

AGASSI'S GRILL MEAT

Democrats Assail Heath as an Official.

POSTAL FRAUDS DISCUSSED

Ex-Postmaster-General Smith Is Also Criticized.

REPUBLICANS STAND FIRM

They Are Not Trying to Cover Wrongdoing, and Charge Minority With Seeking Investigation for Partisan Purposes.

COMMITTEE ON POSTOFFICES.

Boies Tenness, Pa.
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Albert J. Beveridge, Ind.
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Redfield Proctor, Vt.
Nathan B. Scott, W. Va.
Joseph R. Burton, Kan.
Alexander S. Clay, Ga.
Charles A. Culberson, Tex.
James P. Tamm, Pa.
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Arthur P. Gorman, Md.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Alleged postoffice frauds were under discussion in the Senate today, the subject being opened in a set speech by Simmons, who insisted there should be an investigation by the Senate into the charges. Platt (Conn.) denied that the Republicans were trying to cover up any wrongdoing of the postoffice department, and said they simply were contending that the postoffice committee should ascertain what was to be investigated. The discussion was participated in by Burrows, Dolliver and Quarles, on the Republican side, and Carmack, Tillman and Teller on the Democratic side.

The Republican contention was that there had been a thorough investigation by the Postoffice Department, and a Senate investigation was now being pressed by the Democrats for partisan purposes. The Democrats insisted that they wanted the facts and charged that the Republicans were trying to smother them. Perry S. Heath was bitterly assailed, and ex-Postmaster-General Smith was criticized by Democratic Senators. The Senate adjourned until Monday.

New Canal Route Is Urged.
When the Senate met Scott offered a joint resolution providing for an investigation of the Darien canal route. He said such a "waterway" would be only 30 miles in length, and that the route had never been carefully investigated by engineers. Bacon interrupted to ask where the proposed canal was to be located, "in view of recent geographical changes in South America."

"It is in the State of Panama," remarked Mr. Stewart, "about 100 miles from Colombia."
Scott said that although he had always believed in a sea-level waterway, he had hesitated to press the matter because he might be accused of an effort to delay and hinder the construction of a canal, but such was not his purpose. He wanted a canal, but he wanted the best route. He asked that the committee on interoceanic trade make a report upon the resolution he had presented.

The Scott resolution was referred to the committee on interoceanic trade. The resolution for an investigation of the Postoffice Department was taken up. Simmons predicted that when the resolutions came back from the Senate committee they would be defeated by practically the unanimous vote of the Republicans. It was apparent, he said, that no further investigation would be permitted on the eve of a Presidential election.

Simmons made the point that the frauds exposed by Bristow, in nearly every instance, form a civil liability, and Government funds which had been wasted should be recovered in a court of law. Tillman said that if an investigation had been asked that rural free delivery boxes be supplied to farmers at cost, and that he had submitted a sample box which sold for 50 cents. This box, said Mr. Tillman, was furnished later at \$1.50 and \$1.50 each. He wanted to know whether any investigation of this case had been made.

Simmons answered that the Bristow report exposed many such cases.

Heath in a Bad Light.

Simmons referred to ex-Assistant Postmaster-General Heath and said that there was every reason why an inquiry should be directed to finding out what his connections were with the postoffice scandals. He did not say Perry Heath was guilty, but if he were not connected with the frauds he was surrounded by the most curious set of circumstances that had ever been known. Simmons also criticized ex-Postmaster-General Smith, because he did not investigate the Tulloch charges. Platt (Conn.), replying, said it had been charged by the Democratic Senators in direct terms, that if an investigation is not had, it was because the Republicans objected to the investigation. Such was not the case. What the Republicans had demanded was that the postoffice committee should conduct an inquiry to determine whether Congressional investigation was necessary.

Platt criticized the Democrats for their failure to express one genuine hearty word of praise for the President, Postmaster-General and the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General for the good work which they had done. Mild disclaimers of charging these officials with dishonesty, he said, had been made, but that was all. He said the only issue between the two parties, on the question of ordering a further investigation of the Postoffice Department, was whether the resolutions should be sent to the postoffice committee to determine whether such an investigation was necessary. Exception to the Republican position was taken by Carmack, who said the Democrats are not agreed to leave the matter entirely to the committee on postoffices and post roads.

"We admit," he said, "Mr. Bristow's investigation was thorough, so far as it went, but we deny that it was elaborate or comprehensive."

Platt contended that the committee should report to the Senate whether an investigation is necessary.

Implicates Postmaster-General.

Carmack argued that such an arrangement would leave the entire matter in the hands of the committee. The Senate now, he said, should order an investigation. No course short of this would meet the demands of the situation. He declared the Postmaster-General had stood in the way of an honest investigation, and in view of his obstinate opposition, and the fact that rottenness had been found in some divisions of the Postoffice Department, the

inference was that there had been corruption in other divisions.
Tillman charged that the opposition to an investigation was characterized by partisanship. There was an apparent attempt at Congressional smothering. He did not see how honest men could stand up in the face of public sentiment and try to prevent an investigation and allow the statute of limitations to "prevent the prosecution of the resists."

Quarles criticized the remarks made by Carmack concerning the Postmaster-General, whereupon Carmack explained that he referred to the Tulloch charges.
"In regard to the Tulloch charges," said Carmack, "I do not think the Postmaster-General was as diligent as he might have been. Perhaps he relied too much on what had been the course of his predecessor."

Dolliver Defends Department.

Dolliver said the disclosure of corruption in the Postoffice Department, instead of convincing him that a general investigation is necessary, showed that the business departments of the Government have been well conducted. The exceptions which have been unearthed, he said, were in cases where private or secret contracts had been made for the purchase of supplies. The fact that there had been no embezzlements or misapplication of Government funds, where a strict auditing system was employed, proved, he said, that the general business was well conducted.

Tillman asked why it is that the Republicans were so anxious to prevent an investigation.

"We are trying to turn the rescals out," he said, "while you are trying to keep them in. You have much to gain by refusing to shed light on the department. We have much to gain by exposing corruption."

Before answer was made, Tillman at the top of his voice, propounded another question:

"What about these rural free delivery boxes? The man who had the business in charge has not been investigated."

"You cannot convince the chief of the rural free delivery service that he has not been investigated," replied Dolliver.

"No, the inquiry concerning the boxes was confined to boxes for cities," said Tillman.

"And what about Mr. Heath? Bristow says he needs investigating, but you can't convince Mr. Heath of that either, I suppose."

Dolliver replied he had read the Bristow report and found no charge that Mr. Heath needed investigating.

Heath a Tattooed Man.
Tillman started to read the references to Mr. Heath, and while looking for the place, said cautiously: "Well, if he was not tattooed by the report, he was tattooed by the investigation."

Teller said that the only suggestion of a political purpose of an investigation had come from the Republican side. It seemed to him that the investigation should be considered. So far as there had been any investigation, it had come only as the result of influence outside the Postoffice Department, and the public never would be satisfied until the investigation was conducted by persons not likely to be influenced by it. As for the qualifications of the Senate to make an investigation, Senators should not ask their seats unless capable of conducting such an inquiry, and people generally, should demand that it be undertaken.

"If it is not made in accordance with this demand," he said, "you will find such a roar as will make you tremble in your seats."

By unanimous consent further consideration of the investigation resolution was postponed until Monday, when it was agreed that it should be resumed immediately after conclusion of the routine business.

A House bill permitting the issuance of bonds for the construction of a wagon road to the Government dam on Salt River, in Arizona, was passed.

At 2:30 the Senate went into executive session, and at 5:40 P. M. adjourned until Monday.

RELIEF VOTED COTTON STATES

House Authorizes \$250,000 to Be Spent to Stamp Out Insects.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The House today made available the sum of \$250,000 to be used to meet the emergency caused by the ravage of the cotton boll weevil and other insects affecting cotton. The measure was adopted without division. The sum is to be diverted from the \$500,000 appropriated last year to eradicate the foot and mouth disease among cattle. Pension bills to the number of 115 were passed. Adjournment was taken until Monday.

The chaplain of the House today at the opening of the session prayed for comfort for the grief-stricken family of ex-President Cleveland.

When the bill appropriating \$350,000 to meet the emergency caused by the Mexican boll weevil was taken up Burleson (Tex.) urged the importance of the passage of the bill to the cotton-growing sections, giving the history of boll weevil and what it has done.

Giulietti (Mass.) called attention to another insect—the gypsy moth—which had been brought to New England and which he said was equally dangerous and should receive attention with a view to its extermination. He offered an amendment for an additional appropriation of \$250,000 for the eradication of the gypsy moth. The bill was passed without division. The House then went into committee of the whole to consider the pension bills.

The committee rule at 2:35 P. M. having acted favorably upon 115 bills, 23 of which were Senate bills. The House passed the 115 bills in 20 minutes.

COMBINE ON ARMOR PLATE.

Strong Argument as to Why the Nation Should Make It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The recently awarded contract for 100 tons of armor plate by the Secretary of the Navy, 600 tons of which is to be made by the Midvale Company, and 500 tons each by the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Carnegie Steel Company, has been the subject of some comment before the House committee on naval affairs during the hearing relative to the naval appropriation bill.

Rear-Admiral O'Neil, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department, has stated that evidently there was a combination or understanding between the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies as their bids were the same.

Captain Pendleton, commandant of the Washington navy-yard, in arguing for a \$400,000 appropriation to enlarge the shops of the Washington navy-yard, today called attention to the fact that the Government would save \$300,000 on the 600 tons of armor which the Midvale people were to make. This was given as an illustration of what might be saved in gun construction by allowing increased facilities in the Government's factories. He also asserted that in the manufacture of armor the Government could produce \$2,000,000 worth of it for \$1,500,000 for under contract.

HIS LETTER AS AN ARGUMENT
Minority of Senate Committee Relying on Wood's Note to Writer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Senate committee on military affairs has received from Ray Stannard Baker, the magazine writer, a copy of a letter which General Wood wrote to him just prior to the latter's appearance as a witness in the Wood investigation. Mr. Baker told the committee of the letter when he was on the stand, and was then asked to send for a copy. The letter discussed the Runcie incident, and by inference suggested that Mr. Baker referred his mind to certain lines interested by General Wood. The letter has been ordered printed as an addition to the proceedings before the committee.

The committee of the committee, who have voted against the nomination, will argue to the Senate that the purpose

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Modest and Beautiful Silks

RELENTLESSLY PRICE SLASHED—RICH, ELEGANT SILKS AT LESS THAN HALF PRICE!

Lot 1—Plain and fancy silks; regular values up to \$5; special Clearance price 39c

Lot 2—Plain cream and white basket weaves, colored novelty fancies, also colored all-silk satin duchesses; regular values up to \$12.50; Clearance price 55c

Lot 3—Plain, colored Peau de Soie, neat stripes, checks, polka dots, Persian patterns and novelties of every kind; regular values up to \$1.50; special Clearance price 64c

Lot 4—New novelty lace stripe effects, also canvas weaves in a beautiful assortment of colors; regular values up to \$1.75; special Clearance price 72c

Lot 5—Imported Persian novelties, Dolly Varden and Oriental designs, broadened satins, embroidered novelties and more antique velvets; regular values up to \$4.00 per yard; Clearance Sale price \$1.59

DRESS STUFFS GET THEIR PASS-PORTS TODAY!

A GRAND BARGAIN BEVY OF Colored Dress Goods Specials

ANNEX—FIRST FLOOR.

Lot No. 1—Canvas Cloth, all-wool Challis, Novelty Plaids and fancy black fabrics; splendid values up to \$5; special Clearance Sale price 27c

Lot No. 2—Plain and novelty Zibelines, Plaids, Etamines, Canvas Cloth and Waistings, 50c to \$2.50 values; special Clearance Sale price 36c

Lot No. 3—French Melanges, Henriettes, novelty Zibelines, Albatross, Canvas Cloth and Plaids, 50c to \$1.50 values; special Clearance Sale price 49c

Lot No. 4—Silk and Wool Gloria Sublimes, all-wool Crepe de Chine, Granite and Novelty Suitings, \$1.00 to \$2.00 values; special Clearance Sale price 69c

Lot No. 5—Novelty embroidered Zibelines, cambric Suitings, Plaids and English Serges; values \$1.50 to \$2.50; special Clearance Sale price 73c

Lot No. 6—French novelty Zibelines, Priestley's Cravettes, novelty Etamines, Scotch and English mixed Suitings, Plaid Zibelines, \$1.50 to \$2.50 values; special Clearance Sale price 89c

MAIL ORDERS RECEIVE OUR PROMPT ATTENTION

All orders received through our Mail Order Department—the largest on the Pacific Coast—will be filled at CLEARANCE SALE PRICES.

RECLASSIFYING MAIL MATTER

Bill Is Introduced Consolidating the Third and Fourth Classes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Representative Daisell, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill today providing for the consolidation of third and fourth-class mail matter to be admitted at the rate of one cent for each two ounces. He also introduced a bill authorizing the Postmaster-General to accept all regularly issued publications for transmission in the mails at a bulk rate of six cents a pound, when not less than 500 pounds are presented at one time, and that the publication shall have at least four issues a year and each copy shall weigh at least one and a half ounces. Section two of this bill states:

"That regularly issued publications, as herein described, and not coming within the legal requirements for admission as second-class matter, shall hereafter be

designated fifth-class matter, with admission to the mails as herein stated."

WANTS PHOTOGRAPHS PRINTED
Cushman Thinks Directories Should Contain Likenesses of Members.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Representative Cushman, of Washington, introduced a concurrent resolution today providing that photographs of each member of the Senate and House of the 58th Congress be published in all Congressional directories hereafter issued during the 58th Congress.

Giving Arms to Militia.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Secretary Shaw today transmitted to the House a request of Secretary Root for an appropriation of \$55,000 for new arms and equipments for organized militia.

McCurdy Named to Succeed Castle.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nomination:

Joseph J. McCurdy, Minnesota.

Appraiser of Merchandise, Lyman T. Hoyt, district of Chicago.

Alterations in Canal Treaty.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Senate committee on foreign relations today continued consideration of the Panama Canal treaty, reaching the 15th article in a general discussion of the convention. It became apparent during the debate that suggestions for alterations of the treaty were made in the interests of the Government and humanity.

ENDS LIFE BEFORE VISITORS.
Long-Trusted Employee of Senator Clark Commits Suicide.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Jan. 7.—W. J. Allen, for many years in charge of the offices of Senator W. A. Clark's United Verde mine at Jerome, who recently resigned, committed suicide today in a fit of despondency by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. The deed was committed at a ranch owned by Allen on the Verde River, about four

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FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS.

Portland's Biggest and Best Daylight Store

Announces following extra special bargain values for A RAPID-FIRE SATURDAY SELLING! In addition to the fact that ABSOLUTELY EVERY ARTICLE IN ALL THIS VAST SELLING SPACE—ALL BETWEEN BASEMENT FLOOR BELOW AND THE GREAT ROOF ABOVE—this greatest, daylight shopping place on the Pacific Coast—except a very few goods bought from makers who alone control price—13 UNMERCANTILLY REDUCED IN PRICE! ALL! EVERYTHING! AS ABOVE IS SOLD AT SPECIAL BARGAIN PRICE DURING THE GREAT ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE! However, Saturday selling lasts but ten hours—8 A. M. till 6 P. M.—when we say the day is done and our doors swing closed upon a week's work well done. This is a "daylight store," because we are satisfied to do our selling in the daytime. Night storekeeping has a flavor of provincialism, suggesting the country grocery where villagers gather for gossip and sightseeing, rather than for business. It is discountenanced by the foremost merchants of all large cities. We believe we can serve our customers to their entire satisfaction during regular hours, and shall not impose unnecessary hardships upon our employees merely for our own gain. WE CLOSE AT 6 P. M.

Among the Great Sales Are THE ENFORCED ALTERATION SALE OF GOOD SHOES

Alteration Sale of Women's Garments of every description. Necessary before breaking through into the new Annex, which will be ready for Spring business.

Sensational Clearance Sale of New Silks and Dress Goods.

CORSETS Clearance Sale of Royal Worcester Corsets

Second Floor—Corset Salon. Wonderful Bargains!

They comprise straight fronts, bias-gored, including the "Bon Ton" and "Sapphire," in black, white and drab coutil, also some in brocade silk.

Lot 1—Regular price \$1.25 to \$3.50, Clearance price \$.98

Lot 2—Regular price \$5 to \$9, Clearance price \$3.75

Lot 3—Regular price \$10 to \$15, Clearance price \$6.49

3 experienced corset-fitters always in attendance.

Clearance Sale in the Art Shop

Second Floor—Thoroughfare Aisle. Very pretty and attractive Cushion Covers, tinted, applique and finished borders, plain back to match material, heavy eoru Buda linen, regular price, \$2.25; Clearance special at \$1.29

Cushion covers of same material as above, stamped and tinted, regular price \$1.50; Clearance price 79c

Heavy lithograph Cushion Tops in many attractive and catchy designs, such as fencing girl, resting, athletic girls, roebuck and others; regular price, 50c; Clearance special 29c

Bed Sets—Bargains

Fourth Floor. Regular \$13.50 Sets for \$ 7.25

Regular \$16.00 Sets for \$ 9.00

Regular \$18.00 Sets for \$ 9.50

Regular \$19.50 Sets for \$11.00

Regular \$25.00 Sets for \$15.00

A Decisive Clean-up of BLACK DRESS STUFFS

ANNEX—FIRST FLOOR.

Lot 1—Fancy figured Jacquard Mohairs and Brilliantines, nub and rick-finished Etamines, Henriettes, etc.; values up to \$1.00 per yard; special Clearance Sale price 49c

Lot 2—Lace striped Etamines, lattice Etamines, bourette Etamines, Sackings and Canvas Cloths; regular values up to \$1.50 per yard; special Clearance Sale price 79c

Lot 3—Twine Cloth, Crepe Serges, Satin Berbers, striped Melrose and Turkish Mohair; regular values up to \$2.50; special Clearance Sale price \$1.19

Lot 4—Cravettes, Chevilles, Zibelines, unfinished Worsteds, and rain-proof Sicilian; regular values up to \$2.50 per yard; special Clearance price \$1.69

Embroidered or Printed Oriental Draperies

For Mantels, Couch Covers, Portieres, etc., in Hozara Phool Karries, \$2.75 values, for, pr. \$1.85

Silk embroidered, \$13.50 values at, ea. \$7.75

\$17.50 values at, each \$10.75

Wonderful 1/2 Price Embroidery Sale

First Floor.

In a choice of narrow, medium and wide Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Embroideries and Insertions, wonderfully dainty, but still more wonderfully cheap—HALF PRICE!

15c values for, yard 7 1/2c

20c values for, yard 10c

25c values for, yard 12 1/2c

35c values for, yard 17 1/2c

50c values for, yard 25c

60c values at, yard 30c

75c values at, yard 37 1/2c

\$1.00 values at, yard 50c

\$1.25 values at, yard 62 1/2c

Millinery Special

We'll have a larger, brighter, better than ever Millinery Salon next season in the new part of the house, under the management of one of the best-known managers, among the "Big Stores" of the East. He's on the way now. Help us clean house before he gets here—MILLINERY OF ANY SORT AT YOUR OWN PRICE NOW, if you're anyways reasonable.

SATURDAY SHOE SPEC'LS

FIRST FLOOR—SHOE AISLE.

Saturday is the young folks' shopping day. In addition to the wonderful values previously offered this week and printed in earlier papers, we append the following—special for Saturday selling:

Boys' and Girls' School Shoes in the Clearance

BOYS' SHOES, of all solid calf stock, double sole, broad, comfortable last and bottoms steel quilted, in sizes 11 to 13, regular \$1.50 values, at \$1.09

13 1/2 to 2, regular \$1.75 values, at \$1.33

2 1/2 to 3, regular \$2.00 values, at \$1.58

Misses' and Children's Shoes

In button or lace styles, calf or fine kid stock, heavy Winter soles and broad toes.

Sizes 6 to 8, \$1.25 values, for \$.80

Sizes 9 1/2 to 11, \$1.50 values, for \$1.06

Sizes 12 to 2, \$1.75 values, for \$1.28

Sizes 2 1/2 to 5, \$2.00 values, for \$1.58 (Large misses' sizes.)

Ribbon Bargain Special

Thousands of miles of new, pretty ribbons at about half their worth and usual price. Satin Tafetas and some double-faced Satin Ribbons, 4 and 4 1/2 inches wide, all pure silk and grand 50c values—Special at, yard 29c

Whitney Baby Carriages Reduced Like This:

Nicely upholstered in tapestry, with parasol, patent automatic anti-friction wheel-fasteners and foot-brake, nutless axle and all latest, modern improvements.

\$13.50 Carriages for \$8.90

\$15.00 Carriages for \$9.75

\$15.75 Carriages for \$10.50

\$16.50 Carriages for \$11.00

\$18.50 Carriages for \$12.50

Two Great Silk Specials

Annex—First Floor. Extra Special Clearance Sale Black Taffeta—19 inches wide, very strong and durable and high finish—our regular 85c value; Special Clearance price 69c

27 inches wide heavy, durable black Silk Taffeta, with high, rich finish, splendid for drop skirts and linings, our regular \$1.25 value; Special Clearance price 96c

Glove Specials

Ladies' \$2.50 Evening Gloves, \$1.25

FIRST FLOOR—GLOVE STORE.

A splendid Glove Bargain—Our 10-button length undressed suede Kid Gloves, all in evening shades of dainty pink, blue, nile, cardinal and mauve; actual \$2.50 values, on sale at, the pair \$1.25

LADIES MUSLIN UNDERGARMENTS

SECOND FLOOR—ANNEX.

LADIES' \$1.50 GOWNS AT \$1.13

Of fine nainsook, cambric or muslin, nicely made and trimmed—Made of second floor annex, for \$1.13

Ladies' \$1.25 Corset Covers 87c