

HUGHES PLAYING PART OF SPHINX

Keeps All New York Guessing His Plans.

MAY BE ONE OF THREE TYPES

Will He Follow Cleveland, Roosevelt or Odell?

NEVER MAKES A PROMISE

Ex-Chairman Dunn Wonders and So Do All Other Old Warhorses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special)—"I wonder whether Charles E. Hughes, as Governor, will be a Grover Cleveland, a Theodore Roosevelt or a Benjamin B. Odell, Jr."

This remark was made in the lobby of the Fifth Avenue Hotel tonight by George W. Dunn, one of the few active survivors of the old school of Republican politicians, and he voices the opinion of the active men in his party.

Mr. Dunn has been a county leader for many years and a member of the state committee since the days of the Civil War. He was also State Chairman for nearly four years, being named to succeed Odell, and later being ousted by that same individual.

To understand Mr. Dunn's remark, it might be advisable to explain the characteristics of these three former Governors of New York State. Grover Cleveland was regarded as an anti-machine man when he took office, and fought the machine every day that he was at Albany. Theodore Roosevelt fought the machine for a year. Then there were mutual compromises, and the machine and the Governor were in what might be called a state of armed neutrality.

Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., went into office as "Platt's man." All his appointments were made to help the "organization," but before his term was over he had captured the machine and ran it himself.

Hughes Ignores Machine. Mr. Hughes takes office on January 1, only a few days away, but nobody knows where he stands, or what he means to do. The new Governor hasn't taken a position of antagonism to the machine. He has simply ignored it, and that is what is worrying everybody.

State Chairman Woodruff was approached the other day by a man who wants a far position under the new administration. "I have seen Mr. Hughes three times since the election," he said, "and one of those times was a banquet. He always has a pleasant word and a kindly smile, but that is as far as we have got."

Mr. Woodruff expresses the views of most of the Republican leaders. None of them have been able to get further than the kindly smile.

Always the first announcement made by the new Governor is the name of his private secretary. Mr. Hughes followed precedent, when, on December 1, he named Robert H. Fuller, of the political staff of the New York Herald. Heretofore a private secretary has been busy all of December, visiting the different departments at Albany and gathering data for his chief to use in his inaugural speech and in his message to the Legislature.

But Mr. Fuller has devoted all his time to playing pool and "declaring that his active efforts do not begin until Mr. Hughes is fully installed at Albany. He calls at the Governor-elect's West End avenue home nearly every day, but has yet to receive an order. And like the active machine politicians, he wonders what the new rules of the state means to do.

Consults Friends of Both Parties. The only persons who have been called into conference by Mr. Hughes are a number of his old personal friends. Some of them are Republicans, some are Democrats, but not one is officially recognized by the "machine."

As stated in The Oregonian some time ago, the Governor-elect intends to devote much attention to the traction problem. The other day he crossed the Brooklyn bridge during the rush hours, and the same was done by him in large, glaring headlines.

Efforts were made to secure an expression of opinion from Mr. Hughes on what he saw, what he experienced and how he liked it, but he never said a word.

"I was just looking it over," was as far as he would commit himself, but those few words have worried the traction magnates more than all that has been said by orators and newspapers for many months. They really believe that he means to do something, and they are afraid of what he will do.

my part, until January 6. After I take the oath of office I expect to fulfill the duties of Governor without yielding to advice or suggestion from any one, although I will be glad to hear from any one interested."

In the selection of his military staff, the Governor-elect has shown the qualities of a diplomat. He ousted Governor Higgins' military secretary, but consoled him by naming him as an aide, with the rank of colonel. In his new position Colonel Marion has no salary, but he is allowed to parade around in a glorious, glittering uniform.

Colonel George Treadwell, who was Governor Roosevelt's military secretary, has been dragged back from civilian life by Mr. Hughes. This also pleases a number of people.

All Warhorses Are Nervous. All the old Republican warhorses will be represented at the inauguration, but they will go there in a doubling mood, and will cheer the new ruler of the State with many mental reservations. They are afraid that they are not going to like the new Governor, and that he tends to do all sorts of things that will be unpleasant, so far as they are concerned. He will have a lot of patronage to give out, and nobody has the slightest idea who is going to get it. So politicians all over the State are whispering the same question that George W. Dunn has asked:

"I wonder whether Charles E. Hughes as Governor will be a Grover Cleveland, a Theodore Roosevelt or a Benjamin B. Odell, Jr."

It is a more fascinating problem than "The Lady or the Tiger?" or "How old is Ann?" For patronage—nice, fat offices—hangs upon the answer.

DISASTER MADE INSANE

WOMAN DROWNS HERSELF IN A LOS ANGELES CITY PARK.

Will Provides for Distribution of Money Among the San Francisco Fire Sufferers.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—A story of remarkable interest is behind the suicide of Mrs. Mary Elsie Balfour, 55 years of age, whose body was today dragged from the depths of Eastlake Park Lake, where she had thrown herself last night. The woman lived alone in a shanty and was known to enter the park, unaccompanied at 6 o'clock last night. Today the parkkeeper found a number of her effects upon the bank of the lake and later saw a dark object floating in the water, which proved to be the woman's skirt. A pull upon the garment brought up the body of the woman.

In the woman's handbag, on a torn envelope, there was scrawled in an almost illegible hand, "M. E. Balfour, 47 Turner street. My will is in the little trunk on the table. I want to be cremated."

Following the directions, the will was found. In it the woman disposes of large amounts of money, which she gives to relatives and the poor. It provides that after the expenses of cremating her body are deducted, the money in the Hibernia Bank of San Francisco be distributed among the poor of San Francisco, preferably the fire victims; funds in the Copenhagen Bank are to be turned to the citizens of Copenhagen and Nestled, the latter place being referred to as the birthplace of the woman; an account in the German Bank of San Francisco and all other moneys are to be divided to the woman's cousins, Julius and Carl Lorentzen, of Copenhagen, and Peter and Henry Lorentzen, of Nestled.

She bequeaths considerable jewelry to her sister, Edwardine Nelsen, of Nestled. The Mayors of Copenhagen and Nestled are designated as executors of that portion of her estate and they are directed to bestow it upon the poor. Two bank books were found among her effects. One of these showed a deposit of \$250 in the Los Angeles Trust Company and the other a deposit of \$300 in the American Savings Bank of this city.

The will indicates that the unfortunate woman had passed through the San Francisco disaster and that the ordeal had affected her mind. Nothing is known of her here.

LEITER'S AUTO KILLS BOY

Chauffeur Runs Down Little Negro on Washington Street.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The 60-horsepower touring car of Joseph Leiter, in which were riding Mr. Leiter, Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Remington, of New York, today ran down and instantly killed Samuel West, a 14-year-old negro boy. Mrs. Leiter and Mrs. Remington were greatly affected by the accident. Charles H. Raymond, the chauffeur, was arrested, and the entire party went to the Tenth Precinct Police Station. Raymond was paroled in custody of an officer, in order that Mr. Leiter and his party might be conveyed to the Leiter family dinner.

The accident occurred on Columbia Heights, near Fourteenth street and Columbia road. The big machine was closely following a streetcar, and just before Columbia road was reached the boy, who was riding on the car, jumped off and was almost immediately struck by the automobile. The wheels ran over the boy's head.

The machine was stopped, and Joseph Leiter picked up the boy up, at the same time directing that physicians be summoned. Life, however, was extinct. Mrs. Leiter at once took steps to notify the parents of the boy.

"After leaving his mother and guests at the Leiter home, Mr. Leiter, together with his chauffeur and the officer, went directly to the home of Coroner Nevitt, who admitted Raymond to view. Mr. Nevitt, while entertaining the view that the accident was unavoidable decided to hold an inquest tomorrow.

RETURNS HOME WEALTHY

Lost Son Rejoices Parents' Hearts After Being Thought Dead.

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 25.—(Special)—Just like the man in the story book, William Magill, a former well-known man of Kenosha who had been missing for more than 20 years, returned last night a wealthy man, to spend Christmas with his parents.

Tomorrow he will celebrate his return by entertaining all the city at dinner. The man, who is a son of William Magill, pioneer of Kenosha, left his home 21 years ago, "to see the Mississippi River." In 1880 he started for Puget Sound. He wrote to his mother, and that was the last heard of him.

This Store Closes Every Night at 6 o'Clock

OLDS, WORTMAN & KING

FIFTH, SIXTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS

STRENUOUS REDUCTIONS ON HOLIDAY GOODS

Prices lowered on all lines of Holiday Goods, in a way that will be pleasing indeed to those who have a few "Come backs" to buy. Christmas shopping isn't nearly all done yet, even if Christmas was yesterday. Of course, a good many of you received presents that you didn't expect, and you'll want to give something in return. Well, here are splendid selections on just the right things for gifts—priced absurdly low.

COME SHARE IN THE BARGAINS ON THESE

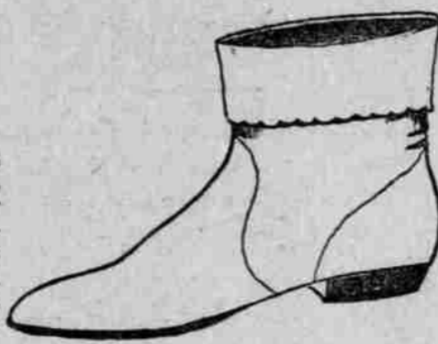
- Toys of All Sorts, Games of All Sorts, Wheel Goods and Iron Toys, Framed Pictures, All Sorts, Men's Lounging and Bath Robes, Toilet and Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets and Safety Razors, Children's Story and Picture Books, Fancy Calendars, Men's Smoking Jackets, Toy Pianos, Doll Furniture, Mechanical Trains, Stationery Sets, Fancy Goods, Men's Fancy Vests

A Colossal Imperative After-Christmas Shoe Sale

Begins This Morning And Lasts All Week

A grand clean-up of the stock of Christmas Shoes and Slippers that must be sold this week or carried over for another year. And as usual, we prefer to sacrifice now, rather than to carry over this stock in order that we may start each season with new stocks in all lines. Men's, women's and boys' Slippers on sale below cost. Perhaps none of your friends thought of slippers when selecting your presents, and if that is the case, come here and buy yourself a pair. Take cozy comfort, these drippy, disagreeable evenings to come, and stay at home, with your feet clad in a pair of these Slippers.

- MEN'S HIGH-GRADE SLIPPERS, made of carefully selected leather; Romeo, Everett, Opera and Columbia designs, nicely trimmed with different colored leathers; all sizes and an assortment that will please any one. Worth \$2.00 the pair. Choice \$1.39
WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, made of the best grade of felt, in brown, gray, wine and red; trimmed with the finest quality of fur, in brown, gray or chinchilla; have the flat or Cuban heels; worth to \$2.50 the pair; choice, now \$1.59



- MEN'S VELVET SLIPPERS—Only few pairs left, but all that remain go for... 43c
MEN'S SLIPPERS, in medium grade, black or tan; Everett or Opera style; a splendid assortment, worth \$1.39 the pair; your choice this week, the pair... 89c
MEN'S SLIPPERS, in black or brown; come in Opera or Everett style; turn soles, and good values at \$1.69 the pair; sale price, pair... \$1.19
MEN'S LEATHER SLIPPERS—all the superb line that we have been selling at \$1 pair; goes on sale at, pair... 69c

Children's Sweaters \$1.47 Each

2d Floor, 6th St. Annex. SLIPCOVER STYLE, with V neck, made of fine all-wool yarn, for children of 1 to 6 years of age; regular value \$2.25; special \$1.47 this week.

WOMEN'S FLANNELLETTE GOWNS, good warm comfy "nighties," in dainty colorings, but in broken lines, and some of them are slightly soiled; the regular prices were from \$1.00 to \$2.50; now \$1.67 they're 67c to \$1.67

ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS, in the low-bust style, with Princess hip and velvet grip hose supporters, side and front; made of white or dark coutil; worth \$2.25 the pair, \$1.75 for... \$1.75

STAMPED CUSHION TOPS, in a great variety of styles; tinted in conventional and floral designs; regularly they are worth 37c to 65c ea.; choice 37c

Sale Evening Coats and Gowns



A sale of unparalleled magnitude—a sale that will intensely interest the women of Portland. Elaborate creations for evening wear, going now for much less than they are worth. Read these prices for plain proof of the statement.

- Evening Coats Worth \$125 For \$83.33
Coats worth \$20.00 now sell for only \$13.33
Coats worth \$35 going for only \$23.30
\$28.50 Coats now sell for only \$19.00
Regular \$25 Coats for just \$16.66
Superb Coats worth \$38.50 for \$25.67
Beautiful Coats worth \$50.00 for \$33.33

- Evening Gowns Worth \$450 Now \$300
GOWNS WORTH \$40.00 now \$26.67
FINE \$75.00 GOWNS now \$50.00
GOWNS WORTH \$45.00 now \$30.00
GOWNS WORTH \$52.50 for \$35.00

Women's 25c Hose Sell For Only 18c

First Floor, Fifth Street. Women's black cotton Hose, fashioned ankle, full seamless foot and double sole; a superb quality, at the regular price, 25c, and now for today they are 18c only.

CHILDREN'S COTTON HOSE, Winter weight, with double knee, heel and toe; regular price 35c the pair; special today, the 19c pair.

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS, in white or silver gray, long sleeves and ankle length; regular 60c quality; 49c special for...

WOMEN'S RIBBED VESTS, of white cotton, Swiss rib, medium weight, long sleeve; 75c 49c value for...
WOMEN'S SILK AND WOOL UNION SUITS, ankle length, long sleeves; come in pink and blue; regular \$3.50 qual- \$2.98 ity for...



STUPENDOUS SALE! Handkerchiefs at 4 Cents Each

BEGINNING THIS MORNING We Offer Two Hundred and Fifty Dozen HANDKERCHIEFS, each 4 cents

They have been used in displays, and some of them are a bit soiled; some are as bright and clean as tho they had never been out of the boxes; dainty bits of cambric, lace and embroidery, extremely pretty, and as to quality, you know full well that we carry nothing that is not good. Come a Kerchief buying this morning, and choose from this immense assortment at will, paying for any one that you like but 4c



SHOOTS COMRADE DEAD

SERGEANT IN NINTH CAVALRY COMMITS MURDER.

Quarrel About Woman Ends in Bloodshed in Presence of Whole Garrison of Fort Sheridan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—In the presence of the four troops of the Fort Sheridan squadron of the Ninth Cavalry who had just begun their Christmas dinner in the dining hall of the fort tonight, Sergeant John I. Griffin shot and killed Corporal William Taylor of his troop. The men, who are both married, quarreled over a woman and the shooting followed. Taylor received the bullet through his breast and died on the way from the dining hall to the hospital.

A rigid investigation has been ordered by Major MacComb. "A courtmartial in time of peace cannot sentence a man to death," said the Major. "If Griffin is to be tried for murder—and that is what he ought to be tried for—the case will go to the United States Court."

A President's Indorsement.

Detroit Free Press. When Andrew Jackson was President a poor widow who kept a boarding-house, finding it impossible to collect her board bill from a government official, went to the White House and told the President about it. Jackson said to her: "He'll give you a note for

The Apostate's Creed.

Life. I believe in Gold, the Dollar Almighty, Maker of Heaven on earth, and in Legal Trust, the natural issue thereof; which were conceived by Philanthropists, borne by a Patient People, suffered to exist by a Loot-loving Legislature, defended, extolled and worshipped; they descended into the Depths of Extortion, but rose upon the wings of Legal Justification, and sit upon the right hand of the Government, from whence they may expect no molestation, even forever.

Crops Worth Seven Billions.

Farming. For years the agricultural production of the United States has been steadily increasing and during the past three or four years this increase has been by leaps and bounds. Last year it was announced that our farms had yielded the almost unthinkable value of \$5,150,000,000, as compared with \$4,000,000,000 for 1904 and \$4,400,000,000 for 1905. This enormous production has called forth many pessimistic statements. We have been repeatedly told that such a pace could not long be maintained, that diminished yields and agricultural depression must soon come. But the end is not yet. Farm production was thought to have reached its highest point

A Mild Laxative

Ask your doctor to name some of the results of constipation. His long list will begin with sick-headache, biliousness, dyspepsia, thin blood, bad skin. Then ask him if he would recommend your using Ayer's Pills for constipation. One pill at bedtime, a few times.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Twenty Years Proof. Tutt's Liver Pills keep the bowels in natural motion and cleanse the system of all impurities. An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, constipation and kindred diseases. "Can't do without them" R. P. Smith, Chitsburg, Va. writes I don't know how I could do without them, I have had Liver disease for over twenty years. Am now entirely cured. Tutt's Liver Pills