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PLEDGE FAIR AID

Members of Congress Line Up for Fair.

MEET AT BANQUET

Senator Mitchell Entertains Noted Men.

WEST WILL ACT AS UNIT

Support of Democrats in the Upper House Pledged.

OHIO AND KANSAS TO FORE

Representative Sibley, a Foe to Expositions, Boldly Champions the Cause of Oregon—Foster Makes a Strong Speech.

SOME OF THE ENDORSEMENTS.
GROSVENOR—Not only favors Exposition, but favors Ohio turning over appropriation for a fair never expended.
PERKINS—Ready to do anything to secure liberal appropriation.
SCOTT—Amount fixed in bill should be appropriated.
SIBLEY—Fair should be encouraged from educational point of view, although he once was its enemy.
DUBOIS—With assent of Patterson, commits Democratic Senators to the bill.
WELSON—Trusts appropriation will be more liberal than those made for rivers and harbors.
FOSTER—Washington will work hand in hand with Oregon.
HANSBROUGH—North Dakota can be added to the importance of the Pacific trade.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 24.—The Lewis and Clark Exposition project was successfully launched in Washington tonight at the banquet tendered by Senator Mitchell to 52 Senators, Representatives and other men of prominence at the Highlands. As a result ten Senators stand absolutely pledged to vote for the pending Lewis and Clark bill, as do two Representatives, exclusive of members of the Oregon delegation, and it is evident from the spirit in which the proposed legislation has been received by representative men that flattering results are to follow when the legislation comes formally before Congress.

Senator Mitchell's dinner was pronounced one of the most successful held in Washington in years. Not only was it a triumph in the caterer's art, but it successfully appealed to men who are in a position to forward the interests of the Portland Exposition, and won their hearty endorsement. It is apparent from sentiments expressed this evening that the great West is united in its support of the Senators and Representatives from Oregon. Launched under such favorable circumstances, the Oregon delegation will see to it that the movement in behalf of the pending bill is pushed to a successful termination.

Those Present at Banquet.
Those present at the banquet tonight were: Senators Burrows, Fulton, Newlands, Clapp, Scott, Burnham, Dubois, McCumber, Burton, Perkins, Smoot, Dooliver, Hansbrough, Bard, Gellinger, Patterson, Gamble, Kearns, Foster, Ankeny, Nelson, Stewart, Elkins, Penrose; Ex-Senator Thurston, Representatives Grosvenor, Sibley, Beaumont, Williamson, Lewis, Boutwell, Delegate Kalaniasoula, of Hawaii; General H. C. Merriam, General George H. Burton, Captain George C. Belter, H. H. Giltry, reading clerk in the Senate, Commissioner of Internal Revenue John W. Yerkes, Supervising Architect Taylor, Francis H. Griffin of New York; Hon. Charles G. Bennett, secretary of the Senate; Colonel Daniel M. Randall, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate; Samuel Hill, of Seattle; Dr. Charles W. Brown, of Washington; Colonel Emmet Callahan, of Baker City; James W. Bailey, Oregon State Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Dolliver Starts Ball Rolling.
The banquet, given ostensibly for the purpose of introducing Senator Fulton, soon resolved itself into a Lewis and Clark love feast. Shortly after Senator Mitchell in a speech presented his colleague, and Mr. Fulton responded in a happy vein. Senator Dolliver broke through the formalities in a brilliant National Indorsement of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. He said that, having visited Oregon and the Pacific Coast and come to realize the future of the commerce of the Pacific, he could not but pledge his own support to a bill that would prove an educator, and would enlighten the entire country as to the conditions, prospects and opportunities of the extreme West, and especially in its relations with the Orient.

Congressman Grosvenor, of Ohio, a most influential member of the House, expressed himself as favorable to all expositions, and promised his support to the pending measure. He said that in the past a few hundred thousand dollars had

been appropriated for an exposition in Ohio, but through failure of the state to co-operate, the amount had never been expended. He offered this as a starter for the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Mitchell on Objects of Fair.
Senator Mitchell rose to explain that inasmuch as the subject of the Lewis and Clark Centennial had unexpectedly been brought into the discussion, he would explain the objects of the Exposition and the work that had already been done by Oregon and other Western States as showing their good faith. This he did in a brief speech that was roundly applauded.

Following this explanation, Senator Perkins stated that, in view of the vast interests that would be benefited, his state had already pledged itself to support the Exposition, and personally he was ready to co-operate with Senator Mitchell and his colleagues.

Colorado's support was assured by Senator Patterson, of that state, who said he and his people wanted to give Oregon "whatever it wants."

Senator Scott, of West Virginia, unqualifiedly committed himself to support the pending bill, and to vote for the full amount that was asked by Senator Mitchell.

Sibley is Converted.
A notable feature of the dinner was the conversion of Representative Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who two years ago had publicly announced he would never again vote for appropriations for expositions. The Pennsylvania man said he had become convinced that the Lewis and Clark Exposition was not to be a local affair in any sense, but a timely educator that would benefit alike the East and the West, and he, too, was ready to vote and work for it.

Like many who had preceded him, Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, in indorsing the Exposition, referred to the past success of Senator Mitchell and Representative Herrmann in securing appropriations for the rivers and harbors of Oregon. "But I am for the Lewis and Clark Exposition even more heartily than for appropriations for your rivers and harbors," he said. "It presents great educational advantages, and great benefit to the whole American people is certain to result. I hope the delegation will be more successful even than it has been in the past in getting river and harbor appropriations."

Senator Dubois, of Idaho, explained what his state had already done to aid in making the Exposition a success, and went so far, with the approval of Senator Patterson, as to pledge the united support of the Democratic party in the Senate in behalf of the bill.

North Dakota's interest was fully set forth by Senator Hansbrough, and the hearty co-operation of the delegation from that state was assured. "I am ready to support Senator Mitchell's bill with all the force I can command," he said.

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ODELL WILL LEAD

Political Split With Platt Is Healed.

ROOSEVELT MAKES PEACE

Warring New York Leaders Meet at White House.

THE GOVERNOR HAS HIS WAY

He Will Direct in Detail the Campaign Next Year, and the "Easy Boss" Will Control the State Organization.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Senator Thomas C. Platt and Governor Benjamin B. Odell, of New York, have reached an absolute and entire agreement politically. Both will work in perfect harmony with each other and with President Roosevelt. This, in brief, it is announced, is the result of a conference held at the White House tonight. The parties to the conference were the President, Senator Platt, Governor Odell and Chairman George W. Dunn, of the Republican State Committee of New York.

For several months it has been known that political differences existed between Governor Odell and Senator Platt. These differences were of such a character as to cause concern in the minds of their friends, although they did not take the form of alignment of factions in New York State. They grew out of state appointments originally, and, it is stated, practically were confined to state affairs. The fear was expressed by some friends of President Roosevelt that the trouble between the Governor and Senator Platt sooner or later might include National political features; but it can be said authoritatively that at no time has either Governor Odell or Senator Platt wavered in his loyalty to President Roosevelt.

President Urges Peace.
Senator Platt yesterday returned from New York to Washington, accompanied by Colonel Dunn. On Monday, by invitation of President Roosevelt, they took luncheon at the White House. At that time the President expressed a strong desire that whatever differences existed between the Senator and Governor Odell should be adjusted. After the luncheon the President telegraphed to Governor Odell an invitation to come to Washington to discuss the New York situation with him and Senator Platt.

Governor Odell arrived here today in response to the invitation, and he and the other parties to the conference dined with the President at the White House this evening. The President believed, in view of the numerous rumors about it, would be a good idea to have Governor Odell and Senator Platt meet him at the White House.

The conference tonight was stated, after its close, to have been more than satisfactory. Senator Platt and Governor Odell have come to an absolute agreement, and both will work in perfect harmony with each other and with the President, for the promotion of the welfare of the Republican party. The conference was concluded shortly after 10 o'clock. Governor Odell from the White House went directly to the Metropolitan Club. He declined to make any extended comment on

the conference, but, pressed for a statement, said:
"A satisfactory and harmonious agreement has been reached. Matters at issue have been compromised and satisfactorily arranged."
At midnight Governor Odell left for New York.

Odell Gets All He Wanted.

It is understood authoritatively that Governor Odell was accorded all for which he contended. The agreement reached tonight is of such a character that it is not considered now that the necessity for future conferences will exist. It can be said that Senator Platt will continue as the leader of the New York State Republican organization, but Governor Odell will direct in detail the campaign in New York next year.

Senator Platt declined to discuss in any way the results of the conference, but it is understood they were entirely satisfactory to him. Colonel Dunn confirmed the statement that a satisfactory agreement of the issues had been reached, and he added that all the Republicans in New York State would work in harmony for the success of the National and state tickets.

"You will observe," said Colonel Dunn, figuratively speaking, "that there has been a lot of hot bricks thrown around, but they have not been hitting anybody." Colonel Dunn will leave for New York tomorrow morning. Both Senator Platt and Governor Odell have announced their desire that President Roosevelt next year should be nominated and elected. It can be stated, however, that at the conference tonight the subject of National politics was not considered, except in so far as New York State politics naturally merged into National affairs.

HE CAN BANK ON IDAHO.

Roosevelt Will Be Strongly Supported, Says Morrison.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 24.—Governor John T. Morrison, of Idaho, who is in Washington, was asked as to the political situation in Idaho. He replied:
"The state is overwhelmingly Republican, overwhelmingly for Roosevelt. The policy of his administration is cordially approved, and what is doing more than all else to solidify the people in their party attachment is the aid to irrigation. With irrigation, the prosperity of our section is put on a sure and permanent basis. We have an abundance of water, and when, through reservoirs the Government will build, that water can be saved and turned upon our rich lands, there can be no such thing as a failure of the crops, but instead each succeeding year will see greater crops and larger profits to the owners of the soil."

Foraker With Roosevelt.
PITTSBURGH, Nov. 24.—Senator John Foraker, while here to attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet tonight, said Roosevelt would be nominated without any opposition, and that he will be elected President. Under no circumstances will Senator Hanna be a candidate.

CZARINA SUFFERS MUCH PAIN

Condition of Her Majesty Shows Little Change.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 24.—The following bulletin was issued today concerning the condition of the Czarina:
"Her Majesty's temperature last night was 99.3, pulse 72. The temperature this morning was 99.5, pulse 72. Her Majesty's night's rest was disturbed by severe pain. The condition of the ear drum shows that the inner ear is inflamed."

Improvement Expected Soon.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says that a marked improvement in the condition of the Czarina is expected within a few days. She is an exemplary patient, and endures the great pain with admirable fortitude. The Czar is in constant attendance on the Empress.

Cattle Allowed on Reserve.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 24.—Secretary Hitchcock today authorized the grazing of 700 horses and cattle on Mount Rainier Forest Reserve in Washington during the season of 1904.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS WILL RETIRE

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court, today declined to grant the injunction asked for by Cosma Wagner and Siegrist Wagner, heirs of the late Richard Wagner, restraining Manager Heinrich Conreid from producing the dramatic festival play "Parsifal." In addition to the many legal points presented by counsel representing Mrs. Wagner and her son in support of his contention that Manager Conreid's production in New York would be illegal, the lawyer appealed to the court to preserve the sacred atmosphere with which the widow and son surrounded the composition and its production on any stage other than that at Bayreuth.



TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Lamp Ignites Gas and Thirteen Laborers Are Killed.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 24.—Thirteen miners were killed and great damage was done by an accidental explosion of gas today in coal mine, No. 2, at Bonanza, Ark., 20 miles from this city. At midnight only six of the victims had been recovered. The explosion occurred at 1 o'clock this afternoon. There were about 175 men in the various shafts at the time. All escaped without injury except the 13. The force of the explosion was terrific, and timbers were torn from the walls of the passages for several hundred yards. It is thought the gas was accidentally ignited by a miners' lamp.

Large Mines Will Reduce Wages.
MORRHISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 24.—Notices have been posted in all the mines of the Empire Steel & Iron Company in Mount Hope, Hibernia, and the other big mines in Morris County to the effect that a 19 per cent reduction would be made in the wages of all miners, beginning on December 1. Also that only one shift of men would be used where two formerly worked. The order affects 3500 men.

WARE TO RETIRE

Pension Office Will Have a New Head.

DUTIES ARE NOT CONCERNIAL

Commissioner Will Return to Practice of Law.

CANDIDATES ALREADY APPEAR

Ex-Representatives Peters and Blue, of Kansas, Are Prominently Mentioned—Change Will Not Be Made Until Next Year.

CAREER OF WARE.
Born in Connecticut May 29, 1841.
Pension Commissioner since May 19, 1903.
Well known as author of "Ironclad."
Served through Civil War, rising to rank of Captain.
Admitted to the bar in Kansas, June 18, 1871.
Served five years in Senate.
Started October 22, 1874.
Home, Topeka, Kan.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—It can be announced that Eugene F. Ware, Commissioner of Pensions, will retire from that office by about the middle of November next, and will return immediately to the practice of law in Kansas. His contemplated action is generally understood among Kansas politicians, and has been the subject of several interviews with the President, which have been kept secret.

The decision to resign and return to private life is the result of Mr. Ware's long-felt dissatisfaction with the nature of the duties of his office, a feeling that has grown steadily since the early days of his administration of that bureau. Mr. Ware has steadfastly refused to discuss the matter when asked for information on the subject, despite the general understanding among those in a position to know, and tonight declined to admit he has or ever had any intention of tendering his resignation.

Mr. Ware's acceptance of the office last Spring created much surprise at the time. He had a law practice that was one of the largest in Kansas, and it brought him considerably more income than his salary as Commissioner of Pensions. He had not been in office long before he began to feel the effect of the large amount of routine work that devolves upon the head of the office. Mr. Ware has insisted on the expedition of the work of his bureau and improvement of the standard of service performed by the personnel of his bureau, and it is said to be probable that the work of the office will be brought up to date by the first of July, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Despite the secrecy with which the proposed change of the head of the Pension Bureau has been guarded, a number of candidates already have developed. Ex-Representatives Blue and Peters, both of Kansas, have been mentioned in connection with the successorship to Mr. Ware.

CAN PRODUCE THE PLAY.

Manager Conreid Defeats Heirs of Wagner in Suit Over "Parsifal."

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Ex-Judge Dittenhofer, representing Mr. Conreid, declared a great many of the sentimental claims made by plaintiffs counsel were not founded upon fact and established the fact by affidavits that the great composer himself had parted with at least the publication rights of the play for a consideration of 75,000 German marks to the firm of R. Schotte Sons, Mainz.