

A BLOW TO TURNER

Governor Rogers' Death Removes His Leading Ally.

A M'BRIDE-PRESTON MACHINE

Seattle Man Now Becomes a Formidable Candidate for Senator—Republicans Now in the State Administration.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 25.—The unexpected death of Governor Rogers will have far-reaching political consequences. No other event could have been so serious a blow to the Democratic party, whose sole representative the Governor was in the state administration. This, of course, excepts the various appointive officers, who owe their positions directly to the influence or position of the Governor. In the first place, all the heads of state institutions are appointed directly by the State Board of Audit and Control, which is named by the Governor and is removable by him for cause. It is easy to see that the incoming Republican Governor will not long be wanting in a reason for the naming of a new board. And the new board will doubtless find in the political activity of such men as Warden Catron, of the Walla Walla State Penitentiary, sufficient reason for desiring a Republican in his place. Probably no such objection will be found to Superintendent of the Medical Lake Insane Asylum. It is not so certain that anything will be done with officers like the superintendent of the Vancouver School for Defective Youth, or with the head of the Reform School at Chehalis, both of whom are Republicans.

It is well known that under the Rogers regime the state institutions have been more or less filled up with partisans of the Governor and his friends; but, with the exception of Medical Lake, it has not been done offensively, nor has any serious charge been made that it was done to the detriment of the public service. That is to say, where a Republican has been "fired," and a Democrat or Populist put in his place, it was, as a rule, a fair exchange.

Among the very first acts of the new Governor will be the dismissal of Fish Commissioner Little, who, more than any one else, has represented Rogers personally throughout the state, and in the Rogers-Turner campaign. The Commissioner's dismissal will have to go. Mine Inspector Owen is another who will be let out. It is not to be supposed that any effort will be made to disturb Adjutant-General Dray, who is a Republican, and a very competent officer.

The dominant members of the State Board of Control are Chairman Henry Drum and Secretary Ernest Little. S. Reed, a Republican, is the third member. Mr. Drum was, and is, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. He managed the last Rogers campaign, and was largely instrumental in securing his re-nomination. Mr. Drum is a very particular friend of Senator Turner, and belongs in the latter's inside circle, which has for several years been pretty much the same thing as the Rogers cabinet. It is well-known that Senator Turner made Rogers' fight for re-nomination, and that the Governor realized his obligation in the fullest sense, and at all times and under all circumstances acknowledged the alliance between them contemplated, first, election and re-election of Rogers for Governor, and second, re-election of Turner for the Senate. The first part of the deal being successfully accomplished, the ball and end-all of the Rogers policy was to carry out his part of the compact. No important action was taken by Governor Rogers without consulting Senator Turner, or without having the approval of his friend and ally. His death is, therefore, a most serious mischance for the Spokane politician—a mischance that he will be unable to retrieve during the three years of the McGowan regime. For the Lieutenant-Governor will hold for the full term for which his dead superior was elected. The next Legislature will have to elect a Republican Governor in place of McGowan, and a Democratic Governor could give little or nothing for Turner, if the Legislature were Republican; but he could have done nothing to prevent the Legislature becoming Republican. To that end Rogers was Turner's chief reliance, aside from himself.

The installation of McBride in the executive chair has the greatest possible bearing on the prospects of Harold Preston, of Seattle, as a Senatorial candidate, and it will be regarded with dismay by the powerful railroad interests of the state, whose consistent and energetic enemy the new Governor has been. McBride was the backbone of State Senator Preston's anti-railroad fight at the last session of the Legislature, and will remember that in Washington that there are two influential gentlemen gave the railroads the mightiest shot they have had since statehood, not excepting 1896, when the fusionists swept everything before them. It is a notorious fact that the "reform" statesmen of the Populist party were many of them the most grasping and venal lot of lawmakers the state had ever seen. They were cheap, too, and the railroads, which appeared to have lost everything in the election of 1897, had a very easy time of it in 1900. But last year it was different. The railroad corporations found arrayed against them men who meant business, and who were in position to do business. The fight was the warmest and closest the state had yet seen. In the end the railroads prevailed, but it was only after the most tremendous effort and the assembly at Olympia of a lobby unprecedented in numbers and influence. It should be added that in Washington the chief brunt of the railroad fight is borne by the Northern Pacific, supported by the Great Northern. The Northern Pacific is responsible for the legislative methods that are in vogue in this state, and practically all the anti-corporation feeling of Eastern Washington—and it is considerable—is directed toward that road.

So McBride and Preston are sworn political allies, just as they have long been personal friends. McBride is a state politician—one of the keenest and most thorough in the state. He is a man of warm impulses and strong resentments. He is a valuable friend and a very dangerous foe. His courage is unquestioned, his coolness and good judgment proverbial. These are probably the most important factors in his numerous political successes, which have been achieved, however, for the most part, in the small arena of Skagit County, with the occasional addition of Whatcom. Preston is unquestionably a put forward as the Skagit County candidate for United States Senator, and he will almost without doubt

have a solid delegation from that county. He is, rather, the united support of all the Republicans in the state. They will comprise a majority of the members from King, possibly as many as 20 out of 25. McBride, as mere politician, is good for service from the northwestern part of the state, a Governor, he can command more; so that the King County man at once springs to the front as a formidable candidate, though not necessarily the leading candidate. Mr. Ankeny will be his chief opponent; and it is by no means sure that the Walla Walla banker will not cut into his King County strength. Mr. Preston is a man who has not in himself the elements of great personal popularity, nor can it be said that Seattle will be enthusiastic for him. It will give him the delegation because Seattle does want a Seattle man for Senator, but Preston will not be first, last and all-time choice of all of them, unless it is apparent that he can win. Some of the people think Mr. Ankeny is a pretty good fellow, and some of the Preston men may leave him for Ankeny when they think his chances are waning. It is just this sort of thing that the Walla Walla banker's machine is counting on. So are the Wilson men. Anyway, Preston is strictly in the Senatorial fight, never so much as now. It is his own misfortune—and it may be found to be Seattle's misfortune as well—that he is not better liked at home. It is not meant by this statement that he is lacking in any quality save the sole handicap of personal popularity. He is a capable lawyer, and a very intelligent and high-minded man. The State of Washington is doubtless to have a McBride-Preston machine. It will be a potential factor in the state's affairs, and must be reckoned with by all the politicians and all political factions. It will not be long in making its influence felt and its purposes known.

CONVENTIONS AT EVERETT.

State Dairyman and State Teachers' Association in Annual Session.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 25.—The annual convention of the Washington State Dairyman's Association opened here this morning. The storm belated many delegates, and the morning session was postponed until afternoon. President H. L. Blanchard read his annual address, covering the growth of the industry. He said an appropriation from the state was necessary to advance the association; the money to be used for printing literature to be sent to every farmer in the state. John Gould, of Ohio, a dairy expert, lectured on "How I Would Begin Dairying." C. L. Smith, of Minnesota, spoke on the dairying industry of the Pacific Slope. Where, he said, there is a better opportunity for this industry than in any other district he had ever visited. A special meeting was held at 7:30 P. M. There were several short addresses. The convention will be in session until Saturday night.

State Teachers' Association.

The Washington State Teachers' Association convened here today. Two hundred delegates from all over the state are attending. The convention opened here this morning. The program follows: "Shall Elementary Schools Be Eliminated From State Normal Schools?" The speaker, J. H. Miller, of Everett, said that the time is not ripe for such a move. "Shall More Professional Work Be Done?" Both these subjects were discussed by O. S. Jones, of Seattle, J. H. Morgan, of Ellensburg, and H. E. Owens, of Olympia. "What Progress Are We Making by Class Method Toward Individual Freedom in the Child's Progress?" Is it Desirable? R. S. Bligh, of Tacoma; J. H. Miller, of Cheney; T. E. White, of Whatcom. At the evening session the address of welcome was given. A. A. Gagnier, of the Everett Board of Education, and Superintendent F. E. Cooper, of Seattle, responded. An address by J. L. Dumas, president of the association, concluded the program. A reception followed.

Worst Storm Ever Known.

Last night's wind storm was the worst ever known here. Trains and boats were greatly delayed.

COFFIN AS XMAS PRESENT.

Young Woman Got It, It Is Said, From a Discarded Suitor.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 25.—George Reno, a discarded suitor of Miss Lulu Mercer, of this city, is charged with having put a coffin in the mail as a Christmas present, also sending another coffin to a woman employee of a local dry-goods store. Reno is a brakeman. Miss Mercer's mother, who attended to the coffin, said her young fellow has made himself obnoxious by his attentions. Failing to gain the young woman's love, he is said to have begun the sending of obscene letters, first to the girl and then to her mother. She is said to have been so frightened by her family. For this he has been arrested. Christmas eve two shots were heard outside the Mercer home. The family went to the door they stumbled over a small coffin lying on the doorstep. It was about three feet long and perfectly made. A few minutes later Miss Mercer's father, who had been called by the police, asked her how she liked her present. Yesterday Mrs. Ellis, an employee of a dry-goods store, received a package by express. She unwrapped it and discovered, to her horror, a coffin. She is said to have been so frightened by her family. For this he has been arrested. Christmas eve two shots were heard outside the Mercer home. The family went to the door they stumbled over a small coffin lying on the doorstep. It was about three feet long and perfectly made. A few minutes later Miss Mercer's father, who had been called by the police, asked her how she liked her present. Yesterday Mrs. Ellis, an employee of a dry-goods store, received a package by express. She unwrapped it and discovered, to her horror, a coffin. She is said to have been so frightened by her family. For this he has been arrested.

WATER SYSTEMS IN NEW HANDS.

Vancouver Systems Are to Be Improved Greatly at Once.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 25.—There were filed at the office of the County Recorder today the documents transferring the water systems of the Columbia Land & Improvement Company and the Vancouver Water Company to the Vancouver Water Works Company. The consideration in each instance is given as \$10,000.

The new company has also purchased the Bohus and Schuele springs, located about six miles east of Vancouver. These springs are capable of furnishing 2,500,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. The water will be kept for a reserve or emergency supply.

In the extension and improvement of its system the new water company expects to expend between \$200,000 and \$300,000 in the next few months. The officers of the concern are: John H. Norris, of Olympia, president and treasurer; E. L. Brown, secretary; and E. M. Randa, director and attorney.

Military Orders.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Dec. 25.—James E. Gerould, of the hospital corps, has been sent from here to Fort Canby for duty. A short detachment has been transferred from the Fifty-second company, Coast Artillery, to the hospital corps at Vancouver Barracks.

Lieutenant R. H. Norris, after turning over the 71 unassigned men of the Seventh to the commanding officer at Fort Harrison, is to be drafted into the Eighth Infantry. He will go on leave for one month.

Injured in a Runaway.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 25.—Tuesday night, as W. H. Babcock was driving home from a Christmas celebration at Eureka Flat, his hack struck an obstruction and he was thrown out. He was badly hurt. The other occupants of the hack escaped injury.

Three doses of Hood's Sarsaparilla daily after meals for awhile will build you up.

WORST STORM OF SEASON

WIND AT ASTORIA WORKS ABOUT \$15,000 DAMAGE.

Government Contractors Lost a Barge and Other Property Worth \$15,000—Shipping Escaped.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 25.—The worst storm of the winter prevailed last night and this morning, doing about \$15,000 damage to property. During the night two of the three barges used by Hale & Kern at the Sylvia de Grasse reef broke from their moorings and were driven against the railroad trestle in East Astoria. One of the barges was completely destroyed, while the other was badly damaged. A dredge belonging to Hale & Kern is also piled up against the railroad. The railroad track was also damaged. The loss of Hale & Kern is estimated at \$15,000, and the work that was being done will be delayed an indefinite time. Temporary repairs were made to the trestle, and the morning up-train was delayed.

A WELL-KNOWN WASHINGTON MAN.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 25.—John G. Justice, who died here December 21, was one of the most prominent citizens of Walla Walla. He had served as Warden of the state penitentiary. He was born at Bolivar, Mo., 65 years ago. He crossed the plains to California in 1851, and soon became one of the prominent men at what was then known as Hanover, now Placerville. In the early '60s he came north, and passed some time in the mining regions of Idaho and Montana. Finally locating at Walla Walla, he engaged in the saloon business with the late "Tex" Arberry. During his residence in Walla Walla Mr. Justice was chief of the volunteer fire department several years, and was City Marshal for years. He had also served several years as Game Warden of Walla Walla. When the Washington State Penitentiary was moved to Walla Walla, Mr. Justice was appointed Warden, and served nearly two years. He was an efficient and capable man, and was well known with full Masonic honors. December 23, the funeral cortege being one of the largest in the history of Walla Walla.

The Late John G. Justice.

only a couple of hours, and there will be no further delay. The damage to the trestle is estimated to be at least \$1500. The weather will have to moderate before the loss of Hale & Kern can be definitely decided.

HEAVY WIND AT PUGET SOUND.

Telegraph Lines Prostrated and Minor Damage Done.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 25.—This section of Puget Sound during the night experienced one of the heaviest wind storms in its history, though, so far as heard from, no accidents occurred as a result of the squall. The wind began to blow at 11 o'clock last night, and kept up during the entire night, being heaviest between midnight and 4 o'clock this morning. At 4 o'clock a heavy downpour of rain accompanied the wind, and the city was deluged. The result being that frame houses rocked on their foundations, fences were blown down, and telegraph and telephone lines were prostrated. Reports from the outlying districts are to the effect that much timber has been blown down. The remarkable thing is that no accidents have been reported.

GALE AT WALLA WALLA.

Wires Were Blown Down and the Power Plant Damaged.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 25.—Wind blowing at the rate of 45 miles an hour caused considerable damage in this section at an early hour this morning. Telegraph lines and electric light wires were blown about, and poles fell in dangerous proximity to buildings. The residence of G. S. Bond caught fire from a live wire, and a small fire was caused at the home of Allen H. Reynolds by the crossing of a telephone and a live wire. Weakened by the strain of the wind, the barrel flume leading to the power plant of the Walla Walla Light & Power Company exploded at noon today, and a column of water shot skyward under a pressure of 30 pounds to the square inch. Both newspapers are dependent upon the electric current for power, and were put out, although small fires were put out. For more than an hour a column of water heaved 60 feet in the air at the power plant, and it was not until a late hour tonight that power could be made sufficient to supply power. The city is still in darkness.

Much Damage Done at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—Wednesday night's storm did much damage and endangered many lives in this city. The force of the end of the water front, where wind and wave had full sweep at high tide, the breakers washed away eight houses. Potatoes, batteries, and other things were blown down. The occupants barely escaped. On North Broadway a little cottage was overturned. No one was injured. High water on the Duwamish River added to the complexity of the situation. Waves tore down all over the city. The highest velocity of the wind, reached at 2:30 this morning, was 35 miles an hour.

Terrible Storm at Port Townsend.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 25.—Last night and today the most furious storm of the season swept over this section of Puget Sound and the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Shipping has been practically at a standstill, small boats from down the Straits failed to arrive, and boats from here were delayed until late this afternoon. Telegraph and telephone communication was cut off. The storm being down both north and south of this city.

UNIQUE CELEBRATION AT BARLOW.

Idea of President Strong as to Christmas Carried Out.

BARLOW, Or., Dec. 25.—President Strong's idea of the unification of the neighborhood at Christmastide, as expressed in last Sunday's Oregonian, was materialized in the festivities on Christmas eve at Barlow. The public school was the central idea, around which the whole district revolved. No political, religious or social creed marked the harmony of the children's hour. Judge Jesse, clerk of the district, was master of ceremonies, and helped to distribute presents to everybody from two well-spread tables. A short entertainment by the children showed hearty co-operation of effort on the part of teacher and pupils. The appreciation was genuine and general.

The School, under the direction of an

SMOOTH SWINDLER'S WORK

AN ALBANY WOMAN MOURNS THE LOSS OF \$1000.

Man Gave Her a Mortgage on Property for Which He Displayed a Forged Deed.

SOLDIERS WRECK SALOON.

Sequel to a Riot in a Saloon Just Outside the Presidio.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Last night's riot at the Presidio had a sequel tonight. The saloon of Dave Tarper, just outside the Presidio, where last night's trouble occurred, was completely wrecked tonight. About 7 o'clock nearly 200 soldiers surrounded Tarper's saloon and began shooting at the people who were in the building. The windows and doors were broken and bar fixtures demolished. A riot call was answered by a platoon of mounted artillery, who quickly suppressed the riot. Several arrests were made.

THE TORRENS LAND SYSTEM.

Marion County Started to Adopt It.

Then Quit.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.—The questions asked in today's Oregonian by A. E. Lake, concerning the operation of the Torrens land registration law, have aroused some interest in Marion County. The county has yet done nothing toward putting the Torrens system into effect, though one proceeding was commenced for that purpose some months ago. The proceeding was abandoned, however, as the landowner concluded it would be cheaper for the time being to bring an ordinary suit to quiet title. While his attorney was of the opinion that it would be cheaper in the long run to invoke the aid of the Torrens registration law, for the immediate purpose it was decided that the suit to quiet title would be more satisfactory.

NORTHWEST DEED.

An Oregon Pioneer of 1846.

DALLAS, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Eliza A. Rodenberger, an Oregon pioneer of 1846, died at her home near Falls City today. She was born in Missouri July 1, 1835, and crossed the plains with her husband in 1846. Mrs. Rodenberger has been married four times. She was married to Samuel Judd Gardner in 1851, several years ago, and she was married to John A. Williams, once a legislator from Multnomah County in 1887. After the death of Mr. Williams she was married to Mr. Frost, who has been dead some time. A short time ago she was married to Mr. Rodenberger, who, with five sons, survives her. The sons are: George, Thomas, Lincoln and Chester Gardner, and Dial Williams, all of Polk County. Mrs. Rodenberger was known throughout the state. Her maiden name was Smith. She was a relative of the influential family of that name in Polk County.

Walter Morosco.

RAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Walter Morosco, the well-known theatrical manager, who recently disposed of his lease of the Grand Opera-House in this city to a syndicate, died here last night at his home in Fruitvale. He was a native of Guilford, Conn., aged 55 years. His family name was Bishop.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, Dec. 25.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

Amer. Boy	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Blackfoot	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Mining stocks today

closed as follows:

Adams	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Alcoa	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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Important Idaho Mining Sale.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 25.—Another important sale has been made in the Turner Mountain district. Two groups, each embracing three claims, are involved in the deal. The consideration is not mentioned, but it is stated by men interested that the purchase price and the sum to be put into development amounts to more than \$100,000. The groups are known as the Hidden Treasure and the Rainbow. The ledge on the former is said to be 200 feet wide. A company was incorporated today at Dover, Del., to work this property. It is called the Belle of Thunder Mountain Mining Company, and has a capitalization of \$100,000.

Centrality Brevities.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 25.—The hardware store of B. F. Bower & Co. was entered last night by burglars and goods to the value of \$25 taken. The entrance was effected by breaking the glass in a rear window. The officers are without clue to the robber.

The High School pupils have purchased a fine piano. This piano was secured largely through the efforts of Professor Z. N. Wallis, principal of the High School.

The students are now being made to convert the Centrality Creamery Company into a co-operative company, composed of farmers from the surrounding country.

Write of Review Granted.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 25.—L. M. Cade, of this city, has been granted a writ of review by the court.

Poultry Show at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Dec. 25.—The Douglas County Poultry Association held its second annual exhibition here today, and the show will continue the remainder of the week. There is a large collection of very fine