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### OFFICERS OF SIGMA NU.

Convention Revives New Orleans Chapter—Next Year's Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—The election of officers for the ensuing year occupied the attention of the Sigma Nu convention most of the day. The whole afternoon was devoted to this matter, but the work was not completed, and the election of inspectors will be taken up tomorrow morning. The result of the election today was: Regent, George M. Cook, Chicago; vice-regent, C. W. Jones, Davenport, Ia.; grand treasurer, Fred H. Heywood, Columbus, O.; grand recorder, C. F. Woods, Richmond, Ky.

The convention took action in favor of the full admission of the Epsilon Chapter at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., which has been under dispensation. The chapter at Tulane University at New Orleans will be revived.

New Orleans was selected as the place for holding the next convention, in 1904, the exact date to be decided later. The unfinished business will be transacted tomorrow, and the convention will close with a smoker tomorrow night.

Logan's Appeal Is Perfected.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Judge C. D. Clark today signed the bill of exceptions in the Harvey Logan case and forwarded them to Knoxville, where Logan is in jail. This carries the appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati.

Disaster in Russian Coal Mine.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—Fifty-eight lives were lost in the recent fire in a coal mine at Bachmut. Eleven men were rescued after having been 48 hours in the burned mine, and 22 of the miners were saved after being five days in the mine.

### FOR COADJUTOR BISHOP.

Nominations to Be Made by Clergy of Cincinnati Diocese.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 1.—The official announcement that the office of coadjutor for the archdiocese of Cincinnati has been created by the Roman propoganda has been received at the local archiepiscopal residence and it is very likely that Cincinnati will have a coadjutor bishop before next Easter.

An early meeting will be called for all irremovable rectors and counselors of the archdiocese, and these will name their candidates for office. After the meeting of the priests, the bishops of the province will be called to meet at the archiepiscopal residence and make their recommendations. Finally the archbishops of the United States will prepare a list and then the three lists will be submitted to the propoganda at Rome for consideration. The college of the propoganda will make its recommendation to the pope, who announces the appointment personally.

It is believed that the choice of the irremovable rectors and counselors are Bishops M. Moeller, of Columbus; T. B. Byrne, of Nashville, and C. P. Maes, of Covington. The name of Bishop T. Conaty, president of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., has also been mentioned in connection with the coadjutorship.

Bishop in Missouri Capital.

JEFFERSON, Mo., Jan. 1.—Fire was discovered in the basement of the Capitol building here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was put out by workmen, but not until some of the records of the Land Department and the office of Secretary of State had been burned. The loss to the building is light.

## FACTS LOOK BAD

### State Land Board Is Under Suspicion.

### LIEU SELECTIONS REJECTED

### Commissioner Richards Finds They Are Invalid.

### TRY TO USE SAME BASE TWICE

### Corruption, Ignorance and Carelessness Are the Alternatives Suggested—Investigation to Stop Cutting on Land Selected.

Assistant Land Commissioner Richards has canceled six selections of lieu land made by the State Land Board. The lists in question show that the state tried to use the same base for lieu selections twice, and in one instance three times.

In one case the circumstances are so suspicious that an investigation has been ordered to ascertain whether timber is being cut from the land.

This action of the State Land Board is attributed to corruption, ignorance or carelessness.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 1.—The new Commissioner of the General Land Office has set about the first thing to ascertain whether the Oregon State Land Board is corrupt, whether it is ignorant or whether it is merely careless in the extreme. For some time Mr. Richards has, as Assistant Commissioner, been looking into lieu selections made by the state, and has finally concluded that one of three conditions exists among state officials in charge of state school lands.

On one day—December 23 last—he canceled six invalid lieu selections filed by the state. These erroneous selections have been coming in for some time, and are not decided until they come up for approval. Many cancellations preceded those of the 23rd, and from present appearances others are to follow, in which there may be no doubt as to facts.

The several selections canceled, together with these errors, are given as follows: Under list 286 the state selected the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section 7, and lot 4, section 18, township 22 south, range 20 east, and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, section 10, township 4 south, range 23 east, in lieu of 120 acres in section 16, township 8 north, range 4 west. This latter is a fractional township, and was, all but 14 acres, previously used by the state as lieu base because of its mineral character.

Under list 271 the state selected the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 5, township 4 south, range 19 east, in lieu of 80 acres in section 36, township 6 north, range 36 east, upon an alleged loss to the state by reason of settlement. The only settlement in section 36 was found by Commissioner Richards to be for the southeast quarter, which has previously been used as base. The selection was without valid base, and, being invalid, was canceled.

The state selected, under list 288, lot 1 and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 18, township 4 south, range 19 east, within the Cascade forest reserve, and also selected the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 17, township 4 south, range 20 east, in lieu of 40 acres in section 36, township 3 south, range 9 east, in the Cascade reserve. The base land, however, had been previously used by the state.

Under list 273 the state selected the southeast quarter of section 20, township 2 south, range 31 east, in lieu of 190 acres in section 16, township 3 south, range 4 east, upon an alleged loss by reason of the mineral character of base lands. It was found that 613 acres of said section 16 have been used as base for selections previously approved.

List 240 covered a selection by the state for the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 4, township 1 south, range 21 east, in lieu of the northeast quarter of section 16, township 12 south, range 23 east, lost to the state by reason of its mineral character. The entire section has heretofore been used as base in lists 13 and 45, La Grande series. The base was therefore invalid and the selection held for cancellation.

By list 294 the state selected the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 28, township 9 south, range 23 east, in lieu of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 36, township 22 south, range 6 west, upon an alleged loss by reason of the mineral character of base lands. The entire northeast quarter of section 36, however, had heretofore been used as base by the state in list 138, La Grande series.

All of the above lists were in the Dalles series, but the fact that the state has attempted in each instance to use lands as base a second time is not chargeable to the Dalles land officers. It is the state officials who are primarily at fault.

Another Suspicious Deal.

On December 27 Commissioner Richards closed another suspicious deal on the part of the State Land Board. "On September 16 last he canceled the state selection embraced in school indemnity list 286, filed in the Roseburg office January 27, 1902, in which the southeast quarter of

the southeast quarter of section 12, township 15 south, range 7 west, and the northwest quarter of section 24, township 15 south, range 7 west, have been selected in lieu of the north half of the southeast quarter of section 36, township 12 south, range 11 east. The tract offered as base had already been used as such in approved lists 13 and 15, Oregon City series. The state was allowed 90 days to show cause why said selection should not be canceled.

October 13 the Register and Receiver at Roseburg transmitted an amended list, 286, filed by the state October 6, substituting the north half of the northeast quarter of section 36, township 12 south, range 11 east, as bases for such selection upon an alleged loss to the state by reason of the mineral character of the base land. October 23 the Roseburg office was notified that the last-described lands could not be used as base, because the township in which they were embraced had not as yet been surveyed. The state was instructed that the application to substitute one invalid base for another cannot be entertained by the Land office.

December 12 the Roseburg officers again transmitted an amended list, 286, filed in their office December 3, in which the north half of the northeast quarter of section 36, township 10 south, range 44 east, was offered as a base in lieu of that heretofore offered, upon an alleged loss to the state by reason of the mineral character of the base land, but as 623 acres of section 36 last named were previously used by the state as bases for selections made by list 138, Lakeview series, filed July 4, 1901, the amended list 286 was again rejected four days ago, and the selections are still without bases and invalid. The time allowed to the state in which to show cause having expired, the selections have been canceled.

Strong Appearance of Fraud.

The persistence with which the state offered successively three invalid bases in order to make lieu selection of this one tract leads to the suspicion that the state may have already granted apparent rights to some individual to the land, when, in fact, the state had no such right, not having acquired title.

This practice is more or less common, and to determine the facts Commissioner Richards has ordered an examination to determine whether or not any timber has been cut from the same under color of a right conferred by this attempted state selection. If timber has been removed, the party so removing it is liable to the value of the timber cut, and will be required to reimburse the Government. Whether or not he can recover from the state is a matter the department cannot regulate.

The blundering manner in which state selections in Oregon have been made leads to the conclusion that there is either inexcusable ignorance on the part of public officials or there is a bold attempt at fraud, made in the hope that lax methods in Washington will permit of successful culmination.

It may be said now that the new Commissioner is thoroughly versed in land law and land practices, will be able to deal with all such selections hereafter made, and will be heartily backed up by Secretary Hitchcock.

Shurtleff College Raises \$50,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 1.—Announcement was made today that the raising of the new \$50,000 endowment for Shurtleff College, at Upper Alton, Ill., has been completed. Of the \$50,000 the college raised \$37,500 and John D. Rockefeller gave \$12,500.

## GREET THE CHIEF

### President's Reception at White House.

### BLAZE OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS

### Brilliant Assemblage Celebrates the New Year.

### THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN LINE

### President and Mrs. Roosevelt Welcome Diplomats and Leading Men of the Nation, Followed by Hosts of the People.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt's New Year's reception was one of the most brilliant events in Washington society history. All callers were afforded the opportunity of greeting the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and exchanging with them the compliments of the new year. No distinctions were made except such as were rendered necessary in preservation of order.

Today the general public for the first time had an opportunity to see the widely-heralded improvements in the White House—improvements which when completed will have cost about \$500,000. In addition to a desire personally to wish the President and Mrs. Roosevelt a Happy New Year, hundreds were attracted by a wish to see the White House in its new and handsome interior finish and furnishing. To many who were familiar with the interior of the mansion as it was a year ago the changes made were a revelation. While in a general way the form of the interior has been retained in beauty and effectiveness, it is wholly different.

Just 102 years ago today President John Adams and his wife opened the White House with a New Year's reception to their friends and to the public generally. The dawn of the first festive day within the walls since become historic was accompanied by the noise of saw and hammer, as was this day. On account of the unfinished condition of the lower floor, President and Mrs. Adams received their guests in the room on the second floor now occupied by President Roosevelt as a library. While the improvements now are more nearly completed than was the mansion itself at that time, it will be several months before the workmen will have finished their task.

Blaze of Electric Lights.

An hour before the time for the formal reception the mansion was aglow with myriads of electric lights. Towering palms of rare varieties were placed in niches about the vestibule, main corridor and staircases. Two great square masses of American and English holly were arranged between the vestibule and main corridor, affording a brilliant and effective background for the handsome scarlet uniforms of the Marine Band, 60 pieces strong, which occupied tiers of seats in the vestibule. In the red, blue and green rooms and in the splendid east room were displayed a few vases containing cut flowers.

principally large white lilies and lilies of the valley. It was noticeable, however, that the floral decorations had been subordinated to the new furnishings and finishing of the rooms.

It was a merry day for the Roosevelt children. Prior to the reception they had a jolly time in the lower part of the house. They manifested the liveliest interest in all the arrangements.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, the hour at which the reception began, the diplomatic corps began to assemble in the red room. The members of the corps entered the mansion from the south side as usual in order to avoid the crush of the throng already gathered about the main entrance on the north side. Under the glare of the electric candelabra the spectacle presented by this cosmopolitan gathering, attired in magnificent court uniforms, sparkling epaulettes and glistening swords, showing resplendent against the red velvet walls and ivory woodwork, was gorgeous.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the trumpeters of the Marine Band sounded fanfare announcing the approach of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the immediate receiving party. President Roosevelt, with Mrs. Roosevelt on his arm, descended the main staircase and passing across the main corridor and through the green room entered the blue room, where the guests were received. Following them came members of the Cabinet and ladies. The receiving party were arranged in the arc of a circle in the bow window of the blue room. Facing them were the ladies invited to assist. Between the two sections of the receiving party a lane was formed by cordons of old gold velvet. Through this lane the callers passed from the red room, proceeding through the green room into the east room and thence down the staircase into the east terrace and passing into the street opposite the west entrance of the Treasury.

Diplomats in Gorgeous Array.

The President was in excellent spirits, and Mrs. Roosevelt never seemed happier or more gracious. The President was attired in a frock suit, and the only dash of color about his attire was a tie of grayish tint. Shortly after the receiving party assembled in the blue room, the reception proper began. The introductions were made by Colonel Theodore M. Bingham, the President's military aid, assisted by Major Charles McCawley, Captain John D. Proctor, Jr., and Lieutenant Frank McCoy. They were in full dress uniform.

The members of the diplomatic corps were received first. As dean of the corps, Herr von Holleben, the German Ambassador, occupied the post of honor at the head of the line. All of the Ambassadors and Ministers were accompanied by their suites in their uniforms weighted with a wealth of gold lace and rich ornamentation and decorations. Among the diplomats particularly missed was Wu Ting Fang, now en route home, where new honors await him. The Chinese Legation was represented by Shen Tung, the Charge d'Affaires, and his suite, all attired in gorgeous Oriental silks and satins. Another familiar face missing was that of Jules Cambon, the French Ambassador, whose successor has not yet arrived.

Following the German Ambassador and suite came Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador; Senor Aprax, the Mexican Ambassador; Senor Ayrer des Planches, the Italian Ambassador, and Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador. After the French representatives and last in the line of Ambassadors was Baron Hengelmueller, the Austrian-Hungarian Ambassador, recently raised to the higher diplomatic rank. Cuba was represented today for the first time, Senor Genbalos de Quesada having the honor of extending the first greetings of a New Year to the President on behalf of the new island republic. In all 25 embassies and legations were represented at the reception. Soon after the diplomatic corps had been received, Secretary and Mrs. Hay left the receiving line and repaired to their residence, where, at noon, they received and entertained at luncheon the foreign diplomatic representation of the city.

Judges and Ministers.

After the diplomats, President and Mrs. Roosevelt received the Supreme Court of

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## CABLE IS SPLICED

### First Message Received From Honolulu.

### FROM DOLE TO ROOSEVELT

### Arrival of New Year Auspiciously Celebrated.

### INSTRUMENTS WORK PERFECTLY

### At Three Minutes Past Eleven First Words Come Across Ocean—Governor of Hawaii Sends Congratulations on the Event.

The Pacific cable is completed to Honolulu, and the first message was received at San Francisco at 11:03 o'clock last night.

This was a message of congratulation from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt. It was received at the White House about 3 A. M., Eastern time, after the President had retired.

The cable worked with gratifying speed and accuracy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—The first message from Honolulu over the Pacific cable was received here at 11:03 o'clock tonight. The signals were perfect at both ends. The speed was fast, but the operators have not figured out the rate at which the earliest messages were exchanged. The first message was from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt.

Almost immediately after communication was established a message of greeting was flashed to President Roosevelt at Washington. The message was from Governor Dole, of Hawaii. The text was withheld, pending receipt of the message by the President in person.

### CABLE WORKS PERFECTLY.

### Greetings to President Followed by Those to Cable Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—The patience of the watchers of the Postal Telegraph Company was rewarded at 11:03 o'clock tonight, when the instrument at the San Francisco end of the Pacific cable indicated that connections with Honolulu had at last been made and that a message was coming through.

The first words that the ticker denoted on the tape were: "You are reversed," meaning that the Honolulu operator was getting the San Francisco signals backwards. The local difficulty was quickly adjusted by a readjustment of the batteries here and then came the first formal communication from Uncle Sam's possessions across the Pacific cable.

It was fitting that such message should be from the chief of the fair Pacific Isles to the head of the United States, and so the ticker read a message of congratulation and good will from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt. Then came a cablegram from the cable officials at Honolulu to Clarence Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Company, Company messages followed rapidly, greetings being

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LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH G. CANNON, OF ILLINOIS.

From a photo by Clinehat, Washington.