

ROOSEVELT WOULD HAVE THE NAVY REORGANIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt is seriously contemplating his plan for the appointment of a special commission to reorganize the navy department by eliminating the bureau system. He finds that the enlargements of the membership of the general board which Secretary Newberry accomplished upon assuming his duties on December 1, and the appointment of Herbert L. Satterlee, the well known exponent of the president's naval theories, as assistant secretary of the navy, have fallen short of effecting the reforms which the three men had in mind.

Because of what he considers to be the pressing necessity for reorganization, and undismayed by the intimation that congress will not pass any such measure before the conclusion of his term of office, President Roosevelt is again sounding leading naval experts with a view of securing their co-operation.

The president told several of his callers today that if Secretary Root would accept the chairmanship of this committee the success of his plan would be guaranteed.

WENS PRODUCE FOR OREGON \$5,000,000 ANNUALLY

Poultry raisers are taking lots of interest in the coming show of the Lane County Poultry association at Eugene December 21 to 24. Handsomely engraved silver trophies will be given as prizes. The poultry product of Oregon is valued at \$5,000,000 annually.

DEMOCRATS ALREADY PLANNING FOR FUTURE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic committee, said last night that headquarters would be established in Washington soon after the holidays.

"There is no use in taking up the matter until after the holidays," said Mr. Mack. "We may not take it up until after the short session is over, but I can state positively that the national committee will have a permanent headquarters in Washington at an early date. It will be working headquarters, too."

"What about Bryan as a candidate four years from now?"
 "There is no probability of Mr. Bryan running again four years hence, so there is no use discussing the matter," said the chairman.

Marriage Licenses.

Henry C. Bonney and Anna Danielson.

Circuit Court News.

John W. Prall vs. Fred Marshall et ux.; action to recover money; verdict in favor of defendant.
 State of Oregon vs. C. E. Roach; plead not guilty to charge of forgery.
 Martin Perry vs. Lulu J. Perry; suit for divorce; decree by default.
 Gertrie M. Olson vs. Ole A. Oleson; suit for divorce; demurrer withdrawn and cross-complaint filed.
 Thomas Moran vs. George W. Dodson; action to recover money; dismissed.
 O. & C. Railroad company vs. Peter Enyart et al.; decree granted.
 Emery J. Eastman vs. Jack Fredenberg; dismissed.

DIAMOND DRILL STILL WORKING BLUE LEDGE

Nine persons arrived from the Blue Ledge district Monday to spend Christmas in Medford. Among them were Wickett brothers, the Wall brothers, Harold Watson, Jim Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson. The diamond drill is still working overtime at the Blue Ledge blocking out one of the largest bodies of copper ore in the world, and indications are that the new year will see the resumption of work upon a large scale. A rich strike is reported on the Sugar Pine claim. Simon Shaw has finished assessment work upon the First National and moved to Elliott creek after driving a shaft 50 feet into favorable rock. Development work on the Thompson group is completed. Work on the Medford mine, recently purchased by Honore Palmer, is being energetically pushed. Most of the assessment work on the various claims is completed. Snow to the depth of five and six feet covers the summit of the Siskiyou.

CHICAGO SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE TO VISIT NORTHWEST

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—Fifty school children from Chicago are to be brought to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition next year if plans suggested by Secretary Tom Richardson of the Oregon Development league are carried out. They will also visit Portland and other cities in this state and when they return home will write letters telling of the trip and what they saw in the northwest. Exhibits of the woods of this section, with industrial and scenic pictures, have been used in the Chicago schools, made up into sets and circulated from one school to another, in the teaching of geography.

PROSPECTOR MAKES A RICH STRIKE; MURDERED

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 21.—William T. Clark, a young prospector and a familiar character in the Montana mining camps, was found murdered in the mountains south of here today. Clark recently discovered a rich gold vein, and it is believed this had something to do with the crime.

A BASEBALL WONDER.

"Old Hoss" Radbourne, Greatest of All Pitchers.

THE HERCULES OF THE GAME

His Marvelous Feat of Pluck, Strength and Endurance That Won the Pennant For Providence in 1884—A Record in Games Won.

Pitchers may come and pitchers may go, but the name of "Old Hoss" Radbourne goes on forever. I have talked to many great ball players who have lamented to me the fact that baseball fame is so ephemeral that it was not worth the gaining, and, while no doubt this is in a great measure true, there is one pitcher who has left a name that promises to roll on for many, many years.

Each year hundreds of pitchers claim attention of the world, and each year they are promptly forgotten. But Illinois produced a man who, although now years deceased, has a brighter name than any of the great multitude.

In the great campaign of 1884, when the Providence club, then a member of the National league, was fighting a bitter game with Philadelphia, a catastrophe occurred that seemingly would disrupt its chances of winning the pennant. A player named Sweeney, who was pitching, was ordered to go into right field to change places with "Cyclone" Miller. At that time it was not permissible to take a pitcher out of the game. Whereupon Sweeney promptly walked out of the game, leaving the team with only eight men and with one pitcher, Charles Radbourne.

Two men tried to cover the field, with the result that Providence was completely snowed under. A meeting of the directors was held to decide whether or not the club should be disbanded. Certainly a professional team was never in a sorrier plight.

Radbourne was approached and the proposition put to him. "I can win it all right," said he quietly and in a matter of fact tone.

And then followed the most remarkable battle for a pennant that the world has ever seen. Radbourne established a record that has never been equaled, one that will live when more expensive contests will have been blissfully forgotten. Of twenty-seven consecutive games Radbourne won twenty-six. In four games with Boston he had three shutouts, only one run was scored and only seventeen hits were made. This defeat was suffered at the hands of Buffalo by a score of 2 to 0, and even then only five hits were made off him, showing that the defeat was not due to poor pitching. Needless to say, Providence won the pennant, or, rather, Radbourne won the pennant.

But the great player had to pay the price. No arm could stand the awful strain without great agony. Morning after morning when Radbourne arose he could not lift his arm as high as his waist. He had to brush his hair with his left hand. But he did not give up the game. He would slip out to the park about two hours before the rest of the team put in an appearance and would begin the excruciating process of limbering up. He would pitch the ball only a few feet when he would first go out, but he would keep on trying time after time, rubbing his arm with his left hand. Sometimes his face would be drawn up into contortions, but never a word of complaint left his lips.

Half an hour before the game was to begin the players would slip out to see how "Old Hoss" was getting along. They would sit silently on the bench, waiting for his arm to get into condition. When he was able to throw from second to home base a rousing cheer would go up, for they knew that meant the winning of the game for them.

Radbourne claimed for his home Bloomington, Ill. After his great season with Providence managers all over the country were upon his heels. Flattering offers poured in, and he was not under contract with Providence for the next season either. When the contest was over the late Ned Allen, president of the team that season, sent for Radbourne. He laid the release before him and close beside it a blank contract. Radbourne looked at them both for several minutes and then slowly took up a pen and filled the blank out for a sum only \$2,000 higher than he had been getting and tore up the release. Allen almost fell on his neck and wept for joy.

Radbourne's last year in baseball was with Cincinnati in 1891, but it was a sad year. It seems a pity that the career of so great a ball player should end so sadly. That year his work showed great deterioration, for the awful strain made in 1884 was beginning to tell on his arm. At the end of the season he was too proud to go into minor league baseball and so entirely withdrew from the game. He returned to Bloomington, where he opened a billiard hall. He had little to say and in unobtrusive silence would sit in a corner and watch the young men laugh as they played. He would talk about himself only when cornered, and then but for a few short words. He had always been an ardent fisherman, hunter and sportsman, but he gave up the open life. Each year his taciturnity increased until he became almost silent.

After a time he gave up his billiard hall and retired into the obscurity of his home, seldom letting people see him. At last, in 1897, he fell ill and soon passed away. — Portland Oregonian.

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"My point is that the cost of production is cheaper here than abroad, so that no tariff is needed, for it is impossible for foreigners to compete seriously with home manufacture."

BATTLESHIP MAINE SAILS UNDER SEALED ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The battleship Maine sailed today from Hampton Roads under sealed orders. She has probably gone to Venezuelan waters to protect American interests.

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