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PORTO RICAN TAX LAW.

Events Have Already Proven That It Will Provide Ample Means.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, July 27.—Events have already proven that the tax law, drawn up by the legislators of this island, will provide ample means for the island's requirements. This indicates that Porto Rico is more prosperous than it was a couple of years ago. Steady improvement has been made since the day General Miles landed at Guanica, three years ago. The people are in better physical condition, and work with more spirit. Plantations that went unworked for a long time are beginning to show signs of prosperity. There is more shipping in the harbor, and the signs generally indicate better conditions. Nevertheless, scarcely an instance can be cited where any considerable amount of American capital has been invested in Porto Rican enterprises. Numerous promoters and capitalists, who have visited the island, have declared that this or that investment would bring good returns, and then gone away never to be heard from again.

Gift to Presbyterian Church. LONDON, July 28.—Baron Mount Stephen announces a gift of \$20,000 to the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, the income to go to the ministers in his native district of Aberdeenshire and Banffshire.

HEAVY RAIN AND WIND STORM

Crops in North Dakota Were Seriously Injured.

FARGO, N. D., July 28.—A heavy rain and wind storm prevailed this afternoon over a good part of the state. Great damage is reported at Tappan, west of Fargo, where a church, a store and some dwellings and barns were blown down. The Northern Pacific depot was unroofed. Wires were down for some hours, and crops in the path of the storm, which was several miles wide, were destroyed. In the Red River Valley, rain fell from the National boundary line all the way down the state line. Around Fargo and over in Minnesota, crops were damaged, but just how seriously it is impossible to determine tonight.

Papal Delegate in New York.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Among the passengers on La Champagne, which arrived today, was the Most Rev. Monsignor Farsaglio-Bavani, an archbishop and apostolic delegate to the Republics of Peru and Ecuador. The prelate is en route to Quito, Ecuador. It is his first visit to America, and before starting on his mission he will remain in the city a few days as the guest of Archbishop Corrigan.

PRESTON WANTS IT

Seattle Man Desires to Succeed Senator Turner.

WILL CONTEST WITH ANKENY

Is Backed by Ex-Governor John H. McGraw and Lieutenant-Governor Henry McBride Looked Upon as a Harmonizer.

SEATTLE, July 28.—State Senator Harold Preston, of this city, who led the fight in behalf of anti-railroad legislation last winter, has entered the race for United States Senator to succeed George Turner. Formal announcement of Mr. Preston's candidacy has not been made, but he has confided his ambition to his friends, and is now laying his plans to capture the toga. This verifies the prediction made last winter that Mr. Preston would be a candidate, his pronounced attitude on railroad legislation being but a preliminary.

Indications are that Mr. Preston will be the leading candidate against Levi Ankeny, whose aspirations are well known and whose organization is practically complete. John L. Wilson, of course, is a candidate. He makes no secret of this fact to his acquaintances, but he is said to be viewing Mr. Preston's candidacy with favor for reasons that are obvious.

Mr. Wilson has been the storm center of a fight that has raged in this state for about three years. His enemies are legion, and without discussing the merits of the conditions which made Wilson unpopular, it is but the truth to say that were Mr. Wilson pushed to the front as the leading candidate against Mr. Ankeny, the latter's election would be a mere matter of counting the votes. Mr. Preston and his friends, who are ex-Governor John H. McGraw, Lieutenant-Governor Henry McBride and others, realizing this condition, have brought Mr. Preston out as a candidate. They are as zealous in their desire for Mr. Ankeny's defeat as is Mr. Wilson himself, and they know that in the final pinch whatever strength Mr. Wilson could deliver would go to Mr. Preston in order to defeat Mr. Ankeny.

So far as Mr. Wilson is concerned, he would prefer his own election rather than that of Mr. Preston. He believes, however, that the bringing out of Mr. Preston will tend to strengthen the forces opposed to Mr. Ankeny, and will win elements that under other conditions might support Mr. Ankeny, and above all, that he personally has a chance to slip in between the Preston and Ankeny forces.

"King County's Candidate."

In due time Mr. Preston will be heralded to the world as "King County's Candidate." The desire of the business men of King County that Seattle have representation in the Senate is so well known as to require no elaboration. Moreover, the bitter factional fight which has been waged for months in King County between the friends of Mr. Wilson on the one hand and the friends of Mr. Ankeny and Mr. Ankeny on the other, culminating finally in bloodshed, render the danger of Democratic victory in the county almost certain. If it continues, by the bringing out of Mr. Preston as a candidate, it is hoped to arouse the ancient Seattle spirit, solidify the party on a home candidate, and obviate the danger of Democratic success.

There is another reason for Mr. Preston's candidacy. It will prevent, so its sponsors hope, the active support of Mr. Ankeny by any King County politician. Mr. Ankeny has many friends in King County, and with Mr. Preston out of the way they could doubtless deliver him several votes; but with a home candidate they would perforce be quiet, and while their support of Mr. Preston might be only nominal, the home pressure would be strong enough, it is believed, to keep them from voting for Mr. Ankeny.

The friends of Mr. Preston hope to command considerable support from the Northwest, and to effect this they probably have made to give section Congressman. It is barely possible that Lieutenant-Governor McBride might be given the place if the Preston people can control the state convention. It may be conferred upon some other aspirant.

The friends of Mr. Preston have already disclosed their hand. They will attack Mr. Ankeny, as being the railroad candidate. This sentiment is reflected in their organs. It is all based on the fact that Mr. Ankeny's friends opposed the Preston railroad commission bill last winter. That bill was framed, not for the control and regulation of the railroads, but for the control and regulation of politics and the United States Senatorship. It was aimed directly at Mr. Ankeny's own ambitions, and was considered by Republicans generally, outside the inner circle of its advocates, as a vicious in the extreme.

Mr. Ankeny has always encountered the opposition of the railroads heretofore, when a candidate for the United States Senate, and there seems no reason why he should have their friendship this time. In 1886, when he was first a candidate, all the railroads supported John L. Wilson. In 1890, when he was again a candidate, the James J. Hill-Great Northern influence was again thrown to Mr. Wilson, while the Northern Pacific supported Mr. Foster. It is common knowledge that Mr. Wilson's friendship with Mr. Hill still continues, and Mr. Hill is in control of both roads. The accusation that Mr. Ankeny is a railroad man, it would seem, is far-fetched.

When Mr. Crocker, Mr. Ankeny's friend, went over to the Legislature last winter he brought with him a number of the heaviest wheat shippers in the Walla Walla country to oppose the Preston bill. These men were, and are, Mr. Ankeny's friends. One of them, Obadiah Osborne, informed Lieutenant-Governor McBride that the farmers did not want a commission bill, but that they did want a reduction in rates. Judge McBride was at that time, and is still, the junior partner in the political firm of Preston, McBride & Co., Anti-Railroad Agitators. He replied to Mr. Osborne that the farmers could take a commission bill or nothing. It will be observed that plausible grounds exist to challenge the sincerity of this great anti-railroad combination; this apparently popular annex to the Republican party.

Support Counted for Preston.

The editor of the Tacoma Herald, a weekly paper, which evidently favors Mr. Preston's candidacy, has made some figures. They are bewildering enough, but throughout them one fact is pre-eminent, viz.: that the editor of the Herald thinks Mr. Preston has a "dead clinch" on the Senatorship. According to this mathematical Senator Turner might as well hand over his toga to Mr. Preston now as two years from now. Anybody can make figures and the Oregonian correspondent desires to submit a few on his own account. The next Legis-

lature will have 136 members, 42 in the Senate and 94 in the House. On joint ballot, with all members present, were the Legislature now chosen and ready to elect, the writer believes the ballot would stand as follows:

Ankeny.....54
Preston-Wilson combine.....32
Democratic.....24
Necessary to a choice.....60

It will be observed that all of King County's votes are counted as doubtful. It is not within the bounds of reason to suppose that the Republicans will elect more than three-fourths of this delegation, even if the Preston harmonizing project works as guaranteed on the label. Thus, if the Preston people get 18 votes, or three-fourths of the King County delegation, they will still be three votes shy of Mr. Ankeny's vote, according to these figures. In addition, the author of these figures, which are certainly as reliable as those submitted by the Preston advocate, has conceded that the Representatives and the Senator in the Pacific-Wahkiakum district, and an equal number in the Yakima district. It is said by the friends of Mr. Ankeny, with great pertinence, that he will have the six votes, which the writer has figured in the Preston-Wilson column. The vote of Senator Welby, of Lewis County, is also counted in the Preston-Wilson column, and it may go the other way. Mr. Welby has never told anybody, so far as known, whom he favors for United States Senator.

The friends of Mr. Wilson, if not his papers, have awakened to the fact that the Ankeny forces have made inroads in Spokane County, and that the refusal of Charles E. Hopkins to play longer in the Wilson backyard means a carrying of the war into Africa. Nevertheless, in the foregoing figures, Mr. Ankeny has not been credited with any votes in Spokane County, although some, with most excellent reason, have been conceded to the Democrats. Above all there will be votes for Mr. Ankeny, in King County, which will go to him the moment Mr. Wilson's personality is injected into the fight, however strong Mr. Preston's grip on the county may be otherwise.

Anyone who has followed this factional quarrel in the past, and who knows the situation in each county in the state, can sit down and figure out the result almost in the same way it is tabulated heretofore. That Mr. Ankeny's vote, at the lowest estimate, which is the one the writer has placed upon it, will reach 54, seems absolutely certain. It will be a queer condition where 54 will not be a majority of all the Republican members and sufficient to control a caucus.

Mr. Piles' Attitude.

Rumor has been busy with the name of Samuel H. Piles, of this city, as a Senatorial aspirant for several months past. Mr. Piles also lives in Seattle. Two years ago he supported Mr. Ankeny; but of late months he has been working with the Wilson people. It is rumored that he cherishes the ambition very ardently, and it is not altogether improbable that he may contest with Mr. Preston in the King County primaries. The harmonizers, however, would seek to have an agreement in advance that the man receiving the least support should decline to carry the contest further.

Mr. Piles, it will be recalled, was the person whom Mayor Humes sent to the late Chief Meredith, asking him to resign. It is alleged by some that Mr. Piles has induced Mayor Humes to form an alliance with Mr. Wilson, which many fear for his own sake he has done. A story is going the rounds that Mr. Piles has induced Mayor Humes to form an alliance with Mr. Wilson, which many fear for his own sake he has done. A story is going the rounds that Mr. Piles has induced Mayor Humes to form an alliance with Mr. Wilson, which many fear for his own sake he has done.

It is said the Mayor has been convinced that Wilson, not Foster, has the ear of President McKinley. This story of a Humes-Wilson alliance with Mr. Piles as the intermediary has never been confirmed, but there are "suspicious" abroad.

As Mr. Piles is concerned, more public enthusiasm could be aroused for him than for Mr. Preston. He is a fire-breathing orator and the active support of Mr. Ankeny is a more reserved man, and is not so well known to the public generally. Mr. Preston is a lawyer of high ability, and has a reputation for integrity. He is of a different type of men. The harmonizers want Mr. Preston and not Mr. Piles, and the latter will probably be shelved.

GERMANY CAN GET IT.

Austrian Paper Says Several Nations Are Ready for Tariff War.

VIENNA, July 28.—The Fremdenblatt, the organ of the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Office, commenting on the proposed German tariff law, says: "If Germany were to make a tariff war, Austria, Russia and the United States will be ready to undertake it."

Causes Excitement in Austria.

LONDON, July 28.—The draft of the new German tariff has caused excitement in interested circles throughout Austro-Hungary," says the Vienna correspondent of the Standard, "because the tariff threatens exports of barley, cattle and timber. Some papers assert that a commercial treaty between Austro-Hungary and Germany will be impossible, outside the inner circle of its advocates, as a vicious in the extreme."

The matter less seriously, regarding the extravagance of the new duties as the best security that they will not become law."

Caused Depression in Russia.

LONDON, July 28.—The publication of the German tariff bill has caused considerable depression in government circles here, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail. M. De Witte will certainly institute reprisals, if the bill becomes a law.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Rear-Admiral John Irwin.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Rear-Admiral John Irwin, retired, died at his residence here late tonight, after an illness of several months, due to a complication of diseases. He was 69 years old. He entered the Naval Academy in 1847, and had a good war record. He left a widow and a daughter and a son, John Irwin, Master on the Essex, now stationed at Newport.

Bishop of Durham.

LONDON, July 28.—The Right Rev. Brook Foss Westcott, bishop of Durham, is dead. He was born in 1825.

Catholic Jubilee Service.

DETROIT, July 28.—Coincident with the celebration of the founding of Detroit by Cadillac, 200 years ago, the Catholic residents of Detroit have been holding a special three days' jubilee service, celebrating the 200th anniversary of St. Anne's Church, established by missionaries who accompanied Cadillac. Special services were held at various churches today. Cardinal Martinelli celebrated high mass, and Archbishop Ireland delivered an address.

Signor Crispien Is Worse.

NAPLES, July 28.—The bulletin issued late tonight regarding the condition of Signor Crispien says the heart trouble is increasing.

SCHLEY'S SON TALKS

He Would Have His Father Tell All He Knows.

SAMPSON COMES IN FOR SCORING

Young Schley Says Some Startling Facts Will Become Known If the Whole Truth Shall All Be Told.

SALT LAKE, July 28.—The Herald tomorrow will print the following: "Captain Thomas F. Schley, eldest son

of Admiral Winfield S. Schley, who is stationed at Fort Douglas, in this city yesterday outlined some points that will be brought out in the Court of Inquiry as to his father's conduct at the battle of Santiago. He declared that some startling facts will be brought to light, if the whole truth shall become known, and that the reputation of his father, and that of his father's army, will be cleared up."

"I have just written to my father," said Captain Schley yesterday, "that I thought he ought to spare nobody, and that he should withhold none of the facts in his possession against Admiral Sampson or anybody else."

"Captain Schley is an officer of the Twenty-third Infantry in command at Fort Douglas. Although he has not had a letter from his father since the Court of Inquiry was ordered, he is familiar with the questions at issue, and pointed out some of the facts that will be urged in the Admiral's defense."

"When the Court of Inquiry meets," said Captain Schley, "I would like to have the privilege of attending. Admiral Sampson just one question: 'If the battle of Santiago had resulted in defeat, to whom would the blame have been officially, and it will be several days before the new order can be put into effect.'

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retary Long wired Admiral Sampson strongly advising that the blockading fleet go to Santiago in the hope of finding the Spanish fleet there. Admiral Sampson sent the dispatch to Admiral Schley with a note in which he said:

"After duly considering the telegram, I have decided to make no change in the present plans; that is, that you should hold your squadron off Cienfuegos." This letter was suppressed."

"Regarding the maneuvers of the Brooklyn at the time of the battle, Captain Schley says the facts all go to show this was the best possible move under the circumstances. The part played by the Brooklyn in the battle certainly compares favorably with that of the New York, he thinks.

"If this inquiry is full and fair," declared Captain Schley, "some facts will be disclosed that will startle the public. My father has several strong cards up his sleeve, and I trust he will make use of them all."

"Captain Schley enlisted in the Army in 1884, and was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Twenty-third Infantry seven years later. He has served with his regiment all through its campaigns in the Philippines, where he earned his Captaincy. Since his return from the

LONDON, July 28.—United States Ambassador Choate has left London for Holland, says the Daily Express, not for a holiday but, so rumor states, at the invitation of Mr. Kruger, who desires him to act as mediator in bringing about a settlement. It would naturally be supposed that a settlement could not take place without the irrefragable Dr. Leyds, but if Mr. Choate has gone to Holland, Dr. Leyds has left the country for Brussels, starting Saturday.

No importance is attached to this rumor by the Daily Express, for the paper refers to it editorially in a facetious vein as a "South African gooseberry."

SOCIALISTS MEET TODAY.

Two Factions Will Try to Get Together and Adopt New Name.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 28.—The largest convention of Socialists ever held in the United States will assemble tomorrow. The convention is called by the executive boards of the two divisions of the Social Democratic party for the purpose of uniting the two factions and adopting a new name for the united organization. Delegates from almost every state in the Union have reached the city. Porto Rico will be represented, while the Western States particularly will have a large number of delegates.

It is said tonight that the convention will succeed in reuniting the two factions, drawing in the independent state organizations and adopting a new name and a platform. The platform, it is predicted, will be more emphatic in its denunciations of the sovereignty of capital, and more radical in its assertions regarding the fundamental socialistic ideas.

Christian Union Convention Closed.

WARSAW DEPOT, Ind., July 28.—The annual session of the Young People's Christian Union of the Associated Reform Presbyterian Churches of America closed at Warsaw Depot, Ind., tonight, with religious services. Rev. G. M. Russell, D. D., delivered the convention sermon. The final address, "A Missionary Message," was given by J. C. White, Montclair, N. J., who has just returned from five years' labor in India and Egypt.

SEIZED PORTO RICAN GOODS

New York Inspectors Not Notified of Free Trade Relations.

NEW YORK, July 28.—The steamship Ponce, from San Juan, Porto Rico, July 23, docked in Brooklyn, this afternoon. As she steamed up the bay, the customs tug came alongside, and two officers boarded the Ponce and took the passengers' declarations. As soon as the Ponce docked, customs house inspectors examined the baggage of the passengers, 30 in number. All cigars and cigarettes were seized and the owners were told to "come back tomorrow for them." Among the passengers was J. Garrison, Auditor of Porto Rico. He informed the inspectors that, according to the President's proclamation, free trade now exists between Porto Rico and the United States. The inspectors stated they had no official instructions to that effect, and Mr. Garrison complied with the order to detain the contents of his dozen trunks on the pier. The baggage of all the other passengers was simply inspected.

After this general overhauling of baggage, a telephone message was received to seize only cigarettes in