TO FACILITATE TRADE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER TRANSPORTATION.

Plan to Be Presented to the Pan-American Congress—The Arbitration Agreement.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—The committee on water transportation of the international conference will present its report this week. The recommendations suggested are those of Volney W. Foster, the American member of the committee, and they will be presented to the conference in the following form:

"First—That so far as may be practicable, all port charges upon ships be combined in one charge to be called tonnage duties and levied as such, due consideration being given to equitable adjustment of such duties upon ships in cargo and those in ballast.

"Second—That gross tonnage of vessels be taken as a basis for the collection of tonnage duties.

"Third—That each of the republics here represented be recommended to modify port and harbor regulations so that vessels entering and clearing may do so with all possible dispatch, and that to assist in securing this result, the respective countries shall encourage the building of most modern discharging facilities.

"Fourth—That for the purpose of promoting commerce and mutual intercourse, a uniform system of maritime and customs administration nomenclature be adopted, which shall designate in alphabetical order in equivalent terms in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French, the commodities upon which import duties are levied, to be used by all the American Republics for the levying of customs imposts which are or may hereafter be established and are also to be used in shipping manifests, consular invoices, entries, clearance petitions and other customs documents, but not to affect in any manner the right of each nation to levy the import duties they may now have in force or which they may hereafter establish.

"For the purpose of obtaining and compiling official information and making recommendations to their respective republics, there shall be constituted a committee to be known as the 'international transportation commission.' Said commission shall consist of one member from each of the signatory countries, who shall be appointed by the republic which he represents. The commission shall meet in the City of Washington one year from the adoption of these recommendations by the majority of the republics represented in this conference. Each republic shall pay the salary and expense of its commissioner, and no one commissioner may represent more than one republic. The voting in the conferences held by the commissioners shall be by republics, each republic represented to have one vote.

"The commission shall appoint a permanent executive board of five members, which shall sit at Washington with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, or, in his absence or inability to attend, his appointee, as chairman ex-officio. The commissioners shall carefully study the subsidy question as a means of encouraging marine commerce and shall fully advise themselves of the attitude of their respective republics in this regard, to the end that their conclusions may be practicable and of a character that will make their adoption certain.

"The powers of the commission shall be advisory only. It shall be empowered to adopt such measures as will make permanent and effectual the recommendations above set forth, and shall recommend to the respective governments represented therein the opinion of such measures as may be deemed by it beneficial to the protection of water communication. The executive commission shall carry out in effect the recommendations made by the commission. It shall collect, tabulate and publish in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French languages such information concerning the production, commerce and customs laws and regulations of their respective countries as it shall deem best.

The expenditure of the executive committee shall be paid by the respective countries represented, upon the same basis now in use by the Bureau of American Republics for the support of said bureau. It is recommended that the Bureau of American Republics be utilized by the said commission in conducting its correspondence and in every other practicable manner, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States."

The Arbitration Report.

A slight difficulty has arisen in the matter of arbitration. It had been arranged that all the delegations were to adhere to The Hague convention, and all nations in favor of compulsory arbitration were to sign another treaty among themselves embodying that principle. The latter group say that they agreed to this arrangement as a compromise, but with the distinct understanding that both plans were to be presented to the conference. Now it seems that the United States delegates and others who are in favor of The Hague convention pure and simple wish to exclude the compulsory plan from the conference, leaving those nations which are in favor of it to sign it outside and independently of the conference. This the compulsory party will by no means agree to, and two or three of them told the Associated Press correspondent this evening that unless both plans are presented they will refuse to sign the arrangement for joining The Hague convention. They say that they are not admirers of the convention and they only agree to adhere to it on condition that their own plan should also have the sanction of the conference, while they recognize, of course, that it would only be obligatory upon the signatory nations. The matter is a minor one, but unless settled by a conference on the part of the friends of The Hague convention, the action of the Spanish-American conference on the matter of arbitration will by no means be as harmonious as expected.

The function at the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe this morning, at which the Pan-American delegates were present, was one of the grandest and most imposing religious ceremonies seen in Mexico for some time. The Archbishop of Mexico officiated. In the procession, the delegates of all the American nations took part, each carrying his country's flag. Although Senator Davis and the other members of the United States delegation were present and took part in the procession, the United States flag was carried in the procession by General Frisbie, an old-time American resident of Mexico. Afterward, in the presence of the archbishop, the flags were laid in turn on the high altar. General Frisbie depositing the American. After the service the archbishop held an informal reception and presented to each delegate a commemorative silver medal.

New York Legislature.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The Legislature of the State of New York will meet for the 125th time next Tuesday. Much difference of opinion is expressed as to when the final adjournment will take place. Republican leaders, however, declare that the Speaker's gavel will fall finally April 1. S. Fred Nixon will be selected as the Republican nominee for Speaker. Colonel Arthur E. Baxter will again be elected as Clerk of the Assembly. There will be no change of the Senate leaders, as there was no election of Senators this year.

Jumped From Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—John Pinover, a young wholesale liquor dealer, of Middletown, N. Y., today jumped from the Brooklyn bridge. He is still alive at a hospital. Pinover told the doctors he simply wanted to see if he could make the jump and live. The leap was taken in the afternoon, from the girders near the New York tower. A Government tug lowered a boat and the man was taken out of the water apparently lifeless. At the hospital he was unconscious for three hours.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Heavy Rainfall Swells Streams Near Lancaster.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 29.—A heavy rainfall has been continuous in this section since last evening. All the streams in the county are swollen greatly beyond their volume and Conestoga Creek has overflowed its banks to an extent unknown in recent years. The bridge crossing this stream at Engleside is threatened with destruction, and traffic on the Lancaster-Strasburg Railway, of which the bridge is a link, has been suspended. The bridge has begun to move and it is believed will be washed away. It was erected 75 years ago. High water at the plant of the Lancaster Electric Light Company, at Rockhill, on the Conestoga, affected the system and sections of the city are in darkness tonight. The Susquehanna River is rising rapidly. At Safe Harbor, where the Conestoga empties, the rise in the river is at the rate of six inches an hour. The tracks of the Port Deposit & Columbia Railroad at this point are submerged and much apprehension is felt for property on low lying ground. At Bald Friar, further down the river, a landslide has occurred, covering the tracks at Columbia and Marietta. The river has not yet risen sufficiently to cause alarm.

Heavy Rains in Tennessee.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Incessant rains for the past 48 hours throughout East Tennesee threaten to do more damage to property than the disastrous flood of last May, when eight lives were lost and fully $2,000,000 damage done to railroad and farming property. The Southern Railway has annulled all trains between this city and Nashville, on account of washed-out tracks between Newport and Rankin. All through traffic and mail will be handled over the Norfolk & Western. It will be impossible for the Southern to handle trains east via Asheville until tomorrow at least, and probably longer, for rain is still falling. The Tennessee River is nearing the 30-foot mark at this point, with indications that it will reach 40 feet and do heavy damage.

The Rise at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—Heavy rains for 36 hours here and at all headwater points on both rivers have produced a condition which will result in what may be called a flood stage in the Ohio River by tomorrow, when at least 20 feet is predicted. Timely warning by the Weather Bureau will be the means of saving much property and only temporary inconvenience is expected by interests along the river fronts. At midnight the marks at Davis Island dam showed 14 feet and rising at the rate of four-tenths of a foot an hour. Both the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers are still rising.

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS

Executives Meet at Helena Today to Discuss Northern Securities Deal.

HELENA, Dec. 29.—Governor Toole is actively preparing for the conference of Northwestern Governors to be held in this city to decide upon plans to block the proposed consolidation of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington roads. The meeting tomorrow will be merely a conference, at which the Governors will endeavor to formulate a plan for united action. It is not yet entirely certain that all the Governors of the Northwestern States will attend the meeting. Governor Toole has received word that, in addition to Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, Governors Charles N. Herried and Frank White, of North and South Dakota, will be present. It is also understood that Governor Frank W. Hunt, of Idaho, will be here, although he has not informed Governor Toole when he will arrive. In addition to these executives, it is expected that the Attorneys-General of a number of states will be in attendance.

Governor Toole has received the following telegram from Governor Van Sant:

"Expect Governors of North and South Dakota to accompany us. Expect no delay. Will arrive at Helena 10:30 o'clock Monday morning."

Governor T. T. Geer, owing to a previous engagement, will not be able to attend the meeting. The Governors of Utah, Wyoming and Nebraska are not specially interested in the conference and will not be here.

The Governors of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, with the other officials accompanying them, will be met at the Northern Pacific station tomorrow morning and be taken to their hotel. The conference will hold its first session in the private office of Governor Toole at the Statehouse at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Governor Toole today would not attempt to say how long the conference might last, nor would he anticipate its action.

Goes to Helena Conference.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—Attorney-General Stratton left yesterday for Helena, Mont., where he will take part in the meeting of Northwest Governors and Attorney-Generals, which convenes in that city tomorrow to take action relative to the railway combination question. When Governor Rogers died General Stratton feared that his trip would be interfered with, but as Governor McBride arrived yesterday and took possession of the executive office, General Stratton found it convenient to get away. He will return the last of the week. It would not appear hard to guess what the new Governor would have done under the circumstances, as his anti-railroad views are well known, and had he been Governor when the matter first came up it is more than likely that he would have been present at the conference and taken an active part.

THE FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

Extremely Quiet Week on the Bourse at Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The Bourse here has experienced an extremely quiet week, the monthly settlement passing smoothly. The demand for money was the lightest for years past at a December settlement, the rates averaging 1½ per cent lower than a year ago.

The market for fixed interest-bearing funds continued to improve, the chief activity during the week being found in Chinese securities and Spanish 4s. The latter were active upon orders from Paris.

Transactions in coal and iron shares were extremely light, but values were well maintained until yesterday, when the market weakened upon reports of the unfavorable situation in the coke trade. Other industrials were firm, and the shares of some machinery, chemical and mining concerns scored fair advances.

The financial reviews claim to see signs of improvement. They say the situation on the Stock Exchange is better than it was a year ago, insomuch as the bull engagements have liquidated lately and securities are now in strong hands.

A report of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, which has just been published, expresses growing concern at American competition and at the new tariff bill.

London Stock Exchange.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—With two holidays during the past week, the total business of the Stock Exchange was comparatively small, but a cheerful tone prevailed. Money was at times in keen demand, but most of the large debt due the Bank of England was renewed. Rates were slightly lower for first-class paper. Beyond speculative predictions, matters are resting rather quietly, awaiting the turn of the year, when it is believed in most quarters that the accumulation of cash at New York and Paris will induce the United States and France to go into the London Stock Exchange with a view to large investment purchases at the present low level of prices.

MURDER AT STOCKTON

WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH BY MAN SHE CALLED HER HUSBAND.

Fifty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Jewelry Stolen at White Plains, N. Y., by a Valet.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 29.—A woman known as Lena Young was brutally murdered today in her apartments at a lodging-house in this city, and George Gribble is in jail charged with the crime. The woman's maiden name was Lena Wood. She claimed to be Gribble's wife. Gribble was found in the hallway of the house, where the both lived, in an excited frame of mind, with face and hands covered with blood. He declared that the woman had come home badly beaten, and that he put her to bed. She arose, after which he again placed her in the bed, and she died there in a few moments. The woman was frightfully beaten, there being evidences of her having been jumped on. Her body in front was a mass of cuts and abrasions, and her face had been beaten out of recognition. She had also been strangled, and much of her hair torn out by the roots. The room bore evidence of a terrible life and death struggle, blood having been spattered and daubed over the walls and furniture, and there was also considerable blood upon the floor. At the autopsy, some of the woman's teeth were found in her stomach. After Gribble had been taken to the jail, he licked some of the blood off his fingers. The Coroner's jury found that the deceased came to her death by strangulation and bodily injuries inflicted by George Gribble.

EVIDENCE IS ACCUMULATING.

Net About Mortensen, the Salt Lake Suspect Grows Tighter.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—With the finding of a 38-caliber revolver not far from the scene of the crime, the police of this city have in their possession what is believed to be the last element necessary to clear up the mystery of James R. Hays' murder the night of December 16. The weapon was found buried in the mud near the corner of Thirteenth South and State streets, and has been traced by the police to the second-hand store where it was bought a short time before the murder, by a man answering the description of Peter Mortensen, the contractor, who is being held on the charge of having committed the crime.

Today, the owner of the second-hand store was taken to the County Jail for the purpose of identifying the man to whom he sold the pistol. Out of a dozen prisoners who were lined up he indicated Mortensen, but said he would not care to swear positively to that effect, it being fully three weeks since the sale was made.

The police, who have from the first maintained that they had the right man, now assert there is no doubt about it, and with the mass of accumulated evidence say they will have a clean case against Mortensen when the case comes up for trial. Mortensen, however, continues to affirm his innocence, and positively denies all knowledge of the affair.

Hay had been missing for two days before his body was found buried in a trench in a suburb of this city, and it was reported that he had absconded with $3800 in gold, which was alleged to have been paid to him as secretary of the Pacific Lumber Company by Peter Mortensen, a contractor. Telegrams were sent to the police of various cities asking them to watch for Hay. The finding of the body with a bullet in the brain created a sensation in this city, Hay being a prominent and well-known young man. The whole affair was surrounded with mystery, but suspicion finally centered about Mortensen, the body being found not far from his residence, and he was placed under arrest. Nothing has ever been found of the missing $3800.

STOLE JEWELRY WORTH $50,000.

Newly Engaged Valet Robbed His Employer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thebaud, of Madison avenue, were robbed today of jewelry worth $50,000. This was corroborated by Mr. Thebaud at headquarters, where, in company with a member of the firm from which most of the jewelry had been purchased, he gave the police a partial list of the jewels taken. The valuables consisted in part of one pear-shaped diamond, said by Mr. Thebaud to be worth $20,000, one pearl weighing 44 grains, said to be worth $15,000, and 300 small ornaments, making up a total of about $50,000.

The robbery is said by the police, and also by Mr. Thebaud, to have been the work of a newly engaged valet, who had been employed by Mr. Thebaud but two weeks. The valet is missing, and the butler who recommended him is under constant police surveillance.

Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud went to White Plains yesterday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willets. They were to spend Sunday with the Willets family. The valet accompanied them. This morning the Willets, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud and several other guests, went to church. Soon after their return Mrs. Thebaud discovered that her diamond and pearl were gone, but found that little else had been taken. Mr. Thebaud at once communicated by telephone with the housekeeper of the residence in this city, and it was discovered that the other valuables had been stolen.

The valet was last seen about 6 o'clock this morning, when he took one of Howard Willets' rigs and drove to the railway station in White Plains. Three hours later the rig was found at the station, abandoned. It is supposed the valet, whose name is Kern, left town on an outgoing train soon after he drove to the station. The New York police late tonight communicated with the principal Eastern cities where Kern would be likely to go.

FUNERAL OF NELLIE CROPSEY.

Wilcox, Her Alleged Slayer, Still Refuses to Talk.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 29.—Funeral services over the body of Miss Nellie Cropsey, whose body was discovered in the Pasquotank River, after a search lasting several weeks, were held in the Methodist Church here today. At the conclusion of the services the body was placed in the Sunday school room, and later will be taken by Andrew G. Cropsey, uncle of the girl, to Brooklyn for burial. The citizens' committee investigating the affair acted as pallbearers today. The jail in which is young Wilcox, who was arrested for alleged participation in the girl's death, lies only a stone's throw from the church. Wilcox knew the funeral was in progress, but showed no emotion.

The guards were withdrawn from the jail today and permitted to go home. Public sentiment is strong against Wilcox, but there is less talk of lynching, and some of the ministers today took occasion in their sermons to advise against mob violence. Wilcox absolutely refuses, under advice of his attorney, to say anything regarding the case. He asserts that the first statement made by him covers all he knows of the case. He is charged with the murder of the girl, and as the offense is not bailable in this state, he will have to stay in jail pending a trial. It is believed he will waive examination and permit his case to go direct to the grand jury next March. R. W. Turner, a member of the citizens' committee, asserted today that they would have sufficient evidence to connect Wilcox with the crime.

Convict Plot Headed Off.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 29.—Warden McClaughey, of the United States Penitentiary, headed off a plot yesterday planned by five of the convict mutineers of November 7, which embraced the possible death of Deputy Warden Frank Lemon and a guard, R. G. Brown; the capture of the guards' armory and another delivery of prisoners. The ringleaders in the plot is Gilbert Mullens, who held up and disarmed Sheriff Cook and part of the Topeka police force. Frank Thompson, the big negro, Frederick Robinson, Bob Clark and Turner Barnes were the other four. The plot was exposed by a fellow convict who overheard the mutineers talking. Mullens had obtained a file and another convict a case knife. It was planned to file off the shackles, and Saturday, when four convict barbers came to shave the prisoners in the stone breaking shed, the razors were to be seized and the guards rushed.

Two Murders by a Faro Dealer.

SHAWNEE, O. T., Dec. 29.—Charles McKnight, a faro dealer, shot and killed Willard Sims, a saloon-keeper, and a boy named Hepstedter, in a gambling room here today. McKnight and Sims had quarreled. Today Sims went to the gambling joint and threatened to kill McKnight. McKnight drew a revolver and killed Hepstedter, a bystander, after which he killed Sims.

Skeleton in the Steeple.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 29.—The skeleton found in the steeple of a negro church near East Lake was that of Winton White, a negro who is said to have shot a man several years ago and was afterward a fugitive from justice. A negro woman representing herself as Bettie Healey, once the wife of White, says the remains were undoubtedly those of her husband.

Militia Restored Order.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 29.—The latest reports from Crawford, Ala., to which place troops were ordered last night to assist in the arrest of Uriah Porter, and to protect Porter, if arrested, say the situation is unchanged, except that the presence of the military has restored order. The Sheriff has not been able to locate Porter.

DISASTER IN THE NORTH.

Ship Santa Clara Is Fast on Flat Rock and May Be Lost.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 29.—Victoria and Vancouver Island are completely cut off from telegraphic communication, all cables to the island having been broken by numerous vessels which dragged anchor in the Christmas night storm, and it will be some time before the cables can be repaired.

Mail advices from Victoria state that the ship Santa Clara is fast on Flat Rock. Tugs made an unsuccessful effort to haul her off. The vessel is on her beam ends, and the tide ebbs and flows in her hold. The vessel is being dismantled. Shipping men are free to express the opinion that the vessel will become a total wreck, but the captain of the Santa Clara has hopes of saving her, providing the weather continues favorable.

The ship Bankburn, for which so much anxiety was felt, has been located at False Bay, San Juan Island. She had drifted a distance of 20 miles. Her anchor chains had not parted, as first supposed, and when found by the tug Hope she was in 22 fathoms of water, with 105 fathoms of chain out. She will be towed to Fraser River in the morning.

A life buoy was picked up yesterday at Cadboro Bay beach, on Vancouver Island, and sent to Captain Gandin, local agent of marine and fisheries at Victoria. The buoy is painted white, with the letters "W. Ten W.," and bears the appearance of having been in use, and also that it has not been in the water long. No other wreckage was found, and to what vessel the buoy belonged is a mystery.

The tug Colman, which broke her shaft last night while towing the brigantine Irwin to this city, was picked up by the tug Vigilant and towed here tonight. When picked up she had drifted remarkably close to the rocky shores of Vancouver Island.

Advices from Neah Bay are to the effect that a large amount of wreckage is being found on the beach south of Cape Flattery, among which are a large broken rowboat, several oars and life-preservers, hatches, broken doors, and a quantity of boards, probably belonging to the deckhouse of some vessel. Some bedding was also found on various parts of the beach. From information at hand, no clew is furnished by these finds, although it is thought that the wreckage is part of the collier Matteawan.

Reaches Port With Cargo Shifted.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 29.—With her cargo of 2300 tons of coal shifted and a lifeboat smashed, the collier Wellington, Captain Salmond, from Ladysmith B. C., arrived today. The steamer ran into a stiff gale off the Washington coast and for nine hours all hands stood by for emergencies. During the blow, which began Thursday night at 9 o'clock, the cargo shifted, giving the vessel a heavy list to port. Seas washed the big collier from stem to stern. One roller struck her amidships, tore aft and knocked the starboard lifeboat out of its davits on the poop.

Caine May Be a Total Loss.

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The schooner Minnie A. Caine, which went on the Smith Island Rocks during the storm Thursday, will probably be a total loss. She is well up on the beach, 15 feet above water at low tide, and in the midst of boulders, though a portion of the vessel is sinking into the sand. Her bottom is filled with holes, and the keel is gone. A tug will leave for the scene of the wreck to bring the equipment saved to this city.

Notice to Mariners.

The report that Noonday Rock bell buoy was adrift December 23 was an error. The buoy is in its proper position, 1200 feet southwest, three-quarters south, from Noonday Rock, and about three miles west, one-half north, from North Farallon Islet.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Dec. 29.—Sailed at 12 noon—Schooner J M. Colman, for San Francisco. Arrived at 5 P. M.—German bark Carl, from Mazatlan. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., moderate; wind north; weather hazy.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Arrived—Steamer Grace Dollar, from Gray's Harbor; steamer Wellington, from Ladysmith. Sailed—Steamer Santa Ana, for Seattle; steamer Geo. W. Elder, for Astoria; ship Glory of the Seas, for Comox; schooner Roy Somers, for Portland; schooner Spokane, for Port Gamble; steamer Robert Dollar, for Seattle; steamer Progreso, for Seattle.

New York, Dec. 29.—Arrived—St. Paul, from Southampton.

Hoquiam.—Sailed December 27.—Schooner Charles E. Falk, from Aberdeen, for San Francisco; 28th, schooner C. H. Merchant, from Aberdeen, for San Francisco; schooner R. W. Bartlett, from Aberdeen for San Pedro; 29th, steamer Newburg, from Aberdeen for San Pedro; steamer Brunswick, from Aberdeen for San Francisco. Arrived December 28—Schooner Ester Buhume, from Honolulu, for Aberdeen.

Frank H. Peavey Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Frank H. Peavey, the Minneapolis elevator man, died at the Auditorium Annex at 3:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Peavey was stricken with pneumonia several days ago, but yesterday his physicians felt confident that he would recover.

Veterinary Inspectors.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—The Dominion Government has appointed veterinary inspectors for shipping ports between the United States and Canada, under a recent agreement between the countries.

Candidate for Peruvian Presidency.

LIMA, Peru (via Galveston), Dec. 29.—It can be said upon reliable information that the president of the Peruvian Senate, Manual Canando, will be a candidate for the Presidency in the next election.

The population of the Australian Commonwealth, according to the latest returns, is 3,775,356.

THE OHIO LEGISLATURE

FIGHT FOR ITS CONTROL EXTENDING THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Foraker Denies That He Spoke in a Derogatory Manner of Hanna—Latter's Followers Allege Conspiracy.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 29.—The contest at Columbus this week between the followers of Senator Foraker and Senator Hanna over the organization of the Legislature has extended to factional circles elsewhere in the state. While the members of the Legislature and candidates are fighting at Columbus, the principals are kept busy at long distance telephones, notably Senator Foraker and George B. Cox, in Cincinnati; Senator Hanna, in Washington; Congressman Dick, chairman of the state executive committee, and other Republican leaders.

Senator Foraker is being visited here by many leaders and members of the Legislature. Today he made the following statement:

"The story published from New York that I spoke to the President in a derogatory manner of Senator Hanna, and that the President communicated the same to Senator Hanna and told him to be on his guard lest he have trouble to maintain his leadership in Ohio politics, is an unqualified falsehood from beginnig to end. I never had any such talk with the President, and it is not creditable to him to suppose that he would have retold it to Senator Hanna, if I had. This story is but a sample of many others appearing in newspapers and being peddled about from mouth to mouth for mischievous purposes."

Most of the Republican members this year are serving their first term, and according to precedent they are expected to be members of the next Legislature, which will select Senator Hanna's successor two years hence. While there is no opposition to the re-election of Senator Foraker two weeks hence, it is asserted that there is an organized movement to defeat Senator Hanna in 1904. As the presiding officers in the appointment of the committees and other functions have great influence, the friends of both Senators are seeking to control those positions as well as all other offices, including the clerkships, sergeant-at-arms, etc. The Hanna men admit that they are working for results two years hence, and charge that there is "a conspiracy to retire Hanna." In former years there were contests between the Sherman and the Foraker factions, and later between the McKinley and the Foraker factions, but none of the former factional fights approaches the present contest in general interest. There are separate Foraker and Hanna tickets, subject to the Senate and House caucuses of the Republican members at 4 P. M. next Saturday. Charles L. Kurtz, formerly secretary to Senator Foraker as Governor, and later chairman of the state committee, leads the anti-Hanna forces, and John P. Malloy, the present secretary of the state committee and State Oil Inspector under Governor Nash, leads the Hanna forces. Both sides claim "a sure thing," and these claims and counter claims are expected to continue during the week.

The Democratic minority presents a scene of harmony. Colonel James Kilbourne, recently the Democratic candidate for Governor, yesterday notified the members from his county not to present his name to the Democratic joint caucus for their nomination for United States Senator. This leaves Charles W. Baker, of Cincinnati, without opposition for the Democratic Senatorial nomination.

GOVERNOR ROGERS.

Appreciative References to His Services and His Successor.

Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Washington has lost an upright, fearless Governor. In his five years of service as the state's chief executive, Mr. Rogers had won the confidence and respect of its people, and impressed his strong individuality upon the laws and the public service. His administration was singularly successful and admirably free from scandals and suspicion. Long ago the people had come to know that they could go safely about their private affairs while trusting this resolute, conscientious and prudent Governor to provide for them a safe and honest administration.

Rigid economy, close application to duty, and a firm purpose to elevate the standards of the public service were the foundations of this popular confidence. Perhaps his best work was in freeing the state's educational institutions from partisan manipulation and control. Under his wise guidance, the institutions of higher learning have grown clean and prosperous, and the country schools have increased greatly in efficiency, for it was his unflagging purpose to multiply the opportunities of the poor boy and girl to acquire an education.

Governor Rogers was a man of intense nature, as successful men are apt to be; but withal he was broad enough to waive his individual feelings in public affairs. Some of his theories were radical and almost revolutionary, but always he had the good judgment to understand that the successful reformer must hold close to the people and have constant regard for their strong conservatism.

In the death of this good man the state has lost a sterling Governor, and the people an earnest friend. Regardless of party faith, his death will be sincerely mourned.

A Loss to the State.

Olympia Olympian.

The death of John R. Rogers removed from the state one of her most prominent men. Twice elected Governor, the last time overcoming a majority of over 13,000, for the head of the Republican ticket, demonstrates the popularity in which he was held by the masses of the people of the state. He was a man of marked characteristics, hence enjoyed strong friendships. He had a strong personal following not limited to his own party.

Governor Rogers was a man of attainments. He was a student and a thinker. Not always did his thoughts run in channels that meet popular approval, but his sentiments were the offspring of his honest convictions. It was for this reason that Mr. Rogers was strong even with many who could not agree with his views.

As Governor he had been upright and had injected much of his individuality into the office. In most things his administration has been satisfactory to the people, as much so as Governors are able to make their administrations. He was a man of high moral character and purity of life. He will be greatly missed in his family, by his large number of friends and in official circles.

The New Governor.

Olympia Olympian.

As a recompense for the pain which the state feels in the untimely death of Governor Rogers comes the thought that, great as is its loss, the affairs of the state pass into the hands of a man capable in every respect to assume the duties of the office so unexpectedly placed upon him. Hon. Henry McBride, has, in the course of his public career, shown himself to be a man in whom the commonwealth of Washington can put every reliance. In the community in which he lives, Mr. McBride has been honored with a high judicial position. How well he carried out the trust imposed in him is a matter of public knowledge. At the last session of the Legislature the manner in which he discharged the duties of the office of Lieutenant-Governor was a matter of congratulation.

A change of administration such as is suddenly brought about by such a cause as the present one too frequently causes disruption and uneasiness, but it is in no sense the case in this instance. While the new Governor will be of a political faith opposite to that of Governor Rogers, both political parties will agree that the change will not be especially noticeable outside of the inevitable changes in part of the official life of the capital. There are few problems to be solved at present in regard to which there need be a wide variance of views or action between the late Governor and his successor. It may be confidently predicted that the machinery of government will move along smoothly and satisfactorily under the administration of Governor McBride.

A Strong Character.

Walla Walla Statesman.

Regardless of party, our citizens have only words of highest praise for the splendid record made by John R. Rogers, and his death is looked upon as a severe public loss. His signal ability, unflinching courage, rugged honesty and strict integrity are conceded by even his strongest political opponents. He was the strongest character that has occupied the Governor's chair since the days of Governor Isaac L. Stevens, and his name will go down in the history of the state as one of its wisest executives and most profound statesmen.

FONDNESS FOR DEGREES.

The Sale of Honors an Important Industry in China.

Shanghai Mercury.

The Universal Gazette tells us that in Shan Tung the sale of ranks has in these few days brought into the exchequer more than a whole year in ordinary times. This is due to the recent edict commanding the sale of rank to cease forever, beginning next year. Hence those who wish to buy are in a desperate hurry for fear their applications may be too late.

The Shen Pao laments the past practice of the government which opened the doors of office, which should only be open to scholars, to all and sundry who had some "stinking brass." In the west, it is vastly different, where all the officials are graduates of schools, and be a man ever so rich he cannot buy an office.

But our Chinese are so fond of the name of the thing that even those who have gone abroad thousands of miles from their native land are willing to buy rank, although they may never return to China. Thus 20 years ago, when there was no telegraph, some rascals went to Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang and other places with bogus diplomas of all kinds for sale, and many rich merchants innocently bought them.

Recently some bad men have been selling bogus Russian degrees. Four or five years ago a Cantonese told the editor that 300 taels would buy a Russian chiensheng (honorary B. A.), and the holder was entitled to Russian protection in case of getting into a difficulty, and the Chinese officials could not wrong them. At that time the editor felt the story to be untrue. But lately the papers contained information that some villains were selling bogus Russian diplomas in Huchow, and in Chuchou of Chekiang Province. The Russian Consul has notified the Chinese officials concerning the doings of these men.

The writer does not mention three morals deducible from the story. 1. The Chinese are excessively fond of degrees. 2. They fear their own officials will treat them unjustly and so they wish foreign protection. 3. Russian degrees, not English or American, were the bait, which proves that the bear is more respected than the lion or the eagle.

TREES FOR THE POOR.

A Plan to Cultivate the Love for Them in the Tenement Districts.

New York World.

A committee of the Tree Planting Association has undertaken the work of obtaining the planting and care of shade trees in the tenement districts of Manhattan. The committee plans to plant hardy young trees in those streets which are wide enough for the purpose, in co-operation with the people of the neighborhood, so that a love of trees may be encouraged among those whom the undertaking is intended to benefit.

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Accepted a Call From Seattle.

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