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Johnson Hat Into Ring This Week

Senator Is Seen as Foe of Governor Pinchot for G. O. P. Choice for President.

Both to Seek Midwest

BY MARK SULLIVAN. Washington, Nov. 5.—The most definite of the week's contributions to presidential politics came in the shape of a statement from one of Senator Hiram Johnson's backers that the California senator will have his hat formally in the ring in opposition to Coolidge before the week ends.

At the same time we are aware that Johnson himself has not yet made as much progress toward final decision as have some of his political managers, past, present, future, and would-be. A good deal of the publicity emanating from these ambitious Warwick is designed as much for its effect on Johnson himself as on the political reporters and the public generally.

Johnson has the type of mind that is less in the keeping of his managers than some past presidential aspirants. If, and when he gets around to the mood where his temperament gives him peace no longer he will announce himself. The common belief is he will do it sooner or later.

Unquestionably, the nature of each day's developments about our relations to Europe tends to give Johnson the opening his backers have longed for. Ever since Coolidge entered the White House, Johnson's backers sympathizing because Hard-

ever spot took away, for the time, of international court issue, and because Coolidge's silence was apparent, he going to make it necessary for Johnson to wait until Coolidge's address to Congress December 3 before he could find an occasion on which to announce a difference of opinion and an issue with Coolidge.

December is just a little bit late for starting a presidential boom in the most advantageous circumstances; and the recent discussion about America being represented on a reparations committee of experts has come as a gift from the gods to Johnson's backers, most of whom are isolationists, by their own convictions, or have come to be isolationists through their identity with Johnson and with the isolation as the Johnson issue.

The particular Johnson backer who announced Johnson's immediate impending entry was Ralph E. Strassburger of Pennsylvania. He gave out a rather long statement of which a portion seemed designed to make the point that it was he and not Albert Lasker, recently chairman of the shipping board, who contributed most to the Johnson campaign in 1920. Those who are interested in the future than in the past can take it for certain that if Johnson runs again, Lasker is the man who will provide most of the energy and resources.

Another portion of Mr. Strassburger's statement seemed to intimate that Johnson could be and would be a powerful contender against Pinchot for the delegates from Pennsylvania. There isn't much in that. The Pennsylvania fight is between Pinchot on one side and on the other side those Pennsylvania leaders including Senator Pepper, Senator Reed and Secretary Mellon who will fight for an un-instructed delegation, but presumably in the interest of Coolidge.

The national politicians have recalled, Pinchot is to address a national farm organization in Pittsburgh during the next few days and a little later will address another farm meeting in Omaha.

The Pinchot movement is based on prohibition and law enforcement. Incidentally when Pinchot and Johnson contend for the midwestern republican vote, it will be interesting to see which of the two is able to establish himself as the true heir of Roosevelt and get the old Roosevelt following. A few months ago political leaders, both republican and democratic, expected that the economic discontent among western farmers would express itself in political action demanding that America help stabilize Europe, and thus improve the American farmers' market.

For the moment that is less talked about in Washington is that Democratic leaders, however, are completely confident that this issue will return, and one of the foremost contenders for the democratic presidential nomination expects to base his hope of success on the appeal that the American farmer can only be made prosperous by affirmative action on the part of the American government toward the restoration of Europe.

Mitchell Couple Wed for Half Century



Mitchell, Neb., Nov. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Derby, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their farm home near here. Mr. Derby came from Henry county, Ill., to Butler county, Neb., in 1872. He broke the ground where the town of Bellwood, Neb., now stands. He was elected sheriff of Butler county in 1883, and re-elected in 1895. Mrs. Derby is the daughter of the late Capt. Miles Warren of Bellwood, Neb.

Long Pine Man Is Complainant in Alleged Forgery

Stockholder in Master Sales Company Says Its President Fraudulently Endorsed Checks.

Mose S. Miller, president of the Master Sales Co., which is now going through the process of voluntary liquidation, waived preliminary examination this afternoon before Municipal Judge R. W. Patrick who held the defendant to answer to two counts of forgery.

Charges Filed in October. The complaint against Miller was filed on October 26 by Deputy County Attorney John W. Yeager on information furnished by Webster J. Whitla of Long Pine, Neb., and a stockholder in the Master Sales company whose place of business has been at 101-107 South Tenth street.

The information on file against Miller states that two "dividend checks," signed by himself on January 10, 1920, as president of the company, and payable to W. L. Whitla, were wrongfully indorsed by the defendant. The first count charges forging an endorsement and the second alleges uttering check with forged indorsement. One check was for \$117.50 and the other for \$17.34. Each check bears the following indorsement: "W. L. Whitla, M. S. Miller, and 'Jessie G. Miller, in the order given."

Didn't Know of Dividend. Mr. Whitla, who held \$500 par value stock in the company, testified when preliminary hearing was started last week that he had no knowledge of the existence of these dividend checks until they were brought to his attention two weeks before complaint was filed against Miller. According to Deputy County Attorney Yeager, the checks were revealed when Carl C. Katieman, liquidating agent for the stockholders of the Master Sales company, began to delve into the affairs of the company, which has about 100 stockholders.

Organized Six Years Ago. The Master Sales company was organized nearly six years ago and has been transacting a wholesale automobile supply business. The stockholders decided to go into voluntary liquidation rather than take their affairs into court. Mr. Katieman stated that the assets will more than meet the creditor liabilities, but will not satisfy more than \$300,000 of paid up capital stock.

The preliminary hearing which was started last week and continued to yesterday afternoon, was brought to a sudden termination by Mr. Miller's decision to waive the preliminary hearing. Mr. Miller furnished the required bond for his appearance in district court. The penalty which may be imposed on conviction of forgery charge is from one to 20 years in the penitentiary and not more than \$500 fine.

The city directory shows the following officers of the Master Sales company: M. S. Miller, president; S. L. Degen, vice president; N. P. Fell, secretary; M. S. Livingston, treasurer.

Tramp Gets Hot Lunch Left "Parked" Near Track

Endicot, Neb., Nov. 5.—When Ken Eustice, Burlington track foreman out of this town, went out on his section, he parked his gas motor in a favored spot and placed a dinner pail and a big thermos bottle full of hot coffee, on it. A freight train came along and a tramp was in an empty car opposite where the lunch was "parked." He grabbed the pail and thermos bottle and got back on the train just as it started. The tramp was captured as he alighted in the railway yards.

Boy Gets Fractured Leg While Playing Train Wreck

Miller, Neb., Nov. 5.—Edward, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cornelius, of Fairbury, received a broken leg when he was playing "train" with several neighbor boys. The train was "wrecked," according to the boys' play, and Edward was at the bottom of the pileup.

K. K. K. Literature Makes Hideosus Dream of Life for One Police Janitor

The Ku Klux Klan is making life miserable for Tammie Elliott, janitor at the police station. Probably the Ku Klux Klan never heard of Tammie Elliott, but Tammie has heard a lot about the Ku Klux Klan. Especially the last few days.

It all happened when Tammie received some Ku Klux Klan literature through the mail last week, which was intended for someone else. In some way, the matter got into the newspapers. Now Tammie is a thing apart out in the neighborhood of St. John's African M. E. church.

Yesterday, he said, all his former friends "walked out of church" on him. They wouldn't talk to him. Tammie is desolate. This is no treatment for the local head of the Royal Circle, Friends of the World, which is Tammie.

\$4,000 Theft Is Admitted by Official

Former Lincoln County Clerk Confesses Guilty on Eve of Trial of County Treasurer.

Lincoln, Nov. 5.—An echo of the ill-fated United States Grain Growers' association was heard here today when W. G. Eckhardt, former treasurer of the association, brought suit for damage in federal court against J. C. Filley, professor of the Nebraska College of Agriculture, and the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation. Eckhardt's suit rises out of an article written by Prof. Filley and published by the Nebraska federation, which he alleges is defamatory and has kept him out of his life work.

The article, which appeared a year and a half ago, is a report by Prof. Filley of a meeting of delegates for election purposes of the Grain Growers' association, held in March, 1922, at which Eckhardt lost his position as treasurer. The article states that Eckhardt had given evidence of extravagance in the past and that for that reason there might be some question of his competency to handle the funds of an organization that planned the marketing of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat.

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Counsel for the defendants denied that the article furnished cause for damage and declared that it was simply a fair picture of the convention, and that Prof. Filley owed it to the farmers whom he represented at the convention. The steps that led up to the creation of the association were briefly sketched, as was the career of Eckhardt prior to his assumption of the position of treasurer.

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A Nebraska newspaper is conducting a symposium on "What is the matter with Nebraska politics?" After long acquaintance with and careful consideration of the subject matter in hand, my answer is, "Too blamed many politicians."

If the combination of corn beef and cabbage is as good as Jiggs seems to think it is, my suggestion to him

is that he open up a corn beef and cabbage dispensary in Omaha.

A short address before a church brotherhood. If they'll do as I tell me, not as I do, they'll get by all right. Scene: Corner Eighteenth and Farman. Time: 12:20 a. m. Dramatic Personae: He, She. He—I've got 45 cents with me. She—All I have is 40 cents. He—You order an oyster stew and I'll take coffee and rolls. That will leave us 15 cents for car fare. He! He! love's young dreams beautiful? Noting that Will Hays of the motion picture game says salaries must come down and admission prices go up if the movie industry is to prosper, the father of eight whispers to me to the effect that if admissions go up the pictures will not go down. Postmaster Fowler at Fairfield informs me that stamps can be prevented from sticking together by buying them in book form, and that the wife's letter will always be mailed if put with one of my own that I want to mail. Information lacks detail. Can't always buy a book of stamps because of financial short-

And Then Again There's the Way It May Look to France



Marked Increase in Truck Receipts

Hogs Halde to Omaha by Motor Larger by 10,000 Than Same Month Last Year.

A marked increase in the number of hogs hauled to the South Omaha market in trucks is revealed in statistics for the month of October. Truck hogs arriving at the Omaha market during October numbered 10,000 more than during the same month a year ago. For the first 10 months of this year, the receipts of truck hogs total \$56,460, and nearly 80,000 more than for the same period of 1922.

Month	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
January	5,490	21,742	42,745
February	2,519	19,454	34,424
March	3,219	17,817	29,294
April	3,026	24,965	34,514
May	4,026	19,264	41,233
June	3,430	21,765	14,402
July	2,828	25,519	12,023
August	2,129	23,945	18,429
September	3,425	25,727	22,843
October	3,144	17,921	24,501
Total ten months	38,484	226,460	259,700

Receipts of livestock by auto truck for the 10 months compare with the corresponding period of a year ago as follows:

Month	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
January	2,519	19,454	34,424
February	2,408	21,253	32,254
March	2,828	19,454	34,424
April	4,026	19,264	41,233
May	3,125	20,265	16,003
June	2,828	25,519	12,023
July	2,129	23,945	18,429
August	2,825	19,908	17,523
September	3,144	17,921	24,501
October	3,144	17,921	24,501
Total ten months	32,180	217,853	164,296

Klan Trio Found Guilty of Raid on Louisiana Farmer

Bastrop, La., Nov. 5.—Four alleged members of the Morehouse parish Ku Klux Klan, including Capt. J. K. Skiplwith, exalted cyclops, today were found guilty of "carrying firearms on the premises of another" in connection with hooded band activities in Morehouse parish last year.

Bulgaria and Jugo-Slavia Settle Their War Claims

Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 5.—Bulgaria and Jugo-Slavia have reached an agreement in principle on all disputes between them, Bulgaria's offer of 300,000,000 leva (\$57,000,000 at the normal rate of exchange) being accepted.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Attempt Made to Blow Up Building

Defect in Dynamite Fuse All That Prevented Explosion at Lander, Wyo.

Lander, Wyo., Nov. 5.—Only a defect in the lighted fuse of a stick of dynamite saved an old-time building on the main business corner of Lander.

Some time in the night a large quantity of the explosive was placed on the safe in the structure owned by Edson Earl, local banker, and occupied by the store of Mrs. Stasia Allen. A match then was applied to the fuse, but, after three-fourths of the cord had been consumed, the fire struck a defect and sputtered out. Landmarks of Lander, probably would have been blown up and a number of lives might have been lost.

In the hasty investigation that followed the discovery of the dynamite several persons were inclined to blame the outrage on certain local parties. So far there have been no definite clues.

Columbus Pioneer Drops Dead From Heart Disease

Columbus, Nov. 5.—William A. Graves, Columbus pioneer, dropped dead from heart disease while sawing wood in the yard at his home. He was born February 16, 1848, at Ypsilante, Mich. He was married to Martha Ellen Wear on November 22, 1868, at Clarence, Ia.

Coal and Rail Interests Fight Him, Bryan Says

Lincoln, Nov. 5.—Governor Bryan today charged coal interests with conspiring to prevent his orders of coal being filled. He declared that in the past week three times that had promised immediate delivery on all orders he was holding his orders but not shipping the coal.

60 Children at Health Conference at Humboldt

Humboldt, Neb., Nov. 5.—The children's health conference held at the Methodist church in this city was a very interesting and profitable occasion, with more than 60 children present for examination.

North Platte Man Beaten and Cut

Assailant Attacks Tailor in Shop With Heavy Clothes Brush and Razor.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. North Platte, Neb., Nov. 5.—Roy Hatton, wanted on a charge of assaulting and badly injuring Edwin Burke, business man, Saturday night, was arrested at Hiawatha, Kan.

Hatton entered the Burke tailor shop and bargained for an overcoat, asking Burke if he could change a \$50 bill. As Burke turned his back, Hatton snapped off the light and struck Burke over the head with a heavy clothes brush and then drawing a razor, cut his neck.

Charred Bones Uncover Murder

Los Angeles, Nov. 5.—A new murder was believed uncovered today at Hawthorn following the finding of a gunnysack containing what is believed to be the charred remains of human bones.

Odell Man Quits Bakery to Return to Ministry

Odell, Neb., Nov. 5.—C. B. Hoke, who has been operating a bakery and store here for the last year, has sold out the business and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Daykin, north of here. He was formerly a minister for 18 years, and ran the store here for the benefit of his health. The change will be quite effective this week.

Evangelistic Meetings Held at Central City

Central City, Neb., Nov. 5.—A revival meeting of the Central City team was held at the Central City Methodist church in Central City. The meetings were held at the Methodist church in Central City.

Corn Near Ord Is Yielding 80 to 85 Bushels an Acre

Earl Drake, farmer living on a 160-acre farm east of Ord, in Valley county, reports his corn making 80 to 85 bushels an acre in a field of 25 acres where he is now husking. Buyers are offering 60 cents a bushel for corn.

Plainview Is Defeated

Plainview, Neb., Nov. 5.—The Plainview High school football team was defeated Friday afternoon at Neligh by the Neligh team, 52 to 0. Neligh has not been scored against by any team in the state this year. Plainview averaged about 125 pounds, while Neligh averaged about 180 pounds.

Lawyer Is Shot Down by Editor

W. S. Coburn, Attorney for Imperial Wizard, Dies in Office as Bullets Take Effect.

Slayer Glad Victim Dead

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—W. S. Coburn of Atlanta, attorney for the Emperor Simmons faction of the Ku Klux Klan, was shot and killed in his office this afternoon by Phillip Fox, said to be editor of The Imperial Nighthawk, a publication of the imperial palace.

Coburn was shot five times and toppled over in his chair. The bullets were said to have been fired from the doorway of Coburn's office by Fox. The latter was arrested and taken to the police station.

Fox is said to have gone to the office of Coburn on the ninth floor of the Atlantic Trust company building this afternoon to talk over Klan matters and was told by Coburn to come back later, as he had several clients waiting. Then, according to versions of the trouble, Fox returned, opened the door of Coburn's office, and began firing. Three bullets are said to have struck Coburn in the head, while another lodged in his stomach.

Coburn had been one of the prominent attorneys in the suits against the Evans faction. He was chief counsel for the Edward M. Rittenhouse faction of Philadelphia, which last week unsuccessfully attempted to have a receiver appointed for the Klan. As attorney for W. J. Simmons, emperor of the Klan, Coburn filed suit in Fulton county court today asking for an injunction to prevent the organization of the women of the Ku Klux Klan.

To Patrickman C. O. Cochran, who assisted in the arrest, Fox is quoted as saying: "I am sorry to have had to do it, but I'm glad he is dead. He was planning to ruin me, and I had just as soon be hung as hurt."

Mrs. W. A. Holbrook, stenographer for Coburn, said Fox came to the office and wanted to talk to Coburn about the Klan case in which Coburn is representing what is called the insurgent element. They talked for about five minutes, according to Mrs. Holbrook, and Coburn asked Fox to come back in about an hour as he had some clients waiting for him.

Fox started out and got outside the door, then turned back and fired five shots at Coburn, Mrs. Holbrook said. W. T. Rogers, a client of Coburn's, said he was in the office when the shooting took place and witnessed it.

Pioneer Woman Resident of Pawnee City Dies

Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 5.—Mrs. King, wife of D. W. King, long-time resident of Pawnee city, died at her home in Pawnee City after an illness of several years. For many years the family lived on a farm five miles from the city. Mrs. King retired from the farm a few years ago, moving to Pawnee City. She is survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters. Archer King, long-time proprietor of the Linwood theater of Pawnee City, is a son. Funeral services will be held at Pawnee City and the body will be taken to St. Albert, Neb., her childhood home, for burial.

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