and transportation she had, Russia has done well. The traveler sees much of this. The traffic to and from the front moves in great volume with the best of organization. He sees trains of troops—fine, big men, well-fed, completely armed, every man in a new or a good uniform, going forward.

The hospital traffic coming back from the front where heavy fighting is in progress is just as significant of Russian ability to organize. The trains move steadily on. The cars are clean and completely equipped. Wounded men, in clean white, are attended by surgeons and nurses who are intelligent, alert and devoted. An immense volume of this moves without hitch or disorganization. The Russian railroads are taxed to their limits by the traffic. Civil necessities have to take second place, of course. Ordinary traveling is restricted. A man has to wait weeks, sometimes, to obtain a place in a first-class railroad express. But it is not mismanagement. Mile for mile, the railroads of Russia are mechanically better than ours, but there isn't enough transportation capacity. What there is is used to the utmost. It is not only used, but it is kept in the pink of condition. There are few railroads in America, notwithstanding the differences of peace and war, whose right-of-way shows as epic and span as the average railroad track and road bed seen by the traveler today as he goes through Russia.—Samuel McRobert in the American.

Appreciation.

"How was the concert last night?" asked the low browed person. "Splendid," replied the lover of music. "Signor Spodell actually made his violin talk."

"It's remarkable what sort of those fellows can do with a fiddle. I heard a chap in vaudiville once who could imitate the howling of a dog to perfection."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Losing Ground.

"My wife is in a fix about her garden party."

"What's wrong?" "Declinations are coming in about as fast as she can send invitations out."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Making Progress.

"Has he asked for your daughter's hand?" "No, but I have hopes. He has taken to ordering the servants about."—Life.

A sunny temper gilds the edges of life's blackest cloud.—Guthrie.

LA FRANCHISE WON SIDE JUDGESHIP MAJORITY 32

Only Close Contest in this County Tuesday

SHAW LED BOTH THE OTHERS

Dexter M. Gleason Ran Well in Many Places But Lost in Manchester and Bennington.

Edmond La Franchise of Bennington was nominated for assistant judge of the county court for Bennington county in Tuesday's primary by a margin of 32 votes over Dexter M. Gleason of Woodford.

This contest was the only close one in Bennington county and it was not decided until reports from all the towns were in.

Hierbert N. Shaw of Manchester had comfortable lead over both the others owing to his big vote in his home town and in Dorset and Rupert.

The vote by towns was as follows:

Table with columns: Town, LaFranchise, Gleason, Shaw

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