BRYAN ACCEPTED AS PARTY CHOICE

as Opponent.

TWO RIVAL POPULAR HEROES

Men of Similar Characters to Head Tickets.

BOTH HONEST, EARNEST

Walter Wellman Forecasts Great Campaign and Says Question With Republicans Is "Who Can Beat Bryan in 1908?

BY WALTER WELLMAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.-It is now generally conceded that Mr. Bryan is to be the nominee of his party next year All opposition appears to have faded away, and it will be surprising if any of a formidable character springs up between now and the meeting of the Na-

if Mr. Bryan is a prophet as well as philosopher, Theodore Roosevelt is to be his antagonist before the people. While in Washington recently, Mr. Bryan told one of his friends be was convinced Mr. Roosevelt would be the candidate for the Republicans.

'And I can beat him at the polls," added Mr. Bryan, with a self-confident smile. "I would just as soon run against Roosevelt as any one

Rivals Are in Earnest.

It is a curious fact that these two men, who may be the rival gladiators in next year's arena and who have such great hold upon the affections of the American people, are very much alike in some chief characteristics. Both deal with the people with remarkable frankness. Both are almost continually talking. Both advocate a lot of things that never come to pass and that a majority of the people do not take kindly to, but that makes no difference. Their mistakes do not seem to hurt them. Blunders which would damn and ruin forevermore an ordinary public man only seem to make them the stronger in the affections of their followers. That is because they because they are I the popular hero class, in a class by

Both are "reformers," both "radicals," or, at least, Mr. Bryan was until Mr. Roosevelt put him in the conservative class by contrast. Both are preachers, most excellent and coplous sermonizers, and always at it. Only accident took them into politics and deprived the pulpit of bright and shining lights. What a revivalist Mr. Bryan would have made And what a controversialist Mr. Roose-

Both Friends of People.

But in the last analysis the two men hold their high place in the popular esteem because they have, in one way or another, convinced the masses they are sincere, earnest friends of the people, against wrong in all sorts of places, whether in government, finance or dustrialism, The American people like a good preacher. Performance doesn't count for so much, so long as there are plenty of promises.

If Mr. Bryan is right, and it is to be Roosevelt against Bryan, we shall have a great campaign. Greek will meet Greek; idol against idol; preacher and promiser versus promiser and preacher; the masses warmed to feverish fervor of advocacy; the analytical looking on with cool disdain.

Who Can Beat Bryan?

The moral certainty of Mr. Bryan's nomination has raised for the Republicans an interesting practical ques-Who can beat him? Opinions differ, of course. Some think the Republicans would be stronger against Bryan with a conservative candidate, while others believe popularity, the fetchism of hero-worshiping, on one side must be matched against the same thing on the other, and the devil take the hindmost. That means Roosevelt against Bryan.

SMALL MAJORITY IN BOSTON

Republicans Elect Mayor by 2000. License Also Carries.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.-In the closest and hardest-fought election contests which Boston has known for many years the city went Republican today by 2000 votes, Postmaster George A. Hibbard. Republican, defeated Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Democrat, who was a candidate for reelection. The revised returns show the following vote cast for the Mayoralty candidates: John A. Coulthurst, Independence

League, 15,871; Fitzgerald, Dem., 36,054; Hibbard, Republican, 28,067,

The city voted to license saloons by a majority somewhat smaller than in pre-

vious years. Two features contributed notably to the return of a Republican Mayor after six years of Democratic administration, one being the heavy vote given to the Independence League candidate by Democrats and the other the thorough investigation made by a finance committee into the affairs at the City Hall, in which evidence has been brought forth alleging irregularities in the purchasing department and

in the granting of contracts through which it was claimed the city had lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

LETTER AGAINST OWN BOOM

What Roosevelt Said Against Officials' Political Activity.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- After the Cabinet session today the letter addressed He Predicts Roosevelt by President Roosevelt to the members of his Cabinet on November 19, instructing them to inform Federal officeholders not to participate in a third-term movement for President Roosevelt was made public at the White House. It is understood Cabinet officers will

take action. The letter follows:

to attend the National Convention as delegates in favor of the nomination of myself for President, and are preparing to secure my indorsement for such re nomination by state conventions. This must not be. I wish you to inform such officers as you may find it advisable or necessary to inform in order to carry out the spirit of these instructions, that such advocacy of my renomination or acceptance of an election as delegate for that purpose will be regarded as a serious olation of official propriety and will be dealt with accordingly.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TAGGART TO MEET COMMITTEE

Will Choose Scene of Democratic Convention Thursday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10,-Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic Na-Committee, left here today for Washington, where the committee will meet on Thursday to decide upon the date and place of the next Democratic Convention Before leaving, Mr. Taggart gave out

the official list of cities which are after

the convention. It includes St. Paul, Atlantic City, Louisville, Chicago, Den-ver, St. Louis and Cincinnati. Young John D. Booms Hughes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- The Presidential om of Governor Charles E. Hughes was tain launched in New York City last ght, this time at the annual dinner of the Bible class presided over by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Mr. Rockefeller called attention to the fact that Governor Hughes was once a member of the class and referred to him as a possible occu-pant of the White House. This brought forth great applause from the members of the class.

For Roosevelt Policies.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 10.-The lorida Republican committee today dopted resolutions pledging the party send delegates to the National Convention to vote for a nominee who stands for the continuance of the Roosevelt poucy.

Lynn Votes "No License."

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 10.-As a result of an active "ne license" campaign carried on by clergymen of all denominations and election today by a majority of 1578.

FINDS BOY IN POVERTY

Hepburn Discovers Son Descried Wife and Crippled Child.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 10 .- (Special.)-In straitened circumstances the police today found Elizabeth Hepburn and her son Arthur, aged 7. The child is the grandson of William H. Hepburn, of ortland, who last week asked the po-

lice to find him. Hepburn has been supporting herself and the child since the fathe deserted them four years ago. For six years after their marriage, Mrs. Hepburn says, herself and husband left and she has not

AWAIT THE NIGHT RIDERS

Warehousemen Hear Half-Million Pounds Tobacco Are Doomed.

LEXINGTON. Ky., Dec. 10.-Warehousemen here were wrought up tonight over persistent reports that a mob of 500 night riders would visit them to destroy 500,000 pounds of tobacco which is ready for tomorrow's sale. Police are the alert and reserves are in wait-

CASH SHORT: TAKES LIFE South American Financier Gets Bank Into Trouble.

LAPAZ, Bollvia, Dec. 10.—Felippe Pinilla, manager of the Banco Agricola, committed suicide today. This, with the announcement that a shortage of \$140,000 in the funds of the bank has been discovered, has caused a sensation here.

SOUTH ASKS FOR FORMER SERVICE

New Train Schedule Is Very Inconvenient.

"I have been informed that certain offi-cers in your department are preparing GRANTS PASS PEOPLE HEARD

Commission Gets Evidence From Dissatisfied Public.

MAILS GREATLY DELAYED

Towns Off Railroad Placed 24 Hours Further Behind the Times-Commercial Travelers Put to Expense.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 10 .- (Spe cial.)-Restoration of the old schedule of passenger trains No. 11 and 12, leaving Portland and Ashland in the morning. is the desire of the traveling public of Southern Oregon so far as shown by tes timony before the State Railway Com mission in the Southern Pacific held here today. Medford alone is satisfied with the present schedule and desires no

Only one Grants Pass witness hesitates in declaring that the old schedule should be resored. This witness was H. L. Andrews, secretary of the Grants Pass Commercial Club, who testified that he found the new schedule inconvenient, but believed it would be better to suggest to the railroad company in a quie way that it try to re-arrange its schedule rather than to take the matter up be fore the Railroad Commission. Deputy District Attorney Reames tried to introduce in evidence a letter from Andrews expressing himself in strong terms against the new schedule, but the letter was not admitted. That the people of Medford are entirely satisfied present service, was the testimony of A. S. Rosenbaum of that place, who was here today, and who was called as a wit-

ness by Commissioner West. Adjourn to Portland.

The compliments against the present train schedule completed their testimony today and the case was adjourned until December 21, when the Commission will meet in Portland for the purpose of hearing the evidence submitted by the railroad company, and also the testimony of com-

The evidence today at Grants Pass, like that yesterday at Ashland, disclosed general dissatisfaction with the discontinu ance of trains Nos. 11 and 12, south of Roseburg, this change having resulted in inconvenience and delay to both passengers and mail service. C. E. Harmon, who has been Postmaster at Grants Pass with bank's money. Page 3. Nevada mining promoter killed in duel. for nine years, testified that from this Postoffice mail is distributed to a terriory having a population of about 14,000. There are 5000 residents of Grants Page and there are two rural delivery router and three star routes serving a population of 8000 to 9000. The star routes, he said, extended as far as Crescent City, Cai., and to the southern part of Curry County. The towns of Wilderville, Wonder, Selma, Dryden, Kerby, Althouse, Holland, Browntown, Waldo, Deering, Murphy, Williams, Takilma and Prevost, all farming or mining communities, get their mail by means of stages which leave Grants Pass at 7 A. M. When train 12 was running there was a heavy mail from California and cities south of here in Southern Oregon that caught the stage out in the morning. Since train 12 was discontinued this mail goes on a stage 24 iours later. When Eastern trains were on time, train 12 also brought the Eastern mail. Mr. Harmon said he has received a large number of complaints from people residing on these star routes be sause much of their mail is now 24 hours later than formerly.

Single Train Service.

That Southern Oregon has now what s practically one train service was testified by A. C. Hough, an attorney Mayor J. C. Smith, a physician; C. H.

Clements, City Auditor; T. K. Anderson a mining operator; Stephen Jewell, County Judge; Roy Wilson, manager of a department store; Wolke & Calvert, hardware dealers, and O. S. Blanchard, an

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County Judge Jewell said he had frequent occasion to visit nearby towns or county business, and formerly could go out in the morning and back at night. Since trains Nos. 11 and 12 have been discontinued south of Roseburg, he has been compelled to stay over night or drive with a team.

Mr. Wilson testified that traveling mer who visit his store say that under the former train schedule they could make the towns between Portland and Ashland in three and a half days, but now it takes seven days. Mr. Anderson testified that there is a heavy stage travel from the Galice mining district to the railroad, and these travelers must as a

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Martial Law Expected to Be Declared.

GOLDFIELD AWAITS THURSDAY

Attempt Will Surely Be Made to Open Mines Then.

GOVERNOR SPARKS ARRIVES

Goes Over With Colonel Reynolds, in Charge and Holds Conferences With Mineowners-Union Protests Against the Troops.

FUNSTON GOES TO GOLDFIELD. GOLDFIELD, Dec. 10.—General Funston will come to Goldfield, arriving here on Thursday, personally to take charge of the situation.

brought here. Martial law has not yet been de-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10 .- General Funston tonight said that he could leave tomorrow with two or three staff officers for Goldfield for the purpose of looking over the situahe was not going there to take com-mand of the troops there or in any way supersede Colonel Reynolds. Neither is it his intention to order additional troops to the mining region. General Funston expects to spend only two or three days in

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 10 .- It was reported here tonight that General Funston is to come to Goldfield personally to take charge of the situation here. More troops, it was also said, may be sent. Governor John Sparks arrived this afternoon from Carson and had a conference with Colonel Alfred Reynolds, in command of the Federal troops here. Meetings of the execu tive committee of the Goldfield Minera' Union and of the Goldfield Mineowners' Association were held tonight.

It is believed here that President Rooseelt is responsible for the decision of Ge the intention is to take the conduct of affairs out of the hands of Governor Sparks and the Esmeralda County officials and that martial law will be declared in Goldfield immediately upon the arrival of General Funston.

Doubtless the request for this drastic action by the President came from the mine operators here, who are fearful of the consequences when the attempt to reopen the mines is made, but apparently are determined to carry out their intention to resume operations on Thursday.

Governor Sparks Arrives.

The arrival of Governor Sparks in Goldfield early this afternoon has led to many rumors of impending trouble, but beyond the little excitement caused by the pres ence of the Governor, two days ahead of the time announced, nothing has transpired today materially to affect the situation. Indications are that the military authorities are preparing to proclaim martial law. The situation then will be taken out of the hands of Governor Sparks, who is not in touch with the Sheriff's office, and General Funston, who is to arrive here from San Francisco Thursday, will be in absolute control.

This afternoon Governor Sparks, ac companied by his representative here, Colonel Cox, went in an automobile to the headquarters of Colonel Reynolds and an hour was spent in going over the situation in Goldfield. Colonel Reynolds said that he has not yet obtained a thorough grasp of the situation or learned all the conditions which led to the sending of troops. Governor Sparks was visited at the

hotel where he is staying by many of the prominent mine owners and mem- trouble."

LETTERS

OR SANTA

bers and officers of the Goldfield Mine Owners' Association, but he denied that any official conference between himself and the officials of the association has taken place since his arrival. He was also visited by officers of the

Goldfield Miners' Union, who assured him that the union will do all in its power to prevent violence and has been and still is earnestly advising to effect a peaceful settlement of differences between themselves and the operators of

the mines.

The universal Impression is that martial law will not be declared until after the arrival of General Funston, but that preparations will be made at once for the work which will have to be performed by the troops as soon as such action is taken. Doubtless search of the camp will be made for weapons and ammunition alleged to be hidden by some of the desperate element among the miners and the districts where the miners live will be patrolled by the soldiers night and

Mines Will Surely Open Thursday.

The Mineowners' Association officials still assert that the original intention to open the mines on Thursday will be car ried out and that enough men have al-ready been secured to carry on the atrendy been secured to carry on the attempt, although it is admitted that the number of men who have already signed the new agreement as individuals is small and that their hope lies in the supposition that after a few of the more fearless ones have gone back many others will soon follow. It is definitely known that at least 500 men have been secured in the mining camps of California, principally in Calaveras County, through the agency of the Thiel Detective Bureau, and are being held in readiness to come to Goldfield on two days notice. A representative of the Thiel Bureau is in Goldfield and while he has had no dealings with the mineowners' had no dealings with the mineowners Association, it is said that several indi vidual operators have retained his services to help break the strike.

Thirty Deputy Constables are now in the employ of the Mineowners' Association and at least 100 more will be sworn

in before Thursday morning and detailed in the district where are located the mines which are to be opened.

Thorough Guards Promised.

Thursday morning, when the mines are opened, but a few miners who have renounced allegiance to the Western Federation, will be on hand to go to work, and little trouble is anticipated at that time, as the men will come from scattered parts of the camp, and until they have arrived at the mines no one will learn their identity except those who employ them, but on Thursday night, when the work of the day is over, the men who have worked in the mines will be heavily guarded by constables and perhaps by soldiers, and their homes also will be guarded. The Mineowners' Association has given the miners who have signified their will. miners who have signified their will-ingness to go to work assurance that every effort will be made to protect

their persons and their homes.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Miners' Union tonight, resolutions condemning the authorities for sending the troops, protesting against their remaining here and demanding their withdrawai at once, were passed. The decision to stand by the previous declarations in regard to the refusal to accept scrip in lieu of coin for wages was made, and it was also decided to make no overtures to the mineowners other than those pre-

viously extended. Small Troubles Among Soldiers.

C. E. Mahoney, vice-president of the Western Federation of Miners, is on his way to Goldfield from Denver. He will arrive tomorrow. Some action by the local union may be taken after his arrival looking to a speedy settlement of the troubles here.

A sergeant in Camp No. 2, near the Consolidated mines, was assaulted by a private today and slightly cut by knife in the hands of the soldier. Another trooper who had been workcaught attempting to sell army rations to local storekeepers. He had loined two cases of bacon and was peddling it from a hack.

REYNOLDS MAKES STATEMENT

Looks for Trouble When Attempt Is

Goldfield, Nev., from Colonel Reynolds.

Made to Open Mines. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- The Adiutant-General has received the following telegram relative to the situation at

ommanding the troops now in that mining camp, under date of vesterday "On arrival here found the district orderly. Except for those mines not in operation, business and other condi-tions are normal. No disturbances No disturbances worthy of notice have occurred since. Several authorities here have been sulted. They state they are not being interfered with in their functions. I have not assumed control except to ask them to inform me frequently state of affairs. A general fee A general feeling of confidence prevails from the presen of the troops. The difference between the mine operators and the miners has not been settled. The operators are going to open their mines this week. When this occurs I fear there will be

RUSSIAN GENERAL DENIES HIS GUILT

General Stoessel Says "Not Guilty"

OF NEEDLESS SURRENDER

Court, However, Seems Prejudiced Against Him.

HEARING BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Officers, With Exception of Accused, in Full Uniform With Decoration-Message From Czar Is Used by the Defense.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10 .- Before a brilliant assemblage of his old comradesin-arms, Lieutenant-General Stoessel was today placed on trial to answer with his life and reputation for the loss of Port Arthur on January 1, 1905, and in firm tones and with quiet manner the General pleaded "not guilty," to the charge of eedlessly surrendering the fortress, and

thereby humiliating the Russian army.

The trial took place in the auditorium of the Army and Navy Club. The room resembled more a social gathering of officers of high rank than the scene of a courtmartial. Among the judges, spectators and witnesses was General Kuro-patkin, General Linevitch, General Rennenkamp, Vice-Admiral Wiren and scores of other prominent leaders in the Russian-Japanese war. There were also present 30 officers and soldlers who had en at Port Arthur and who today were clad in their full dress uniforms with stars and decorations.

General Stoessel in Civil Attire.

General Stoessel was alone in civil attire and this made him conspicuous. He wore proudly around his neck the Cordon of the Military Order of Saint George, which was conferred upon him by the Emperor during the slege. Upon his breast was pinned the Cross of George III., awarded for conspicuous bravery in frontier fighting. The same coveted decoration was worn by several spectators. Empty sleeves and crutches, especially among the men who had been at Port Arthur, showed that many of them had

seen hard service during the war. ther accused officers. Generals Fock, Reiss and Smirnoff, came clad in their uniforms. General Smirnoff, who is a bitter enemy of General Stoessel, ostentatiously seated himself as far away from the central figure of the trial as

The trial was convoked by Vice-Admiral Deubasoff. He declared it to be the duty of the court to proceed with the trial of the four officers charged with the responsibility of surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur on terms dishonorable to the garrison of Russia and humiliating to the prestige of the Russian army. He then called the roll of 200 witnesses, including General Kuropatkin and Vice-Admiral Wiren. Several of the witnesses were absent but the court decided to proceed with the trial,

Court Seems Unfavorable.

The entire afternoon was taken up with the reading of the voluminous indictment. One or two incidents showed the attitude of the court to be unfavorable to Stoessel. His personal request that two additional witnesses be called in was dismissed without ceremony.

One of these witnesses, Dr. Roseanoff, chief of the Red Cross in the fortress, at the preliminary hearing testified at the time of the surrender General Stoessel had 8000 able-bodied men to defend the hundreds of miles of fortifications and the cold winds at the time made it difficult for the soldiers even to hold their rifles.

General Nadlen, the other witness excluded, is the author of a deposition similar to that of Dr. Roseanoff.

The correspondent of the Associated Press spoke with witnesses of all ranks. They declared the trial to be an insult to General Stoessel and to his army. A prominent Colonel said: "If Stoessel is guilty, we are all guilty."

It is generally understood that Stoessel is in possession of a weapon in the shape of a telegram received by him before the surrender of Port Arthur in which the Emperor said: "Don't push the defense to extremittee " meaning by this to spare the lives of the Russian soldiers when their power of re-

sistance was exhausted, as the Emperor feared that the Japanese might repeat the feat of a former capture of the fortress, when they put to death 10,000 Chinese.

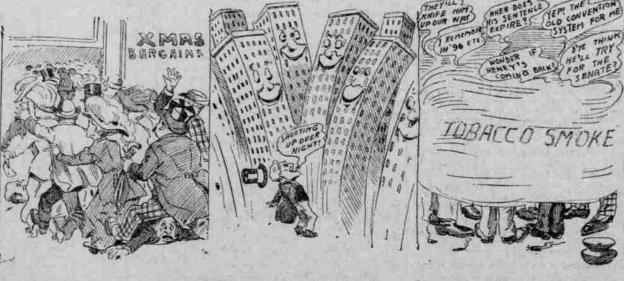
SAYS OTHERS ARE ANXIOUS Roosevelt's Reply to the Democrats'

Query About Third Term.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 .- Charles G. Heifner, Democratic National Committee-man from the state of Washington, was introduced to President Roosevelt today by Representative Humphrey, of that state. Mr. Helfner is a Bryan man, and did not conceal his political preferences in the few pleasantries which were exchanged between himself and the Presi-The President was told that he considerably relieve Democratic anxiety in the Northwest by reannounc-

ing his position on the third-term ques The President's response was that he was beginning to believe there was anxiety in other quarters than the Democratic camp on this point.

HARRY MURPHY DRAWS A SERIES OF "PANIC" PICTURES.



And as to the Real Estate Man-Well, He Isn't Kicking

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