

SMOOTH IS THE MAN

Mormon Apostle Nominated for Senator.

IN LINE FOR HEAD OF CHURCH

Secures Majority on First Ballot in Caucus, and is Named Unanimously, Which Means Election—He is Not a Polygamist.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 14.—At a caucus of the Republican members of the Legislature held here tonight, Reed Smoot, of Provo, an apostle in the Mormon church, was chosen as the Republican nominee for United States Senator to succeed Joseph L. Rawlins, whose term of office expires March 3 next. This nomination is equivalent to an election.

Tonight's caucus was attended by all but seven Republican members. There was considerable speaking before the first and only ballot was taken. It resulted as follows:

Reed Smoot, 55; Representative George Sutherland, 6; George M. Cannon, 2; Governor Heber M. Wells, 2. After the result was announced the last three named candidates withdrew, and the nomination of Smoot was made unanimous.

DEMOCRATS OFFER A DEAL.

Will Vote for Republican in Exchange for Election Law Reform.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 14.—The Democratic members of the Delaware Legislature held a conference after the General Assembly had adjourned today, and later issued a statement to the effect that they are determined, if possible, to prevent the further corruption of elections in this state and to that end demand that if any Republicans in the Legislature are desirous of co-operating with them they shall pledge themselves to join unqualifiedly in every effort for the repeal of the voters' assistance law. They say:

"The co-operation of two Republicans in the Senate and four Republicans in the House will enable us to repeal this infamous law, and should the Governor veto such repeal, means may be found to compel his acquiescence. If all Republicans will join them, they will elect any Republican as Senator who shows himself opposed to Adelsheim. They say: Such six may select a Senator for the long term of four years if they join us in electing a Democrat whom we shall select for the shorter term of two years, provided such six Republicans do this not later than the first joint ballot for Senators January 21."

TAX REFORM IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Governor White Makes Several Radical Recommendations.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 14.—The biennial message of Governor White to the Legislature of West Virginia was submitted today. The cash balance in the State Treasury was \$1,000,000. Governor White attributed this to the Dawson corporation law. The net receipts last year were about \$1,300,000; expenditures, \$1,300,000.

Alabama Boasts Honest Elections.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 14.—Governor William J. Fisher today transmitted his message to the Legislature. The Governor says the people of Alabama have arrived at the epoch of honest elections, and they must cleanse their system. The State election law should be repealed, he says, and provision made for representatives of the two or more political parties to the polls. Lawyers are vigorously denounced. The State is congratulated, however, on the decrease in this form of lawlessness. The concealed weapon habit is condemned.

Hopkins Nominated in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 14.—Congressman A. J. Hopkins, of Aurora, was nominated tonight by the Joint Republican caucus of the Illinois Legislature to succeed William E. Mason in the United States Senate. The only other name mentioned was that of Luther L. Mills, of Chicago. The Democratic caucus nominated Congressman Williams, of Carmi, by unanimous vote.

Spooner Chosen by Caucus.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 14.—United States Senator John C. Spooner was the unanimous choice for re-election in the Joint Senatorial caucus tonight. Tonight's caucus demands the re-election of Mr. Spooner. The candidate will be voted for in each house on January 17, and upon that day the Legislature will meet in joint session and officially ratify the caucus action.

Democrats Can't Agree at Raleigh.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 14.—The Democratic members of the General Assembly today took five ballots on the Senatorial election, but there was no material change in the result. Overman's highest vote was 15; Watson's, 22; Craig, 22; Carr, 15; Alexander, 2.

Gallinger by Acclamation.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 14.—Dr. Jacob H. Gallinger, of Concord, was tonight nominated by acclamation by the Republican members of the Legislature to succeed himself as United States Senator from New Hampshire.

Eugene News Notes.

EGUENE, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The committee appointed by the Eugene Commercial Club to investigate the proposition of the establishment of a carriage factory in this city by the acquisition of the plant of the Corvallis carriage factory made its report to the club last night. The committee finds that the present owners of the property are earnest in their desire to remove the plant to Eugene, and the committee also believes that it is worth the school board here in a short time. The School Board of the district com-

ICE CLOSES ALL HARBORS

Steamers on Chesapeake Bay Have to Cut Way to Port.

PANIC IN MEXICAN PORT.

Sailors Not Allowed to Land for Fear of Infection.

MAZATLAN, Mexico, Jan. 14.—The government college has been closed until the plague crisis shall have been passed. There is a veritable panic in Guilaan Rosales, for fear the plague may reach that city. Several English and German ships are in the harbor, but their captains will not allow their crews to come ashore. There is a lack of physicians for the new sanitary stations on the highways.

Much satisfaction is felt at the prompt sending of funds by the people in large interior cities, funds being most generously supplied.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Earn Kendall will make a play of Eugene Field's "Little Boy Blue."

The National Association of Commission Merchants is in session in Chicago.

Havermayr will furnish \$1,000,000 for best-sugar factory at Longmont, Colo.

Crown Prince Frederick William left Berlin today for St. Petersburg, to visit the Czar.

Owing to a constant decline in silver, City of Mexico merchants refuse to give discounts on sales.

The Presidential election in Salvador is over, and Pelegrin is believed to have defeated Dr. Reyes.

The Kansas Legislature propose to endorse Senator Harris for his stand on the Isthmian Canal Commission.

The change from re-elected directors of the American Sugar Refining Company.

The story that George Chapman, the London saloon-keeper charged with murdering three women, is an American citizen, is untrue.

The Detail Clear-Dealer's Association, in session at Chicago, will ask Senator Cullum to oppose the reduction of duty on Cuban tobacco.

W. J. Lewis, the Seventh Day Adventist, who refused to work in the Postoffice Department Saturday, will have that day without pay.

James Webster Leffer, aged 6 years, an inmate of an orphan home in New Jersey, claims a share of Charles L. Fair's estate, being a nephew of Mrs. Fair.

A party given by the students of St. Francis College, Brooklyn, Tuesday night, 7500 persons played euchre at one time at 1875 tables, and 12 bands played in union.

J. A. Edger, manager of the Denver & Rio Grande system, announced that Thomas Tyler will be retained as assistant manager, and says there will be no official changes.

It is reported that Lord Roseberry will marry Mrs. Alice Carr Chambers, formerly of Louisville, Ky., but now of Chicago, France. Her younger sister is the wife of Lord Newborough.

The dead body of an Italian with 17 cents on it was found in Jackson Park, Chicago, on Tuesday night.

The Catholic clergy of the archdiocese of Cincinnati have nominated Bishop Donaghue, of Indianapolis, to the vacant see of Cincinnati, for Columbus, for candidates to the archbishop of Cincinnati.

The body of a man killed in a fight by United States Deputy Marshal at Safford, Okla., has been identified as that of James M. Moyer, murderer of three men in Texas. A reward of \$3000 was offered for his arrest.

The New York Central Railroad Company is being tried for murder in the second degree at Utica, N. Y., having kept explosives in a roomhouse at Herkimer, contrary to law.

In a freight wreck at Safford, Okla., yesterday, J. J. Hamilton, brakeman, and J. J. Hessler, a boiler-maker, lately of Tucson, Ariz., were killed. Conductor O. S. Daniels is missing, and is believed to be dead.

The Czar has addressed a receipt to Minister Wille, expressing his gratitude for M. Witte's decade of successful work as Minister of Finance, saying: "I hope that the throne and the people of Russia will reward your valuable services at the head of the Finance Ministry."

Regarding the Venezuelan affair, Lord Charles Beresford, who arrived in New York Monday, said: "It will take Great Britain a long time to get out of this mess, complicated by allowing unlimited trade credit to a bankrupt and unscrupulous republic like Venezuela, and trying to collect bad debts by coercion."

In a collision between a passenger and freight train on the Great Northern, near Barnsville, Minn., yesterday, W. C. Humason, freight engineer; George Wepler, freight man; and John Nelson, engineer of the passenger, were seriously injured. The mail car, two baggage cars and both engines were demolished. None of the passengers was hurt.

Dr. George W. Harding.

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions received a cablegram today from Ahmed N. Nagar, India, announcing the death from blood-poisoning of Dr. George W. Harding, D. D. Dr. Harding was a graduate of Oberlin College and of the Rush Medical College.

Factory Burned at Camden.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 14.—The big factory building of A. Lung & Co., of this city, was destroyed by fire today. The loss, estimated at \$100,000, is distributed among a number of firms, who occupied portions of the building.

Handsome Residence Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, N. J., Jan. 14.—The handsome residence of Professor H. J. Wescott, head of the Latin department, burned today. Professor Wescott's valuable library and manuscripts were saved.

John C. Chumason, Lawyer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—John C. Chumason, for many years a well-known figure at the Chicago bar, and ex-county judge of Cook County, died at his home in Chicago, where he resided, of his son here, aged 32 years.

COAL NOW COMES FREE

Chicago Grand Jury Has Evidence Against Three Coal Companies.

CONSPIRACY IS PROVED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Conspiracy indictments against members of at least three hard and soft coal combinations doing business in Illinois and Indiana are expected as the result of the labors of the grand jury in the fuel famine inquiry. It is considered possible that these indictments will include witnesses who have appeared before the investigating body. This, it is asserted, can and probably will come through corroborative evidence secured tending to prove guilt, brought to the attention of the grand jury by the witnesses' own testimony.

The grand jury's action is believed to be of instance where the evidence is deemed strong enough to convict, and true bills may be found late today or tomorrow.

The examination of witnesses ended today, and tomorrow the grand jurors will meet.

Richardson said that neither he nor any of his colleagues was opposed to the bill. Payne (N. Y.), in support of the measure, sketched briefly the emergency which made its passage advisable. He did not believe its enactment would result in the importation of much coal or in much reduction in its price.

Maddox (Ga.) denounced the whole project as a humbug. "I know," he said, "of no class of business men who do not charge whatever the market permits them to charge."

Gaines (W. Va.) opposed the bill, declaring that it would do no relief. He defended prices charged by coal importers.

Mondell (Wyo.) also opposed the bill.

DEATH OF PIONEER OF 1845.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—William Gardner Wilkes, a pioneer of 1845, died at his home near Rockwood Monday of an acute attack of pneumonia. He was born in New Bedford County, Virginia, February 9, 1819, and was married on his 21st birthday to his cousin, Elizabeth Wilkes. With his wife he came to Oregon in 1845, and took up a homestead claim on the Clackamas River, where they remained two years, and then came to this neighborhood. Arriving here, Mr. Wilkes took up another claim, the same being what is now the magnificent farm belonging to Byron P. Reynolds, on the Steamer Road, upon which they lived until 1865, when he traded farms with an adjoining neighbor, and has lived upon it ever since. For a few years he made trips to California and Idaho, but after the death of his wife, which occurred in 1893, he settled down to a steady life, engaged in developing his farm. Mrs. Wilkes was buried in Lone Fir cemetery. She left no children. Mr. Wilkes was married again in 1864 to Mrs. Sarah A. Hovey, of Portland. By this second marriage he had five children, three of whom—Peyton, Grant and Harry—are dead. The other two—Edward J. Wilkes and Annie Wright, together with the second wife—are yet living, and were with him at the time of his death. The deceased was afflicted with the Methodist Church, and was noted for deeds of charity and generosity. He and his first wife raised several children, and gave them a good start in life. He was public-spirited and ever ready to assist in any laudable enterprise.

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