

TO GO INTO CHARGES

President to Learn All in Cases of Alaskan Judges.

APPOINTMENTS ARE HELD UP

Wickersham and Brown Are Placed Under a Heavy Cloud by ex-Collector Ivey and Other Men From the North.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—President Roosevelt has determined to find out whether there is anything in the charges that have been preferred against Judges Wickersham and Brown in Alaska before appointing their successors. The terms of both men will expire June 6, but new appointments will probably be delayed until late in the summer, as the President will soon send to Alaska some man in whom, with Attorney-General Knox, he has confidence, in the hope of ascertaining the true state of affairs. It is probable the investigation will be made by some special agent of the Department of Justice, and that the report will not be submitted to the President until the latter part of summer.

FIND HIS METHODS LOOSE.

Inspectors at Chemawa Make Preliminary Report on Potter's Case. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—Preliminary reports received by Secretary Hitchcock from Inspector Nielson and Supervisor Holland, who are conducting an investigation into the affairs of the Chemawa Indian School state that Superintendent Potter's methods have been very loose and anything but in accordance with the requirements of the department. No details are given, but it is stated that the situation is so complicated, and the details so interwoven that considerable time will be required to complete the investigation.

WORD SPOKEN FOR PORTLAND

Government is Informed of Work New Drydock Can Handle. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—Senator Mitchell today sent to Quartermaster-General Humphrey an Oregonian of recent date, describing the new Portland drydock, its capabilities and the success attending its trial. Accompanying the paper, Senator Mitchell sent a letter calling General Humphrey's attention to the fact that Portland is now in a position to dock and repair Government vessels, as well as commercial ships, and telling him that hereafter when ships need docking they need not be sent to Puget Sound or San Francisco.

Aspirant for Consul Must Speak Out.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—Because he will not come out and say what post in the Consular service he desires, M. J. MacMahon of Portland may get none. MacMahon filed his application over a year ago, and it was endorsed by the Oregon delegation. The matter has dragged along ever since, and unless MacMahon comes out and says what he wants or can get the ear of the President, his chances cannot be said to be flattering.

Brady Looking After His Fences.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 9.—Governor Brady, of Alaska, arrived in Washington today and called on the President. The Governor came East to attend the opening of the St. Louis Exposition. He is in Washington on matters pertaining to Alaska, and incidentally to look after his fences. He is a candidate for re-appointment, his present term expiring June 6.

PROMINENT RUSSIAN DIES.

M. Pleske, Who Succeeded M. Witte as Minister of Finance.

LONDON, May 9.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg announces the death there at 9 o'clock this morning of M. Pleske, ex-Minister of Finance. M. Pleske, who was born in 1832, was the son of a Russian General of German extraction. He entered the Ministry of Finance when 20 years of age, and was credited with being a disciple of M. de Witte, whom he succeeded as Minister of Finance. In December last, M. Pleske became seriously ill as the result of an injury to his spine in a carriage accident some time previously, and was obliged to undergo an operation, and in January of this year was said to be dying, peritonitis having set in. He was at that time relieved from his duties as Minister of Finance, and transferred to the Council of the Empire.

GUARD OVER BODY OF WENTZ

Remains of Millionaire Will Not Be Moved Until Brothers Arrive.

BRISTOL, Va., May 9.—The body of E. L. Wentz discovered in the mountains near Kelly View, Wise County, Va., Sunday afternoon, by a miner employed at Blackwood, Va., lies tonight around it stands a guard of 25 men under the command of the superintendent of the Osaka plant of the Virginia Iron & Coal Company. The body has not been disturbed in any way, and will not be until tomorrow, when D. B. Wentz and J. L. Wentz, brothers of the dead man, arrive on the scene. They are en route tonight on a special train from Philadelphia. No inquest has been held. As to the amount of the reward, it is generally believed that the man who discovered the body will receive \$5000. However, no one has as yet spoken with authority on this subject. This amount was offered by the Virginia

Iron & Coal Company as a substitute for a similar amount at first offered by the Wentz family. As no examination of the body has been made, little so far has been learned as to the cause of death. All seem to agree that the man was shot, but whether it was suicide or murder is the question. Two of his front teeth are gone, presumably shot out, and holes thought to be bullet holes, are found through the coat and vest just below the ribs on the left side.

FROWN ON CRITIC.

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conference to seek to have the gates closed on Sunday and requested that the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington be asked to interpret the act of Congress appropriating for the purpose of the Exposition on this point. On motion of Senator McClellan, of New York, the matter was laid over for one day.

It is probable that the book concern committee will report to the conference within two or three days its recommendation regarding the propriety of consolidating the various publishing houses of the church into one great central institution. Inasmuch as there is an almost equal division of sentiment upon the advisability of this action, a lively debate will surely follow the reading of the committee's recommendations. The committee on itinerancy is also expected some time during the week to make some sort of report to the conference on the all-absorbing question of restoring the pastoral time limit. It is not probable that the episcopacy committee will have ready its recommendations on the retirement of bishops and the choosing of others before the last days of the week.

Selected for Colored Bishop.

If a colored bishop is to be named by the present conference, it now seems to be practically settled that the man will be Rev. W. E. Bowen, professor of systematic theology in the Gammon Theological Seminary, of Atlanta, Ga. The colored delegates to the conference, of whom there are 75, in addition to three white delegates representing colored conferences, have met in caucus, and by what amounted to a unanimous vote agreed to concentrate their strength upon a single candidate, that candidate to be Dr. Bowen. The selection of the colored candidate by their own people meets with the approval of a majority of the white delegates who favor the election of a colored bishop.

Dr. Bowen, who is 45 years of age, graduated with high honors from the Doctor of Divinity at the University of Chicago, and has held important pastoral positions in Boston, Newark and Washington. The immense pavilion in which the conference is being held was entirely redecorated for this morning's session by the ladies of the Los Angeles Methodist congregations with the choicest of California foliage and flowers, and presented a beautiful scheme of color that on the opening day.

The first hour of today's session was devoted to prayer and song service and the reading of Friday's program. Another matter which aroused considerable feeling among the delegates was a resolution by a delegate from Ohio, asking that a detailed statement of salaries, traveling expenses, house rent and all other expenditures of bishops and other General Conference officers be prepared and presented to the conference. Dr. Bristol, of Washington, D. C., protested against this effort to inquire into the private business of the General Conference officers. He was followed by State Senator McClellan, of New York, who wished the General Conference should lower its dignity by going into the private business of its general officers and investigating their private accounts.

The resolution was finally adopted and telegrams are to be sent out asking for specific details of expenditures in each case, so that the information that is already in the hands of the book concern and other auditing committees shall be put in the hands of every member of the conference.

RETURN OF TRIO.

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This proposal was made first in Seattle by a steering committee representing the McBride counties of Eastern Washington, headed by J. H. Merritt, of Spokane. Included in the bunch of legislative votes that the McBride men proposed to turn over were the 14 from Spokane County.

When this proposal was made in Seattle, the Pierce representatives told the Eastern Washington men that they would consider the matter in Tacoma, declaring that the delegation would be brought together in that city. But the only members of the King County steering committee disposed to be friendly toward the McBride proposal are Governor John H. McGraw and Scott Calhoun. When McGraw presented the offer to the steering committee, he urged that the proposed 30 McBride votes together with 24 from King would control any Republican caucus held at Olympia next winter.

Other members of the King County committee riddled the McBride offer. They showed that the eastern Washington committee proposed to trade votes from close districts that might be lost to the Republicans and that the committee probably had no authority to bind future nominees. If the offer were to be accepted, it was shown that the hold-over Senators opposed to McBride would fight Pierce, beginning a campaign at once. These men are certain of votes and the McBride offerings are of doubtful quantity. No definite action was taken by King County on the offer, but the chances are that it will be turned down.

Other Names Mentioned.

In the Pierce and King County negotiations the names that have been used most frequently in connection with the gubernatorial nomination are those of D. B. Crocker and G. H. Baker. Both men are declared to be acceptable to the two counties. A report that J. D. Farrel favored Crocker above Baker was circulated tonight and caused some members from King County to advocate holding up the question until Farrel made a definite statement of his position, something that no one has obtained. The gubernatorial booms of B. W. Colner, of Lewis, and D. T. Ham, of Spokane, are punctured.

The fight of Whatcom on behalf of A. E. Meade may change the gubernatorial aspect. Whatcom abandoned the congressional fight yesterday and took up Meade for Governor. Today efforts were made to induce McBride to deliver his strength to Meade, but McBride is still in the belief that he can win the fight. Tonight the Meade following is endeavoring to induce the Pierce and King County steering committees to agree to Meade's nomination. They have met with some success, developing the fact that both counties are friendly but this does not necessarily indicate that Meade can be agreed upon. Neither county will take any action on the gubernatorial question until the outcome of the negotiations to settle the fight between them is known. If Pierce and King do get together the fight will be over. With strength that can be picked up by the mere process of accepting, it will name the entire ticket and allow the managers of the fight to distribute offices throughout the state as they see fit. Whatcom has steadfastly remained outside the Northwest combination. Whatcom would not go into a caucus with Bushmish, as long as Brownell remained in the fight, declaring that two years ago,

Correct Clothes for Men



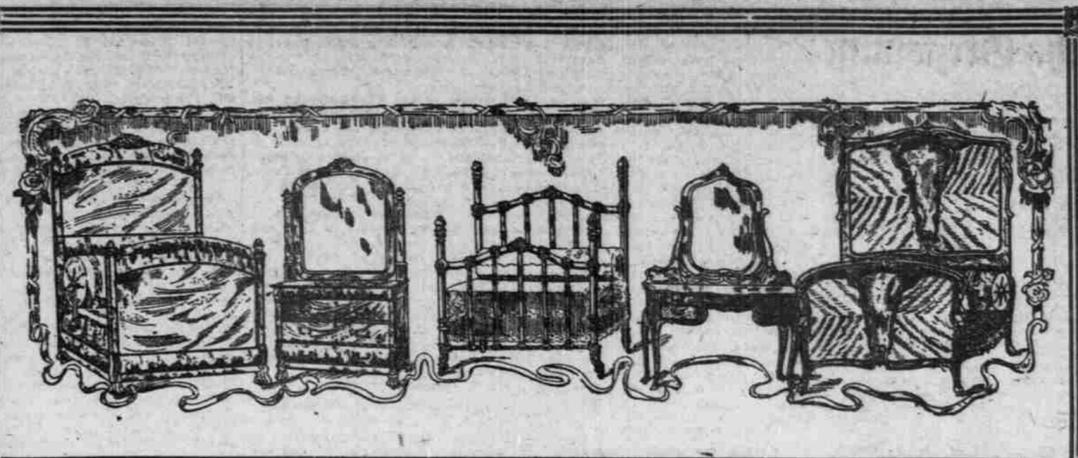
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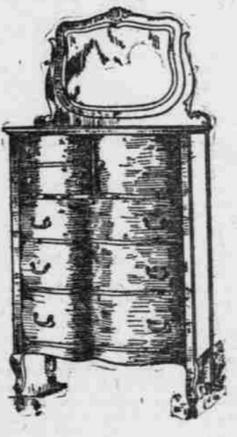


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