

MEASURE'S PUSH FOR SENATORIAL TOGA

Los Angeles Lawyer-Politician Enters Fight for Primary Indorsement

Candidacy Pleases Machine, but Spoils Contemplated Job to Disregard Law

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH

The senatorial preference of the rank and file of the republicans of California as expressed under the provisions of the direct primary law is to be put up squarely to the legislature that will elect Frank Flint's successor.

As a candidate for the United States senate the fly in more than one pot of political ointment. His candidacy means a fight for John D. Works, the Los Angeles jurist and magazine writer, who was indorsed by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league.

Some of the machine manipulators are no more pleased with the candidacy of Messer than are the leaguers. Messer is not a militant anti-organization statesman. In fact, the relations between Messer and the organization in southern California have been rather cordial than strained.

While Walter Parker and other machine dignitaries were hotfooting it to Washington to explain to Flint how easily the task could be done and other senatorial possibilities were assuring the public that they were only joking, Messer was sawing wood for Messer. He discovered, in the usual manner, that there was an insistent and growing demand that he sacrifice his personal inclinations and devote himself to the cause of scientific government.

Messer says he has never entertained any of the illusions about the primary law that have been so popular with some organization leaders. He has observed the workings of the direct primary system in other states. Those observations have convinced him that legislators keep their ears close to the ground and that they do not clamor for opportunities to throw down the popular will as expressed in the primary polls.

"I am in this fight to win," said Messer last night. "If I can get the primary majority in a sufficient number of districts I will win. I have no doubt about the ratification of the will of their constituents by the senators and assemblymen elected this fall. They will vote for the man chosen by the people of their districts and the holdover senators will be no less mindful of the wishes of the voters of their respective districts. I fully believe that if I can secure a popular majority over my opponent in districts that elect Lincoln-Roosevelt league candidates to the legislature those men will consider themselves bound by that vote and cast their ballots for me instead of for Judge Works. The same will be true as regards either the senators or myself in districts that elect organization men to the legislature. This is only a flying trip. I shall return to Los Angeles tomorrow to attend to some private business. When that is out of the way I intend to make a thorough canvass of the state. I shall go through northern California with an automobile. I have things going nicely in southern California and my campaign will be vigorous."

EDITORIAL FLOP A POSER

The Lincoln-Roosevelt league managers are burning red fire over the editorial flop of the Humboldt Times and its owner, Ralph Bull, out of the Curry camp and into the Johnson lines. Bull had been an avowed supporter of Curry for months. He made several trips to the Curry headquarters in San Francisco and was in frequent communication with Curry and his campaign directors. On the eve of Johnson's visit to Eureka, Bull's newspaper declared editorially for the Lincoln-Roosevelt league candidate. The Curry men do not pretend to be able to explain Bull's gymnastics. They have received no word from Bull for several days nor have they seen his editorial espousal of Johnson. The Johnson managers make no effort to explain. They are something more than content with the fact. They have seen the editorial and feel so good about it that they have caused to be printed several thousand copies for posting on bill boards and for general distribution.

PINCHOT TO SPEAK

Curry leaves today on a northern trip, a portion of which was especially planned by Bull. That trip includes Marin, Mendocino, Sonoma and Humboldt counties. The Johnson people were in a congratulatory mood yesterday over another bit of what they esteem extraordinary good fortune. Gifford Pinchot, ousted from the head of the forestry service by Secretary

Miss E. Simpson, Who Will Be Bride At Church Wedding



Miss Edith Simpson, who will be bride at church wedding.

The wedding of Miss Edith Simpson and Roy Pike, which will take place this evening in St. Luke's Episcopal church, will be one of the most interesting of the weddings this season. Only the immediate family, with a few of their nearest friends, have been invited to witness the ceremony. The bride is in mourning for her mother, Mrs. A. M. Simpson.

TOO ARDENT WOOLER IS HAILED INTO COURT

Making Love to His Landlady Proved Disastrous

Louis Libroux, stalwart and ardent, was charged in Police Judge Conlan's court yesterday with threatening to kill his landlady, Mrs. Adrienne Ducuing, 57 Shipley street, a petite French woman.

WOMAN DRINKER SAVED BY PROMISED HUSBAND

Escapes Jail Sentence by Her Fiance's Pleading With Judge

Mrs. Tessie Gorman, said to be an habitual drunkard, appeared before Police Judge Shortall yesterday for being drunk in a public place, and she astonished the judge by saying she intended to take the drink cure and was to be married, her fiance being in court.

SUIT FOR BIGAMIST'S PROPERTY DISMISSED

The suit for the property left by Dr. W. R. Finlaw of Santa Rosa to Mrs. Ann L. Finlaw, with whom he lived as man and wife for 35 years, while he had an undivorced wife, Mrs. Jane Finlaw, and a grown daughter living in the east, whom he deserted after the civil war, was dismissed yesterday in the United States circuit court. The case was recently compromised out of court in the east, the property being divided between the lawful wife, daughter and Anna L. Finlaw.



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Bishop William Ford Nichols to Conduct Ceremony at St. Luke's

Only a Few of the Intimate Friends Bidden to the Nuptials

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HONEYMOONERS HIE TO FIRST MEETING PLACE

Railway President's Daughter Spurns European Trip

NEW YORK, July 11.—Rather than a trip to Europe and a big wedding in the fall, Miss Margaret H. Brown, daughter of William C. Brown, president of the New York Central railroad, chose a home wedding to take place as early as her parents could arrange for it and a honeymoon in the Adirondacks, where two years ago she met George S. Patterson, whose name she now bears.

SLAYER IMPLICATES MURDERED MAN'S WIFE

Woman Planned Details of the Crime, He Confesses

ASHDOWN, Ark., July 11.—Oscar Pullen surrendered to the sheriff of Little River county last night and confessed to the murder of W. L. Delaney, near Ashdown, on June 13. He says he and Mrs. Delaney planned the murder. The wife, Pullen says, placed a large box under the window, from which he shot Delaney in the back as the latter lay asleep. Mrs. Delaney and Pullen were indicted last week. Mrs. Delaney is in custody.

CHILD BADLY HURT IN FALL FROM TREE

Injuries to Girl Will Probably Be Fatal

[Special Dispatch to The Call] GRASS VALLEY, July 11.—Josephine Scadden, aged 12, fell from an apple tree in the yard at St. Mary's academy here yesterday and sustained probably fatal injuries. Her right arm was broken and she suffered internal injuries. The child's parents reside in Alameda.

GIRL PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Margaret Shepard, formerly registry clerk at postoffice station O, who was arrested for stealing from postal funds, pleaded not guilty yesterday in the United States district court. In entering her plea she reserved the privilege to change the plea to guilty.

FOOTLIGHTS LURE GIRL FROM HOME

Stage Struck Beauty Missing; Parents Ask Police to Locate Her

Four Disappearances Cause Anxious Relatives to Start Searches

Louise Scheffer, a 17 year old school girl, who has aspirations to become an actress, was reported as missing last night from her home at 1032A Pierce street by J. Scheffer, her father. From the meager story told the detectives by the much worried father, who apparently wished to recover his daughter, but did not care to impart too much of the girl's recent actions, Louise has been "stage struck" for some months past, and has made frequent applications at local theaters for a position.

Not being successful in her search for a place behind the San Francisco footlights, Miss Scheffer decided to seek new fields, and, quietly packing her trunk, left for parts unknown.

According to her father, Miss Scheffer is a striking brunette, and will easily pass for 22 or 23. When last seen she wore a blue traveling suit and was well supplied with money. Her parents heard that she had gone to near ward hotel at Mill Valley, but inquiry by Detective Thomas Furman at the hostelry brought out the fact that the girl had not been there. Her parents fear that she has left for some point in the east.

Tacoma Wife Seeks Husband

Mrs. Henry T. Bona of 2426 Sixth avenue, Tacoma, Wash., has written to The Call asking assistance in finding her husband, Henry T. Bona, secretary and manager of the Eastern manufacturing company of Tacoma, who disappeared from home and when last heard of was on his way toward California.

Bona is described as 64 years of age, of medium height and weight, bald on top of the head, white hair and mustache and blue eyes. He belongs to the Masonic and Pythian orders and wears a fraternal charm on his watch chain. As he had been suffering from business worries and complained of severe headaches before his disappearance, Bona, his wife fears, may be temporarily insane.

Mother Fears for Son

Mrs. Ida Foster, 1010 Post street, asked the assistance of the police yesterday to find her son, Bert O. Lechend, who came from Swanssee, Ariz., on July 3 and left her home last Friday, saying he was going to call on friends at Twelfth and Howard streets. He has not been seen since. He is 23 years of age.

Daughter Is Missing

Chief Martin has received a letter from Mrs. Witzler, Basin, Idaho, asking for information about her daughter, Mrs. Clara Witzler Cook, who was last heard of in this city while housekeeper in a transient lodging house in 1902. She is believed to be still in this city.

LABORER UNEARTH'S POTS OF COUNTERFEIT COINS

Charles Post, a laborer, dug up two cans of counterfeit coins yesterday afternoon in a vacant lot at Ninth and Mission streets. Post was working in clearing the lot for a building. The coins were dated 1908. There were \$163 in all. The workmanship was poor and the coins made of pure antimony and easily bent. The coins were turned over to Secret Service Operative Stephen Connell of Seattle, who is at present in charge of the local office.

CREDITORS SUE SIGN FIRM

Creditors of the Western electric sign company filed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against the firm yesterday. Among the creditors are the Dunham & Hayden company, who allege that the electric sign company committed an act of bankruptcy May 24 when it made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

CRUSADE BEGINS ON FAKE CLUBS

Gambling Resorts That Lure Young Men Must Go, Says District Attorney

Only Beginning of Campaign of Eradication

Assistant District Attorney Fred L. Berry declared yesterday that he did not intend to rest until all gambling clubs, which he describes as "springing up like mushrooms," had been driven out of business. Injunctions granted by the superior court in behalf of certain clubs will be powerless against the district attorney's forces, as they are issued only against the police.

"These injunctions have in any case been obtained on false affidavits," Berry said. "Orders have been granted to protect uncompleted buildings in Chinatown on the oaths of the owners that the police were interfering with their peaceful commercial pursuits."

CROOKED GAMES, YOUTHS

The cases of the 71 men caught last Saturday night in the raid on Fatsy Wolfe's "Lion club," 1735 O'Farrell street, will come up before Police Judge Conlan today, when Berry will ask the court to make an example of the five "house men." If caught in a second offense, Berry says he will urge the extreme penalty of six months in jail against the gamblers.

"The crookedness of the games and the youth of their victims are the main reasons why District Attorney Pickert has set his assistant to the task of ridding the city of its fake clubs. Mechanics who can not afford to lose and clerks likely to be tempted into dishonesty through losses form the larger proportion of those caught Saturday night. In any case, they were young men, many under age. The games along Fillmore street have even had out cappers to lure on boys coming out of the nickelodeon. "Craps" is the popular game.

CAUGHT RED HANDED

Berry intends to follow in his subsequent raids the method used in his last gathering-in. Police in plain clothes, personally unknown to the gamblers, were placed in the corners of the room and at each side of the dealer. At the signal, the crowd was held for the patrol wagon. Dice, the marked cloths used in craps and over \$900 in cash are among the exhibits.

ANOTHER TEST SUIT FOR STOCKTON TUNNEL

Louis Gassner Says His Land Will Be Damaged

Another suit to test the validity of the action of the board of supervisors in initiating the project for cutting a tunnel under Stockton street was begun in the superior court yesterday. The plaintiff is Louis Gassner, who owns realty in Stockton street near Sutter. Gassner's attorney is Olin L. Berry, who also prepared the complaint in the first suit instituted.

Gassner alleges that the property owners in the assessment district will be damaged in the sum of \$100,000 if the tunnel is constructed according to the assessment plan. The charter does not permit of the construction of a tunnel in a street already improved and accepted, says the plaintiff. He also claims that the supervisors have abused their discretion in authorizing the work.

An injunction preventing the city from going forward with the tunnel is requested. Gassner complains that in the present circumstances there is a cloud on his property.

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