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In an interview at Chicago Senator Cullom predicts the renomination of President Taft.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco says: In an interview recently Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California explained why he did not attend the banquet given in honor of President Taft here the other evening by the directors of the Panama-Pacific international exposition. It was because the governor wished to forestall embarrassment to the president that might result from a possible attack on the recall of the judiciary and direct legislation, which were made a part of the California constitution by the recent election, to an attack on which he could not listen silently, says the governor, that he stayed away.

"Our only thought was," said Governor Johnson, "to extend to the president of the nation fitting greeting and to render his stay all that he could wish. Wherever there was a possibility of any untoward event we sought to avoid it, as at the San Francisco banquet. It required no inscrutable power to divine that somebody at the banquet would probably, in concurrence with the president's view, attack the action of our people upon direct legislation and the recall, and that the serenity of the occasion might not be marred we absented ourselves upon that occasion."

Monroe H. Kulp, familiarly known as "Farmer" Kulp, who served in the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth congresses, died at Shamokin, Pa.

United States Judge Smith McPherson of Iowa will preside in the litigation pending the division of the property of F. G. Lewis & Co., at St. Louis.

Governor Noel issued a proclamation calling the Mississippi legislature to convene in special session November 1 to adequately meet Mississippi's moral obligations, to comply with the terms of the bond issue of 1910 and to defray expenses of state troops now on duty at McComb City in connection with the Illinois Central shopmen and clerk's strikes.

Eugene B. Ely, aviator, fell while making a flight at Macon, Ga., and was so seriously injured that he died shortly afterwards.

An authorized statement given out by the Folk headquarters at St. Louis and carried by the United Press, says: "The democrats of Missouri have indorsed Governor Folk for the democratic presidential nomination through their chosen representatives in convention assembled. This indorsement was part of the last democratic platform and was accepted in good faith by a large number of the democrats of the state. This action was taken after full discussion before the people for six months previous to the convention. Back of this indorsement is the will of more than 80 per cent of the members of the state. Mr. Clark, it will be remembered, was the chairman of that committee. Every fair-minded man will concede that Governor Folk

should be given the state's delegation. The democrats of Missouri have spoken once and they can speak again." In reply to the public declaration of the defiance which, up to this time, has been somewhat masked, Speaker Clark merely reiterated his statement that he has "never begun a conversation about the running of president, never wrote a letter asking any one's help and never spent a cent for it" in his life. Further than this he refused to be quoted.

The Chicago Daily Journal says: George E. Dickson of New Lennox, Ill., who was a schoolmate of Governor Deneen in McKendree college, and a member of the same debating society as the governor, announced in Chicago that he would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. He will have Chicago headquarters in suite 927, Association building.

Mr. Dickson is a Bryan democrat, an advocate of the initiative and referendum, and a champion of organized labor. As a lawyer he made a specialty of indemnity insurance, and not long ago obtained control of the Royal Casualty company, to which he now devotes his time. He conducted the preparation of the defense in the famous Moyer-Pettibone trial in Idaho, giving fourteen months to it, and obtaining the release from prison of Stephen Adams on a writ of habeas corpus, which contributed materially to the victory of the defense.

His father was a Methodist minister in the southern Illinois conference, and Mr. Dickson is a Methodist layman of prominence. At a layman's conference last month he stirred up excitement by severely criticizing the church's attitude toward union labor. He demanded that church publications should employ only union workmen.

"I expect the support of organized labor in the democratic primary," said Mr. Dickson. "I am not a labor man but I understand the aims of the labor unions and sympathize with them. Both labor and capital may depend on my fairness."

"Much of my time is passed in southern Illinois. I have a considerable acquaintance all over the state and have received the promises of many friends to support me. I am not against any. My candidacy is supported by neither Harrison nor Sullivan; I appeal to the support of all democrats, regardless of faction."

Mr. Dickson lives on a farm at New Lennox, in Will county. He was born in Lake county, 44 years ago. He married a daughter of the late Judge James Baker of the Missouri supreme court, seventeen years ago, when he lived in Evanston, and she was attending Northwestern university. They have five children. They lived in Evanston until four years ago when they moved to New Lennox. Mr. Dickson spoke from the stump for Edward F. Dunne in his first campaign for mayor.

People who complain of the large number of black birds will be interested in the following dispatch from Wymore, Neb: John H. Jones, a farmer living on the edge of town,

says that crows and black birds have eaten all the army worms on his wheat fields, and that the wheat which was eaten off is sprouting again. About fifteen acres of wheat was eaten by the worms on Mr. Jones' farm.

Indianapolis dispatches say that the Chinese in America provide the power behind the Chinese revolution.

A Milwaukee, Wis., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: Purported statements of others that Edward Hines, the lumberman, helped to "put over" the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson and that Hines and Stephenson each contributed \$55,000 to a pool of \$110,000 to secure the absence of democratic members from the Wisconsin legislature on March 4, 1909, so that Stephenson might be elected, formed the basis of sensational testimony given by Thomas Morris, lieutenant governor of Wisconsin, before the senatorial investigating committee. Morris declared that the information was given him chiefly by a Mr. Cook (W. H. Cook, he thought) of Duluth, who figured prominently in the first investigation of Senator William Lorimer, and that Cook said that Robert J. Shields of Superior, Wis., also mentioned in the Lorimer case, was paid \$7,500 for his services in putting the deal through.

The attorneys for state and prosecution in the McNamara trial at Los Angeles are engaged in selecting a jury and the probability is that considerable time will be used in that effort. An Associated Press dispatch describes the difficulties in this way:

What is considered one of the big issues of the trial—whether a man who believes firmly that the Los Angeles Times building was destroyed by dynamite is thereby disqualified from serving on the jury—rested in the hands of Judge Walter Bordwell, who presided over the trial instituted to show whether James B. McNamara caused the death of Charles J. Hagerty, a machinist, who lost his life in the Times explosion and fire. Opposing counsel see no hope of securing a jury until this point is decided.

Attorney Clarence S. Darrow and other counsel for the defense, holding that the Times explosion was caused by gas and that McNamara could not have brought it about for this reason argued in court that a fixed belief in the dynamite theory prejudiced the rights of their client and that the talesman who held it would not be a fair juror.

District Attorney John D. Fredricks, for the state, compared the situation to the case of a burned barn, which is a case of record.

"Believing that the barn was burned, yet having no opinion as to whether the defendants burned it, a talesman was allowed to serve as a juror," he said. "Similarly a talesman may believe that the Times building was destroyed by dynamite and still have no opinion in mind regarding the defense in this case, as these men say they have."

"Is that your idea of a fair juror?" asked Attorney Darrow, after Otto A. Jesson had testified that he believed the Times was wrecked by members or officers of trades unions, and that he "though he had a prejudice against unions, but had no prejudice toward McNamara himself."

"It certainly is," replied Fredricks.

"Well, I like your idea of fairness," said Mr. Darrow, in a low voice.

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