

tion?" Why did it resort to doubtful language in so important a law as this? Why did it not write the language clear and direct? Or was it the intention of that legislature that power to fix rates should not be conferred upon the commission? It may be that the republican platform will throw light upon this subject. That platform does not ask that the legislature confer power to prevent discrimination, etc. Is there a design here all the way through to fool the people once more? Is it possible that again the people are to be misled? Are we to look hopefully to this amendment for years and in the end be disappointed again?

But what shall we do about it on election day? I favor its adoption because it gives us three commissioners. The people, however, must know that beyond this they are not getting anything. Before we can get relief we will have to elect a legislature absolutely free from railroad influence. If we elect that kind of a legislature, then that legislature can confer the proper powers upon this commission. These powers must include the power to fix rates. If the legislature shall confer power to fix rates and if it is ascertained that this amendment is restrictive and that no power to fix rates can be conferred upon the commission, under the amendment, as it now is then we must further amend the constitution so that this commission may be clothed fully with the

power to fix rates. It is just the best we can do under all the circumstances. I blame the last legislature for giving us such a doubtful measure. That legislature was overwhelmingly republican. There were only nine fusion members in that body. The responsibility for not giving us a better amendment rests wholly with the republican party of this state. We have the right to question the good faith and sincerity of any party that will propose no better amendment than this one. As a rebuke to this further trifling with the people I say that the republican legislature should be defeated.

Let me go a step farther and say that no candidate who aspires to the legislature, whether he be upon the republican or fusion ticket should be elected this year unless he is right upon all these questions. I suggest that the people in every county in this state make their candidates stand up and specifically and unequivocally pledge themselves to confer ample powers upon this commission which shall include the power to fix rates. Also every candidate should be pledged specifically upon every other measure and reform the people are demanding. If he further refuses to state his position plainly, no matter to what party he belongs, he should be defeated. Let us have done with simply playing the game of politics, but let us make it the serious business that it really is.

Summary of News

President Roosevelt, in an address at Oyster Bay, declares religion, not sectarian but aiming at the betterment of all humanity, the hope of the nation.

A liner arrived in New York with famine aboard, all champagne, ginger ale and matches having been exhausted by a gay cabin crowd.

W. J. Bryan and Governor Folk are expected to stump Wisconsin this fall in the interests of J. A. Aylward, democratic nominee for governor.

Forecast of the report of the Iowa life insurance commission indicates that no requirement of the annual distribution of dividends will be urged.

Senator LaFollette maintains silence regarding the result of the Wisconsin republican primaries and his friends fear that this, following his defeat at the polls, will injure his prestige.

Result of primary elections in Michigan for candidates for the legislature shows many nominees open to conviction on the question of senatorship.

Senator LaFollette is severely scored by Senator Long of Kansas, who makes scathing reply to recent attacks on his course in regard to rate legislation.

A battle for the survival of the strongest among the factions of the Illinois democracy, and an attack on Bryan's presidential candidacy are expected to result from the Sullivan-Bryan controversy.

Daniel O'Connor of Australia predicts that Irishmen will eventually be supreme in countries of their adoption.

Cash losses aggregating \$16,400,000 are reported by the New York associated banks, the reserve disappearing.

Attorney General Mayer of New York reverses several rulings made by him some time ago regarding the workings of the Armstrong insurance laws.

Looted Real Estate Trust company of Philadelphia will be reorganized soon, says Receiver Earle, who declines to become president of the institution.

Roger Sullivan makes a bitter answer to the attacks of William J. Bryan, giving him the lie as to statements made in his Jefferson club speech in Chicago, and challenging

him to submit the issue to the delegates to the state convention of 1904, one or the other to retire from political leadership according to the result of such a poll.

As her husband dies in a Boston hospital, woman shoots herself, falling dead over his body, believing she will free her spirit to accompany that of her spouse.

Secretary Shaw notifies government depositories that funds of the government must not be sent to Wall street to be loaned to speculators.

United States Minister Gummere at Tangier has turned the bank wrecker, Paul O. Stensland, over to Assistant States Attorney Olson, who, fearing his prisoner may escape or commit suicide, will return to Chicago as quickly as possible.

Weekly trade reviews report a seasonable expansion of business and an encouraging industrial outlook.

James Gibbons, a farmer living near Bloomington, Ill., is shot to death in his bed.

Woman suffrage as a cure of the ills of the body politic is advocated by Lewis Emery, Jr., nominee for governor of Pennsylvania, in a speech opening the state campaign at Carlisle.

New York supreme court holds the Equitable Life Assurance society must defend suit brought by the state attorney general for an accounting of the management of the funds.

Thomas J. Kernan of Baton Rouge, La., in an address before the American Bar association at St. Paul defines the code of lawlessness as law defiance that he says is made a common rule.

Governor Davidson, winner of the republican gubernatorial nomination in Wisconsin by 40,000 votes, will receive the support of Lenroot, his opponent.

District Attorney Jerome of New York says, at a democratic conference in Albany, that party leadership has given way to demagoguery and radicalism, and that the first need is not new laws, but good men.

Divorced wife of John C. Pulner of Danville, Va., remains in the home as cook when he weds an attractive young teacher, cooking the marriage feast.

Mark Twain gives out selections

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from his auto-biography, written under the "systemless system," in which the "past and present are brought face to face" and in which he declares that he had more than one ancestor.

New York commissioner of charities declares the hospitals of the city are in a shocking condition.

President Roosevelt's forest reserve policy is bitterly attacked by Senator Heyburn in an address to the National Irrigation congress in Boise.

Earnings of the American Smelting and Refining company for the year ended April 30 exceed 10 per cent on the common stock after deductions for repairs and the payment of the 7 per cent dividend on the preferred stock.

A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western road, abandons his plan for publication of a complete tariff.

Senator LaFollette receives his first severe check from the voters when Governor Davidson, whom he opposed, is victorious at the primaries in Wisconsin.

Republican ticket is elected in Vermont with a plurality below the normal, F. D. Proctor being chosen governor.

Governor Johnson of Minnesota is renominated by the democratic state convention at Minneapolis and declared to be the logical running mate for Bryan in 1908.

Clarence K. Wooster, third vice president of the Peoples Gas and Coke company of Chicago, committed suicide.

Secret memoranda covering illegal transactions in the Stensland bank in Chicago, by both Paul O. Stensland and Henry W. Hering are found among the effects of Frank Kowalski, the teller, who committed suicide after the collapse.

A woman who says she is a granddaughter of the illustrious Patrick Henry expects to be evicted from her shabby Armour avenue home in Chicago.

Consular reports from Germany and France show that a large and profitable field for American farmers is opened by the free denatured alcohol act.

Rev. R. A. White of Chicago declares the Christian church has so far neglected its opportunities and lost its prestige that, considering its

cost, it has become the most useless organization now being supported by the public.

Senator Bailey postpones his attack on Bryan's government ownership policy until after the congressional elections.

Governor Higgins, still withholding any intimation as to his attitude on the question of his renomination, issues a statement in which he warns the republicans of New York against the danger of a return of boss control.

FOREIGN NEWS

Hundreds are killed or wounded in Siedlce, Russian Poland, by police and troops in retaliation for an attack by terrorists.

Cambridge defeats Harvard by two lengths in the international rowing race on the Thames river. The Americans make a game struggle, but are handicapped by their unfamiliarity with the course and the loss of the choice position.

Walter Wellman leaves Spitzbergen and arrives at Tromsø on his way to Paris, where his airship will be reconstructed for the polar trip next spring.

Russian ministers take steps to finance gifts of lands to peasants.

A large force of rebels is reported south and west of Havana, and precautions against attack are taken.

Francis Xavier Wernz, a German, is elected general of the Society of Jesus at the meeting in Rome.

Heat wave proves a calamity to London, almost 1,000 children dying in a fortnight from summer ills.

Premier Stolypin plans a liberal reform measure to aid Russian Jews, but the failure of the measure is foreseen unless it places them on an equal footing with all others.

Rabbit coursing, the most cruel and degrading of sports, is popular in England, and the law does not interfere to save the animals from death.

Hungarians demand many sweeping changes, including a separate army and tariff system, as the price of continuing the common government with Austria.

Automobile omnibuses are received in Paris with growing favor, although the high speed at which they are driven through the streets leads to the fear that serious accidents may result.